



# The Heritage

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## Chairman's Corner

By Jim Orchekowsky



We can be in for a good year. With all the opportunities that are at our door, we can make this a better world for quite a few needy people. We have great leaders in our Bluebills to make this happen. The foundation is laid and just needs a little brawn and sweat for the Bluebills to blossom into the type of team that will tell the real story of what the Bluebills can do for our community.

- Let's tell our retired Boeing friends who are not active in our organization just what they are missing by not participating.
- Let's tell them what a good feeling it is to see smiles on faces when we reach out a helping hand.
- Let's tell them that many hands make the load much lighter.
- Let's tell them that they retired with unique skills that some of the three hundred or so agencies that Bluebills support can use, if the only would take a little time each month to share them.

Why keep your skills and ability to give to yourselves when someone can have a better outlook on life because of your sharing? What a warm feeling our Bluebills receive when they reach out!

- Busy Bs specialize in making quilts and other items. Some of the work, such as knitting of smaller items is done at home or other locations.
- Coordinators write and publish news items in monthly newsletters.
- Volunteer coordinators identify and recruit volunteers to fill the needs of the agencies that rely on Bluebills.
- The Education committee coordinates activities such as those related to the Future Scientists and Engineers of America.
- Data entry volunteers keep all our information at our fingertips and up to date.
- Habitat for Humanity volunteers support home building and repairs for those in need in our community.
- Help is needed to work on the database, answer phone calls, distribute mail, prepare special mailings, and support committees.

These are a few highlighted activities of the Bluebills. There are agencies that are turned down due to insufficient volunteers to fill the community's needs. We can take care of them if we all pledge to:

**BE THE VOLUNTEER THAT YOU WANT BLUEBILLS TO BE!**

### ATTITUDE

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have...and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our Attitudes. *Charles Swindoll*



**Busy B's**

*by Janice Hawes*

At the Bluebill monthly meeting I brought a quilt that we are raffling off and the winning ticket will be drawn at the December potluck. We'll display it at the November meeting also. The proceeds will go, as usual to buy more supplies to make more quilts. The quilt was made by Joyce Hassler and the pattern of the quilt, made out of Christmas fabric is called a crazy quilt. Joyce is still at home recovering from a back problem and we really miss her!



Jim Beasley has been in contact with the Red Cross for the Busy B's to donate quilts to them for Washington state fire victims. We have over 30 assorted sizes and hopefully by the next newsletter I can report more about this.

At the meeting last month Dorothy Slater gave us a bag of yarn for future afghans and baby hats. Thanks again Dorothy.

Meri England made baby hats and a lap robe and is busy working on another afghan. We appreciate her clever work and we would love to have others join her in making these items. The baby hats go to various organizations and the afghans go to nursing homes.

Oscar Olague faithfully delivers our medical dolls and blankets to children's Hospital every month and I took a picture of him receiving the bag of dolls. He has



followed in Zip Zuthers great footsteps in doing this and is so appreciated.



**October Chapter Meeting Recap**

*By Mary Ulibarri*

Vice Chairman Don Hilt started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Carmel Camerini was the only October birthday in attendance, but there were two September events we learned of. Jim Lee had his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, plus he and Bambi celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Belated congratulations!

Don announced that all three positions (Chairperson and two Vice Chairpersons) need to be filled for the upcoming year. Now's your chance to fill these important roles in the Bluebills organization.

Oscar Olague thanked the Busy Bs for four blankets, 30 hats and 20 medical dolls he delivered to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Thank you Oscar and all of the Busy Bs.

Janice Hawes displayed the quilt that is being raffled with the drawing to take place at the December potluck luncheon meeting. Tickets will again be available at the November meeting.

Howard Syder thanked Meri England for taking him to a medical appointment and expressed interest in forming a list of folks who might be willing to provide these services to fellow members in need. Check with him if you are interested in helping.

Jim Beasley then introduced the featured speakers, Chuck Wilson, President of the Washington



Prospectors Mining Association, and Bruce Pedlar, Claims Officer. Both gentlemen gave a very informative, interesting talk with the help of a visual presentation.

The WPMA is the largest non-profit mining association in the State of Washington. They promote and educate on mining, prospecting and associated activities. They also provide prospecting and mining resources, claims access and expertise to membership. As part of their onsite activities, they are instrumental in cleaning up trash and harmful items to the environment.

The Association is one of several small-scale mining clubs and districts with membership, currently at 575 plus, open to anyone interested in prospecting and mining for gold and other precious gems and minerals. They host an annual gold, gem and mineral show at the Evergreen State Fair usually held in February.

Some of the chapters around the state are North Puget Sound, South Puget Sound, Olympic Peninsula and North East (Pateros area). There are claims in Washington (32), Oregon (8) and California (4), many of them with camping sites.

**They currently offer the following to all members:**

- Monthly meetings in Redmond, Tacoma, Mount Vernon, and Brewster.

- Workshops and outings to gold producing areas around Washington State.

- A newsletter published six times a year to keep folks up-to-date on the latest mining activities.

- Access to over 1,665 acres of Association claims and some specific members claims throughout the tri-state locations. Members are allowed to keep all of the gold found, not to mention other treasures, such as sunstones, quartz, garnets, pyrite, agates and more.

- Access to the WPMA library with over 150 books and videos about prospecting, mining and metal detecting.

Guidelines to acceptable locations, methods and procedures for prospecting and mining.

Conclusion – What do you need to enjoy prospecting?

Ability to have fun

No fear of mud, water or dirt (or bugs!)

Interest in minerals, nature and like-minded people

Desire to have fun and try something new and get “hooked” on finding that elusive yellow metal.

Great YouTube mining videos to view:

Nick Zentner - Liberty Gold Mine Geology video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsBZfRJhdw>

Rob Repin – Liberty Gold Mine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbKcDMeATdo>

Two huge nuggets – Liberty, WA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2Nah36EJh4>

Chuck and Bruce stirred up much interest and answered many questions both during and after the presentation. So, let’s all go find some gold out there in **them thar hills** and streams.

Doug concluded the meeting with the door prize drawing.

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<http://www.bluebills.org/>

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

*Submitted By Jim Lee*

The **Federal Way Police Dept.** is looking for volunteers to assist primarily in their office and several other areas of their operations in the city of Federal Way.

**Contact:** Lisa Sjoden, Volunteer Coordinator for Fed. Way police Dept. (253)835-6788

[Lisa.sjoden@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:Lisa.sjoden@cityoffederalway.com)

## **SOCIAL SECURITY SUPPORTS VETERANS**

*By Kirk Larson Social Security Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

Supporting veterans and active duty members of the military is a key part of Social Security's mission. Our disability program has helped countless wounded warriors and their loved ones. Every Veterans Day, the nation collectively honors the brave people who risk their lives to protect our country.

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 provides 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; they require a separate application.

Social Security's 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.

You can learn more by visiting our veterans page at [www.socialsecurity.gov/people/veterans](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/veterans).

## **Medicare Questions and Answers**

*By Kirk Larson Social Security Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

Medicare is an important program for you and millions of people. Medicare is our country's health insurance program for people age 65 or older. People younger than age 65 with certain disabilities, or permanent kidney failure, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), can also qualify for Medicare. The program helps with the cost of health care, but it doesn't cover all medical expenses or the cost of most long-term care. For more information on Medicare go to [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10043.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10043.pdf)

### **Question:**

I will rely on Medicare when I retire. Can you explain the different parts of Medicare?

### **Answer:**

The different parts of Medicare cover your specific needs. There are four parts, all of which work in tandem to deliver healthcare services.

- **Part A (hospital insurance):** Hospital insurance helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay), some home health care, and hospice care.
- **Part B (medical insurance):** Medical insurance helps pay for doctors' services and many other medical services and supplies that hospital insurance doesn't cover.
- **Part C (Medicare Advantage plans):** If you have Medicare Parts A and B, you can join a Medicare Advantage plan. Private companies offer Medicare Advantage plans which are approved by Medicare. These plans generally help you pay the medical costs not covered by Medicare Part A and B.

Part D (prescription drug coverage): Prescription drug coverage helps pay for medications doctors prescribe for treatment.

**Question:**

When can I start Medicare?

**Answer:**

When you first become eligible for Medicare Part A, you have a seven-month period (your initial enrollment period) in which to sign up for Part B. If you're eligible at age 65, your initial enrollment period begins three months before your 65th birthday, includes the month you turn age 65, and ends three months after that birthday.

The following chart shows when your Medicare Part B becomes effective:

If you enroll in this month of your initial enrollment period	Then your Part B Medicare coverage starts
One to three months before you reach age 65	The month you reach age 65
The month you reach age 65	One month after the month you reach age 65
One month after you reach age 65	Two months after the month of enrollment
Two or three months after you reach age 65	Three months after the month of enrollment

**Question:**

I have medical coverage through my employer. Do I have to take Medicare Part B?

**Answer:**

You are not required to take Medicare Part B if you are covered by a group healthcare plan based on either your current employment or the current employment of a spouse. When your coverage ends, you may contact the Social Security Administration to request a special enrollment for Medicare Part B. We will need to verify your coverage through your employer in order for you to be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period. Note – COBRA, retiree health plans, and medical coverage from the VA aren't considered coverage based on current employment. You're not eligible for a Special Enrollment Period when that coverage ends.

**Question:**

What happens if I did not take Medicare Part B

when I was first eligible?

**Answer:**

In most cases, if you don't sign up for Part B when you're first eligible, you'll have to pay a late enrollment penalty. You'll have to pay this penalty for as long as you have Part B. Your monthly premium for Part B may go up 10% for each full 12-month period that you could have had Part B, but didn't sign up for it. Also, you may have to wait until the General Enrollment Period (from January 1 to March 31) to enroll in Part B. Coverage will start July 1 of that year. Usually, you don't pay a late enrollment penalty if you meet certain conditions that allow you to sign up for Part B during a Special Enrollment Period.

**Question:**

What is the monthly premium for Medicare Part B?

**Answer:**

The standard Medicare Part B premium for medical insurance in 2017 is \$134.00. This amount represents about 25 percent of the average per capita costs of the basic benefit. The government pays the remaining cost of the basic benefit.

Some people who collect Social Security benefits and have their Part B premiums deducted from their payment will pay less. This is because the Part B premium increased more than the cost-of-living increase for 2017 Social Security benefits. Some are paying between \$109 and \$127 per month. Social Security will send a letter to all people who collect Social Security benefits (and those who pay higher premiums because of their income) that states each person's exact Part B premium amount for 2017 and any changes in 2018.

Since 2007, higher-income beneficiaries (about 5% of those on Medicare) have paid a larger percentage of their Medicare Part B premium than most. Depending on their income, these higher-income beneficiaries will pay premiums that amount to 35, 50, 65, or 80 percent of the total cost of coverage. You can get details at [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) or by calling **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)** (TTY **1-877-486-2048**).

**Calendar of Events 2017**

Jan 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 25	Heritage Chapter Picnic
Sep 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 1	Chapter Honors Luncheon
<b>Nov 16</b>	<b>Heritage Leadership Meeting</b>
<b>Nov 17</b>	<b>Chapter Monthly Meeting</b>
Dec 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 15	Chapter Monthly Meeting

**Food Bank Schedule For 2017**

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting 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	Martha Battles
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma T	ed & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
<b>November</b>	<b>Issaquah</b>	<b>Eleanor Skinner</b>
December	Des Moines	Jim Orchekowsky

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



**November 17, 2017**

**10:00 AM Social—10:30 AM to 12:00**

**Noon Meeting**

**Speaker: Carolyn Blount,** Noted genealogist

**Subject:** “Getting started in researching the family tree.”

*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)

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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.

