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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



For those of you who didn't attend our annual picnic, you missed a great day. The temperature was pleasant with a mild cool wind off the lake. Everybody had an opportunity to talk to everybody they don't get a chance to at the monthly meetings. We only had two entries for the food contest. Some stuffed mushrooms and a Mexican bean salsa. Both were great.

The walking wounded were present. Janise Hawes had her finger cast off and back to normal. Lonnie Stevenson is still waiting for dates to get her procedures done. I was there with my walker. I had the operation on my right knee on the 10th and working every day with exercises to get me back to walking and driving. I heard advice on physical therapy from everybody who has had a knee operation. The main thing is to do it. If you don't put in the time now you will pay for it later.

Bill Baker was able to locate a recorder to take the minutes of the Heritage Leadership Meeting. Thanks for finally giving Bill some time off. He has been doing a great job at this for many years.

I hope you all are thinking about recommendations for a fellow Bluebill to be your Volunteer of the Year. Nominating information was available in last month's newsletter.

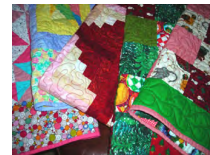
Please ensure you bring your craft and art projects to our Fall Craft Fair at the September meeting.

Sure sounds like the year is coming to an end. Next month we will also be having our Volunteer Recognition Lunch. I have identified some entertainment for the lunch which I hope will be a change of pace.

I hope some of you have thought about running for an office within the Bluebills, either in the Heritage Chapter or The Central Leadership Team. We need to ensure we are serving our fellow members by providing the leadership needed to keep us going. I believe the biggest commitment is the time involved. The work involved is not that hard. Attending meetings isn't that hard.



Hobby and Craft Fair



The Heritage Chapter will be holding the yearly hobby/craft fair at the September 30 meeting. All of you who paint, sew, knit, do woodworking, or any other type of hobby or craft, gather together the many items you have been working on and bring them to the meeting to share their beauty with other Bluebills. You may also bring your craft items to sell. We hope to have a good participation in this event so please plan to join us.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

The Busy B's have been giving the Washington Soldiers Home (also known as the Old Soldiers Home) in Orting small quilts, lap robes and lap protectors for a few months now, (all delivered by Richard Vaughn), and I thought for those who aren't familiar with the Home, I'd give you a brief history of it.

Located on 181 acres in the Puyallup valley near Orting, the Washington State Soldiers Home serves 191 residents.

On June 25, 1891, the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington performed the dedication ceremonies of the first Washington Soldiers Home in Orting, WA.

The authorization for a soldiers home was actually provided for in the Washington State Constitution. The reason for providing such a home in a part of the country that had less than a third of a million population at that time was in part due to the Civil War. When the war was over and for many years afterwards, veterans heeded the advice of Horace Greeley and, with their families, headed West, lured by stories of good job opportunities with the railroads. This was not found to be true as they found good land and jobs were already taken and the veterans and their families suffered.

People became concerned for their welfare and a mandate was incorporated into the Washington State Constitution stating "The legislature shall provide by law for the maintenance of a soldiers home for the honorable discharged Union soldiers, sailors, marines, and members of the state militia, disabled while in the line of duty and who are bonafide residents of the state."

Eventually the Orting site was selected and a bid of \$10,000 was accepted for the construction of the main building and ten cottages. The Ladies of the Women's Relief Corps donated furniture and decorations for many of the rooms of the main buildings three story

structure.

Samuel F. Street was appointed the first commander with a salary of \$1,000 a year. His wife earned \$500 as matron.

William Pencil was the first veteran to enter the Home on July 4, 1891. He had enlisted August 11, 1862, in company "A", 92nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry at Freeport, Illinois and discharged 13 months later.

By 1892 there were 37 residents. In 1895 there were Homes in 22 of the 44 states.

In 1898 the idea of forming a colony for the Soldiers' Home was suggested as it was noticed the veteran's were unhappy about leaving their families behind. So the Washington Soldiers' Home Colony was established.

There was a Home Farm ran by the residents and provided almost everything needed in the way of produce and vegetables.

A second Home was opened on February 22, 1910 with 127 men and women registered the first day.

A cemetery plat (located where the baseball field is today) was unsatisfactory and in 1907 a new plot was purchased and the bodies were relocated there.

In 1934, out of the 117 men residing in the Home, only 11 were Civil War veterans with an average age of 89. In the Colony, only 15 Union veterans were left. By the end of World War 11, the last Civil War soldier had passed on, with only one Indian War veteran left.

In 1961 a 60-bed infirmary was completed for the Home.

On July 4th, 1966, the 75th anniversary of the Washington Soldiers' Home and Colony was celebrated. This Diamond Anniversary also marked the Home's emergence into yet another period. In the 75 years of its existence it had served veterans

ranging from the Civil and Indian Wars up through World War I and now it was beginning to see the arrival of men from the Korean War.

Also in 1966 a temporary baseball diamond was built and became the home of the Home's Little-league sponsored baseball team, the ORVETS and is still enjoyed by members today.

In 1969, another change occurred at the Home. The first female veteran was admitted. She was Mrs. Stella Smith, a World War I veteran.

In 1979 a 40 bed addition with physical and occupational therapy was added.

The overview from the website where I got this information states that Washington Soldiers Home is a nursing home, providing medical nursing service for seniors with serious illnesses or disabilities twenty-four hours a day, provided by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and certified nurse aids. Washington Soldiers Home has a very good hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital & Rehab Center, located nearby.

At the time this information was gathered at this web site, one out of six persons in the State of Washington was a veteran and due to the strides of medical science and a corresponding increase in longevity more and more nursing care would be needed, so the Soldiers Home continues to grow.

Volunteers are always needed, including Bingo volunteers. Terry Nisbet is the Recreation Therapy Director and Volunteer coordinator and can be reached at 360-893-4511.

A memorial sculpture was dedicated in 1983, honoring Master Sgt Llewellyn M. Chilson who was given the title of the most decorated soldier of World War I, presented by President Harry S. Truman. The memorial sculpture was created by Larry Anderson and the following poem by George L. Skyeck.

I was that which others did not want to be.

I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.

I asked nothing from those who gave nothing and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness...should I fail.

I have seen the face of terror, felt the stinging cold of fear, and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moments love.

I have cried, pained, and hoped...but most of all, I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.

At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was ... a soldier.

Shop with Kids Event

By Heinz Gehlhaar

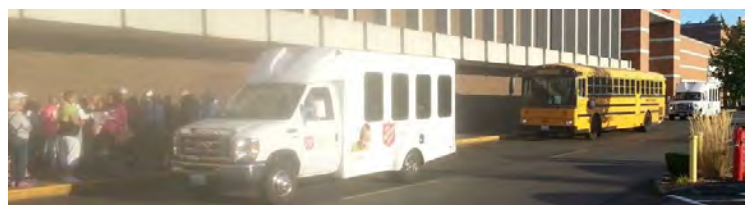
On Wednesday the Bluebills helped the Salvation Army in their "Shop with Kids" Event at JC Penney in Southcenter.

We all assembled with the other helpers and at 7:30 were assigned either one or two kids along with a sheet of information of what the kids needed and their sizes.

It was our task to help the kids decide what they really wanted, and if the stuff really fit, and keep track of the costs so that we spent all the allocated money. Once we thought we had it all, we then got checked out by the JC Penney Cashiers. If we did not spend all the allocation, we were sent back for more shopping.

All in all the Salvation Army with the help of a gracious donor and with JC Penney's generous discounts we were able to send 83 needy kids back to school with some nice new clothing.

And all of us Bluebills had a great time in guiding these neat kids.



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School Supplies Drive

By Norma Vaughn

The Heritage Chapter Leadership Council voted to hold a drive for school supplies for our local schools this year. The collection of school supplies will take place at the chapter monthly meetings on September 30 and October 28. You may bring your contributions to the meetings at the VFW in Renton where a box will be located near the door to receive them.

Some supplies that are always needed are: Ball point pens – black or blue ink; Lined notebook paper – wide or college ruled; Spiral and Composition notebooks; Pee Chees; Crayons; Erasers; Glue sticks; Dry marker pens; Hand sanitizers; Kleenex; and Back Packs.

If you wish, you may make a monetary donation and a Bluebill will purchase the supplies.

Thank you very much for continuing to support your organization and your community.

Volunteer opportunities

Submitted by: Jim Lee

Community Homes needs 4 or 5 Volunteers for their annual Fall Dinner and Auction Fund raiser at the **Marriott in Redmond Town Center**, to assist with check in and out and setup. Some computer skills would be helpful. The date is October 1st, Please call Helene Wentink at 425-442-1268 for more information. The Federal Way Senior Center is in need of several Volunteers. There is a need for an office assistant with

computer skills e.g. Data entry, filing, copying etc. There is an ongoing need for some kitchen helper to aid Donna, our Chef, preparing and serving lunch. There is a need for drivers for the Food Pantry to pick up grocery donations from stores and deliver to Senior Center Food Pantry, a pickup or van is required. There is a need for help in the community Garden doing some weeding, cultivating and good old “Green Thumb” kind of work.

The Sr. Center is located at 4016 S 352nd St Auburn WA. 98001 For more information call Char Ashcraft 253-838-3604. Email director_fwsc@hotmail.com

August Picnic Recap

By Mary Ulibarri, with Pictures submitted by Micki Brown

Once again, the annual picnic was a big success. There were approximately 45 attendees, a bigger group than last year when there was the threat of rain. There was no chance of that this year – just plenty of sunshine. The food was delicious, the conversations lively and the games were challenging and fun. But first, here are the results of the appetizer competition. Only two Bluebills participated this year, but we all enjoyed both



dishes. Don Hilt's delicious Mexican Corn Tomato Salsa won by a slim margin over the tasty Stuffed Mushrooms (with crab) submitted by Millard and Martha Battles. Well done, Don, Millard and Martha.

There was plenty of food and beverages with lots of variety, such as: chicken, many salads, vegetable trays, fresh fruit, chips/dips, and numerous desserts: two peach cobblers, rhubarb custard pie, pecan pie, lime gelatin pie, lemon bars, brownies, cookies, Oh My!!

Lunch was followed by several lawn games hap-

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pening at once: the Snake Toss, the Washer Toss, and the Bean Bag toss, the latter only got played at the last minute while Richard Vaughn was trying to pack up. And the winners...

I think everyone will say "a great time was had by all" and we all would like to express a huge thank you to the planners and doers who make the picnic a big success each year.



Dick/Earlene Beham won the Washer Toss.
and
Jim Beasley/Carla Becker the Snake Toss.



And finally, thanks to those of you who brought items for the School Supply effort. Unfortunately, there weren't many items for the food bank, so please don't forget your non-perishable items at next month's meeting. Every little bit is appreciated. Thank you.





***** **URGENT REMINDER** *****

“Volunteer of the Year 2016” Nominations

It is once again time for members of the Heritage Chapter to submit their nominations for outstanding Volunteers of the Year for 2016. In the past we have mailed a letter to each member and included a form to be used for this purpose. Due to the high cost of mailing these notices we are placing this article in our newsletter asking for your help. Do you know a Heritage Bluebill who is an outstanding volunteer and you would like them to receive this honor? You can nominate them using the following guidelines. If you have questions, please call the office at 206-544-6286 and leave a message, we will return your call.

Nominations for the Volunteer of the Year must be received in the office no later than October 12, 2016,

to allow the impartial, non-Bluebill judges sufficient time to review them and determine who the honored Bluebill will be. Please mail your nomination(s) to: Bluebills, The Boeing Company, P.O. Box 3707, MC: 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124-2207, or you can e-mail them to bluebills@boeing.com.

Please include:

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

City, Zip Code _____

Nominee's Phone _____

Describe your nominee's activities including agencies involved, and number of hours volunteered (approximate). Please be as specific as possible about how people's lives and/or his community have benefited from the nominee's actions. Applications will be accepted only if they are typed or printed clearly and signed by the nominator.

Some guidelines for your submittal are as follows:

- Nominations should be one page long, either typed or printed.
- Please include your name, address, telephone number, signature and date. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations must be received no later than October 12, 2016.
- Nominee must be a Heritage Chapter member retiree or his/her spouse.
- Nominee should be informed of his/her nomination, but this is optional.
- Self-nominations are encouraged.
- Nominee's efforts must be performed as a non-paid volunteer.
- Bluebills reserves the right to use all nominees' names and achievement records in news stories and feature articles at a later date, whether or not the nominee wins.
- Agencies, organizations or projects with which the nominee has volunteered will be contacted to verify nomination information.

A Volunteer of the Year luncheon will be held on October 26, 2016. You will receive a letter with information and a form to be used to make your reservations for the luncheon.

*Thank you for your continued support to the community and the Bluebills organization.
Together we continue to make a difference.*

Calendar of Events 2016

Jan 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 26	Heritage Chapter Picnic (Coulam Pk)
Sep 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Craft Fair)
Oct 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 18	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 16	Chapter Monthly Meeting

Food Bank Schedule For 2016

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings 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	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Open

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<i>(Open)</i>	Special Projects

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



September 30, 2016
10:00 AM—12:00 Noon
**“Heritage Chapter
Hobby & 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)

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

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 left on Talbot Rd. Then turn right on 7th St and then left on Burnett Ave S. Continue three blocks to VFW.

