



THE BLUEBILL

FLYER

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2:00PM BACK FROM LUNCH, AND THE RAMP IS COMPLETE!
**Larry Elton, Howard Schaible, Ed Hughes, Ken Winter, Jack Hawker
and Mike Graham.**

READ ON TO SEE WHAT THEY DID IN FIVE HOURS!

-- PHOTOS BY MYRON VOGT

BUILDING A RAMP from Myron

Bluebills have built around 250 ramps over the past 8 years. Currently we have been averaging about one ramp per week. The one illustrated was built on a home near Port Townsend. Briefly, we started by tearing off an old ramp that was too steep. We then installed a larger landing at the entry door and built a new 32 foot long ramp with a 4 foot by 4 foot concrete landing. **Jack Hawker** coordinated the project; contacting the client, developing the design and lining up volunteers. Thanks, Jack! All-in-all the ramp took six elapsed hours, including one hour for lunch. The project was referred to us by **Sina Thomas** of **Olympic Area Agency on Aging**, who paid for the material. Insurance coverage provided by **Catholic Community Services** through **Donna Jones**.

Members interested in working on these kinds of projects should contact the Independent Living Coordinator for their county. See the Leadership Team listing in this [FLYER](#) or contact Myron Vogt.



8:00 AM

These fellows wearing their "Boeing gloves" are not in front of Home Depot looking for a days work but are meeting at the Bay Club parking lot to head out on a job. Howard Schaible, Ken Winter, Jack Hawker, Ed Hughes and Mike Graham.



9:30

The old ramp has been removed and some posts and joints for the new ramp installed. Ken Winter, Mike Graham, Ed Hughes and Myron Vogt.



10:00

Installation of all posts and joists are complete and the plywood flooring is being put down. Bending over, Jack Hawker and Ken Winter. Others, Mike Graham Ed Hughes and Howard Schaible.



12:00

Ed Hughes stands in front of the ramp, which is now complete except for a concrete pad at the base. \

Time for lunch.



RETURN TO FRONT PAGE TO
SEE THE HAPPY BUILDERS

The Bluebills, Jack Hawker et

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Dear Bluebills,

Thank you very much for the wonderful new ramp. The old one terrified me and kept me from going places. Since we've had the new one I've been able to go fun shopping. I was impressed with the speed at which you were able to accomplish it and how handsome it looks. Once again thank you for this wonderful and important addition to my life."

(Signed by the client who lives in the Port Townsend area.)



Happy Easter!! 

**DON'T FORGET THE APRIL 3 SOCIAL
11AM TO 3PM**

**You should have already RSVP'ed to Mike Graham
or Howard Schaible about attending the Spring social.**

Now be sure to come!

**You may have been wondering just who runs the Bluebill
organization.**

**Merv Shetler,
Bluebill Central Leadership
Committee Chairman,**

**will give us a presentation about the Central Leadership
Committee and how things work.**



JACK HAWKER REPORTS FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER HOURS

**WE HAD 475 BLUEBILL VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED FOR
FEBRUARY 2007 VS. 693 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS ARE 1084 VS. 1328. JACK**

ED. NOTE: MAYBE WE'RE WORKING TOO FAST!

GIFTS-IN-KIND

KITSAP COUNTY

(Ed Berthiaume, Bluebill Coordinator)

Catholic Community Services
(covers a number Of agencies)
Kitsap Sexual Assault Center
North Kitsap Fishline (a food bank)
Sycamore Tree Preschool

JEFFERSON COUNTY

(Valeria Vogt, Bluebill Coordinator)

ECHHO
Big Brothers
Brinnon Community Center
Brinnon Community Church
Health Ministry
Brinnon Food Bank
Brinnon School
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
First Preb. Church, Quilcene
J.C. Mash – Port Townsend
Jefferson County Mental Health
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Olympic Community Action
Quilcene Food Bank
Quilcene School
San Juan Baptist Church
St. Mary Star of the Sea
Trinity United Methodist

CLALLAM COUNTY

(Chuck Shered, Bluebill Coordinator)

Voices for Veterans
Salvation Army
Family Planning
Serenity House
Catholic Community Services
Olympic Community action
Healthy Families
First Step Family Support Center

GIFTS-IN-KIND (GIK) and SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION (SSD) PROGRAMS

From Myron Vogt



In cooperation with World Vision, Bluebills have been able to distribute goods through the GIK and SSD Programs.

Gifts-In-Kind goods can go to any non-profit, church or school. Schools supplies donated to the SSD program can only go to those schools who have 70% or more of their students using the free or reduced-price lunch program. These schools are determined from a list provided by the State Superintendent of Schools

You might find it interesting to see just which agencies, churches and schools are receiving items under each program.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

KITSAP COUNTY

(Ed Berthiaume, Bluebill Coordinator)

Naval Avenue Elementary
Renaissance High School
West Hills Elementary

JEFFERSON COUNTY

(Ed Berthiaume, Bluebill Coordinator)

Brinnon School

CLALLAM COUNTY

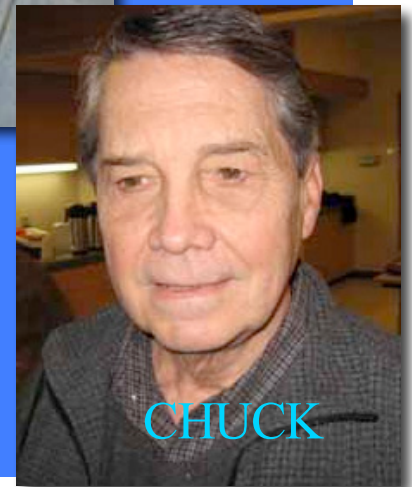
(Chuck Sherred, Bluebill Coordinator)

Clallam Bay School
Dry Creek Elementary
Forks Elementary
Neah Bay School
Queets Clearwater Elementary

MASON COUNTY

(Lee and Bonnie Douglass, Bluebill Coordinators)

Bordeaux Elementary
Evergreen Elementary
Hood Canal Elementary
Shelton Alternate School



Each month we make deliveries to the schools and GIK members listed for one of the counties. In March we deliver to Kitsap County GIK and SSD members and to the Jefferson County SSD school. In April to we deliver to Jefferson County GIK members and Mason County Schools.

For more information about either program contact the county coordinator or Myron Vogt.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Do all you can with
what you have,
in the time you have,
in the place you are.

BLUEBILL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

APRIL 3 - 11 TO 3PM
SOCIAL AT THE BAY CLUB
IN
PORT LUDLOW
11:00AM TO 3PM

April 5, Thursday - April GIK /SSD scheduled pick up at World Vision in Kent.

April 9, Monday - Executive Board Meeting at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow from 9:00 - 10:00

April 10, Tuesday - Central Committee Meeting in Seattle from 10:00 - 12:00

April 17, Tuesday - Delivery to Jefferson County GIK members and to SSD Schools in Mason Co.

A RAMP IN BRINNON

This photo shows the situation before building the ramp. The client could not safely and comfortably get out of her house. She uses a wheelchair.



The completed 16 foot ramp with railings. The client can now get out of the house on her own and her quality of life has been improved immensely.

How did we end up building a ramp in Brinnon (or anywhere else)?

Donna Jones of Catholic Community Services (CCS) received a request from Sina Thomas from Olympic Area Agency on Aging (OAAA) to build a ramp for one their Brinnon clients. Donna referred the project to us.

One of our volunteers from Brinnon, George Sickle, agreed to look into the job. In this case, OAAA would pay for the material, CCS would cover us with insurance and Bluebills would do the design, material/cost estimate and provide the labor. Once the bill of material and cost was approved, George ordered the material.

George and Bill Anstiss completed the job in one day.

George reported the client was just thrilled and couldn't stop thanking them enough.

A rather straightforward ramp job but it illustrates the cooperation that is necessary between Bluebills and agencies to provide the funding and insurance coverage, do a design and cost estimate and finally actually complete the construction. In the end, everyone feels pretty good about helping someone who really needs it.

Thanks to everyone concerned.



Dear George and Bill,

This marvelous ramp has given me the freedom to go out and work in my yard and listen close-up to the bluebirds sing their praises of glory!

I appreciate the hours and effort you so generously put in to build my ramp. It is awesome!

*Thank you, thank you, thank you.
Signed by a Brinnon Client*

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Happy tails to you!

