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Chairman's Comments- September 2022

By Richard Vaughn

It's a sad day now that we are not participating in an event that was enjoyed by everyone. I'm talking about the Washington State Fair in Puyallup that started Labor Day weekend. Those who participated in this event loved it and had a lot of fun working with the fair officials and other booth owners. Our purpose was to promote Bluebills and sign up new members for our organization. The crowd was interesting and we got to see many of our friends and neighbors who were visiting the fair. It would be nice if the chapter could do that again.

The latest update to our office and conference room situation is that not much has happened to enable us to operate efficiently. We still have no answers on our computer problems and now do not even know who our Boeing sponsor is as the previous one is no longer there. At least the Busy B's are able to work in the conference room. We appreciate that.

We had a good turnout for the indoor potluck/picnic on August 26th. There was a little confusion at the VFW and we had to meet upstairs due to a party decorating the meeting room for a wedding. We still had plenty of room and lots of good food, crafts display and visiting with our fellow Bluebills.

REMINDER: November and December meeting dates will be moved up due to Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. The November meeting is on the 18th and the December meeting is on the 16th of the month. Mark your calendars.

I would like to thank The Lakeshore, a premier residential retirement center in Seattle, for the large plate of lemon bars they contribute to our potluck. The bars were delicious and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Tina and The Lakeshore for your lovely contribution.

Please remember to turn in your volunteer hours. We are still collecting them.

I look forward to our next meeting and hope we will have more members join us.

Richard

September 11th



July Meeting Summary



By Mary Ulibarri

Richard opened the meeting at 10:30 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no August birthday folks in attendance, but my list shows Bill Baker, Howard Syder, Milton Piatok and Keith Johnson. There were no August anniversaries to celebrate.

Arts & Crafts Displays:



Top Left & Right: Bird Houses and Pen sets by Richard Vaughn.

Bottom Left: Gourds by Janice Hawes.

Richard reported there appears to be some confusion as to which Boeing department is sponsoring the Bluebills these days. We have a call in to the previous representative's office to get an update going forward. In the meantime, the office computing system has been put on hold – no access at this time.

The water damage in the Busy Bs area has been cleaned up, repaired and cabinets put back in place. Now waiting to see if the damaged panel will be replaced. Otherwise, the room is functional again.

Due to the small attendance, it was decided the Busy Bs quilt raffle will be extended until the September meeting. Tickets will still be available at that time. The winner will have their choice of one of the three quilts that were displayed at the July meeting.

Reminder: please submit volunteer time to Mary at marybarri20@gmail.com or Dick Beham at

bbbeditor@live.com.

Richard then held the door prize drawings, followed by folks proceeding to line up in the buffet line. Despite low attendance, there was a good variety of food – meatballs, baked macaroni and cheese, mini sandwich rolls, macaroni salad, two ambrosia salads, raw vegetables and fresh pineapple chunks. For dessert, there was chocolate cake, a variety of cookies and Lakeside Retirement delivered a large tray of lemon bars. Plus, Richard supplied an ice chest full of bottled water.

Busy B's

By Melinda Stubbs

Happy to say I had company this weekend to attend the Mariner's baseball game honoring Ichiro. Bob had gotten our 2 children & 1 granddaughter hooked on baseball so Aug game tradition still carries on.

September Notes

We've had a huge challenge this past August due to a leak from the cafeteria above us. Great news.... none of the finished quilts nor our supplies were damaged. We count ourselves very fortunate that none of the quilts nor supplies were affected. However unable to access our space to even take partially finished items home has been a nuisance to put it mildly.

There are approximately 25 quilts to be donated with the goal to increase that number now that we're allowed back in our space.

The 3 quilts we selected for a drawing at our monthly Bluebill's meeting will be available at our September 2022 meeting. So please come, purchase tickets. As a winner you get to select which quilt you want to take home.



The Salvation Army's **Back to School Shopping** program with **Old Navy** is in full swing!

Salvation Army “Kids Back to School Shopping” Program with Old Navy

On August 24th Factoria, 26th South Center, and 31st Everett, Organization and Business Team Volunteers helped 537 kids with their back to school shopping. See - KIRO 7 coverage: <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/kiro-7-salvation-army-send-local-kids-back-school-shopping-sprees/W7QOAVRQW5ASHLBP7BWAMCAXA4/>

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East Side Stories

EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER



Connections for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

The Sammamish Slough Races

By Steve Williams, Eastside Heritage Center Volunteer

Before “Seafair” the Eastside event of the summer was the “Sammamish Slough Race”. Starting in the spring of 1928 and running for another 48 years, motorboats raced each other up and down the 13-mile narrow ‘river’ connecting Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish. As the map shows, it was a torturous route with hazards including 63 sharp turns, bridge pilings, sandbars and occasional floating logs. Steve Greaves, who started racing at age 14 and went on to set over 30 world and national records, said “There was really nothing like it in the country. Even today most will tell you it was one of their favorites. It was certainly the craziest. I remember coming around a bend going through Redmond and having to dodge a cow getting a drink of water.”



KFKF Radio flyer, with Sammamish Slough power boat race route, April 1969 (2004.015)

An estimated 40,000 spectators watched from bridges and river banks on the tight corners where wild crashes and

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side flips often occurred. Sometimes spectators would help racers get their boat back in the water, or if it couldn't be repaired, hand the driver a beer and invite him to watch the race with them. In later years there were five different classes of boats and over 100 entries, some from Tacoma, Hoquiam, and even Oregon. (The number of spectators probably doubled). With the development of small hydroplanes speeds hit 80mph, but nearly a third of the racers often failed to finish due to crashes or mechanical problems. Spectators noted the special 'race smell' of the alcohol fuel burned by the hydros, and said that "hearing the boats coming long before seeing them turn the corner added to the excitement."

According to Seattle Times reporter Craig Smith, "A different division would start every five minutes from Lake Washington and head upstream. Waiting with cameras poised at the most dangerous turns were newspaper photographers and cameramen from Movietone, who would film crashes that would be shown in the nation's theaters." Howard Anderson, a national VP of the American Power Boat Association said, "I don't think there was a race like it in the nation, ever." Dick Rautenberg, a competitor from Bothell agreed, saying, "That was the most fun of any racing we've done."



1962 Bob Carver / Seattle Times (EHC Vertical Files)

Another significant local event happened in 1953 when the Golden Water Ski Club teamed up with the Seattle Outboard Association to race towed skiers up and down the Slough. The upstream inning time was 24:37 minutes, while downstream with the current, slow as it was, cut the time to 22:43. Of course all the turns made it fun for the skiers

and even more challenging for the drivers.

The Slough itself had a long and storied boating history. Native canoes traveled up and down, but were also used in gathering plant material, and in fishing and hunting waterfowl. Small scows and narrow steamboats arrived with settlers in the 1880's. (A few even had hinged smokestacks that could be folded down when going under low bridges). For half a century, logs were floated or towed downriver to sawmills - during spring floods havoc occurred as log-jams blocked the river and farmers fields were covered with water for months at a time.

In 1964 – 1966 it all changed when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredged and widened the Slough. The 3.8-million-dollar flood control project took out 30 miles of 'squiggles and kinks' and straightened it to 10 miles of 'steep-sided ditch.' A concrete weir, or submerged dam, at Marymoor Park now keeps Lake Sammamish at a relatively constant level, and there is a nice paved bicycle trail running along the high bank of the slow moving 'Slough'. The thrill is gone, but the excitement and challenge of the "Race" will long be remembered as the Eastside's precursor to "Seafair."

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News from the Social Security Administration

Submitted by: Micki Brown

NATIONAL SAVINGS DAY REMINDS US TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

This year, October 12th is National Savings Day. This day serves as an important reminder to plan for your financial future.

Social Security is a vital part of any financial plan. We have online tools to help you understand your potential Social Security benefits and how they fit into your financial future.

You should periodically review your *Social Security Statement* using your personal *my* Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Your *Statement* is an easy-to-read summary of the estimated benefits you and your family could receive, including potential retirement, disability, and survivors benefits.

Our Plan for Retirement tool in your personal *my* Social Security account allows you to check various benefit estimate scenarios. You can compare the effect different future earnings and retirement benefit start dates have on your future benefit amount.

Please let friends and family know they can take steps to improve their financial knowledge by signing in to their secure *my* Social Security account. If they don't have an account, they can easily create one at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

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WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO REPORT LIFE CHANGES TO US WHEN YOU RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

Did you know that certain life changes can affect your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments? Sometimes your circumstances may change after you apply for or begin to receive SSI. When that happens, it's important for you to tell us about these changes. This will ensure that you receive the benefits to which you're eligible.

Here are some common changes you must report if you have applied for or receive SSI:

- Changes in income, wages, or self-employment income;
- Starting, stopping, or changing jobs;
- Changing your address or persons moving in or out of the household;
- Changes in marital status (including any same-sex relationships);
- Having more than \$2,000 if you are single or \$3,000 if you are married in resources that you can cash in, sell, or use to pay for food and shelter; and
- Changes in resources, including money in financial accounts and buying or selling

extra vehicles, stocks, investments, or property.

For a complete list of reporting responsibilities for all our programs, please read our publication, *What You Need to Know When You Get Supplemental Security Income* at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11011.pdf.

How to Report Changes in Wages

You can conveniently report your wages using our:

- Free SSA Mobile Wage Reporting app for smartphones.

Online Wage Reporting Tool using your personal *my* Social Security account. If you don't have an account, create one today at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Be sure to sign up for monthly SSI wage reporting emails or text [reminders](#), so you never forget.

Other options include speaking with a representative by calling toll free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visiting or writing your [local Social Security Office](#).

Report Changes in a Timely Manner

You must report a change within 10 days after the month it happens. You should report a change even if you're late. Failure to report timely may cause you to:

- Receive less than you should and take longer to receive the correct amount;
- Receive more than you should and have to pay it back;
- Have a penalty deducted from your SSI payment; or
- Lose SSI for not reporting information that we use to determine whether you are still eligible for SSI.

Securing your today and tomorrow starts with being informed. Please share this information with your friends and family—and post it on social media.

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PROTECTING OUR LOVED ONES FROM ELDER ABUSE

Are you concerned about protecting your older relatives and friends from elder abuse? The pandemic highlighted the disproportionate impact of tragedy on underserved communities, including older adults, who face high rates of elder abuse, fraud, and nursing homes deaths.

It's important to remember that elder abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or financial status. We are committed to helping and preventing further victimization – especially in underserved communities.

Fraud

A recent Federal Bureau of Investigation report showed that elder fraud has increased. Older adults in the United States reported over \$1.6 billion in losses in 2021. This includes victims of COVID-related scams. Older adults in the U.S., also lose

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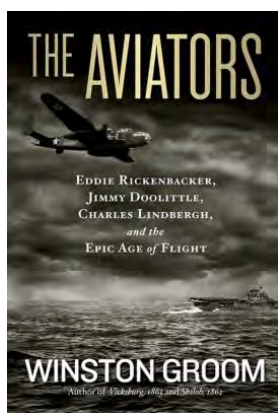
nearly 25 times more money to scammers than other groups –an estimated \$113.7 billion a year!

Reporting fraud can be difficult and older adults tend to underreport– especially when money is lost. Many older Americans are unsure about the reporting process or feel too embarrassed to report. Understaffed Adult Protective Services offices can also cause long processing times and underreporting.

We work hard to protect beneficiaries from Social Security and government imposter scams. You can learn more about protecting your loved ones at blog.ssa.gov/slam-the-scam-how-to-spot-government-imposters and our *Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams* webpage at www.ssa.gov/scam.

Recommended Read

from your Editor



The Aviators: “Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle, Charles Lindbergh and the epic age of flight”
by *Winston Groom*.

Explores “the saga of three extraordinary aviators -...- and how they redefine heroism through their genius, daring, and uncommon courage”. *Available in book, e-book, and audio book. Rated 4 stars*

Bits & Pieces



Inflation Gyration?

*People run around in circles these days,
No mean gymnastic feat...
When you consider they're unable
To make ends meet!*



"HERE... YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME TO TAKE YOU SOMEPLACE EXPENSIVE."

Aircraft Maintenance:

Submitted by: Lonnie Gehlhaar

After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots (marked with a P) solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, UPS is the only major US airline that has never, ever, had an accident.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget

Calendar of Events 2022

In Person Meetings

<i>Jan 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Feb 25</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Mar 25</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Apr 29</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>May 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jun 24</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jul 29</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Aug 26</i>	<i>Chapter In-Door Picnic</i>
<i>Sept 30</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Oct 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Nov 18</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>

Food Bank Schedule For 2022

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

<i>January</i>	<i>Highline</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Bellevue</i>	<i>Doug Hoople</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Federal Way</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Maple Valley</i>	<i>Vaughn's</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Kent</i>	<i>Melinda Stubbs</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Auburn</i>	<i>Martha Battles</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>West Seattle</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Tacoma</i>	<i>(open)</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Renton</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>White Center</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Issaquah</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>

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**Don't Forget to
Report Your Hours!**

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

September 30, 2022

Social 10:00AM, Meeting 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Speaker: TBA

Subject: TBA

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

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)

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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