



THE BLUEBILL

FLYER

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**IS GEORGE ANSLEY
GOING TO DO A
WHEELIE?**

READ ON...





Myron Vogt tests out the shifter.



BLUEBILLS RESTORE MORE BIKES

In October Bluebills picked up another load of unclaimed bikes from the Port Townsend Police Department. We pick up a load of bikes about every three months. These are unclaimed bikes turned into or picked up by the Port Townsend Police Department. The police must hold them for 90 days before they can be turned over to us. We pick up between 15-20 bikes each time.

Bluebills restore the bikes to operable condition. Tasks are mainly checking and repairing brakes, shifters and tire tubes. Units that are beyond repair (by us) are turned over to a scrap metal dealer for recycling.

So far this year we have restored about 75 bikes. We also get bikes given to us by individuals who know of our program. If you have a bike to donate contact George Ansley to get instructions. Please, we need the bikes to be in relatively good condition to be of any use for restoring.



Kay Pownall of the Port Townsend Police Department is our coordinator for the bike program. She lets us know when there are enough to be picked up and signs the paperwork that turns them over to Bluebills.

Most of the bikes we fix are given to Community Centers for distribution to anyone who needs one. Good condition children's bikes we set aside for kids in the domestic violence programs.

If you are interested in helping with this program contact Myron Vogt and your name will be put on The Bicycle Repairer distribution list. You will then be advised the next time we will be repairing bikes.

Myron



**Russ Rousseau and George Ansley
make final adjustments**



**Russ and Myron wonder why this thing
doesn't work.**

PHOTOS BY PEGGY LEE FLENTIE

THE DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 4
Bluebills Social
Bay Club 11-3

Dec 6
Sort out GIK clothes for
Domestic Violence families
Bay Club, 1-3

Dec 10
Leadership team meeting
Bay Club, 9-10

Dec 11
Central Leadership
Council Meeting
Seattle 10-11

Dec 11
Unload food truck
Tri Area community Center 8-9

Dec 12
Deliver presents to Domestic Violence families
meet at Bay Club at 9.

Dec 14
Gifts-In-Kind delivery to Jefferson
County



One day in
late October.
Here is what
Bluebills
were doing.



Six members were driving truckloads of schools supplies to Clallam County schools.

Three members were planning how to build reindeer for sale to support our Christmas Giving Program.

Six members were at our GIK and Schools Supply warehouse, moving items and placing new shelving.

One member was picking up school supplies and GIK items to deliver to Quilcene School, Quilcene Community Center and Brinnon Community Center.

Three Members were building a ramp in Kitsap County.

One member was doing a minor house repair in Port Ludlow.

Our Editor was finishing-up our newsletter for the month.

Our Membership Coordinator was sending out “Welcome to Bluebills” packages to two new members.

One member was handling a call asking for Bluebill help.

Three members were deciding on a time for our next GIK delivery.

Who knows what other Bluebills were doing to help the community.

Nothing really special about that day. It is the things that I know were happening and I wanted to provide an awareness of the scope of our activities. Myron

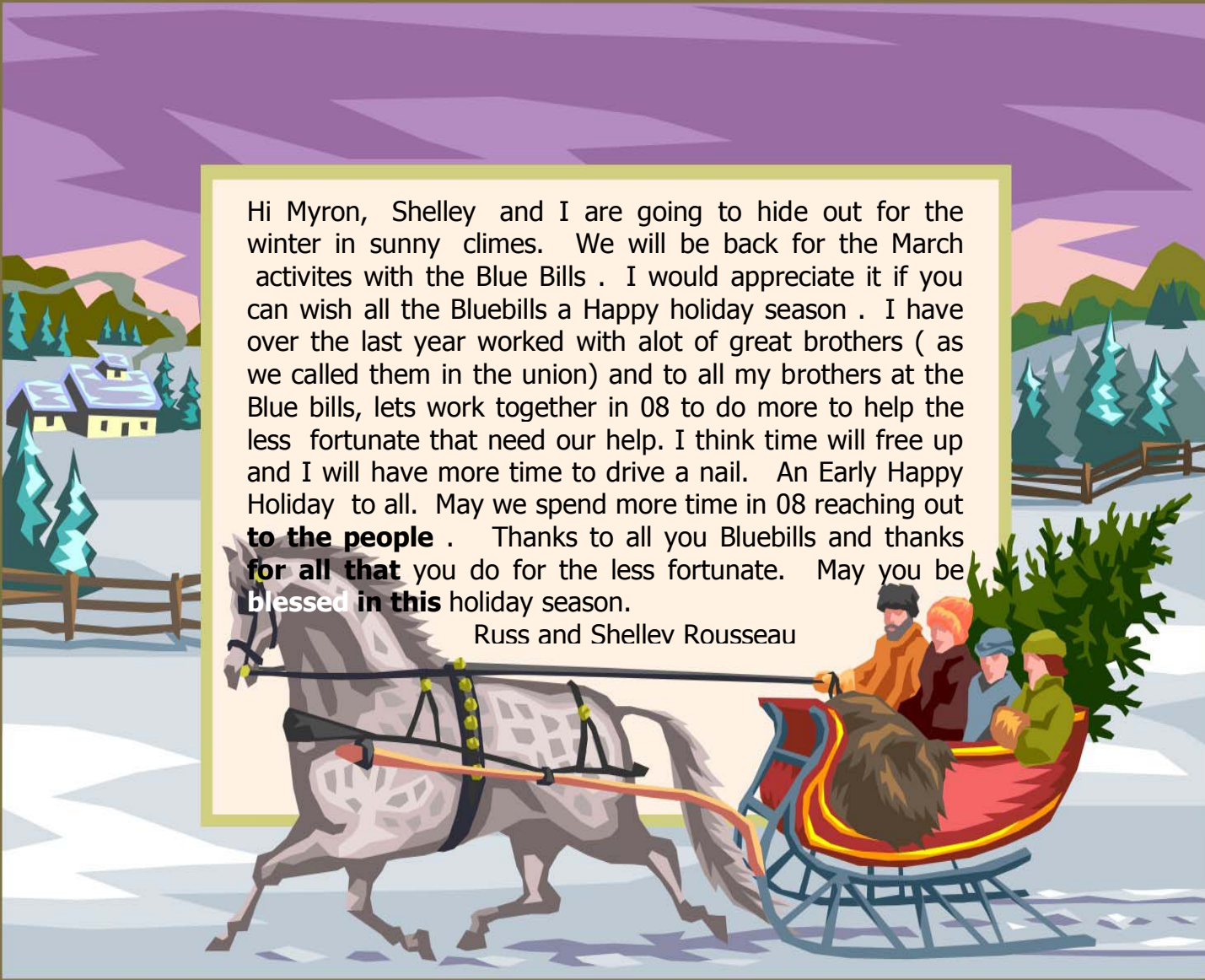


WOW

October was the busiest month ever for the Bluebill Volunteers. 40 volunteers reported 1,162 hours, first time we ever exceeded 1,000 hours in one month.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
FROM JACK HAWKER**





Hi Myron, Shelley and I are going to hide out for the winter in sunny climes. We will be back for the March activities with the Blue Bills. I would appreciate it if you can wish all the Bluebills a Happy holiday season. I have over the last year worked with a lot of great brothers (as we called them in the union) and to all my brothers at the Blue bills, let's work together in 08 to do more to help the less fortunate that need our help. I think time will free up and I will have more time to drive a nail. An Early Happy Holiday to all. May we spend more time in 08 reaching out **to the people**. Thanks to all you Bluebills and thanks **for all that** you do for the less fortunate. May you be **blessed in this** holiday season.

Russ and Shellev Rousseau

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN SUPPORT OF THE CHIMACUM SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Mary and I have once more volunteered to help with the Science Olympiad. It is a wonderful event and personally rewarding. One need not be a scientist to help. Tests and materials needed for the tests are supplied to each class room in advance. Volunteers basically act as teachers administering an exam and grading the results. The students work in pairs and are very motivated. You will see innovative approaches to problem solving. It would be great if we made a stronger showing this year. Please contact to volunteer or to gather more information.

Dick Padilla, rspdad@cablespeed.com



**BILL EMERSON
DECEMBER 1**

**ELIZABETH MULLENSKY
DECEMBER 12**

**JANE ANSLEY
DECEMBER 2**

**DICK PADILLA
DECEMBER 20**

**MIKE KEEFE
DECEMBER 7**

**BILL HARJU
DECEMBER 31**

**JEAN MOORE
JANUARY 13**

**BERT GOLDSTEIN
JANUARY 1**

**CHARLES YOUNG
JANUARY 6**

**LYNELLE ADKINS
JANUARY 16**

**LARRY LANG
JANUARY 26**



Welcome new members!

Peggy Lee Flentie
Port Ludlow

thepegster@cablespeed.com

Interests: She will be our
Photographer!

Tom Brotherton,
Quilcene, Wa.

tbrot@msn.com.

Interests: Independent
Living, Hospital Equipment
Repair, & Bike Repair.

FROM

ELEANOR RODEN

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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Note from the Editor:

There will be another FLYER later this month – called the HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENT to cover the photos of our December Social, the gift-giving gathering, and any other holiday related news of the Bluebills.

I will then prepare the February issue during January. SO, there will be two issues in December and none in January, picking up again with the February issue.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS from
Cyndyann**

MYRON,

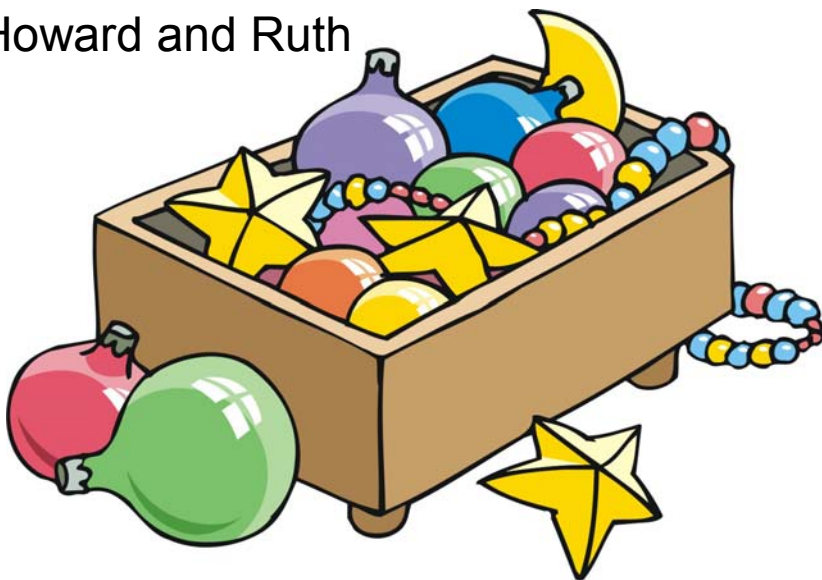
Thanks for the very nice article you wrote about us in the **BOEING FLYER**. We both enjoyed our activities with the Bluebills and the Port Ludlow community.

We enjoyed our stay and had a great time with all the folks in Port Ludlow. We shall miss all of you. But like a bad penny we will show up from time to time to check on you all.

I have contacted Everett from Everett about a ramp for someone in Everett. Will help get them started on it. There seems to be another person who also does this. Not sure if he is a Bluebill.

Take care and my hello's to all you guys.

Howard and Ruth





THE REINDEER WORKSHOP

We met (3) times to complete (7) reindeer sets [small, medium and large]. Three of us met initially to pre-cut the bodies and necks. There were approx. eight fellows that turned out at the second session to help trim, drill, cut-out, sand and assemble. The last session was merely to finish a few that were incomplete.

It was great meeting and working with several members of the Bluebill group. This was a fun project and those of us that participated hope all of the reindeer find happy homes for the Holidays!!

Bill Emerson, Coordinator of the
Reindeer Workshop



Mike Keefe and Larry Elton operate the bandsaw.



Ken Snider glues on legs



Bill Emerson drills holes for legs.



Dan Holtz replaces a worn sanding belt.



The reindeer herd on the assembly line.



Ken Snider with a couple of completed deer.



**DON'T FORGET
THE
DECEMBER
SOCIAL ON
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 4
AT THE
PORT LUDLOW
BAY CLUB**

PHOTOS BY PEGGY LEE FLENTIE

THANK YOU NOTES

Bluebills get so many thank you cards and letters it is not practical to quote the entire message. Most of these come from individuals we help with our Independent Living program and from schools and agencies we service through Gifts-In-Kind. This month I am going to cover just those we have received from people we helped through the Independent Living Program. Most are addressed to Bluebills. To maintain privacy we do not publish the names of the clients.

Thank you very much for the wonderful new ramp. The old one terrified me and kept me from going places. I was impressed with the speed in which you were able to accomplish the job and how handsome it looks.

Once again, thank you for this wonderful addition to my life".
Port Townsend Resident

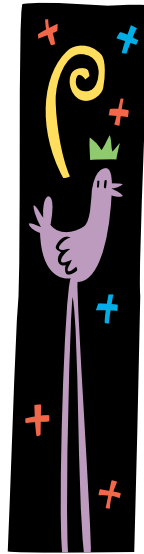
"I just want you to know how much I appreciate what you did. May God bless you and Bluebills for all the wonderful things you are doing".
Port Ludlow Resident

**“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 you all so generously put in to build my ramp. It’s awesome!
Thank you, thank you , thank you.”**

Brinnon Resident

“Thanks for the grab bars. My life is safer because of you!”

Port Ludlow Resident



“Thank you so much for the wonderful ramp you build off our deck! It is a life saver! I’m very thankful that God brought you into our lives. All of you will be in or prayers. I can’t tell you what this has meant to me.”

Port Angeles Resident

**“I think about you guys all the time. You’re such a neat group. Thanks for all the things you have done for my clients”
Rose Davis
“Keep up the good work, guys.”**

And from the Port Townsend MS Support Group

**“I’m still in appreciation of the fine ramp you built for (client’s name). It’s great for her to have access.”
Jo Anne Klein**

“We are all deeply grateful for all your hard work on the beautiful new ramp! It has made life so much easier. We sleep better at night knowing (the client) is so much safer.”

Sequim Resident

“Thank you for helping all of us in the MS Support organization.”

Amy Stewart

**“For all you do, God Bless!”
Betty and John Colley**

**“You are very much appreciated!”
Bonnie Beste**

“To everyone at Bluebills. Thank you for everything! I wish you all have a great holiday season. My life is blessed because of people like you,”

Port Angeles Resident



Although the members who are in the “front lines” seem to get most of the recognition, there is so much activity and so many members involved in keeping our organization going, each and every one of you should consider the above comments as directed to yourselves.

In a following issue we will publish a set of letters pertaining to the GLK program.



BLUEBILL - THE FIRST BOEING AIRPLANE

Extracted from an Article by
Eve Dumovich
in *Boeing Frontiers Magazine*

Every time the origin of our Bluebill name comes up there seems to be a discussion as to whether it was actually the name of the first Boeing Airplane. Here is some information extracted from the above Boeing publication.

“Bluebill, the first airplane William Boeing built, and which he took on its maiden flight on June 15, 1916, also helped to bring commercial flying to New Zealand.”

The article goes on to say that the Bluebill carried passengers and mail throughout New Zealand and the area at least through 1920. At that point the record becomes obscure. Its final days are shrouded in mystery but it is believed to have burned in 1926.

So there you have it.

Our name goes back to the beginning of Boeing.

Myron

KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING BLUEBILLS?



Most of our members join Bluebills because they are friends, neighbors or acquaintances of current members. If someone asks you about joining Bluebills here is what to do.

All you have to do is: SEND THAT PERSON'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS VIA EMAIL TO ELEANOR RODEN AT rodenem@olypen.com

When Eleanor receives this information she will mail the person a standard package which consists of:

1. An introductory letter on Bluebill letterhead.
2. An Olympic Peninsula Bluebill Chapter brochure explaining our purpose and programs.
3. An application/questionnaire for the person to fill out and return to Eleanor.

When (if) Eleanor gets the application back the person is added to the membership list.

The applicable program coordinators are also informed that the new member has shown and interest in working in that particular activity.

Our membership coordinator, Eleanor Roden, controls the membership list which is also the basis for the master distribution list for the **FLYER** and all other member-wide communications. **Unless the potential member sends the questionnaire back they do not get on this list and do not actually exist as a Bluebill.**

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