



The Heritage

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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



The last half of last month's comments was almost documenting a Lesson's Learned Session. Everybody remembers doing "Lesson's Learned" at Boeing. Sometimes they were very worthwhile sessions and other times they seemed to be a waste of time or a version of the blame game.

Being the Chair of the Heritage Chapter of the Boeing Bluebills has definitely been a learning experience. I can see our need for a crew of devoted volunteers to fill the official elected positions within the Chapter and the Central Organization. But each Chapter also needs a group of office volunteers. Each Chapter is different in their activities and needs for office support. We are still struggling to recruit to fill our needs.

As your Chair, I see the need to have members volunteer for elected office working their way through several elected positions so they can build the knowledge and understanding of the operation of the Chapter. I have volunteered for many organizations as well as several Bluebill projects but that didn't really give me a complete understanding of how the office operates and all the unseen events that I'd never participated in. Jumping in to serve as Chair without serving as a Vice Chair, etc. is a handicap which hasn't allowed me to be as effective as I could be if I had the experience of serving more time in the office and as an elected

officer.

Soon we will be asking for nominations for next year's officers. Please consider taking a more active part in our chapter.

Summer is almost over and luckily for us the weather forecasters were off the mark with their prediction of rain showers today. Today was our picnic. It was attended by a cross section of members from the area who enjoyed a rain free event in Renton's Gene Coulon Beach Park. Great food was shared and an enjoyable soup competition was completed. Read about it in a different article in this newsletter.

Again at the end of this monthly Chairman's Corner notes I would like to continue to acknowledge someone who has provided us with service in the Bluebill tradition. This month, I'd like to pick Janice Hawes, who made the reservation for us to have the picnic at Coulon Park. She is also the leader of our group of Busy B's.

Doug.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

This month's featured Busy B is Lana Mitsules. Lana graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a degree in Home Economics and taught for the Granite Fall School District and then Special Education at the Tacoma and Federal Way School Districts.

She went on to become a Director of a Business college and eventually went to work at Boeing as a Project



Manager in IT. She got her Masters Degree in Business Administration with emphasis on IT after she started working at Boeing.

Lana retired from Boeing in 2002, after 13

years there. She said that hearing about the Busy B's was a difficult project. She wanted to do some volunteer work and had to, as she put it, "muck" around in Boeing information to finally find the Bluebill organization.

Lana volunteered for about 5 to 6 years and wanted to get involved with the Busy B's and when an opening came up after a year or so, she joined us, much to our delight, since she is an accomplished seamstress and really great to work with.

Lana said she hadn't made a quilt prior to joining the Busy B's but her Grandmother gave her a quilt top in the Wedding Ring pattern because she thought she would be the only one in the family that could finish it. This was back in 1967 and she finally quilted it by hand in the late 1990's, some 30 years later, and from this she developed a love of quilting.

She told me her goal at Busy Bees is to learn something new with each quilt she makes. She discovered that she loves the colors of turquoise and purple and tends to include them in each quilt she makes with great results. She has made some beautiful quilts with interesting colors and patterns since she's been with us.

She is a gardener who has been matching wits with those pesky moles but I think she is winning. She recently adopted a Siamese cat that she had read about online at an animal shelter. She went to see her and fell in love with her blue eyes and dark brown ears. She named her Asia and said Asia is slowly adjusting and becoming more inquisitive. She also belongs to Solitaires.

We are so happy Lana found her way to the Busy B's .

We had more donations this month. Don Hilt again presented us with a big box of fiberfill for our medical

dolls. Sue Lyons gave us 30 lovely crocheted baby hats. Meri England gave us several boxes of fabric and took 40 baby hats to Swedish Hospital for us.

We are very grateful for all of you who help us out this way. It is very appreciated.

We have a new member, Marcia Phelps who is the Heritage Chapter Historian, recently joined our group and is already working on a quilt. Welcome to you Marcia.

YARN. We need yarn. Our terrific crocheter of afghans, mittens, and hats, Estelle Mead, crochets all year for us and we supply her with yarn when we can and we are running low on what we can give her, so if anyone has any spare skeins, we could certainly use them. Also, if anyone has a portable sewing machine just hanging around, not being used, we can always find a use for it.

100 YEARS OLD

One of our Boeing Bluebills turned 100 years old this month. Margaret Huntington celebrated her 100th at a party given by her family last Saturday, at her church. I was lucky to be invited to this celebration which was a lovely affair, with many friends and family attending. Her family did a wonderful job of preparing for this big day.



Margaret was born in 1915 in Alberta, Canada. Her family moved to Cal-

gary when she was 12 years old. Years later she went to nursing school in Victoria for a while. She married her husband Cecil and they relocated to the United States moving to the Seattle area. They had two children and she has 5 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

During World War Two, they lived in Southern California where her husband worked for Douglas Aircraft in Manhattan Beach. She remembers things like "blackout" curtains and what was thought to be two Japanese planes flying over looking for the aircraft plant which was covered by large balloon objects. They moved back to the Se-

attle area after the war, in 1945.

Margaret worked for Boeing in the personnel department in Renton for 3 years and her husband worked for Boeing for 31 years, in Blueprints. They lived in Maple Valley for many years.

I met Margaret in 2003 at Valley Medical Center where we were both in a water aerobics class. She volunteered at Valley for many years, manning an information desk.

Margaret has been a steady provider of knitted items for the Busy B's as well as collecting greeting cards for Bambi and others to recycle into handcrafted cards. She has inspired her fellow residents at her retirement home to crochet/knit items along with collecting cards from them. She also knits hats and afghans for the Pediatric Interim Clinic in Kent.

Margaret is a truly inspiring person that I have the good luck to know.

Many thanks and Happy Birthday Margaret.

Volunteer Opportunities

Hello all Bluebills,

The Federal Way Senior Center is in dire need for instructors for their Computer Lab classroom, our adult and seniors, we need some one (or two) to teach beginners, and someone who is familiar with M/S Office to teach classes in Word, Excel, and Power Point. We want to offer classes in Office 2010 and, or 2013. We also offer classes on the internet i.e. searching the web, emailing, and Facebook. Being an expert or a certified instructor is NOT a requirement, all our students are seniors and its more like teaching your friend how to use a computer. If you need something to do in your spare time, here is an opportunity to meet some nice people and have some fun at the same time.

Call Jim Lee @ 253-735-9435, cel 206-496-2511

Habitat for Humanity

No Habitat This Month

Boeing Classic Golf Tournament

It's all Merv Shetler's fault!. 7 years ago, he conned me into volunteering for the Boeing Classic Golf Tournament. At TPC Snoqualmie Ridge. I got hooked on the event, even though I have not seen him since that first year.

Merv, you are really missing out ! What's not to like. So many different jobs, free food, volunteer appreciation party on Saturday night, raffle prizes, and promoting the good name of the Boeing Company as well as Benaroya Research Institute, the beneficiary of the funds.

A beautiful **Korean Air 747** does the flyover to open the tournament on Friday. Sunday is Military Appreciation Day. **Get to HOLE ONE by 0850:** the action opener for the day is a flyover of an F6F-5 Hellcat and a P-51 Mustang, WWII vintage aircraft from Paul Allen's Flying Heritage Collection, . . . at the same time the members of our military are honored in an opening ceremony.



← Jamie Moyer & Viki Lee

The flag, on the flag stick, on the 18th green is an American Stars and Stripes, and a uniformed service person is in charge of the flag stick at putting time. Awesome sight to behold. **God Bless America.**



Beautiful weather, a bit smoky from the wild fires, but an awesome time is always had by all. "Above" Viki, Lonnie, Bill Lee, & Carmel (sp?)

See pics of some of our Bluebills who faithfully volunteer at this epic event.

Lonnie

Hot Wheels Fair



Don Hilt and I attended the Hot Wheels Fair at North Boeing Field. This is for Boeing employees to view many

classic cars and motorcycles. It is also an opportunity for various non profits to display what they do for employees who contribute to the community. The Blue-bills contribute every year to try to recruit employees who are near retirement and show how they can be a useful force in the community when they retire. Several non profits such as Page Ahead, Korry Camp, American Red Cross and various Boeing programs also contribute.

It is a fun event that is well attended over the Boeing lunch period. An additional attraction this year was that the Blue Angels were practicing at the same time. It was a very hot day but everyone had a good time. We did attract some potential recruits who will be retiring in the near future.

Howard Syder

Jim Beasley Announcement

Hi ya'll

This is an announcement from the wife of one of our Bellevue members concerning: "The Bellevue Network on Aging" that could be included in the Sept. Newsletter.

THE BELLEVUE NETWORK On AGING SEEKS NEW MEMBERS The Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA) is an advisory board to The Bellevue Parks and Community Services Department. Members are dedicated to health aging in the community and seek to promote awareness of needs and resources that support older adults through life's transitions.

Recruitment of new members is now underway. Members must live, work or serve older adults in Bellevue and be able to commit 6-12 hours per month to the network. Terms are two years.

Applications and more information can be found at www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

or contact Community Services Supervisor, Dan Lassiter at 425-452-4470 or Diana Thompson at 425-822-8694.

Jim Beasley

August Annual Picnic

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By Mary Ulibarri

Once again, the annual picnic was a big success. There were approximately 35 attendees even though a few stayed away due to the weather report. Fortunately, the weather was fine - no rain and eventually the sun broke through the clouds. The food was delicious, the conversations lively and the games were challenging and fun. But first, the results of the soup competition. They were all good and the voting was close. However, Margaret Stone prevailed with her Poor Man's soup. Congratulations, Margaret, and thanks to all contenders.

That got everyone's taste buds warmed up, so folks



moved over to the buffet tables. There was a good variety: chicken, salads, fresh fruit and vegetable trays, sandwich fixings, chips/dips, cheese and numerous desserts, such as, chocolate cake, apple pie, brownies, blondies (vanilla caramel salt), not to mention various beverages. No one walked away hungry, that's for sure.

Several of the members got a kick out of sharing a few bits with the friendly goose in our midst. It was so tame it was eating out of our hands. It was quite the beggar and not very subtle at that. If ignored, it let everyone know loud and clear. We



finally had to chase the goose away – it was getting a little too friendly, in addition to leaving signs of its presence on the pavement.

Lunch was followed by the Snake Toss game.

Lots of high energy and serious competition. After numerous rounds by the various teams, the grand champions were



Helen Lowe and her guest, Jim Norren. Judy Leyden and others were clearing the field and she happened to take a closer look at the “snakes.” And what did she discover? They were not equal in length, so she loudly cried

“foul.” Everyone got a big laugh, but she just may have been ready to start the games all over again. Next year, Judy, you get to pick first.

Since the August birthdays and anniversaries weren't recognized, they will be included at the next meeting.



And finally, a big thanks to those of you who brought items for the Food Bank. This endeavor has been slipping the last few months, so everyone is reminded to please be generous and remember you food items. Even a can or two of beans or a package of pasta are so appreciated. Thank you.

Submitted by Mary Ulibarri

More Pictures of Picnic



Lots of good food & Hungry

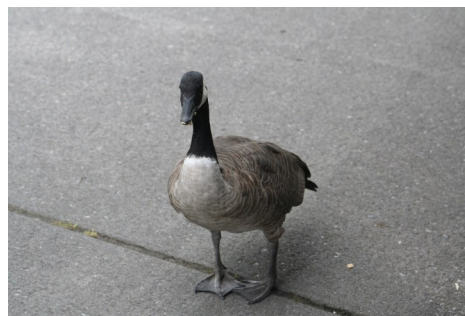
eaters, it was shirt sleeve temperature and not a drop



All in all it turned out to be a great day for a picnic, it was not too hot and certainly not cold, it was dry and everyone had a good time.

of “rain” all day John and Helen Mah in the background, unfortunately I did not get the names of the two in the foreground.

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Mary Ulibarri's uninvited friend said she would have preferred the rain but she did enjoy the free food!

Any how it was fun doing the newsletter

again and I appreciate the help supplied by Mary Ulibarri, thanks a bunch,





Here are some additional pictures from Fridays Heritage Chapter Annual picnic at Colon Park in Renton.

I appreciate all the help I have received in getting this edition of the newsletter to press, I have not done one in quite a long while and forgotten what all it entails but for better or worse here it is, I hope I haven't forgotten anybody. I did have some photos that I did not get any articles with so they will not be in here but I took a lot of them at the Picnic so to fill some space here they are.

Jim Lee

This year again the Salvation Army took 80-85 children to the JCPenney's South Center location for the Kids to shop for school clothing, and the Bluebills supplied the help. (I have addressed this to the folks who have participated in prior years; So please pass this on to all Bluebills.)

Each kid got to spend around \$200 each. JCPenney's gave an extra 25% discount on all transactions.

As usual the Salvation Army really thanked us Bluebills for our help.



Boeing Store Notice to Retirees

“The Boeing Store is now offering its annual employee discount to Boeing Retirees. As a retiree you may choose one day each year to receive a one-time 30% discount on all regular-price items in your order – a special offer that is not available to the public. Visit your local store or Boeing-Store.com to redeem. You’ve



REMINDER!

OLY-PEN BLUEBILLS SPONSOR GOLF TOUR- NAMENT FOR DVSA

On September 18 the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills will sponsor a golf tournament to benefit the Jefferson County victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. (Dove House). Here are the details:

Location: Port Ludlow, WA

Date: Friday, Sep 18

Time: 11:00 check-in, 12:00 shotgun start

Format: 4-person scramble, men's, women's and couples

Cost: \$100 Includes:

Green fees and cart

Box Lunch

Range Balls

After event awards ceremony with hors d'oeuvres

Hosted bar

Golf winners prizes

Raffle prize winners.

No handicap is required. We will pair you if needed. It's just fun for a good cause.

Your reservation for the tournament is needed by September 11.

Contact Myron Vogt to make reservations and arrange play.

vogt@cablespeed.com 360-437-4055

Checks should be made out to Dove House Golf Tournament.



Looking Ahead

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR SEPT. 11-15, 2015

BB Booth at the Fair IT's Tradition !

We will be manning a booth at this coming Washington State Fair – September 11th – 15th in conjunction with the Museum of Flight.

A huge THANK YOU to all who have signed up for shifts.

Since it would be so nice to have at least 2 people on a shift, (i.e. someone to share the experience with). . . .please let me know if you can fill in on one of the **final 3 shift vacancies**

Sunday: 6 pm – 10 pm Need 1 to help out Heritage Bluebill Myron Anderson who is coming from Gig Harbor.

Tuesday: 2 pm to 6 pm Need 1 to help out Heritage Bluebill Don Hilt;

6 pm – 10 pm Need 1 to help Heritage Bluebill CHAIR Doug Hoople as well as packing up at the end of the venue.

A special Thank you to Jim Bunt who will help me with setup prior to opening shift.

If you want to sign up for any of the remaining shift mentioned above, **call or email me** with your **name, phone number, email, and mailing address** so you can receive **the ticket to the fair.**

Icebear01@comcast.net

253-833-6935 (h) 206-920-0265 (cell)

Sincerely,

Lonnie Stevenson

SEPTEMBER - HOBBY AND CRAFT FAIR

The Heritage Chapter has many gifted hobbyists and crafters who make lovely and interesting items. We would love to see what you create in your spare time. Please bring your “show and tell” items to the September 25th monthly meeting. If you would like to sell any items, that will be okay, too. We look forward to a big turnout for this fun event.

Calendar of Events 2015

Aug 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting

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Food Bank Schedule For 2015

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

August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Bob Lambert
October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz
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

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

September 25, 2015

VFW Post 1263

416 Burnett Ave S Renton, WA

10:00 AM Social 10:30 AM—12 Noon Meeting

No Speaker This Month Due To
Hobby And Craft Fair

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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)

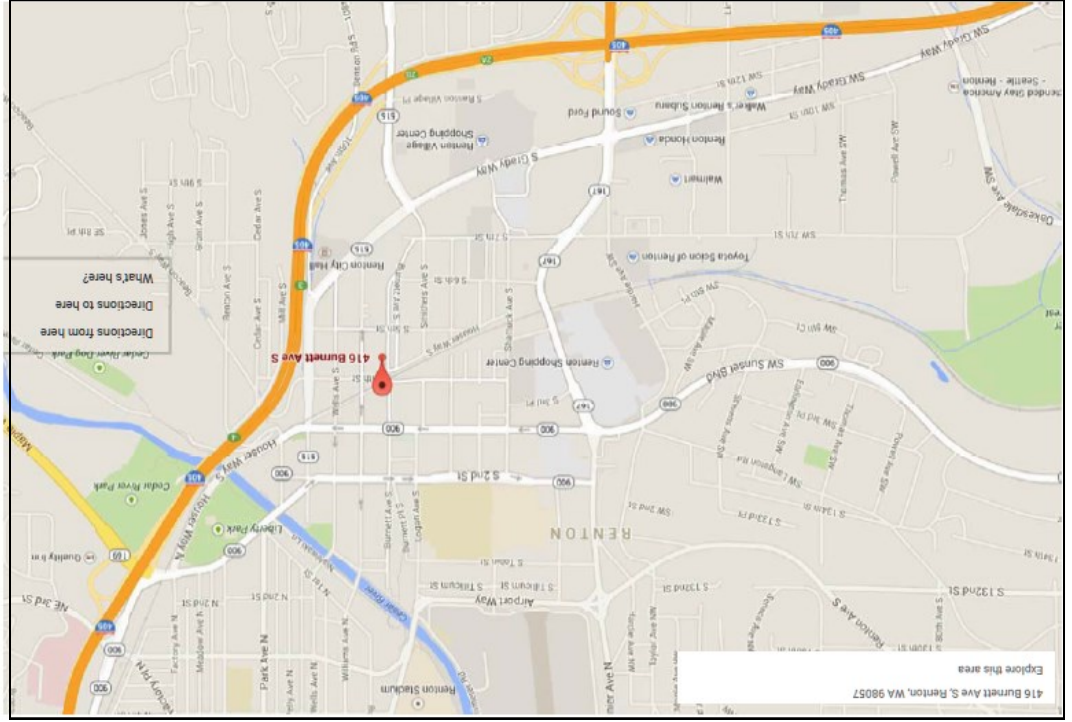
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(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting



From the north take 405 S to Exit 4 Sunset Blvd N to Bronson Way. Keep right and continue on S 2nd St. Turn left on 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. Directions from here
Directions to here
What's here?



Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting: 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton WA 98057

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. Continue three blocks to VFW.