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Chairman's Corner

By Howard Syder



Our decision to have a lunch for our "Volunteer of the Year" award seems to have been a great success. The attendance was up from last year and I think everyone enjoyed not having to drive in the dark and the rain.

The nominations for our 20th Anniversary volunteer of the year were very strong group of Bluebills who have been very active in various areas of volunteering in their communities.

Our judges did a great job in determining who would be the recipient of our award and selected Bill and Vicki Lee. Bill and Vicki have been very active especially with the Red Cross in Washington and several other states. They are worthy winners. Unfortunately I was unable to present them with the award as they are in Arizona but will get the picture of the Bluebill airplane to them at the first opportunity.

The DoubleTree Suites provided us with a very nice lunch after Bob Lambert explained what the "Pledge of Allegiance" really means and then led us in our pledge to the flag.

After lunch the Bodacious Lady Hood entertained us with their brand of A Capella singing of some popular songs perfectly suited to our generation. Everyone, including the Bodacious Lady Hood sang "Happy Birthday to Bob Krull of Sno-King Chapter who was celebrating his birthday on Friday, October 30th.

There was another award as Myron Vogt of Olympic Peninsula Bluebills presented Norma with a special plaque for all the help she has given their chapter over the years.

Everyone left the lunch with a chocolate chip cookie presented to the Bluebills from Double

Tree suites for our past custom.

I would like to thank everyone for making this year's lunch such a great occasion and to wish all our Bluebills a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Howard

Busy Bees

by Janice Hawes

One of our busiest Busy B's, Lisa Nyreen works with Quilts of Valor, and she recently was on hand at Sea-Tac Airport to help present quilts to veterans on their return trip from Washington D.C.



Bluebills Lonnie Stevenson is an active volunteer with the USO and the following is her description of this wonderful event. The Puget Sound Honor Flight organization, in its second year, Makes these trips available to World War Two veterans for them to visit the memorials built in their honor.



Their goal is to recognize the local veteran population living in Western Washington. They are selected from online applications, the oldest being first in line for selection.

Alaska Airlines is the carrier for this fall's series of Honor Flights.

The events include the round trip flight from

SeaTac to Baltimore, hotel accommodations, and tours of all the memorials in Washington D.C. Upon returning to SeaTac, when they deplane at the arrival gate, they get letters from school chil-

dren, and recognition from passengers on the flight. They are met and escorted by uniformed military persons, one on one, and paraded through the airport, down the elevators to the atrium, for a mega welcome home celebration, welcomed by the USO volunteers always and sometimes by the motorcycle Patriot Guard and other celebratory folk, the Navy Band, and youth dance groups and always presented with a quilt by the Quilts of Valor ladies. They presented 31 quilts, 21 from Lisa's group this time.

We Busy B's are very proud of Lisa, whose quilts are truly a work of art. If anyone who has been deployed wants one of these quilts, contact Lisa Nyreen at **206 938 1090**.

We are hard at work getting as many quilts and medical dolls done before we end 2014 with the distribution of stuffed animals and dolls for the area food banks.

Our wonderful crocheted, Estelle Mead has sent in 25 sets of children's hats, scarves, and mittens, 12 lap robes, some for use in wheel chairs, and 3 baby afghans. We are so grateful for wonderful work.

We have a new addition to our Busy B's. Sibyl Fletcher, who retired in 2013, just joined us and will be coming in on Thursdays for now. We're all very happy to have her with us.

Janice

BLUEBILLS ELECTION FOR CENTRAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS

from Norma Vaughn

Elections will take place in November to elect four (4) new members to the Bluebills Central Leadership Council. This is a great opportunity for Bluebills members to say "I want to help the organization continue to be a visible force in the community and will gladly give a couple of hours each month to do so." Will you be one who answers this call for more members to step up and help Bluebills? We hope so. Please contact Lonnie Stevenson at icebear01@comcast.net or call 253-833-6935 or Norma Vaughn at abbyrose00@msn.com or call 425-432-7139 to offer your help. Thank you.

November Speaker

from James Beasley

Sarah K. Miller, MPA, CEM Emergency Preparedness Manager City of Auburn
253-876-1909 skmiller@auburnwa.gov

Sarah is the director of the South King County Preparedness organization and has held this position training and informing the public as a community effort. There is no Bio available at this time.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat is looking for volunteers to help build homes. The program is Construction Volunteering for Humanity.

This is a construction project but anybody can do it. This is a worthwhile project and one that is very beneficial to the public. You must attend an orientation and sign a waiver. If you are interested please contact Jason Gauthier at 253-627-5626.

October Chapter Meeting

By Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Howard Syder called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then gave a brief overview of the Annual Volunteer of the Year luncheon held on October 29, which was held earlier this year due to the Doubletree banquet room not being available in November. He announced that among the well-deserved nominees, Bill and Vicki Lee were selected for 2014. Congratulations.

Two October birthdays were recognized: Carmel Camerini and Martha Battles, and two anniversaries: Bambi and Jim Lee (63 yrs.) and Carla Becker and Jim Beasley (33 yrs.).

Howard then introduced Nancy Simpson, President, Kent Historical Society, who gave a quick overview of the Society's background and functions. She was looking for interested folks to join the Society and participate in their activities.

Norma Vaughn kindly acknowledged Mary Ulibarri's hard work in support of the annual lunch



by keeping track of reservations and making the name-tags. Norma also stated she, Richard and the Shetlers went to the annual Sno-King Chapter lunch in Everett. Their volunteer of the year was Rose Johnson, Vice Chairman, and head of their Sew and Sews since they were formed.

Bob Lambert recognized the 50th anniversary of the Viet Nam War and paid tribute to all military veterans involved of all wars.

Jim Beasley then introduced our speaker for the day, Erin Erickson, Regional Representative, West Coast Region, Northwest Office, Peace Corps, since 2010. Erin served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Moldova from 2007 to 2010. During her service, she worked as a community and organizational development volunteer for two youth-related non-profit organizations and learned to speak Russian. Erin also participated in the Peace Corps Masters International (PCMI) program and combined university coursework at the SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vermont with an internship as a Peace Corps volunteer to complete a Masters degree in Intercultural Service, Leadership & Management.



The Peace Corps was established in March 1, 1961 by former President John F. Kennedy in order to promote world peace and build relationships. It is an independent U.S. Government Agency.

Today, more than nine thousand volunteers are working with local communities in more than 60 countries: Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and the Middle East, to name a few. More than 215,000 Americans have served over the years. Peace Corps volunteers commit to a 27-month service.

The areas of service are: education (43%), health (21%), community economic development (12%), environment (12%), youth development (6%), agriculture (4%), and Peace Corps Response (2%). The Peace Corps Response is a program that offers short-term specialized overseas assignments, to include Americans with at least 10 years of work experience

and medical professionals. Peace Corps Response historically was only available to eligible returning Peace Corps Volunteers.

The legacy of the Peace Corps is celebrated in a variety of ways. Most events that occur throughout the U.S. involve returning Peace Corps volunteers holding panel discussions about where volunteers share their various experiences from different countries and showing films about the Peace Corps.

Erin stated there are so many different challenges that Peace Corps volunteers overcome and getting through that experience and having fun with that—plus learning from another culture and becoming a community member in a foreign land—is such a growth experience. She pointed out she was 30 when she joined the Peace Corps and stressed the fact that it is a service you can commit to at any point in your life. Member ages range from 20-79.

In addition to a very thorough discussion of the Peace Corps in general, and with the help of an excellent slide show, Erickson shared her own experience from 2007-2010 in Moldova, a small country between Romania and Ukraine. There are three distinct districts, each with their own languages and customs. It allowed her not only to learn Russian, but also to work with local nonprofit organizations and local school children. Her focus was two-fold: half was advising them on capacity building techniques like business skills, marketing, strategic planning . . . and half was implementing youth development activities. There were debate clubs, sports clubs, summer camps, and also work in the local orphanage.

Peace Corps volunteers have the opportunity to reach any goal during their service because they're living in the community with the people they're directly servicing. And, on the subject of the third world living conditions for the volunteers, Erickson pointed out living in the developing world is not like living in the first world United States. If you're in a capital city, you might have a lot of amenities. If you're in a rural village, you may have to fetch your own water from the well. Fortunately, her living conditions in Moldova were comfortable without that type of hardship. She spent the first year with a host family and then moved into an apartment. Volunteers' health, security and safety are uppermost in the Peace Corps.

Benefits include a living stipend, covering housing, food and incidentals, plus complete medical and dental care. Volunteers receive school loan assistance and 48 days of vacation during their two-year service, which allowed Erin to visit neighboring coun-

tries.

Erin stated her proudest achievement as a volunteer was working with her counterpart and a network of other indigenous Non Government Organizations to organize project One Moldova-One World 2, a summer camp uniting youth from the three political regions of Moldova. She wrote her graduate thesis on evaluating project management theories with a focus on how Moldovan cultural norms operate within the international development aid framework.

Before serving in the Peace Corps, Erin worked in a variety of sectors including marketing, medicine, finance, and international education. She spent three years in Japan as a Coordinator for International Relations with the Japan Exchange and Training (JET) Programme, which seeks to enhance internationalization in Japan by promoting mutual understanding between the people of Japan and those of other nations. This experience was instrumental in setting Erin on her future path.

A native of the Northwest she later worked for a Japanese non-profit organization in the Seattle area. Joining the Peace Corps provided Erin the ability to accomplish three personal goals: gain experience in international development, learn a new language, and earn a master's degree.

In conclusion, Erickson said, "While serving as a Peace Corps volunteer I wasn't sure how I was making a lasting difference until I learned upon leaving Moldova, that my counterpart was able to organize a second very successful summer camp project without any assistance. Even though I'm no longer living in my host community, the transfer of new ideas, skills, friendships and amazing memories – both left behind and brought home with me – continue to live on." Erin can be reached at 206-239-6624 or by e-mail at eerickson2@peacecorps.gov.

Erin was filling in for the scheduled Peace Corps speaker, Ben Conway, who was unable to be present, I think we can all agree she was informative, interesting and a delight in her Halloween attire. She wasn't expecting the last-minute appearance at our meeting. It was a privilege having her step up to the challenge.

Howard then held the door prize drawings and adjourned the meeting.

From the desk of Editor "Pro Tem"

For the sake of filling up some empty space, and at the

risk of exposing my ignorance, I will endow all of you with some banter of my own.

Last month brought us "Halloween" with little ghost's and Witches running all around yelling "Trick or Treat" and some of them just tricking because it seemed to be more fun. Ah Those were the days!! Brings back memories (some of them I would like to forget) of days long gone by. And now its November with Thanksgiving on the agenda and I am looking forward to the extra 5 pounds I will add on. Now doesn't that sound inviting?



Now with all of that, October and November brings about the Bluebills Volunteer of the year Awards Dinner, only this year it was a luncheon held at mid-day and it seems to have gone over very well with most. No dark rainy night to try to find te place and a parking space, and no driving home late in the dark and rain.

The entertainment was great with songs from our ere, well from my era anyway, that brought back memories as well. We heard songs that I haven't heard in many years.

Bill and Vicki Lee were the winners of the award and deservedly so, unfortunately they are snow-birds and were not able to attend the event so will receive their award when they return to town. The Dinner was great, Bambi and I had the Salmon and it was excellent.

Mary Ulibarri took a lot of pictures and following will be a collage of them.

Have a good Thanksgiving
Jim Lee

Mary Ulibarri





Calendar of Events 2014

- Oct 16** Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Oct 29** Heritage Chapter Recognition Luncheon
- Oct 31** Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Nov 13 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Nov 21 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Dec 11 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Dec 19 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Dec 20 Chapter Monthly Meeting

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Food Bank Schedule For 2014

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

October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz
January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Bob Lambert

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

November 21, 2014

VFW Post 1263
416 Burnett Ave S
Renton, WA

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

Speaker: Sara Miller

Topic: "Emergency management for Puget Sound Area "

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Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

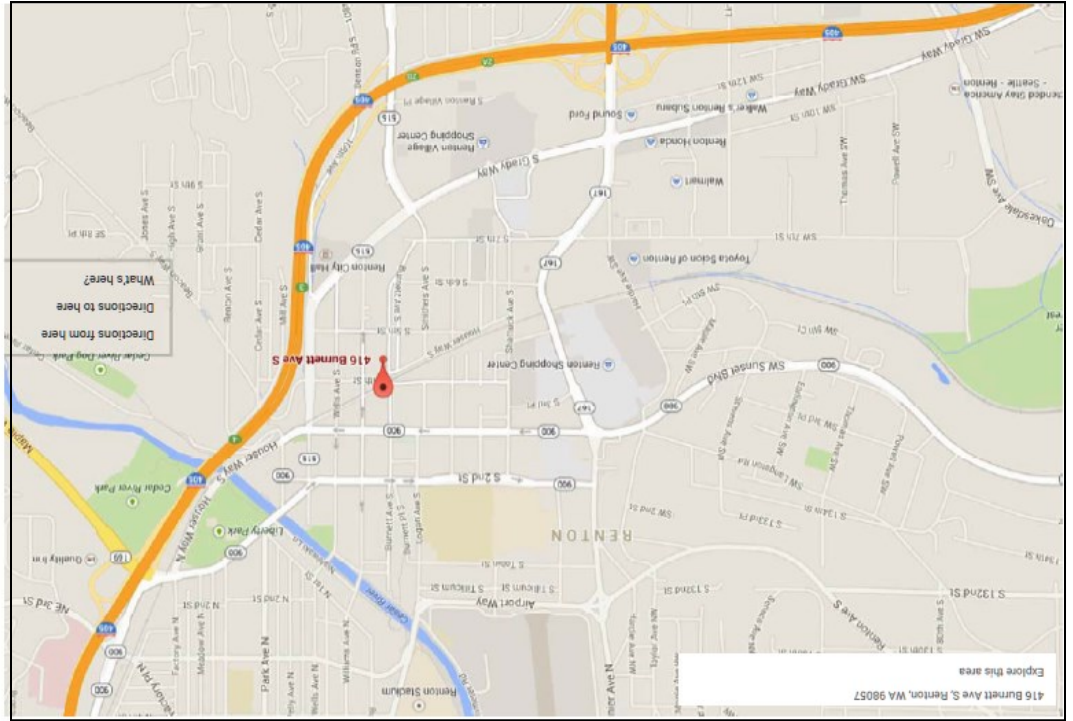
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting:
416 Burnett Ave S, Renton WA 98057



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Bronson Way. Keep right
to Exit 4 Sunset Blvd N to
Williams Ave S. Turn
left onto Williams Ave S
and continue on S 2nd St.
Turn right onto Williams
Ave S and turn right
onto Burnett Ave S to
VFW.
From the south go north on
Highway 405 to Exit 2
Hwy 167 Rainier Ave S.
Go north to S Grady Way.
Turn right on S Grady Way
to Talbot Rd (3rd light)
turn left on Talbot Rd. One
block turn right on 7th St
and then left on Burnett
Ave S. Continue three

