



# The Heritage

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## Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



No article this month as Doug is river rafting on the Colorado River.

## Puget Sound Honor Flight Photos

Submitter Micki Brown





## **Busy B's**

by Janice Hawes



Hi Bluebills,

This month I would like you to meet Busy B, Joyce Hassler. She was raised in Pennsylvania during the depression and lived in several foster homes through out the years. Her first job was in a laundry at the age of 14, earning 10 cents an hour. She had an opportunity to go to nursing school which she earned by working without pay, just room and board, while living at the school. She received

her RN certificate after 3 years. In 1951 she married Allen, who she had gone to school with. They had two sons and one daughter.

When Allen was hired by Boeing, they moved to Seattle. They lived in Des Moines for several years. Allen went to Highline Community Hospital for an injury and when they found Joyce was an RN, ask if she could work a shift that night. She did and stayed on for 33 years.

She taught mother/baby classes for 6 of those years.



She and Allen were married for 33 years before he passed away. She joined the Bluebills after his death. Her first volunteer job with the Bluebills was to review videos for VCR's to aid in helping getting them to the right organization. She started stopping by the Busy B room to

visit and we welcomed her into our group. She was new to quilt making, as a lot of us were, and has produced many lovely quilts for the various organizations we donate to. She started quilting at home also and has made the most amazing quilts (big ones!) for her sons and a really lovely Downton Abbey quilt. She says she has learned so much from everyone at Busy B's, but we have learned a lot from her. She is a very gracious person with a fabulous sense of humor and all of us at quilting love the lady!

I want to correct something I put in last months newsletter. I reported that Sue Lyons made baby hats for us, but it was actually Kathy Lyons who did this and I apologize to Kathy for the mistake. She makes great little hats in lovely colors.

Jim Bunt and his wife donated two large bags of stuffed animals, mostly Christmas themed ones and children are going to love them.

## **Bluebills at the Puyallup Fair**

By Lonnie Stevenson

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Bluebill 's booth at the fair. Objective was to meet, greet, snare prospective members for our volunteer organization. Special thanks to those stepped up to do the night shifts. Half way through we received 3 completed applications and 5 postcards requesting more information. When Doug Hoople returns from his trip, and unloads the 'tear down' goods, there may be more. I hope everyone had a good time and a positive experience.



## **Museum of Flight turns 50**

By Lonnie Stevenson

Museum of Flight celebrated it's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a 50 cent admission fee (as it was 50 years ago), as well as lots of activities for all guests, family and kids. An instegram contest

(June - September 12<sup>th</sup>) required participants to find an 'Astronaut on the Town' somewhere in king county, then take a selfi with that artist creation of an Astronaut and send it to a special MOF address. I was at the table to meet and greet the instagram participants, as well as the artists who decorated the Astronauts figures and to handout T-Shirts. I've heard there were over 5,000 visitors. Most folks that I talked with had never been to the MOF, and others that had not visited in more than ten years.

## **September Chapter Meeting Recap**

By Mary Ulibarri

Vice Chairman Don Hilt called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he acknowledged the September birthdays - Jim Lee, Norma Vaughn and himself. There were two anniversaries - Don and Phyllis Hilt and Tom and Mrs. Moberg. We had one new member in attendance – welcome to Diane Phillips.

Don announced it's that time of year again to elect new officers. Please consider running for office. New officers bring new ideas and are always welcome to join in the fun.

Lonnie Stevenson remarked on the success of the Bluebills booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. She thanked all of the members who manned the booth and especially for the amount of interest that was generated. The final count is still pending, but we hear we will have some new members coming on board.

A member asked whether drive time to/from the Fair should be included in the number of shift hours turned in for the volunteer records. The answer is yes and that applies to any time members volunteer for a non-profit organization. This also applies to members driving folks to appointments and don't forget to include time spent on homeowners association duties.

Norma Vaughn reminded folks that the Annual Volunteer of the Year awards luncheon is coming

up on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Included in the letter requesting reservations is a request for members to respond with their nominations for Volunteer of the Year.

She then showed the new volunteer T-shirts that members may order. Please get in touch with Norma at the office (206-544-6286 – voicemail available).

Since there was no speaker at this meeting, Don proceeded with the door prize drawing—always fun. The meeting was then adjourned to allow everyone to investigate the many wonderful arts, crafts and hobby projects set up around the room. There were so many interesting, lovely, well-crafted items it was mind-boggling. The Bluebills have many talented, creative members and it was a joy to share their endeavors. Thanks to all who participated—what a treat.

## **Hobby Arts & Crafts Fair**







Eleanor Skinner  
Water Color  
Paintings



Eleanor Skinner  
Accessories



Margaret Stone  
Upholstery



Janice Hawes Quilted  
Wall Hangings



Mary Ulibarri  
Bead Bracelets



Judy Leyden  
Artistic Creations





Richard Vaughn  
Woodworking



Bob Stubbs  
1st Issues  
Collection



Sibyl Fletcher  
Poppies  
Quilt



Lana Mitsules  
"Stained Glass"  
Quilt



Joyce Hassler  
Downtown  
Abbey Quilt



Kathy Lyons  
Knitted Hats &  
Afghans





## SOCIAL SECURITY PROVIDES SUPPORT WITH SURVIVOR BENEFITS

*By Kirk Larson Social Security Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

In the unfortunate event of a family member's death, we want you to know that Social Security is here to help. In addition to the emotional difficulty family members' experience, there is often a financial burden as well, especially if the family's main wage earner dies. In such cases, Social Security survivor benefits will help.

Today, in the state of Washington, there are many who depend on the Social Security benefits provided by a loved one who has passed. Over 110,000 surviving spouses and children receive monthly benefit payments. Those payments add up to over one and a half billion dollars per year.

Did you know that nearly every child in America could get Social Security survivors benefits if a working parent dies? In addition, Social Security pays more benefits to children than any other federal program. Today, nearly two millions children receive benefits off a deceased parents record each month.

Although many people think Social Security is just a retirement program, you should know that Social Security also provides survivors insurance benefits for workers and their families. If you're like most people, the value of the survivors insurance you have under Social Security is probably more than the value of any individual life insurance you may own. Moreover, you don't even need to sign up for a separate policy; by working and paying Social Security tax, you are most likely already insured without even knowing it.

Family members who may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work record include a widow or widower, unmarried children up to age 19 and still in high school, and under certain circumstances, stepchildren, grandchildren, step grandchildren, and adopted children.

Another special program Social Security uses to support the family is dependent parent benefits. If your child dies and you are dependent on him or her for more than one half of your support, you can collect a Social Security benefit from the adult child's record. Social Security pays monthly benefits to parents on the record of a deceased worker under the following conditions:

- \* The parent must be at least 62 years old and not have remarried since the worker's death;
- \* The parent cannot be entitled to his/her own, higher Social Security benefit;
- \* The parent must be able to show that he/she was receiving one-half of his/her financial support from the worker at the time of death;
- \* The proof of support must be submitted within two years of the worker's death.

If you'd like to learn more about survivor benefits, and how to apply, you should read our publication, Survivors Benefits, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

You can find additional useful information, such as our survivors' planner and information about how to apply for survivors benefits, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm).

## **Speaker for October**

*By Jim Beasley*

Sonia Doughty, Stewardship Director for Senior Services.

Senior Services is the most comprehensive non-profit agency serving older adults and their loved ones in Washington State. Established in 1967, they promote positive aging for thousands of sen-

iors and their families each year through a integrated system of quality programs and senior centers.

### **Volunteer of the Year Award**

We need your help in identifying those Heritage Chapter Bluebills who are worthy candidates for the title "Volunteer of the Year - 2015". If you would like to nominate someone you feel is deserving of this award, please submit your nomination to the Bluebills office at Bluebills, Boeing Retiree Volunteers, The Boeing Company, P.O. Box 3707, MC: 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124-2207

All nominations must be **post-marked no later than October 16, 2015**, be only one page, typed or printed clearly, and signed by the nominator. Include nominee's name, address, and phone number. Describe the nominee's activities including the agencies he/she supports throughout the year. Please be as specific as possible about how people's lives and/or the community have benefited from the nominee's actions.

Thank you for your help with this important part of the annual recognition event.

### **Heritage Chapter Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards Luncheon**

The Heritage Chapter's 21st Annual Recognition Luncheon for Outstanding Volunteer Service by Heritage Chapter Bluebills will take place on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at the Doubletree Guest Suites, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Southcenter, Seattle, WA., social hour at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. The theme for this year is "Rebirth and Renewal".

Invitations were mailed to you on Tuesday, September 22, with a requested return date of October 16. If you have not received your letter, please call the office at 206-544-6286, leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

We hope you will join us for this once a year recognition/social event. It will be good to see all of you there.

## Calendar of Events 2015

Oct 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct. 28	Annual Recognition Luncheon
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting

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## Food Bank Schedule For 2015

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month.

<b>October</b>	<b>White Center</b>	<b>Eileen Bear</b>
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz
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	Bob Lambert

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

**October 30, 2015**

**10:00 AM Social—10:30 AM-12 Noon Meeting**

**Speaker: Sonia Doughty, Senior Services Stewardship Director**

**Topic: "Senior Services"**

*Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month*

**Please Note:**

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

## Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

**Volunteer Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hours worked** \_\_\_\_\_

(month/year)

**For** \_\_\_\_\_

(agency name)

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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124

Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting





From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to 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. Continue three blocks to VFW.

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting:  
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