



# The Heritage

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## Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



Boy this was a busy end of the month, with our volunteer recognition dinner on Wednesday and our normal meeting on Friday. Both were well attended.

For those of you who couldn't make it to our Volunteer Recognition Dinner, you missed a great time. As usual it rained, after all this is Washington and we are in the middle of our annual rain festival. We enjoyed the great food and service at the Doubletree and were entertained by the "Jazz Misfits."

The Jazz Misfits are a six-person group who did their best to help us jazz up our volunteer efforts, which was my theme for the event. I thought we needed a change of pace and many people stated their approval of the music.



Lonnie Stevenson was selected as our Volunteer of the Year. As you probably know, Lonnie volunteers about everywhere from the USO (and their special events) to blood banks to the Boeing Golf Classic to Special Olympics, the list goes on and on. She is also the biggest fan of the Navy's Blue Angels, so she will get my vote any time. A great selection of a person who was also chosen as the USO Volunteer of the Year. Please congratulate her the next time you see her.

Our speaker on Friday was James Raisbeck, who is the local ex-Boeing engineer who started his own engineering firm and company, who was the major force behind the building of the Aviation High School adjacent to the Museum of Flight. He is a local active individual in bringing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Science) to our school districts. He shared his background with Boeing and the local aeronautical engineering environment. It brought back memories of Boeing as we recognized names of people we all worked with or knew. Two of his fellow engineers, who were released by Boeing after the loss of the SST contract, were my instructors back at the University of Kansas.

Also attending both events was Jim Orchekowski. "He's back" from Wisconsin but didn't bring us any cheese. Need to talk to him about that. Surprise Jim we still know how to spell the last name.

Would like to close by again thanking all those contributors to our dinner; Karen for the center pieces, Mary for keeping all the signups straight and name cards, also Norma and Richard for all the items they cover.



## **Busy B's**

*by Janice Hawes*

A few years ago Bambi Lee heard that the Auburn branch of Child Haven could use quilts for their children and we began a new project.

A little bit about CHILDHAVEN. It began in 1909 as Seattle Day Nursery, founded by Rev. Mark Matthews in the basement of Seattle's First Presbyterian Church. The purpose for the nursery was to care for the children whose mothers had to work to care for their families. They were charged, based on their ability to pay, anywhere from a nickel to a quarter a day. Members of the community helped support the operation by donating food and their time to watch the children.

In 1921 a new nursery was built on Seattle's First Hill, where the present day CHILDHAVEN's Broadway Center is now located.

In 1941, Mothers who worked at Boeing and other war-time jobs had their children cared for at the Day Nursery.

In 1965, Head Start was founded and Seattle Day Nursery helped bring the program to Seattle.

In 1973, Patrick L. Gogerty was hired as executive director and with the passage of the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, he set about securing new state funds for a new child abuse prevention program. In 1977 the agency began its Therapeutic Child Care program for children from birth through the age of 5. This is an innovative approach that focuses on helping the child regardless of parental participation and putting the child's safety and needs first and was revolutionary at the time.

In 1985 Seattle Day Nursery changed its name to CHILDHAVEN.

In 1987 CHILDHAVEN's Eli Creekmore Memorial Branch was opened in Burien, named in memory of a 4 year old boy whose death was caused by his father.

In 1992 the Patrick L. Gogerty Branch opened in Auburn, named in honor of the father of modern-day

CHILDHAVEN.

IN 2009 CHILDHAVEN celebrated 100 years of caring for the most vulnerable children in our community. This has been a haven for caring for abused and neglected children and for nurturing young lives and empowering families to break the cycle of abuse and neglect.

As of 2016, CHILDHAVEN serves some 300 children and their families each year in the three locations. They state that "that their model childhood trauma treatment program has been replicated in communities throughout the state, and in other parts of the United States and in Canada."

The founder of modern day CHILDHAVEN, Patrick L. Gogerty, passed away in August of this year at the age of 86.

Beth Larsen, CHILDHAVEN'S chief program officer and interim co-president said, "Pat was the visionary who brought us all to the service of children and families who have experienced trauma in the hopes of breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect. We are grateful he shared his brilliance and energy with us, and his legacy is alive and well at CHILDHAVEN today.

The Busy B's have enjoyed making quilts for the CHILDHAVEN Children and over the years have also made play mats, craft aprons, and pants, long and short for the little children, and are making Christmas quilts for them now.

Oscar Olague delivered our monthly donation of quilts, medical dolls and baby hats to Children's Hospital. He is our new "delivery" man, taking over from Zip Zuther who did this for so many years and whom we deeply appreciated all that he did.

Happy Thanksgiving,

## **Speaker for November**

*By Jim Beasley*

A representative from the WDOT Ferry System will speak about the system and the newest vessels being added to the fleet.

Washington State Ferries operates the largest ferry system in the United States. Twenty-two ferries cross Puget Sound and its inland waterways, carrying more than 22 million passengers to 20 different ports of call. From Tacoma, Washington, to Sidney, British Columbia, we travel up and down the Sound, acting as a marine highway for commercial users, tourists and daily commuters alike.



## November Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two October birthdays – Carmel Camerini and Ted Osborne. And Jim and Bambi Lee celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 27. There was recognition for Norma Vaughn's September birthday, since she and Richard were in the Mid-West last month. One new member.... Oh, wait, he's not really new, he's just been away for some time – Jim Orchekowsky has moved back to the Pacific NW. Welcome back, Orchie.

Folks were still talking about the wonderful annual Volunteer of the Year luncheon on Wednesday and congratulated Lonnie Stevenson again for taking top honors. Janice Hawes brought the Seahawks raffle quilt and sold some more tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Holiday potluck, so don't forget to buy one, or a bunch. Remember the proceeds are used to restock supplies for the Busy Bs to continue their good work.

Doug stated the need for Heritage Chapter candidates for 2017 officer positions, plus candidates are also needed for the Central Leadership Council for the new year.

Doug then introduced the speaker, James Raisbeck, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Raisbeck Engineering, Inc.

After serving in the Air Force as a flight engineer from 1954 to 1958, and graduating from Purdue University in Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering in 1961, James Raisbeck joined The Boeing Company as a Research Aerodynamicist.



In 1969, Raisbeck accepted the position of President and Chief Engineer of Robertson Aircraft Corporation; then in 1973 he founded Raisbeck Engineering, Inc., which—along with its subsidiary Raisbeck Commercial Air Group—continues to present day.

During his distinguished aviation career, Raisbeck has influenced many business turbine and jet aircraft designs, from the Rockwell Sabreliner 65-Series and Learjet 31s, 35s, 36s and 60s, and produced a line of performance improvement systems for the entire Beechcraft King Air Family, now incorporated on the King Air production line.

Raisbeck Engineering has also been active in the world's commercial airline fleets, with the Raisbeck Stage 3 Noise Reduction Systems for the Boeing 727, Armored Cockpit Security Systems for Boeing 737s and 757s—a program initiated two years before 9/11—and Enlarged Overhead Bins for the Airbus 320.

Current research and development projects underway at Raisbeck's Headquarters adjacent to Boeing Field include the expansion of the ZR LITE fuel-saving drag reduction systems for all other Learjet models; aft fuselage fuel tanks, luggage lockers, and avionics pods for larger business jet aircraft, and continued expansion of its performance improvement systems for the Beechcraft King Airs which include Swept Blade Turbofan Propellers, developed in partnership with Hartzell Propeller Inc.

Raisbeck's numerous professional acknowledgements and awards include the National Business Aviation Association's Lifetime Meritorious Achievement Award, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Aviation Pathfinder Award, Living Legends of Aviation's Lifetime Aviation Entrepreneur Award, and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Fellow.

Obviously, Raisbeck has a wide range of topics he could address, but he felt his years with Boeing (1961-69) would be of interest to Bluebills members. His recall of the many projects he was involved with was remarkable. He recounted many stories of successful developments beneficial to Boeing, some of which were familiar to the attendees. For a brief overview of Raisbeck Engineering, Inc. go to the website: <http://www.raisbeck.com/about/companybio>.

He also spent time talking about the founding and operation of the Raisbeck Aviation High School on East Marginal Way, one of 12 high schools in the Highline School District. In a nutshell, Raisbeck Aviation High School (RAHS) is ranked #1 in Washington State. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams.

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The AP participation rate at Aviation High School is 94%.

There are 420 enrolled students coming from far and wide with 105 pre-qualified students selected each year by lottery. The student body makeup is 66% male and 34% female, and the total minority enrollment is 41%. The graduation rate is 98% with most of those students going on to colleges and universities. In addition, RAHS is ranked #132 in the [National Rankings](#). Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.

The audience had many questions, which led Raisbeck to expand on the school with more interesting details. For more information on Raisbeck Aviation High School, go to <http://www.highlineschools.org/Page/9887>.

Doug held the door prize drawings and adjourned the meeting.

## **Social Security Articles**

by Kirk Larson

*Social Security Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

### **SOCIAL SECURITY ANNOUNCES BENEFIT INCREASE FOR 2017**

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 65 million Americans will increase 0.3 percent in 2017, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 0.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 60 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2017. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2016. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$127,200 from \$118,500. Of the estimated 173 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2017, about 12 million will pay more because of the increase in the taxable maximum. Since 1975 we have had some years with a very high increase, 1980 was 14.3% and in some years, we have had no

increase.

The purpose of the COLA is to ensure that the purchasing power of Social Security benefits are not eroded by inflation on a national level. It is based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). If there is no increase, there can be no COLA. Beginning in 1975, Social Security started automatic annual cost-of-living allowances. Before that, benefits were increased only when Congress enacted special legislation.

Information about Medicare changes for 2017, when announced, will be available at [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov). For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums. The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).

### **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 15 – START REVIEWING YOUR PLAN**

With more benefits, better choices and lower costs, the Social Security Administration is encouraging people with Medicare and their families to start reviewing drug and health plan coverage options for 2017. The Medicare Open Enrollment Period started October 15 and will end December 7. Finding the right plan to work with Medicare is very important. This will give seniors and people with disabilities time to compare and find the best plan that meets their unique needs.

As the largest public health program in the United States, Medicare includes four parts to keep you covered:

\* Part A is insurance that covers inpatient hospital stays, outpatient care in nursing facilities, hospice, and home health care.

\* Part B includes medical insurance for doctor's services, medical supplies, outpatient care, and preventive services.

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\* Part C is a Medicare advantage plan that allows you to choose your health care coverage through a provider organization. You must have Part A and Part B to enroll in Part C. This plan usually includes Medicare prescription drug coverage and may include extra benefits and services at an additional cost.

\* Part D is prescription drug coverage. There is a separate monthly premium for this plan; however, people with low resources and income may qualify for the Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs from Social Security. Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp) to see if you qualify.

Using Medicare's Plan Finder – available at [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan) – can help you find the best plan in your area. You can also see if your current plan is highly rated or may have some issues. You have the option to complete a general or personalized plan search. A personalized search may provide you with more accurate cost estimates and coverage information.

If you need help finding the right plan, you can contact the Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA). SHIBA is part of the Washington State Insurance Commissioner's consumer protection services designed to help answer your health care questions. You can get free, unbiased assistance with Medicare health care choices using their website at <http://www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba/index> or call 800-562-6900.

Each year there are changes to Medicare program and it is important to keep up and understand how the changes can benefit or cost you more money. Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) for more information.

## SUPPORTING OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS

Every Veterans Day, the nation honors the brave men and women who risk their lives to protect our country and the freedoms we cherish. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the support

they deserve. A vital part of that is administering the Social Security disability program.

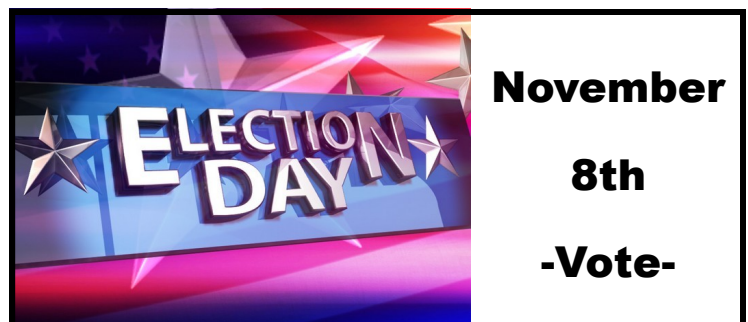
For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to for disability benefits. Social Security's Wounded Warriors website is at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

The Wounded Warriors website has answers to many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different from those available from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is available to military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security. Learn more by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

With over 80 years of experience and compassionate service, Social Security is proud to support our veterans and active duty members of the military. Let these heroes know they can count on us when they need to take advantage of their earned benefits, today and tomorrow.







**21st Annual Heritage Chapter Awards Luncheon**

*“Let’s Jazz Up Our Volunteer Activity”*

*Doubletree Guest Suites-Southcenter, Tukwilla, WA*



Volunteer Award recipient  
Lonnie Stevenson  
(upper left)







**Calendar of Events 2016**

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jan 14        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Jan 29        | Chapter Monthly Meeting              |
| Feb 11        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Feb 26        | Chapter Monthly Meeting              |
| Mar 10        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Mar 25        | Chapter Monthly Meeting              |
| Apr 14        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Apr 29        | Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)    |
| May 12        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| May 27        | Chapter Monthly Meeting              |
| Jun 16        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Jun 24        | Chapter Monthly Meeting              |
| Jul 14        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Jul 29        | Chapter Monthly Meeting              |
| Aug 11        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Aug 26        | Heritage Chapter Picnic (Coulan Pk)  |
| Sep 15        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Sep 30        | Chapter Monthly Meeting (Craft Fair) |
| Oct 13        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Oct 26        | Chapter Honors Luncheon              |
| Oct 28        | Chapter Monthly Meeting              |
| <b>Nov 10</b> | <b>Heritage Leadership Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Nov 18</b> | <b>Chapter Monthly Meeting</b>       |
| Dec 15        | Heritage Leadership Meeting          |
| Dec 16        | Chapter Monthly Meeting              |

**Food Bank Schedule For 2016**

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

|                 |                 |                        |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 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          | Eleanor Skinner        |
| October         | White Center    | Heinz Gehlhaar         |
| <b>November</b> | <b>Issaquah</b> | <b>Eleanor Skinner</b> |
| December        | Des Moines      | Open                   |

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



**November 18, 2016**

**10:00 AM—12:00 Noon**

**Speaker: WDOT Representative**

**Subject: "Ferry System and it's Newest Vessels"**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hours worked** \_\_\_\_\_ **For** \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/year) (agency name)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hours worked** \_\_\_\_\_ **For** \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

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 Directions

From the north take 405 S  
Bronson Way. Keep right  
and continue on S 2nd St. to  
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 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. Con-  
tinue three blocks to VFW.

