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Chairman's Corner

By Richard Vaughn



There comes a time when you feel like everything you have done and all of your efforts were for nothing. The Bluebills leadership has been having an experience in the last few months that concerns the support The Boeing Company has given to us in the past. Now they wanted to make some major changes that would not allow Bluebills to continue operating as we have been doing.

The chairman of the Bluebills and the three chapter chairmen along with some key supporters have had several meetings with the personnel assigned to work this issue. They were directed to put our support in-line with the Boeing employees' support which would make major financial changes to the way retirees have to operate. This was due to the way the company allocates their funds.

On Thursday, June 21, we had another meeting. It was small but with good attendance from the three chapters and Central Leadership Council. The company's representatives explained how they had continued to search for a solution to this problem and the final result was they moved the Bluebills organization's sponsorship under a different company group. This gave them the means to allow us to continue operating as we have for the last 24 years. I am sure there will be some changes in the future but for now it seems we are back on track.

With that said, and as I stated at the first of this report, there comes a time when you just want to give up but I have hope that with all the wonderful volunteers and members of the Heritage Chapter some of you will come forward and offer that very much needed support. There are currently several open positions in the chapter that really need your help. These positions are not seven days a week nor are they eight hours any day. They are the amount of time you can give them. Please consider helping. Contact me or the office if you are willing to help.

It is just July and we have plenty of time but we need to find candidates for the chapter leadership for 2019. All Bluebills, old timers and new members alike, are eligible for this. The election will be held this fall so consider this opportunity to be of service to your organization and help keep it a strong and major contributor to the community.

I found the following quote: ***“Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever worked.”***

I hope you had a safe and wonderful 4th of July. It is our Freedom!





Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

All is quiet in the Busy B room. Just doing our usual, making quilts. We'll be starting on Christmas quilts soon to get a head start on giving those away before we take our winter break at the end of November.

There was a lovely memorial this past week at Tohoma National Cemetery for Joyce and Allen Hassler. There was a Military ceremony for Allen who passed away previously, and then Joyce's daughter, representing the family, spoke of Joyce's life. She was a truly remarkable person who spent her life helping others, as a nurse, mother, friend, you name it and she was there to lend a hand.

Joyce's daughter Beth did a wonderful job of telling us a little about her mother and her father. A quilt Joyce made me was displayed to show how talented she was in that skill.

One of Joyce's dearest wishes was to have Allen interred at Tohoma and she would be happy to know her family fulfilled her wishes.

She is still missed every Thursday in our sewing room.



June Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Richard Vaughn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The June birthday attendees were Jim Beasley and Dick Beham. Bob Stubbs mentioned his May 31 birthday because he missed the May meeting. Doug Hoople stated he and his wife celebrated their anniversary in June. There was one new member, Fran Walker, and one guest, Jean Chen.

Richard mentioned again that he and Norma would be hosting the annual picnic this year at their home on August 24. More details will be forthcoming at the July meeting.

He also shared that quite a few Bluebills attended Busy B Joyce Hassler's funeral on Wednesday at the Tohoma National Cemetery.



It followed a full military ceremony for her husband, Allen, a former Boeing employee, who passed several years ago,

and now both will be interred side by side in a memorial wall at the cemetery. It was a joyful, touching and lovely celebration of life for the two of them.

Oscar Olague thanked the Busy Bs for providing 20 medical dolls to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

Bill Baker stated there was still time for volunteers to sign up to help sort children's clothing at Wellspring Family Services, 1900 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, on Friday, July 20, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. He passed around the sign-up sheet for any additional volunteers to sign up.

Norma welcomes and is looking forward to working with the Bluebills' new Boeing representative, Rachel Peterson.

Before turning the meeting over to Jim Beasley to introduce the speaker, he announced that Jim has decided it is time to "retire" from his duties of finding the featured monthly speaker. He encouraged any of the Bluebills to step up and enjoy this challenge. Thank you, Jim, for many years of excellent service – we are in awe of your skills.

Jim then introduced Betsy Case, author of *Trailblazers: The Women of the Boeing Company*, who describes the book as a labor of love. It covers the first females hired at Boeing to stitch linen wings, pound rivets and who broke records in the skies and ran boardrooms.



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The idea for the book started with a presentation Betsy did about the wartime aircraft workers known as “Rosies.” Boeing officials suggested a project about the multiple roles of women through company history. She dug into archives -- acres of folders and photocopies of Boeing news articles. She spent three years researching her book, which is available on line and at Boeing stores.

The 73-page book is a page-turning journey of first females on assembly lines, in planes and in outer space. Black-and-white photos show long-skirted women bent over sewing machines or armed with power tools. Others can be seen in the tailored uniforms of flight attendants, called sky girls then, who were required to be nurses, single, 5’4” and to weigh less than 115 pounds.

Women have been part of the company since Bill Boeing moved the operation to the Red Barn in 1916. By 1918, the workforce was 25 percent female. They were recruited by ads stating that riveting was easy. Women didn’t want easy; they wanted a steady paycheck and a good job. And many got what they wanted.

They came from all walks of life. Many were working mothers, long before it was fashionable to have a job outside the home. For others, it was a career change. There was Bessie Marie Dempsey, a Hollywood dancer who became the first female engineer at Boeing.

There were trendsetters such as Mae Jemison, the first black woman to orbit Earth in the space shuttle Endeavour, and Sandra Jeffcoat who became the first black woman to be a member of the Boeing Technical Excellence Program and mentored women starting down the technology path. And Megan Robertson, the first female Chinook helicopter test pilot.

Loraine Bratset was the first female line supervisor at Boeing, hired in 1943 to work as a shipping clerk in Renton. And Patricia Beckman, honored in 2010 by the Women in Aviation, Int’l. Pioneer Hall of Fame. She was the first woman to qualify as a crewmember in the F-15 and F/A-18.

And Eleanor Dickson who, as a kid, was into

building model airplanes and wanted to design the real thing when she grew up. She was the only woman in her engineering class at the UW and hired on at Boeing in 1949. She was a wind tunnel testing engineer for much of her 38-year career.

Some made it their lifelong profession, though not quite as long as Diana Rhea. Rhea was the first female manager in manufacturing engineering. She holds the longevity record at Boeing of 75 years of uninterrupted company service. She was 95 when she retired last year from the 737 program in Renton. Sadly she passed away in May of this year.

Betsy has two other books to her credit: “In Plane View: A Pictorial Tour of the Boeing Everett Factory.” It shows not only pictures of the factory, but the airplane interiors, too.

And “Houseboat: Reflections of North America’s Floating Homes” co-authored with Ben Dennis. An interesting history of houseboats and its people.

Upon the conclusion of Betsy’s fascinating presentation, she opened the floor to many questions by the attendees. Richard then presented her with the recently published book on the history of The Boeing Company. He concluded the meeting with the door-prize drawing.

Follow-up to May’s meeting: additional information Nancy Lee Davidson wanted to share which she obtained at the Renton Senior Activity Center. It is about the Qualified Longevity Annuity Contract (QLAC), which is a deferred annuity funded with investment from a qualified retirement plan or IRA. QLACs provide guaranteed monthly payments until death and are shielded from the downturns of the stock market. As long as the annuity complies with the IRS requirements, it is exempt from the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules until payouts begin after the specified annuity starting date.

For more information, go to: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/q/qualified-longevity-annuity-contract-qlac.asp>

Speaker for July Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

The speaker for the Friday May 25 meeting will be Donald Shelton Executive Editor of the Seattle Times. His presentation will be on the health of the Seattle Times and its look to the future.

Wanna help out Heritage Bluebills school kids in need effort ?

Bluebills School Supplies committee will be collecting donations at the next 2 or 3 general monthly meetings.

We can purchase items like notebook paper, binders, pencils, other stuff at much lower prices due to the due diligence of our super-sleuth, sniffer-outer, finder of **more for less**. . . Volunteer (s) who knows how to do this.

SO AT THE NEXT MEETING...

Look for a container going around the room, which will be custom decorated by our very talented Judy Leyden.

It will have 'school' related objects glued to the container, (info from my initial news scoop) (so as NOT to be confused with the Food Bank donation container. . . i.e bring \$ to accommodate each one.)

For those of you all (ya'll) who read this news letter from afar, if you wish to contribute to this fundraising effort: Please call Fran Parker @ 425-455-4185 or 206-200-7970. She will give you info how to contribute to this effort.

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

Dateline: Saturday June 23, 2018

by: Lonnie Stevenson

Event: Museum of Flight 2018 Gala

Theme: Wings of Heroes...Honoring those who Served In Vietnam.

Among the almost 100 honorees were retired high ranking officers, nurses, POW's, Medal of Honor re-

cipients.

After the meet and greet cocktail party, 2 helicopters did a landing right in front of us, on the grass strip that will become the home of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park which will include the restored and reassembled B-52G "Stratofortress", a statue of a returning aviator, the US flag and flags of all U.S. military branches, the POW/MIA flag and plaques for contributors to honor men and women who sacrificed for much for our country during the Vietnam War.

Then into the Gala Dinner tent for more festivities:

After the National Anthem:

The parade of Vietnam veterans, who were recognized by name, rank, service job in which ever group/regiment/battalion/squadron/ship they were attached to or serving in . . . ,

Each Veteran was introduced to the audience announcing the credentials, and each one walked down a red carpet ramp to cheers, tears, hugs, high fives, Well it was all very moving. Not a dry eye in the house.

My job as a volunteer was HOST: my honoree was a Navy F-4 pilot who had to bail out over Vietnam because his plane was on fire and got captured to become a POW for 7 ½ years in the famous Hanoi Hilton.

Yes, he did meet and know John McCain our US Senator.

All I can say is what an event to honor those who served.

God Bless America and all those who are currently serving in defense of the USA.

For more information on the Vietnam Memorial Park at the Museum of Flight, check out this link <http://www.museumofflight.org/Explore-The-Museum/Vietnam-Commemorative-Park>

Dateline: Thursday June 28

by: Lonnie Stevenson

Event: USO Red, White and Blue Golf Classic: Golf Club @ Newcastle

Volunteers have a variety of jobs.

I always sign up for score keeper and auction

spotter at the fund raiser dinner/auction following the golf tourney.

Each '5-some', comprised of 4 from the sponsor and one active military dude / (or dudette) who is the "celebrity" for your group.

So score keeper means, ride in the cart, (or get the handsome Military celebrity to drive), cheer them at each hole and tell them to 'VISUALISE' before the hit, keep their score, and so much more.

I think it is so cool to ride the course, support our troops, and have fun with them at the same time.

It is a stress reliever for them.

When all the athletic work is done, everyone gathers on the mega patio.

Wait for the Chopper Ball drop . . . another fund raising game.

Dinner with live auction followed. This is one of the major fund raisers for USONW.

Fun was had by all: our United State Military participants as well as sponsors and Volunteers most of all.

Thank God for our United States Military.

Since 1992 I have been a volunteer and advocate for Special Olympics.

Did you know:

that there are Sports events every day/weekends where special athletes get practice ready over and over **for each athletic discipline** that you could possibly think of, in order to qualify for regional events, in order to qualify for State games, and then . . . the ultimate . . . National Games.

NOTE:

In the year of 2018,

National Special Olympic Summer Games is being hosted by SEATTLE

WA. *Whoooooo hooooo... !!!!!!!*

Dateline: Friday June 29

by: Lonnie Stevenson

Event: Special Olympics Torch Run Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

At Museum of Flight, right under the wing of the big 'Connie' in front of the main entrance . . .

The Special Olympics Torch Run Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) which runs Final Leg of the Special Olympics Torch run in unity with the special athletes (one on one), made a stop for speeches, hugs, info sharing on the way to Husky Stadium where opening ceremonies will commence on Sunday July 01.

Hope some media channel will be broadcasting.

What a moving experience. **Law Enforcement** employees/participants came from all over the country for this event.

They took vacation days, leave without pay, leave with pay, paid for their own transportation to get here, participated on their days off, (all said they had to fly out on Monday to go back to work).

It is a venue in which the nationwide law enforcement brotherhood participates:

'We do the Law Enforcement Torch Run for those who inspire us: the Special Athletes.'

The motto of the Special Olympians is:

**Let me Win,
But If I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt**

We can all adopt that positive attitude.

And when you see a policeman, sheriff, firefighter, TSA, first responder: Say 'Thank you for what you do to keep us safe!'



Heritage Chapter Annual Picnic

THE ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018. The location has changed this year and the picnic will be at the home of Richard and Norma Vaughn, Ravensdale, WA.

Watch for the special flyer in your August newsletter. The flyer will give you all the information about the picnic and directions to Ravensdale, and the Vaughn's.

We hope to see you there!





Reminder

Report your Volunteer Hours

By

Email: Bluebills@boeing.com

Or

Phone: 206-544-6286

Or

Mail: To Address on Form

Or

Bring Completed Reporting Form to the Monthly Meeting



Volunteer Opportunity Wellspring Family Services

Bluebills Heritage Chapter is joining other volunteers to support Wellspring Family Services. This involves sorting baby clothing, toys and diapers donated to the Baby Boutique program. It will be for two hours from **9:30 to 11:30 AM Friday July 20**. We will go as a group of five or more. The location is 1900 Rainier Ave. South.

At the Bluebills April monthly meeting we announced the project, provided preliminary information and requested volunteers to sign up and provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you have questions or want to be signed up, please contact Karen or Bill Baker at 253-862-3005 or baker2721@comcast.net.

Volunteer Opportunity Special Olympics

The **Special Olympics USA Games 2018** will be held in Seattle between **June 29 and July 7, 2018**. They are looking for volunteers to help with medical and security support for the USA games. Those volunteers will need to have appropriate medical credentials and have completed several FEMA Incident Command System classes (available on-line). Additionally, USA Games needs general volunteers to help with all of the other aspects of the event. One unique volunteer opportunity is to be a “fan in the stands” for events covered by ESPN. To volunteer go to the USA Games site: <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/volunteer/>

Calendar of Events 2018

Jan 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 24	Heritage Chapter Picnic
Sep 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct/Nov (TBD)	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2018

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
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	Jim Orhekowsky

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

July 27, 2018

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

Speaker: Donald Shelton, Executive Editor, Seattle Times

Subject: “Health of the Seattle Times”

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

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)

_____ **Hours worked** _____ For _____
(month/year) (agency name)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 1K-B02, 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
 turn right on 7th St and then
 left on Burnett Ave S. Con-
 tinue three blocks to VFW.

