



The Heritage

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Chapter Report

By Don Hilt



Did you notice how seamlessly we slipped into Fall. For the most part, we've cleaned up our yards and flowering baskets, put away our gardening tools, stored patio items, and have seen our grandchildren and great grandchildren begin another year of school. It's an exciting time of year when the air is a little crisper at night and in the early morning. The trees will soon stand naked without their leaves and we pray that winter will be kind to us.

Over the years, September has been a good month for me. I was born in September, married Phyllis in September, and haven't missed the September Washington State Fair in 40 years. We wound down the month by taking two classes: one for Senior Drivers, the other had tips for avoiding senior scams. BECU has information about fraud and scams on their website, so does AARP at AARP.org. We also changed our auto insurance company. Their rate went up 25%, even though we had no accidents or tickets. The new insurance company installed a monitor in each of our cars, for six months. We'll qualify for an even greater safe-driver discount if the data shows we drive safely. During the monitoring period, Phyllis will not let me drive her car AT ALL. She keeps saying, "I won't let you mess with my discount."

This September also brought heart-felt sadness. So many of you have both given/and received so much from the Bluebills over the years – and yet the very existence of the Heritage Chapter is at stake. Doug has eloquently addressed this over the past several months, and I know Richard Vaughn will take up the cause in the coming months. The core group of people who hold office and run the chapter year-after-year are simply "road weary." The three current co-chairman will not run for office in 2020, and others have said they do not plan to fill other positions, as well. Without new people volunteering to shoulder chapter positions and responsibilities – our Chapter will simply "fold" in a few short months. After 25 years of exceptional community service, I hope this doesn't happen.

Don

Hi Bluebills,

Our annual retiree event will be held Tuesday, 22 October at the Renton Pavilion Center. There is limited seating so please register using the link below.

<https://watchusfly.com/retiree-rsvp/>

Rachel



Busy B's

By: Janice Hawes

Time is flying. only a couple more months and we will be sorting and bagging up toys for our food banks and before that getting quilts ready to donate. We are a small group but still manage to produce quite a few quilts. Now it's time to deliver them to their new homes.

Becky Prenavost, our supplier of stuffed animals, gave us many bags of them again. She does this about twice a year and makes our "stuffie" cabinets full. We really appreciate what she does and I'm sure the little kids receiving them do also.

We are going to be raffling a quilt again this year so watch for it at the October and November monthly meetings. The drawing will be at the Christmas potluck in December as usual.

Happy Autumn everyone, can't wait to see the beautiful colors.

Janice



September Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Co-Chair Don Hilt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two September birthday celebrants in attendance – Norma Vaughn and Don Hilt and two anniversaries – Ted and Judy Leyden (21yrs.) and Don and Phyllis Hilt (39 yrs.).

Don reiterated the volunteer recognition event in November will be a pizza lunch and stated a sign-up sheet was available at the sign-in table for members to mark if they plan to attend. Members can also call or email the office to get their names on that list. This will help determine how many pizzas to buy.

Jim Beasley then introduced the two speakers James Ampsacher, Watershed Public and Cultural Programs Manager, and Paige Igoe, Senior Water Quality Engineer, of Seattle Public Utilities.

With the help of slides, James and Paige took turns presenting Seattle's past, present and future of the drinking water system and confirmed Seattle's water is clean, safe and tastes great. You can drink it from the tap.

Wells, springs and private water companies provided Seattle's water throughout the 1800's. Rapid population growth in the late 1800's and the "Great Seattle Fire" of June 6, 1889 prompted a vote on establishing a municipal water system. Shortly thereafter, Seattle residents approved revenue bonds to construct the Cedar River water system. Water first flowed from the Cedar River into Seattle's system in 1901. A pipeline channeled water to the Volunteer Park and Lincoln reservoirs on Capitol Hill.



To meet the water needs of a rapidly growing Seattle, the water system capacity grew from 23.5 million gallons per day in 1901 to 68.5 million gallons per day in 1909. In 1964, the next water supply source, the South Fork of the Tolt River, began supplying north Seattle and the Eastside.

Today, the Seattle water system supplies about 140 million gallons of water per day to about 1.4 million people in the Seattle area.

Seattle is one of only a few large cities in the U.S. to get its water from pristine, protected watersheds. The

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City of Seattle owns or controls more than 100,000 acres of watershed areas that are closed to general public access. SPU makes sure these areas are free of agricultural, industrial and recreational activities, and no one can live there. This means there is little opportunity for contaminants to enter the water.

The Cedar River Watershed is located 35 miles southeast of Seattle and supports a diverse ecosystem and provides about 70% of the drinking water. From this watershed, melting snow and rain are gathered and stored in the Chester Morse Lake and the Masonry Pool reservoirs created by the Masonry Dam. The dam diverts the water into two large penstocks which drop water 620 feet to the hydroelectric power plant at Cedar Falls, the birthplace of Seattle City Light.

The water is released back into the river, and continues flowing to the Landsburg diversion dam. At Landsburg, a portion of the water is diverted from the river into two large pipelines which run over seven miles to Lake Youngs in Renton. From Lake Youngs, water is pumped a short distance to the Cedar Water Treatment Facility.

The Tolt River Watershed is located in the foothills of the Cascades in east King County. The Tolt Reservoir captures water and snow from the Tolt watershed and supplies about 30% of the drinking water for the greater Seattle area. Most of this water is released from the dam directly to the South Fork Tolt River. A portion of the water is drawn through penstocks to a small hydroelectric facility one thousand feet below. There it enters a small body of water called the regulating basin. The water then continues its journey, all by gravity, to the Tolt Water Treatment Facility. There are four major receiving waters: Lake Washington, the Ship Canal and Lake Union, the Duwamish River, and Puget Sound.

Water to your tap. From the treatment facilities, the drinking water enters one of a number of large pipelines known as transmission mains, some as big as eight feet in diameter. The transmission mains run the 20 miles or more to Seattle and surrounding communities. Transmission mains branch off into smaller pipes, to water storage tanks and reservoirs, sometimes to water pumping stations, and then to the customer.

Seattle is fortunate to capture its water high in the foothills. The water flows mostly by gravity all the way to the tap. In some cases, however, pump stations are needed to pump water to hilltops and also to transfer water from one part of the City to another.

Water tanks are located at elevations to supply the right amount of water pressure. The volume of water in the tanks also helps meet the changing needs for water during the day, especially the large amount of water used to fight a fire. At some of the very large in-town reservoirs, a bit more chlorine is added to ensure the safety of the water. From the water tanks and reservoirs, water flows through a grid of water mains, almost 1,700 miles in all, buried below the streets of the City. Smaller water service pipes tap into those mains, bringing the water to the customer.

Because Seattle Public Utilities owns or controls both of its watersheds, they have unique control of the protection and quality of the water. This keeps the drinking water supply safe. Tap water is carefully regulated by federal, state and local groups. To ensure the safety of the drinking water, SPU's water quality lab tests an average of 50 samples per day, 365 days a year. The waters are provided with just enough treatment to keep the drinking water safe, clean and tasting good. There is even a taste test panel that meets twice a month to taste and evaluate the water. If there is a problem found in Seattle's water supply, SPU will immediately work to safeguard drinking water, while notifying the public via local media as well as online at seattle.gov.

There were no follow-up questions as many good ones were answered throughout the presentation. Amid the applause, Jim thanked Paige and James and presented them with *The History of Boeing* book. Don concluded the meeting with the door prize drawing.

To view the Presentation go to Bluebills.org/SPU-Drinking Water Presentation to Boeing Bluebills 092719.pdf

Speaker for October 25th Chapter Meeting

By: Jim Beasley

The speaker for October 25th Heritage Chapter Meeting will be Kay Tomlinson, AARP Fraud Watch Specialist, who will show a slide presentation on the AARP Washington Fraud Prevention program.

Kay Tomlinson has been a Fraud Watch Specialist volunteer with AARP since retiring from a successful business career. After 20 years providing 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.

Kay brings her experience and passion for fraud and cybercrime prevention to her presentations with true-life stories to make the material come to life with the goal of increasing awareness and providing tools which participants can use to protect themselves from fraudsters and cybercriminals.

Kay 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.

140 Hotdogs in 30 Minutes

by Doug Hoople

No! We didn't eat 140 hotdogs in 30 minutes, we served them. On one of those adventures with a USO Mobile. Three of us drove to Navy Base Bangor to provide lunch for the new Chief Petty Officer indoctrination event for the Navy at the base recreation site on September 12th. We set up our grill, got the dogs on the grill, set up a serving line, pulled out the chips and drinks and finished off with some Girl Scout cookies for dessert. In a fast food frenzy we cooked and served over 140 hot dogs to the inductees and the staff as fast as we could. How fast do you think you can get a hot dog into a bun? As usual it was great fun (except they ate all the hot dogs and we didn't get any). Lots of great conversations with everybody. Lots of people appreciating the fact we came out to support them. The USO does this as well as supplying "Helping Hands" funds for service units to have spontaneous or planned events for their troops wherever needed.

Volunteering at the United Service Organizations (USO)

By Doug Hoople

Volunteering at the USO can be an adventure. There are many ways and locations to join the Staff and volunteers whose goal is to support the Active Duty and Veteran population and their families in our Northwest community.

There are three major locations in the Puget Sound area: the Sea-Tac International Airport Center, the Shali Center at McChord Field, and the Camp Lewis Center at Fort Lewis.

At the Sea-Tac Center the USO is basically a lounge for Active Duty and Veterans as they pass through the airport and is open 24/7. There are three basic jobs to keep things going: at the front desk you check in guests, check ID cards, give basic travel information, and help identify shuttles and transportation to the local military bases. In the luggage room, you tag luggage and get it stored on the shelves. In the kitchen, you take care of the food, make sandwiches, and keep the dining room tables clean. There are also many miscellaneous duties to

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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, October 18th, at the DoubleTree Northwest Landing, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA. 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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perform to keep the Center clean and neat. They serve about 13,000 each month.

At the Shali Center, at McChord, open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, they support the military personnel traveling out of McChord field and full unit troop deployments (at special times). They also function as a lounge, providing food and a place to relax while waiting for a flight, serving about 50,000 each year.

The new Camp Louis Center, open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, is co-located near the Base Welcoming Center to provide a cyber meeting place to network, share advice, discuss local events and to meet new friends.

The USO also has three mobile units which provide services in the field during training, pier side for deployments and homecomings and other military locations. Typical duties are serving coffee and donuts at those homecomings as dependents wait for their service person to arrive. Serving hotdogs, chips, and drinks to service wives who have just competed/completed on their husband's obstacle course.

The USO also has some major fund-raising events to enjoy and volunteer for—The Red, White, and Blue Golf classic in May/June and the Five-Star Gala in October.

The volunteers also support the Christmas Snowball Express, Honor Flights, Race for a Solder, The City of Auburn's Veteran's Day Parade, and many other events supporting our Active Duty military and their families in the community.

Visit the USO's web site to obtain more information and see other volunteer opportunities. The site is Northwest.USO.org.

UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY SPOUSES' BENEFITS

Marriage is a tradition that exists on every continent and in nearly every country. Having a partner not only means creating a family unit, it means sharing things like a home and other property. Understanding how your future retirement might affect your spouse is important. When you're planning for your retirement, here are a few things to remember:

Your spouse's benefit amount could be up to 50 percent of your spouse's full retirement age amount, if you are full retirement age when you take it. If you qualify for a benefit from your own work history and a spouse's record, we always pay your own benefit first. You cannot receive spouse's benefits unless your spouse is receiving his or her retirement benefits (except for divorced spouses). If you took your reduced retirement first while waiting for your spouse to reach retirement age, when you add spouse's benefits later, your own retirement portion remains reduced, which causes the total retirement and spouses benefit together to total less than 50 percent of the worker's amount. You can find out more about this at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/quickecalc/spouse.html.

On the other hand, if your spouse's retirement benefit is higher than your retirement benefit, and he or she chooses to take reduced benefits and dies first, your survivor benefit will be reduced, but may be higher than what your spouse received.

If the deceased worker started receiving reduced retirement benefits before their full retirement age, a special rule called the retirement insurance benefit limit may apply to the surviving spouse. The retirement insurance benefit limit is the maximum survivor benefit you may receive. Generally, the limit is the higher of:

- The reduced monthly retirement benefit to which the deceased spouse would have been entitled if they had lived, or
- 82.5 percent of the unreduced deceased spouse’s monthly benefit if they had started receiving benefits at their full retirement age (rather than choosing to receive a reduced retirement benefit early).

Knowing how your finances affect your spouse’s benefit can help both of you avoid future impacts on your incomes. We have decades of experience, and the information to go with it. Access a wealth of useful information and use our benefits planners at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners.

New video: Watch the Alaskan Way Viaduct come down, in 6 1/2 minutes

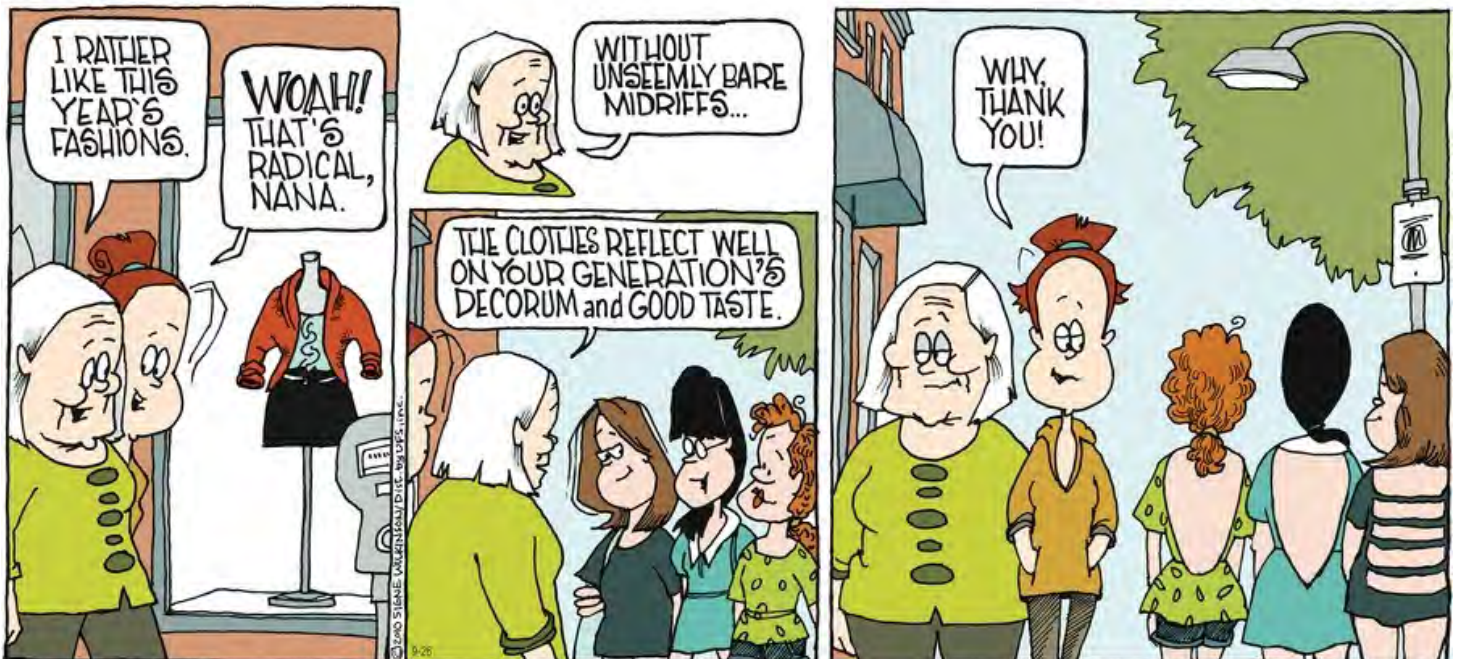
This was amazing to watch. It's ~7 minutes of the demolition of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. WOW, just WOW! It was nice to know it was going down, but to *see it* being taken down ... amazing!

Enjoy!

[New video: Watch the Alaskan Way Viaduct come down, in 6 1/2 minutes](#)

FAMILY TREE

BY SIGNE WILKINSON



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
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



October 25, 2019

10:00 AM Social

10:30AM to 12:00 N Meeting

Speaker: Kay Tomlinson, AARP Fraud Watch Specialist

Subject: "AARP Washington Fraud Prevention program."

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)

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(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.

