



The Heritage

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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



The volunteer opportunity sign-up sheets I wrote about last month have given us a list of Bluebills available for upcoming events.

The people who signed up will be contacted as dates, times, and locations become known as the Boeing Anniversary events get scheduled.

Again for those of you who receive our newsletter and aren't able to attend our monthly meetings, I would ask you to call the office or email me indicating your interest.

For the Earth Days coming up in April, you will need to volunteer on the Boeing website. Just log on, find the volunteer site and sign up for the date you are available.

We still don't know if the delivery of coffee and donuts to Boeing employees, with the USO, will happen in May or July but we have volunteers signed up for both months.

Do not forget that our meeting next month, on April 29th, is our Spring Finger Food Pot Luck. Let's be creative and bring some adventurous new delicious temptations for our taste buds.

I'm making my comments short this month because I've written an extra article to ask you all to help support the Renton VFW which has been providing us our meeting place for the past year and a half. They need our help to replace a

leaking roof, please read that article and provide any assistance you can.

In closing, I would like to extend condolences out to Adrian Lawler, whose wife passed away a week ago. Adrian has been a long time Bluebill and his loss is shared by all of us.

Helping our VFW host

Submitted by: Doug Hoople

Since May of 2014 we have been meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 1263 on Burnett Avenue in Renton.

We have not been charged rent for the meeting space because of our volunteer efforts in the community. They recognize that we are doing community projects that benefit our community at large.

At the present time the Post is looking at the need to replace their roof due to age and an increasing number of leaks.

At the last meeting of the leadership team of the Heritage Chapter we discussed ways we could help the Post in its efforts to replace the roof.

We are not allowed to go out fund raising and there is no Boeing or Bluebills budget to contribute.

We can help the VFW identify grant possibilities and we can "pass the hat" for contributions.

I would like to ask all our members to consider making a donation to the roof replacement at one of

our next two meetings (April or May). Any amount you are able to add would be greatly appreciated.

This would be a small way to support the Post which is providing us a meeting room.

Thank you for your help and consideration in this matter.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

Hi Bluebills,

We have a new project this month. We have been making lap protectors (bibs) for a nursing home. They are quick to make and are very appreciated by the residents.

One of our Busy B's, Jean Derheim is on the disabled



list with an injured right arm. We miss her and hope she'll be back soon.

Kathy Lyons recently gave us many crocheted baby hats which

she does so well.

We have some new quilts hanging in the Busy B/ conference room. If you're in the neighborhood, drop by to see them.

If there are any quilters or anyone who just likes to sew, we would love to have you join us. We meet on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 1:00 and on Thursdays from 9:00 to 12:00.

That's it for this month. Happy Spring and enjoy all the great flowering trees.



Bluebills Education Volunteering

By Brad Gupta

Hi Bluebills, I am Brad Gupta and I have joined Bluebills organization as your new Education Chairman. If you have worked with Ken Porter in the past, this is an invitation to continue our tradition of education volunteering. Our objectives remain the same; a) Provide assistance to teachers in Puget Sound, b) Maintain a list of potential volunteers and schools needing the assistance, c) Provide volunteers for judging the science fare competitions being conducted in the schools. What I would like to do is create and maintain electronic distribution lists of both the volunteers and schools, so we can facilitate matching resources to the needs.

In order to create a contact list of retirees who are volunteering in support of educational activities, I am asking that you send me your name, email address, and type of volunteering you are doing. I can be reached at my email address bgupta6228@comcast.net. Please also indicate if the activity you are supporting is in need of additional volunteers. Based on member profiles and informal contact, I have been able to start a list. This list currently has about 5 names and I am sure there are many more of you that are volunteering.

I recently came to know of a need for STEM workshop volunteers in Puget Sound schools, being organized by BCA engineering. They will also welcome retirees in addition to active employees. I am finding it hard to forward this request as I do not have a ready distribution list. As we create the lists and spread the word around, there will be many more activities that will become known to our wider membership.

I am sure many of you are helping children in your families with tutoring and mentoring, but I would like to make a case for extending that to our wider community. You the Bluebill members have unique life experiences that students will love to hear about in addition to assistance with the subjects. Who knows in the long run, this might spark interest for the students for science and math lead-

ing to a future engineering career with Boeing and other Puget Sound companies.

SPEEA Pension & Retirement Seminar

By doug Hoople & Myron Vogt

Bob Keever and Doug Hoople attended the March 23th seminar at SPEEA Headquarters in Tukwilla to provide information on the Boeing Bluebills. We hope to continue making presenta-



tions at these meetings to increase awareness of our organization and add to our

membership by recruiting retiring Boeing SPEEA employees.

We ar-



rived early and checked in with the receptionist. She gave us the green light to set out

the brochures, with the contact cards in them, at all of the place settings. The audience arrived early (it probably helped that they were served box meals), and all the seats were filled when the meeting started promptly at 5pm. First up was a representative from ERS who spoke for a couple minutes (no slides). Then Doug was introduced, and he pitched the 3 slides flawlessly and within the allotted time. Matt Kempf had our slides loaded up and stepped through them. As you can see in the photos, the audience was listening attentively. We are invited to continue this participation in the monthly

retirement seminars at both Tukwila and Everett. I believe Doug was planning to make regular appearances in Tukwila, and presumably someone will pick it up in Everett.

This as a collaborative (heritage, sno-king, oly) endeavor and the kickoff to our membership/recruiting drive.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

JOB TITLE:	Food Bank Volunteer
ORGANIZATION:	Kent Food Bank
LOCATION:	515 W Harrison Street Kent, WA 98032
SCHEDULE:	Weekdays Mornings, or afternoons, or evenings (4-5 Hrs)
REQUIREMENTS:	Be able to lift 15-20 lbs No open toed shoes
CONTACT:	Camico Riven 253-520-3550



Bluebill Makes the Climb

I made it to the top of the Columbia tower. 1311 steps

It took me 26 min. A minute longer than last year.

Jim Bunt



727 #N7001U Final Flight

By Lonnie Stevenson

On 2nd of March 2016, 727 number N7001U made its final flight from the restoration Center at Paine Field to the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field. Among the special VIP's were retired UAL personnel: Pilots and 'stewardesses', in full dress uniform of the period, which was 25 years ago and longer, as well as other UAL retirees. I was honored to mingle with them, listen to their stories of way back when, and share memories of a wonderful aircraft on which they worked. When MOF takes possession of an air vehicle, the curator requires the crew's signatures in the nose wheel well. The plane was open for a short walk thru down the isle to about the center of the aircraft. Wow, I had forgotten how tiny the fuselage really is. The crew were saying how much they really liked the follow on wide-body aircraft.



It was truly another memorable event at our wonderful Museum of Flight.

Boeing Earth Days 2016

Join Boeing employees, friends and family to support Boeing's commitment to the environment by participating in volunteer events in our local community.

The 2016 focus is projects which align with storm water management.

Projects will be listed on Boeing's Volunteer Connection website with the phrase "PS Earth Day" in the event/project title.

Projects should take 4 to 6 hours using at least 25 volunteers. Agencies will provide a project coordinator and all tools and supplies.

The dates will be April 9, 16, 23 and 30; come join your fellow Bluebills and active Boeing employees on these events/projects.

March Chapter Meeting

Recap

By Mary Ulibari



Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. March birthdays -- despite at least 12 we know of for the month, there were three in attendance -- Richard Vaughn, Janet Bertagni and Doug himself. Bill Baker stated he and Karen had an anniversary in March. Doug offered Adrian Lawler our condolences for the loss of his wife, Mary, last week. Our thoughts are with him.

Doug mentioned he attended a SPEEA retirement seminar to give them information about the Bluebills. When it came time to give a short presentation, he asked if anyone had heard of the Bluebills. Four people raised their hands. Good thing he plans to attend future meetings to get the word out there. He then reminded attendees of the sign up sheets on the counter where they could indicate their interest in volunteer activities of interest. Also he encouraged attendees to bring their favorite finger food/appetizers to the April meeting.



In the absence of Jim Beasley, Doug introduced the speaker, Peter Morton, retired Boeing executive. Peter's extensive 58-year career has predominantly been in aviation, including pilot training, flight deck design, marketing, program management and executive management. As a consultant in retirement, Peter has worked in much the same areas. He has also designed, organized and led large-scale symposia and workshops, and been a member and

leader of numerous industry advisory boards. Peter was past president of and now serves on the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). He

is a Trustee of the Museum of Flight and chairs the Pathfinder Committee, and also serves as a Trustee of the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. Peter earned a Bachelor degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

With the aid of computer generated visuals and audio, Peter gave an insightful and fascinating hour-plus presentation interspersed with much good humor and personal knowledge of Unmanned Aircraft Systems. UAS, or as the public is fond of calling them "drones," are entering our society with a speed that challenges regulatory authorities (FAA in USA), intrusiveness that threatens public sensibilities, and technology that opens possibilities for applications that were once only seen as science fiction. The FAA concentrates on safe integration of UAS. The public is wary of privacy loss in their personal space, e.g. residential neighborhoods. The business community sees UAS as "the next big thing." Other airspace users see unfettered use of UAS as a threat. Peter explored the control laws, the public laws, and surveyed the myriad applications emerging to put UAS to work in the service, amusement, and "harassment" of mankind.

To name a few of these applications for the use of UAS -- commercial, recreational, agricultural, package deliveries, entertainment, e.g. moviemaking, which are all subject to regulation. The FAA has partnered with several industry associations to promote "Know Before You Fly," a campaign to educate the public about using unmanned aircraft safely and responsibly. Individuals flying for hobby or recreation are strongly encouraged to follow safety guidelines, which include:

- Fly below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles
- Keep the aircraft within visual line of sight at all times
- Remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations
- Don't fly within five miles of an airport unless you contact the airport and control tower before flying
- Don't fly near people or stadiums
- Don't fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 lbs
- Don't be careless or reckless with your unmanned aircraft -- you could be fined for endangering people or other aircraft

Effective in December 2015, anyone who owns a small, unmanned aircraft of a certain weight must regis-

ter with the FAA UAS registry before they fly outdoors. People who do not register could face civil and criminal penalties. It costs only \$5 to register a UAS and the process is simple and web-based

Reports of unmanned aircraft (UAS) sightings from pilots, citizens and law enforcement have increased dramatically over the past two years. The FAA now receives more than 100 such reports each month. The agency wants to send out a clear message that operating drones around airplanes, helicopters and airports is dangerous and illegal. Unauthorized operators may be subject to stiff fines and criminal charges, including possible jail time.

The FAA continues to work closely with its industry partners through the "Know Before You Fly" campaign to educate unmanned aircraft users about where they can operate within the rules. The agency also is working closely with the law enforcement community to identify and investigate unauthorized unmanned aircraft operations. The FAA has levied civil penalties for a number of unauthorized flights in various parts of the country, and has many open enforcement cases. The FAA encourages the public to report unauthorized drone operations to local law enforcement and to help discourage this dangerous, illegal activity.

The aforementioned is just one general aspect Peter covered in his presentation. It would take many sheets of paper to include all of the fascinating information he covered. It is almost beyond imagination the many facets of how Unmanned Aircraft Systems are integrating into life as we know it. Thank you, Peter, for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm for an amazing technology that could play a huge part in all of our futures.

Peter took many great questions from the audience and then turned the microphone over to Doug to conduct the door prize drawings. Special ones today – yep, you guessed it, chocolate bunnies. Hope everyone had a lovely Easter Sunday.

ASK SOCIAL SECURITY – The answers are waiting for you

*By Kirk Larson
Social Security Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

Chances are, you are curious about retirement planning and benefits, disability benefits, or Medicare —

some of which either affect you directly or are part of a loved one's daily life.

I am asked all the time, where is the best place to get information about Social Security or how can I understand such a complex program? My answer, go to the Social Security webpage and all you need is there. Even if you don't know what question to ask, you can read our Frequently Asked Question section and see what other people considered important to ask.

In our continual effort to improve our world-class customer service, *my Social Security* has added Dynamic Help. This feature automatically engages if a user remains on the same page without activity for an extended period of time. Dynamic Help is a user-friendly feature that you can rely on if you are having trouble navigating our website or have a question. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to try it.

Interactive media like Dynamic Help is for adults of all ages. It's interesting to note that people between the ages of 60 and 69 make up the largest population of *my Social Security* customers. This is proof that retirees are getting more internet savvy as they use our empowering online resources.

If you're in a rush and don't have time to take advantage of our new Dynamic Help feature, you can still check out our Frequently Asked Questions anytime without signing up or signing in. Simply go to www.socialsecurity.gov/faq and choose from the many categories like:

- Social Security Card Number
- Disability
- Retirement
- Spouses, Children, and Survivors
- Medicare
- Your Social Security Payments
- Same-Sex Couples
- Taxes, Credits, and Funding

Between Dynamic Help and our Frequently Asked Questions, Social Security can answer many of your questions. Remember, your starting point for retirement and benefit help is always

www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q and A with SSA

Question:

What is the monthly premium for Medicare Part B?

Answer:

The standard Medicare Part B premium for medical insurance in 2016 is \$121.90.

Some people who collect Social Security benefits and have their Part B premiums deducted from their payment will pay less. This is because there was not a cost of living increase this year for Social Security benefits. Social Security will send a letter to all people who collect Social Security benefits (and those who pay higher premiums because of their income) that states each person's exact Part B premium amount for 2016.

Since 2007, higher-income beneficiaries have paid a larger percentage of their Medicare Part B premium than most. Depending on their income, these higher-income beneficiaries will pay premiums that amount to 35, 50, 65 or 80 percent of the total cost of coverage. The true cost of Medicare Part B each month is \$487.60 per month in 2016. However, most of that cost is covered by the government. You can get details at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Question:

What is the maximum Social Security retirement benefit?

Answer:

The maximum benefit depends on the age you retire. For example, if you retire at full retirement age in 2016, your maximum monthly benefit would be \$2,663. However, if you retire at age 62 in 2016, your maximum monthly benefit would be only \$2,025. If you retire at age 70 in 2016, your maximum monthly benefit would be \$3,501. To get a better idea of what your benefit might be, visit our online *Retirement Estimator* at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire/estimator.html.

Did you know you may be able to request a replacement Social Security card online easily and securely?

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber to find out how.




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Civil War Photos Transition from then to now. *Thanks to Al Pressma*

If you slide the yellow button on the side of the pictures, you can flip between then and now.

Incredible Before and After Civil War Photos.

<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/ng-interactive/2015/jun/22/american-civil-war-photography-interactive>



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 (Coulán 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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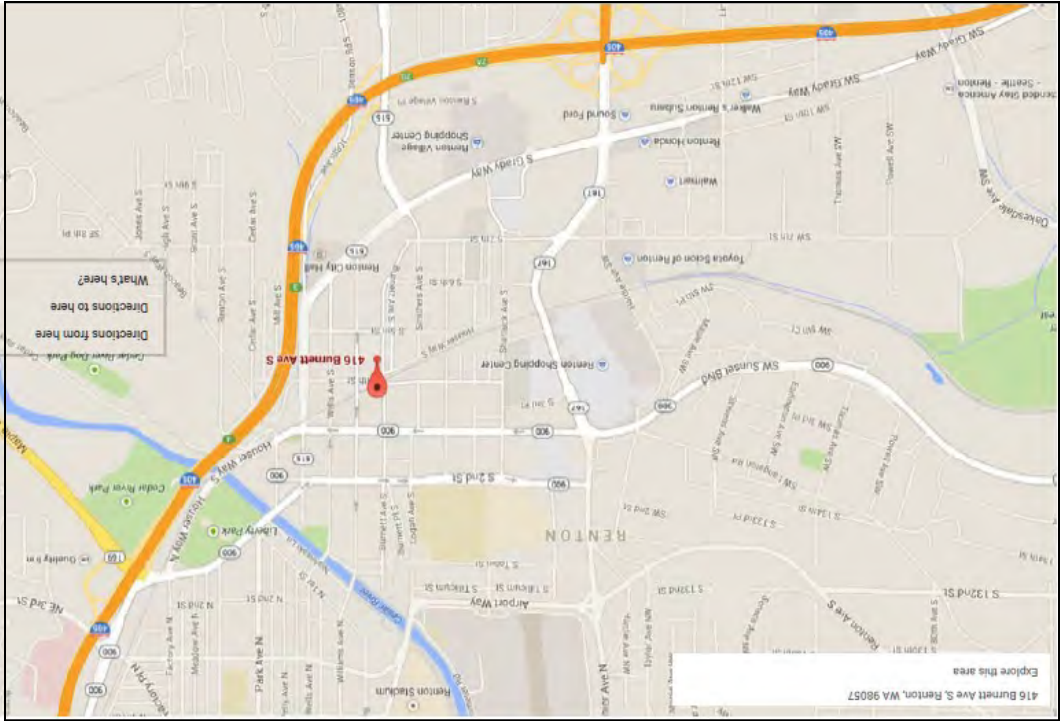
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Special Projects



From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to 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. Continue three blocks to VFW.



**Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting:
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