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Chapter Report

By Richard Vaughn



Here we go again. Last year, as chairman, I planned to retire *again* but I could not get anyone to step up and take over the leadership of the Heritage Chapter. I recruited four of our faithful Bluebills to a plan to work as co-chairmen for the year 2019. One of those four was unable to continue with the job but Doug Hoople and Don Hilt have continued to support the idea for the year as I knew they would. I served the month of January and then the other two took the next few months. I now have October, November and December to fulfill my part. This seems to be a repeat of the last several years as Doug and Don have continued to do a wonderful job. We have all requested and even begged for volunteers to fill the chairman and two vice-chairmen positions for the year 2020. There have been no responses to our pleas from any members.

I am sure you know that if Heritage Chapter ceases to remain an active chapter in the Bluebills that we are letting down those retirees who cannot volunteer due to their age or health problems and who want to continue to be a part of this retirees organization that has been such an active and important part of all of our lives.

Without leadership Heritage will not continue to function. I am asking one more time for someone in our membership to please come forward and work to keep this organization functioning. You will have help from many sources that have experience and are more than willing to assist you and your leadership team but they just cannot continue to be the mainstay of the group. Please consider it and let one of us know that you are willing to work for the good of your organization. HERITAGE NEEDS YOU!

“That’s Not My Job!

This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that because it was **Everybody’s** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn’t do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.”

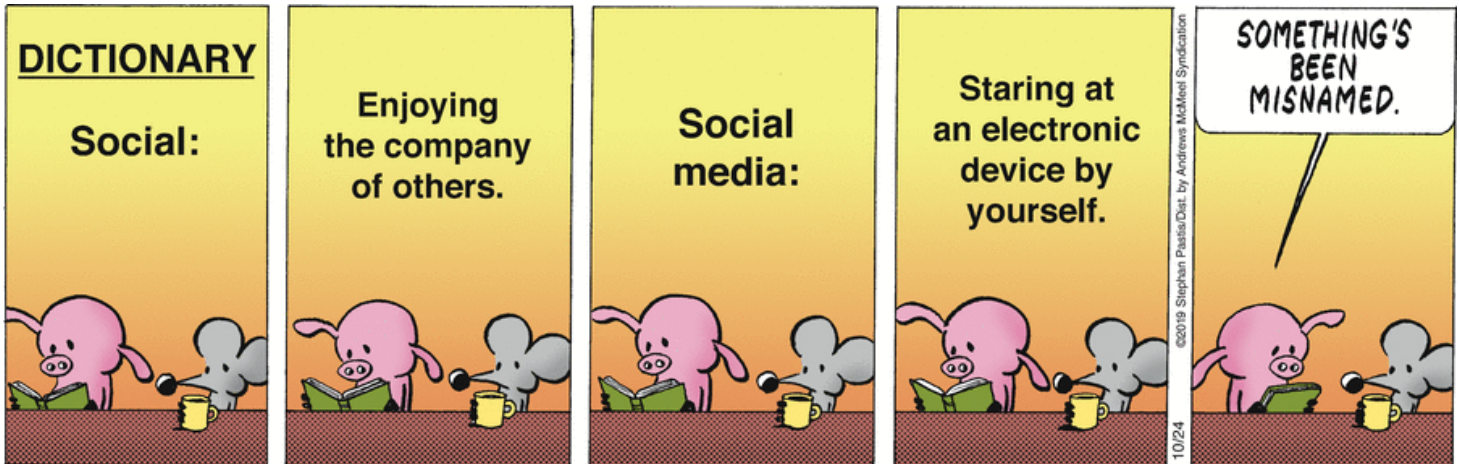
Which one are you? Think about it.

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I would like to invite you to our pizza and salad luncheon on November 22, 2019, immediately following the regular chapter monthly meeting at the Renton VFW. This will give us an opportunity to enjoy visiting with our fellow retirees. If you plan to attend the luncheon please RSVP me at 425-432-7139 or you can call the office and leave a message. The office phone number is 206-544-6286. This will enable us to order the food for the number of attendees. I hope to see you there.

Richard Vaughn

Phone: 425-432-7139



Busy B's

Submitted by Lana Mitsules

ONCE UPON A QUILT

Once upon a quilt, I found creativity.

Losing myself in fabric fantastic
Colors bright or soft and soothing,
Textures course or layered smooth.

I cut, piece and focus on seams
one-quarter inch perfect I stitch
so my points will meet--exact--
tips touching--completely absorbed.

Head bent I sew over this moment
of morning until the clock chimes--
surprised--it's half past four
and I'm still in my pajamas.

Rushing to dress I think of dinner.
My husband will be home and hungry

but as for me--

I am completely satisfied.

A poem by P. Q. Gentner

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October Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Co-Chair Richard Vaughn started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two October birthday attendees – Martha Battles and Carmel Camerini and no anniversaries. There was one new member – well, not exactly new. Jim Orchekowsky was in town and many folks lined up for hugs and handshakes. Great to see you, Jim.

Richard mentioned that the Veterans Administration ride share program helps veterans get to doctor's appointment and other necessary trips. For details such as locations and schedules go to the following website: <https://www.pugetsound.va.gov/marrowtransplant/transportation.asp>

Richard also mentioned there is still a need for members to step up as Chairman, Vice Chairman and some other positions for next year. Time is running out – HELP!

Janice Hawes displayed the beautiful quilt that will be raffled off at the December potluck meeting. I apologize for not taking a picture for publication. It has a red, white and blue stars and stripes design and was made by Lisa Nyreen. I will get one for the November meeting recap.

Jim Beasley then introduced the two speakers Kay Tomlinson and Kathy Pankanin who spoke about the AARP Washington Fraud Prevention Program. They, along with two co-workers, Lisa and Evelyn, referred the attendees to a large display of handouts on the subject.



Kay has been a Fraud Watch Specialist volunteer with AARP since retiring from a successful 20-year business career, including management of national AR, credit and commercial collections for the Weyerhaeuser Company. She expanded her experience globally to include Europe and India supporting internet companies.

She is a Presidential Scholar graduate of City University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She is a former Board President for the Domestic Abuse Women's Network and a certified Toastmaster.

AARP Washington Facts; e.g. there are 940,500+ Washington members, 9 staff members and 1,314 volunteers. Contact information: 18000 International Blvd., Suite 1020, SeaTac, WA 98188. Website: www.aarp.org/wa. Email: aarpwa@aarp.org. Toll free number: 1-866-227-7457. Other important numbers: AARP Membership Line: 1-888-OUR-AARP (687-2277). Tax-Aide/Driver Safety: 1-888-AARP-NOW (227-7669). AARP Discounts: www.aarpdiscounts.com.



With the help of visuals, Kathy and Kay went through many fraud/identity theft scenarios and how to combat them. We all have been subjected to these "hard to refuse" situations and need to be wary and react accordingly. Here is a recap:



General Fraud/Identity Theft

- AARP Fraud Fighter Call Center number: 1-877-908-3360.
- Register at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork to receive email notices of the latest scams.
- Report any fraud or suspicion of fraud to the authorities IMMEDIATELY.
 - Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online at www.ftc.gov or call 1-877-382-4357
 - The Washington Attorney General online at www.atg.wa.gov or call 1-800-551-4636
- Report veteran scams to 1-855-800-9023
- If you, or someone you know is a victim of identity theft report it immediately to the
 1. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online at www.identitytheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338
 2. Your local Police Department, and
 3. One of the three major credit bureaus to place a Fraud Alert on your credit report
 4. Equifax 1-888-766-0008, Experian 1-888-397-3742, TransUnion 1-800-680-7289

Financial Security

- Rotate free credit reports at www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228
- Check your bank and credit card account balances regularly. Setup notifications.
- Verify Investments at Financial Industry Regulatory Authority online at www.FINRA.org or call 1-301-590-6500
- Verify the legitimacy of a “Charitable” organization at
 - Charity Navigator www.charitynavigator.org
 - Charity Watch www.charitywatch.org
- Washington Secretary of State www.sos.wa.gov/charities or call 1-800-332-4483

Other Useful Resources

- Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222 (renew each year)
- Limit “Junk” credit and insurance offers www.OptOutPrescreen.com or 1-888-567-8688
- Free legal service for seniors www.nwjustice.org/get-legal-help or 1-877-387-7111
- State Health Ins. Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) www.insurance.wa.gov or 1-800-562-6900

Computer Safety Information

- National Cyber Security Alliance at www.staysafeonline.org (FTC endorsed)
- Child related at www.netsmartz.org (sponsor: National Center for Missing or Abused Children)
- Keep all operating systems, security software and applications up-to-date.
- When surfing the web, are you clicking on an ad? Anyone, including crooks, can buy an ad!

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November Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party



Don't forget that our **November meeting on the 22nd** will be a **PIZZA PARTY**.

If you want to ensure we have enough **PIZZA** to go around, please RSVP to the office or sign up at the next meeting.

And while you are thinking about volunteer appreciation, who do you think should be our Volunteer of the Year. Which one of your fellow Bluebills was a star this past year. Submit their name and a short write up and submit it to the office or one of your Co-Chairs.



Solitaires

Submitted by: Nina Schuler

Solitaires—A Social Activities Group for Unattached Bluebills will be gathering for lunch at 11:30AM on the third Thursday, November 21st, at Applebee's, 17790 S Center Pkwy. If you are interested please join us. There's always room for several more.

For further information please contact Lana at 425-919-7028

Read Your Newsletter Online and in Color with Easy Access to Hot Links

By: Dick Beham

When you receive a hard copy of your monthly Heritage Chapter Newsletter each month and find you would like to see some of the photos in color or easily access the hot links to additional information presented in the Newsletter, well you can! Just go online to **Bluebills.org** <http://bluebills.org/>, go to your chapter **Heritage –Renton/Seattle** <http://bluebills.org/heritage.html> and select Newsletters from the menu **Newsletter** <http://bluebills.org/heritagenewsletters.html>. From that page you can select the current Newsletter or by going to the **Archived Newsletter Section** <http://bluebills.org/archived%20hnl.htm> you can open and read any number of past Newsletters or print a Newsletter on your own printer in color. Once you have accessed the Newsletter page “Save It” in your “Favorites” for even easier access in the future.

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- Remember to always log out when finished working on the computer

Password Security

- Review, strengthen and protect your passwords. Use a memorable phrase unique to you (first letter of each word plus numbers and special characters. Example: AARP Fraud Watch Network is No. 1 in Fighting Fraud = AFWNi#1iFF
- Read about Password Manager software at www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2475964,00.asp

The above information is rather cut and dry, not nearly as interesting as Kay and Kathy presented in person. Hopefully everyone will find it helpful. Following the presentation, Kay and Kathy answered numerous questions from the attendees. Jim then presented them with *The History of Boeing* book, which they said would be a wonderful addition to their office for all to share. Richard closed the meeting with the door prize drawing.

Speaker for November 22nd Chapter Meeting

By: Jim Beasley



The speaker for November 22nd, Heritage Chapter Meeting will be Kristine Leander, Executive Director Swedish Club of Seattle, who will give us a presentation on being Scandinavian in Seattle.

Founded in Seattle in 1892, the Swedish Club has grown to become a center of Scandinavian activities in the Pacific Northwest. Our members are not only Swedes and other Scandinavians, but people of many cultural backgrounds.

Boeing Bluebill Organization

From the Chair Bluebill FLYER October 2019 By Myron Vogt

I think most of you know that Bluebills has three chapters: the Heritage chapter that covers greater Seattle, Sno-King, that covers northern King and Snohomish Counties, and our own Olympic Peninsula Chapter.

Although the chapters seem to work independent of any oversight, all are actually governed by the Bluebill Central Leadership Council (CLC). The CLC is made up of each chapter's Chair, a chapter designated Second Representative and six Representatives elected at large from all the members. From this group a Chair is selected. Currently I am the CLC Chair. Boeing designates a person to work with the CLC. In this case it is Rachel Peterson, who has been to a couple of our Olympic Peninsula quarterly meetings. I want to discuss a few things that are going on at the CLC.

Non-Profit Status

Boeing has suggested that it might be to our advantage to be a 501(c)3 .

As you know, the Peninsula Chapter works closely with the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO), which is a non-profit formed to mainly collect money to support STEM programs. Right now, the CLC has asked the two co-chairs, Alan Rice of Sno-King and Howard Syder of Heritage to study the problem and give us a status report at our December meeting.

Budget

Boeing provides us with a budget based mainly on the prior year's spending. This year it is \$11,000 for all chapters. Because there are lags in submitting expenses and getting paid, how much we are spending isn't always known. As a result, we may be under spending, causing budget cuts in the next year. For these reasons I have asked Mike Burke from our chapter to act as Treasurer and keep track of expenses that are submitted. All Business Expense Reports (BERs) are now submitted to Mike to send on to Boeing. I have asked each chapter to give me their budget for the rest of the year so the remaining money can be allocated to those who have a reason to spend it.

Membership Lists/Communications

Sno-King and Heritage have offices in Boeing facilities and use Boeing computers. Office access requires a Boeing badge and the use of computers requires Boeing passwords. All communications with members are done by phone or mail with individual exceptions when email is used. Boeing has advised that our membership lists no longer comply with Boeing Standards. A solution would be to take the membership lists off the Boeing computers and use personal computers to maintain the data. The distribution would be limited to those with a need to know. Once off the Boeing system the list can be manipulated to make email listings and sort as desired. Also, members who are not longer "active" could be dropped. I think there are about 800 names on the current lists. The status of this is that I am waiting for Rachel Peterson to down-load the list in Excel and send to me.

Elections to the CLC

There will be several CLC positions opening up at the end of the year. Right now the CLC meets quarterly in the Seattle area. If you might be interested in running let me know. Positions are generally unopposed. You should be Boeing Retiree for this position.

Thanks, Myron
Chairman Bluebills Central Leadership Committee (CLC)

Boeing's Faster Future On Display At NBAA-BACE

By: Guy Norris, Show News October 23, 2019 from Show News Aviation Week

Look closely and tucked away behind most of the eVTOL and other futuristic concepts at NBAA-BACE, [Boeing](#) is quietly making a statement about where its future ambitions lie in high-speed flight.

On display at the company's HorizonX stand, and for the first time at NBAA, are showing both supersonic and hypersonic transports that the company believes will soon be on the wish list for high-net-worth individuals, corporations and governments all over the world. The biggest model, and also realistically perhaps the nearest-term project in the high-speed arena, is the AS2 – the Aerion supersonic business jet program in which Boeing became a significant investor earlier this year.



Calendar of Events 2019

Jan 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
Jun 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 26	Chapter Picnic—Coulon Park, Renton
Aug 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Sep 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting & Pizza Party
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2019

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Heinz Gehlhaar
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Melinda Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
July	West Seattle	Heinz Gehlhaar
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Lonnie Stevenson

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**Don't Forget to
Report Your Hours!**

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



November 22, 2019

10:00 AM Social

10:30AM to 12:00 N Meeting & Pizza Party

Speaker: Kristine Leander, Executive Director Swedish Club of Seattle

Subject: "Scandinavian Seattle"

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)

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

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 1K-B02, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to 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 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.

