

# Bluebill FLYER

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



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### From the Chair

By Barbara Berthiaume



Co-Chair  
Needed

Finally, there is light at the end of the tunnel! Many have had their first COVID shot which is great news and we can begin to imagine the future! In spite of the challenges over the past 11 months, the Bluebills have continued to build ramps, install grab bars, make the holidays brighter for 20 homeless children, and distribute Essential Supplies to Clallam, Kitsap and Jefferson Counties. Presently, we are organizing the 9th Annual Dove House Golf Benefit which will be held on **Friday, August 27**. Gary Caven has agreed to cater his popular spaghetti dinner after golf and would like some help. If you are interested or need further information, contact Gary at (360) 344-8438 or at [opusmc@yahoo.com](mailto:opusmc@yahoo.com).

To keep the Bluebills vibrant and alive, we need continuity in our leadership. The co-chair position has been vacant for a number of months with Clint Webb moving to Seattle. Please give some thought to see if this position interests you or if you know of someone who would be a good fit. If you have questions or need further information, contact Myron Vogt at (360) 437-4055 or Barbara Berthiaume at (360) 437-0423.

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# February Calendar

- Feb 8 WV Delivery for Jefferson- (contact Mike Burke) Chimacum Warehouse 9:30 am
- Feb 9 WV Pickup for Jefferson- In Fife 9:00 am
- Feb 9 WV Inventory for Jefferson- Chimacum Warehouse 12:00 pm
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 Presidents' Day
- Feb 19 WV Pick for Jefferson- Chimacum Warehouse 9:30 am
- Feb 23 WV Delivery for Jefferson- Chimacum Warehouse 9:30 am

# February 2021

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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## Keeping it Going

As Olympic Peninsula Bluebills, serving Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap counties, our mission is to work on projects that are making our communities better places to live, and to improve the lives of the people in the communities we serve. This work is too important not to propagate.

Our Builders Program is based on years of tribal knowledge. As a Boeing engineer, Myron Vogt helped usher in the jet age, and now as a retiree he heads up our Builders Program, with emphasis on independent living and fall prevention for the elderly and handicapped.

Over the years we have built more than 1,000 wheelchair ramps. A contractor would charge thousands of dollars for a typical ramp, which is far out of reach for many of our clients, some of whom are getting by with less than \$1,000/mo. in Social Security.

In North Kitsap, John White and Michael Crovitz recently earned their wings by independently seeing the process of ramp building all the way through. This process includes contacting the client, coordinating with the Bluebills project recorder, conducting a site survey, assessing what's needed, designing the ramp, determining what materials are needed, arranging the funding, procuring the materials, scheduling the job, arranging crew and materials, building the ramp, and reporting on the job completion. The mission is too important to end with any one person(s), thus it's important that others be trained and equipped to carry on and keep it going into the future.



Michael Crovitz with the completed ramp (John White was taking the photo). Client was barely able to get around and relied heavily on two canes. He has not left his house since October. Client is expecting a custom wheelchair to be delivered in early February and was super happy and thankful for the ramp.

## Builders Pages- Kitsap Builders Reaching Out

Bluebills recently received an e-mail from someone who contacted us in hopes that we could help out a lady in her 90s, who doesn't know she needs help, and seems to have no one looking out for her. "I have been watching her flimsy screen door slowly fall apart. When I saw she had strapping tape on it, I had to do something."

His company has a "be friendly, not friends" policy, so he had to be careful how he handled it. On his day off, he replaced her screen door, without her knowing he was there. When done, he noticed a down spout on the ground. It was heavy when he picked it up. He knocked out the debris and slid it back, only to watch the window sill & siding swing away from the house.

He said the only thing holding the window in was paint, and that fixing it was way beyond his ability. Also he didn't dare point it out to her because that could only cause her duress and get him in trouble at work.

It was his hope that this is the type of assistance the Bluebills could offer. He said he knew nothing of her situation, but after 7 years, he had never seen anyone around for her. He reiterated that he was breaking company policy, and to please help him stay invisible. Then he thanked us for letting him reach out to us.

Bluebills, in coordination with Catholic Community Services, reached out to the woman and provided the needed repairs, along with a safe handrail for her front entrance.



## From the Wayback Machine

The following two pages are taken from the February 2007, Flyer. This was the first time that the OlyPen Bluebill's newsletter was published as "The Flyer!"



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***FLYER***

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## HERE IS THE BLUEBILL FLYER!

Over the past two months we have been asking members to suggest a name for our newsletter. We received about 20 suggestions and put them to a vote.

The overwhelming winner was *Bluebill Flyer*, getting more votes than all the others put together and more than four times as many votes as the second place choices (Bluebill Action and Bluebill Buzz). I think most of us felt that *Flyer* was a pretty good description of all the various types of Boeing products.

So here it is -- the first issue of  
the *Bluebill Flyer*.

HOPE YOU LIKE IT!



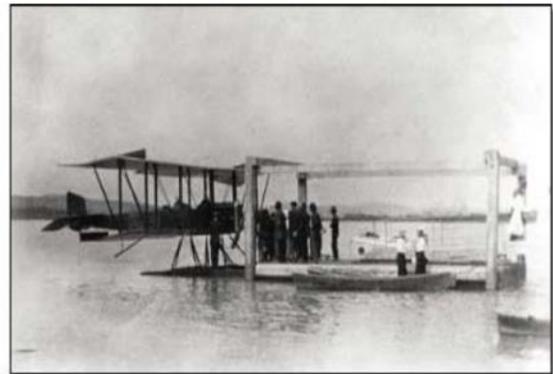


A replica of the Bluebill, in the Museum of Flight, Seattle

## SERVICE IS THE KEY WORD FOR THE BLUEBILLS

In the summer of 1994, a group of Boeing retirees and their spouses launched a volunteer organization designed to exploit their significant talents and energies to help meet the needs of the less fortunate in their communities. Although there were already many ways for volunteers to give back to their communities, these retirees had common experiences, emotional ties and history, plus support from The Boeing Company. The Bluebills give another human touch to the Northwest's highly technical aviation and space company.

They chose to call themselves the Bluebills, after Bill Boeing's first airplane, built in 1916. Bill Boeing may have named the airplane for Bluebill Cove just outside his Lake Union shop. The Bluebill airplane was one-of-a-kind, symbolizing vision, daring and excellence, and the new organization's members agreed that the name was fitting.



Today, there are three Bluebills chapters around the Puget Sound. Although their stated mission is to provide help to those in need, the members enjoy the added benefits of enhancing their own lives through personal satisfaction and by socializing with others. Each chapter has its own major projects. Working within existing health and social agencies, their annual contributions in labor and supplies are valued at more than \$5 million.

Visit [www.bluebills.org](http://www.bluebills.org) to learn more.

# Thank You Notes to Bluebills from OlyCap Clients



Bluebills -

Thank you for your generosity this year!! You helped complete our Christmas in our home!



THANK YOU



The boys are very well stocked with presents this year, I am very grateful!

Merry Christmas from



THANK YOU



Thank you so much for gifting us with presents for the Christmas holiday. Your gifts made the season so much warmer for my daughter and I. Merry Christmas to you and a very Happy Holiday!

# 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:**  
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## **Volunteer hours for December, 2020**

**45 volunteers reported 621 hours. That is 23% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for December.**

## ***February Birthdays***

<b>ED BERTHIAUME</b>	<b>2/04</b>
<b>JAYNE RIGGS</b>	<b>2/04</b>
<b>JAY MCILWAIN</b>	<b>2/05</b>
<b>BOB WALLING</b>	<b>2/07</b>
<b>JOHN BRESLIN</b>	<b>2/08</b>
<b>EDITH RANDALL</b>	<b>2/08</b>
<b>FRED SPANN</b>	<b>2/11</b>
<b>JO NIEUWSMA</b>	<b>2/17</b>
<b>ROBERT CHANPONG</b>	<b>2/19</b>
<b>GLORIA EASTMAN</b>	<b>2/21</b>
<b>STAN SIVESIND</b>	<b>2/24</b>
<b>JOHN BEHRENS</b>	<b>2/25</b>
<b>TED MURALT</b>	<b>2/25</b>
<b>MIKE HYDE</b>	<b>2/26</b>
<b>RUTH SCHAIBLE</b>	<b>2/26</b>



***Happy Birthday!***

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