



BOEING RETIREE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



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Sno-King Boeing Retiree Volunteers General Meeting

Our topic this month will be—

Military Stories

Boeing Everett Employees Activity Center
January 22nd—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

I hope your holiday season was "jolly and bright," or some semblance of that theme. The Seattle Seahawks' win certainly kicks off a great beginning for the team and their many fans. **Go Seahawks!**

The Everett Herald recently published an article titled "Saving the Trees," which discussed the first lecturer in a series of eight sponsored by the Snohomish County Master Gardener Foundation to be held at the Mukilteo Presbyterian Church, 4515 84th Street SW from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM on January 9, 2015 and the rest of the lectures taking place every other Friday running through April. For more information, call 425-357-6010. You can also get further details by viewing www.gardenlectures.com. The next session will be January 23, 2015. Ask for a discount since you will probably miss the first lecture.

The schedule and topics are:

- ◆ January 9—Dennis Tomkins—"Are Your Trees Safe?" (Many years ago, a neighbor's tree, during a windstorm, split and fell on my house. One branch went through the roof and ceiling, stopping 6" above my son's tiny 1-year old body.)
- ◆ January 23—Jessi Bloom—"Designing Your Oasis" I have taken a similar class many years ago, and found it very useful in designing my three acre garden to be.
- ◆ February 6—Polly Hankin—"Landscaping"
- ◆ February 20—Far Reaches Farm—"Expanding Botanical Horizons"
- ◆ March 6—Ciscoe Morris—"A Tour of Ciscoe's Garden" (The beautifully landscaped campus of Seattle University, was also designed by Ciscoe

Volunteer Hours

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

Max

Chairman's Report, Continued

- ◆ March 20—Lisa Taylor—"Vertical Gardening"
- ◆ March 27—Riz Reyes—"Designing with Extraordinary Plants"

Our speaker for this month had to cancel because of an unexpected illness. Instead, there will be stories from our members who have military stories to share.

Volunteer opportunities continue at the Everett School District Science Resource Center with the preparation and packing for distribution of the various scientific and STEM kits used by all the schools in the district. Also, the Volunteers of America have a variety of activities. (Check the list provided by Rose Johnson elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Retired military, or those with time in service? Come to our January meeting and share your stories.

Bob Krull

Volunteer Opportunities

January 19, 2015—Martin Luther King Day. Adult mentors/supervisors are matched with teen volunteers to do projects around the county from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There are 16 projects this year and 45 adult volunteers are needed. This is a one day event. If interested contact Paulette Jacobson at RSVP 425-374-6311.

Science Resource Center at Hawthorne School in North Everett near the Boys and Girls Club. The starting date is January 6, 2105. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. You can work fewer hours. This is generally a sit down job.

St. Joseph's House located at 1925-4th St. in Marysville. Helpers are needed daily almost year round. You can work as few or as many hours as you desire as there is always something to be done. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays they are open for shopping and it is always busy. On the other days there is still lots of work to do. This one involves a lot of moving around and chatting with the clients.

If you have any questions please contact me—my phone number and email are listed on back of newsletter.

Rose Johnson

Sew N Sews

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and had an opportunity to maybe rest up a bit. The day after Christmas I woke up with the flu so I got my rest -- fortunately had a flu shot so I only had a mild case.

Thank you to:

ELLA KRULL for two baby afghans

WANDA THOMAS for four more hats with ear flaps

ANGELA THOMAS for 26 very colorful hats and 1 scarf

Deliveries were made to Volunteers of America, Everett Gospel and Catholic Community Services.

Another thank you to **WANDA THOMAS** for the mincemeat pie at the potluck. It was the first time that I ever tasted mincemeat and it was very good.

Thank you everyone for all year long making and creating items to help the less fortunate in our community.

Sew Long,

Rose

The quilt is held by Janice Hawes also of Busy-Bees

CLC Report

The squares for this quilt, pictured below, were made from materials in dresses, blouses, etc. The squares were made in the 1980's by Ella Krull's mother, **Christina Moon**, but Christina never lived long enough to put it together. Christina retired from Boeing Renton after about 12 years' employment.

A lovely person from Heritage chapter Busy-Bees, **Lana Mitsules**, put it together for which the Krulls give their thanks. It turned out beautifully as you can see.

The four (4) CLC **members-at-large**, whose terms expired in 2014 were all returned to office for a two-year term starting January 1, 2015.

Millard Battles reported on a very interesting interface meeting between SPEEA and Bluebills which promises a more direct access to recent Boeing retirees. In fact, Sno-King's Jim Gillan was at this meeting. He serves as treasurer of an organization called **Engineering Retiree Society (ERS)** which presents information to Boeing retirees on investment plan options and other things, hopefully in the future including information on Bluebills. Jim has agreed to be Bluebills interface with ERS.

Submitted by

Stan Shipley



Photos from the December Meeting

Snaps from the December meeting, showing both the potluck and the gift exchange.



Some things to think about before it's too late...

Real life stories that teach you many things in life. Excellent reading; These are based on true incidences both wonderful and inspirational.

1. Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."
2. Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70s- what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."
3. Today, after a 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."
4. Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.
5. Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.
6. Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."
7. Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.
8. Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?" Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.
9. Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.
10. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."
11. Today, I was feeling down because the results of a biopsy came back malignant. When I got home, I opened an e-mail that said, "Thinking of you today. If you need me, I'm a phone call away." It was from a high school friend I hadn't seen in 10 years.
12. Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

The best sermons are lived, not preached

Volunteers Needed

Just in case you missed it... Our MLK Day of Service is fast approaching! For the sixth year, on January 19th, we are recruiting RSVPs in Snohomish County to mentor and supervise United Way's Youth United students as they do 16 projects around the County. Projects include everything from helping seniors/disabled navigate a local food bank to spreading bark on park trails. This is a partnership of Catholic Community Services, United Way of Snohomish County and the YMCA Minority Achiever's Program of Snohomish County. This year we anticipate over 250 students to participate. Thank you to all of you that have volunteered to help! We still need 27 adults to supervise the teens. Please consider helping with this project. The orientation for adult volunteers is on Wednesday, January 14th at United Way (3120 McDougall in Everett) at 5:30 PM.

Please contact Paulette Jacobson, Director, RSVP of Snohomish County, Catholic Community Services at 425-374-6311 or via email at paulettej@ccsw.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

Sno-King Boeing Retiree Volunteers Meeting, Thursday, January 22nd at 1:00 PM

**This month's topic will be
stories told by retired and those who served in the military.**

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