

The Heritage

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Chapter Report

By Don Hilt



It's hard to believe we can almost see summer in the rear view mirror. It's almost gone. Where did the time go? While July and August had more rain than most years -- it was better than having rain every day. At my age, I'm actually grateful for a few cool, gray days when I don't need to water the garden. The end of August also coincides with children going back to school – so drive carefully. The official end of summer for Phyllis and me is the day we spend at the Puyallup/Western Washington Fair. We haven't missed it in 40 years. Well, we missed it once – but went, instead, to the Oklahoma State Fair while visit-

ing relatives. Right or wrong, we felt the trip counted toward our string of unbroken fair visits!

Our Office Manager, Norma Vaughn, reports our Bluebills volunteered 8,113 hours for the period January through July of this year. It's not as many volunteer hours as we've had in past years, but still a good number in view of decreasing membership and the increasing age of our members.

The Heritage Chapter is blessed to have a dedicated group of volunteers who chair positions to support our chapter and members. We succeed because of their work and contributions. Here are most of the people working for you. Will you help them by volunteering?

Richard Vaughn, Don Hilt, Doug Hoople - Co-Chairmen

Norma Vaughn – Office Manager – She has managed the office for as long as I can remember.

<u>Jim Beasley</u> – Speaker Coordinator. Hats off to Jim. Month after month he schedules the most interesting speakers.

<u>Dick Beham and Mary Ulibarri</u> – Dick and Mary are two busy people. Dick and Mary are Co-Editors of our monthly newsletter; Dick is also our Webmaster and Computer Chairman, resolving computer issues with Boeing. Mary chairs Community Outreach and tracks volunteer hours in the office.

<u>Fran Walker</u> – Fran, a relative newcomer, handles Agency Relations and is our Volunteer Coordinator.

<u>Marcia Phelps</u> – Marcia is our Historian and tracks/documents our chapter history.

<u>Fran Parker</u> - Fran, in charge of School Supplies for Children, collects Bluebill donations for school supplies at the beginning of the school year, and contacts public schools to determine their needs. Supplies are then purchased with the donated funds and distributed to the schools. I purchase supplies and assist with distribution.

<u>Janice Hawes</u> – Janice is chair of the Busy B's. They've been busy making quilts. Some will go to Mary's Place, to Child Haven, and they are looking for other worthy homes for their handiwork. Another project is

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making baby hats for the Pediatric Interim Clinic. The group will raffle a quilt at our December meeting. The proceeds will supplement their budget for supplies. They meet on Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., at the Boeing complex in South Park – and welcome new members.

When you see these chairmen at our meetings, I know they would appreciate a warm "hello" and sincere "thank you" for all they do. Music to their ears would be "I'd like to volunteer."

Doug Hoople, one of our Co-Chairmen always closes his emails with a quote from Robert Redford: "If you can do more, you should." They are certainly words to live by!

Don



Busy B's

By: Janice Hawes

In keeping with each Busy B taking turns writing the monthly column, this months was written by Lana Mitsules

- Q quilting is so much fun
- U unless you have to rip out your stitches.
- I individual ideas for quilts are always welcome.
- L love of sewing is the only criteria for joining our group.
- T time is flexible, especially if you want to work from home.
- I interest is all that is required, along with a lot of desire.
- ${f N}$ no one judges your work, and quilters don't make mistakes, only variations.
- G give us a chance to teach you, you'll be glad.



August Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Co-Chair Don Hilt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to recognizing Howard Syder as the one August birthday in attendance, he also let five July birthday attendees speak up. They were Jerry Durbin, Ted Leyden, Bob Osrowske, Mary Ulibarri and Stu Vessey. And congratulations go to Tom Moberg and his wife who celebrated their 63rd anniversary. There were two new members in attendance – Jerry and Laurie Andre'.

Don turned the mic over to Millard Battles who reported his participation in the Engineers Retirees Society (ERS) meetings. He is a member of the board, called Service Organization, and represents the Bluebills. The ERS has over 900 members and they have quarterly seminars at which Doug Hoople and Don Hilt present BB information encouraging them to join the Bluebills. Dick Beham was instrumental in merging websites with an article explaining all about the Bluebills. And the Bluebills will now be allowed to put a one-page article in the ERS quarterly newsletter. For more information go to http://www.engineeringretirees.org.

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Richard Vaughn then announced that Nancylee Davidson donated funds to the VFW, where the Bluebills meet each month, in order to pave the 13 spaces of the parking lot. The donation was on behalf of her father and mother, John A. and Alice Bilz. John retired in Las Vegas, home for many years, and lacked three months of working 40 years. He is a WWII Army Vet and spent a short time as a POW. Thank you, Nancy and Mr. & Mrs. Bilz.

Fran Parker reported that a lot of the schools no longer have sponsors, so the Bluebills need to step up and donate on behalf of the Auburn and Federal Way schools. A money jar was passed around to help with this well-deserved effort.

A small circle of friends of Pat Archer told me that she fell recently and hurt her arm. Please keep her in your thoughts for a speedy recovery.

Norma Vaughn reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer hours. Our totals have dropped, so it is important to report all of your volunteer time in order to show our Boeing sponsors our dedication to helping our communities. In the past, totals have previously run around 40,000 hours, but the first seven months of this year is 8,000, a long way from reaching former totals. Very important to report your time.

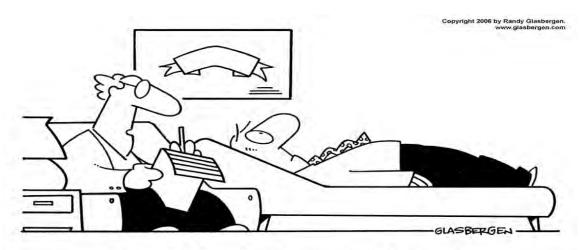
Don announced that the volunteer recognition event in November will be a pizza lunch. So, keep that in mind and let the office know if you plan to attend. Call or email the office and get your name on that list or no pizza for you. J

Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker Kristine Leander, Executive Director of the Swedish Club of Seattle, was unable to attend the today's meeting. Hopefully, she will be rescheduled for a later date. Therefore, Don concluded the meeting with the door prize.

Speaker for September 27th Chapter Meeting

By: Jim Beasley

Sabrina Register, Public Affairs Officer for the Seattle Utilities District. Sabrina along with her staff will discuss "Problems and Proposed Solutions of the Seattle Water Supply in the expansive growth of the Seattle Area."



"If you find happiness in your own back yard, it will increase the value of your real estate resulting in a significant property tax hike."

The Interactive Tax Assistant Helps Answer Many Tax Questions

Taxpayers who have tax questions should check out the <u>Interactive Tax Assistant</u> on IRS.gov. This tool provides answers to several tax law questions. It covers a wide range of topics, including what income is taxable, tax credits, filing status and who can be claimed as a dependent on a tax return.

Taxpayers can check out more than three dozen ITAs sorted by these categories:

Filing Requirement, Form to Use, Due Date

Filing Status, Dependents and Exemptions

Retirement: Pensions, IRAs, Social Security

Other Income

Deductions

Itemized Deductions

Credits

Additional Topics

IR-2019-145, August 22, 2019

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service and its Security Summit partners today warned taxpayers and tax professionals about a new IRS impersonation scam campaign spreading nationally on email. Remember: the IRS does not send unsolicited emails and never emails taxpayers about the status of refunds.

The IRS this week detected this new scam as taxpayers began notifying phishing@irs.gov about unsolicited emails from IRS imposters. The email subject line may vary, but recent examples use the phrase "Automatic Income Tax Reminder" or "Electronic Tax Return Reminder."

The emails have links that show an IRS.gov-like website with details pretending to be about the taxpayer's refund, electronic return or tax account. The emails contain a "temporary password" or "one-time password" to "access" the files to submit the refund. But when taxpayers try to access these, it turns out to be a malicious file.

"The IRS does not send emails about your tax refund or sensitive financial information," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "This latest scheme is yet another reminder that tax scams are a year-round business for thieves. We urge you to be on-guard at all times."

This new scam uses dozens of compromised websites and web addresses that pose as IRS.gov, making it a challenge to shut down. By infecting computers with malware, these imposters may gain control of the tax-payer's computer or secretly download software that tracks every keystroke, eventually giving them passwords to sensitive accounts, such as financial accounts.

The IRS, state tax agencies and the tax industry, which work together in the Security Summit effort, have made progress in their efforts to fight stolen identity refund fraud. But people remain vulnerable to scams by IRS imposters sending fake emails or harrassing phone calls.

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

The IRS also doesn't call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes. See Report Phishing and Online Scams for more details.

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November Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party



Don't forget that our November meeting on the 22nd will be a **PIZZA PARTY.**

If you want to ensure we have enough **PIZZA** to go around, please RSVP to the office or sign up at the next meeting.

And while you are thinking about volunteer appreciation, who do you think should be our Volunteer of the Year. Which one of your fellow Bluebills was a star this past year. Submit their name and a short write up and submit it to the office or one of your Co-Chairs.



Solitaires

Submitted by: Nina Schuler

Solitaires—A Social Activities Group for Unattached Bluebills will be gathering for lunch at 11:30AM on the third Thursday, September 19, at the Famous Dave's BBQ 17770 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA. If you are interested please join us. There's always room for several more.

For further information please contact Lana at 425-919-7028

Read Your Newsletter Online and in Color with Easy Access to Hot Links

By: Dick Beham

You receive a hard copy of your monthly eritage Chapter Newsletter each month and find you would like to see some of the photos in color or easily access the hot links to additional information presented in the Newsletter, well you can! Just go online to Bluebills.org http://bluebills.org/heritage.html and select Newsletters from the menu Newsletter http://bluebills.org/heritagenewsletters.html. From that page you can select the current Newsletter or by going to the Archived Newsletter Section http://bluebills.org/archived%20hnl.htm you can open and read any number of past Newsletters or print a Newsletter on your own printer in color. Once you have accessed the Newsletter page "Save It" in your "Favorites" for even easier access in the future.

Calendar of Events 2019

Jan 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
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Apr 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
Jun 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 26	Chapter Picnic—Coulon Park, Renton
Aug 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Sep 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2019

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Heinz Gehlhaar
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Melinda Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
July	West Seattle	Heinz Gehlhaar
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Lonnie Stevenson

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Don't Forget to Report Your Hours!

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



September 27, 2019

10:00 AM Social

10:30AM to 12:00 N Meeting

Speaker: Sabrina Register, Public Affairs Officer, Seattle Utilities District

Subject:: "Problems & Proposed Solutions of the Seattle Water Supply."

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		For	
	(month/year)		(agency name)
Hours worked		For	
	(month/year)		(agency name)
Hours worked		For	
	(month/year)		(agency name)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 1K-B02, Seattle, WA 98124 Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting



Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions

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 continue to 5th St S and turn right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto block have 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 tright on 7th St and then left on Burnett Ave S. Continue three blocks to VFW.

