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Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Newsletter

Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



Barbara Berthiaume

From the Chair



Clint Web

HOW ARE WE DOING IN 2017?

Myron Vogt

Barbara is pretty busy so she asked me to write the report this month.

Our mission statement is, briefly,

- Make our community a better place to live.
- Provide volunteer opportunities for our members.

We use two metrics to track the above:

- Number of volunteer hours worked as a measure of helping the community.
- Percent of members who report volunteering.

Here are the data through June 2017.

2017 Reported Hours-7343

2016 Reported Hours-6781

2017 Percent reporting (88/186)- 47%

2016 Percent reporting (98/188)- 52%

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I see the sheet listing members who are reporting hours and I know that some of you have worked on some project or other, or attended a meeting, and should be reporting your time and haven't. Every one of you joined Bluebills because you had some intention of volunteering so it is the Leadership Team's job to provide that opportunity. The hours report is our measure of how well we are doing.

We also track our Builders Data. Through June here is how we compare to 2016.

	2016	2017
Grab bars installed	67	98
Ramps Built	25	21
Railings	29	16
Miscellaneous	30	25
Total Clients served	88	106
Open Projects	34	69

You can see we helped a lot of people but what is interesting (or cause for concern) is the large number of open projects we have, 69 vs 34 for 2016. This tells me that demand is increasing but we have only enough builders to handle a smaller workload.

Anticipating increased demand for Builders, we had planned to hold training/recruiting sessions in all three counties and in Southern Jefferson County. Bob Keever has put together a new Project Handbook and a Power-Point training presentation. Now we need to schedule these sessions. Look for that in the latter part of this year.

It is a constant process to recruit, train and engage new volunteers in our programs. That is one of the main jobs of the Leadership Team. You can help by responding to requests for help, recruiting your friends to join in or taking on a leadership role for a project.

Collectively, I think our organization does a tremendous job, so thanks to all of you who are pitching in.

Myron

Thank you to all the Bluebills who donated paper products at the Summer Member Recognition and Golf Tournament on July 24.— Barbara

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Golfers!
Just Weeks Away!!
Friday, August 18,
2017
6th Annual Dove
House Bluebill Golf
Benefit



**For more information contact the Port
Ludlow Golf Shop at (360)437-0272**





The 6th Annual Dove House Golf Benefit is on Friday, August 18.

The Raffle Committee, Barb Burke, Gail Parrish, and Sandy Fry have been very busy gathering amazing items. Each basket will be worth approximately \$100 and four of the donations warrant a silent auction.

Bring cash to buy your game, buy raffle tickets, and play games before the tournament to win prizes. Be sure to sign up to play by Thursday, August 10 for a great time with good friends for a worthy cause! The shotgun starts at 12:00 pm but come early to enjoy the day! The fun begins at 10:30 am.



JEFFERSON



COUNTY FAIR

The 2017 Jefferson County Fair is August 11, 12, 13. The Oly-Pen Bluebills will once again transform a three-sided outdoor booth into a venue that both exemplifies the Supertastic theme and provides detailed information about the services we provide and what we do to benefit the less fortunate folks in Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties.

In 2016, Myron worked his carpentry magic to construct a plywood replica of a steam engine. Due to Myron's carpentry and the decorating skills of a group of Bluebill volunteers, the Bluebills' booth was awarded the coveted First Place (Blue Ribbon) as the best-decorated booth.

This year we are focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to highlight the Supertastic theme. We are honoring the Supertastic gentlemen who risk it all to turn the dream of space travel into a reality. We are specifically taking this opportunity to honor the Supertastic Mercury Seven. Namely Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton, for choosing to boldly go where no American had gone before. We plan on unveiling the Oly-Pen Bluebills Space Shuttle to give an idea what the early astronauts experienced.

We are hoping to capture 1st place again this year, but we need your help. We need volunteers to help set up the booth on Thursday afternoon, staff the booth on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and help dismantle the booth Monday morning. The Douglass's and the Berthiaume's have claimed the first two slots on Friday morning. The Bluebills will provide day passes to all volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, the preliminary roster is shown below.

To reserve your preferred day and time, email your selection to Michael Graham at pljmikey@gmail.com. We really need your support to make this a successful project.

SPACE SHUTTLE



CONSTRUCTION ZONE

HELP!

2017 JeffCo

Bluebill Booth Staffing Roster

The Bluebills will provide day passes to Volunteers

Email Michael Graham at pljmikey@gmail.com. To sign up

Thursday, August 10

(Early Afternoon) Setup Myron, Michael G, Dave Parrish, Joe Gagnier

Need 2 People!

Friday, August 11

10:00-2:00 Bonnie and Lee Douglass, Michael G

2:00-6:00 Barbara and Ed Berthiaume

5:00-9:00 Mea and Michael Graham

Saturday Aug12

10:00-2:00 Karen Griffith and Judy McKay

2:00-6:00 _____ **Need 2 People!**

5:00-9:00 _____ **Need 2 People!**

Sunday August 13

10:00-2:00 Michael G

2:00-6:00 _____ **Need 2 People!**

Monday, August 14

(Early Morning) Dismantle Michael G

_____ **Need 4 People!**

August Calendar

- August 1 _ W/V Pick for Clallam Co. Be at the warehouse at 9:00 AM
- August 3 _ Deliver W/V goods to Clallam Co. Be at the warehouse at 9:00 AM
- August 3 _ Leadership Team Meeting– Bay Club, 3:00– 4:00 PM
- August 8 _ Pick up at World Vision for Jefferson Co. Be at Fife at 9:00 AM
- August 8 _ Central Leadership Meeting- Seattle 10:00-11:00 AM
- August 10_ Set up Booth at Jefferson County Fair
- August 11, 12, and 13_ Jefferson County Fair
- August 14_ Remove Jefferson County Fair display
- August 18_ Dove House Golf Tournament– Port Ludlow
- August 29_ W/V Pick for Jefferson Co. Meet at warehouse at 9:00 AM

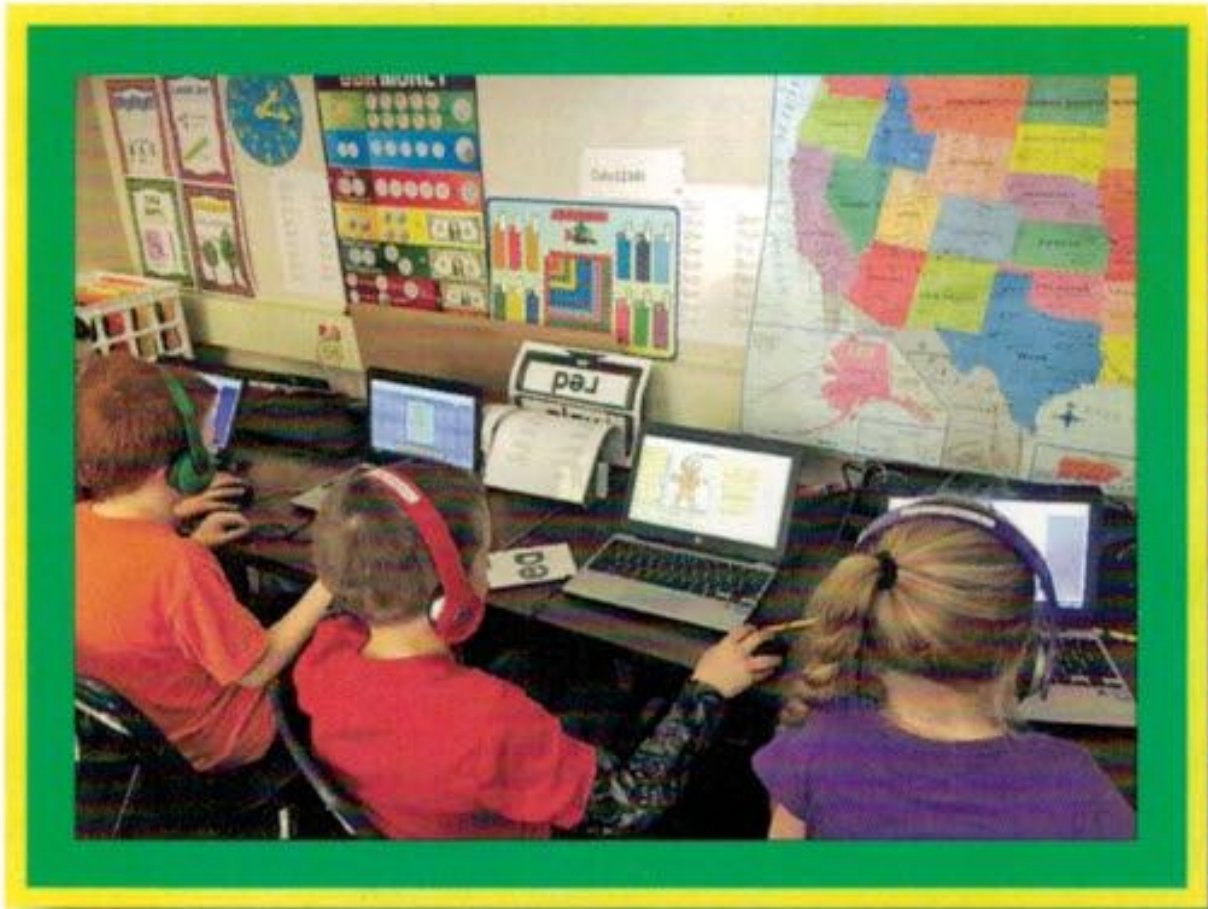
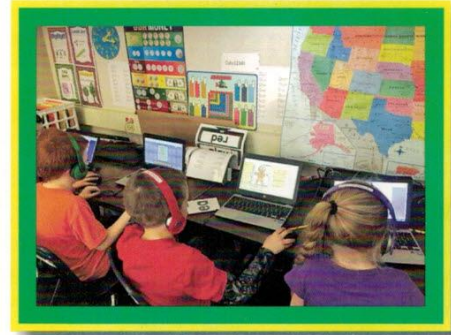


Chimacum School District Newsletter Article

The article below is clipped from the Spring 2017 “Chimacum School Matters” edition.

Boeing Bluebills, Google and friends...

Thanks to the generosity of the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Boeing Bluebills, four first grade classrooms each have 10 Chromebooks. The Bluebills’ donations were matched by Google.org via DonorsChoose.org, where our industrious Chimacum Creek Primary teachers had listed the need for classroom computers. Mice and headphones were also part of the package. From front left, Lane Faasse, Liam Reid and Arianna Beringer.



BLUEBILLS

Serving the Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason County Areas



For the past several years, the **Bluebills** have supported students in grades K – 8 by providing backpacks and school supplies with donations. Your contribution of any amount (recommended \$35.00) will allow a combined single purchase of the required number of backpacks stuffed with school supplies for children of need. Donors can drop off a check with a suggested amount of \$35 to support this small program. Donations can be left at the Beach or Bay Clubs with checks made out to the Bluebills. Checks may also be mailed to at:

**Bluebills
120 Spinnaker Place
Port Ludlow, WA 98365**

Builder's Pages

Sequim Ramp



Pictured left to right Dale Blankenship, Warren Mecca, John Meyer, Ken Orth.
Photo by Charlie Johnson.

Another very happy home-bound person. The client stated that she has literally not been out of the house more than a handful of times in the last 5 years.

Quilcene Ramp



Before



Dave Parrish and Michael Graham pose with completed project.

Dave Parrish was the coordinator. Todd Knoblock, Robert Chanpong and Michael Graham were on the team.

This client came home from the hospital in January and we have been trying to find a way to build her a ramp ever since. By going “bare-bones” we were able to offer a ramp she could afford.

The job was on a hot day in the sun. All worked long and hard to complete the project as the client needed the ramp the next day to get to a doctor’s appointment.

Thanks to Dave Parrish for persisting and finding a way.

A long Ramp in Port Townsend



Michael Graham and Dave Parish digging post holes.



Dan Nieuwsma



The team hard at work



Todd Knoblock and Jo Nieuwsma admire the completed project. Photo by Dan Nieuwsma.

Tod Knoblock with Dan and Jo Nieuwsma led the team on this 40 foot long ramp requiring 54 hours of planning and work. Along with David Parrish, Robert Chanpong & Joe Gagnier the job was completed in a day and a half..

A Ramp in Silverdale

By Bob Kever



Concrete Steps with no Railing



Wally Grenquist & Bob Kever

An entryway with concrete steps like this can turn into a real disaster if the elderly or handicapped client were to take a fall. So we have to decide between a railing and ramp to get them safely in and out of the house. This one could have gone either way, but since the mobility of the client was getting progressively worse, we opted for the ramp. A grab bar at the top of the landing provides an additional measure of safety.



2017 Builder Data



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	YTD Total
Grab bars	6	23	24	26	8	11	24	122
Ramps	3	5	0	8	3	2	4	25
Railing	3	5	2	3	1	2	5	21
Miscellaneous	4	4	7	6	3	1	5	30
Total Clients	22	29	20	16	8	11	17	123
Total Different Volunteers	12	16	9	20	14	14	19	n/a
								n/a
Open Projects	50	61	n/a	n/a	n/a	69	68	



This thank you note from Dove House staff is for the Bluebill's regular donation of paper products and personal care items. This month's focus is on paper products, most especially hygiene items.

Thank you to all the Bluebills who donated paper products at the Summer Member Recognition and Golf Tournament on July 24.— Barbara



Thanks!
Alan

Thank you!
Michael

Thank you,
Susan A.

Thanks!
Loren

Debbie

Thank you,
Debbie
H

Thank you!
Hector

Thanks for contributing to
the Golf Trolley Raffle, Myron
Betka

Dear Myron,

All of us here at Dove House would like to thank you for your generous donation. Your contribution really makes a difference for Dove House clients, and we truly appreciate it.

Thanks again for thinking of us!

Dove House Staff

Thank you

Barbara

“Meeting Essential Needs” **Through our [World Vision](#) Partnership**

By Karen Griffith, Bluebill Roving Reporter

On July 11th, I had the opportunity to accompany Michael Graham to the World Vision (WV) warehouse in Fife, WA for the Bluebills’ monthly pick-up. It’s about a 160 mile round trip down there and back and we had lots of time to talk about this great partnership. He’s been making this trip 9-10 times a year for the last 10-12 years.

World Vision was started in about 1950 by a group of Christians interested in meeting the needs that many Americans take for granted and providing families in need with essentials such as personal hygiene products, household cleaning items, clothing, and school supplies. When families don’t have to spend their money on these basics, their limited budgets can be used for other essentials such as food and rent.

World Vision Pacific Northwest has been serving the greater Olympic and Puget Sound area since 1990. Access to the huge warehouse is by a \$300 paid membership per agency. We have over 30 member organizations from Clallam, Kitsap and Jefferson Counties.

Manufacturers and corporations donate top-quality products to World Vision. These goods are organized and stored in several huge warehouses across the country. Fife is one of them.



Charlie Johnson loading items onto a cart at World Vision

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Each month on the second Tuesday, a team of Bluebills drive to Fife in their vans or trucks or trailers to fill each vehicle with goods which will be distributed that month to agencies in one of the three counties. Each county gets four deliveries a year. This month's crew was from Clallam County: Charlie Johnson (Project Manager), Dale Blankenship, Mel Rostron and John Meyer were there to do the heavy lifting. Ed Berthiaume manages the Kitsap County crew and Myron Vogt manages Jefferson County.

When we first arrive we find Antonio Evans, Customer Service Representative. He's busy organizing the items we can take that day. While some of the items are already palletized, he's rushing around urging our crew to "help ourselves" to an odd number of items which hadn't yet been designated for anyone. "Hey," he says, "how about this swimming pool? Maybe a church could use it for a baptismal font!" We laugh and say we probably couldn't find a use for it (plus it's huge and would take up a ton of space in one of the trucks). But he keeps at us: "It's not about what you can use. It's what one of your 10 agencies can use!"



Charlie Johnson and Antonia Evans



Mel Rostron and John Meyer

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I get a chance to walk around and talk to some of the other WV volunteers who donate their time to this good work. I talk to Terry Brass who's volunteered there for five years. She is supervising Liz Langer who's putting tee-shirts on hangers. Liz has Down Syndrome and she volunteers at WV 4 days a week. Terry explained, "World Vision is awesome. It allows special needs kids like Liz who attend life skills classes come in and volunteer. They don't have many other opportunities other than sitting at home and watching television."



Michael Graham, Liz Langer and Ed Berthiaume

Here's photo of Liz and Michael Graham in June when the Bluebill crew treated everyone to pizza. She is one happy young lady!

After the vehicles are loaded, we all drive to Shari's restaurant in Port Orchard for the monthly lunch and a chance to razz Leslie, the waitress, who tells John Meyer when he orders a glass of water, "We're all out of water today."

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Mel Roston, Charlie Johnson, John Meyer and Dale Blankenship at Shari's



John Meyer

When the trucks arrive at the warehouse in Chimacum, another crew is waiting on them to help unload the trucks. Mike Burke is the leader of the pack that day directing Jim Mueller and Michael Graham where things go on the shelves. After they get all the goods out of the vehicles and onto the shelves, they carefully inventory every single item. Care is taken to put like

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items together such as all the cleaning products or all the personal hygiene items. Larry Lang, coordinator for Clallam County will then take the individual lists and combines them into one spreadsheet. When the inventory is for Kitsap, Ed Berthiaume does this and Erika Mayfield finalizes the Jefferson County lists. In turn, they send the lists out to the organizations in the county that will be receiving the goods, in this case, Clallam.

The organizations eligible to receive these goods then indicate to their county's coordinator which items they wish to receive – on a first-come-first-served basis. In July the following organizations in Clallam County are recipients of these goods: ECCHO, OlyCap-Port Angeles, OlyCap-Port Townsend, Dove Advocacy Services, Catholic Community Services of Western WA, Health Families, Community Enrichment Alliance, Port Townsend-Food Bank, and Peace Lutheran Fellowship.

After the organizations get back to their coordinator with their desired items, a day is set aside for “The Pick”. On this day, Bluebills pick out from the vast inventory in the Chimacum warehouse those items destined for a given organization. These items are then put in boxes provided by Hill Moving and set aside with the organizations' names on them. Then a few days later, Bluebills from that county come to the warehouse, fill their vehicles and deliver them to the various agencies.

As you can see, this is a HUGE undertaking every month requiring many willing hands, vehicles, fuel and time! I asked Mel Roston why he does it and his answer was as simple and profound as it could be: “Because Charley asked me.” Charley added, “It’s fun watching their faces when they get something new.”

We invite you to join us each month in this great effort, either by going to Fife, helping do the inventory or help do “the pick”. Call Michael Graham if you can help.

The Bluebills' Warehouse in Chimacum

The World Vision Essential Needs Load up and Delivery to Kitsap Co. on July 7 included a fairly massive patio set. The crew may have gotten a bit carried away congratulating ourselves at having gotten the set along with everything else for the agency into one truck (think Tetris).

You would not believe how much fun we have— you should come on down, just check the calendar and call Michael Graham.



Loaded and ready for delivery by Bluebills Jim Mueller, John and Amy Miller and Mike Burk.



Packed to the gunnels



Jim Mueller and Amy and Jim Miller having fun working in the warehouse



BB Essential Supplies loaded for Kitsap

Garage Sale Items for [OlyCap](#) Homeless Families

Shopping at neighborhood garage sales or doing a sale yourself? Remember that [OlyCap Homeless Families](#) can use always housewares like silverware, pots and pans, dishes, measuring cups and bowls, etc. They need twin sheets and blankets, even queen blankets will work. Bath towels are also needed. Please tell your neighbors before they take things to Goodwill. Items need to be clean and in good shape so they can be used quickly.

Call Laura Paul, 360-344-2494, when you have a few boxes of things and we will take them up to Port Townsend. Thanks for helping them get on their feet again.



Have You Reported



Your Volunteer Hours??

REMEMBER: YOU CAN REPORT ANY VOLUNTEER HOURS! NOT JUST THE HOURS YOU WORK FOR BLUEBILLS. CHURCH, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY~ ALL THESE HOURS COUNT TOO!

DID YOU KNOW?

BOEING SETS OUR BUDGET BASED ON OUR REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Volunteer hours for June, 2017

**56 Bluebills reported 1284 hours.
That is 31.28% of Bluebills reporting.**



August Birthdays



Richard Collins	8/4
Val Vogt	8/4
Beverly Simon	8/8
David Parrish	8/11
Mary Rittenhous	8/11
Mary R Ronen	8/11
Beryl Denison	8/12
John Mjoen	8/12
Evelyn Gunther	8/13
Kay Douglas	8/15
Douglas Peterson	8/15
Jim Mueller	8/17
Karen Anderson	8/18
George Ansley	8/19
Ken Roden	8/22
Gail Parrish	8/25
John Meyer	8/29
Bernard Wittman	8/29
Janie Holtz	8/30

Happy Birthday!

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	VACANT	

World Vision Essential Supplies– Myron Vogt

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