



BOEING RETIREE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



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# Sno-King Boeing Retiree Volunteers General Meeting

*Our activity this month will be—*

*Thanksgiving Potluck*

**Boeing Everett Employees Activity Center  
November 17th—3rd Thursday, 12:00 Noon**

**Come early and share a snack and coffee and socialize**

**Bring another Boeing retiree**

**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

First up, I would like to remember three members who have passed away: Ted Lee, in March, and Bill Otzen and Walter Bell, both in October. Memorial articles are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

Next, I would like to recognize another very special member, Alan Gale. Despite a serious illness, Alan has continued to come into our office at the Activity Center, north of Paine Field, to update and print the mailing labels for our monthly newsletter. Many thanks, Alan, for your dedication.

It's that time of year—the election of new leaders, an annual event, unlike local, state and national elections. We are always looking for new leadership, and both Rose Johnson and Dave Skinner have decided they no longer wish to keep their positions, and I am hoping to step down as well, so I am requesting volunteers to step up and place their names in the upcoming election next month. Anyone wishing to be considered for any leadership position, please contact me.

The ballots for this election will be included in the December newsletter. They can be mailed back to the address shown on the ballot, or better, they can be turned in at the December potluck meeting. As you know, my personal involvement in this organization dates to the beginning.

I want to take this time to bring some important information regarding the consequences of hearing impairments in those of us who have reached the 'golden years.' My wife's hearing aid specialist agreed that I could provide some interesting results of studies on the hearing-impaired.

In one study, those individuals over 60 years of age who suffer hearing loss of greater than 25 decibels are at greater risk for developing dementia: more than 1/3 of the risk of dementia was associated with hearing loss. The risk of developing Alzheimer's disease specifically also increased with hearing loss, such that for every 10 decibels of hearing loss, the extra risk increased by 20%.

In another study, it was determined that untreated hearing loss can result in the brain 'forgetting' sounds, thus becoming unable to understand those sounds. It is important to remember the interpretation of sounds occurs in the brain not the ears.

Just some food for thought...

*Bob Krull*

### CLC Report

CLC was pleased to have Sam Whiting as our guest. Sam is the new director of Boeing Corporate Citizenship (NW Region), a position held previously by Liz Warren who recently retired. Sam is not new to Boeing, having previously served as community investor for one of GCC focus areas: ..... Education.



He shared his vision of GCC's role in serving the community. Some of GCC's focus areas have changed. For example, the former Health and Human Services increasingly means aid to Veterans and Military personnel and families. There are currently 22K Boeing employees who are veterans.

Sam also said another Ray Conner luncheon is being planned. He is seeking recommendations on its content. He plans to visit CLC quarterly.

Submitted by,

*Stan Shipley*

### Volunteer Hours

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

*Max*

### This newsletter

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

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## Sew N Sews

In case you weren't able to attend our Recognition luncheon Oct. 27 read on for a review --- "The Sew n Sews group has been in progress for 12 years -- the membership size has gradually changed over the years due to various reasons. However, the enthusiasm, generosity and energy has not changed.

The donations for this year so far have been delivered to:

Catholic Community Services  
Everett Gospel Mission  
Project Linus  
Pregnancy Aid  
Interfaith Agency  
St, Joseph's Place

The participants for this year are:

Ursula Hammer    Angela Thomas    Rose Johnson  
Carol Ubert        Nadean Gardner    Ella Krull  
Wanda Thomas    Barbara Bell        Walter Bell\*

\* Walter passed away October 11, 2016.

There is a person who set herself a goal of making 100 baby afghans which she accomplished. Then she went on to reach 200. She accomplished that and now at last count is up to 209. **ELLA KRULL** (We all applauded her.) We all want Ella to know how much we appreciate her efforts. There are many babies and young unwed mothers and other low-income parents who are thankful to have their babies wrapped in warm colorful afghans. Thank you **ELLA!**

A big **THANK YOU** to ----

----- **ANGELA THOMAS** brought in 22 hats (a nice variety of colors and designs) and a scarf. We hadn't seen Angela for quite some time. Even though she has a busy schedule we are thankful that she still wants to help others.

-----**WANDA THOMAS** brought in six beautiful knitted sweaters in a variety of colors. I hope the photos will show their beauty. (Ed. Note: The photos were in earlier newsletters.)

All of Bluebills thank all of you for your kindness, generosity of time, talent and yarn costs.

Sew long,

*Rose*

## Thanksgiving & Christmas Potlucks

### Thanksgiving

Casseroles/Main Dishes	K—P
Sides/Salads	A—J
Desserts/Drinks	R—Z

### Christmas

Casseroles/Main Dishes	A—J
Sides/Salads	R—Z
Desserts/Drinks	K—P

## Volunteer Opportunities

### *Ongoing opportunities -*

**SCIENCE RESOURCE CENTER** – at Hawthorne School in North Everett. (North on Broadway, right turn on 12<sup>th</sup>, left at first stop sign and follow the road to the smaller parking lot at back of school.) Helpers are needed Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and can be mostly a sit down activity. Contact Lee Thomas [robtlee@frontier.com](mailto:robtlee@frontier.com).

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE** – 1925 4<sup>th</sup> St. Marysville, WA. Low income/homeless clients shop here for free clothing, personal items and housewares. Helpers are needed any day of the week.

[www.saintjosephshouse.org](http://www.saintjosephshouse.org).

**PROJECT LINUS** – Quilts are made and donated to a variety of agencies mainly for children up to age 18. There are a variety of activities to be involved with and some don't require any sewing skills. You can work at home or come to a group session where you can learn many new skills. There are several locations in the area including Carl Gipson Senior Center in Everett that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm.

**SEW 'N SEWS** -- part of Sno-King Bluebills. This is open to those who like to sew, knit or crochet. Quilts and other items such as hats, scarves and afghans are all donated to a variety of agencies in the local area for the low income and homeless.

**AARP TAXES** – need people interested in helping. Training and locations for the jobs will come in January. No prior experience is needed. Free tax law training using free IRS materials. Learn how to prepare basic tax returns, tax deductions, etc. Call 1-888-687-2277 or [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide). Or contact Gordon Alexander at [GJA52@hotmail.com](mailto:GJA52@hotmail.com) or 360-931-3100.

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**Other volunteer opportunities available –**

**Contact** RSVP John McAlpine at [johnm@ccsww.org](mailto:johnm@ccsww.org) or call 425-374-6374.

**Each** week the Herald lists volunteer opportunities that are available. Many are a onetime only event. They are worthwhile checking into as there are new ones listed each week. For more info re: any of the above, contact Rose Johnson 425-259-4309

### Recognition Luncheon Photos



## In Memoriam



Walter Bell passed away October 11 at age 92. Walter was an “Incredible” on the first 747, worked on a variety of airplanes and received numerous awards. He was known for the many scarves he made on his automatic knitting machine.

Submitted by,  
*Rose Johnson*



Bill Otzen passed away October 11 at age 80. He was very active with the Boeing Bluebills and volunteered at the Science Resource Center. He was known for his quick wit, guitar playing and his cool motorcycle.

Submitted by,  
*Rose Johnson*



Theodore (Ted) Martin Lee was born April 14, 1938 in Rochester, Minnesota to Leonard L and Ella M (Larson) Lee. He peacefully passed away on March 7, 2016 with wife Virginia and daughter Rebecca at his side.

Ted grew up in California where he graduated from High School and later married. Ted is the father of two sons (one deceased) and two daughters.

After moving to the Seattle area, he worked twenty some years for the Boeing Company as an electrician. He says he spent most of his time rewiring newly designed office spaces within the Boeing buildings.

On October 9, 1982 he married Virginia Grissom in Seattle, Washington. A unique part of their marriage was the ten years they lived on a boat moored at the Everett Marina. Ted would take visitors to every port he knew in the San Juan Islands. He loved anything that had to do with boats. When they moved from the boat into their current home, stepping into the interior was like stepping into a boat.

He and Ginny also collected Teddy Bears and had them displayed in almost every room.

Another favorite activity for Ted was to play Santa Claus. He was a perfect match – white hair and beard, just round enough to fill the suit, he loved talking to people, could converse with anyone, and he was always happy (at least on the outside – Ginny says that is one of the things she loved most about him).

Ted – loved to talk - but most of my memories of him involve his willingness to serve the people he loved to talk to!! He asked nothing in return. Ted was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the ward members knew they could rely on him for rides or any other assistance they needed at almost any time.

Ted had dreams that were left behind but he also lived a full and happy life.

Submitted by,  
*Jean Nielsen*

**Bodacious Ladyhood, Entertainment at the Recognition Luncheon**



**DATES TO REMEMBER!!**

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**Thanksgiving Potluck**

**December's activity will be**

**Christmas Potluck,**

**3rd Thursday, December 15th at 12:00 Noon**

**Sno-King Boeing Retiree Volunteers Council E-mail / Phone List**

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