



# The Heritage

Heritage Chapter Bluebills  
Boeing Retiree Volunteer Newsletter

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## BOEING PENSIONS – SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The monthly meeting was opened by the chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance. Birthdays, anniversaries and new members were acknowledged. Richard Vaughn, our 2011 chairman, announced several items of interest including the impending move of the Bluebills office to the Boeing Spares building north of SeaTac airport. The move will be made by Boeing Facilities, but Bluebills must pack everything we have in advance and there is much to pack! We will put out the call for help when we are advised of the move date. Two other important items are the election of Officers for 2012 and nominations for the Volunteer of the Year award (See notices elsewhere in the Newsletter).

Howard Syder announced the dates for the US National Lawn Bowling Championships to be held at the Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling facilities. Bambi Lee mentioned that the Senior Center in Federal Way at 4015 S 352<sup>nd</sup> is having several events in August, including a musical jamboree on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The center sponsors numerous ongoing craft classes and activities.

Howard Syder introduced the speaker, Bob Reynolds, Boeing's Director of Actuarial Services, for a presentation on the Boeing Pension Plans. After reviewing the types of pensions and retirement plans offered by Boeing, Reynolds discussed many of the features of the Boeing plans and some of the changes that have occurred in the past 10 years. The 'classic' defined benefit plan, is no longer available (to non-union salaried employees hired after of January 2009), except through existing labor agreements, as Boeing and many other companies have shifted towards defined

contribution plans (401k-types). Most Bluebills in the Puget Sound region retired under the defined benefit plans and are most concerned over the viability of the associated trust funds. Reynolds presented many facts about Boeing's contributions and management of its trust funds. Most in attendance were pleased to see data that assured us that the trust funds have good management (trust funds have grown over 10% annually) and are well funded (Boeing contributes sufficient funds annually to maintain legal ratios to cover over \$2.7 billion annually in payments with current assets over \$50 billion), a very secure condition for many years.

Bob Reynolds also reviewed the various legal restraints placed on pension funds to protect them from mismanagement and malfeasance. He discussed the federal insurance program PBGC (Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation), its funding and typical bankruptcy scenarios. Following some questions, Bob debunked the Boeing 'urban legend' of early death after retirement. He showed several charts of age of death and retirement years that suggests a longer than average life span for Boeing retirees.

## BUSYBS, BUSYBS, BUSYBS

By Bambi Lee

We have been sorting through our fabrics, to share with Sno-King so as to lighten our load for the move < providing we actually do move > and also to share our stash. We know they do wonderful work over there and we sure can't use all we have... It's our pleasure to share and share alike...

BECKY STRIKES AGAIN... She came over and filled the trunk of my car with stuffies, THANKS SO MUCH BECKY... You are one true treasure, sure wish we knew what the final situation on the move

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will be so to know how much space we have to store more, so thanks for putting a hold on deliveries for a while yet, you are such a joy to us all with your glean- ing. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts... Janice was happy to see the two dolls in there also... She took them home to fancy up and put with the rest of the doll collection she is working on. Thanks Janice for all the long hours you put in sewing doll clothes and making little girls thrilled to have two outfits for their new dollies...

Welcome Jean to our fold, I am so sorry I didn't get you to give me your personal information and memory fails me for your last name but we appreciate your time you put in to check us out and see if we will work into your schedule or not, we have enjoyed get- ting to know you... and welcome you...

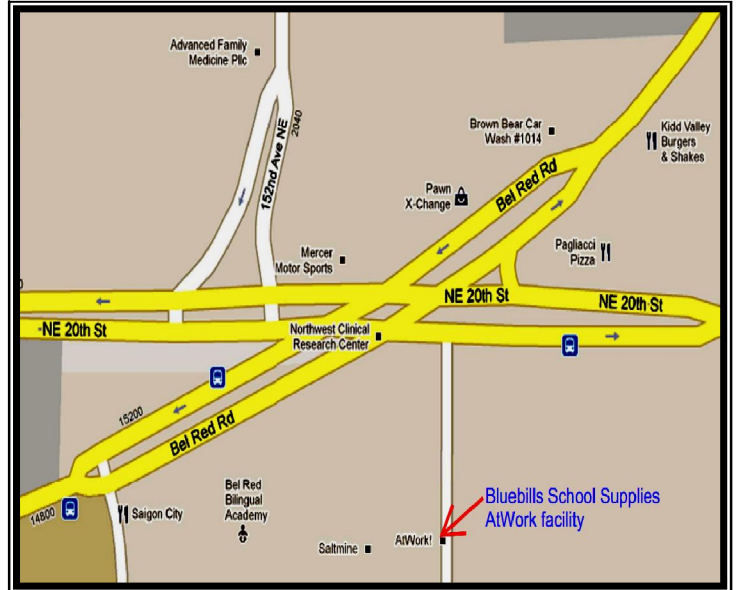
Sue Avery is gaining strength daily and expects to be back with us real soon also, perhaps by the move, time will tell we want you healthy Sue, we sure do miss you and all your talents... we are so blessed to have experienced quilters from the get go, you and Lisa were our first to work with us for a length of time, and teach us goodies.. Such a blessing you ladies are to us, professionals by all means...

Everyone is working up a storm. Making beautiful quilts to give warmth and comfort to many...

It's fun for us to find fabrics we didn't realize we had as they were hidden behind other fabrics, and some- times get lost when hunting for fabrics, so now the piles are organized so we can all dig in again... We nearly have enough quilts to deliver more to Child Ha-

ven again; they dearly love our quilts for the children. Then more to Compus House and the Vets... We simply cannot put out as many as we'd like to where they are most needed, but we sure try.

Sew, in a nutshell, we are the happy sewers.....lol



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

by Fran Parker

We started packing the supplies for the next school year and had a very good turnout for the first time. We have yet to get our initial shipment, but should receive it after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Then we will need all of the help that we can get. We are making up a schedule and are sending it out to all of you that are on our list. We will be working several days a week as we have lots to do and must be finished by August 25th. Please send me an email ([parker33@q.com](mailto:parker33@q.com)) to get on the worker list for the August schedule.

Thank you all for helping! It is really appreciated and you are really helping a lot of needy children.

## HI ALL YOU BLUEBILLS!

By Howard Syder

From August 23rd to the 28<sup>th</sup>, see the best lawn bow- lers in the USA at the Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club. The club is hosting the US Pairs and Singles Championships, which will determine the US National Champions. Many of the bowlers from across the US

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**Fran's Gang Needs You**

**It's the start of the**  
**School Supplies Summer Packing!**

**Join the Gang to help assemble**  
**the 2011-2012 School Supplies**  
**Packets for Eastside Schools.**

**Send Fran an email**  
**at [parker33@q.com](mailto:parker33@q.com) for directions!**

## Chairman's Corner

This is a really busy time for the Bluebills as we are in the process of moving the office to a new location. School is starting and supplies need to be prepared for distribution to the schools. On top of all this, as you read in the last newsletter, our newsletter editor will no longer be available to handle this activity. Do we have any aspiring editors out there? If you would like to get involved and will take on this job, please contact me or any of the leadership council members. All contact information is included in the newsletter.



The annual Volunteer of the Year dinner is scheduled for November 2, 2011, at the Doubletree Suites in Southcenter. As we have done in years past, the search is on for candidates for the Volunteer of the Year award. If you know of a Bluebill that you feel stands out and should be recognized by the chapter, please contact the office (206-544-6286) so we can provide you with instructions and the nomination form.

It is also time to ask for Bluebills who are willing to run for election to the Heritage Leadership Council for the coming year. If you are want to help keep the organization working, please step forward and agree to be a candidate for either the chairman's position or one of the two vice-chairmen's positions. We really do need new leaders and fresh ideas for the success of the chapter.

The annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 13 (see the information in this newsletter) and we are hoping to have a good turnout. You will enjoy a relaxing day with your fellow Bluebills and some really good food. Please remember to bring your donation for the Food Bank.

The school supplies team has been working hard sorting and processing the school supplies for several schools. They recently sorted, cleaned and inventoried 50 tote boxes of 3-ring binders that were donated by Boeing. This is no easy job but they always get right in there with smiling faces and complete that shipment – waiting for the next. Keep up the good work team.

I hope to see many of you at the picnic and I thank all Bluebills volunteers for reporting their volunteer hours. We are well on the way to achieving our goal for the year. Way to go!

Richard H. Vaughn  
Heritage Chapter Chairman

compete in National and International Tournaments and are internationally ranked. Lawn bowling is a sport that is very competitive, whether the bowlers are 21 or 81. Our Northwest representatives are from their 30's to their 60's. Expect to see all ages competing on an equal level.

Admission is **FREE!** Jefferson Park LBC is on Beacon Hill behind the Golf Course Club House at 4103 Beacon Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98108 and is one of the leading clubs in the USA. Contact Howard Syder, at (253) 833-5361 or email: handjsyder@comcast.net for any additional details.

### HERITAGE CHAPTER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Heritage Chapter Leadership needs your help in selecting the **2011 Volunteer of the Year**. If you know of a Bluebill who has performed outstanding service to the community or to Bluebills during the last year, please submit your nomination as soon as possible and you may nominate more than one person. We have a form that needs to be completed but if you will call the office at 206-544-6286 and leave your name and address we will send you the form and a postage-paid envelope to return your nomination to us. Thank you in advance for participating in this selection process. We hope to hear from many of you.

### BLUEBILLS CENTRAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Bluebills Central Leadership Council is searching for four candidates for election to the Council for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2012. This council is comprised of eight elected council members, the four chapter chairmen and their second representatives, and other support members. All Bluebills are eligible to serve on this council. If you really want to learn about Bluebills this is well worth your time. Please contact Bill Lee at 425-269-8419 (e-mail: william.h.lee@comcast.net) or Larry Elton at 360-437-0758 (e-mail: lmelton@q.com). You may also call the office at 206-

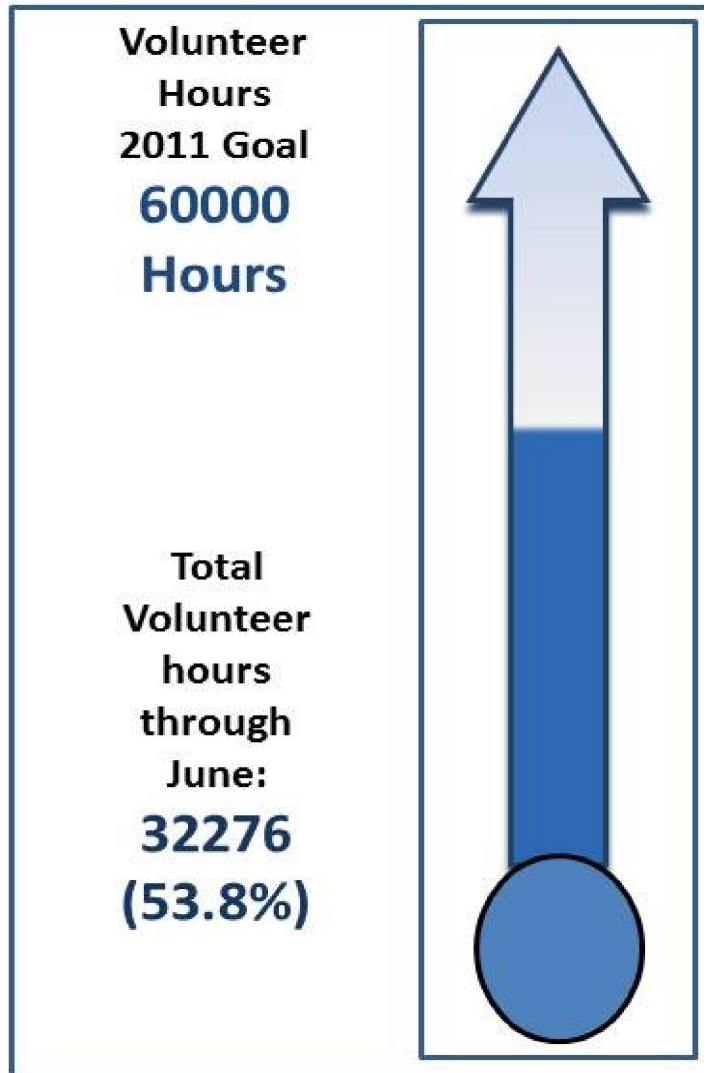
544-6286 and leave a message. We will return your call.

### RAP/CO

By Eileen Bear

September 1<sup>st</sup> is Sears Shopping Day for Kids. Once again, a very wonderful person is donating the funds to buy new school clothes for needy children. The process requires one adult for each child to shop the SouthCenter Sears store before the morning opening hour using up to 250 donated dollars per child. If you would like to be a shopper and enjoy a wonderful experience, contact Eileen Bear at pussycat12@comcast.net.

This last month we had to say our last “Good-Byes to Margaret “Bunty”Wherley, who passed away April 15, and this last June to George Leopold Wherley who passed away May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will certainly miss these



two kind and caring people. George was a very active Bluebill for many years. A hard worker, with a ready smile and always a joke to tell, he will sorely missed by us all. It was nice that so many Bluebills were able to attend George's funeral (30 plus.)

Our Deepest sympathy to the families of these wonderful kind & caring couple.

**POEM FOR AUGUST 2011**

**to the Wherley family**

As long as hearts remember  
As long as hearts still care  
We never lose those we love,  
They're with us everywhere  
A smile, a touch, a laugh remembered  
A voice softly whispered in the wind.  
May these memories help soothe your  
spirit at this time.  
You never are alone you know,  
When sorrow comes your way,  
For there are those whose thoughts  
And prayers are with you every day.

**Prayer List for August 2011**

- Barbara Adamson
- Eileen Dunlap
- Jim Ewing
- Karen Fields
- Tom Gangwish
- Jeanne Haase
- Marge Hardaway
- Evelyn Okert
- Penny Kahn
- Joanna Machado
- Nina Schuler

- Dale Tangeman St Louis BB's
- Bruce Willard

Frank Kos and Ed Harvey, our former BB editor, recently passed away and we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

**HERITAGE CHAPTER 2012  
OFFICER ELECTION**

Heritage officer nominations are open for Chapter Chairman And two Vice-Chairmen positions. If you are interested, please notify Vicki Lee (425) 255-0606 email: vllee@comcast.net or Bill Baker (253) 862-3005 email: baker2721@comcast.net.

**Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours**

**Volunteer Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hours worked** \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/year) (agency name)

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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124  
or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

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Does the Bluebills Office have your email address? It is an important part of today's communications. Maybe you have a new one or changed it since you first joined.

Let's update it now.

Send an email today to bluebills@boeing.com to make sure we have your correct email address

**Food Bank Schedule For 2011**

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
Standby	Seattle	Jim & Carla Beasley

**Calendar of Events 2011**

Aug 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 13	Annual Picnic
Sep 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 30	Monthly Gathering
Oct 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 28	Monthly Meeting
Nov 2	Annual Dinner
Nov 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec TBD	Christmas Potluck



# Bluebills - Heritage Chapter Picnic



**Date: August 13, 2011  
Time: 11:00 a.m. to ?**

25605 290th Ave. SE, Ravensdale, WA  
Phone: 425-432-7139  
(See map on reverse side)

Let's all get together for a day of fun and games, good food and some special time getting to know our fellow Bluebills. All are welcome so ask your retiree friends to join us.

### Activities/Games

(Prizes will be awarded to the winners)

- ◆ Hole-In-One (Clubs furnished)
- ◆ Washer Toss
- ◆ Bocce Ball
- ◆ Snake Toss



*Pulled pork sliders will be furnished by Heritage Chapter.*

Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share with others.

Suggested categories:

- Hors d' oeuvres
- Hot Dishes
- Salads
- Desserts

Table service and soft drinks will be furnished.



**We look forward to seeing you!**



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**Heritage Picnic!**  
**Saturday, August 13th**  
**Join Us!**

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