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BLUEBILLS 30th Anniversary Year



November 22nd Chapter Meeting Presentation

By Jim Beasley

There will be no speaker for the November meeting but there will be a Special Flatlife Video Presentation - "Evolution of BOEING".

This looks to be a very interesting and informative presentation for many of us as retirees.



October Meeting Summary

By Mary Ulibarri

Richard Vaughn opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. There were no September birthday attendees, but two on my list: Martha Battles and Ted Osborne.

There was a discussion then on the subject of having a potluck before the end of the year. The members voted in favor of the December 29th meeting. Come one, come all!

Melinda Stubbs reminded the members of the four Busy Bees quilts that are up for grabs at the December meeting. Be sure and buy some tickets and proudly be a winner.

Dick Beham then introduced Anna Bachmann who is the Director of Clean Water Program for Puget Soundkeeper. She joined the organization in the summer of 2019 and leads the Salmon and Legacy Debris Project, the Lost Urban Creeks Project, and is also responsible for Soundkeeper's Education and Outreach programs, Stewardship activities, Community Science initiatives and its pollution hotline. She has nearly 30 years of experience working on occupational health, biodiversity conservation, environmental education, and water resource protection.

Anna has lived in the Pacific Northwest for 25 years and has sailed and kayaked the waters of Puget Sound and paddled many of its rivers. Prior to joining Puget Soundkeeper, Anna also worked at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center, the Jefferson County Health Department and she also spent 10 years living in the Middle East and working for an Iraqi conservation organization called Nature Iraq and is the co-founder of Waterkeepers Iraq.

In her current role, Anna is most excited about passing on her love of clean water and expertise in water quality monitoring to both youth and adults.



With the help of a visual display, Anna gave an excellent presentation. The Puget Soundkeeper's mission is to protect and enhance the waters of Puget Sound for the health and restoration of our aquatic ecosystems and the communities that depend on them.

This includes their vision for a Puget Sound teeming with diverse marine life and providing safe opportunities for swimming, fishing, recreation and sustainable economic activity.

They seek a Sound that supports the lifeways and traditional cultural practices of indigenous peoples; provides all communities with a clean, healthy place to live and work; and once again is home to an abundance of salmon and orca.

They monitor Puget Sound water quality, help set strong policies and regulations that protect the waterways and its health, enforce environmental regulations, engage citizens and businesses in waterway cleanups and recovery projects, educates and involves the public in local water pollution issues, and partners with local and regional groups to advance solutions that protect Puget Sound including lakes, rivers and streams.

Stopping toxic pollution before it starts is the most effective way to protect healthy waters and ensure that our region is resilient in the long term. Soundkeeper's team is dedicated to building partnerships with businesses, government, and individuals to find sustainable solutions that reduce pollution. And every year Soundkeeper teams up with thousands of volunteers and dozens of businesses, agencies and organizations to improve our waterways for people and wildlife by hosting waterway cleanup events and water quality monitoring projects.

Anna then answered a number of questions from the audience. And the Busy Bees presented her with a terrific Halloween fabric wall hanging to thank her for an interesting and informative presentation.

The meeting was adjourned following the door-prize drawing.

Busy Bees Report

by Milinda Stubbs

The Busy Bees ladies are living up to our name.

So far in 2024 we've made and donated 28 quilts to PICC (Pediatric Interim Care Center) in Kent; Quota, a place that supports speech & hearing impaired, will receive 10 quilts. Mary's Place will receive 18 quilts this year. Ten are about to go to an Adult Family Home in West Seattle. Plus, the 5 lovely quilts selected for this year's raffle with the drawing to be held in December along with our potluck lunch.

Raffle tickets are \$1 dollar each. They help us purchase batting by the roll as well as flannel or other fabrics for backing for some quilts. Periodically we need to purchase replacement blades for our rotary cutters, needles for our sewing machines. One of our well used sewing machines may need a tune-up this winter.

Photos of this year's selections include a 23"x25" quilt made with a dog print fabric. Perfect for your favorite pooch or if a child chooses to use it for a doll bed or wrap a special toy up on a cold day.



To be fair, we also have a quilt 27"x 41" with cat print fabric in case you choose to lay it across the foot of the bed for your favorite feline or in a chair or on the sofa so your special cat knows where they can sleep. Or wrap yourself up in a very cheerful fabric.

Now for us adults, there is a beautiful duck print with a gray flannel backing that is XLG, enough for 2 people to cuddle on the sofa. Or one person totally wrapped up on a cold day or camping or in an RV.



A second duck print motif has beautiful shades of blue & white quilted on the back. Perfect size to cuddle in a chair to read or watch TV.

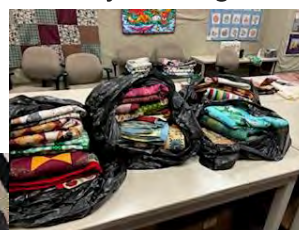


A cheerful pastel quilt will cheer you up just looking at it much less cuddling under it. Could hang it to cheer up a room for our dreary NW



weather. A stunning Asian fabric with black, red & gold colors. Very striking in a home with those colors.

All of these quilts are made with cotton fabric & very washable. They are meant to be used.



We appreciate your support by purchasing a raffle ticket in November & December with the drawing in December. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets but are unable to attend in person, please contact [Milinda Stubbs](#) to arrange purchase.

Volunteer Opportunity



From: Emma Pennycuick

Date: October 24, 2024

Subject: Annual Toy N Joy Event: Come Volunteer!

Registration is now open for The Salvation Army's annual "Toy & Joy" event, and we'd love to have your help!

Dates: November 18-27 and December 2-19, no Sundays.

Details:

1. **Address:** 17686 Southcenter Pkwy Tukwila, WA 98188 (the old Buy Buy Baby location)
2. **Parking is free.** There is a parking lot in front of the building.
3. The volunteer sign up

link: <https://volunteer.usawest.org/OpportunityDetail.aspx?ID=8241>

1. We will be sorting, inventorying, and organizing donations at our warehouse.
2. This event is a combined effort of our 5 King County Community Centers (*Bellevue, Renton, Federal Way, North Seattle and White Center*) and our Seattle Social Services Department

Please reach out to me with any questions. Thank you so much for considering this opportunity.

For more info about The Salvation Army, please visit: <https://northwest.salvationarmy.org/>

Emma Pennycuick

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Securing today
and tomorrow

Submitted by: Micki Brown

View Your New Benefit Amount Using Your Personal my Social Security Account

More than 72.5 million Americans will see a 2.5% increase in their Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in 2025. We will mail cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) notices throughout the month of December to retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and representative payees.

This year, millions of people who receive Social Security Disability and Retirement benefits and do not pay Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) will receive a newly designed and improved COLA notice. The notice is now on one page, providing exact dates and dollar amounts of your new benefit and any deductions, making it easier to find what you need. [Watch our video](#) to learn more about our redesigned COLA notice.

Want to know your new benefit amount as soon as possible? **Starting in early December**, you may be able to securely view and save your Social Security COLA notice online via the Message Center inside [my Social Security](#). Most people should be able to get an online COLA notice. **Benefit amounts will not be available before December.**

Many of our notices – like the COLA notice and our popular 1099 and 1042 benefit statements – are available online. You can choose to get available notices online instead of in the mail and receive email or text alerts under “Message Center Preferences.” This means not needing to wait for them to arrive in the mail or getting the notice lost or misplaced.

Additionally, many of our forms – such as those related to overpayments or that need to accompany disability applications – are available online and no longer require wet signatures. This makes it easier and quicker for us to request and customers to submit various types of evidence and documents.

Washington History

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Martian Invaders

On October 30, 1938, Martians invaded our planet and annihilated much of the populace with heat rays -- or at least that's what some folks believed when they turned on their radios. That evening, Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre broadcast a half-hour dramatization of H. G. Wells's [War of the Worlds](#) on the CBS radio network, and although the possible end of mankind still had commercial breaks, some thought that the end days had arrived.

The show's "live reports" originated from the East Coast, but local news outlets were flooded with calls from frazzled individuals who feared that aliens might have also landed here in the Northwest. Up in the mountain town of [Concrete](#), people panicked when a power outage plunged the community into darkness in the middle of the broadcast.

In the cold light of dawn, no alien war machines could be found hereabouts. Or were they just biding their time? In 1947, the world's first modern "[flying saucers](#)" were spotted over [Mt. Rainier](#), [Seattle](#), and [Maury Island](#). The last sighting proved to be a hoax, but suspicious events gave conspiracy theorists their first "Men in Black" to chew on. Add in all the [Cold War jitters](#), and by 1954 all it took was a few windshield dings to trigger [panic in the streets](#).



Stock Market Traders

In 1929, during the last days of October, a [heavy sell-off](#) on the New York Stock Exchange brought down upon many heads a [tumble](#) and [crash](#) of epic proportions. The stock market collapse ushered in the [Great Depression](#), a 10-year economic downturn that caused [hardship](#) worldwide.

Washington suffered as trade dried up, [jobs vanished](#), and businesses closed. Beginning in 1931, unemployed workers in Seattle began establishing "[Hooverilles](#)," the largest of which was south of downtown. The shantytown would remain there for [almost a decade](#), as did a similar [encampment in Tacoma](#).

Across the state, people turned to elected officials for [relief](#). The Washington Highway Department used appropriations balances to [provide manual-labor jobs](#). Newly elected state Representative [Warren G. Magnuson](#) helped [spearhead unemployment relief](#) by way of other [construction projects](#). In 1935, Governor Clarence Martin [signed a revenue act](#) which overhauled taxes and set up a tax system that remains relatively unchanged to this day.

The federally funded [Civilian Conservation Corps](#) and Works Progress Administration provided more jobs. WPA workers [built airports](#), created [land-use surveys](#), [wrote books](#), [supported the arts](#), and [kept folks entertained](#). By 1939, consumers were spending money again and federal funds went to other projects such as [shipbuilding](#) and [aluminum production](#). But new perils [loomed on the horizon](#).



It's All Up to You

Since Washington [became a state](#) in 1889, its citizens have voted in 34 presidential elections, beginning in [1892](#) when they chose Republican Benjamin Harrison, who lost to Grover Cleveland. In [1896](#), they chose William Jennings Bryan, who lost to William McKinley. President McKinley won again in [1900](#), and this time he carried the state.

State voters sided with the nation again when they chose Teddy Roosevelt in [1904](#) and William Howard Taft in [1908](#). After November 8, 1910, [women voters](#) joined in, and Roosevelt once again got the state nod in [1912](#), but lost to Woodrow Wilson, who won a second term with state support in [1916](#). For the next four decades, Washington matched the nation by choosing Warren G. Harding in [1920](#); Calvin Coolidge in [1924](#); Herbert Hoover in [1928](#); Franklin Roosevelt in [1932](#), [1936](#), [1940](#), and [1944](#); Harry Truman in [1948](#), and Dwight Eisenhower in [1952](#) and [1956](#),

The winning streak ended in [1960](#), when Washingtonians opted for Richard Nixon, who lost to John F. Kennedy. State voters won with Lyndon Johnson in [1964](#), but in [1968](#) they chose Hubert Humphrey, who lost to Nixon. President Nixon won the state in [1972](#), but in [1976](#), state voters went for Gerald Ford, who lost to Jimmy Carter.

Ronald Reagan won state support in [1980](#) and [1984](#), which is the last time a Republican carried Washington in a presidential election. Since then Washington voted for Michael Dukakis over George H. W. Bush in [1988](#), Bill Clinton in [1992](#) and [1996](#), and Al Gore and John Kerry in [2000](#) and [2004](#) respectively, both times over George W. Bush. Washington supported Barack Obama in [2008](#) and [2012](#), Hillary Clinton carried the state in [2016](#), and in [2020](#) Washingtonians voted overwhelmingly for Joe Biden. In all, there have been 23 presidential elections in which state voters sided with the candidate who received the most electoral votes.

BITS & PIECES





Bluehills Heritage Chapter Meeting

November 22, 2024



Social: 10:00 AM
Meeting 10:30 - 11:30 AM



Special Presentation: "Evolution of Boeing"



Come to the meeting, enjoy coffee, donuts, informative presentations, and socialize with other Boeing retirees.

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

Calendar of Events 2024
In Person Meetings

Jan 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting	Jul 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting	Aug 30	Chapter Picnic/Potluck
Mar 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting	Sept 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting	Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting	Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting	Dec 20	Chapter Holiday Potluck

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Report Your Hours!**

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