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With over 16,000 volunteer hours recorded last year, the Leadership Team decided that it would be interesting to see what kinds of volunteer activities were included in this number. Karen Griffith will be interviewing various Bluebills to find out where they have been spending their volunteer time.

Reportable hours include other volunteer activities in addition to Bluebill activities. In addition, the Program Coordinators will rotate each month to highlight a volunteer in their program.

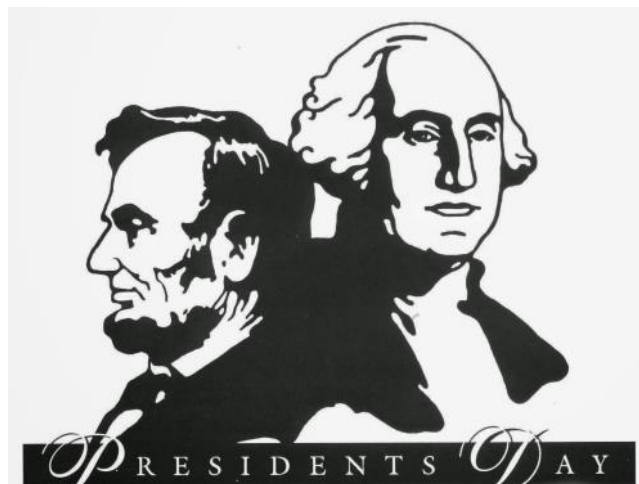
This month Bob Keever will tell us about one of the Kitsap County Bluebills. We hope that these articles will give the membership a better idea of the wide range of volunteer activities that the Bluebills participate in to enrich our communities.

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To better reach out to the broader community, the Spring Social will take place in Sequim and the Fall Social will be held in Kitsap County. Our Social Coordinator, Michael Graham will work with Bluebills from each county. These changes in venue are geared to bring a wider geographical diversity to our overall program. In addition, there will be a recognition event in Quilcene for the South Jefferson Bluebills. Dates for these events be are yet to determined. The Summer Social Golf Tournament will be on Monday, July 16 at the Port Ludlow Golf Course and the Christmas Giving Program will be at the Bay club on December 4.

Your feedback on these new changes are most welcome. To make it easier to comment or share information Flyer Editor, Jim Mueller, is starting a “Readers’ Comments” column. Look for that and if you have something to share, we look forward to hearing from you.

Barbara



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SPECIAL FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR PORT TOWNSEND FOOD BANK SENIORS

[The Port Townsend Food Bank](#) has set-aside each Saturday for those 65 and over. There are around 80-90 people who use this service. A number already use walkers, canes or wheelchairs.

These are the people Bluebills want to help with Fall Prevention.

Bluebills are offering free grab bars, railings or other minor modifications that help the client get around more easily and safer.

Funding for this program comes from Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing ([REPAH](#)) who provide money for grab bars, and from Hadlock Building Supply, who provide railing material.

Bluebills plan to be at the food bank every Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 during February. We will be looking for volunteers to hand out brochures and sign up those who ask for help. These clients will go into our regular Builders Program system.

If you are interested in helping, contact Myron Vogt vogt@cablespeed.com.

Please indicate which Saturday you are willing to work. We prefer to have two people per shift.



This sign is displayed at our table in the Food Bank

They Also Serve.....

By Karen Griffith, Bluebill Roving Reporter

There are a number of Bluebill members out there who faithfully send in their volunteer hours in each month, but are not doing all their volunteer work directly for the Bluebills. Our organization benefits from these hours in many ways. The hours are sent to Boeing to demonstrate that the support they provide is serving their stated purpose: To help the community and to provide ways to enhance the lives of Bluebill volunteers. For that reason, we wanted to let our membership know who these Bluebills are. In the next few Flyers, I'll be featuring them and their good work. Here are some of these special Bluebills:



Carol Glidewell of Port Ludlow donated 110 hours to the Bluebills in 2017. She and husband Dale volunteer at [ShareNet Food Bank in Kingston](#) on Bond Road. ShareNet runs thrift store and proceeds from those sales go toward buying food for the food bank. Dale goes to 3-4 grocery stores each week to pick up groceries used in the store. Carol has volunteered at ShareNet “at least 10-12 years”, she recalls. One really nice thing they do at Christmas time is hold a “Christmas Gift Shop” for the clients of the people who come to the Food Bank. It’s held at the Bayside Community Church in Kingston. Clients can sign up and “shop” for gifts for their children. This past Christmas 180 children had a happier Christmas because of the good work that Carol and Dale do. “I’m so blessed that I like to help others,” Carol told me.



Gail Chanpong and her husband, Robert, moved here 2 years ago after Robert retired. Gail has no shortage of energy as she is a volunteer for the [American Red Cross](#). In September-November of 2016 she worked in TX with the NIH, [National Institutes of Health](#), training bilingual workers for the Hurricane Harvey Recovery. She assists with Community Preparedness presentations, coordinates volunteers for Home Fire Prevention Campaigns and delivers Red Cross First Aid/CPR courses for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Western Washington through Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap counties.

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“I really enjoy working with these young people. They are so bright! It’s been a long time since I’ve taught North American kids,” she told me. She is the Block Captain for our local Emergency Preparedness. She also works on the [“Sound The Alarm” Home Fire Campaign](#) in the three-county area, attempting to get smoke alarms in the mobile homes of all who need them. And in her spare time, she volunteers for [Daughters of the American Revolution](#), the [Jefferson Land Trust](#) and is a Community Ambassador for the Catholic Church. That’s just her volunteer work! She also teaches at the University of Washington on emergency preparedness and coordination with FEMA and the OSHA Training Institute Region 10. She goes wherever she’s needed, having helped with tsunami relief in Thailand several years ago. Husband Robert is an integral part of the builders’ program and the World Vision pick-up and delivery for Bluebills. Gail donated 155 hours for Bluebills last year.



Kathy Traci, shown here with husband Pat, is a Certified Professional Guardian. While much of the work she does is paid, she encounters more and more clientele whose care requires she donate time way beyond their compensated needs (285 hours this past year alone). She told me of two quite complicated cases which required her to spend many hours looking for suitable placements, spending time in hospitals, traveling back and forth between Port Ludlow and Snohomish and going to doctor visits. As a member of the [American Association of University Women](#) (AAUW), she was chair of the Public Policy Committee as well as Parking Chair for their annual Kitchen Tour. Both Pat and Kathy donate time for the Camp for Disabled Children through Kiwanis. Pat keeps busy with the World Vision monthly pick

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Marilyn Chadwell donates over 130 hours a year for the Back Pack for Kids program sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church. Every Thursday morning though the school year she joins several other volunteers at the [Tri-Area Community Center](#), in the space where the Food Bank used to be, and assembles food packages for kids in the [Chimacum Schools](#). Students from K-12 receive these packages of food designed to tide them over the weekends – two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners. They do about 80 back packs per week from September through mid-June. Once a month she also rotates with other volunteers and goes shopping to Costco, QFC and Dollar Stores to purchase foods for the packs. She also co-chaired their main fund-raising event this past fall: The Brew Fest. In the summer she focused her help on the Y Summer Reading/Feeding program at Chimacum Primary School. “It’s unbelievable that we have this much food-insecurity in our area,” she told me.



Sandy Fry volunteers for the [Port Ludlow Performing Arts](#) by doing the contracts between PLPA and the artists. She makes sure all the details are covered and the technical requirements of the artists are met. Her background in non-profit theater makes her perfect for this job. She is also a fairly new member of the Choral Belles singing group. They perform at assisted living facilities in Port Townsend, Sequim, Poulsbo and Silverdale. To top off this artistic interest, she also volunteers with Ludlow Village Players and helps with their publicity. Last year she donated 213 hours. “All my life it’s been important for me to contribute. You always get back more than you give.” Sandy told me. Her husband, Jim Mueller designs this monthly Flyer for the Bluebills.



Jay Gilmour moved to Port Ludlow in 2012. He retired from Boeing in 1993 and was, in fact, Myron Vogt's office mate in Tokyo for a couple of years. He's a real history buff – he and some college friends decided to retrace the path of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from Fort Benton to Lewiston, Idaho in 2003, working off of the original Lewis and Clark journals. He has been a builder with the Bluebills as well as helping out with the World Vision trips to Fife.

This past year has put in many hours getting the Bluebills' STEM/MoF, and Peninsula Service Organization (PSO) off the ground. Last year he logged 140 hours for the Bluebills.





Readers' Comments

The OlyCap Bluebills welcome comments and feedback concerning Bluebills projects, programs, events and the Flyer. We reserve the right to edit comments for grammar, privacy...etc. Political, defamatory, anonymous, soliciting, or comments not related to Bluebills activities will not be included. If you wish to submit a comment, please email it to:


olyphenbluebills@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Since we are introducing this feature with this issue, we hope to have some actual comments next month.

Jim

February Calendar

- Feb 1 WV Delivery for Kitsap Co.- Chimacum storage unit 9:00
- Feb 3 Fall Prevention Table at PT Food Bank 11 am-1 pm
- Feb 8 Leadership Team Meeting- Bay Club 3:00-4:00
- Feb 10 Fall Prevention Table at PT Food Bank 11 am-1 pm
- Feb 13 Central Leadership Council Meeting-Seattle, 10:00-11:00 am
- Feb 13 WV Pick up for Clallam Co.- Fife warehouse 9:00
- Feb 14 Valentines Day 
- Feb 17 Fall Prevention Table at PT Food Bank 11 am-1 pm
- Feb 19 Presidents Day 
- Feb 24 Fall Prevention Table at PT Food Bank 11 am- 1 pm
- Feb 28 PSO meeting- Bay Club 3:00-4:00

February 2018

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			

WAYPOINTS



- Mar 1** World Vision Pick for Clallam Co.- Chimacum 9:00 am
- Mar 6** World Vision Delivery for Clallam Co.- Chimacum 9:00 am
- Mar** Bluebill Spring Social, Sequim
- Jun 22** PSO Used Book Sale, Port Ludlow
- Jun 26** PSO Used Book Sale, Sequim
- Jul 16** Bluebill Summer Social Golf Tournament
- Aug 17** Dove House Golf Tournament
- Oct 12** Bluebill Fall Social
- Nov 16** PSO Silent Auction
- Dec 4** Christmas Giving Social/Event



Meet Greg DeVault, Kitsap's New Master Builder

By Bob Kever



Greg applies his carpentry skills on a deck & stair rebuild in Kingston (Marty Dasler in background)

Kitsap has been a bit slow to get organized compared with Jefferson and Clallam counties. It used to be that volunteers from those counties had to come over to Kitsap to build ramps and install grab bars. Then about 3 years ago, Bluebills member Frank Vahcic recruited several of us who were newly retired, and set us to work.

Myron and builders from the other side of the bridge came over and helped us get started, and things grew from there. Last year the number of Kitsap independent living clients doubled from the year before, and this year the work load is expected to double again. The need for more volunteers was apparent.

A few months ago, Diane "Rusty" Figley, Catholic Community Services (CCS) Volunteer Services coordinator for Kitsap, e-mailed and said, "we have a new recruit, his name is Greg DeVault, and he is a retired contractor and home inspector!" We were quick to put him to work, and he signed up with Bluebills last September.

Greg, also known as "Captain Journey" from his time and adventures spent as a boat captain, has many construction skills from his other life as a contractor and then a home inspector. The guy can spot wood rot from 10 yards away! And did I mention that he has a great set of tools!

In addition to his building skills, Greg is a soft touch, with a real heart for reaching out and caring about the clients that he serves. We're glad to have him on the Bluebills team, and we intend to keep him busy!

A Debt of Gratitude

By Bob Keever



Greg DeVault at the bottom of the newly installed ramp

When Bluebills received a request to help a 96-year-old Bremerton WW2 Navy veteran, the recipient of a Bronze Star with a Combat “V” for valor, we responded to it immediately. As a 22 year old gunner, his ship, the USS Louisville, as it was headed toward Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines, came under attack by kamikaze pilots. Although he shot the first plane out of the sky, he couldn’t stop the second one, and to this day he mourns the loss of his comrades.

According to the friend who contacted us, our client had gotten to the point with his bad lungs and hips that going up and down the front porches 3 steps was taking its toll. Greg DeVault took the lead on this project, and oversaw the installation of a 20’ ramp, using donated materials. We were grateful for the opportunity to do this job, and view it as a small gesture toward a debt that can never be fully repaid.



2018 Builder Data



	Jan	YTD Total	2017 Total
Grab bars	19	19	229
Ramps	7	7	52
Railing	1	1	38
Miscellaneous	6	6	56
Total Clients	25	25	222
Total Different Volun-	16	n/a	
Open Projects	45	n/a	

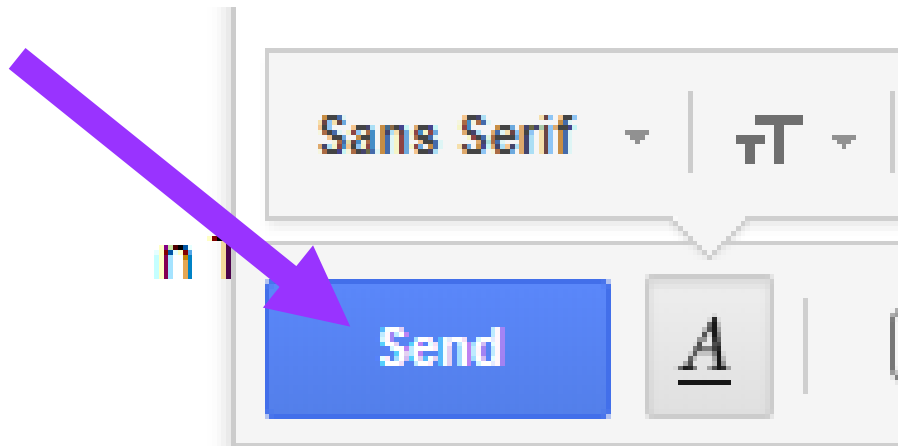


This client was complaining that her steps were slippery. Robert Chanpong nailed down some roofing.



Todd Knoblock with Jo and Dan Nieuwsma (Todd's in the middle) execute a fancy bit of joinery for a client's railing.

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!

DID YOU KNOW?

BOEING SETS OUR BUDGET BASED ON OUR REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

EMAIL YOUR HOURS TO Judy McCay:

jimmccay@cablespeed.com

Volunteer hours for December, 2017

**50 Bluebills reported 1203 hours.
That is 28 % of Bluebills reporting.**

February Birthdays

Ed Berthiaume	2/4
Jayne Riggs	2/4
Jay McIlwain	2/5
Jack Potter	2/5
Bong KiChoy	2/7
Bob Walling	2/7
John Breslin	2/8
Edith Randall	2/8
Jerry Enders	2/11
Fred Spann	2/11
Nancy Reasoner	2/15
Daniel Nieuwsma	2/17
Gloria Eastman	2/21
David Goudie	2/23
Stan Sivesind	2/24
Ted Muralt	2/25
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Mike Hyde	2/26
Ruth Schaible	2/26
Heather Gilden	2/29



Happy Birthday!



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