

Bluebill FLYER August 2019



Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Newsletter Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



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From the Chair

By Barbara Berthiaume



Co-Chair Clint Web

The Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebills is a vibrant organization thanks to many dedicated volunteers. In addition to our ongoing programs and collaboration with the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) that supports Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) on the Peninsula, the Bluebills have single events that occur each year. The quarterly member recognition and agency appreciation luncheons take place in the Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. The Bluebills adopt a week to fill in volunteers for the YMCA Summer Nutrition and Literacy Program. We participate in Port Hadlock Days and sponsor the Annual Dove House Golf Benefit. Each of these events require a number of volunteers to make it successful. If you have not had the opportunity to help out with one or more of these events, consider stepping up to get involved. It is a fulfilling experience, will improve your health and attitude and you will get to meet some amazing people!

BLUEBILLS
Serving Jefferson, Kitsap and Clallam Counties



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Golfers!
Save the Date
Friday, August 23,
2019
8th Annual Dove
House Bluebill Golf
Benefit



For more information contact the
Port Ludlow Golf Shop at 437-0272

The fee is \$110 for the general community and \$65 for Port Ludlow members. There will be a shotgun start at noon that includes a golf cart, box lunch, winner prizes, raffle prizes, and an awards ceremony with a pasta dinner and complimentary beer, wine, and soft drinks. Last year, the Bluebills wrote a check to Dove House for \$19,900. 100% of the donations go directly to Dove House for direct client services. Sign-up at the pro shop by August 16 for a fun day out for a very worthy cause!

Raffle baskets donations are welcome!
Contact Barb Burke at
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HURTS!

JEFFERSON COUNTY NEEDS YOUR HELP.

NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.

Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament

Friday, August 23, 2019

Port Ludlow Golf Course, Port Ludlow, WA

Be a player or a sponsor

Call: Myron Vogt: 360 437-4055 or

Barbara Berthiaume: 360 437-0423

A Boeing Bluebill Sponsored Event

Longtime Bluebill George Sickel Passes Away

Letter by Karen Sickel

It's taken me a bit of time to be able to write this and tell all of you the sad news. I know some of you are on Facebook and heard, there but many are not so I thought I owed it to you to pass on what's going on. On July 2nd, George Sickel passed away after a very courageous fight with his mitral valve and tricuspid valves failing. We were back at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota and although they are truly the very best in medicine, his heart was just too damaged from these problems to continue to fight.

George had a career that spanned over 33+ years at the Boeing Company. Most of his career was spent in the Pacific Northwest but we did have the opportunity to move to Alaska not once but twice and loved every minute of those 8 years. He was fair and one of the kindest managers I have ever known but also had high expectations of what was required of each employee. He was the first in the country to promote a woman to the position of Sales Representative of Boeing Computer Services. He had to fight to make it happen but it turned out he was right and she went on to become a top producer for BCS winning many awards in the process.

George retired in August of 1998 and we moved to the Olympic Peninsula shortly after. We were so very fortunate to travel the world when we both had our health and saw many incredible places that had been on our "bucket list" forever. We were happiest in the South Pacific and spent many hours a day in the water doing one water sport after another. He had been a competition swimmer in his high school and college days breaking many records in the process. Being in the water was his second home. Boating here on the canal was another passion and I got benefit of that passion with buckets full of crab and shrimp!

He truly loved his time spent on Bluebills projects. He loved building ramps and installing grab bars and even loved the World Vision deliveries made to South Jefferson County. The people he worked with on these projects were so talented and giving. It was a group of people that were friends first and workers second.

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He had a real passion for helping people. In addition to the various Bluebills projects, he was a multiyear board member of Emerald Towns Alliance, the organization that puts on Brinnon's Shrimpfest, a member of the Citizens Advisory Board for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and a host of other local and county wide endeavors. In his "spare" time, he worked on just about every computer in Brinnon and a bunch in Quilcene. When someone got into a real pickle, he was (in almost every case) able to go out there and fix just about every mess they got themselves into. We didn't even know many of the people that called and asked for help. Someone told them to call here and they would be helped. That's just the way he was.

We never had children so the dogs and I will miss him terribly. We were together for 45 years. As soon as this house sells, the dogs and I will be moving to Green Valley, Arizona where George and I contracted to have a home built last November. It closes next week so hopefully my prayers will be answered and we can move soon.

I want to thank all of you Bluebills for the many things you do for the entire county. I don't think you ever get thanked enough for what you do.

Cherish your time with family and friends. One never knows when that time comes that you must answer God's call to come home.

Karen Sickel

Hopefully soon to be
878 N Camino Colina Del Pino
Green Valley, Arizona 85614



George doing what he loved

Bluebills Summer Golf and Barbeque

Photos by Peggy Lee Flentie

Our Summer Golf and BBQ event had over 65 participants including representatives from our agency partners Catholic Community Services, Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization, and World Vision.



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A big thank you to Michael Graham for organizing the golfing, Gary Caven and Pat Page for the food, Joe Gagnier and Jim Mueller for barbequing, Gail Parrish, Cynthia Durham, Carol Glidewell, Mea Graham, and Anne Gagnier for setting up and serving, Karen Griffith and Judy McCay for handling the registration table, Sharlene Shiroma for helping with the clean up and last but not least, Bill Lazarus and Joan Chapdelaine for tending the bar. It takes a team to make these events successful and we always need volunteers.

Barbara Berthiaume

Meet Some New Bluebills

By Karen Griffith



Vickie and Sam Roberts are both originally from Alabama. Sam served in the Navy during Viet Nam and came home to attend the University of Montevallo, graduating with a Business Administration degree. Both Sam and Vickie had earlier marriages and they finally found each other and married in the late 70's with Sam inheriting an instant family of two sons. They later had a daughter together.

Sam worked for Burroughs as a repairman, then later at NCR in Dayton, OH. They both worked at NCR when it was acquired by AT&T. It was then that they moved to Bothell, WA. Why the Northwest? Vickie wanted to see mountains and trees and Sam wanted to be near saltwater. And they liked the school district in Bothell. "I loaded up my truck, put in my Roy Orbison CDs and headed west, driving straight through" he told me.

After moving to Mukilteo, Sam ended up working at Boeing as a Senior Project Manager in Everett. He has worked at Renton, Boeing Field, Auburn, Bellevue, SeaTac and other places. He finally retired in 2012.

Why the Olympic Peninsula? "I-5," Vickie said. The traffic became too much for sane living. They looked for a long time, settling on a mountainside outside of Brinnon. They also took a side detour back to Alabama during this time, taking care of family members. "It only took 15 minutes to remember why we left," they said.

As a life-long Freemason, Sam was elected to be the Grand Master of Masons for Washington State from 2014-2015. This involved a lot of travel for the two of them. He was also elected to be the Grand Secretary in 2017-2018.

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They have been members of Bluebills only for a short time. When they moved to Brinnon, they went to the Chamber of Commerce looking for places to volunteer and the Chamber recommended the Bluebills. They met the Bluebills from the local area and they liked what they heard.

They are also interested in emergency preparation, supporting battered women causes, and the area food bank.

When Sam was still at Boeing, he got interested in the Boeing Stratacruisers Car Club, serving in many capacities including president. His pride and joy now is a restored 1930 Ford Model A "hot rod". "It's been in the Seattle Roadster Show. It's been chopped, dropped and is so low that you have to jack it up to slide a shadow underneath," Sam told me.

Vickie wanted me to make sure to say that Sam was a Jack-of-All - Trades, having totally rehabbed a previous residence in the Dayton area. "And he has tools!" she added. In fact their work on the restoration of their period home in Dayton was recognized by both the city and county and led to some national grants helping the whole neighborhood upgrade.

Vickie had a strong career in her own right, working at NCR, Coast Management and Gamett 360 in Everett and Premera Blue Cross in Mount Lake Terrace as a Product Specialist. She also has experience in special event planning.

These two new Bluebills are just waiting for some committee chairs to ask them for help. What a nice addition to our club they are!



YMCA SUMMER MEALS AND LITERACY PROGRAM

BY Clint Webb

The annual YMCA of Jefferson County Free Summer Meals and Literacy Program for children and youth is held from June 26 to August 18. The Bluebills adopted Monday July 29 through Friday August 2 for providing volunteers to conduct the program at Chimacum School. Seventeen Bluebills stepped up to help fulfill our commitment.

I think all enjoyed pitching in on this most worthy, and needed program.

This program offers free nutritious meals to help address food insecurity in Jefferson County. It also provides academic enrichment to lessen the summer learning gap for families who may not otherwise afford summer camp activities.

Snacks and lunches are prepared and delivered to schools in Brinnon, Quilcene, Mountain View Commons, the Recreation Center in Port Townsend, and the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock. The program is well organized and works like a well-oiled assembly line. It's actually great fun. We have specialists in spreading mayo and mustard, applying lunchmeat, then lettuce, sandwich assembly, and bagging. Where else can you hone these skills while having a good time with your comrades? So, when we do this again next year, please join us. Guaranteed you'll be glad you did!



August Calendar

Friday, Aug 2 - Pick for Clallam Co. Meet at the warehouse at 1:00

Sat Aug 3 - Port Hadlock Days- Bluebills have a Fish Pond

Monday-Aug 5 - Deliver W/V goods to Clallam Co.

Tuesday, Aug 6 - Pick up at W/V Fife for Jefferson Co. Inventory at Chimacum warehouse at 2 PM.

Thursday, Aug 8 - Leadership Team and PSO meeting- Port Ludlow Fire Station 3:00

Friday, Aug 9 - Dove House Golf meeting-Beach Club 3:00











Friday, Aug 23 - Dove House Golf Tournament

Sat-Aug 24 - Pick for Jefferson Co

Monday, Aug 26 - Deliver Jefferson Co

Tuesday, Aug 27 - Pick up at W/V Fife for Kitsap Co

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 	3 
4	5 	6 	7	8 	9 	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 	24
25 	26 	27 	28	29	30	31

Builders Pages

Kitsap County

3 Ramps in 3 Days

The Kitsap Builders storage locker (tools & materials) was put under heavy stress when crews in North, Central, and South Kitsap all decided to build ramps during the middle of the same week. There were many tired shoulders at the end of it, but then 5 requests for new services came in while we were working, so the rest period will be brief.



South Kitsap Ramp -- Bob Landry, Joe Guerro, not pictured: Len Hale, John VanDyke



Central Kitsap Ramp -- Wally Grenquist, Bob Keever, not pictured: Greg DeVault
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North Kitsap Ramp – Builders: Mark Washeleski, Marty Dasler, Richard Knapp, and Dave Crawford



Dear Mark, Richard, Marty and Dave,

I can't begin to thank you enough for the peace of mind you have given my husband and I during a tough time. His biggest concern was navigating the back stairs, and sometimes he is too weak to climb them. Calling 911 was initially embarrassing, and while they've been great, there is nothing like having a ramp in place so we are more independent and can come and go freely.

The ramp exceeds expectations and is amazing. Your teamwork and skills were impressive! We can't wait to use it and enjoy more summer road trips and fresh air in the months to come. We appreciate your work, dedication, and heart to serve others; may you be richly blessed!

With gratitude,

The clients for the North Kitsap ramp above sent this nice thank you note.

Jefferson County

All in a Days Work

Dave Parrish

Lots of hard work today - ramp built and railings installed - three different jobs. First job included shoveling dirt to create path, bolting posts to cement, and building ramp.

The next job included bolting posts to cement, installing railings.

There was a third job - installing rails on back of house for emergency exit. It got cut short by bee hive under ramp. We we're able to install posts and rails on one side, but client agreed to wait until bees were under control before finishing other side.

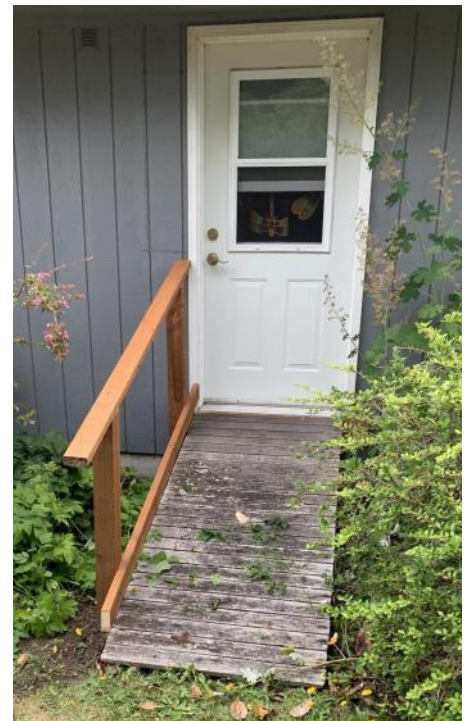
Thanks to Todd Knoblock and Michael Graham for ramp project and extra thanks to Richard Myers who stayed with all jobs today and did excellent work.



First Job.



Next Job.



Interrupted by bees!

Cape George Client Request Additional Assistance

Jim Mueller

Nearly two years ago the Bluebills responded to a request for fall prevention from a client in Cape George. Grab bars were installed in her bathroom and a handrail was built so that she could maneuver the concrete steps out of her back door. She called me for addition help this year. Her condition had worsened and she had fallen while walking out to her garage. This time handrails were installed at the approach to her garage door, in the garage to help with the step down into the garage and railing around the wall up into the bonus room that she was using for therapy. This lady is determined to stay in her home and hopefully these modifications will help her to do so.



New handrails to the garage door. The railing previously installed is in the background.



Small handrail in the garage provides support when getting up and down the step.



Handrails installed up the steps and around the wall take over when the client has to leave her walker at the bottom of the steps.





Builders' Data



BUILDERS

Things are going rather slow this year except for Kitsap Co and Jefferson Co grab bars. Part of the problem is some of the gang having to take time off to let stuff heal. Still, we are on a path to just about match 2018, which was a record year. -Myron

Bluebill Builders Data 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	YTD Total	2018 TTL
Grab bars	16	8	13	23	56	22	20	158	262
Ramps	2	3	2	3	8	7	6	31	69
Railing	5	1	3	9	7	7	9	41	56
Miscellaneous	12	2	8	11	7	7	12	59	97
Total Clients	23	11	18	24	37	29	31	173	290
Total Different Volunteers	20	8	13	17	29	26	16		
Open Projects	44	42	41	38	35	34	23		



HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?



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 June, 2019

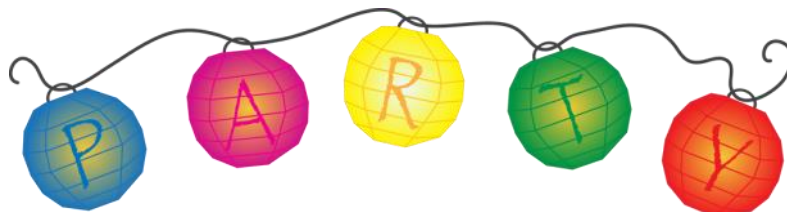
74 volunteers reported 1754 hours. That is 38% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for June.

(This may be a new Galactic Record)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

RICHARD COLLINS	8/4
VAL VOGT	8/4
BEVERLY SIMON	8/8
MARY RONEN	8/11
BERYL DENISON	8/12
JOHN MJOEN	8/12
EVELYN GUNTHER	8/13
DOUGLAS PETERSON	8/15
JIM MUELLER	8/17
KAREN ANDERSON	8/18
GEORGE ANSLEY	8/19
JOHN MEYER	8/29
BERNARD WITTMAN	8/29
JANIE HOLTZ	8/30
KEN WINTER	8/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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