Members Rally to Land 7E7 in Washington

“Check It Off” was the cry from the over 1,000 people attending the Union Rally to land the 7E7 on October 17. The chant referred to a task list showing accomplishments made to ensure Washington State is a front runner to land the new plane.

District President Mark Blondin went over the check list line by line - explaining how elected officials, the Union and the community stepped up to get it done. Blondin declared, “We said we can do it, we did it so...” as the check mark was revealed the crowd would finish the sentence shouting “Check It Off.”

The final item which read “Build the 7E7 in Washington” was the only one on the list without a check mark and still on the “to do” list. He ended by inviting Boeing to come “check it off” and announce they intend to build the 7E7 in Washington.

With a decision slated to be made by the end of the year, the Union continues to do everything to ensure Washington State will be chosen. The large turnout and enthusiastic crowd demonstrated public support for the new airplane, which was one of things on Boeing’s site selection criteria list.

With the announcement to end production of the 757 just one day before the rally, workers felt it was even more important to secure the 7E7 and future generations of airplanes in the region. Yet the rally wasn’t just about getting final assembly of the 7E7, but also securing fabrication of major sections of the plane. The rally was held in Auburn to show support to keep the manufacturing jobs in this region, as well. Active, laid-off and retired members attended, bringing family and friends in a show of support. Local and state politicians joined the rally, as well as a contingent of SPEEA members and concerned citizens from the surrounding area. All realize the important role Boeing jobs play in the regional economy.

Speakers also touched on the importance of securing the 767 tanker deal Continued on page 12

Triumph Members ‘Game’ for New Pickle Ball Work

Members at the Triumph plant in Spokane have proven they are ‘game’ to take on new and unique work packages to diversify their work statement and maintain jobs. Known as leaders in aerospace companies, these members are now producing pickle ball paddles for Pickle Ball Inc (PBI). Even more impressive is the fact that the paddles are made out of excess material from the airplane floor panel fabrication process.

When Triumph bought the Spokane Boeing plant earlier this year, a top priority was to find additional work that could be done at the facility. With the aerospace industry so cyclical and currently in the worst downturn in history, it only made sense to look at other potential products. No one could have imagined less than a year later they would be producing 450 pickle ball paddles per month.

While the paddle work does not require additional employees, it does help make the most of the resources available at the plant and generate additional work, as well.

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QTPP: Unlimited Opportunities

The Education Assistance (EA) Program continues to be one of the most recognized and successful services offered by the IAM/Boeing Quality Through Training Program (QTTTP). The EA Program is designed to provide IAM-represented active and laid-off employees with training and educational opportunities. It is flexible enough to meet the needs of employees whether they plan to continue in their present work, want to learn additional skills, have an interest they want to explore, or are making a career change.

Since the massive layoffs began in December 2001, over 9,000 tuition vouchers have been paid out by QTTTP to 572 schools totaling $6,539,356!

Members are encouraged to take advantage of QTTTP’s career advising services to help plan their education and employment goals and optimize their time and effort. Career Advisors can refer employees to schools and programs funded under the Education Assistance Program, and help them choose schools and programs that meet their needs and aspirations. Assessment, referral and advising services are offered to meet the needs of employees with different interests, goals and skill levels.

As a result of Union efforts, over $13 million has been made available to laid-off Boeing workers through Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and the National

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by Mark Blondin, District President

First, I want to thank every member that took the time to attend the rally to secure the 7E7 and 767 tanker deal on Friday, October 17. I saw active, laid-off and retired members-many of whom brought friends and family. The crowd was animated and demonstrated the spirit that has made this Union great and every Boeing airplane since the 707.

At the rally, a list of achievements to obtain the 7E7 showed the tremendous amount of work this State and our Union have done to ensure we remain a finalist for the new airplane. These actions have kept us a front runner in getting the new plane. Without them, we would not even be considered.

This innovative thinking, along with the partnerships we have built, are the way of the future. As we move closer to the decision, we will continue to look for creative alternatives and other options that keep Washington in the forefront. By electing me, you trusted in my judgment, and I am doing everything in my power to keep our jobs in Washington State because that is my number one priority.

Finally, I was held in Auburn to reiterate that the Union’s efforts are about more than just getting final assembly of the 7E7. It is also critical that we secure much of the fabrication work.

Boeing’s announcement to end production of the 757 makes it even more critical that we keep the 7E7 here in Washington State and that Congress approves the 767 tanker deal. Both will mean jobs for the future.

Members in Spokane continue to do a great job, although it hasn’t been easy for them. They are holding together well. The fact that there have been no layoffs since Triumph purchased the plant is good news. Triumph is aggressively seeking additional work to sustain jobs. Members there reported some promising news that they are producing 450 pickle ball paddles for a local Seattle company. The paddles are made from remnants of floor panel material and are shipped in scrapped barrels from powder delivered for the rotomold process. I hope that our members will be able to market their services to other companies and get some of our Spokane members back to work.

Finally, I am proud to have worked with Craig McClure for a number of years. He is retiring from the Union effective November 1 after over two decades of service to this Union. Craig has done an outstanding job representing the members in Eastern Washington. He has kept that membership together since before the merger with 751 in the mid 1990’s.

His leadership has inspired many members to get involved and become active in the Union and has truly made a difference. Over the years he has negotiated over 70 different contracts covering virtually every part of Eastern Washington.

His dedication will be missed, but I am confident his replacement will continue in his footsteps.

I would like to thank Tim Milliken to serve as Business Rep for Eastern Washington effective upon Craig’s retirement. Paul is a very capable individual, who has worked closely with Craig and is committed to the membership.

Boeing Announces End of 757 Airplane Production

After nearly a quarter of a century of production, Boeing announced it will halt production of the single-aisle 757 jet built in Renton in late 2004.

The news was disappointing for workers that have proudly built over 1,000 of the 757 airplanes. Most had watched backlogs dwindle and realized without additional sales an end to production was in sight.

District President Mark Blondin noted, “The announcement to end 757 production makes it even more critical that we land the 7E7 here. As one plane goes out of service, we want to be here to build the next - just like when the 707 and 727 were taken out of production."

Blondin added, “This announcement pressures us to finalize the 767 tanker deal so production can begin on that model. We would hope all 757 employees can be absorbed into other production lines.”

McClure Retires as Eastern Washington Rep

Members in Eastern Washington will miss the dedication and hard work of Craig McClure, who retired from the Union effective November 1. This remarkable individual spent a lifetime working to improve the quality of life for everyone and ensured their interests were protected. He is a good friend, a devoted Union leader, and a great human being that will be sorely missed.

Craig McClure, who served as Business Rep for over 25 years, retired November 1.
Cantwell Pushing to Land FAA Center

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell’s efforts continue to secure a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) research center at the University of Washington (UW) that will focus on advanced materials in airplanes. Again, it is part of the effort to ensure the 7E7 is built in Washington State. While the FAA Center location has not been decided, Cantwell positioned the funding with the UW in mind.

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On October 8, Senator Cantwell met with UW officials and Boeing on the issue. The new FAA Center of Excellence would focus on research to encourage the broader use of advanced structural materials, including composites and new aluminum alloys, in future aircraft with three primary goals. First, it would research the long-term durability and maintainability of aircraft manufacturing structures. Second, it would train new composites engineers and technicians and offer them continuing education. Third, the center would bring companies, researchers and government together to share ideas about new applications of the research.

District 751 President Mark Blondin applauded the efforts and stated, “Senator Cantwell’s leadership in proposing this center at the UW will strengthen Washington State’s coordinated efforts to land the 7E7. She continues to look for additional ways to keep Boeing jobs in this state.”

Boeing officials confirmed the Center’s importance: “The continuing effort to establish the advanced materials center is a great example of our elected officials working together with industry to keep U.S. leadership in creating a safe and efficient global air transport system. These technologies will be essential to going forward as we look towards designing and building the commercial airplanes of the 21st century,” said Alan Mulally, President and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

Battle for 767 Air Force Tankers Continues

Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Norm Dicks remain relentless in their efforts to gain Congressional approval for the 100-plane 767 tanker order for the Air Force. The deal has been in the works for nearly two years, but has met strong resistance from Senator John McCain.

Murray has aggressively pushed for the deal – understanding the urgency to gain Congressional approval since production is scheduled to begin on the first tanker in December of this year. Opposition has focused on the plan to lease rather than buy the airplanes. However, the current budget does not have the money to outright purchase the planes. Therefore, much like buying a car, if you don’t have the cash at the time of purchase, you either lease or finance the purchase.

Dicks emphasized the point, saying, “The bottom line is, if we had the money we’d buy them.”

The latest proposal in the Senate Armed Services Committee (which is the only committee that has not endorsed the original 100 tanker lease) would have the Air Force lease 25 planes and buy 26 outright - with the other 49 planes to be leased or purchased later.

Murray noted, “I continue to be a proud advocate of the 100-plane 767 tanker lease. We need tankers now. The only way to speed tankers to our military and homeland security efforts is through the lease now before Congress. Any other course of action will likely risk our efforts to project force and protect the homeland.”

751 Retiree Jerry Seidl on Ballot

Voters in south King County have a chance to elect one of our own – retired member Jerry Seidl, who is running for Commissioner of Water District 20, Position 3.

His bid to become Commissioner is more than just a passing interest in the Water District. He has been an active member of the American Water Works Association, which provides valuable information about water resources management and recently attended their annual convention in Anaheim. For the past four years, he has attended water and sewer meetings to become more involved in the Water District.

Jerry noted, “Being retired, I can put in unlimited time with the Water District and allow citizens easy access to our Commissioners.”
751 Members ‘Walk the Talk’ in Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Since October was officially Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the 751 Women’s Committee actively promoted a fundraiser for the issue. The 751 Women’s Committee along with nearly 60 members and their families, turned out for a five-mile walk on October 5 and raised over $3,000. Participants had high spirits as they walked through downtown Bellevue – celebrating survivorship and sending messages of hope.

While the reasons for walking varied, everyone had the same goal - finding a cure for breast cancer. Some had a spouse that had been affected, others had parents, friends or children that had battled breast cancer.

The 747 Stewards and Business Rep Ray Baumgardner took the task of fundraising very personal. When they learned 747 Steward Debbie Donnell was currently fighting the disease, they immediately pledged to raise money in her name. Members responded generously as 747 employees donated over $1,500. Debbie, along with her husband and small daughter, proudly made the walk.

751 Women’s Committee Co-Chair Susan Palmner was pleased with the effort. She noted, “The Women’s Committee decided to take part, spread the word, and had over 50 individuals join the 751 team. We initially set a goal of $1,000 and were thrilled to exceed it. Literally everyone knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer. This was a great way to raise awareness and help a worthwhile cause.”

Nearly 6500 walkers from Puget Sound gathered at Bellevue Downtown Park to take part in the second annual American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The 751 Stewards and Business Rep Ray Baumgardner for taking photographs of the event.

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Anne Baumgardner
Roy Baumgardner
Bobby Bradley
Terry Boorer
Robert ‘Butch’ Boyle
Wendy Boyle
Gary Bjornason

Pamela Black
Leslie Backman
Tom Buschman
Paul Buckley
Michael Byrne
Sally Cunningham
Michael Drigus
Debbie Donnell
John Dumes

Clark Frooming
Robert Connelli
Vern Guenther
Robert ‘Gus’ Gustafson
Joe Ho
Dale Ann Hux
Paula Hershership
Lois Hutton

Don Ingerslen
Linda Jo Larson
John Johnson
Jeanne Jones
Pat Jones
Deborah Kamens
Troy Krum
Helen Lowe
John Megowan

Joy Martz
Susan Palmer
Andy Pantoja
Haine Perry
Rebecca Poll
Jonathan Poll
Hondi Perret
James Rodgers
Eduardo Rodriguez

Liz Rodgers
Scott Schlemmer
Jim Schwalm
Kenny Smith
Sony Smith
Linda Smorr
Brian Sillings
Donny Tepley
Hans Udlen

751 members were greeted with cheers as they finished the five-mile walk to fight breast cancer.

Union Rolls Out the Barrels for Salvation Army

When the Salvation Army mentioned they needed help to prepare their toy collection barrels, the Machinists Union stepped forward. Volunteers spent one Saturday cleaning, fabricating and preparing the barrels for the holiday toy drive.

Ron McGaha examined the project and designed a tool to expedite the process so the lids would be cut the same, holes drilled precise and the posts fastened in the appropriate place. These barrels will be located at QFC and Bartell Drug Stores throughout Puget Sound. Each barrel will not only carry the Salvation Army shield, but the Machinists Union gear for our help with the project.

Thanks to the following who helped with the project: Mary Cadwell, Ron Coen, Ernest Fortson, Jim Gleb, John Isaacks, Pat Kinsella, Errol Lays, Billy Lorig, Ed Ludtgen, Nick Ludtgen, Sharon McCann, Ron McGaha, Fred McKenzie, Rick McKinney, Gloria Millsaps, Matt Moeller, Brian Ohman, Patrick Rickard, Stephanie Schuman, Joseph J. Smith, Patricia Sullivan-Birfield, Gary Wagner and Lee Weil.

Ed Ludtgen (l) and Ron McGaha (r) demonstrate the method to prepare barrels for the Salvation Army toy drive.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The 5-mile, non-competitive walk raised over $400,000 toward local breast cancer research, advocacy, education and patient services, such as the American Cancer Society Reach to Recovery program - where breast cancer survivors volunteer to serve as mentors to newly-diagnosed patients.

Special thanks to Brian Stillings and Ray Baumgardner for taking photographs of the event.

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Because she is currently battling breast cancer, the walk had special meaning for Steward Debbie Donnell (l), as she walked with her family.

751 members Kent Sprague (l) and Jimmy Pippin (r) hit the streets of Tacoma to raise money in the annual Pierce County Hunger Walk. The 751 team raised over $3,000 for the American Cancer Society.
Over 40 members ‘chipped’ in their money for the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL) by taking part in the second annual Local C MNPL Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 4. While the weather was gray with low fog most of the day, the event generated lots of green - raising nearly $10,000 for the political arm of the Union.

With a best ball format, the teams were pretty evenly matched - see winners below. The first place team had definite talent, as Scott Chord also won the closest to the pin competition, and team mate Tim Johnson captured longest drive. Tournament coordinators Mark Johnson and Jim Darrah should be commended for the hours they spent arranging the event. Special thanks to the following who volunteered to assist and ensure the tournament went off without a hitch: Jim Rice, Pat Kinsella, Joe Smith, Curt Thorfinson, Clark Fromong, Rebecca Pohl, John Pohl and Cindy Johnson. They registered participants, helped set up the lunch, sold raffle tickets and brought around refreshments to the golfers. Thanks also to Bob Betsworth who donated his cooking skills and spent the day brewing his special brats and hotdogs to feed the hungry golfers.

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In her 16+ years at Boeing, Cheryl Matson has worked in a number of different job titles and has always tried to plan for her future. For years, she has made and sold mink teddy bears in her spare time. She planned to retire at 55 and use her hobby to supplement her income. However, when the massive layoff hit, she found herself rethinking her philosophy and working toward a new career rather than just a supplemental income for retirement. Shunned by IAM Boeing Qual- ify Through Training Program (QTPP). Initially, she planned to take marketing and small business classes to expand her teddy bear income. While looking through the course schedule for Renton Technical College, she noticed a class in lamp working. She signed up and discovered lampworking, glass blowing and jewelry making. Since then she has actively pursued her talent in this arena — taking literally every class she can find on the subject.

With the skills she has acquired through the training, she now has a supplemental income from this unique field. Yet she is also sharing her talents with others and is teaching courses at Plant Fine Arts Center.

QTPP Helps Member Maintain a Landmark

Next time you visit the Space Needle, you can thank laid-off 751 member Curt Fink for the fine operations of the famous landmark.

Since June, Curt is one of nine facilities employees (including supervisors), who maintain the Space Needle. Every night on the graveyard shift, Curt diligently works every aspect of maintenance on the Needle from electricity, plumbing, heating, air conditioning and operation of the elevator.

Curt noted, “This job is really a lot of fun. I enjoy the work, which varies each night. You stay busy and help ensure a Seattle icon is safe for the public to visit. At Boeing, I worked in assembly on airplanes and had no experience in facilities or building maintenance.”

Curt credits his new job with the training he received since his layoff from Boeing in January 2002. With only a 1997 associate degree as an assembler, he knew his days with the aerospace giant were numbered so he began investigating retraining programs prior to his actual layoff.

He learned of the Industrial Plant Maintenance Program at Lake Washington Technical College from several friends and determined it was the direction of his future. After layoff, Trade Adjustment Assistance funded the program at Lake Washington, which he completed in March, 2003. With this certification in hand, he entered the field of facilities maintenance as a technician capable of working in a wide variety of industrial plants and commercial buildings. The Space Needle was hiring and the rest is history.

While he has secured another job, he continues to pursue additional education. Curt appreciates the value of the Union-negotiated QTPP education benefits and has been using QTPP to master computer programs such as Excel, Word and Office. In addition to the computer classes he takes at the QTPP office, Curt is also using QTPP to pay for additional classes in refrigeration and heating systems. Because QTPP offers Education Assistance for up to three years following layoff, any additional classes continue to be paid for even though he has already completed a training program under TAA as he landed a new job.

Many of our laid-off members have used the training benefit to convince potential employers to hire them — with the stipulation that they would get any required classes or certifications covered by QTPP.

Curt added, “I can’t say enough about how helpful QTPP has been to me — the classes, the materials provided and the guidance to help determine the best courses for the career objective.”

On-Site Information Technology Classes Covered

Some of the most popular on-site classes QTPP offers are in the field of Information Technology. The courses are offered on an on-going basis at Everett, Tukwila and Auburn.

Several 751 members, who took training at QTPP, were so intrigued with the subject matter that they have become instructors in the various classes.

Jim Davis, 751 member, who teaches PC Maintenance and Repair, has utilized QTPP Advisor services to bring resumes and cover letters, as he pursued various positions while on approved military LOA.

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Glass

Above Some of the glass fish Cheryl has made.

Left: Cheryl Matson has taken every class available at Pratt Fine Arts Center on glass blowing. She hopes to use the glass work to supplement her income after retirement or, if she gets laid-off, have it become a full-time career. The jewelry she is wearing is also a sample of her work.

She added, “There is a lot more pressure to succeed if it becomes a full-time source of income rather than just a supplement to my retirement. But there is potential to go a long way with sculptures, jewelry and beads. Basically, while working with glass you are only limited by what you can think of to make.”

The same is true for utilizing QTTP EA members are only limited by their interests and imagination.

QTTP has taken a good thing and made it better. While computer-based classes have always been very popular at the QTTP computer labs, members now have the option to learn the material from the comfort of their own home.

The option of home-based learning allows more freedom in choosing when to take the course. Members can log on 24 hours a day to access the material. Day care conflicts, scheduling problems, and commuting time are all eliminated. The only thing you need is a computer (with a modem) and a phone line.

Classes are available in:

- Computer Basics
- Access 2000 or 2002
- Windows 2000 or XP
- Excel 2000 or 2002
- PowerPoint 2000 or 2002
- Outlook 2000 or 2002
- Word 2000 or 2003
- As Certification 2001
- Network+ Certification 2002

To get started, call 1-800-235-3453 and ask about home-based computer classes.

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Career Edge Planner (CEP)™ is a state-of-the-art, online career assessment, exploration and planning tool.

First, you are assessed regarding your career interests and given matches to jobs within the U.S. Department of Labor system. You will get information on the education, skills, tasks and work environment for jobs that interest you.

Second, you have an interactive CEP Career Workbook™, in which you evaluate your basic skills, learn to be successful in interviews, write a resume, and set goals and strategies. You have a full year to work through this vast and useful tool via your private password. You can preview the program ‘Walk Thru’ at www.unionedge.com.

The Build Your Own Business Program (BOB)™ is a comprehensive self-employment assessment to help you decide which area of self-employment might be most well suited to your personality by categorizing potential areas such as small business ownership, entrepreneurship, sales or consulting. It will also tell you if you are not suited for self-employment. The program gives links and advice about the challenges of starting a business.

To get started, complete an EA application for one or both programs. School name is “Union Edge” and the cost is $36 for Career Edge Planner and $29 for Build Your Own Business, covered by your QTTP Education Assistance (EA) funds. Apply online at www.iam-boeing.com.
**Silent Auction Raises Funds for Guide Dogs**

Workers in the sheltered workshop, as it is known in the 17-05 building in Auburn, were loud and clear in their message of support for Guide Dogs of America. Union Steward Lori Olsen, along with co-workers Susie Miller and Robin Miller organized a silent auction, which raised $550 for this charity.

All of the items for the auction came from donations of the workers themselves and ranged from home-baked goods, gently used items, holiday baskets, and even the kitchen sink. All items were displayed for nearly two work days so people could bid on them during their lunch and breaks. The bidding closed at last break on the second day with the highest bidder getting the item.

Workers also held a lunch-time soup/bake sale where they asked for a donation for your favorite soup or treat. Generosity and compassion are suitable adjectives to describe this shop made up of 45 hourly and 48 salaried workers, who always seem ready to help those in need. Several times a year, or as the need arises, a silent auction is put together.

The causes vary: helping one of their co-workers on an extended medical leave of absence; setting up a trust fund for dependents of a co-worker that passed away; raising money to buy Christmas gifts for seniors; setting up a trust fund for dependents of a co-worker that passed away; raising money to buy Christmas gifts for seniors; setting up a trust fund for dependents of a co-worker that passed away; raising money to buy Christmas gifts for seniors; setting up a trust fund for dependents of a co-worker that passed away; raising money to buy Christmas gifts for seniors;

Members took advantage of a chance to do some early Christmas shopping and benefit the Guide Dogs of America on Saturday, September 27. This unique Local A event raised over $3,500 for this worthwhile charity. Shoppers could browse such vendors as Princess House, Pampered Chef, Partyline Candles, Stampin-Up, Homemade Gourmet, Wreaths Etc by Eileen, Bodyworks, DiscoveryToys, Jewelry by Deborah Chittenden, Wonderous Woods, Mary Kay, Dammie Inc, and the Car Wash. Several members also participated by sharing their cottage businesses - Pam and Larry Black displayed Quillos & Mirrors, while Scott and Lynn Dolan offered Wood Art by Scrollin Dolan.

Steward Lori Olsen (center) checks the bidding while others name their price for items.

Special thanks to Lois Holton, who recruited vendors and created a festive holiday theme in the Union hall. Volunteers who helped coordinate the event, decorate the hall, worked the car wash, assisted in the kitchen and with clean up included: Lois’ family Ricky, Ryan and Shawnee Leenders, Kristy Devera, Pam and Larry Black, Jonney Miller, Sue Palmer, Cam Christensen, Jason Redrup, Jim and Betty Hutchins, Larry and Jeanne Monger.

Lois Holton was thrilled at the turn-out and noted, “I extend my deep appreciation to all those who helped to make this a fun time, and so successful! The proceeds go to such a great cause and another sightless person will benefit from this event. The help was wonderful! Thanks to all the vendors, shoppers, and volunteers! See you next year!”

**First Annual Puppy Putt Puts Thousands in Guide Dog Dish**

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October Retired Club Minutes

by Mary Wood, Retired Club Secretary

Al Wydick called the October 13 meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Call of Officers: All officers were present. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Communications: A letter from Ron and Charlotte Roller was read.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was accepted as read.

Business Reps Report: Business Rep Zack Zaratkiewicz reported Bill Baker, who was serving as Vice President of the retired club and retired as a Business Rep, will be truly missed. Zack added that Bill was one of the great people in District 751, who helped so many members in his years of service. Zack administered the oath of office for Retired Club Vice President Cy Noble to fill the position vacated by Bill’s passing.

Zack reported on the upcoming rally to land the 7E7. He invited all retirees to attend the 7E7 rally on October 17. He gave an update on the 767 tanker deal with the U.S. Air Force and noted we are still fighting to secure the deal.

Grievance Coordinator Larry Monger reported for Mark Blodzin. Larry also stressed the importance of attending the 7E7 rally and Union efforts to build the plane in Washington.

Larry noted members at the Spokane Triumph plant are now producing pickle ball paddles out of the scrap material from the floor panels. It is an innovative way to generate an additional revenue stream.

Health & Welfare: Bill brothers and sisters this past month included: Marie Andersen, Fred Anderson, Gent Gregory, Dean Krueger, Richard Zinoli, Lloyd Bradford, Philip Hill, Emma Richter, Max Retveld. A moment of silence for the following members who have passed away: Bill Baker, Richard Bartelson, Jack Boebe, Walter Eneyart, Clarence Hill, Harold Hunstad, Mattie Mirasol, Maxine Schey, Ray They, Marcella Welsh, and Herman Werner. Sympathy cards were sent to the families.

Calendar of Events:
- Nov. 3: Bingo
- Nov. 10: Business Meeting
- Nov. 17: Paul and Party Makers
- Nov. 24: Bingo

Good and Welfare: John Guevara encouraged people to vote NO on Initiative 841, which would repeal workplace safety laws. The change would target potentially hazardous working conditions. We need support affecting “working families for safer jobs.” Say NO to Initiative 841.

John Guevara also spoke on the South King County Chapter of the Alliance for Retired Americans. He noted a resolution passed on September 11 calling for a NO vote on S1 and HR1 on Medicare reform because it:
- Does not provide benefits under Medicare
- Subsidizes private health insurance industry
- Does not follow Veterans Administration authority to negotiate lower prices on drugs
- Does not go into effect until 2006, as well as other major problems for seniors. ARA is calling on Congress to filibuster to defeat this legislation. The resolution was sent to Congress by the South King County Chapter.

Zack also noted that State Representative Eileen Cody (34th District) said Governor Locke signed into law on 6-26-03 a law that makes prescription drugs more affordable to seniors and provides a discount for people over 50 years old with income below 300% of poverty. Please check with your providers to find out if you qualify.

Finally, John stressed the club needs to give ARA reports at every business meeting. He suggested writing a letter to ARA to get monthly reports for 751 retirees. Tom O’Brien spoke on the importance of getting retirees rights at the bargaining table. He also encouraged retirees to be vocal on issues and hold their elected officials accountable.

Unfinished & New Business: None.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: The Club celebrated the following October birthdays:
- Dan and Ardis Stachulowski (47 years).

Adjournment: Adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Senior Politics

by Cy Noble, Retired Club Legislative Chair

Cy reported results of the straw poll of U.S. Presidential candidates taken at the last meeting. Since then, Bob Graham has dropped out and Wesley Clark has joined the race, obviously things are changing daily and the answer would be different today.

The 2004 election is the most important of our lives. We must elect a candidate who will protect and restore Social Security and provide prescription drug coverage at reasonable cost for seniors.

We have become a preeminent military power under the Bush Administration and they have managed to divert media attention away from senior issues, as well as the national economy. We must get citizens registered to vote and encourage them to study the issues.

We have a little over a year to do this. Start reading political articles in the paper and letters to the editor to get the pulse of the nation.

Those attending the Retired Club meeting every Monday are treated to a free lunch at the Seattle Union hall at noon following the planned activities.

RETIREMENT NEWS

Retirees

Congratulations to the following members who retired from Boeing:
- Mei Chen
- Jerry Chilton
- Richard Connelly
- Michael Cunningham
- Elena Curry
- Ruth Donoven
- Johnny Evans
- Robert Fish
- David Gourley
- Vicki Hesselsbach
- Marilyn Hof
- David Hoogren
- James King
- Robert Knight
- Helen LaMarche
- Kevin Magee
- Daniel Magnusson
- Walter McAlpin
- Wilfred Messer
- Thomas Phipps
- Garland Rupert
- Doris Sietler
- Doris Slagmayer
- Carol Stedman
- James Taylor
- Edward Udd
- Louis Veregee
- Richard Waskiewicz
- Edward Watson

Travel Report

Mary King (206-363-5915) gave a short report on upcoming trips including the following:
- Dec 1: Renov Lake Tahoe, El Dorado Hotel, 6 days, includes 1 show, casino hops, meals and more, bus trip $239
- Feb 8: Harness Races in Surrey British Columbia and Skagit Valley Casino, 2 days, everything included $89
- Feb 27: New Orleans & Cruise Mexican Caribbean, 9 days, $1,399

Accepting the Oath

Business Rep Zack Zaratkiewicz (l) administers the oath of office to Cy Noble, as he accepts the position of Retired Club Vice President.
AD RULES
Each ad should be 25 words or less. Ads are free only to members - active, laid-off, or retired. For best
coverage, please include information required on
regular ad blank.
Deadline For New Issue
December 1st

FREE ADVERTISER SERVICES
FOR MEMBERS ONLY
WANTED: I am restoring the Seattle Fire
Station No. 5 (1915) and need a garage or warehouse space to work on this project. I have formed a Non Profit Corporation
“Mede One Van Preservation Fund.” We need
volunteer help from aircraft mechanics since
this Mede One is a Van built of aluminum and needs
to ford work body. 206-954-6498

HISTORY COLLECTOR S see NEWSPA-
PERS – Oregon Journal (Nov. 11, 1918) “Amni-
cate War Ends”. New York Herald (Apr. 16,
1865) “Assassination – Lincoln – President Shot at
Theatre – Wilkes Booth Alleged Assassin”. Open
for offers. I don’t know, but these are very rare, and
are available at all other than museums. 206-824-
0573 between 9 AM and 7 PM.

HIGHLINE Snow Sports offering bus ride, ak-
snowboard lessons for 6 weeks for 11 to 18-
year olds. Starting Sunday, January 4. Call
206-433-8563 or 206-878-2771 for informa-
tion. (*Note-a non-profit organization of
Highline School District)

LANE COFFEE TABLE – matching step-end
tables $50 OBO. Escape ladder $25, recliner for
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NEEDED A COMPACT TRACTOR? We special-
ize in used Gray-market tractors. Yanmar, all
4-WD, new loaders, 18X10.50, low hours, Impre-
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VINTAGE SEWING MACHINE – New Home
3225. YASKA 35MM SLR camera $15. Embossed
Coke bottle collection (66) 16oz bottles $65.
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206-937-0666

VOIT GRAVITY RIDER exercise $35, AB-
door $35, back massage $25, Smith-Corona $25.
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TRUCKBOX – 33” w, 20’ deep, 62” long. Fits full-size pickup. Used with 5th wheel. $400 new, will sell for $150. 253-839-3359

ARE YOU IN NEED OF ENERGY? Now there’s a new liquid nutritional supplement called SeaSilver. For more info log on to www.healthnow.com/whyis6/return.html or call 1-877-903-9663

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Questions or need more info??? Please call Kay at 206-764-0340 or 1-800-763-1301, ext. 3340
Rally Urges Boeing to ‘Check It Off’ on 7E7

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with the Air Force. With production scheduled to begin in December of this year, it is imperative to get Congressional approval in the near future. Blondin thanked Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell and Congressman Norm Dicks, who have been instrumental in the tanker battle. All had planned to attend the rally and speak about their efforts. Unfortunately, they had to stay in the nation’s capital to vote on the $87 billion request to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Other speakers included Attorney General Christine Gregoire, State Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, State Representative Steve Conway, State Senator Aaron Reardon, who is running for Snohomish County Executive, and SPEEA Executive Director Charles Bofferding.

One thing is clear: the large crowd sent a strong message to Boeing that: “We can do it. We did it. So check it off and build the plane here.”

Health Care Open Enrollment

October 27-December 5

Eligible hourly employees will be asked to select their medical coverage between October 27 and December 5. Those eligible will receive mailings to their home address with information on the open enrollment.

This special open enrollment was prompted because additional employee co-pays will go into effect January 1, 2004. If you are currently on the low-cost plan (Selections), you are not eligible to change plans until the regular open enrollment in May.

Eligible employees can choose from the following three medical plans:
• Boeing Traditional Medical Plan (Regence BlueShield);
• Group Health Cooperative HMO;
• Selections (Regence BlueShield).

Coverage selected will go into effect on January 1, 2004.

Innovation Brings Pickle Ball Paddles to Triumph

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The pressure to put greater income that will help provide job security to the existing employees. Since Triumph began issuing the paychecks, not a single employee has been laid-off.

But how did this aerospace manufacturing facility become a producer of pickle ball paddles? Initially, PBI contacted Triumph to purchase their scrap or left over remnants so their current contractor could cut the paddles. Triumph offered PBI a better “customer solution” – rather than simply buying scrap raw material from Triumph why not have the paddles cut at the Triumph plant by our members. The precision machines at Triumph were easily programmed to automatically cut the paddles from the remnant panel material.

PBI accepted and was immediately impressed with the quality of the paddles and attention to detail. Our members delivered paddles with such precision, PBI had to revise the configuration of the patterns to be smaller since they no longer need to sand the paddles after they are delivered.

The creativity and resourcefulness didn’t end with the production process. Rather than shipping the paddles in a purchased container, members discovered the paddles fit into scrapped barrels from powder delivered for the rotomold process. These rotomold barrels are being used as ‘pickle balls’ to ship the paddles - thereby eliminating any costly shipping boxes or packing materials. Again, it demonstrated making the best use of available resources.

Union Steward Steve Warren noted, “While the paddles are not labor intensive, they took waste material and turned it into a small revenue stream, which helps sustain jobs.”