



# The Heritage

Heritage Chapter Bluebills  
Boeing Retiree Volunteer Newsletter

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## Co-Eds Note...

Well here I am again, saying my goodbyes as this will be my last newsletter for the Bluebills. Dick Beham, our Heritage chapter Webmaster, agreed to put the newsletter together until further notice, with Micki Brown as his Co-Editor, as she agreed to continue helping like she had been doing in the past year.

I want to thank Micki for the help she has given me this past couple of months, I think the last month's newsletter was the easiest one I have done in a long time because of her help.

Kudos Micki and thank you so very much.



**Don't forget** This month is our annual Xmas potluck on **December 16**

**JIM**



**Are you spreading the word about us, *The Bluebills*? Take some of our tri-fold brochures and hand them out to your friends, especially those still working and wondering what the heck they'll do when they retire!**

## November 2011 meeting

The *Heritage* chairman, Richard Vaughn, called the November 18th Bluebills meeting to order at 10:30 AM with The Pledge of Allegiance immediately following. While recognizing birthday celebrants, Fran Parker was recognized as the HERITAGE Bluebills Chapter Member of The Year as announced at the annual recognition dinner held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fran donated the monies to HOPELINK and AT WORK, \$1190.

Richard then recognized several new and returning Bluebill members - welcome to our Family!

A letter was received from Alice Weisley, a loaned executive to United Way, requesting help with acquiring information on Fred Wellington. He made a sizeable donation to United Way, and they would anyone who knows him to contact them. Fred was a draftsman with Boeing from 1965 to 1970 and from 1972 to 1975. If you know him, please contact Alice at 206-790-6274, and fill her in on how you know him, and/or with any pertinent information you can share.

There is quoted from an article in *Frontiers Magazine*, **RETIREES: KNOW YOUR BEMSID**"

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## December 2011's *Heritage* Meeting

The *Heritage* Chapter's December meeting will be a potluck (woo hoo!), so get those favorite recipes out to bring - the meeting is being held early on December 16th due to the holiday season, so make sure and schedule accordingly.

*express*) now requires a BEMSID. If you do not know your BEMSID, **prior to Dec. 12** the phone system will allow you to enter your Social Security Number and will play back your BEMSID. Please retain this identifier for future use when using TotalAccess services.

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Richard introduced the newly elected 2012 Offi-



cers (see *The Chairman's Report for details*), and photos were taken to run in this issue. He also reminded us that the Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting is the annual holiday potluck and sounded as though he's looking forward to those wonderful dishes we all bring!



Chairman Howard Syder

There is an opportunity on December 21<sup>st</sup> to assist parents to shop with their child at the Toys for Tots project. The Salvation Army merged with the Marines for the project and it will be held in the building next to the stadium. Three (3) shifts of 1-1/2 hours need to be staffed to work with the parents.

There was a sign up list for anyone who needs a Bluebills shirt, hat, license plates, pencils (for schools or 501C3 organizations can use the pencils) or the like. Provide Richard with the shirt size, etc. and he will bring your requested item(s) to the

December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting (you may send an e-mail to Richard Vaughn at [vhvaughn32@msn.com](mailto:vhvaughn32@msn.com)).

Jim Beasley introduced our (wonderful!) speaker, Trooper Julie

Startup. She has been with the Washington State Patrol since 2002. Trooper Startup patrolled the busy north Seattle freeway for over seven years, performing hundreds of collision investigations, traffic stops and DUI arrests before becoming the State



Patrol Public Information Officer for King County. Her current duties have grown to include working with the media on current investigations, responding to high profile incidents, and public outreach events to increase public safety awareness. Initially her topic was "Seniors On The Road", but quickly became awareness for all drivers. Here are some of the subjects she covered:

Winter Driving - recalling last year's weather and people who were dealing with being stuck in their vehicles for eight or nine hours, or with abandoned vehicles (either theirs or ones on the road), Julie began with what we can do.

Be Prepared -- have the proper equipment and



maintain your vehicle, like proper tread on your tires and good brakes, and make sure your windshield wiper solution hasn't frozen up when you most need it, like when you're behind

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that sand truck. In another week, the sand will be on most roads and subsequently all over your car. Make sure you have very good windshield wipers and that they're fitted properly ... it's not very funny if/when they fly off the arms when you most need them! Make yourself visible; use your headlights (and taillights too!) day and night. Daytime running lights don't always illuminate the *rear tail lights*. We have a lot of gray days here in the PNW and the most likely vehicle to be struck is white, silver or gray, because they can't be readily seen. The smaller your car is, the more likely you are to be hit. Make sure your headlamps are adjusted properly for the height of your vehicle (have you recently installed larger tires?). This may eliminate blinding other drivers with improperly adjusted head lamps.

Adjust your rear view mirrors so that you can see your "blind spot". Julie suggested the use of the small convex mirrors which can be placed on the exterior mirrors; they make those "blind spots" much more visible.

Tires and brakes are huge - you need to be able to stop. Even if you slowed down and increased the distance between you and the next car, it takes more than 4 times to stop after the first rain after a dry spell, or when you hit that hidden patch of ice. She finds out all too often that they have no *tread on their tires!*

In a situation, **DO NOT PANIC**. Ninety percent of the time when she comes up that vehicle that's facing the wrong way in the ditch, she asked the driver, "What happened?" The reply is "I don't know, I was driving along and it was great and suddenly I started rotating!" "After you started rotating, what did you do?" "Well I braked hard and turned." It's a natural reaction for a lot of people. However, if you're not in contact with the surface (you're rotating, right?), when the tires do come in contact with the surface, you'll be going in the direction you turned (you were turning and you are in the ditch, right?). Just let off the gas, keep your hands on the steering wheel and

## Chairman's Report – December 2011



The year 2011 is coming to an end and it has passed so fast. We have lost many of our good retiree friends this year so it has been very hard in many ways but in return we have had some good times, made new friends, and have moved forward. There is much to be thankful for.

The latest news bulletin (as of this morning) is: **WE ARE NOT MOVING --- AT LEAST NOT THIS YEAR!** Boeing will reevaluate the situation next year so wait for the next installment in this saga.

This is my last chairman's report as I go out of office. We've made things happen this year with all your help. **Dick Beham** stepped forward and offered to be your newsletter editor; **Micki Brown** will continue to co-edit the newsletter. **Howard Syder** will serve as the **Heritage Chapter Chairman for the year 2012 with his two Vice-Chairmen: Jim Orcekowsky and Adrian Lawler**. Please support them the way you have me. It could have not been done without you.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the help and support you gave the leadership team during this last year. It really looks like we (Heritage Chapter) will achieve our goal of reporting 60,000 volunteer hours this year. This is because you cared enough to volunteer to help others and then report your hours to the office. This will let Boeing know that Bluebills are making a difference in the community. You all need to pat yourselves on the back for this achievement.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming Christmas meeting and potluck. We will have special door prizes and I hope lots of good food to eat (it always has been).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Richard H. Vaughn,  
Heritage Chapter Chairman

*don't do anything.*

A lot of incidents are caused by people who are not paying attention to their driving, but are distracted by eating, texting, putting on their makeup or talking on their cell phone. *Get rid of your distractions; minimize those things in the car that do distract you.*

Driving in the left lane is where "the most important people" drive; they're in a *really* big hurry. They don't realize that you want to go where you're going too. Let them have it; you'll probably get to drive by them as they're getting a ticket!

Lane Changes -- Watch for those swerving around and cutting off other cars who are trying to obey the speed limits, and those people didn't expect that someone was about to make a sudden lane change and now they're in the concrete barrier and that guy gets to drive off. Julie said this is a "group experience" and that if you're out on the road and your equipment is faulty or you're driving too fast or if you're under the influence of something, it's not just you you're making a mess for, you're impacting other people and we become desensitized about that. Driving is not a privilege in many people's minds, it's a requirement ("I will drive; I live here and I'm a citizen ..."). It doesn't work that way, it's a *privilege* to drive and if you can't do it, then you shouldn't do it. If you're under the influence, then you shouldn't do it. We all need to get this mentality again that we used to have that this is a shared space, and I need to respect you going down the road, just like I'd like to be respected. If my turn indicator is on, don't speed up; that's just rude. But unfortunately so many people *are* doing that that we have 'road rage', and maybe rightfully so. If that happens to you, *CALM DOWN*; it's not your problem, it's theirs. Do not interact with them at all, not even with eye contact. Priority one: my safety.

Plan Ahead - If you're dependent on medicines, make sure and have enough with you. It should be in your car at all times, especially during inclement weather. Keep water and snacks in the car, a blanket. Slow down; leave a little earlier especially in

the mornings

If you get stuck in traffic for a long time and have to turn off your engine, then you have no heat. Make sure you are dressed for the weather. Julie actually saw people out of their cars who were installing chains in flip flops and shorts! They probably were coming back from the gym or something and didn't think it could happen to them, after all, they were only 15 minutes from home! Have a road side assistance plan -- carry a first aid kit, a shovel, and kitty litter (for wheel traction on icy or slick surfaces). If you decide that you're not going to try and drive through the traffic, take an exit ramp. Do not park on the shoulder of the freeway. So many people travel at high speeds when they have to avoid the car in front of them, and they take the shoulder. You could fall prey to one of those being hurt. If your car breaks down and you have to use the shoulder, do not get out of your car if you have to use the shoulder. Instead keep your seatbelt on, put every exterior light on you can, and call 9-1-1. Those are the best odds for remaining safe. You have to have a plan for all



those people who are not paying attention, or who (like a semi-truck and it's loaded with a bunch of heavy stuff) can't stop in time.

When you get on the road, make sure your windows are defrosted; no "portal window" driving. Know the road restrictions especially if you're going over any of the passes. Traction and chains are already being enforced. And as friendly as the troopers are, you will be stopped or turned around if the conditions for traveling are not met. The WSDOT website is awesome in its listing of all the restrictions as well traveling ideas and suggestions (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/>).

Other subjects were discussed (such as blue dot lights, tinted windows, using your cell phone while driving, trucks covering their loads, when is it time to stop driving, etc.), but the items above appear to be the most critical to our membership to cover in our limited space in the newsletter.



The meeting was ended with the drawing of tickets for door prizes and sending wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Merry Christmas to one and all  
Micki

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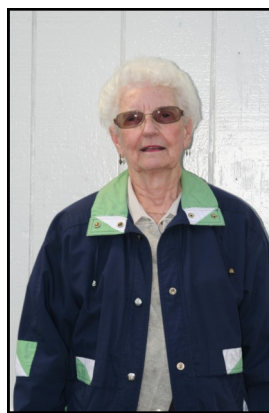
### BUSY B's



Busy B's are winding down for the year, we will be back in production come 17 January 2012. So we want to wish everyone A VERY VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR too.

We take the last Tues of November to sort out the toys and all we have to give to the Five<5> Food banks.

This year **ESTELLE MEAD** outdid herself making all the hand knitted items.. BEAUTIFUL WORK ESTELLE..28 SETS< that means cap, scarf and mittens in each set folks that's a total of 112 items right there, PLUS 4 sets for babies, consisting of baby cap



and mitten sets. as well as a lap robe she added cuz she loves to make them.

**TOTAL for them all is 129 items**, cuz you gotta remember there are TWO mittens to a set LOL LOTS of time involved here folks !!

THANKS TONS Estelle !! You are Amazing!!

**LISA NYREEN**, not only did she go on her trip and learn how to do Heirloom sewing, and all that neat stuff but what she ended up working up, if memory serves me correctly, was 86 fleece caps using scrap fleece donated to us last year. They are beautiful THANKS SO MUCH LISA.



These caps are each made of small pieces sewed together, she did hers on her serger, and they are wonderful and will keep lil heads warm all winter long.

bright colorful and soft and warm.. You are Amazing Speaking of Amazing, **JANICE HAWES** has worked up tons of doll clothes and I am sorry I don't have the totals. Next time, but she's a grand champion !!

Thanks JANICE for ALL you do.

She makes Barbie's clothes like crazy, making sure each little girl has an extra outfit to go with her Barbie doll, she also makes lots of lil doll quilts. We shall have the total in January newsletter. You are Amazing

THANKS to **BECKY PRENOVOST** for AGAIN bringing us a LOAD of Stuffies, I can't even begin to say how many she has 'gleaned" for us this past year,

KUDOS to you Becky !! Becky deserves a medal for all she does for the Busy B's gathering up all these stuffed toys, without her we'd not have a whole lot

You are Amazing..

And Last but FAR from least is a HUGE THANK YOU TO **ELAINE De-LAPPE** as she donated her full Beanie Baby collection which consisted of over 400 lil guys



we had never seen most of them before, and had no idea they were even made. it's totally amazing, they came in with box after box of these lil guys.

THANKS to ELAINE many children are going to be totally thrilled with a lil beanie to love and play with.. KUDOS to you Elaine !! Many thanks !!

AND while giving THANKS !! I WISH TO THANK ALL THE CREW WHO WORKED SO LONG AND HARD making quilts for the

Veterans Hospital and Child Haven all year long,, We have furnished them with some beautiful quilts and given them warmth they fully appreciate so much..

THANK YOU TO: **Janice, Lana, Lisa, Yoshi, Joyce, Jean & KIM.** You ALL are Amazing and very special.

Sending GET WELL WISHES to our precious **JOYCE** and we look forward to seeing you come January !! WE SURE DO miss you our friend

I hope I didn't forget anyone, if so I will try to add on next month.. God bless you all for the coming New Year. Hugs, **Bambi**

**NOTE PLEASE----CARD ALERT**

I am again accepting your used greeting cards, so please save them for me, I can pick them up at the monthly meetings, or you can leave at the Bluebill office for me.

Each year I make recycled cards to go in the RAP team bags, at Christmas time. Sometimes that's the ONLY card a person in nursing homes might get so your turning yours in is a big plus for others who might not otherwise have any. There are others who are going to be using these as well, so good use coming out of them.

Thanks so much for all your help, ***I JUST LOVE TO RECYCLE***, don't you?

Saving them from the trash at least prolonging it, and being enjoyed all over again.

Thanks ever so much.. Bambi

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**RAPCO**

Christmas is almost upon us and Santa is working very hard, though he's not the only one! We are very fortunate to have one of his Talented, Artistic Bluebill's working very hard, making the beautifully decorated bags that we will fill for the residents of the Nursing Homes and SCCA Kids and Child Haven, (Though they cannot receive candy. Child Haven children can receive toys, books, etc.) This hard working, artistic person is none other than our own **Pat Gilroy**. Thank you Pat for all the talent and hard work. Also, thanks to the part time helpers: Mary, Lonnie, Maybelle, & any others. Thanks to you all, the sacks **really cheer up the recipients**, as well as the contents.

The next project is the **Filling of Bags** for the Nursing homes and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance & Child Haven. This is scheduled to be done Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. All help will be appreciated!!

Our next project is December 21<sup>st</sup>. The Salvation Army is going to set up a *Giant Toy Store* down at Century Link Exhibition Center. They are looking for volunteers to help parents pick out toys for their children.

Below are the times they will need volunteers to walk parents through & help them pick out toys for their children. Below are the times (shifts) that the Salvation Army need volunteers:

On Wednesday, 12-21-2011

- Shift #1 8:20 AM--12:15 P.M. 84 volunteers needed
- Shift #2 11:14AM.--3:15P.M. 315 volunteers needed

Shift #3 2:45 PM-- 6.00 P.M. 64 volunteers needed

Please sign up with Bill Talbot the Salvation Army Rep at 206-310-1720 or Eileen Bear, Bluebills RAP Rep at 206-932-5428. Be sure to list your time preference to assist shopping.

The Salvation Army still looking for stockings-filling items. If you can supply any of those kinds of knick-

knacks, it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the *Giving Trees* in South Center by Sears or at the Bluebills Office. The number of needy children is steadily growing.

**Christmas thoughts for you all**

May your songs be merry?  
And your smiles be bright  
May your Laughs be many?  
And your heart be light  
Today and Every Day.  
Bless all our friends this Holiday  
Be they near or far away.  
And keep them in our prayers each day  
May you all celebrate this season of Joy & Love  
And not forget, Christmas is a gift from God above.

One of the best blessings for us this year is knowing all you wonderful, kind & caring Persons. Thank you all for all you do for others, We feel so honored to have been able to have met you and got to work with such Special persons, as you Bluebills . Thank you all! And Merry Christmas & A Wonderful New Year to you all

**Prayer list for the Month of December**

Get well list for this month are:

- Barbara Adamson
- Karen Fields
- Tom Gangwish
- Marge Hardaway
- Penny Kahn
- Janice Hawes
- Ervin Vernon

Last month we had 2 retirees pass away,  
Al Koshko  
Alan Simmons  
Our thoughts and prayers go out their families  
Love from, Heinz & Eileen

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**November 2 Awards Dinner**

The Heritage Chapter Bluebills 2011 Volunteer of the year awards dinner was held on Nov. 2 at the Double Tree Inn in South Center in the banquet hall.

As usual there was a large crowd in attendance, I believe it was somewhere about 119 people plus the guests speakers.

The guest Speaker for this event was Elizabeth J Warman.



She is the Director of global Corporate Citizenship for the Boeing Company NW Region, who are the Bluebills sponsor and benefactor.

She as accompanied by three other Ladies from her division, Karen Scubi, Debra Metzger, and Teri Trannholt-Hochstein.

Elizabeth spoke on the companies future and how it relates to the area and the people here in the Puget sound area.



All in all it was an interesting evening and a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow retiree's that you may not have seen for a while.

The menu was your choice of Beef, Baked Chicken, or Salmon, all of which were excellent.

This years award went to Fran Parker for her work with her work in setting up the new Childrens school supplies warehouse with all the work she has done in getting it set up and making it work and as Fran would tell you, there were a lot of people involved in this and are deserving of an award, and she was the glue that held it together and made it work.



folks,

That's all for this month

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**Food Bank Schedule For 2012**

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	Richard & Norma
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Bob Lambert
October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz

**Calendar of Events 2012**

January 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
January 27	Monthly Meeting
February 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
February 24	Monthly Meeting
March 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
March 30	Monthly Meeting
April 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
April 27	Monthly Meeting
May	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May	Monthly Meeting
June 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
June 29	Monthly Meeting
July 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
July 27	Monthly Meeting
August 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
August	Picnic TBD
September 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 28	Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Monthly Meeting
Nov	Annual Dinner TBD
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Christmas Potluck

# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Monthly Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson  
3715 East Valley Road  
Renton, WA

## 16 December, 2011

Social: 10:00 to 10:30 AM Meeting starts at 10:30 AM

### Christmas



### Potluck

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#### Please Note:

Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the Downtown Harley-Davidson building at 3715 East Valley Road, Renton, WA. The door on the North side of the building is opened at **10:00 AM** sharp. Please enter the building only on the north side. We meet on the 2nd floor — there is an elevator on the right as you enter. The Social hour begins at that time. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER BUILDING PRIOR TO 10:00 AM.**

## Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

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

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

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

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

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

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