



THE BLUEBILL

FLYER

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OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILL SPRING SOCIAL

at the Bay Club in
Port Ludlow on
April 3, 2007.
11:00 - 3:00 PM



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This Social is sponsored by The Boeing Company for Olympic Peninsula Bluebills group of volunteers who volunteer their time to provide assistance to the elderly and less fortunate in the tri-county area. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place off Paradise Bay Road in Port Ludlow.

ENTREES
SALMON
FILLETS
CHICKEN
BREASTS

Cesar Salad
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Deviled Eggs
Cookies
and
Cream Puffs
Beverage
Coffee and Tea

Please
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ENTREE CHOICE BY
THURSDAY
MARCH 22
TO EITHER:

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE SPRING SOCIAL!



HOW THE BOEING BLUEBILLS GOT STARTED

By Jack Randall, Olympic Peninsula Bluebills Historian

CHAPTER ONE

For those of you who joined OPB Bluebills after 1998, I thought I might share some of how the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills was started.

When I was involved in the Resource (fund raising) Committee of Habitat for Humanity, Ralph Huth, Vice President of HFH was the Chair of that Committee. He knew I was a Boeing retiree and lived in Port Ludlow. His thought was there were probably a lot of affluent Boeing retirees living in Port Ludlow, so why didn't I somehow solicit them for donations.

Also about this time Barbara Willard, a Bluebill from Seattle, who had been trying for some time for me to start a Chapter on the Peninsula, called me again.

I advertised that there would be a meeting of Boeing retirees at the Bay Club on March 5th. Ralph Huth, of HfH; Bob Peden, of United Way; and the Tukwila Chapter from Seattle made a video presentation. There were 22 attending. After the presentation I asked the group if they were interested in establishing a chapter on the Peninsula. Of the 22, 17 agreed.

Those interested met shortly after that and officers either volunteered or were volunteered. They were Rosemary Houghton, First Vice Chair; Myron Vogt, Second Vice Chair and Jack Randall, Chair, Roberta Enders, Reporting Secretary; Armon Enders, Public Relations' and Chuck Shered, Volunteer/Skill Coordinator.

We submitted our application and start-up budget (\$5,704), prepared by Bob Peden, on March 31 to Howard Syder, then the Chair of the Central Committee.

The Central Committee is comprised of the Chairs from each chapter and Members at Large. The Committee coordinates the activities of all of the Chapters. The next step was to apply for Chapter status and arrange for office space, telephone, furniture, a post office box, etc.

To be continued next month





SEND YOUR BLUEBILL PHOTOS FOR THE FLYER

Cindyann Joyner, Bluebill Editor, requires digital photos to be included in the Bluebills Flyer newsletter. Jack Randall collects photos for our historical records. Both would like photos of Bluebill members, events, and projects. Many of our members take such photos. We have developed the following process that we would like the membership to adopt:

Step 1: Bluebill takes a picture of interest

Step 2: Bluebill renames the picture on his/her computer: (person name, event name, Bluebill name, or project name) by holding the left button down on the mouse and typing in the new name once the old name is highlighted.

Step 3: Email the photo to Dick Padilla at rspdad@hotmail.com Use the “attach” feature in your email program. Do not send more than 2mb of picture in each email.

Step 4: Dick will modify the picture size to 4”x6” and the resolution to 72dpi.

Step 5: Dick will email the modified pictures to Cindyann and Jack.

Step 6: Cindyann will select photos to be stored in her files and to be published in the newsletter.

Step 7: Cindy will crop and edit photos as needed.
From Dick Padilla



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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!

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ABOUT *BLUEBILL* HOURS

From Jack Hawker (and Fritz)



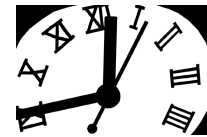
2006 was a great year for participation by the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills. We had 9164 hours reported for the year, a 9.7% increase over 2005. We can do even better in 2007.

There are still some very active volunteers that do not report their time. Please do, it is important! All we ask is that you provide your best estimate of the hours you spend each month on volunteer activities. No break down or formal report is required just the total hours for the month, what could be easier?

We started 2007 with 619 hours by 26 volunteers in January

MEL MORRIS GOT LEFT OUT LAST MONTH ON OUR 2006 VOLUNTEER HOURS PAGE. HE WORKED 589 HOURS!!

SORRY MEL !



WORLD VISION

from Myron Vogt

World Vision

is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their community's world wide...

They are a BIG outfit with yearly revenues of over \$900 million (counting the value of all the product received from businesses and companies through GIK and other programs). World Vision has about 20,000 employees in nearly 100 countries.



Lee Amundson is our steadfast Bluebill driver. The truck is furnished by Carl's Building Supply of Port Hadlock.

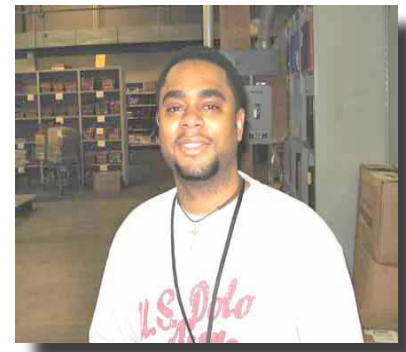
But to the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills, World Vision is much more personal. It is the warehouse on the Boeing facility in Kent. More than that, it is the World Vision people we deal with every month.

Jim Peterson got us started on our GIK program when he invited some of us to an orientation program in early 2006 and signed us up to essentially act as a World Vision distributor for our area. Jim had talked about finding a way to distribute goods to people in areas where distance made it impractical for the organization to visit the warehouse and pick up goods directly. We were able to start up a program because a good friend and Bluebill, Chuck Malven, offered to let us use his RV garage as a warehouse.

Jim has since moved on to manage more than the Kent warehouse but he has an able replacement in Richard Baker, Richard has been managing the Kent facility for about a year. He is the person who we deal with on arranging our pick-ups and selecting the goods we receive. His response to our requests has been great and, when possible, we get most of the type of goods requested by our clients.

Deanne Cline packages up the stuff we will get and helps us with the loading. If there was such an event, Deanne would certainly be a contender for the gold medal at a fork lift driver Olympics. She makes loading the truck look easy.

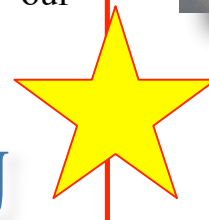
Behind the World Vision employees there are a lot of volunteers, a number of them Bluebills, that help to keep the warehouse running but we still think of Jim, Richard and Deanne as the heart of the “our” World Vision.



Richard Baker
Manager, Kent
World Vision
Warehouse



Deanne Cline



OUR THANKS TO EACH OF YOU

This load contains two pallets of school supplies (literally thousands of items like paper, pens, rulers, pencils, rubber bands, calculators, scissors, glue sticks, art paper, etc). Another pallet is two-inch wide, three-ring binders, 330 of them. A fourth pallet is 30 boxes of women's clothes from Dress Barn, about 600 items. We also picked up six new desks, still in the boxes.



Here is what is scheduled for March:

March Events:

March 6 Gifts-In-Kind pickup at World Vision-Kent. Unload at Chimacum warehouse, 1:30 to 2:30

March 12 Olympic Bluebill Leadership Team meeting- Bay Club, 9:00 to 10:00

March 13 Bluebill Central Leadership Team meeting-Seattle 10:00 to 11:00

March 13 Unload Food Bank Truck - Tri-Area Community Center-Chimacum: 8:00 to 9:00

March 20 Deliver GIK to Kitsap County. Drivers meet at warehouse at 9:00

Any member who wants to list some future event, please let Cyndyann know.

GIFTS-IN-KIND THANK-YOUS

Each month we receive several thank-you letters from the recipients of our GIK goods.

These are turned over to World Vision for sending on to the companies who actually donated the goods. Many of the letters include Bluebills in their thanks. The following letter from Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP) is typical:

Note, these letters are always addressed to me as the Program Manager and this one mentions Val (Vogt) because she is the GIK Jefferson County Coordinator.
Myron

Dear Myron:

I have attached two letters of acknowledgement for the items delivered to OlyCAP earlier this month. We appreciate the generosity that motivated these companies to provide the items we received.

It also affords me the opportunity to thank you, Val and all the Bluebills for your support of OlyCAP and this this community. The Bluebills generosity and untiring work on behalf of the folks in Clallam and Jefferson Counties is greatly appreciated.

**Timothy Hockett
Executive Director**



THE MARCH BLUEBILL *FLYER* SPOTLIGHT IS ON



Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing

REPAH was established in January 1992 as a non-profit corporation whose main purpose is to provide financial assistance to promote and sustain affordable home ownership for those in need in Jefferson County. In its commitment to help those in need, REPAH has raised over \$50,000. Our organization is primarily funded through the commitment of agents and brokers who automatically donate a portion of their commission at the closing of each real estate transaction. With the help of our contributing members, we have been able to greatly increase our income and support. REPAH partners with many local non-profit organizations who assist low income homeowners with emergency repairs and health/safety improvements. Here are recent REPAH projects we have funded in the past; emergency home repairs to low income families, construction of home access ramps and other ADA modifications for disabled persons, contributed to Habitat for Humanity's Jefferson County building projects, provided funds for Fenn House, a non-profit organization to help children of dysfunctional families, assisted in the purchase of Bergita House, a non-profit organization providing counseling for children and provided support for Olycap in securing state funds for the Haines Street Cottages Refurbishment Project.

-- Jon Murock. Manager, HLC Sales

BLUEBILL NOTES ABOUT REPAH:

REPAH has helped Bluebills by funding a number of projects.

If you think a client is suitable for help from REPAH, the REPAH contact for Bluebills is;

Ari Stepp, (800-776-9344) aristepp@windemere.com.

It will be necessary to fill out an application form, which they will furnish. As usual, we also need to work through an agency. If an agency is not already sponsoring the client we have an arrangement with Catholic Community Services Donna Jones, (405-0072). CCS can handle the REPAH funding and be used as the sponsoring agency.

REHAP meets once a month to consider applications so there is some lead-time involved. Also, REHAP only funds clients from Jefferson County.



HI WANDA!

How long have you been a Bluebill?

About nine years.

What Bluebill jobs have you participated in?

I participated in the first BB project when they replaced a roof on a senior citizen's home in Port Townsend, also with Gifts in Kind, the Christmas DVSA Gift Program, was the RN for the Port Townsend Adult Day Care Center at Skookum, worked with the Homeless Shelter at the American Legion and was RN for the Kiwanis Summer Camp for the physically and mentally challenged. I have also helped with several other projects.



Which did you like best?

I really enjoy helping Chuck with the Christmas program and working at the homeless shelter.

Favorite Bluebill memory or story.

My favorite memory is of the first BB project, replacing the roof for a senior lady in PT. All the BBs were excited about this project and several of them drove a long distance to participate. This lady's need was great. She had paid a neighbor to replace the roof but the job was unsatisfactory as the roof continued leaking. After the BBs completed the job she's had no further problems. Over the years the BBs have done other projects for her allowing her to remain in her home



Where were you born?

Denbo, Pennsylvania, which is near Pittsburgh.

Where did you grow up?

Union City, Pennsylvania.

Where have you lived?

Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Alabama, and Washington.

Do you have any children?

We have five children, Martin, Derek, James, Sandra, Catherine and four beautiful grandchildren.



What's your best recipe?

Chocolate chip cookies.

Will you email it if asked?

Yes.



What is your favorite thing to do for fun?

Hiking with Chuck and my dog Kyia.

What are your favorite songs and music?

"It's Only Rock and Roll but I Like It" by the Rolling Stones.

I like most kinds of music.



Do you have any pets?

Two dogs, Kyia and Teddy, a cat named Reggie,
a bunny named Cuddles and eleven chickens.



What world events had the most impact on you while you were growing up

Probably the Korean War as my brother served in combat there for a year.

Of all the things you learned from your parents, which do you feel was the most valuable?

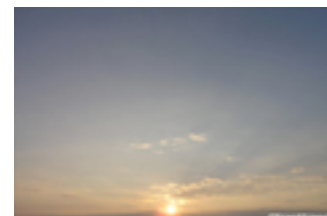
To be honest and work hard.

What are your hobbies?

Reading, especially Russian literature, gardening and crafts.

What inspires you?

A sunrise, knowing that another day is beginning.



What motivates you?

Reading inspirational literature, especially Thomas Merton.

What is your favorite color?

Blue

Favorite flower?

The rose



Favorite Shoes?

My Tommy Hilfiger light weight running shoes.

What is your favorite journey?

When Chuck and I visited Tula, which is 200 kilometers south of Moscow and we toured Yasnaya Polyana, the birthplace and estate of Leo Tolstoy.

Favorite movie?

Dr. Zhivago

What is the quality you like most in a man?

Compassion for all living things.

What is the quality you like most in a woman?

Same

Who are your favorite writers?

Leo Tolstoy, Anton Chekhov and Thomas Merton

Who are your heroes in real life?

Mother Teresa and the Polish writer and poet Czeslaw Milosz



What is your motto??

LIFE ISN'T ALWAYS FAIR, DEAL WITH IT.



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