



THE BLUEBILL

FLYER

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AT PORT TOWNSEND HOMELESS SHELTER**



You are all aware of the homeless problem in America and Port Townsend is no exception. For the last two years a group of concerned citizens have organized a means to provide a homeless shelter at the Port Townsend American Legion Post #26. The shelter is open from November into March. This service has been made possible with the cooperation and support of OLYCAP, several local churches, and many willing volunteers. Olympic Area Community Action Program (OLYCAP) is the primary sponsor of the program in partnership with Community Outreach and Shelter Team (COAST) serving as facilitators/coordinators.

Clients arrive at 4:00PM, have a warm meal, sleep the night, have breakfast and leave at 8:00AM the following day. The shelter has been providing a warm and safe haven for 15 to 20 people seven days a week since Thanksgiving. It is interesting to note that one in three of the clients are homeless veterans.

Local volunteers prepare and deliver meals and also provide people to monitor the 'guests' during 100% of the time the shelter door is open. Volunteers work in two shifts; from 4:00PM until 11:00PM and from 11:00PM until 8:00AM each day. These good folks even kept the shelter open all day Christmas and New Years day so the people would have a place to spend the holidays.

It takes many volunteers to keep this service going seven days a week for several months. Volunteers are needed.

If you have an interest in helping, please contact Chuck or Wanda Sherrred, 360-732-7034, csherred@embarq.com.

2007 Wrap-up

A review of 2007 was presented at the December social. The data shown covered January through October. Following is a wrap-up covering the entire year.

MEMEBERSHIP

Total members	151
This is the number of individual names, including spouses, on our membership list.	
New members in 2007	10
Total volunteer hours	TBD
Members reporting hours	TBD

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

Ramps built	45
Grab bars installed	62
Railings	22
Miscellaneous modifications and repairs	42
Agency-related projects	15
Total hours worked	2436
Volunteers participating	37

GIFTS-IN-KIND PROGRAM

GIK Members-by County	
Kitsap County	9
Jefferson County	24
Clallam County	14
Total	47
Pallets of goods delivered	103
Volunteers Participating	34

SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

Eligible Schools by County	
Kitsap County	4
Jefferson County	1
Clallam County	5
Mason County	4
Total	13
Items Delivered (Pallets)	15
Volunteers Participating	26

FOOD TRUCK UNLOADING

Tri-Area Community Center-Chimacum

Total food unloaded (pounds)	96,000
Volunteers Participating	17

BICYCLE REPAIR PROGRAM

Total bikes repaired	68
Volunteers Participating	11

LIFELINE

Total Lifelines Installed	12
Volunteers Participating	4

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR

Total Items Repaired	75
Volunteers Participating	4

CHRISTMAS REINDEER

Reindeer made	20
Volunteers Participating	8

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Total Amount recycled (pounds)	4535
Volunteers Participating	8

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Number of families gifts were purchased for	85
Number of individuals gifts were purchased for	122
Total money collected to spent on gifts	\$7170

SOCIALS

Spring –	Lunch
Summer-	Golf and Lunch
Fall-	Octoberfest
Winter-	Christmas Giving

Average attendance, members and guests	80
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In addition to the above many members spend a lot of time keeping the Bluebill organization running. The officers and leadership team members; our Flyer editor, Cyndyann Joyner; photographer, Peggy Lee Flentie; membership, Eleanor Roden; web site, Ted Muralt; and many others, all pitch in as needed.

We also have a lot of members who volunteer with agencies, churches and schools. All help to better the community.

OUR GOALS FOR 2008 ARE:

Improve our service to the community.

Improve our service to our members.

So, although Bluebills did great in 2007, we will be looking for ways to do even better in 2008.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

GIK pick up-World Vision in Kent

February 11

**Leadership Team Meeting-Bay Club,
9:00 - 10:00**

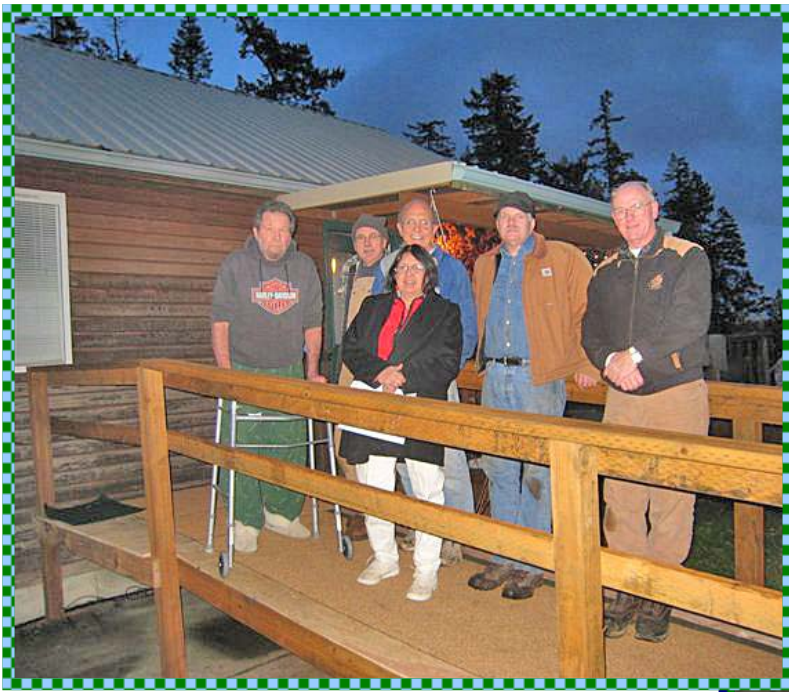
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**Central Leadership Council Meeting -Seattle
10:0 - 11:00**

February 19

GIK Delivery to Clallam County





Dear George and
 fellow Blue Bills -

Words* can never express
 our gratitude for you
 work and concerns in
 getting our home equiped
 with the ramp for Art.

You gup are angels
 doing Gods work we will
 "play it back" when the
 opportunity arises*
 God Bless



A friendly New Year greeting
 AND A special line to say
 How much
 your kind thought ADDED
 to a happy holiday!

Semper Fi
 Arthur +
 Gloria
 Smith

**Above note from
 Art and Gloria Smith of Brinnon. The funding for the
 ramp came from REPAH (Ari Stepp) and we completed
 it just before Christmas.**

**George Sickel
 Brinnon**



ED BERTHIAUME
FEBRUARY 4

JACK POTTER
FEBRAURY 5

EDITH RANDALL
FEBRUARY 8

FRED SPANN
FEBRUARY 11

MIKE MORGAN
FEBRUARY 14

GIFFORD ASHER
FEBRUARY 18

JUDY MELLOTT
FEBRUARY 12

TED MURALT
FEBRUARY 25

KEN MILOVAC
FEBRUARY 26

HEATHER GILDEN
FEBRUARY 29

OUR FEBRUARY BLUEBILL WOMAN

BARBARA BERTHIAUME



What Bluebill jobs have you participated in?

Christmas Program for Domestic Violence Families

Co-ordinate Bluebill Flyers to people who want it but do not have e-mail with volunteers who are willing to send it to them.

Volunteered with the Junior Achievement Program at Chimacum Middle School.

Assisted with GIK and Kids in Need Programs.

Favorite Bluebill memory or story.

One year, Ed and I got over enthused at the Christmas Luncheon and found ourselves with 3 large families to shop for. When we got home, we realized what we had done. Fortunately, our neighbors pitched in with the shopping, wrapping, and additional funding. It turned out to be a great neighborhood get together and it is now an annual tradition

Where were you born? *Havre, Montana*

Where did you grow up? *Bowmont, Idaho pop. 50*

Where have you lived? *Bowmont, Idaho,
Seattle, Wash.
Paris, France
Singapore
London, England*



Do you have any children?

Yes, two children, Chris, 27 who works at the UW Oceanography Dept. and Jennifer, 25, who recently returned from 2 years in the Peace Corps in Mali, West Africa. They were born in England and did not live in the States until they went to University. They are called "Third Culture Kids" as they spent a significant time outside their passport country during their developmental years. Their identity and views of the world are much different because of this.



What's your best recipe?

A chicken curry with yoghurt and lots of spices that a good friend in England gave me. Her father was in the British Raj and brought the recipe back from India (or so I am told and I liked the story and the curry is great).

Will you email it if asked? Yes.

What is your favorite thing to do for fun?

Read a book or do the crossword puzzles because that means I have lots of time
(unless I am procrastinating and use these as diversionary tactics!)

What are your favorite songs and music?

My favorite song is Bali Hai as it reminds me of the South Pacific which I have always thought was magical and Eric Clapton's My Father's Eyes. I enjoy a fairly wide range of music but probably rock and roll from the 60's and early 70's are the most fun to listen to.



Do you have any pets?

No. We enjoy pets that our friends have.

What motivates you?

Fear of failure and having fun.



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

A world event that had a profound impact on my life was the evacuation of my family from Fife, WA. where they were born, to the Minidoka Camp in Hunt, Idaho. I did not understand the enormity of this event and how it affected my family until I was much older.

Kennedy's assassination. I was a freshman in college and I thought the most important thing in my life at that time was passing a chemistry exam. When news broke of Kennedy's assassination, my view of the world began to shift dramatically and the chemistry test no longer held center stage.



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

The Value of Education Hard Work and Unconditional Love

Who are your heroes in real life?

My parents. They were born in Fife, WA. Both their lives spanned almost a century and they endured hardships I can only imagine. They were very positive people who worked hard and role modeled their values.





What is your favorite journey?

A train in the Alps in the winter



Favorite movie?

Dr. Zhivago

*Favorite flower?
Bird of Paradise*

What is the quality you like most in a man?

Listening

What is the quality you like most in a woman?

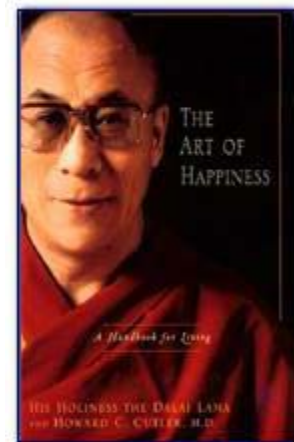
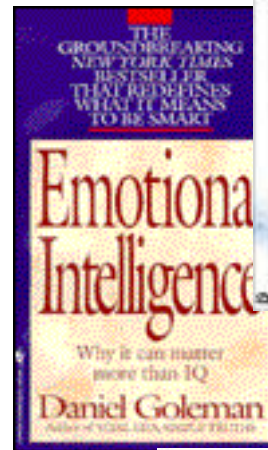
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Favorite Shoes?

Anything stylishly orthopedic which is usually an oxymoron.

Who are your favorite writers?

Daniel Goleman author of *Emotional Intelligence*, Mitchner's early books, Earl Emerson, a mystery writer whose settings are in Seattle, David Guterman's *Snow Falling on Cedar*, Margaret Craven's *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*, the Dalai Lama's *The Art of Happiness* and *Destructive Emotions*, Sharon Creech's *Walk Two Moons* (a children's book) and many hand me down John Grisham and David Baldacci mystery books from my husband.



What is your motto?

To each his own

And

LIFE IS TRANSITORY

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Late Ripeness

Not soon, as late as the approach
of my ninetieth year,

I felt a door opening in me
and 'I entered the clarity of early morning'.

One after another my former
lives were departing,

like ships, together with their sorrow.

And the countries, cities, gardens,
the bays of the seas,

assigned to my brush came closer,

ready now to be described better
than ever before.

Czeslaw Milosz
Nobel prize winner 2001