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JUNE

Happy
Father's
Day

May 27 Heritage Chapter Meeting

George Wherley opened our meeting with his usual wit--and was enjoyed by all.



George Wherley

St. Louis Sages in Missouri Oct 3-6, and encouraged attendance for a fun weekend. A side trip to Branson is also possible; some are planning to do that.

Jim called for birthdays and congratulated them all. There were no first time attendees, but Alan Quinn and John Nitardy have not attended for some time and they were introduced and welcomed back.

Jim also provided information on a proposed Diablo Tour, which could be done in July or August. It would be a daylong event, which includes the boat tour lasting about 2 1/2 hours, and could also include dinner, or not. A number of people expressed interest so he will pursue for a definite date. See the details on this in announcements section of the newsletter.

Jim also mentioned that Merv Shetler had suggested the free Financial Seminars which BECU provides were very good and had issues we would all be interested in and worthwhile attending. They start in June

Jim Beasley called for announcements: Norma Vaughn reminded everyone whose badge is expiring in June to be sure and renew. She also gave an overview of the Trout Lodge outing once again being held with

Eds Note...



We have many things to be thankful for in this country, not the least of which, we are still living in a free society and we need to remember the men and women that have given the supreme sacrifice to keep us free. May and June has a total of five days set aside to honor those that have died, and those that have served and those that are serving today. Days to remember in May and June are, May 8, VE Day, May 21, Armed Forces Day, May 30, Memorial Day, June 6, D Day, and June 14, Flag Day. Please honor our Veterans for without their sacrifices, we would not have the freedoms we enjoy today.

Keep The Faith

JIM

and a schedule is available on the current BECU calendar. He also had information about a hike at the Cedar River Watershed, which is very interesting, and no cost. Contact Jim for more information on any of these events.

Bambi Lee gave a brief review on the Habi-



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**Calendar of Events
Heritage Chapter**

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| June 09 | Leadership Meeting |
| June 24 | General Monthly Meeting |
| July 14 | Leadership Meeting |
| July 29 | General Monthly Meeting |
| Aug. 11 | Leadership Meeting |
| Aug. 26 | General Monthly Meeting |
| Sept. 8 (or 15) | Leadership Meeting |
| Sept. 30 | General Monthly Meeting |
| Oct. 13 | Leadership Meeting |
| Oct. 28 | General Monthly Meeting |
| Nov. 10 | Leadership Meeting |
| Nov. 18 | General Monthly Meeting |
| Dec. 08 | Leadership Meeting |
| Dec. 16 | General Monthly Meeting |

Special Events

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| August | Picnic (Date, Time TBD) |
| Sept. | Nominations for Volunteer of the Year |
| | Nominations for Heritage Chapter Leadership for 2006 |
| Nov. | Volunteer of the Year Dinner (Date, time and Place TBD) |

fits Children's Home Society, and for Safe Haven "garage sale" to take place July 15-24. Call her if you can help. See announcement section for details.

Our speaker for this month was supposed to be Pam Bissonnette from DNRP but Ms. Bissonnette was unable to make the meeting so Dave Monthie came and spoke in her stead.

Mr. Monthie is the Senior Regional Water Policy Analyst with King County DNRP since 2000; His focus is on various water resource management and policy issues; He is currently spearheading regional water supply plan for King County and beyond. He was Manager of Policy Section, WA State Department of Health Office of Drinking Water (1991-2000) Staff to WA State Senate 1988-1991
Education:
BA, History, Yale University 1971
JD, University of San Francisco, 1976

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tat for Humanity Dedication, and how enjoyable it is to share this event with the new owners.

Margaret Stone has volunteer needs for the Street of Dreams in July-August in Woodinville, which bene-

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

An Act of God



In these days of increased technology and improvements in our daily life, I harken back to those advertisements in the Good Housekeeping and Ladies Home Journal where engineers and scientists projected a life of leisure and contentment for all, with refrigerators that defrost and icemakers for your lemonade.

Little did we realize the other side of these entire enhancements that have their drawbacks with the increased complexity and frustrations of our society. I am not talking just about the frustration in programming your DVD and video player but the other factors that now surround us, ala the legalese statements and disclaimers that are included with everything and on all the prescription drug TV ads and the small print that comes with your prescriptions and medicines.

As an example, last week on a blustery afternoon, my compatriot/critic and I spent a leisurely day going to an afternoon matinee and light dinner. We had parked on a nearby Seattle street. After dinner as we approached the car to return home, I saw the trees on the parking strip had been sawn in small pieces and were blocking the street with a barricade. Then I noticed our car's cracked windshield, broken mirror, dented body, and a notice from the Seattle Police with an incident number on the card.

When I called the police, I was informed that I had run into the trees and I would be responsible for damage to city property. With my wife's "calm" direction we returned to the scene of the crime, took pictures and called my insurance agent. In seemed in analyzing the pictures and the situation there had been a rainsquall while we were gone and the trees were blown down.

"Aha, I cried, the trees were city property!" I had them dead to rights. The city was responsible. Now we get to the fine print. My agent told me it was an "act of God" and I would have to pay the deductible. After a spirited discussion with my agent, whom I thought was my friend after twenty-five years of funneling protection money to him, I was enlightened about trees and God. For a further insult he informed me that if your neighbor has a big tree on his property and it falls and damages your house, you pay, not your neighbor. The only exception is if the tree is dead or rotten and you have informed your neighbor about the condition of his tree. To paraphrase another Biblical saying about "being your brother's keeper" make sure you include his trees. Remember another pet phrase of mine: "the large print giveth and the small print taketh away." Take time from your volunteer activities and review all of your insurance policies with your agent. Play "what if" games to determine your coverage - you might be protected and maybe not, but hopefully you will know where you stand.

Your 2005 Heritage Chairman

Jim Beasley

Another Carla Rebuttal "Ref: Clutter"

In all fairness to my husband, the chairman, he makes it sound as if I'm as much a clutter nut as he. At home, however, he complains about my clutter and I tactfully reminded him of the garage. Truly, when my granddaughter visited and wanted to see what was behind the garage door, I told her it was very, very scary. So, Jim, thank you for allowing the readership to see you in the land of clutter.

P.S. He could care less about the results of my lawn grooming, he's just glad I mow. He doesn't inspect it, he wouldn't dare!

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Dave Montie

Dave Montie spoke on Water Planning for King County, and the various water alliances in King and Snohomish counties. There is certainly reason to believe our water supply is not limitless and the drought conditions will continue. This and other things were addressed in some detail. Something for us all to think about. An interesting subject with a lot of questions and answers after the talk

Meeting closed with door prizes. See you next month!

Announcements

**Let's Get Away for a Day
Commune with Nature**

Diablo Lake Tour

(the former Seattle City Light Tour)

Time to load up the vans with friends and picnic to head for the hills.

- Drive time** from Seattle approx 3 hours
- Check in time** 12:00
- Boat Departure time** 12:30
- Boat tour length** 2.5 hours
- Boat capacity** 75 persons
- Boat Tour only** \$20.00, brown bag picnic

Good Dinner Tour \$50.00 includes the boat ride and an all you can eat chicken dinner with all the

'fixins'

Months July and August

Days of the week

Fri, Sat, Sun boat only
Mon, Thurs Good Dinner Tour

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Trout Lodge

Bluebills have once again been invited by the St. Louis Sages (retirees) to come to Trout Lodge (a YMCA lodge on Sunnen Lake) at Potosi, MO, for several days of fun and fellowship from October 3 through October 6, 2005. Several couples from the chapter are already planning to attend and are preparing to participate in the "no-talent talent show". This does not mean that we have talent - just that we enjoy and want to be

a part of the activities. We could use your talents, too.

There are many activities available such as bingo, bocce ball, bridge, campfires, crafts, egg toss, fishing,

golf, hole-in-one, ping pong, sing-a-longs, walking, washer toss, mini-golf, croquet, and shuffleboard, just to name a few. A guided pontoon boat ride around the lake is a "must do". You will never lack for something to do or you can just spend some quiet time if you prefer. The lodge was remodeled last year and the rooms are very nice. There are no telephones or TVs in the rooms but those amenities are available in the lounge areas. You can find more information about the lodge at www.ymcaoftheozarks.org.



Norma Vaughn

The registration fee for all of your meals and lodging (double occupancy), and gratuity is \$295.00 per person with a deadline of July 1, 2005, for making reservations. We have much more information to share with you if you will call the office at **(206) 544-5772**. Leave your name and phone number so we can contact you and then mail out the information. We

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would love to have a good turnout for this event and know you will have the time of your life.

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The New Bluebills Data Base

Over the past few months, a committee has been investigating the procurement of a new database for Bluebills use. Boeing Community Relations will also utilize it for their in-house Boeing activities but with a firewall that guarantees separation of the data. This new data base system is required since we will no longer receive computer support from Boeing as we have in the past.

With diligence on the behalf of the Data Base Committee, the statement of work has been sent to three vendors. We have received acknowledgements from two vendors. They are examining our requirements and should respond with their proposals within a few weeks. Hopefully we will have a system in-house within two months for evaluation.

The committee is composed of the following Bluebills: Dick Beham, Roland Machado, Norma Vaughn, Jackie Dennis, Lonnie Stevenson, Jeannette Fields, Jim Niederkrome, and Jim Beasley and The Boeing Company's: Jim Littlefield, Bill Rienstra, and Susan Patterson. Many thanks to the committee for their time and contributions.

Our committee has corresponded mostly by e-mail which made the process flow smoothly even though some of them were "snowbirds" in rainy Arizona and New Mexico. It serves them right for trying to escape.

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HABITAT for HUMANITY

The Dedication Ceremony for the 2 new Westway homes in Federal Way was held Saturday, May 21. Dave Franz from the Bluebills was recognized as one of the major contributing volunteers.

Bambi Lee made a presentation of Quilts at this Ceremony, to each of the families. Her Busy B's made these Quilts.

Habitat relies on many volunteers. Last Thursday they cleaned the tools and marked them with Habitat logos.

They plan to clean the mini-mobile and have it ready to be moved to the next building site, but for now it looks like it will be moved to Marine View Presbyterian Church. The HFH Organization thanks everyone again for all your support and hard work.

Eight homes were recently completed at New Holly and construction is underway on 15 additional new homes at Othello Place in Seattle. With the completion of these two homes in Westway, Habitat for Humanity Seattle/South King County has completed 98 homes and will celebrate completion of its 100th house this summer.

RAPCO

Here it is Memorial Day already. We have so much to be thankful for, especially for all those who have given so much to keep us here at home, free and safe, by putting their lives on the line. Many of these hero's are now in one of the nursing homes that we serve. I feel we are really privileged to meet some of the war heroes. And having been in the service, to keep us safe, I think, makes them all heroes.

Each of you Bluebills is part of the process of helping to say "thank you", when You help give them a little cheer with our gift packages. If you get a chance to visit with one of these people, you realize just how much they appreciate our thinking of them as well as how much better you will feel.

In the last few months we have lost a few of the retirees or heroes" from our homes, some have gone home to their families and some have passed on.

Long time residences from Burien Life Care Center are:
Chester Robins Deceased
Jack Steen Deceased Both Boeing retirees.
We have also picked up 3 new patients.

West Seattle Life Care Center
John McCale, deceased, John has been with us for many years, went home 3 times and returned one last time. we will miss his always smiling face.

Othello Dichert has gone home,
Leah Pede who had gone home is now returned.
We welcome our fellow retiree, back.
And we also have an additional 3 more Boeing retirees now a total of 7 retirees and 3 no visitors patrons there.
The Sea Mar home has a lot of changes which I will call

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all who write cards and give you the updated, as I will with all the other homes.

We recently have lost: Boeing retiree, Earl Emerson Ford, Principal Engineer retiring in 1995 with 35 years of service, and Lois Gunnerud Fry, a retired Boeing Clerk

Paul J Fantin retired Engineer. is in a rehab center. Ned Gould Engineer is in a rehab center, we send them, as well as all others that are ill, our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

And we send the families of all those that have passed on our love, understanding and our thoughts and prayers. If you hear of any others that can use our help, please let us know.

A little Irish Poem for June
May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, may God hold
you in the hollow of his hand.

TEACHERS RESOURCE CENTER (KIDS IN NEED) UPDATE

By the time you receive this month's newsletter, this year's last shopping day at the Teachers Resource Center will have taken place. It's been a wonderfully successful year with approximately 1000 more teacher visits this year than last and tens of thousands of needy kids benefiting from the Program. This would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all the Bluebills volunteers. Thank-you everyone for your steadfast commitment to the Program.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the End-of-the-Year Potluck celebration at Jim and Marilea Peterson's house on June 9th. It's always such a pleasure to get the whole gang together just for fun and relaxation. You all deserve it!

World Vision expects to have a lease signed by June or July for the old Chubby and Tubby on Rainier Avenue. This facility will serve as a Resource Center for the Seattle Schools. The balance of schools will continue to be served at the existing Kent location. Volunteers are

sorely needed to help staff the Rainier Avenue operation. Please contact Howard Syder through the Bluebills Office if you are interested in volunteering at the Seattle site.

Volunteer Opportunities

Attention Animal Lovers/Garage Sale Buffs!!!

Pasada Safe Haven and Animal Sanctuary in Sultan is holding its annual fundraiser at Sand Point, July 15th thru the 24th. Sets up days are Friday the 15th thru Sunday the 19th. Volunteers are asked to work four-hour shifts unloading delivery vehicles, arranging furniture, putting up display tables, unpacking boxes and arranging donated items.

The sale begins Friday, July 22nd thru the 24th. Volunteers are needed to cashier, help move and load furniture, monitor the sale floor and help where needed.

Lunch is provided every day. This should be a fun event. I don't have the exact hours now, but if you or anyone you know are interested; please contact Diana Sheperd of Posada at 206/356-9281 or di@pasadosafehaven.org.

Opening for a part-time customer service person at our busy front-desk serving students at Bellevue Community College. The desk makes appointments for the Career Center, Women's Center, Counseling, and Advising. Preferred qualifications include:

- Excellent people skills;
- Extraordinary patience and diplomacy;
- Ability to multi-task; attention to detail;
- Collaborative approach;
- Strong desire to assist students in achieving their goals;
- Good oral and written communication skills;
- The ability to learn and retain large quantities of information;
- Computer literacy.

Please call Carol Benedict at 425 564-2950 for further information or send a cover letter and resume to C.

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usually coffee I think or punch or both, and that was all there, but then some others came with brownies, cakes, you name it, THEN the home owners and friends came with real food, and it was piled high, and let me tell you it was eaten with zest by most all there, I was timid to try but a bit curious, I did consider> I have never seen food like this at a dedication before, they made it a very special meaning to all of them,

I forgot to mention the flags hanging on each side, I don't know, I forgot to ask Diane or Janet about them, maybe Don knows who hung them,



somehow I felt was homeowners, in celebration, I am still curious, I asked Jim to take pic of them as well as the ladies so beautifully dressed in native clothing, wonderful fabrics and colors. I was wishing my whole crew had gone to this one as it was real special. and with the

size of the families, it's great the children have each other to play with, not being strangers to the neighborhood. It's such a blessing for them to have their own homes, I pray



they will be able to pay it all back with no problems.

IF anyone gets a chance to go to a dedication, I do think you should go at least once and experience what it means to people who would otherwise not be able to own their own homes. it's a beautiful thing to witness. and God is always there !! priceless !! Love to all

Bambi



Don Dokken

GUESS WHO IS THE BIGGEST AIDS CARRIER!!

SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE NATIONS LEADING CARRIERS OF AIDS!
HEARING AIDS BAND AIDS ROLL AIDS WALKING AIDS MEDICAL AIDS
GOVERNMENT AIDS MOST OF ALL, MONETARY AIDS TO THEIR KIDS!

Bonnie Pladson will be our speaker for June and will be speaking on BECU Trust Company, you might find this something worthwhile hearing about, I am not sure what it is all about but I am going to be there to find out. Following is her Bio.

Bonnie A. Pladson, JD, CTFPA President

Ms. Pladson has over 27 years of experience in the trust industry. She has held various positions with both multi-billion dollar bank trust departments and a large Northwest family-owned trust company. Before joining BECU to establish the BECU Trust Company, she was employed for 7 years with SAFECO Trust Company, also a start-up company. Previous to her career in the trust industry, she practiced as an accountant.

Ms. Pladson holds both an accounting degree and a law degree from the University of North Dakota. She is a member of the Washington State Bar Association and serves on their Estate and Gift Tax Committee. She also holds a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor designation from the Institute of Certified Bankers. She is a member of the Seattle Estate Planning Council and the East King County Estate Planning Council. In addition, she serves as a board member for a number of professional and community organizations.

See you next month

Jim