



# The Heritage

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## Chapter Report

By Doug Hoople



Well here we go, this is my last comments for the year. Time to turn the reigns over to Don Hilt for a new look, a new perspective, in June.

I need to start differently this week. As I'm writing this the Memorial Day weekend was just ending. For us Veterans it's not a happy time, we remember our fellow Veterans who have passed. More difficult, memories of those who passed while we were deployed or in country. All during the year, not just on Memorial Day, I remember the young navigator from Texas who was killed in the plane crash I survived during the Vietnam War. For Veterans, Memorial day is a special day to remember those important people in our lives who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for us.

On the day before Memorial Day I usually go out to The Tahoma Memorial Cemetery and visit graves. On Memorial Day there are too many people milling about. This year there was a new site to visit, Bob Lambert. I visit two VFW comrades, a fellow Veterans Board friend and Lorenzo Del Rossario. Del was the first person I ever went out there to visit. We met attending SPEEA meetings and together worked on volunteer projects (you Bluebills should remember him at the Kids in Need warehouse). He was a good person who passed too early. Now there are too many additional friends to visit.

I visited Bob Lambert last and an interesting thing happened. As I was leaving, a couple was arriving to locate his site. I spoke with them and found out the husband was a high school friend who went to college and signed up for the Air Force with Bob. They had moved recently and were on a trip when Bob passed. When they returned they couldn't get in touch with him and were saddened when they heard he passed and had missed the funeral. We talked about Bob's birthday party at his house in Bellevue. I told them about the military service and we parted our ways.

Back to work. When I started these comments in February, I was determined to write in every edition about our need to find some new people to provide leadership for the Bluebills. If you remember, back in February I wrote about us needing to have the initiative, ability and commitment to get the job done. I still think sticking to your commitments is the most important factor.

In March I wanted to emphasize that it was a team that would be necessary to lead the Bluebills. None of us should try to do it alone. Everybody doing their part, contributing and getting it done.

Last month I challenged you to take a look at your new normal. Look at your volunteering opportunities. I shouldn't have written about reviewing goals and accomplished tasks. It made me think about some goals and volunteer efforts that I've been working on that seem to provide no end or reward. It's said feedback is

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the breakfast of champions. Then lack of feedback leads to questioning your goals and objectives. Now I know where to look to reduce my work load next fall.

Well I'm going to close by again asking everyone to think about the future of the Bluebills. There is a need for officers for next year and for open office positions this year. There are discussions between the Central Leadership Bluebills Board and Boeing to have us become a 501.C.3 non-profit organization. That would require an even larger group of volunteer leaders.

So again I invite you to come and join us, the waters fine.

*Doug*

P.S. Anybody can learn to swim at any age.



## **June Chapter Meeting Recap**

*By Mary Ulibarri*

Don Hilt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then recognized a couple of birthdays – Jim Beasley and Tom Ewing. There were no anniversaries to announce, but we had one new member, James Clayton. Welcome Jim!

Don reminded folks of the picnic on July 26th at Coulon Park, South Shelter 2. Don't forget your potluck dish and be ready to join in the games. Jim Beasley laughingly admitted he totally forgot the picnic was moved from August to July and he has lined up a speaker for July. Ooops! He will see if that person can join us a month later. He also stated that he would really appreciate it if other Bluebills can join in helping line up speakers. Jim has been in charge of that project for a long time and is looking to back away a bit. He does a wonderful job of lining up interesting, informative speakers and I'm sure you all join me in thanking him for his many years of service.

Norma shared sad news that long-time member Mavis LaBounty passed away. She learned of this as a result of the monthly newsletter being returned as non-deliverable. There is no further information at this time. Mavis will be missed and the Bluebills extend their condolences with her family and friends.

Don reported a volunteer opportunity on July 27. Our Boeing representative, Rachael Peterson, has arranged for an information booth as part of the Torchlight Parade event at Seattle Center. This will be a great opportunity to spread the word about the Bluebills. The hours are noon to 6:00 pm. Contact the Bluebills office (206-544-6286) if you are interested in signing up for a two-hour shift at this event, including help with setting up and/or dismantling the booth.

Jim then introduced the speaker, Dave Glenn, the Volunteer Engagement Manager at the Seattle Aquarium. He is responsible for a program which engages 1,300 volunteers annually in support of the Aquarium's mission, *inspiring conservation of our marine environment*. Throughout his career, close to ten years, Dave has been focused on helping youth and adults learn about nature and serve their community. As a Puget Sound native, Dave is proud to be working on preserving our local environment so that generations to come can delight in fishing, boating and exploring our waters.



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Dave led off his talk acknowledging his appreciation for spending some time with our group and stating that he comes from a family with several members who were former Boeing employees.

Opened in 1977, the Seattle Aquarium was owned and operated by the City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation until 2010, when the nonprofit Seattle Aquarium Society assumed its management—a model used by most leading zoos and aquariums across the country. In 2007, the Aquarium opened a major expansion that added 18,000 square feet of space to the facility, including an impressive 120,000-gallon exhibit, a gift shop, café, meeting/event space and more.

Currently, the Aquarium's animal collection is housed within six major exhibits: Window on Washington Waters, Life on the Edge, Pacific Coral Reef, Birds & Shores, the Underwater Dome and Marine Mammals. The renovation of the harbor seal exhibit, opened in June of 2013, was the first step in a 20-year strategic plan, which includes a goal of significantly increasing the physical size and becoming the centerpiece of the City's revitalized waterfront.

The Aquarium's mission is reflected in all aspects—exhibits, events, conservation and education programs, research activities and more. This important work wouldn't be possible without support from the community, members, staff and volunteers.

Since the Seattle Aquarium opened, volunteers have contributed over one million hours of service supporting its mission. The Aquarium would not be what it is without the talented, dedicated and passionate volunteers—amazing and generous people who are interested in learning more about the marine world around them, getting their hands dirty, and inspiring others to conserve the precious, one world ocean.

The Seattle Aquarium is the ninth largest aquarium in the U.S. by attendance and among the top five paid visitor attractions in the Puget Sound region. Since its opening, it has hosted over 27 million visitors and provided marine conservation education to two million school children. And as a result, it is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.



And now the Seattle Aquarium is taking a bold first step to advance its conservation mission through the creation of the Ocean Pavilion, tentatively scheduled for completion in 2023. That date hinges on coordinating removal of the viaduct and revitalizing the entire waterfront area. This ambitious project represents a reinvention of the Aquarium experience and will create a defining civic gem within Seattle's future waterfront park.

Seattle will be reconnected to the ocean through the Ocean Pavilion—a tremendous investment in public and private dollars that will help connect downtown, Pike Place Market and the waterfront as an iconic gathering place for all.



The Ocean Pavilion will be transformative for the Aquarium, for the waterfront and for Seattle. It will:

Accommodate a 40% increase in expected attendance and visitors, which requires an approximately 48,000 square foot building, pedestrian and Americans with Disabilities Act pathways

Provide a continuous connection with the existing Seattle Aquarium to facilitate movement of visitors, volunteers, and staff, and to support Aquarium programming

Provide opportunities for public open space and enjoyment of the shoreline

Create a space that supports the Aquarium's mission of Inspiring Conservation of Our Marine Environment and provides the public with a global ocean experience.

In addition to a very information overview of the joys and benefits of being a part of the Seattle Aquarium, Dave encouraged the audience to consider being a part of the volunteer team. Their many hours spent at the Aquarium are not only appreciated, but provide a great opportunity for individuals to contribute to the wonder that it is.

Dave wrapped up his presentation by answering a number of good questions from the audience. Then Jim presented him with The History of Boeing book, and Don concluded the meeting with the door prize drawing.



## **Busy B's**

*By: Janice Hawes*

***The Busy B's need your help.*** We would love for you to come visit us on any Thursday except for the second Thursday of the month. We would love to show you what we do and hopefully you would like to stay awhile and become one of us. As you know we make many items for donation, but our love is quilting. Therefore, I thought I might give you a few definitions before you arrive so that you will feel at home and again want to stay. Examples of words or phrases

you might hear:

**Baste:** The use of long stitches to hold the quilt together temporarily, not something you do to the turkey.

**Batting:** The stuffing that goes in the center of the quilt, not what you do to a ball.

**Block:** One basic unit of the quilt, usually repeated many times, not toy used for building.

**Border:** A wide frame of fabric around the outside of a quilt, not something you cross going to Canada.

**Bolt:** This is a measurement of fabric, not the action of running away quickly.

**Chain piecing:** Stitching pieces of fabric together without cutting thread between each piece, not using a chain to connect the fabric.

**Courthouse steps:** A type of block, not someplace to go visit.

**Feed dogs:** The part of a sewing machine that moves the fabric, not the act of feeding Richard's dogs.

**Finger pressing:** Using your finger to press a seam, not ironing your finger.

**Flying geese:** A triangle shape of fabric, not what you find in the Boeing parking lot.

**Fussy cutting:** Cutting out pictures on the fabric like an animal or flower, not a fussy person.

**Layer cake:** A package of fabric cut into 10" squares, not something good to eat.



**Log cabin:** A name for a certain block, not a place to spend the weekend.

**Prairie points:** A folded fabric triangle made in multiples to edge a quilt, not a place to visit.

**Sandwich:** A name used to assemble a quilt, top (pretty part), middle (stuffing to keep you warm), backing (underside of quilt), not something good to eat.

**Stash:** A quilter's supply of fabric, not their private blend of something to eat or drink.

We hope to see you sometime soon.

## **"In season of giving, help loved one with finances"**

*Submitted By: Micki Brown*

During the holiday season, we surround ourselves with family and friends, some of whom may rely on us for a number of reasons. An aging parent might need help clearing snow. A sibling may require help after a surgery. And as we get older, our family members may need help managing their finances. In fact, more than 8 million people who get monthly Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits need help managing their money.

If you have a loved one who cannot manage their finances, you may be able to become a representative payee. We thoroughly investigate people who apply to be representative payees to protect the interests of Social Security beneficiaries, because a representative payee receives the beneficiary's payments and is given the authority to use them on the beneficiary's behalf.

Social Security appoints a representative payee to manage Social Security and SSI funds only. A payee has no legal authority to manage non- Social Security income or medical matters.

As a representative payee, you must know what the beneficiary's needs are so you can decide the best use of benefits for their care and well-being. This is especially important if the beneficiary doesn't live with you. Each year, Social Security may ask you to complete a form to account for the benefits you've received. You can either fill out the form and return it to Social Security or go online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/payee](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payee) to file the report.

Due to a recent change in the law, we no longer require the following payees to complete an annual Representative Payee Report:

- Natural or adoptive parents of a minor child beneficiary who primarily reside in the same household as the child.
- Legal guardians of a minor child beneficiary who primarily reside in the same household as the child.
- Natural or adoptive parents of a disabled adult beneficiary who primarily reside in the same household with the beneficiary.
- Spouse of a beneficiary.

Taking care of family is something we do all year long, not just during this holiday season. Becoming a representative payee is a selfless act of kindness. You can read more about becoming a representative payee at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf).

# BLUEBILLS "FLYING HIGH" SUMMER PICNIC



**DATE: JULY 26, 2019**

**TIME: 10:30 AM TO ?**

**(LUNCH WILL BE AT 11:30 AM)**

**GENE COULON PARK, RENTON, WA**

*Bring your favorite potluck dish to share with others*

**----- FRIED CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED -----**

*Suggested categories: Hot dishes (electricity is available to keep them warm),  
salads, desserts, side dishes, fresh fruits & veggies.*

*Table service, water and soft drinks furnished*

**We are in Picnic Shelter #2 this year (see map). It is covered and has tables and benches but you can also bring lawn chairs for extra seating!**

## **ACTIVITIES/GAMES**



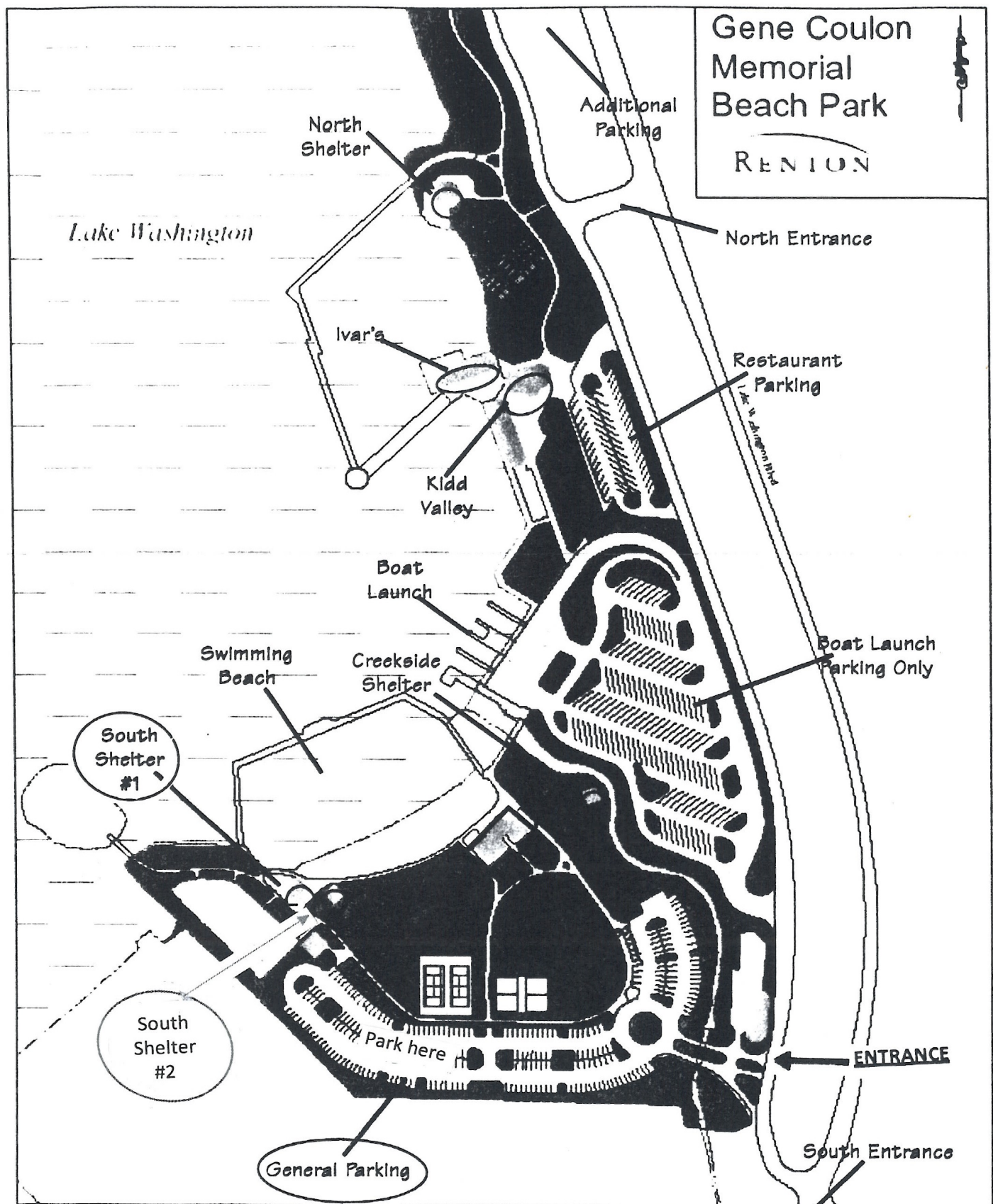
**Snake Game, Washer Toss,  
Bean Bag Toss**



**(PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE 1ST PLACE WINNERS)**

***Please join us for this once a year social event.***

***We are of course expecting wonderful, sunny weather and ample opportunity to  
socialize with our fellow Bluebills.***



**Directions:** From I-405 in Renton (northbound or southbound), take Exit 5. At the end of the exit ramp, head West down the hill on N.E. Park Drive toward The Landing and the Boeing Renton Plant. Just before the traffic light, turn right onto Lake Washington Boulevard North. Turn left at the Entrance to



## Calendar of Events 2019

Jan 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
Jun 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
<b>Jul 11</b>	<b>Heritage Leadership Meeting</b>
<b>Jul 26</b>	<b>Chapter Picnic—Coulon Park, Renton</b>
Aug 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Sep 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

## **Food Bank Schedule For 2019**

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

January	Highline	Heinz Gehlhaar
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Melinda Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
<b>July</b>	<b>West Seattle</b>	<b>Heinz Gehlhaar</b>
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Lonnie Stevenson

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



**July 26, 2019**  
**Chapter Picnic**  
**10:30 AM to ?**



**LUNCH WILL BE AT 11:30AM**

***Gene Coulon Park, Renton, WA***

*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** \_\_\_\_\_

(month/year)

**For** \_\_\_\_\_

(agency name)

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(agency name)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 1K-B02, Seattle, WA 98124  
 Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

## Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions

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  
ue to 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. Con-  
tinue three blocks to VFW.

