



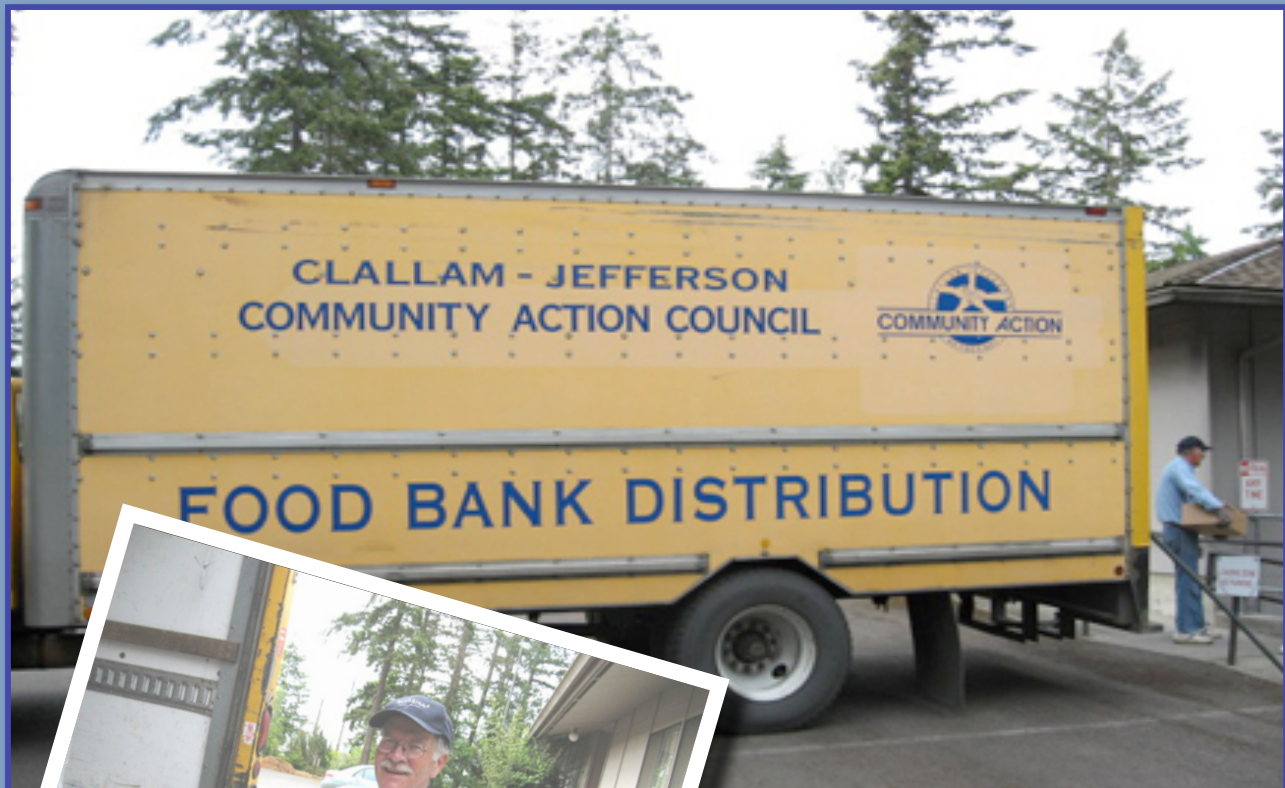
THE BLUEBILL

FLYER

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**Ken Snider, our Coordinator, unloading the truck.
Ken is at the top of the delivery slide**

John Owensby, OlyCap food bank truck driver. John takes care of the food bank warehouse as well as loading the truck and delivering goods.

A Great Guy to work with.

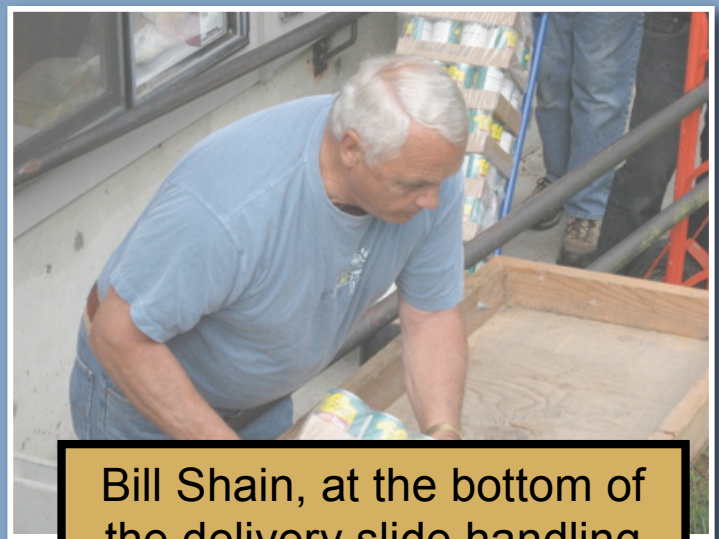
BLUEBILL FOOD BANK PROJECT

FROM KEN SNIDER

On the second Tuesday of each month, a team of Boeing Bluebills head to Chimacum at 7:30 in the morning. These energetic volunteers work at the Tri-Area Community Center unloading the Oly-Cap food truck. A normal load weighs ten thousand pounds. This Food Bank serves individuals and families in need in the Chimicum/Port Hadlock area.



Larry Elton helping Ken unload.



Bill Shain, at the bottom of the delivery slide handling a load.

WANT TO TELL BLUEBILLS SOMETHING?



Do you have an idea about how we can help more people? Or do you want to tell us what we are doing good, bad or not at all? Starting with the next issue we are accepting "Letters to the Editor". If you would like to say something send it via Email to:

Cyndyann Joyner,
cyndyann1@mac.com

Please make your input short (less than a hundred words). Also please include your full name and organization if you work for an agency, school or church. Bluebills reserve the right to edit or not publish as the case may be.

For **MAY 2007**
we had **674**
Volunteer
hours,

This makes

3,751 YTD in
2007 vs
3,490 in 2006.

Jack Hawker

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Welcome New Bluebill Ken Close

HOW THE BLUEBILLS GOT STARTED



CHAPTER FOUR From Jack Randall

Later in April 1998, we were interested in expanding the membership. We requested and were given a list of retirees from the Community Relations Dept (CRD). The list was ten years old, by zip-code. Boeing was very reluctant to provide useful information on retirees. We began calling retirees from the list. After ten years: some of the phones were no longer valid; the zip-codes were not reliable, etc.

As I mentioned last time, John Luebke was assigned to be a liaison between Boeing and ourselves. He tried very hard to be helpful, but was continually stalled by the CRD.

Myron Vogt made a small, but effective, sandwich board sign which was used to identify Olympic Peninsula Bluebill (OPB) activities. The sign is still in use. We received from Boeing, via, one of the Seattle chapters, a 34x46 nylon Bluebill banner which is being used at our social functions.

It should be noted that we were the first Chapter seeking approval whose organization was outside of Boeing facilities. Boeing wasn't quite sure how to deal with us.

There were reams of e-mails, phone calls, etc between John and myself to come to an agreement between CRD and ourselves. We had little if any negotiation leverage.

Because of the lack of financial support from Boeing, I was tempted to separate our relationship from Boeing and apply for a non-profit status and establish a fund raising operation.

To be continued next month



**HAVE A GREAT OLD
FOURTH OF JULY!**





UPDATE ON LIFELINE

The last issue of the Flyer reported that Bluebills were planning to start installing Lifeline units. Lifeline is a system that allows people to call for help at any time under any circumstance.

Jim Bourasa and Ken Close responded to the request for volunteers.

On June 19 we had a meeting with Donna Jones of Volunteer Chore Services and John Humphrey, a Bluebill who has been installing Lifeline for VCS. Donna and John explained the installation process and provided Jim and Ken with Lifeline units and the necessary paperwork.

If anyone else is interested in installing Lifeline units contact

Donna Jones at:
DonnaJ@ccsww.org.



IN MEMORIAM
OUR DEAR FRIEND
ASA CHOATE

Asa Choate, 30 year Port Ludlow resident and our long time friend, passed away Saturday June 9th in San Antonio, Texas, at his beloved grandson Doug's apartment.

Asa had recently received awards from the Catholic Community Services and the Boeing Bluebells for his dedication to helping others by installing life-lines and driving over 40,000 miles taking people to doctor's appointments. He always had his van waiting to take Singles to outings.

We will miss this kind gentleman who did so much for others.

Senior Care Providers Meeting from Chuck Sherred

I recently had the privilege to speak at the monthly Senior Care Providers meeting in Port Townsend. The people in attendance represent many regional agencies that provide special services to elderly individuals enabling them to have quality and dignity in their later lives. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to present a brief overview of our Olympic Peninsula Bluebill's broad scope of programs to so many agencies. Many of our activities touch the lives of the same senior citizens served by the Senior Providers.

One of the rewards of meeting with these good folks is that many of them are so generous with compliments about our Bluebills.

Senior Care Provider members:

Assured Hospice of Clallam and Jefferson Counties,
they provide hospice care for individuals with a terminal diagnosis
(usually less than 6 months to live) in their homes.

Jefferson Healthcare Home Health and Hospice
also does the same thing but only in Jefferson County.

Home Instead Senior Care does the same thing but only in Jefferson County.

Victoria House is one of three assisted living facilities in Jefferson County.

Songwriting Works is a non-profit that is run by Judith-Kate Friedman
who is a singer and songwriter. She works collaboratively
with seniors especially in long term care settings to write
and
perform songs.

East Jefferson Fire and Rescue

ECHHO

CCS/Volunteer Chore Services

Jefferson Mental Health

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault

Port Townsend Library and Jefferson County Library
programs that bring books to home-bound individuals

Olympic Elder Services, LLC

Visiting Angeles

Korean Women's Association

Helping Hands Home Care Providers

Care Solutions, Inc.

Assured At Home

About Home, LLC

31st St. Adult Family Home

Laurel Shade family Home

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What-the-heck is the Olympic Area Agency on Aging? (aka OAAA, O3A)?

Back in the '60's, the Older Americans Act mandated the creation of Area Agencies on Aging nationwide to plan for, contract for, fund and monitor "...services to seniors...", defined as folks 60+.

OK, then what-the-heck is Senior Information & Assistance (aka I&A, Sr. I&A, SIA)?

The Older Americans Act instructed Area Agencies to create Information & Assistance programs that would guide "seniors" to any service, program and/or resource that could serve them, with the overarching goal of helping folks remain independent in their own homes.

On the Peninsula, O3A is the parent organization for Senior I&A, the folks we know as Jaci, Heaven, Sina, Mark & Drew. They work with Elders, their families and caregivers to support them in ways that promote choice, independence and dignity, and allow them to live their lives in the most independent ways possible.

One of those ways is by providing "case management" services to folks who are sufficiently "low income" to qualify for Medicaid and sufficiently impaired in their abilities to live independently that they actually "qualify" to be in nursing homes! - But, have chosen to remain at home.

The ramps, grab bars and other environmental modifications that the Bluebills provide to these folks through I&A are vital to their ability to stay at home - The best "help" in the world can't keep a person functioning in a "hostile" environment. As one might expect, given that Medicaid is "government finds," the funds are inadequate to really get the job done, so without the Bluebills, what would happen?

Not much - Not *near* enough. So I wanted to be sure to say, ***Thank you***

And one more thing: I&A doesn't just serve "low income" folks - It provides a wealth of information, education and "guidance" on just about any aspect of Aging in America, from Advance Directives to Durable Powers of Attorney, so don't be afraid to call with your own questions, or to refer a friend. - **FROM MARK HARVEY**

The Bluebill July Calendar

July 3: Tuesday
Gifts-In-Kind pickup
World Vision Warehouse - Kent

July 9: Monday
Leadership Team Meeting
9:00 to 9:30
This meeting will be at the
Port Ludlow Golf Club.

July 9: Monday
Bluebill Summer Social
Port Ludlow Golf Club
Golf 10:00 - 1:00
Lunch 2:00 - 4:00

July 10: Tuesday
Unload Food Bank Truck
8:00 - 9:00
Tri-Area Community Center
Chimacum

July 10: Tuesday
Central Leadership Team Meeting
Seattle - 10:00 - 11:00

July 24: Tuesday
Deliver GIK goods to
Jefferson County Members





DON'T FORGET



THE SUMMER GOLF SOCIAL

THERE'S STILL TIME TO RSVP BY
MONDAY, JULY 2ND, TO
HOWARD SCHAIBLE

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GOLFERS AT

10 AM GOLF COURSE IN PORT LUDLOW

NON GOLFERS AT THE SOCIAL AT

2 PM AT NIBLICKS AT THE GOLF COURSE

JULY 9



FROM PARADISE BAY
ROAD TURN ONTO TEAL
LAKE ROAD TO
HIGHLAND DRIVE. TURN
RIGHT AND FOLLOW
HIGHLAND TO THE GOLF
COURSE AND NIBLICKS



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