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We care very much about our elderly and disabled clients, and sometimes we lay awake at night worried about how we're going to keep up with the workload.

With the growing demand for our Builders and Fall Prevention services -- we expect to receive around 200 requests for help in Kitsap County this year -- we will need to up our game, or start turning clients away. Increasing our efficiency, training volunteers on more tasks, improving our construction techniques, better utilizing our workforce, and developing leadership are all keys to this.

Following the lead of Jefferson County, and soon to follow Clallam County, we are planning on holding a Kitsap County Builders Seminar on April 16. At this meeting we will be going through the Bluebills Independent Living Program Project Handbook, using higher level PowerPoint slides and pictures, as well as some hands-on props. There will opportunity for discussion and idea sharing, including lessons learned, what works and doesn't work, and how we can do it better.

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The meeting will be held at the United Way building in Bremerton, 645 4th Street, on April 16 from 10 AM – 2 PM, with lunch served. We don't expect it to take this long, but wanted to allow the additional time for anyone who wants to stay and brainstorm things further. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about our Bluebills Independent Living Program, Builders and Fall Prevention work – maybe you are thinking about becoming involved but are not sure – is welcome to attend. Remember, you do not have to be a Boeing Retiree to be a Bluebill.



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SPRING MEETING ON APRIL 29



Our Spring All-Member Meeting will be on **Monday, April 29.**

It will be held **at the Beach Club** in Port Ludlow.

Time is 11:30-2:00.

The theme will be Partner Appreciation. Every activity we do involves working together with some agency, club or other group. We want to show our appreciation for their help by recognizing them at this meeting. We want to do this by county and a Bluebill member from that county will do the recognition.

If you have a club, group or agency that you want recognized please let Myron Vogt know at vogt@cablespeed.com.

We will also be holding a "Paper Drive" for Dove House and the OlyCap Homeless program. Bring paper towels, toilet paper, etc., when you come to the meeting. Or you can make a cash contribution.

Our own Bluebill chef, Gary Caven, and crew will be providing lunch, compliments of the Boeing Company.

Your RSVP is needed by April 22. Respond to: bluebillsrsvp@aol.com

We are looking forward to an interesting meeting with our partners.

Please try to make it.

Thanks, Myron

Paper Goods Drive



Please consider bringing paper goods to the Bluebills April 29th Social at the Beach Club. OlyCap and Dove house really appreciate the donations as it leaves more money for them to help the women who come to them in need.

Please bring paper goods including items such as diapers, tampons, Kleenex, toilet paper, and paper towels.

Or you can make a cash contribution.

The donations will go to

[Dove House](#) and the [OlyCap Homeless Program](#).



Meet Your Fellow Bluebills

By Karen Griffith



Charlie Marquis has been active in the Bluebills for the past year. Mark Byl, his neighbor, recruited him to help with ramps and railings. Although he is a Boeing retire, he had heard only vaguely of the Bluebills while still working there. He thought it was called “The Bluebeards” because some of the old-timer tech fellows called themselves that. He really enjoys doing the ramps and knows that the people he is helping are so appreciative of what a ramp from their front door to the driveway can mean in the way of mobility.

This past month he added the World Vision project to his volunteer duties, picking up goods from the Port Hadlock warehouse and distributing them to the various non-profit organizations.

Charlie was born on Northern Maine – actually it was so far north that it was Canada! The nearest hospital to his town was across the border. He grew up there and attended the University of Maine in Orono, graduating with a degree with Electrical engineering. Boeing recruited him right on campus and soon he was doing Wiring Design at Everett. He worked in Everett for most of his time at Boeing except for a short time down in Renton when he worked on the 777. He used to carpool from Renton to Mount Lake Terrace where he was living and one night, the carpoolers heard a couple of sharp cracks. When Charlie got home, his taillight had been shot out. That was the time of the “I-5 sniper!”

He met his wife, Patti, at Boeing. She worked in procurement in various Boeing sites for 27 years. They dated eight years and finally married 29 years ago. They have two children and 7 grandchildren. They are both

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outdoor enthusiasts, enjoying sea kayaking and hiking. Patti also keeps herself busy serving as a [Guardian Ad Litem](#), working with youth. For the past 13 years, Charlie has enjoyed making red wine (for personal consumption only).

For several years before retiring (after 36 years at Boeing) he and Patti looked around the area for a place to live. They finally found a home on Shine Road which allows them to enjoy their hobbies. Welcome to Bluebills, Charlie!



Mark Washeleski was happily involved in his volunteer work at Catholic Community Services in Kitsap County doing a number of activities when Bob Kever came to one of their meetings and explained the good work of the Boeing Bluebills. Serving others has always been something Mark feels compelled to do and Bob's request for help spoke to him. Soon Mark was an "official" Bluebill.

He started out building ramps and installing grab bars. He remembers one particular setting where a young boy with MS lived in a home with a steep set of stairs to the porch. His father had built a ramp over the stairs but

the angle was so steep that the father was in danger when pushing and pulling the wheelchair up and down that ramp. The ramp crew knew that had really made a difference that day when it reconfigured the ramp to a more safe rise. Mark loves "the feel good of helping somebody" which almost always enables people to stay in their homes independently. Ed Berthaiume has also recruited Mark to help with delivering the World Vision goods in Kitsap County.

Mark was born in Ontario, Canada and grew up in the Detroit area. After tech school he went to Boston and worked for Digital Equipment

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Company (DEC) doing technical testing and repair. Then he went to Silicon Valley and started at Tandem Computers / Hewlett Packard. He spent 28 years there providing Technical/Marketing Support.

It was while he was at Tandem that he met his lovely wife, Beverly, who was from Boston. The first time she called him “Mahk” with that Boston accent, he was hooked. In 1999 she was diagnosed with a rare cancer, neuroendocrine tumor. At that time she was given a prognoses of 2 to 4 years. Mark became her cheerleader, hand-holder.

They got married and had a “Zulu wedding” while on a trip to South Africa. Researching Bev’s rare cancer they found a specialist at Oregon Health and Science University Hospital. In 2007 they decided to move closer to the hospital. Through a good friend who lives in Lofall, they found a secluded home overlooking the Hood Canal in Poulsbo.

Mark retired in 2016 in order to provide Beverly total support during the serious ups and downs of this condition. It’s now been 20 years since her diagnosis.

It was important that Mark explain why he is doing what he is doing with his volunteer work. He said he has a mild case of cerebral palsy on his left side, since birth. “Fortunately,” he says, “I’ve always been independent, and self-sufficient. And it means a lot to me to be able to help others have independence.” He told me he is so lucky to have Beverly as his life partner, and the Bluebills are lucky to have Mark.

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Richard (Rick) Morasco was playing golf last year with the “Early Birds” group in Port Ludlow. Robert Chanpong and Myron Vogt were in the group and they invited Rick to join the Boeing Bluebills. He immediately got involved with building ramps and installing grab bars. He found the work

immensely satisfying as he knew that the work of the ramp crew had the power to really impact the lives of the people who received their services.

Rick grew up in the San Diego area. His dad was in the Navy and had the luck to have a long deployment to the San Diego area. After attending community college, he began to work as an electrician for the man who would become his father-in-law. He and Nikki “hit it off right away and got married a few years later. Later he worked at an electric sign company where he and another fellow bought out the owners. He sold it and through an interesting series of circumstances, went to work as a manager in Human Resources for the San Diego County Office of Education. He primarily helped leaders and teachers with the benefits program. He retired from there in 2016. Meanwhile, Nikki ran a pre-school for infants and toddlers for 35 years.

It’s always interesting how people from other places end up here on the Olympic Peninsula. Rick and Nikki’s son and his wife ended up in the Renton area and kept encouraging Rick to come up and see how “great it is up here!” They also have a daughter in Massachusetts, but didn’t consider a life in the cold and snow after the wonderful weather in San Diego very enticing. They had some criteria for their home search: it had to have a view, by near a golf course, this side of Puget Sound, and be a walkable community. In 2017, they found a house on the Port

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Ludlow golf course that met all their criteria. They keep busy with social activities at the Port Ludlow Yacht Club, although they don't own a boat. Nikki is an avid walker and finds a walk down to the Village and beyond no problem. Recently Rick fell off a ladder while helping his son trim a tree and he broke his leg. But he will soon be back to full ramp-building strength. "Giving back to our community is our plan from here on out," he says. Welcome to the Bluebills!





Robotics at Chimacum School



My name is Joan Johnston and I am a new member of the Boeing Bluebills here in Port Ludlow. Karen Griffith encouraged me to convey to you some of the wonderful STEM learning that is happening at Chimacum Elementary School thanks to generous donations from the Bluebills through the PSO. I have been assisting the teachers in each third grade classroom in using the [Lego WeDo2.0](#) robotics kits and laptops the Bluebills provided to design, build, and program robotic challenges. There is an upcoming event at the school on Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 1:00-4:00 PM where all of the students at Chimacum Elementary will be demonstrating some of the learning in STEM they have been doing. Some of the Bluebills membership may be interested in dropping by the school to see the great learning the children have been doing thanks to the support the Bluebills have provided.

The Boeing Bluebills have donated Lego WeDo2.0 robotics kits and laptops to Chimacum Elementary school, and as a result, children have had the direct experience of the challenges and excitement of engineering. In every third grade classroom, for example, the teachers have dedicated time each Friday morning for teams of eight year olds to examine WeDo2.0 challenges, and then work collaboratively as teams to design, build, and program robots to perform a variety of tasks. Many may look at the kits and see a random collection of Legos, wires, and components, but these third graders now see unlimited possibilities of creative design, programming and accomplishment thanks to the successes they have experienced. They can communicate what they designed and built, how it works, what was difficult to overcome, and most of all, the exciting fun and creativity they have found as engineers and scientists. All of these skills directly transfer to the real world of engineering work, and each of these students now sees the possibilities for their own continued education and eventual STEM career because they have had the opportunity to work with the robots and computers. The teachers have supported this rich science and engineering learning while incorporating communication skills in science notebooks kept by the students.

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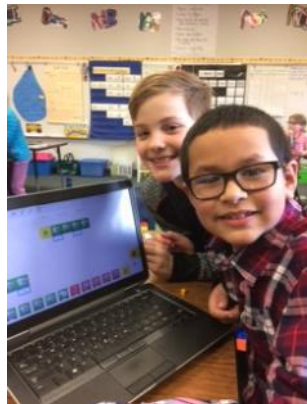
As a result, the eight year olds have deepened their understanding of how to work together as engineers to solve complex problems.

There is much more to describe about the STEM learning that is going on in our local public school, but there is an opportunity for you to come see for yourself the results of the generous Bluebills donations and the dedication of the staff at Chimacum Elementary School. On Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00, students in grades 1-5 will be demonstrating some of the STEM learning they have been doing this year. If you stop by the school during this time, you will have the opportunity to observe the young engineers and scientists in action, describing how they have designed, built, and programmed their robots. **Come join the fun, and be inspired by our next generation of engineers on April 13 from 1:00 - 4:00 at Chimacum Elementary School.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Johnston

Boeing Bluebill member, Port Ludlow



FIRST ROBOTICS FAIR

By Bob Reasoner

On Saturday, April 13 students from throughout Jefferson and Clallam County plan to put on demonstrations and engage in various forms of competition as part of the First Robotics Fair. The Fair is being held at Chimacum High School between the hours of 1-3 PM. Members of the public are urged to come to the Fair to observe what's new in education.

This Robotics Fair reflects probably the most radical change taking place in education in the past fifty years. This change revolves around the introduction of STEM objectives in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to meet the changing nature of the work world. Jobs requiring skills in these areas are being created at an accelerated rate—three times other kinds of jobs, and the West Sound area is leading the State in innovation and new careers. Predictions indicate that within five years there will be 370,000 unfilled jobs In Washington State due to the lack of qualified applicants.




As a result, schools are making an effort to prepare students for the future by introducing new topics like coding and programming computers, designing and operating robots, using 3-D printers, learning about aero-space travel, artificial intelligence, bio-medical science, and rocketry. Students are being taught how to apply and integrate concepts from multiple disciplines to understand and deal with the complex problems of our environment and society. They are also learning how to work as a member of a team, and how to respect and use the unique skills of others in joint problem solving

The Peninsula Support Organization, the non-profit organization associated with the Port Ludlow Bluebills, has been a primary supporter of the schools in this effort. With funds contributed by businesses and individuals, we have purchased computers and robotic kits for the schools and have furnished transportation and admission fees to enable all the 8th grade students in the county to tour the Museum of Flight in Seattle. We believe this is an exciting time in education so plan on coming to the Computer Fair on April 13 to see for yourself what is going on and observe the enthusiasm of students as they engage in this new development in education.

April Calendar

- April 2 Pick up at World Vision for Jefferson Co. - Fife - 9:00
- April 4 CLC meeting-Seattle 10:30-11:30
- April 5 Leadership Team and PSO meeting -
Bridge Deck - 3:00-4:00
- April 16 Kitsap Co Builders Meeting - Bremerton - 10:00-2:00
- April 19 Pick for Jefferson Co.- Chimacum Warehouse - 9:00
- April 22 Deliver W/V goods to Jefferson Co.- Chimacum
Warehouse - 9:00
- April 23 Pickup at World Vision for Kitsap Co. - Fife - 9:00
- April 29 Spring Meeting - Beach Club - 11:30-2:00 !

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 ✓	3	4 ✓	5 ✓	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 TAX	16 ✓	17	18	19 ✓	20
21 	22 	23 ✓	24	25	26 	27
28	29 !	30				

WAYPOINTS



- May 14 WV Pickup for Clallam Co - Fife
- May 19 Bluebills host Tri-Area Community Meal
- June 4 WV Pickup for Jefferson Co - Fife
- June 25 WV Pickup for Kitsap Co- Fife

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Spring is that time of year when we do cleaning, downsizing, or garage sales.



Please remember when you are cleaning or you hear friends are cleaning out, save items for OlyCap Homeless Families.



They have a new storage unit and summer is when Kathy Morgan has many people go through the unit to pick out household goods that they need.

Items we need to supply them with: kitchen dishes, utensils, silverware, bowls, pans, baking pans, dish towels, bathroom towels, twin sheet sets, blankets, things needed to start a household.



Please call me if you have items to donate, Laura Paul, 360-344-2494.

Thanks for helping us help them get a fresh start in life.

Builders' Pages

JeffCo

By Myron Vogt

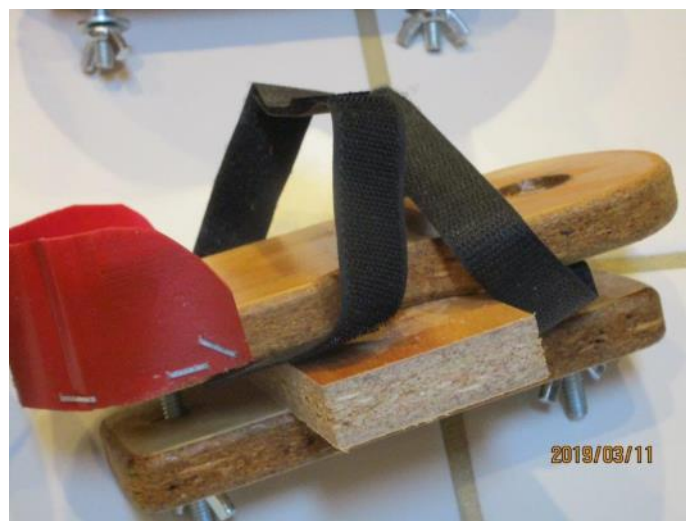
FOOT PEDAL ATTACHMENT

Some special need kids find it difficult to keep their feet on tricycle pedals. I received a request from a teacher to make a couple of sets of adapters that can be used to "lock" the feet to the pedal. These adapters bolt to the pedal and Velcro straps hold the feet in the adapter.

You can buy these for about \$85/set. Cost to build a set is about \$5.00.



Three sets of the adapters. Heel support plastic is cut from a coffee container.



Adapter clamped on simulated pedal.

Kitsap Builders Page

Ramps Revisited

By Bob Kever

We wondered how the ramps were holding up, and if they were still in use or not, so we compiled a list of the ones installed over the past 3 years, since we went with the modular design. We grouped them geographically and visited the first 17, along with the clients who were home, during a 1-day blitz within the city limits of Bremerton. With the exception of one of them, the ramps were still in use, and our 103 year-old client was still going strong. We made minor repairs/adjustments as needed, and fastened metal identification tags on them with the phone number for Catholic Community Services. We plan to revisit the rest of the Kitsap ramps in the near future.



David Grellier and Bob Kever were on a time budget of 20 minutes per average stop



Builder Data



Except for Kitsap it has been a pretty slow month. Anything not reported this month can be included in the April summary.

Myron

	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD Total	2018 TTL
Grab bars	16	8	13	37	262
Ramps	2	3	2	7	69
Railing	5	1	3	9	56
Miscellaneous	12	2	8	22	97
Total Clients	23	11	18	52	290
Total Different Volunteers	20	8	13		
Open Projects	44	42	41		



Bluebills and the WV Essential Supplies Program supports Clallam County [Homeless Connect](#)

Hi Larry [Lang],

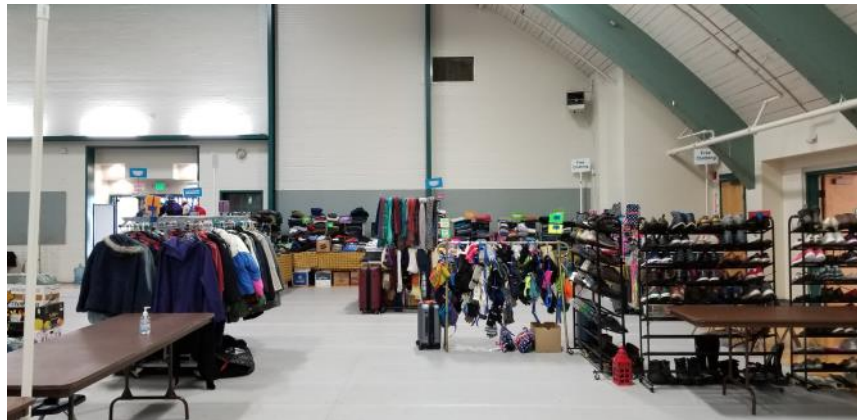
I have enclosed some photos showing the clothing section of Homeless Connect. We served 311 guest this year. We thank you and the Bluebills/ Essential Supplies Program for all the donated items we received this last year. There were T-shirts, shoes, lanterns, beds, luggage and much more that came from your organization.

The people who received them were very appreciative. If you would like more information about the event or would like to visit as a guest next year, it is always on the first Friday of March.

We are thankful for all the work you do for our community. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you.

With great gratitude,

Florence



The clothing section all set up and ready to go.



Guests browsing the clothing selection

HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Boeing Bluebills Volunteer Hours Report												
2018												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
	6	10	15									31
16	18	18	21	20	16	16	41	22	18	23		229
16	18		21		15	17	22	22	17	23		171
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24	4		10	11		7	5	16		7		84
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80	10	0	45	30	13	65	26	42	85	14		410
4	26	30	28			8	12				6	114
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11	25	74	29	36	52	37	6	32	20	18	23	362
15	19	18	29	23	40	21	19	34	11	19	19	267
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REMEMBER: YOU CAN REPORT ANY VOLUNTEER HOURS! NOT JUST THE HOURS YOU WORK FOR BLUEBILLS. CHURCH, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY~ ALL OF THESE HOURS COUNT TOO!

EMAIL YOUR HOURS TO Judy McCay:

jimmccay@cablespeed.com

Volunteer hours for February, 2019

52 volunteers reported 1191 hours. That is 27% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for February.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

TIMM KELLY	4/3
BILL SHAIN	4/6
KATHLEEN RODEN	4/8
DALE GLIDEWELL	4/11
CLINT WEBB	4/14
BOB REASONER	4/16
ALANA MORRIS	4/17
ANITA KNAPP	4/21
JACK MCKAY	4/23
AUDREY WITSOE	4/24
ANN GAGNIER	4/29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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