

## Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Boeing Retiree Volunteers

# CEA Auction Largest Ever

December 2010



Preparing items for the auction.



Contributions contained in baskets.



Jack Hawker loads his pickup.

For the past several years CEA has held a Silent Auction at the end of the year.

The proceeds go to Bluebills to purchase gifts for families who are in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault programs in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties. Over the years CEA has donated nearly \$20,000, which provided gifts and gift certificates for over 500 family members.

This year CEA collected nearly 500 items to auction off. The event was held November 13 and attended by an estimated 150 shoppers. In the three hours of shopping every item was sold!

The dollar amount will be announced and donation made at the Bluebills Christmas Giving social on December 9.



Items before wrapping and tagging.

## Olympic Peninsula Bluebill Christmas Luncheon

The Olympia Peninsula Boeing Bluebills are hosting our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow (120 Spinnaker Place) on Thursday December 9 from 11:00 – 3:00.



The Boeing Bluebills and the Community Enrichment Alliance are once again joining forces to provide Christmas gifts for families in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Programs in the Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam counties.

The menu includes marinated Tri-Tips with garlic mash potatoes and mixed vegetables or sautéed snapper with rice pilaf and mixed vegetables. Please include the choice of entrée in the RSVP.

All Bluebills and spouses and retired Boeing folk are cordially invited. We also extend a warm and friendly invitation to everyone interested in helping bring the joys of Christmas to individuals who may not have been expecting to be able to provide any Christmas for themselves or their children.



Please send RSVPs to Michael Graham at [michaelg@cablespeed.com](mailto:michaelg@cablespeed.com) by Friday December 3.

## Chairman's Corner

As we tend to do, this month our management group would like to enlighten you with a few words about one of the partner 501c3 organizations where our ties of support is especially appreciated. This is the Jefferson County Dove House Advocacy Services Organization, more commonly known by us as DV/SA. My message isn't about our Christmas support, nor is it about the transfer of love between the CEA, the Bluebills, and DV/SA. It is about DV/SA as an organization providing legal advocacy, counseling, medical advocacy, crime victim advocacy, therapy, safety planning, school based prevention groups, education assistance, a crisis line, information and referrals, and—as we know—emergency shelter. As such Dove House is the Jefferson County's sole provider of free services to families of victims of sexual violence and general crime. Since December 2009 when they moved to their new location next to the hospital in Port Townsend, they have served 188 new clients providing services and housing as necessary. Residents may occupy transitional housing for up to two years as they work on obtaining stable employment and housing.

Since 1983, then known as the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Program, they have been supporting the disadvantaged in Jefferson County and later, working closely with Healthy Families and the YMCA of Kitsap County to ensure that all victims on the peninsula have access to these critical services. I am pleased to introduce this group.

**Dick**

## A Note From A Fellow Bluebill

When I retired to Port Ludlow over ten years ago, I felt that it was time for me to do something besides charity to help the community. When I learned of the Bluebills, I felt it was the right organization for me. I started by trying to help build wheelchair ramps, but my back was already becoming a problem. I took photos for the BB's, but was replaced by a person more skilled. I then worked on repairing hospital equipment. I also brought Junior Achievement to Chimacum Middle School. I also help forwarding birthday information each month for publication in our newsletter. (I enjoy the newsletter each month!)

I now have a few infirmities where I have balance problems and a spinal nerve problem. Val Vogt mentioned to my wife that I should ask Myron for assistance. Myron came out and surveyed my needs, He and Ken Winter responded almost immediately. They installed a handrail and more friendly steps and a handrail to our garage from the utility room. They installed two grab bars in the bathroom. They also installed a handrail to our 2nd floor. Their work was swift, professional, and clean.

I am deeply indebted to them and the Bluebills for making my home more safe.

**Thank You! Dick Padilla**

## Community Project to Repair Holiday Lights along the Paradise Bay Parkway

Port Ludlow Village Council recently asked if Bluebills would check out and repair the holiday lights used to decorate the area on Paradise Bay Road in front of the Village Center. The lights themselves would be put up by the fire department.

In all there were over fifty strands to check. We took them to the workshop at the Bay Club for testing. Unfortunately about half of them were inoperative and didn't respond to our repair efforts. All of you who have worked with these small-bulb strands know repairs are about hopeless.



The crew is sorting out what we have. The young volunteer in the foreground is Brian, Ken Snider's grandson. Ken Winter and Jack Hawker are the other Bluebills.



Larry Elton and Ken figuratively scratch their heads trying to figure out what can be done next to get these things working. Turns out not much.



Ken packs away the ones that couldn't be fixed.

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### Our Mission

The purpose of the Bluebills is to provide opportunities for Boeing retirees and their spouses to volunteer their time, energy, skills, knowledge, and experience to improve the quality of life in their respective communities and thereby to enhance their own lives.

## Why Do We Call Ourselves "Bluebills?"

Bluebill was the original name of the first airplane Bill Boeing built in 1915. There are many retiree organizations working throughout The Boeing Company's vast domain. The Bluebills are those who are grouped in Western Washington. We are part of the Boeing Volunteer Retiree Program.

Bob Lambert, one of our founding members, has written a history of the Bluebills name, and a fascinating story of the Bluebill painting and the almost mystical chain of circumstances that allowed it to be painted. The story involves the artist, Phil Janney, and the WWII Boeing B-17 'Flying Fortress' bomber called the 'Patsy Ann III' in which he was a crew member. To read the story in it's full length [click here](#).



## Calendar of Events

Tuesday Dec 2 Leadership Team Meeting: Bay Club 3:00-4:00  
Thursday Dec 9: Christmas Giving Social- 11:00-3:00, Bay Club  
Tuesday Dec 14-Unload Food Bank truck. Tri-Area Food bank Chimacum, 8:00-9:00  
Tuesday, Dec 14: Central Leadership Council Meeting-Seattle 10:00 – 11:00  
Friday, Dec 17: Deliver Christmas Gifts to Bay Club for distribution. Meet at 9:00

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