



The Heritage

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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



I hope you were entertained and informed by our meeting speaker from the University of Washington's Burke Museum, Steve Whitson.

I missed the meeting because I was driving to Fort Davis, Texas, to attend the Texas Star Party. This is one of two meetings I will miss this year to go looking at stars and the wonders in the night sky.

It's a long way to drive to look at stars and other celestial bodies. But this year and next month is special. On May 9th, Mercury will transit the Sun. This last happened on November 8, 2006 and will not happen again until November 11, 2019. There was a transit of Venus in 2004 and 2012. The previous last transits of Venus were 1874 and 1882. When Captain Cook sailed around the world one of his assignments was to observe the transit in the South Pacific. The next transit of Venus is 2117, sorry none of us will be here for that one. Mercury is closer to the Sun than Venus and passes through inferior conjunction five times as often. So transits happen more often, about thirteen times each century.

You will be able to observe it in Seattle. However, it starts before sunrise. Check with the Boeing Employees Astronomical Society or the Seattle Astronomical Society web sites to find any local public outreach viewing. To see more of the transit, you must go east. Therefore, a trip to Texas.

I'll assume the Finger Food Pot Luck challenged your taste buds. I will miss all the different food items our members usually bring to our pot luck events. Someday we should start a cook book with the recipes.

I hope you were all able to consider the needs of our Host, The VFW Post, to repair their leaking roof. As a Veteran I support the VFW and their efforts for our local Veterans. So I contributed earlier to the roof repair and intend to give another contribution at our May meeting. I hope you were able to chip in and help.

In September we have the opportunity to add an event to our calendars. Remember back in November Jack Cosgrove spoke to us about stamp collecting? Well the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition is September 9-11 with a special focus on Boeing Anniversary displays and we have a special invitation to attend.

We still have not heard from the Employee Community Fund people as to a date to pass out coffee and donuts to Boeing employees in May with the USO. If we get a date, I'll call those who said they would like to help and see if you're still available. If it doesn't happen in May, it should happen in July.

In closing I need to relay the passing of another long time Bluebill, Gary Palmer. Gary passed away in the end of March and had services at Tahoma National Cemetery on April 18. I've known Gary since the early '80's in SPEEA. He was very active in Bluebills and our school supplies efforts. He will be missed. Our sympathies go out to his family.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

Hi Bluebills,

Not much new at Busy B's at the moment. We're all keeping busy making our quilts. We're adding a new place to give out veterans quilts, the Old Soldiers Home in Ortling. Richard Vaughn will be taking some to them soon.

Jean Derheim is still on our disabled list, but even though she can't travel in to the office, she still is working on quilts.

We gave two dozen lap protectors for the nursing home. They said they are working out well and are appreciated.

We don't need any fabric at this time but if anyone has yarn they would like to donate, that is always needed. And, we would welcome anyone who would like to come sew with us.



The quilt in the picture was made by Lana Mitsules and is very beautiful. It is very colorful with the colored "balloons" on a white quilted background.

That's it for this month. Enjoy the wonderful flowering trees and bushes.

page as it evolves. This information will have links for useful presentations that our membership can use when they volunteer. Look for it in next few months.

In the meantime, I would like to introduce some of our exemplary volunteers who are doing a tremendous job and making a difference in our communities. Fred Struck is one of our Bluebill members who volunteers extensively with Kent School District. Fred spends two or three hours four days a week with Kent Phoenix Academy students with their math studies. The coursework is often computer based but he spends some time in class rooms as well. The coursework covered is Algebra I through IV, with some work in Geometry and business/home math. Fred also works with students in summer school at Kent-Meridian HS. If there are any questions, please contact him at FStruck@aol.com. Well done Fred and Thank you.

Please contact me at bgupta6228@comcast.net if you have any comments and suggestions.



Here's a picture of two Easter bags similar to the 60 that were filled with treats and delivered to Fred Hutch for Children's Hospital kids. The Bluebills office received the cute thank you card (several pictures clipped together) in return.



Bluebills Education Volunteering

By Brad Grupa

Hi Bluebills, In order to facilitate the process of matching volunteers to the opportunities, I am in the process of creating useful information and links to place on our Bluebill website. I have also been requested to put the same information on our face book

Congratulations Doug Hoople!

By Mary Ulibari

The King County Council recently recognized longtime Bellevue resident Doug Hoople for his service on the King County Veterans Citizen Oversight Board (VCOB), as well as for his military service in the U.S. Navy and his extensive volunteer work.

At the end of 2015, Hoople retired from the VCOB after eight years, including six years as board chair. The board was formed in 2007 to oversee spending of the VCOB. He advocated for underserved veteran populations such as women and communities of color, victims of military sexual trauma and traumatic brain injury, and for veterans involved in the legal system.

Hoople played a major role in the inclusion of Military Family Counseling services when the levy was renewed in 2012 to support all family members before, during and after deployment of a loved one, according to a King County media release.

Hoople's contribution to Bellevue, King County and the nation extends beyond the board. He served 20 years in the Navy, rising through the ranks from an airman to the Tactical Coordinator in P-3 aircraft during two tours in Vietnam, to serving as a division officer to a hangar deck officer on the USS Kitty Hawk and ending his career as a lieutenant commander. After the Navy he worked for 21 years at Boeing. In retirement, he is active in his community by volunteering with numerous organizations including the USO, United Way and formerly served the Bellevue Human Services Commission.

Veterans In Aerospace Symposium

By Lonnie Stevenson

April 12th at the WA State Conference Center in Seattle, Boeing in partnership with RP6 (Rally Point Six) conducted a 'Veterans In Aerospace Symposium' for any and all Veterans who may be looking for gainful employment. Don Leingang, USONW Director asked Doug Hoople and me to volunteer and to try to get some Boeing retirees to also volunteer. **Thank you Heinz Gehlhaar and Tom Moberg.** We were originally supposed to help with registration but instead ended up being way pointers . . . as the information sent to everyone erroneously pointed to the Convention Center instead of the Conference center.

Following the Boeing presentations, a career and resource fair was held from noon to 3 pm of which the USONW was one of the vendors.



Of course Doug and I manned the USONW table.

Puget Sound Honor Flight spring events:

By Lonnie Stevenson

April 23rd saw **52 WWII vets** off to Washington DC for their one last mission. We welcomed them home the evening of April 25th.

USONW volunteers always supports this effort along with about 30 of our finest Coast Guard who help with the outbound as well as the inbound. On inbound evening, active military personnel in dress uniform escort each vet from the gate to the atrium where the welcome home celebration is held.

Next spring flights will be weekend of: May 07 for outbound, May 09 for inbound.

Enjoy the pictures:



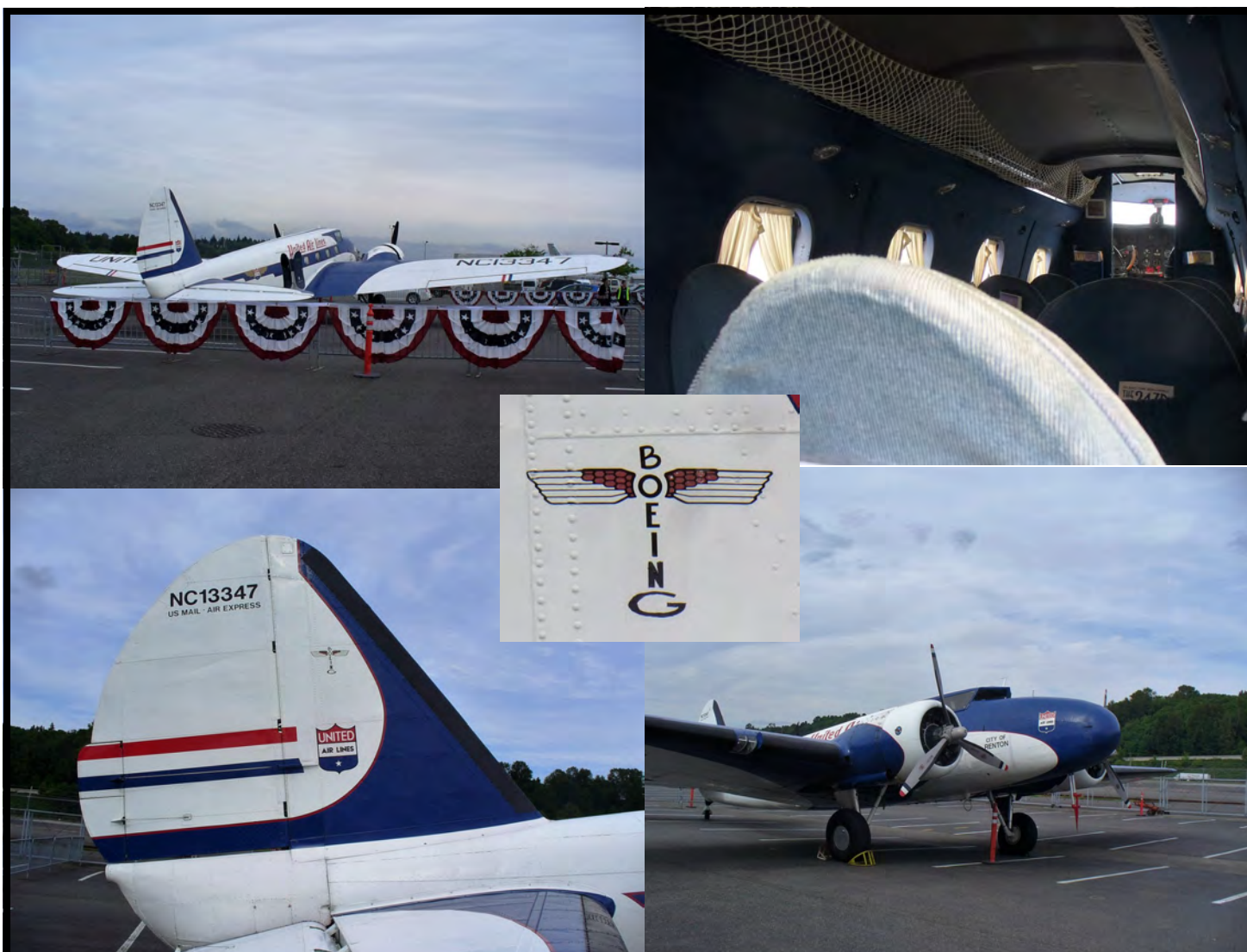
Classic twin-engine Boeing 247D

By Lonnie Stevenson

Tuesday April 26th, the classic twin-engine Boeing 247D from the 1930's, one of a mere four remaining in the world, and the only one flyable (not counting Addison Pemberton's 1928 Model 40C) made its last flight to the Museum of Flight Boeing Field campus, to be retired for permanent display in the new Aviation pavilion this fall. Until then it will be on display on the grass berm in front of the east entrance to the Museum of Flight. . It has been in the Museum's collection since 1966 and was based at the Museum's restoration Center on Paine Field in Everett. The plane had been featured at air shows and other events around the country from 1994 until 2004.

What an awesome little airplane. I thought it would be much bigger. I did not get to see the fly in, but on the ground it looks really cool.

Enjoy the pictures:



April Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarry



Vice Chairman Howard Syder called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was one guest, Bob Thompson, and one birthday, Adrian Lawler, no anniversaries to announce. Howard asked for volunteers to head up

the Bluebills' booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup this Fall. If no one steps forward, we will be forced to skip it this year. Please contact the Bluebills office if you are interested.

Tom Moberg stepped to the microphone for an important announcement. Tom was instrumental in securing the VFW Hall for our monthly meetings at no charge. The building is in desperate need of roof replacement and asked our members to dig into their pockets and contribute whatever they could toward that repair. A coffee can was passed around the room.

Howard then mentioned the recent passing of Gary Palmer, a long-time, dedicated Bluebills member. His wife, Donna, was thankful to all the Bluebills who attended his celebration of life. RIP, Gary.

Jim Beasley then introduced Steve Whiston, Senior Manager, Industry Assessment, Boeing Research & Technology, Seattle. Steve is responsible for managing the Industry Assessment (IA) team of strategy analysts that provide market and strategy analysis to all elements of the Boeing enterprise. The IA team functions as an "in-house strategic business consultancy" supply-



ing non-advocate studies and recommendations in a broad array of subject areas including industry trends, competitor activities, disruptive technologies, future scenario workshops, and new market opportunities. He also serves as the Strategy Coordinator for the VP/GM of Boeing Research & Technology where he coordi-

nates the alignment of technology development strategy and plans of individual technology teams with the goals and objectives of Boeing's business units and the overall long-range business plan.

With more than 25 years of experience with Boeing, Steve has held prior leadership roles in International and Domestic Marketing, Global Alliances and Ventures, Product Line Planning, Operational Analysis, and Software Development.

Prior to joining The Boeing Company, Steve was with Lockheed's famed "Skunk Works" in Burbank, CA where he worked on numerous advanced military platforms and specialized in the design, test, and assessment of specialized military aircraft.

Steve holds a BS in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University and has been a board member of the Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture in Seattle for eight years.

The Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture (Burke Museum) is a natural history museum located on the campus of the University of Washington in Seattle and is the official state museum of Washington. The museum is the oldest natural history museum west of the Mississippi River and boasts a collection of more than 16 million artifacts.

The museum specimens are a part of its anthropology, biology, and geology research divisions, and a multitude of permanent displays, including a natural history exhibit on the 545-million-year evolution of the Northwest region. It also hosts a calendar of changing exhibits throughout the year in its temporary galleries.

The origins of the Burke Museum can be traced back as far as 1885 when the Young Naturalists Society founded it. This group of young men included sons of widely known local historical figures like Edmond Meany and Charles Denny (son of Arthur Denny). With their interest in botany and natural history, the collection of what would eventually become artifacts of the Burke Museum grew substantially. The organization was formally named the Washington State Museum in 1895 and later given its current name in honor of Thomas

Burke, a local lawyer and railroad tycoon.

In 1964 a modern facility was built on the grounds of the UW campus. Now, 50 plus years later, there are a number of reasons for a new, updated facility. In addition to no central air conditioning or climate controls, there are many pillars in the foyer that hamper movement of artifacts, making it difficult to change the displays. With the poor air control, summer humidity puts the entire collection at risk and brings discomfort to visitors. Thus, the UW is expected to begin construction this summer on a new, \$99 million building to house the Burke Museum collection.

Steve reminded the audience of a major discovery in 2014, bringing much attention to the museum. A Columbian mammoth tusk was unearthed at a construction site in the South Lake Union area. Construction was temporarily halted and the Burke took great care retrieving, transporting and preserving this spectacular find. This treasure reinforced the need for a new museum.

Another occurrence of much interest to Seattleites was in 2015 when the Museum transported and displayed, at much expense, the Native American mask that inspired the Seahawks logo. It was viewed and celebrated by many, including Seahawks personnel. To see the mask that allegedly inspired the Seahawks logo, Google Awakwa'wakw.

The building will be built at the corner of 15th Avenue N.E. and N.E. 45th Street, just west of the museum's existing brick-and-concrete building, which will be torn down. The new structure will include a café with outdoor seating. Its exterior along 15th Avenue will be made of glass, allowing passers-by to look into laboratories where naturalists and curators will work with the collections. This feature is part of a forward-looking concept called "inside out" where the normally behind the scenes activities will be visible to the public.

The theme of openness is reflected throughout the initial new building designs, with nearly 60 percent of the museum viewable to visitors through glass partitions and an open floor plan, revealing the research labs and artifacts. Currently, collec-

tions are on display only a couple of times a year due to the current floor plan. In the new Burke, there will be adequate space to show artifacts every day allowing visitors to interact with them in ways only imagined before.

The \$99 million budget includes design and construction of the new building, exhibits, moving costs, an operating endowment, and landscaping for the new facility. The funding plan includes a combination of public and private support.

Funding sources (,000):

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| State allocations | 54,000 |
| Private gifts | 33,000 |
| UW/Other public funding | 10,000 |
| In-Kind | <u>2,000</u> |
| | 99,000 |

The groundbreaking celebration will be held on May 18, 2016. Construction is scheduled to begin in July and is likely to take between 18 and 24 months. The UW says the collection should be transferred around May 2018 with the opening in the Fall of 2019.

Once again, the audience was treated to a fascinating and informative presentation. A big shout out to Jim Beasley for his continuing efforts to provide a variety of entertaining and educational speakers at our meetings. Well done, Jim.



Howard concluded the meeting with the usual door prize drawings. The members then enthusiastically lined up for the finger food potluck. There was a variety of delicious items that resulted in big smiles and full tummies all around.

By the way, Tom stated the coffee can revealed \$300 toward the roof replacement. Good job and much appreciated. Thank you.

Speaker for May Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

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

Collier has held leadership position 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 extensive experience in working with community leaders. She is a native of Seattle and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Seattle University.

The Bluebills lost another wonderful member recently.

By: Janice Hawes

Gary Palmer passed away and was laid to rest at Tahoma National Cemetery on April 18th in a very moving ceremony.



Gary was born in Wenatchee and moved to the Seattle area when he was in junior high school. He met his future wife Donna there. After high school he joined the Marines. He was discharged from the service in New York and Donna flew back there to marry him. He received his aviation training in the Marine Corp and was offered a job in New York but after some bad experiences with traffic, they decided to come back to Seattle. (The traffic was much better here at that time!)

He went to work for Boeing as an electrical test engineer at the Kent Space Center and at Plant 2 doing defense work. Some of the programs he worked on were the Minute Man Missile program, cruise air missile and the SRAM missile. One of his projects was to try to make things fail and then to suggest ways so they would not fail. He worked on something called "exploding bolts" which was a process to release bolts. He did computer programming and said after he retired "he forgot everything he knew about computers".

Gary worked for Boeing for 41 years and retired in 1991. He and Donna joined the Bluebills in 1997. One of his favorite volunteer jobs was working with World Vision's Kids in Need warehouse.

He and Donna volunteered at the King County Fire District #40. He was an amateur radio operator and worked with emergency communications.

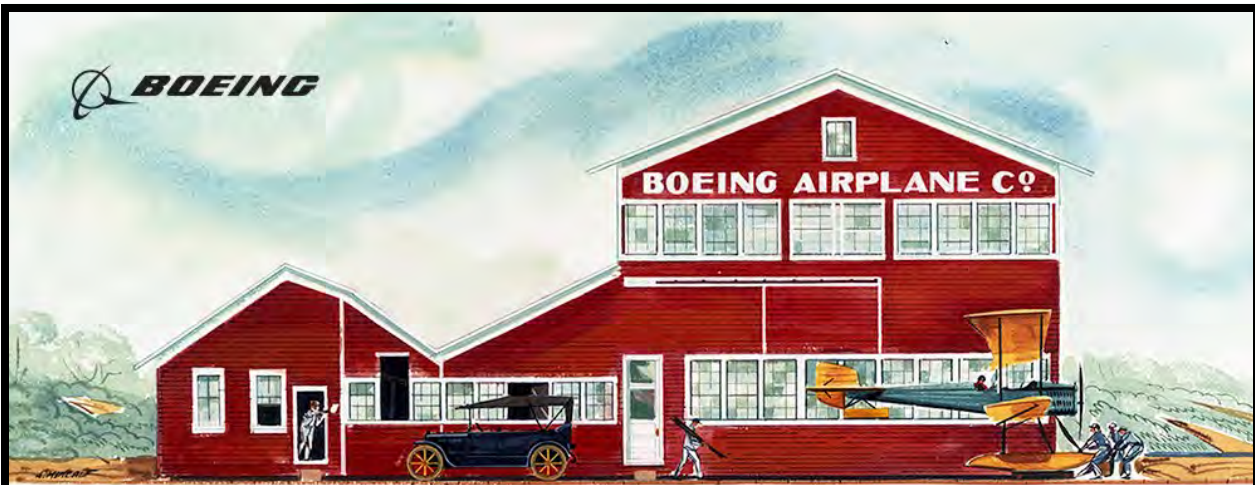
He belonged to the Boeing amateur Radio Club, the Auto Cross club and the Salmon Derby. He and Donna belonged to the Boeing Travel Club and went on many trips, such as Cook Island, Hawaii, Alaska, the Middle East where they got to see the pyramids. A favorite was their trip to China and Donna's favorite there were the Panda Bears. On their trips, Gary would like to walk around neighborhoods to see how people lived. They also liked to go to the Harness Races in British Columbia.

Gary, according to his son, was a "tinkerer". He liked to repair things and put things together. In

the 1960's he bought a Heath TV kit and put together their first color tv. The kids were excited to see J.P. Patches and Gertrude in COLOR for the first time.

He and Donna were married for 60 years and raised two sons in their home in Renton where they have lived since they bought it in 1960.

Gary was a good friend to everyone and will be very much missed.



An exclusive invitation to our community partners!

Please join us as we commemorate our past, present and future accomplishments together and celebrate

Boeing's Centennial

Thursday, May 26, 2016 | 6-9 p.m.
Museum of Flight
Great Gallery

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a sneak peek of the Above & Beyond exhibit before it opens to the public, then share the experience on #BoeingPartner!

Please RSVP to lorie.k.lind@boeing.com by May 5, 2016.

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Calendar of Events 2016

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| 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.

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| 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

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.

