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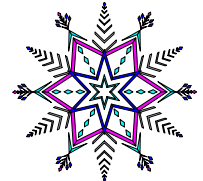
Your Heritage Chapter Newsletter

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Eds Note...

It's a new year and a new winter season starting and a new look ahead to the coming year. Let us all pray it will be a better and safer one for the world we live in. I want to thank all those who wrote articles and sent in items that helped make this newsletter a success this past year, without them it would not have been much of a newsletter. I only hope my contribution to it made it a more interesting newsletter in which to read. I look forward to the new year and the continued success of the Bluebills.

Thank you all for your help.



JIM

Dec. 2004 Meeting

Our own resident Santa Clause, George Wherley, opened the meeting with some humorous Christmas musings. It was noted that George had been seen on TV's "Evening Magazine" program last night by many of the Bluebills.



Richard acknowledged the Birthday Bluebills, who were

serenaded by the group, and the anniversary of George Wherley, who will be married 61 years on Dec. 27.

Adrian Lawler again brought some of his beautiful marble work with him for silent auction, all proceeds to benefit the Salvation Army. We were invited to view and bid on them throughout the meeting.

Bluebills should be proud of the efforts of Eileen and her Rap helpers, along with Bambi and the Busy Bees. Ready for distribution during the holidays were 26 repaired dolls, 203 stuffed toys, countless lap robes and knitted caps for newborns, and more than 150 bags distributed by Eileen at Halloween and Christmas. These projects are ongoing during the year and really make a positive impact on the shut-ins and children who are remembered throughout the year.

Bob Lambert gave us some information about the Vietnam Veterans of America who support families of PFC's currently in Iraq; including National Guard and reserves. They will be supporting families in Spokane, Ft. Lewis, Lakewood, Lynnwood and Yakima. Talk to Bob if interested in helping.

Margaret Stone also asked for volunteer help on December 22 and 23 to help distribute gifts for the Salvation Army at the Exhibit Center by Safeco Field. This is a time when a parent can come and select a gift he or she could wrap and give their child. See Margaret if you can help.

Don Dokken spoke of a program he has been participating in through Valley Medical Center on Indoor Exercise at Home. This promotes a fun, safe and healthy way to keep up your strength and energy

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through weight and strength training, and is geared to seniors. Ask Don for details.

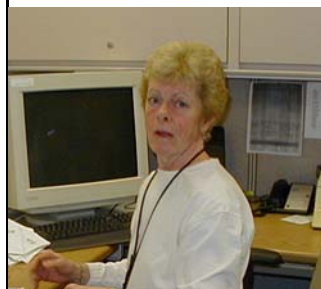
Richard announced the new officers for Heritage Chapter to be Jim Beasley, Chair; and Lonnie Ste-

phenson and Jim Orchekowsky as Vice-Chairs. Richard presented a certificate of appreciation to Fran Parker for all her efforts in providing floral arrangements for this and many previous Volunteer Dinners. He then thanked the Bluebills for their support and said he'd enjoyed serving as chairman this past year, and wished us all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.



Jim Beasley

Richard then introduced Vice-chairmen Lonnie Stevenson and Bill Baker who distributed the white elephant exchange, and it was an "interesting" and fun way to see what each received in their "little brown bag". A good time was had by all. Door prizes followed, with some musi-



Lonnie Stevenson cal entertainment by Neil Slater.

Zip Zuther thanked Santa Clause (George) for all his handmade toys, which were distributed to the Health Center, Gilda Society, Children's Hospital, Seattle Cancer Care Clinic and Burien Child Haven.



Bill Baker

Then it was time to eat! And true to tradition, we all enjoyed visiting with friends and fellow Bluebills as we partook of a sumptuous Christmas Potluck. It was delicious--little left to take home as everyone departed wishing all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLLIDAY.

Jeanne Haase

Habitat for Humanity Up date

Federal Way
The 2 homes in West Way. We had another good

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week of work. Siding is going up on both houses. The porch on house one is completed. Only the north side of house one needs siding the rest is completed.

The plumbers finished on Monday and we are ready for a plumbing inspection this week on both houses. Saturday the crawl space in house one was flooded. We had to pump the water out of the ditches on Saturday and by Monday the standing water in the crawl was gone. When the gutters are installed the water will not be a problem. Tuesday the window for entrance of house two will be delivered. We are waiting for PSE to provide power.

New Holly
15 homes in Othello Place

HFH will start building 15 new homes in the Othello Place neighborhood. One of these homes will be the 100th home for Seattle/So. King Co. HFH and the 50,000th home that the Whirlpool Corporation has donated both a stove and refrigerator to. They donate a stove and refrigerator to every HFH home built in North America. Whirlpool Corp. has just added Europe to this generous donation.

The Bluebills Heritage Chapter has been extremely generous with contributions to Children's Hospital, Hutch School, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCAC), Gilda's Club and Burien Child Haven. Eileen Bear and fellow Bluebills stuffed 35 Christmas bags for the Hutch School children on Dec 15. The bags were distributed to the students on Dec 17, last day before Christmas break. Great timing. This same group prepared 25 Easter bags and 30 Halloween bags for Hutch school students. A delightful treat for them.

Bambi Lee, Betty Brennan and their Busy Bees team donated 52 neat stuffed animals. Twenty-eight were used to Christmas decorate the Pete Gross House (PGH) Lobby, 12 each went to Gilda's Club and Burien Child Haven. George Wherley contributed 150 wood cutout toys, 30 each to Burien Child Haven, Children's Hospital, Hutch School, Gilda's Club and SCCAC. Great Christmas gifts.

Norma Tangeman and her church group provided 4 stuffed ducks and several large rabbits to Gilda's

Note from a member by Doug Hoople



Thank you for the honor

At the November annual Volunteer of the Year dinner, it was announced that I received the Community Volunteer of the year award. Regretfully I was out of

town visiting family in Kansas and New York and could not receive the award at the dinner.

I want to thank all of you for this honor, especially those who nominated me and those on the selection committee.

I believe this is an honor on many levels.

- ***It adds me to a list of dedicated Bluebill volunteers who have been recognized over the years for their significant contribution to their communities.***

- It represents numerous volunteer activities/ events, which have been shared with many fellow Bluebills, such as Kids In Need, Ski For All, KCTS Public Television, Special Olympics and Youth Eastside Services.
- Being recognized at the same time Norma and Richard Vaughn were rewarded for their dedication and support of the Bluebills.

Each of us put in many volunteer hours in support of our communities and I know many were nominated for this honor; which makes it even more important to be recognized in this manner.

Doug Hoople

Club. Norma's friend Gladys Williams donated 9 knit stocking caps, 9 girls hand bags and 10 Christmas stockings all hand made by Gladys. All items went to Children's Hospital cancer patients.

Carmel Camerini and Bob Stubbs provided dolls, stuffed animals and toys to Burien Child Haven and the Hutch School several times this year. In February several contributors who wish to remain anonymous donated DVD players to Children's Hospital and the Hutch School along with appropriate DVDs. Throughout the year additional DVDs, videos, books, games and school supplies were provided. The Kids in Need program also

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made donations. I probably missed other Bluebills who made contributions to child cancer patients and their peers. A special thanks to the Bluebills Heritage Chapter for making days brighter for these kids including Burien Child Haven disadvantaged children.

Zip Zuther

RAPCO

The card to Nursing Homes Residents has been a great success, due to all of you kind & caring people who cared enough to send a card to a lonely shut-in. Great work folks.

This last month, as you know, we lost our World War II Riveter. She has been a BB member as a shut-un for many years. As of this week we lost another Boeing friend, Judy Lind, Aerospace artist and illustrator. Anyone who retired from Space Division may have one of her illustrations on their wall. It was an honor to receive one of her retirement characterizations on ones self. She fought a long battle with lung cancer. We are all better for having known this kind and talented lady. Our deepest sympathy to her family. Sandra Apodaca, still a Boeing employee, recently lost her husband, Ron Apodaca, a retired Boeing millwright. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sandy. Claude Sevon, a retired Aerospace Engineer lost his wife Dona in October.

Jim Montgomery, Boeing Engineering Manager, lost his wife June in November.

Our thoughts and prayers to these people, for their great loss...

Doran Koste, Retired Business manager and who has been very ill, is finally on the mend. Thank goodness. He's had a rough go of it. Our prayers are still with you Doran.

We are sending our thoughts and prayers to Joan Morgan, retired Aerospace Contracts manager who is fighting cancer.

We put our Christmas packages together for the nursing homes and the SCCA kids on the morning of the 15th this year, as the Hutch and Children's Hosp. will be having their parties on the 17th, and we did the nursing homes at the same time and delivered on request. Thanks to all the help everything went smoothly.

We wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. Thank

you all for all you've done to make such a difference in the lives of the shut-ins, the little children undergoing cancer



treatment and other children afraid and lonely in a hospital. Also the help and hope you have given to those less fortunate thru the Salvation Army. Heinz & I are so truly blessed to know all you wonderful kind, caring, unselfish, and giving people. Thank You all so much for all you do and all your thoughtfulness to others. You are all so truly special.

In making others happy,
you will be happy, too,
For the happiness you give away,
returns, to shine on you.

You folks sure should all be very Happy, (and shining) for all the happiness you have given away.

May all the Wonderful Blessings of this wonderful season be Yours Love to you all, Eileen & Heinz (RAPCO)

Busy B's

HELLO Heritage Chapter, Greetings, and Happy Holidays from the Busy B's.



PLEASE check the wonderful article written up by Nancy on the web site, check newsletter for URL.

As I sit here typing, we are on vacation, and fell it is well earned, below is what we have done the past year. I don't think there is nearly enough time nor space to print all the thank you's to everyone for this years help you have given us, the support has been awesome and very well appreciated.

Then to end the year, Jeanne Haase comes up with a bolt of denim fabric for our next project, more thank

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you's Jeanne. as well as all the other goodies you brought in for the Busy B's. So as you see, the thank you's continue on and on.

We all wish everyone the best Holiday ever, and pray for everyone to have a happy sane Holiday, and not go insane with all there is to do< I may though> May God richly bless you all, and See you all again next year, woozie, where did time go anyway?? Amazing how a week turns into a month so quickly. HAPPY EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE!!

Bambi and Busy B's.
 Donna Palmer, Betty Brennan, Janice Hawes, Yoshi Akers, Edith Leatham, Melanie Lundberg, Belle Thompson, and our at home workers, Estelle Mead who makes the afghans and lap robes and all those making new born caps. and more.

BUSY B's 2004 < what we gave away for the full year>

- Renton Food Bank** 26 dolls and 230 stuffed animals and misc. toys.
- Kent Food Bank** 26 dolls and 230 stuffed animals and misc. toys.
- Highline Food Bank** 26 dolls and 230 stified animals and misc. toys.
- Black Diamond FB** 26 dolls and 230 stuffed animals and misc. toys.
- Christmas House <FW>>** 26 dolls and 230 stuffed animals and misc. toys.

(When dividing up some extras were left, and they were divided up so this is not EXACT count.

But each got at least that much. And some got a little bit more.

RAP team< Eileen Bear> 45 small stuffed animals and 11 lap robes <she didn't need Afghans at this time>

VA Hospital 7 quilts and 1 afghan, plus a blanket Yoshi brought in as well as some socks for the men

Quoto International < Evelyn OKert>
 1 quilt < to be auctioned off for helping needing children in many ways>

"DAWN" < Battered women>
 1 large teddy bear and 9 baby quilts

ZIP < Children's Hospital>
 53 Stuffed animals

Valley General Hospital <special needs babies>
 47 new born caps

4 different hospitals divided up... 40 fleece berets

for cancer patients

Busy B's also gave to known cancer victims 4 fleece berets.

We also **auctioned off** two beautiful Afghans and gave the money to the food bank

If you have knowledge of something I missed please LMK, and I will add to the records. and take my 30 lashes with a wet noodle.

I simply say we gave over 1500 items away this year. With never more members than those listed above.

This is to the best of my knowledge

Bambi Lee

I have some space to fill so I believe this is a good place to look back over events from the past year.

Jim

To begin with was the passing of Carol Eastham in December 03
 From January 04 news-
 letter:

"For those of you who have not been earlier contacted, it is with great sadness to notify you that Carol Eastham passed away due to a heart attack on Friday, Dec. 26. We were all shocked and saddened by this news; she was truly loved and will be sorely missed."



From February 04 newsletter:



Kelly Spangler was hired by the Washington State Patrol in February 1999 and was commissioned on March 16, 2000. Upon graduation, Kelly received the "Top Overall Cadet Award." Kelly's first duty assignment was North Seattle Freeway (Downtown corridor). After spending 2.5 years in Seattle, Kelly transferred to the Bellevue area and worked the road until selected for the Public Informa-

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tion Officer in September 2003.

From March 04 newsletter:

Habitat for Humanity Seattle\ South King County

Up date 2/21/04

We were held up for building permits and utilities for the 3 Kent properties, but we were able to start building homes in May and finished all 3 of the homes in February 2004. The dedication was held at 2:00 pm Sunday, February 22nd 2004 at 8311 SO. 259th in Kent



From April 04 newsletter:

Not to much was in the April newsletter other than regular "Stuff".

From May 04 newsletter:

I forgot to take my camera to the April meeting and did not have any pictures for the May newsletter, sorry!!
Jim

From June 04 newsletter:

Claude Bir donated two dolls to be raffled with the drawing to be at the July meeting, tickets are \$1.00 each and are available at the Bluebills office and will be available at the next two meetings as well. The proceeds will go to Fred Hutchinson Cancer research Center.



July 04 newsletter:

This months speaker was Brad Stave from World Vision, speaking on World Vision's International Work. Brad Stave is the newest member of the Church Relations team for World Vision Seattle & Tacoma,

and he comes to World Vision with experience in foreign trade and marketing, which he acquired while he lived in Germany and the United Kingdom.

From August 04 newsletter

Neil and Dorothy Slater had some wonderful entertainment for us, Neil had recorded some music from Johnny Cash and did some dubbing and removing of some of the recording then he sang the lead in the song with what was left, it was just great.



From September 04 newsletter:



The picnic was a great success. Norma and I enjoyed opening up our place to host the event even though the rain a few days before did not help show off our flow-

ers. But, as it turned out, the weather couldn't have been any better.

From December 04 newsletter:

2004 Volunteer of the Year Awards Dinner

The dinner was held on November 11, 2004, with approximately 140 Bluebills and guests in attendance.

There were 17 nominees for the honor this year and some of those persons received more than one nomination. Nominees were: Dave Armstrong, Ron Bacher, Hazel Fryrear, Gerald Hoffman, Doug Hoople, James Hurner, Bob Lambert, Bambi and Jim Lee, Jim Lee, Patricia Ann McDowell, Jim McWha, Alva Osborne, Norma Vaughn, Norma and Richard Vaughn, Richard Vaughn, George Wherley, and Zip Zuther.



See we have **FUN** at Bluebills also!!

Jim