



BOEING RETIREE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



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Sno-King Boeing Retiree Volunteers General Meeting

Our speaker this month will be—

Announced

**Boeing Everett Employees Activity Center
April 24th—4th Thursday, 1:00 PM**

Come early and share a snack and coffee and socialize

Bring another Boeing retiree—Bring dry food staples for the Food Bank

SNO-KING BOEING RETIREE VOLUNTEERS OFFICE & MEETING ROOM

Located in the Boeing Everett Activity Center which is 2½ miles North of the Boeing Everett Plant

From either direction (East or West) on Highway 526 (Boeing Freeway), take the Seaway Blvd turnoff. Proceed northerly for approximately 2½ miles. The Activity Center is at the top of the next hill after you drive down through the big curve in the gully.

Lots of parking in front of the building.

Chairman's Report

As most of you are probably aware, the Sno-King chapter of the Boeing Bluebills is also a station of the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), a federally-funded program which encourages volunteerism by senior citizens throughout the nation. These volunteers provide nearly 100 million hours of essential services to their neighbors. The director of this program in Snohomish County is Paulette Jacobsen. Paulette is asking for our help in preventing cuts to this very valuable program. Elsewhere in this newsletter, on page 3, is a letter drafted by Congressman DeFazio of Oregon, asking for our help.

Upcoming events include the annual picnic at Kasch Park, just south of the Everett Boeing plant, off Airport Road. The date for this event is Thursday, August 28th, from noon to ?? Bring your favorite dish with extra to share. More about this event will be disclosed in future newsletters.

Also upcoming is our annual Recognition Luncheon. It will be held at Shawn O'Donnell's on Thursday, October 30th, from noon to 3 PM.

Bob Krull

Sew N Sews

Thank you to Diane Sellinger for reminding me again to send in my article. I had written myself a note but then after three days I don't see it. It seems to blend in with my other notes.

Deliveries were made to:

- Catholic Community Services and
- Pregnancy Aid of two baby quilts and six crocheted afghans.
- St. Joseph's House in Marysville of one twin quilt 60 x 80 and 3 lap size quilts.
- Lutheran Church in Marysville of 10 quilts tops that were made by Barbara Bell. The church group will complete the quilts and deliver to St. Joseph's in Marysville.

Thank you again for all the time and effort that you are doing to provide these much needed donations.

Sew long,

Rose

CLC Report

We had a special guest, **Debbi Metzger**, who leads Boeing Volunteer Activities for Boeing GCC, our sponsor and parent organization. This volunteering involves both Boeing employees and retirees. The purpose of the visit was to tell us about **Earth Days** coming up in April. The volunteer activities includes such events as clean-up on Puget Sound beaches and similar activities. Last year, 1000+ Boeing people volunteered for Earth Days. There will be more information on specific Snohomish County opportunities in next month's newsletter.

Heritage chapter reported they have lost their meeting place at a Harley Davidson dealership in Renton and are seeking an alternative. For a few months, they have a room at the Clarion Hotel in Renton. They are looking at other possibilities such as BECU and Kent Parks. We are fortunate in having nice facilities at the Everett Recreation Center.

We learned that the Boeing magazine, **Frontiers**, will no longer be mailed but available on-line.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the upcoming **20th-Year Bluebills Anniversary** celebration. Still in the planning phase, we are trying to define what would be the best emphasis, location and venue to honor all the volunteering Bluebills has contributed over the years. We are seeking corporate funding and high level Boeing executive support for this event as well. If you have any ideas of how you envision such an event, please talk to Bob Krull.

Stan Shipley

This newsletter

This newsletter is also on our website in [living color](http://www.bluebills.org/snoking.html)

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Volunteer Hours

Hi All,
It is time to submit your Bluebills volunteer hours for the month of March or any previous month. If you have hours that have not been reported, you may submit those also. Thanks for your input.

Max

Senior Corps e-Alert

Below is a letter drafted by Congressman DeFazio of Oregon. He is opposing the changes to Senior Corps in the 2015 budget. We need all Senior Corps programs to ask their Congressional Representative(s) to sign on to the DeFazio letter (contact the Congressman's office, Michael Hays, Michael.hays@mail.house.gov to sign on.) You can also share the position statement from NSCA, NAFGFPD and NARSVPD about the Administration's 2015 Budget with justifications for our opposition.

We believe this legislation to be poorly conceived and will cause significant harm to all Senior Corps programs. We seek to work with all associations representing Senior Corps as well as other National partners to get our message out.

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jack Kingston
Chairman
2372 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
2365 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa De Lauro
Ranking Member
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Chairman Kingston and Ranking Member Lowey and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you review every line of the budget for potential savings, it is more important than ever that we find the most cost-effective way to meet the needs of American communities. Senior Corps is one of those cost-effective solutions. **Senior Corps enables senior volunteers to provide nearly 100 million hours of essential services to their neighbors.** We ask that you maintain current funding levels for Senior Corps in FY 2015. We also ask that you maintain the current structure of this important program.

By mobilizing seniors to volunteer their skills and experience through Senior Corps, vital community needs are met at a lower cost than other options. Federal efforts to boost volunteerism have consistently attracted bipartisan support and Senior Corps should be no different. Senior Corps currently supports three volunteer programs for older Americans—the Senior Companion Program, the Foster Grandparents Program, and RSVP.

The Senior Companion Program pairs senior volunteers with frail or disabled elderly individuals who are homebound. By taking care of routine chores and providing transportation to medical appointments or the grocery store, Senior Companions are often the only reason that frail or disabled senior citizens are able to remain in their homes and avoid living in a costly long-term care facility. **Over 80,000 frail and disabled Americans are able to continue living on their own because of Senior Companion volunteers, saving the federal government millions of dollars.**

The Foster Grandparent Program pairs senior volunteers with at-risk and special needs children in schools, youth shelters, and correctional facilities. The presence of a Foster Grandparent has a marked improvement on the reading skills, school attendance, and behavior of the over 230,000 children that they mentor. **Without Foster Grandparents, local schools and facilities would not be able to afford to pay for the individual attention that these children need in order to keep up with their peers.**

Through RSVP, seniors across the country are connected to volunteer opportunities with over 65,000 local organizations. Not only does RSVP ensure that senior volunteers' skills are best matched to a local organization, it also guarantees that volunteers' time is put to use satisfying whatever unique needs their community may have. Additionally, senior volunteers reap the mental and physical benefits of remaining active. **Each year, RSVP volunteers mentor over 80,000 children including 16,000 children of prisoners and provide independent living services for 696,000 frail elderly and people with disabilities.**

The President's FY 2015 budget proposal unwisely calls for discontinuing Senior Corps. Instead, the President's budget would move Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent into AmeriCorps. RSVP would face a 70% cut as part of the Volunteer Generation Fund. We take seriously the unsustainable federal deficit; however, all three Senior Corps ensure that American volunteers meet local needs at less cost to the taxpayer. We think it makes fiscal sense to support the current structure of Senior Corps and the current funding level of \$202 million in the fiscal year 2015 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

Peter DeFazio
Member of Congress

From the Newsletter Editor

The articles for each newsletter have been arriving before the beginning of the month, which has allowed me to prepare the newsletter in a timely fashion. I appreciate everyone’s cooperation with this request. If we could continue this routine, it will result in the newsletter’s distribution earlier in the month. Since I don’t have to contact people for their articles, it has been easier for me to put everything together and get it ready for printing and distribution. Your help in this has been appreciated.

Diane Sellinger

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

Sno-King Boeing Retiree Volunteers Meeting, Thursday, April 24th at 1:00 PM

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