

Bluebills Eastside Chapter

2nd Quarter 2009 Newsletter

Chapter Meetings are held at the
Bellevue Regional Library
1111 110th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98004
Room 3

Our next scheduled meeting: October 21, 2009

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Penny's Pause

This is the June 2009 newsletter. (A little late but better late than not at all!)

We have several interesting volunteering projects coming up this month and in September.

1. Boeing Books & Backpacks book fairs—several of the Boeing sites are looking for volunteers to help 'woman/man' their book fairs and various other events during the summer. I will forward all the information out as soon as it's put together.
2. September 8 & 9, 2009 Community Resource Event—United Way is having their event to support the Homeless again this year. We have decided to collect toiletries for the homeless; so save those hotel toiletries and collections will begin in late August.
3. September 13—15 & 20 & 21. Bluebill booth @ Puyallup Fair— volunteer signup sheet is on page 5. Volunteers promote the Bluebills and hopefully have some interested Boeing retirees. This is great event and it includes free admission for the day.
4. Bluebill picnics planned for several chapters:

** Heritage Chapter— event at 11:00am Friday, August 28th:

Richard & Norma Vaughn
25605—290TH Ave SE
Ravensdale, WA

Small Appetizer Contest @ 11:30am. Lots of Fun & Games. Non-alcoholic beverages will be furnished. Bring lawn chairs.

**SnoKing Chapter—event at 11:00 am Thursday, August 27th:

Kasch Park
8811 Kasch Park Road just off Airport Road in South Everett

Hamburgers, hotdogs, BBQ silver salmon and BBQ chicken w/salads, desserts and nonalcoholic drinks provided.

Have a great summer!!!

Eastside Bluebill 2009 Calendar

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>No Meeting</p> <p>(2010 – information on taxes for seniors)</p>	<p>Feb 18</p> <p>Recognition Luncheon at Brown Bag Cafe</p>	<p>No Meeting</p> <p>Newsletter</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>Wednesday, April 8</p> <p>Volunteer Project: Community Resource Exchange @ Seahawks Qwest Exhibition Center</p>	<p>*** Wednesday, May 20</p> <p>Meeting @ Bellevue Library with Speaker (tbd) and information on Habitat project in July</p>	<p>No Meeting</p> <p>Newsletter</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>Thursday, July 16th</p> <p>Chapter volunteer project: Habitat for Humanity Project Lead: Dick Gram</p>	<p>No Meeting</p> <p>Newsletter</p>	<p>Sept 11 - 22</p> <p>Puyallup Fair Bluebill project all Chapters exact dates to be announced</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>*** Wednesday, Oct. 21</p> <p>Meeting @ Bellevue Library with Speaker (tbd)</p> <p>Newsletter</p>	<p>Nov (tbd)</p> <p>Chapter volunteer project: Hopelink Foodbank @ Main & 148th, Bellevue</p>	<p>Dec (tbd)</p> <p>Chapter volunteer project: Salvation Army Toy N Joy followed by lunch</p>

*****Time Change for meetings: 9:30am to 11:00am 3rd Wednesday of May & October.**
If you have questions on the calendar, please contact MJ Sanker @ mjsanker@verizon.net.

Here are some speaker suggestions:
Pacific Capital Financial planner
Total Access information for Retirees
Ferry Tales of Wash. by Norm Blye
Current Travel Deals by AAA
Lake Washington School District Mentor Program (LINKS)

Bluebills Booth at the Western Washington State Fair

Bluebills (Boeing Retiree Volunteers) together with the Museum of Flight will once again sponsor a booth at the Puyallup Fair. We will have five days this year that need to be covered. This is an all-chapter event to recruit new members and to spread the word about who the Bluebills are and what we do. Parking and admission will be free for Bluebills volunteers.

The five days are September 13, 14, and 15 and September 20 and 21. A sign-up sheet to volunteer is printed below on this page of the newsletter. You can also call the office (206-544-6286) or sign up at our last Friday of the month meeting on July 31. The office is only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon but you may leave a message. E-mails can be sent to: rhvaughn32@msn.com. We need this information no later than August 28 to support scheduling activities.

You will be notified about your shift as soon as the schedule can be prepared. If your assigned time is not acceptable we will try to work out a time that meets your needs. After assignments are made and agreed to, if you cannot fulfill your scheduled time please notify me as soon as possible at 425-432-7139 so we can find a substitute volunteer for that time slot.

I Would Like To Be a Puyallup Fair Volunteer

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please select the day/s and time/s that you would like to volunteer - first, second and third choices. We will try to match as many as possible to your choices. If you would like to volunteer more than once, please note. More information about the Bluebills booth at the fair will follow.

List First, Second and Third Choice

	9/13/09 Sunday	9/14/09 Monday	9/15/09 Tuesday	9/20/09 Sunday	9/21/09 Monday
AM = 8:30 to 1:30					
PM = 1:30 to 5:30					
PM = 5:30 to 10:00					

Other Volunteer Projects

Bridge Disability Ministries is a 501 (3) c non-profit organization that focuses on bridging the isolation experienced by the disabled community. The Bridge Mobility Center works to eliminate isolation by providing recycled durable medical equipment to individuals with short or long term disabilities at no cost. This is accomplished through the dedicated service of individuals, many of whom are Boeing retirees. In addition to administrative assistance, this core group of volunteers clean, sanitize, and repair equipment to its original functionality and then given away. Our ministry and mission of helping those less fortunate is only accomplished through the efforts of this volunteer team. For further formation please Bob Meyer at equipment@bridgemin.org, or call 425-885-1008.

Independent Living Program

This newly formed Eastside team will help other retirees so they can remain in their own homes, rather than moving to care facilities. We will be building access ramps, installing grab bars or whatever we can do to help them stay independent! If you'd like to help on this project, please call Bert Goldstein at 425-235-3847 or albuzz@comcast.net.

Red Cross Shelter Team

The Red Cross Shelter Operations Team is still looking for new volunteers. You will receive free training including CPR and First Aid after signing up with the Red Cross. It doesn't require much of a time commitment after the initial training – just be ready when they call! For information, please contact Kathy Anderson at 425-649-9377 or anderson-creel@comcast.net.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity continues to make progress at the Eastside location and the new Renton location. The Boeing Retirees are scheduled each third Thursday of the month to work alongside the other volunteers. Please contact Dick Gram at 425-392-7016 if you are able to help out one or more of the scheduled days. Work at the site is 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Habitat is our July volunteer project . Dick Gram spoke at our May meeting and gave us all the details for the project.

BCC Mock Interviews

An outstanding group of Boeing Bluebills conduct Interview Practice Sessions at the Bellevue College Center for Career Connections several times during the school year. These one hour practice interviews are an excellent way for a job seeker to experience a realistic interview and receive feedback without the pressure. Each interview includes a resume critique and a set of typical interview questions and tips and has proven to be a great success to the students and members of the community who have participated.

The next sessions are scheduled for October 15, October 29, and November 12 from 1:30-3:30pm.

Training is provided for Bluebills who are interested in joining this outstanding team. Contact Rich Dworkis at rdworkis@aol.com

Toiletries & Glasses

If you have old glasses or unused toiletries from hotels, bring them to our meeting, Penny is collecting them for nonprofits.

Eastside Leaders

Names	Positions	E-mail address
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Need a New Leader	Sewing and Quilting Project	