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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



Hold the press, Is All Lost! I wrote my comments (below) for June before I attended the opening of the Boeing traveling exhibit at the Museum of Flight on May 26th. At that event, a member of the Bluebills Central Leadership thanked Ray Conner for inviting the Bluebills, which caused him to ask “Who are the Boeing Bluebills?” OOPS, did we assume everybody at Boeing knows who we are? Did we assume that all Boeing leadership knows who we are? Did we get bit by complacency? What does this mean? We need to ensure that Boeing employees know what the Bluebills are all about. I would like to ask all of you readers to address this issue. I would like to ask all of you, whenever you communicate with an active or retired Boeing employee, to ensure that they know you are a Bluebill and who/what we are all about. We can't be complacent and believe everybody knows the Bluebills story and history. I think Frank Shrontz who, as Chairman of the Boeing Company, believed in community volunteering enough to establish the Bluebills would be shocked to read about this state of affairs.

I'm sorry I missed our meeting speaker from the University of Washington's Burke. I've always enjoyed museums. My home town of Buffalo, New York had one I visited all the time because it was just a short bus ride from home. The Buffalo Historic Society put together many interesting displays. I was always fascinated with the local Iroquois Indian Nation and the other tribes in Western New York.

The weather at the Texas Star Party was great except for two rainy nights. And the transit of Mercury was easier to view than chasing it between clouds up here. If you would like to view it go to nasa.gov, in the search field put “APOD”, select Astronomy Picture of the Day, go to the archive tab at the bottom, then look at the video for 2016 May 11 (Titled: A Mercury Transit Music Video From SDO). Great video of the sun.

Being at a star party also gives you available time during the day to catch up on projects you haven't had time to complete. I finished reading “American Icon” the story of Alan Mulally at the Ford Company. I was a classmate of Mulally at the University of Kansas and was on the 7J7 project when he was the Chief Engineer. I was interested in how an aeronautical engineer and Boeing manager/leader could go work miracles in the auto industry. It was clear that if you had a vision, a plan, facts and data, a working together attitude it was possible. Of course there was lots of hard work, studying and researching, separation from family, and sacrifice to accomplish the tasks at hand. It was an interesting read and it has caused me to think about how we're doing in the Bluebills.

For years there has been concern about membership, leadership and volunteers in the Bluebill's office. Presently the Central Leadership Council believes we need to look at membership and being able to contact

retiring Boeing employees. I believe we also need to get our existing members involved with our leadership needs. Since March, representatives from the Bluebills have been attending the monthly (and sometimes twice monthly) SPEEA Retirement Seminars, to spread information about Bluebills. Last fall I sent out a mini survey to our readership. So far after 4 sessions at SPEEA, we have received one follow-up card asking for more information out of @300 participants. Last fall I received 57 survey responses from our @595 members in the state.

I hope more people than that vote in the fall elections. Not the best response rate in either case. So what to do with our facts and data? (Or lack of facts and data.) Are we chasing the wrong facts, the wrong data? If I was still in the military, I'd expect an operational or safety stand down, having an all hands meeting and thrashing out a solution. Back in our Boeing days, as a result of World Class Competitive and Total Quality training, we would have a stand up meeting and have a management development person come in to lead us down a path to a solution.

Can't do that here, we only have 30-50 of our members attending our monthly meetings. So I have a challenge for all of you readers. I want all of you to look at the following questions and answer one or all of them or come up with a new question.

How do we find new members (recent and past Boeing retirees)? How do we encourage our current members to become involved in leadership responsibility? How do we find the right members who are interested in working in the office? I would ask that you all look at these questions, consider possible answers/comments and send them to me at the Bluebills office or to douglas.d.hoople@boeing.com or to my home email at ddhoople@earthlink.net. Here is your chance to give us some input as to what we need to move the Bluebills forward, we need to reenergize ourselves and fulfill our potential as individuals and an organization.

I was glad to see some of our "walking wounded" attending our May meeting. Judy Lyden and Bob Stubbs were present and we were glad to see them on the road to better health.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

A tour of SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL was taken in May by a few Busy B's, Lana Mitsules, Sibyl Fletcher and myself. Zip Zuther, that terrific gentleman who faithfully delivers our quilts and medical dolls to the hospital, chauffeured us there. The head of Volunteer Services, Alison Garrison was our tour guide.

CHILDREN'S is a part of SEATTLE CANCER CARE ALLIANCE or SCCA, comprised of FRED HUTCH, SEATTLE CHILDREN'S and the UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER. It is a beautiful place with a creative décor. It has 286 beds with annual patient visits of 368,059.

The hospital was founded in 1907 by Anna Herr Clise. Her story is very interesting and very worth reading about.

Over the years the hospital had many names starting in 1907 as Children's Orthopedic Hospital, in 1986 as Children's Hospital Regional Medical Center and in 2008 became SEATTLE CHILDREN'S. Residents from the states of Montana, Alaska, Idaho and Washington are not charged for treatment.

We have a new project for the hospital, making flannel blankets to be used in the neo natal area. The hospital has many guilds making items for them and they happily have a backlog of quilts so we will halt our production of these for a while, still making medical dolls.

Jean Derheim is still on our disabled list and we hope she will be back with us soon. Even though she is not able to come work with us, she still does some sewing at home, making quilt tops and She recently sent in some yarn and fabrics that one of her friends donated. As you see, she is always thinking of us.

We are always looking for new members and if the idea of quilting doesn't appeal, as you know, we also make medical dolls – very easy, and lap protectors – even easier. Most of us had been sewing for years, and some had never made a quilt, myself included, before joining Busy B's. We learned from those who had and there have been some amazing quilts produced. We are an "equal opportunity" group and men would be welcome too!

May Chapter Meeting Recap



By Mary Ulibarry

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The first order of business was to find Judy Leyden's cell phone. A fellow Bluebill called her number and guess what? It was in the pocket of her jacket. Everyone got a big laugh, knowing we've all been there.

There were three May birthdays: Earnest Cassler, Lois Barnes and Jim Ewing. And happy birthday to Lonnie Stevenson who was not in attendance due to illness. Our best wishes go out to her in anticipation of upcoming surgery. The John Morovichs celebrated an anniversary in May.

Jim Bunt gave a quick rundown on his participation in this year's Columbia Tower stair climb on behalf of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He personally raised \$4,150 out of the total \$109,000 raised by his team of 158. Way to go, folks. There were over 6,000 participants raising \$2.3 million!

Vicki Lee thanked members for collecting Campbell soup can labels for her daughter in sup-

port of the Labels for Education program. Unfortunately, participation has declined and as a result, Campbell has decided to wind down the LFE program. It will continue until July 31, 2016 at which time changes will be announced.

Dick Beham then thanked folks for collecting the aluminum can tabs on behalf of Kidney Dialysis. He showed a large plastic jar he made with the Bluebills name on it for anyone interested in using it for collecting these tabs. Many thanks to members for supporting both the LFE and the Kidney Dialysis research programs.

Richard Vaughn stated the Bluebills will not have a booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup this year due to lack of a team leader. There's still time if anyone wants to step up and head this worthwhile project.

Micki Brown stated it was great seeing everyone after coming back from wintering in Arizona, and especially getting lots of hugs.

Doug thanked the members for their generosity on behalf of the VFW reroofing project and passed the jar again to any members who were missed previously and wished to contribute. The Bluebills are very thankful for the free use of the VFW hall.

Because of technical difficulties, which resulted in a quick trip home by Bill Lee to get his laptop (thank you, Bill), there was a delay introducing the speaker. Doug filled some of the time with a funny joke, plus recounted his recent trip to Texas for some stargazing and in particular viewing the rare occasion of Mercury crossing in front of the sun.

Jim Beasley then introduced April Collier, KCTS VP of Development. She is a seasoned development professional who brings 30 plus years of experience to the position at KCTS 9. She oversees the station's fundraising programs, including membership, foundation support, corporate underwriting, major gifts and planned giving.

Collier has held leadership positions at Seattle University, College of Notre Dame, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkley, Eastside Catholic School, and Seattle Preparatory School, among others. She has developed and implemented numerous capital campaigns, totaling more than \$80 million raised, and has extensive experi-



ence in working with community leaders. She is a native of Seattle and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Seattle University.

The earlier technical problems turned out to be caused by the projector, so Ann was unable to access her PowerPoint show. However, that didn't stop her from giving an excel-

lent presentation.

A bit of background -- KCTS 9 first went on the air in 1957, broadcasting from the campus of the University of Washington. During the 1950s and 1960s, KCTS 9 primarily supplied classroom instructional programs used in Washington State's K-12 schools, plus National Educational Television (NET) programs. Outside of schoolrooms, KCTS 9's audience was somewhat limited, and most programming was in black and white until the mid-1970s at which time NET was absorbed into the newly created Public Broadcasting Service. Under PBS affiliation, KCTS 9 began offering an enhanced scope of programming for the general public, including British programming.

KCTS 9 moved to its present location on the Seattle Center campus in 1986 and became independent of the UW in 1987. KCTS 9 is seen throughout southwestern British Columbia on local cable systems, as well as across Canada and a number of sites in central Washington State, receiving support from all locations.

In December 2015, KCTS 9 announced a strategy to redefine itself by creating a diverse media platform in order to serve more people across multiple generations. As a move to expand regional coverage and support the need in our community for substantive local journalism, KCTS merged newsrooms with Crosscut.com, a non-profit news and civic-affairs website. The TV station also added What's Good 206, an emerging local website that presents a millennial perspective on issues close to home.

The station consists of 2.5 million viewers and has an operating budget of \$19 million with 95,000 donors

providing 75% of the funding. The other 25% is corporate sponsorship. Challenges include changing program contents. The audience has so many options at their fingertips – laptops, handheld devices, etc. – with a variety of viewing choices. As a result, PBS must develop ways to stay relevant. There is a need for children's educational content, as well as global content, thus the need to come up with more current options to draw the viewers in.

Ann reminded the audience of the times when volunteers manned the telephones during the KCTS Channel 9 pledge events. Due to the difficulty of getting volunteers, it has been totally automated.

In January 2016, KCTS Television became Cascade Public Media ("CPM"), a multi-platform public media organization that includes KCTS 9, Crosscut and What's Good 206. The organization remains a nonprofit, community-licensed, publicly supported organization committed to supporting social and civic engagement, arts and culture, and education and family initiatives. April wrapped up her presentation taking numerous questions allowing more knowledge and insight.

Jim thanked April and called attention to the KCTS 9 handouts, including a bumper sticker, a programming guide, a list of volunteer opportunities and a batch of attractive, sturdy totes.

Doug concluded the meeting with the door prize drawings, which consisted of collectible Boeing Centennial calendars.

Lost & Found An olive green umbrella with _____? _____ around the edge was left at the Blue-bills office several weeks ago. Call the office to claim.

KCTS 9 2016 Event Volunteer Needs

Volunteer Contact– Bill Kight, Community Engagement Manager (206-443-6686 or 970-708-3753) bkight@kcts9.org

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2016—8 AM to 4 PM

(shifts can be broken into morning and afternoon

Event: Second Annual KCTS 9 Kids Day

Location: Zoomazium, Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle, WA

Description: KCTS 9 invites families, friends and kids to meet us at Woodland Park Zoo for the second annual KCTS 9 Kids Day! Join us as we celebrate PBS Kids programming with crafts, giveaways, and visit from PBS Kids favorite Daniel Tiger from Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood.

Web listing: <http://kcts9.org/events/second-annual-kcts-9-kids-day>

Volunteer needs: 10 volunteers needed

Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2016—4 PM to 9 PM

Event: Boys of '36 Screening and discussion

Location; HUB South Ballroom and Meany Hall, University of Washington

Description: A screening and Q & A with film maker Mark Samels, author of Boys in The Boat Dan Brown about the story of nine working-class young men from the University of Washington who took the rowing world and America by storm when they captured the gold medal at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Their unexpected victory, against not only the Ivy League teams of the East Coast but Adolf Hitler's elite German rowers, gave hope to a nation struggling to emerge from the depths of the Great Depression.

Volunteer needs: 5 Volunteers needed

Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2016—7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Event: Boys of '36 Screening

Location: Seattle Center—Mural Amphitheater

Description: A screening about the story of nine working-class young men from the University of Washington who took the rowing world and America by storm when they captured the gold medal at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Their unexpected victory, against not only the Ivy League teams of the East Coast but Adolf Hitler's elite German rowers, gave hope to a nation struggling to emerge from the depths of the Great Depression.

Volunteer needs: 10 Volunteers needed

Speaker for June Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

Scott Kubly, Director Seattle Department of Transportation.. As Director Scott oversees all of the functions, staff and services of the department, guiding and shaping SDOT to attain our vision, mission and goals. The emergency management and communications (public relations and media relations) functions for the department are also part of the Director's Office as well as the liaison with the Mayor's Office and the Seattle City Council.

A Good Night's Sleep

Submitted by [Sunrise Senior Living](#)

What's better than a good night's sleep? Nothing! Turns out that's actually a scientific fact – Superior health, especially for seniors, starts with a restful sleep. A healthy adult should shoot for anywhere from seven to nine hours of rest per night. There are a number of things you can do to get a better night's rest:

- 1. Exercise More:** Exercising gives people endorphins to improve their mood and tire them out, making sleep come easier at night.
- 2. Assess Medications:** Look into them to see if any of the ingredients might be keeping you up at night.
- 3. Monitor Fluid Intake:** Avoid drinking anything about an hour or two before bed.
- 4. Remove Bedroom Distractions:** Even the youngest of minds will benefit from some time to unwind before bed.
- 5. Control Bedroom Temperatures:** You'll get a better night sleep if the air is maintained at a comfortable temperature.

Learn more about a good night's sleep and other senior health and wellness topics at www.SunriseBlog.com.

MEN'S HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

By Kirk Larson, Social Security Washington State Public Affairs Specialist



This year, we observe National Men's Health Week from June 13 to 19. It so happens that Father's Day falls on the last day of Men's Health Week, a perfect time for focusing on health education and awareness, disease prevention, and family.

Social Security encourages you to support fathers and friends everywhere in their efforts to stay healthy. The right balance of diet, exercise, regular visits to doctors and health care providers, and overall healthy living can go a long way to help everyone remain a part of your daily life for years to come.

Part of staying healthy and happy is reducing the amount of stress in your life. That's where opening a *my Social Security* online account can help. Our online services make doing business with us fast and easy. At *my Social Security*, you can:

- Keep track of your earnings and verify them every year;
- Get an estimate of your future benefits, if you are still working;
- Get a letter with proof of your benefits, if you currently receive them; and
- Manage your benefits;
- Change your address;

- Start or change your direct deposit;
- Request a replacement Medicare card; and
- Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

In Washington State, you can even request a replacement Social Security card online using *my Social Security*. It's an easy, convenient, and secure way to request a replacement card online.

Tell dad to check out the healthy amount of features we have to offer at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

In addition to using *my Social Security*, there are a number of other things you can do online with Social Security. For example, you can use the *Retirement Estimator* to plug in different numbers, retirement dates, and scenarios to help you decide the best time for you to retire. It's available at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

And when that time comes, you can apply for retirement benefits online at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/about.htm. It can take as little as 15 minutes from start to finish. In most cases, once you submit your electronic application, that's it, you're done—no papers to sign or documents to submit.

When you're ready to retire, the best place to apply is from the comfort of your home computer, with some of your favorite music playing in the background. Now that's a great start to a healthy retirement!

Q and A with SSA

By Kirk Larson, Social Security Washington Public Affairs Specialist

Question:

Although I stopped working a few years ago, I had additional seasonal earnings after my retirement. Will my monthly Social Security retirement benefit increase?

Answer:

Possibly. And, you can get Social Security retirement or survivors benefits and work at the same time. Each year, we review the records for all

working Social Security recipients to see if additional earnings may increase their monthly benefit amounts. If an increase is due, we calculate a new benefit amount and pay the increase retroactive to January following the year of earnings. You can learn more about how work affects your benefits by reading our publication, *How Work Affects Your Benefits*, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Question:

When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, are benefits payable on that person's record?

Answer:

Social Security survivors benefits can be paid to:

- A widow or widower — unreduced benefits at full retirement age, or reduced benefits as early as age 60;

- A disabled widow or widower — as early as age 50;

- A widow or widower at any age if he or she takes care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled, and receiving Social Security benefits;

- Unmarried children under 18, or up to age 19 if they are attending high school full time. Under certain circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren, grandchildren or adopted children;

- Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled; and

- Dependent parents age 62 or older.

Even if you are divorced, you still may qualify for survivors benefits. For more information, go to www.socialsecurity.gov.



Interactive Exhibit now at the Museum of Flight

May 28—September 10, 2016

ABOVE AND BEYOND celebrates the power of innovation to make dreams take flight. This 5,000-square-foot traveling aerospace exhibition features: immersive simulations, interactive design challenges, iconic historical touchstones, visionary concepts for the future, and inspiring stories from game-changing innovators, past and present.

Design—and test-fly—your own supersonic jet. Pilot a drone into the eye of a hurricane to measure nature's fury. Spread your wings and experience flight as a bird or a futuristic wing-flapping aircraft. Or take an elevator ride to the edge of space.

Packed with fun interactive challenges, vehicle concept models and prototypes, immersive media presentations, and inspiring stories, this large-scale exhibition invites you to experience what it takes to make the “impossible” possible. Explore ever more advanced aircraft and spacecraft that change our lives and transform our world. And join the epic journey into the sky and beyond!

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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Special Projects

June 24, 2016

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

Speaker: Scott Kubly, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation

Topic: “Greater Seattle area ongoing traffic issues”

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)

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 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.

