

The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills





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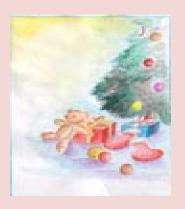
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Independent living for Clallam County

As Clallam County coordinator I would like to thank all the members that have helped this year with the projects in Clallam County.

This has been the most active year in Clallam County. We have completed 45 jobs as of the end of October. The jobs consisted in the building of ramps, installing grab bars, railings, decks and stairs.



We all have enjoyed working with



Pat Downie and Teri
Wensits of Catholic
Community Services.
The coordination between Pat and Teri with
the Bluebill volunteers
has made for an excellent
working relationship to
help the recipients that
are in need of our support. My thanks to the
drivers who have helped
share the driving load.

Thanks to you all

Howard Schaible





George Ansley checks out the front wheel.



Bob Chelini looks over one of the children's bikes.







Ken Winter uses the new bike repair stand donated to us by Port Townsend Rotary.

Teachers Resource and Gifts-In-Kind Programs

On October 24, 2006 our OPB volunteers delivered free WorldVision goods to agencies and schools in Clallam County. We delivered to eight social agencies and five public schools. All of these agencies qualify for gifts under the Gifts-In-Kind program because they are all covered as 501©3 charitable services agencies.

The schools qualify for gifts under the Teacher's Resource Program because they all have 70% or more of the students on the free lunch program.

The picture below was taken just as some of the Queets-Clearwater students were about to board their bus to go home for the day. This entire K-8 school has only 37 students in attendance with five Native American tribes represented.

Special thanks to the following Bluebills for their help with our warehouse and in delivery of these gifts:

Drivers;
Lang and Nancy Larry
Lee Amundson
John & Amy Miller
Chuck & Wanda Sherred

Warehouse help; Ed Hughes Dave Matheson Ed Berthiaume Myron Vogt



SPARKS FLY DURING ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The rain stopped long enough (almost) to permit the Bluebills to conduct a dry and very active electronics recycling day on Tues. Oct 24. We took in 4,400 pounds of electronic equipment from PL residents, and \$1,790 in recycling fees. Skookum received \$1,535, PLVC \$219, and CEA \$38. (If we do this again, I would go for equal amounts for PLVC and CEA, and it would be during the dry season.) The heaviest single item was a 182# TV, brought in by a little lady who somehow couldn't get it out of her vehicle without help.

No sooner did we get set up under Mike Graham's van awning and the Bluebills canopy, than early-birds started pouring in . It was hectic for a while, especially for the cashiers, as they had no chance to get familiar with the weighing and recording procedures before they were at full speed. The gals worked the calculators and tally sheets while the guys pulled the electronics from the line of cars to the weighing scales, then into the large boxes within the open topped recycling bins.

During lulls later in the morning, we enjoyed coffee and danishes, chicken soup. plus faux-crab pitas, sausage sandwiches and zucchini nut bread from Beryl Denison, Ruth Schaible, and Elin Failla served on linen tablecloths. Then the rains came, getting us wet as we packed up. The last customer (we know of) arrived so late that we had to pull the scale out of the pickup.

Volunteers included Lee Amundson, Ed Berthiaume, Mary Clear-Padilla, Larry Elton, me, Betty Faulkner, Michael Graham, Donna Jones, Dave Mathieson, Gary Moore, Eleanor Roden, Howard Schaible, Marvin Segar, and Mary Jean Thomas. Photography by Myron Vogt. Thanks much to all.

Steve Failla



Mary Clear-Padilla & Eleanor Roden







Howard Schaible, Mike Graham, Larry Elton, Lee Amundson



Our Bluebill Builders under the leadership of Howard Schaible put together a team every couple of weeks to make the trip to Sequim and Port Angeles and build ramps, put up grab bars and do just about anything else that comes their way.

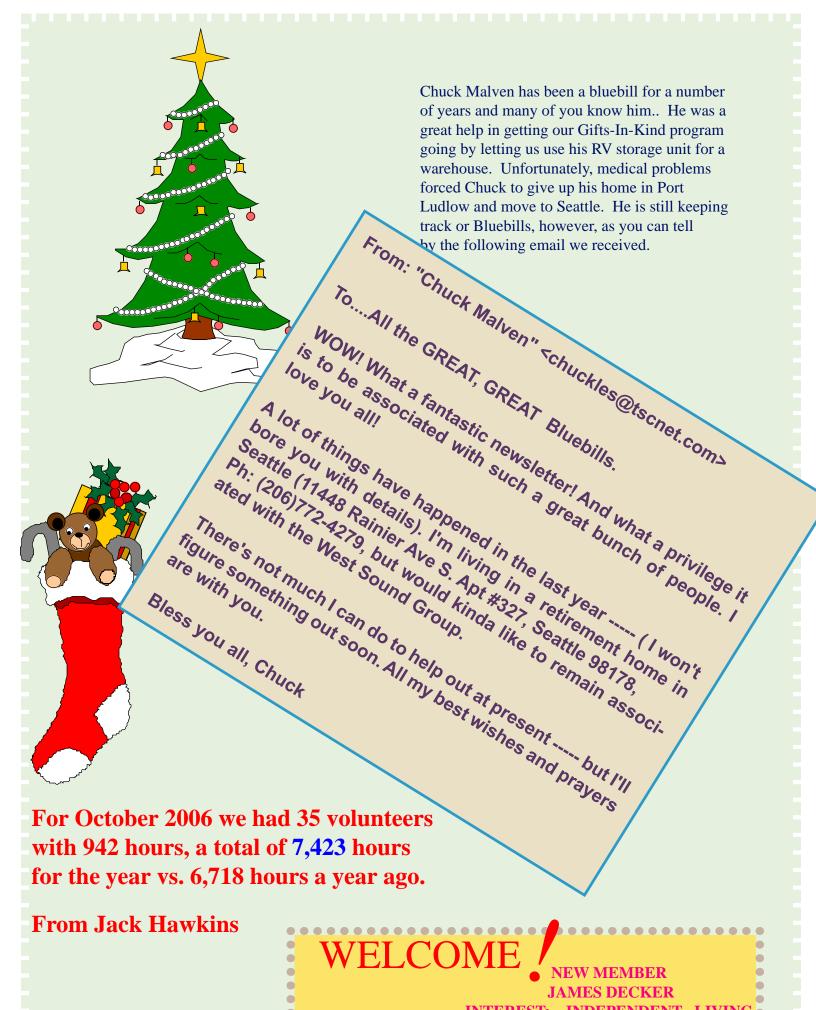
Dear Bluebills, Larry et-all,

Many kudos are in order for the good work you "boys" do. We're so lucky to be the happy recipients. We are now much safer. All the grab bars have been put to the test and all are doing great!

We are definitely more secure. Thanks you so very much.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely, Joyce and Angelo Marinaro, Sequim



ELEANOR RODEN

What do vou do as an OPB volunteer? I try to keep track of the Members. What would you like to do? I'm happy doing what I am doing. How long have you lived on the Olympic Peninsula? 33 years Where did you live as a child? Scappoose, Oregon; Hoodsport, Seattle, Whidbey Island, all in Washington State. Where did you live as an adult? Seattle & Everett, Washington; Sidney, Nebraska; Savanna, Illinois; Panama Canal Zone; Herlong, Calif.; Houston, Texas; Joliet, Illinois; Greece, and South Wales. Married?

For 49 1/2 years to VICTOR Children? KENNETH who just retired after 30 years with the Metropolitan DC Police Dept. Interests? Playing Bridge, Reading, Traveling and trying to be a good neighbor. What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery? Losing your husband after 49 years. Where would you like to live? Right where I am. What is your idea of earthly happiness? I have to think about that one. To which faults do you feel most indulgent?

I don't have any faults.

Who is/are your favorite hero/
heroins of fiction? Don't really have one Who are your favorite characters in history?
Benjamin Franklin, John
Kennedy, Charles Lindbergh
Who are your favorite \/heroes

in real life? MY SON

Your favorite painters?

Leonardo da Vinci, Your facomposers vorite musicians? Glenn Miller & the **Three Tenors Which qualities** do you most value in a man? Honesty, Integrity, Friendliness. Which qualities do you most value in a woman? Same Your favorite virtue? Honesty Your favorite occupation? Being a good Wife & Mother. Who would you have liked to be? I'd rather be me. Your most marked characteristic? Sense of Humor What do you most value in your friends? Honesty, Companionship What is your principle defect? I don't have any defects. What is your favorite color? **BLUE** What is your **favorite flower? Carnation** What is your favorite bird?

THE PEACOCK

What are your favorite names?

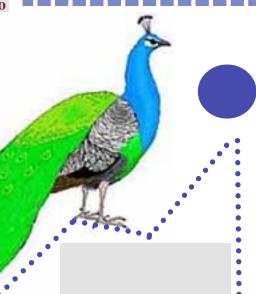
Kenneth, Colleen What is it you most dislike? People who think they know everything.

What natural gift would you most like to possess? I would like to have a bit artistic talent. What is your present state of mind? GOOD, now that we've got a few more Democrats to run the country.

What is your motto?
Any job worth doing is worth doing well.

DECEMBER BLUEBILL WOMAN







A letter from the editor:

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER IN MID-DECEMBER DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO THE CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAM.

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY TO GIVE OUR REPORTERS, PROJECT LEADERS, AND YOURS TRULY A REST.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NAME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER. PLEASE EMAIL ME WITH YOUR IDEAS - CYNDYANN AT EMAIL: starwave@olypen.com.

HERE ARE SOME WE HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR TO GET YOU STARTED:

BLUEBILL NEWS
THE SPOTLIGHT
THE ADVOCATE
THE VOLUNTEER
THE BLAST
BLUEBILLS ON THE MOVE
BLUEBILLS IN ACTION

WE WILL TAKE A VOTE BEFORE THEN, AND THEN THE TOP 2 WILL BE DECIDED AT THE JANUARY LEADERSHIP MEETING.

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS AND JOY!!

CYNDYANN JOYNER
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

