



The Heritage

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Vice Chairman's Corner

By Ben Sakamoto



Season Change

The fall colors have arrived!! The mellow yellows, burnt oranges, flaming reds, and chocolate browns are a palette of colors against the evergreen background and gray, foggy skies.

We are lucky to feel the autumn chill in the early morning. We bask in the warmth of the afternoon sun. We see beautiful sunsets against snow-capped mountains.

Yes, the season of change has arrived.

The Boeing Retirees are helpers during this season of change. These are some of our ongoing programs:

As Boeing Retiree volunteers, we contribute to special projects and participate at our favorite church, community and/or charity. We help disadvantaged school children purchase winter clothing. Boeing retirees provided educational information at the Washington State Fair. Volunteers participate in supplying backpacks and books to school children, which also helps school districts. Our volunteers help at the United Service Organization (USO) and benefit our traveling armed forces personnel.

Our "Busy Bees" create knitted caps, booties, and quilts for newborns, lap quilts for hospital patients and nursing home residents and dolls for underprivileged children.

Boeing retiree volunteers also are supportive to one another during times of need.

Boeing Retirees provide the fruit of volunteerism. We are the painters of a colorful, bountiful harvest of good works and good will. So, give yourselves a pat on the back during this season of change.

Use of Boeing Postage-Paid Envelopes

Bluebills,

The Bluebills office has recently received another one of the Boeing postage-paid envelopes that was provided to you to return your reservations for our annual dinner. This envelope was stuffed full of scrap pages of junk mail with all personal identification removed. This is very costly to the Company and seems very childish. Mailing labels are generated from our database of Bluebills members. If you do not want to continue to be a member, all you need to do is call the office at 206-544-6286 or send us an e-mail at: bluebills@boeing.com requesting your name be removed from the register. Please help us keep our records current and stop this from occurring again. Thank you *Norma Vaughn, Office Manager*



If anyone speaks badly of you, live so that none will believe it.

Do what you can, for who you can with what you have, and where you are.

Wishing your day be filled with love and peace!

BUSY B'S*By Janice Hawes*

Our beautiful quilt to be raffled was displayed again at the October meeting and we will draw the winning ticket at the November meeting.



We'll be selling the tickets until then for anyone who would like to buy one. It would make a terrific Christmas gift!



The Busy B's are working on Christmas quilts for Children's Hospital and Child Haven. We hope they make a little difference to a child that has to be in the hospital or away from home at Christmas. We also are making our medical dolls, with hospital gowns made of Christmas fabric. Hopefully these will add a little cheer to the little patients.

Estelle, our champion provider of children's hats and scarves and mittens just sent in 48 sets of these wonderful items and 4 baby hats with mittens. We will be giving these out to the five area food banks that receive our stuffed animals and the dolls we collect all year long.

She also made 6 lap robes suitable for wheelchairs, that will go to nursing homes. There will be 48 children that will be a little warmer this winter and we are always so grateful to her for making this happen.

Another big provider of "things we need", is Don Hilt. He brought in 5 large bags of stuffing for our medical doll project and a big bag of bias tape for the gowns. He has always provided just about all the Barbie dolls that I refurbish for our Christmas give away.

Kathy Lyons gave us 10 crocheted hats in assorted sizes, to add to our items to give to the food banks. They are beautifully made as usual and we really appreciate her expertise.

Enjoy the Fall. Aren't the trees especially beautiful this year?

Recap of October 25thst Heritage Chapter Meeting*By Mary Ulibarri*

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Bob Stubbs, Vice Chairman, filling in for Chairman Hilt, then asked if there were any new members and had four people respond by giving a little background of their time with Boeing. Next Bob asked who was having a birthday and/or anniversary. There were two birthdays and three anniversaries – ranging between 32 and 67 years. Congratulations one and all.

Announcements:

Zip Zuther recognized the Busy B's for their ongoing dedication to making quilts for the Veteran's and Children's Hospitals; and especially the fabric dolls (145 of them) given to doctors to explain medical procedures to children.

Janice Hawes displayed the quilt donated to, and completed by, the Busy B's that is being raffled at the November 22nd meeting. A number of attendees bought the \$1 tickets with big hopes of claiming the prize.

Kathy Lyons spoke of the Friendly Waters of the World – a couple who provides teaching support involving water filtration to struggling countries such as Honduras, India and Kenya. Plus they take much needed knitted baby hats to underweight newborns of underprivileged families in these countries. Contact her for details.

Vicki Lee reminded folks to bring their Camp-

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bell's (and others) soup labels to the meetings.

Jim Ewing announced the date and location of the Travel Club Christmas dinner. Anyone interested in more information should contact him.

Norma Vaughn gave an update on the upcoming annual dinner to be held November 6th at the South-center Doubletree.

Bill Baker encouraged members to run for a Heritage Chapter officer position. All applicants are welcome.

Jim Beasley introduced the guest speaker, Daphne Hyde, whose presentation, "Growing Up in Britain During WWII," was a fascinating and de-



tailed first-hand description of what it was like to be a nine year old when the war broke out. Due to the blitz and a constant fear of personal harm, many children were sent to the English countryside for their safety. Daphne missed her parents terribly, but quickly

found a best friend – Mick, the family dog, became her constant companion.

The hardships were many; food was rationed and warning sirens sounded often. Eventually, she was able to return to her family, but sacrifices were still required by all citizens. During the worst of the bombings, the neighborhood, just across the street from their home, was obliterated, and her family lost several friends. Their home also experienced much damage, which required them to sleep under the kitchen table for a time until repairs were completed. The slides accompanying the presentation included personal family photos and some devastating results of the bombings. They were very graphic and moving, and a reminder of the devastation of that time and place. To this day, Daphne says her heart skips a beat when she hears a siren, even on TV. As she concluded her presentation, I felt I had just read a very good book.

The meeting was adjourned after the door prize drawings and everyone took a few minutes to help store the tables and chairs. Many thanks to all.

Social Security Column

SOCIAL SECURITY SERVES THOSE WHO'VE SERVED

By Ed Evans, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Seattle

On November 11, we honor our Nation's veterans for their service to America. What better time than now to tell you — and for you to help spread the word — about the many benefits and wealth of information Social Security has available for veterans and military personnel?

Social Security recognizes those who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. Members of the armed forces receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability applications. The expedited process is available for any military service member disabled during active duty on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs. Some dependent children and spouses of military personnel may also be eligible to receive benefits.

Visit our website designed specifically for our wounded veterans: www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. There, you will find answers to a number of commonly asked questions, as well as other useful information about disability benefits available under the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. Please pay special attention to the fact sheet available on that website, *Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors*.

You'll also find a webinar that explains the faster disability process available to wounded warriors. The program covers general information about Social Security disability benefits as well as topics unique to wounded service members. The online video is less than three minutes and a great introduction to disability benefits for veterans and active duty military.

On the same webpage, you'll also find links to useful Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense websites. Social Security disability requirements are different from the Department of Veterans Affairs requirements and require a separate application.

Military service members are covered for the same Social Security survivors, disability, and retirement benefits as everyone else. Although the expedited service is relatively new, military personnel have been covered under Social Security since 1957, and people who were in the service prior to that may be

able to get special credit for some of their service.

To learn more about Social Security for current and former military service members, read *Military Service and Social Security*. It's available in our digital library at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

But first, take a look at the wounded warrior page at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. The webinar, factsheet, and pertinent links will brief you on everything you need to know to "maneuver" your way through the Social Security process.

Custom country home on 60 beautifully treed acres in north central Washington near the Canadian border. 1750 sq ft, wide open architecture with loft, 25' beamed vaulted ceiling. Our own crystal clear water source is from a 15-ft cistern fed by an underground spring near the house. Wood, propane, and electric heat, wired for generator (generator included in extras). Pond stocked with koi, goldfish, grass carp. Stream, outbuildings, greenhouse, many extras. Great views, abundant wildlife, and year 'round recreation. Borders on nat'l forest. This is a unique one-of-a-kind property. Owner offers buyers agent percentage. \$387,500. Details and photos: IsThisYourDreamHome.com

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Ad submitted by Norma Vaughn, Office Manager

Food Bank Schedule For 2013

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month.

November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz

Calendar of Events 2013

Nov 6	Chapter Awards Dinner
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson
3715 East Valley Road
Renton, WA

November 22, 2013 10:00 AM

Social: 10:00 to 10:30 AM Meeting starts at 10:30 AM

Speaker: Michael Lombardi, the Boeing Co. Historian

Topic: "Boeing Company's Commercial Division"

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Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the Downtown Harley-Davidson building at 3715 East Valley Road, Renton, WA. The door on the North side of the building is opened at **10:00 AM** sharp. Please enter the building only on the north side. We meet on the 2nd floor — there is an elevator on the right as you enter. The Social hour begins at that time. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER BUILDING PRIOR TO 10:00 AM.**

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ **Hours worked** _____ For _____
(month/year) (agency name)

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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting



From the north take Highway 167 south to the SW 43rd St exit, turn right on SW 43rd St to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. From the south go north on Highway 167 take the SW 43rd St exit and turn left back over the freeway to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, Go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. The meeting is in the 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

