



# The Heritage

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## Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



I originally wrote these comments for last month's newsletter. I knew I was going to be out of town and drafted comments two weeks before I was scheduled to leave. Somehow my email system didn't deliver them to the editor. I was on a raft trip on the Colorado River, in the Grand Canyon, when the editor realized he had no comments from me. The comments are still pertinent but a little dated.

As we get close to the end of the year many decisions have to be made. Before the mailing for our recognition lunch goes out a theme must be created and how to select our volunteer of the year must be determined. I have chosen "Rebirth and Renewal" as a theme and we will enclose a form to nominate a Bluebill to honor.

At our last Heritage Leadership Team meeting; I assigned Don and Howard our two Vice Chairman to be our nominating committee to find candidates for Chapter officers next year. Please respond to their requests for help.

I chose "Rebirth and Renewal" to be the theme for our recognition lunch because I believe that is what we need to accomplish to make the Bluebills stronger.

Way back in the beginning of the year I assigned myself a task of putting together a Bluebills Operating Manual so that it would be easier for members to volunteer in the office and understand the roles of the Chapter Officers and office jobs. I wanted to work with those volunteering in the jobs in the office to update the existing job descriptions.

Most of you should have realized that there haven't been many volunteers in the office. Throughout the year I have been commenting on the need to fill open positions on our organization chart. . So I have not been able to accomplish that manual involving office volunteers.

In the last newsletter we published an update survey to get a sense of member volunteer involvement. This month I'm going to start reviewing those surveys and act on the data.

The first group I will be looking at is those of you who regularly attend meetings. I will be calling those who stated they would be willing to help in the office and find out more specifics on interest. And for those who haven't turned in a survey I will be calling to fill out a survey over the phone.

The next group will be those who regularly turn in volunteer hours. I will make the same kind of approach with them. Then I'll call all those who haven't turned in a survey.

With that effort I hope we can create a rebirth in activity in the office. I will call a meeting of those interested in volunteering in the office to discuss needs and match individuals with possibilities. I anticipate we will divide up job responsibilities differently from the past because we are not operating like we did when the Bluebills were first organized. I intend to do the same with those who stated they would be willing to volunteer on projects with active Boeing employees and determine a plan of action in that area of effort.

If you're one of those who have stated you'd like to help in the office or volunteer with Boeing employees, I'll ask you to help with the rebirth and renewal of the Bluebills as we move forward.

## Busy B's

by Janice Hawes



Hi Bluebills,

The featured Busy B this month is Jean Derheim. Jean was born in Portland and moved to Seattle when she was in the third grade. Her husband worked for Boeing and they have 3 girls, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Jean was a medical

assistant in pediatrics for 19 years. She worked at the Mason clinic, which is part of Virginia Mason. One of the doctors she worked with had a Limited Hydro on Lake Union and one of his patients was Bill Boeing Junior and he was a driver for him on his Limited Hydro which raced on Green Lake.

On one of the doctor's birthdays Bill gave him a gift, every hour on the hour that day.

Jean was introduced to the Busy B's by Lisa Nyreen in 2012 and has become another valued member of our group. She learned to sew in school and had made quilts for her grandchildren. She has many talents, among them, she did Brazillian Embroidery, Hardanger needlework, tatting, and Polish Embroidery. We've seen some of these and they are incredible. She belongs to the Miniature Club which has been featured in 6 magazines, had displays at the Convention Center at the Garden Show.

She no longer drives but still comes every week, using the Hyde Shuttle and we are all so glad to have her as part of our group.

The Busy B's are now working on Christmas quilts for Children's Hospital and Child Haven. We will also be dressing our medical dolls in Christmas fabric hospital gowns.

Another correction! Last month in writing about Joyce Hassler, I reported that she had been married for 33 years. Big mistake. It was actually 55 years!

Estelle Mead, our wonderful crocheter of afghans and childrens items has this year made 60 hats/scarf/mittens sets, 2 baby hats and mittens,



and 10 lap robes. We are so grateful for all the work she does all through the year and I know she makes so many people happy with her work.

We're still selling raffle tickets for the terrific quilt Sibyl Fletcher made and will display it at the November meeting again, with the drawing of the winning ticket to be done at the December potluck.

## Puget Sound Honor Flight of October 10th Outbound & October 12th Inbound

By Lonnie Stevenson

I found our very own **Adrian Lawler** as one of 55 WWII veterans plus guardians plus Honor Flight Volunteers who make the trip with the Vets. USONW support this event with volunteers



who stand curbside to welcome them in at oh-dark-thirty on Saturdays, escort them with the help of 30 awesome Coasties (that's Coast Guard Military personnel) to the check in point, welcome them, escort them thru security to the departure gate where McDonald's provides breakfast and then they have pictures taken for memories.

On Monday nite, the 30 Coasties returned and were joined by enough additional troops in dress uniform to escort the vets on the inbound flight from the gate to the atrium for a huge welcome home complete with the motorcycle patriot guard, bagpipe band, Navy quintet, and lots of cheering.



## Halloween Bags for Hutch

*Submitted by: Carol Zuther*

A small team of Bluebills worked the past 6 to 8 weeks preparing Halloween bags for the Hutch School and Child Life Specialist Unit (30 bags each). Karen Baker made 60 ghost suckers and Mary Ulibarri prepared coloring pages along with crayons for each student.



Thursday, October 29th the bags were assembled by Karen and Bill Baker, Oscar Olague and Zip Zuther and Oscar and Zip delivered the bags to the Hutch School and Child life Specialist Unit. Both teachers and students expressed their appreciation to the Bluebills Heritage Chapter.

Norma Vaughn provided moral support.

JOB WELL DONE!

## October Chapter Meeting Recap

*By Mary Ulibari & Norma Vaughn*

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then shared a few words and a short video about his re-

cent adventure rafting the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon – a truly memorable experience. Those who celebrated birthdays in October were Carmel Camerini and Ted Osborne. Jim and Bambi Lee celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations to all!

He reported that the annual Volunteer of the Year luncheon was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southcenter with more than 100 attendees. An excellent meal was followed by entertainment by the “Wrinkles of Washington”, a group of seniors who perform throughout Washington entertaining so many with their singing, dancing, music and skits. One outstanding performer was the gentleman who is over 90 years of age who can play a saxophone better than many younger persons. Our Volunteer of the Year for 2015 was announced and it was not one person but two. Bill and Karen Baker were selected for the honor this year after they have worked for twenty years helping Bluebills succeed in their efforts. Congratulations to Bill and Karen and THANK YOU!

Doug also called our attention to the beautiful quilt the Busy B’s are selling raffle tickets on. Tickets will still be available at the November and December meetings with the drawing for the lucky winner to be held at our Christmas Pot Luck meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

He then introduced the speaker, Sonia Doughty. Ms. Doughty is the Stewardship Director for Senior Services, a nonprofit organization that serves older adults and their caregivers throughout King County. She’s responsible for building and managing relationships with individual donors, and is also the relationship manager for their corporate and business partners in Washington. Accompanying Ms. Doughty was John Deacon whose job is to take care of caregivers of persons in their homes. Also in attendance was Kirk Vaux who is an eastside real estate specialist who works with Senior Services.

The Senior Services **Mission** is to promote the emotional, social and physical well being of older adults through a network of community connections and services. Their **Vision** is a just society where aging adults and those who care about them can live their best lives.

In a healthy community, empowered elders who need help will know where to find information, advice and support. Those who can will offer support and experi-

ence a greater sense of purpose as they connect with meaningful service opportunities. Senior Services is building programs that include and engage older people and those who love them in an interdependent community. Special responsibilities for bringing this vision to reality is a goal as the premier provider, promoter and champion for improving the lives of older adults.

Senior Services is the most comprehensive non-profit agency serving older adults and their loved ones in Washington State. Established in 1967, it promotes positive aging for thousands of seniors and their families each year through integrated system of quality programs and senior centers. More than 3,000 volunteers, together with 250 employees, make this work possible and efficient.

Half of the \$16 million annual budget comes from taxpayer-based sources, including federal, state, city and county government. Senior Services also receives significant funding from the United Way of King County, fees, client and individual donations, corporations, foundations and civic organizations.

With vastly improved longevity and health in recent decades, our nation is becoming more mature. Those 85 and up and the Baby Boomer generation are growing rapidly. Senior Services expects to lead the community into a future where its older residents can remain healthy and engaged longer. They are similarly committed to providing a much-needed helping hand to family caregivers, many of whom care for aging parents and children simultaneously.

Senior Services can assist in numerous ways: Care-giving, Financial and Legal Programs, Senior Rights

Assistance Program (SRA), SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) Program, Food Assistance Programs, Meals on Wheels, Minor Home Repair, Transportation, Wellness and Physical Activities and LGBT Resources.

Giving Back and Getting Involved. The time and talent contributions of thousands of volunteers annually benefit Senior Services and the tens of thousands of community members assisted. In 2011, 3,344 volunteers contributed 266,650 hours within Senior Services, a value to the community of more than \$5.7 million. Volunteers are vital members of the team. Senior Services is working to become a model of community engagement by deliberately channeling the energies of human resources, both paid and unpaid, toward addressing important community needs. A commitment to community engagement is reflected in the vision statement and evidenced across the organization. Senior Services invites you to get involved – explore the many options.

Upon completion of the presentation there was a question and answer session during which time Ms. Doughty announced that beginning on January 1, 2016, the name is changing to “Sound Generations” to better reflect their services and the changing times.

For more information go online at: [www.seniorservices.org](http://www.seniorservices.org) or call 206-448-3110 (toll free 1-888-435-3377).

The meeting closed with the drawing for door prizes.

## Volunteer of the Year Luncheon October 28th Double Tree Guest Suites, Southcenter





Recipients of the Bluebills Volunteer of the Year Award for 2015 Bill and Karen Baker





## **In new book, Boeing employees describe changing workplace**

*From the Seattle Times Sunday Buzz November 1, 2015*

The old heritage Boeing Co. is dead, and local employees are struggling to come to terms with the colder corporation in its place, according to candid interviews in a new book.

*“Emerging from Turbulence: Boeing and Stories of the American Workplace Today”*. The book by University of Puget Sound professors Leon Grunberg and Sarah Moore, maps in detail how things have changed at Boeing and what it’s like to work there today.

The book is a follow on to 2010 produced book *“Turbulence: Boeing and the State of American Workers and Managers”*.

## **With the consumer prices down, there will not be a Social Security Cost-Of-Living Adjustment for 2016**

*By Kirk Larson , Social Security Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

With consumer prices down over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 65 million Americans will not automatically increase in 2016.

The Social Security Act provides for an automatic increase in Social Security and SSI benefits if there is an increase in inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The period of consideration includes the third quarter of the last year a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was made to the third quarter of the current year. As determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there was no increase in the CPI-W from the third quarter of 2014 to the third quarter of 2015. Therefore, under existing law, there can be no COLA in 2016.

This is only the third time in almost 40 years that there has not been an increase in the cost-of-living adjustment. Under legislation passed in 1972 an automatic annual COLA was created. Starting in 1975 the COLA would be based on the annual increase in consumer prices and beneficiaries would not need to wait for a special act of Congress to receive a benefit increase.

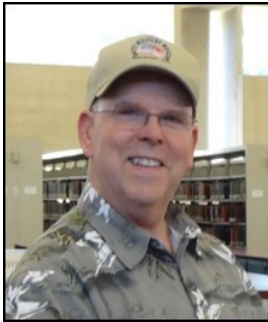
The Department of Health and Human Services has not yet announced Medicare premium changes for 2016. Should there be an increase in the Medicare Part B premium, the law contains a “hold harmless” provision that protects approximately 70 percent of Social Security beneficiaries from paying a higher Part B premium, in order to avoid reducing their net Social Security benefit. Those not protected include higher income beneficiaries subject to an income-adjusted Part B premium and beneficiaries newly entitled to Part B in 2016. In addition, beneficiaries who have their Medicare Part B premiums paid by state medical assistance programs will see no change in their Social Security benefit. The state will be required to pay any Medicare Part B premium increase.

Information about Medicare changes for 2016, when available, will be found at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

For additional information, please go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola) .

## **Speaker for November**

By Jim Beasley



Jack R. Congrove is President of the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX), a Washington non-profit organization, which sponsors and operates an annual national-level stamp show and philatelic exhibition in the Seattle area.

He graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1969, and was

commissioned as a Field Artillery officer in the U.S. Army. He retired from the Army in 1990, after serving 20 years on active duty, more than half of that time overseas in places such as Vietnam, Germany, and the Middle East.

Currently, he is employed by Mantech International Corporation supporting the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

In addition to his work with SEAPEX, he is editor of *Biophilately*, the journal of the Biology Study Unit of the American Topical Association and also editor of *The Federated Philatelist*, the newsletter of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY BILL MADE LAW**

### *Protection of Jobless, Aged Is Aim*

#### **One of the most far-reaching New Deal Proposals launched today Workers and Employers to Share Burden—States Must Cooperate**

President Roosevelt has signed the Social Security Bill, launching the New Deal's vast program to protect millions against poverty in their old age and in times of future unemployment.

The stroke of his pen completed enactment of one of the most important and far reaching of the New Deal proposals. Championed by Mr Roosevelt to help Americans "meet some of the major economic hazards of life," the measure:

1. Provides for federal contributions of up to \$15 per month per person, starting soon, to help states pension their most needy aged residents.

2. Establishes a great national system by which an estimated 25,000,000 workers and their employers will be taxed billions of dollars through the years and will be paid \$10-\$88 a month by the government when they are 65 and jobless.
3. Creates joint state -federal unemployment insurance systems to provide limited benefits in times of future unemployment.
4. Assists the state immediately in caring for dependent mothers and children, the blind and the ill.

*Sequim—Black Bear Gazette—1935*

**Calendar of Events 2015**

Nov 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting



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**Food Bank Schedule For 2015**

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

<b>November</b>	<b>Issaquah</b>	<b>Eleanor Skinner</b>
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
October	White Center	Eileen Bear

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

November 20, 2015

**10:00 AM Social—10:30 AM-12 Noon Meeting**



**Speaker: Jack Congrove President of the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition**

**Topic: "Stamp collecting"**

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

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

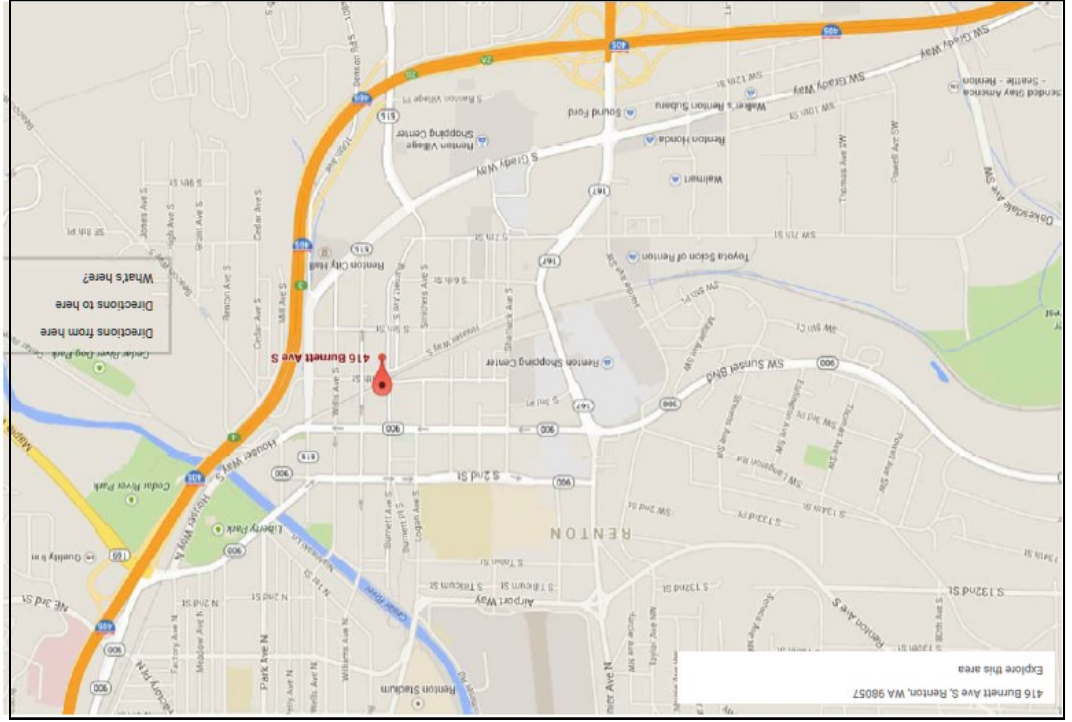
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124  
Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

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



From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to Bronson Way. Keep right and continue on S 2nd St. Turn left on Williams Ave S. Turn left onto Williams Ave S and turn right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto Burnett 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 blocks to VFW.

