

Bluebill *Flyer*



FEBRUARY 2017

OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS NEWSLETTER



Chairman's Report

2017 has started off with a lot of activity! The Leadership Team met and worked on "2017 Initiatives of Improving Community Lives and Improving Member's Lives". Needs were identified and action items assigned. If members have suggestions, please contact a member of the Leadership Team.

Judy McKay has been busy finding volunteers to help with the 1st Graders at Chimacum Primary. If you can give an hour a week, contact Judy at 360 437-1186. Former Bluebill, Betty Faulkner has donated over 100 children's books from her daughter. Rose Yim has been reviewing them for use with the 1st grade. School supplies have been delivered to Title 1 schools in Jefferson, Clallum and Kitsap Counties. Judy McKay and I spoke to the Chimacum School Board about the **DonorChoose** activity, volunteering in the classroom, and meeting with Rich Thompson, Chimacum District Superintendent, to discuss the STEM program. Rich presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Bluebills for all the work we do. **Jay Gilmour in investigating the possibility of bringing some STEM Projects to the Chimacum school. This is done in cooperation with the Seattle Museum of Flight.**

The DonorChoose.org project to raise money for HP Chrome Book computers, mice and headphones for the four 1st grade classes is going well. If you are interested in donating, go to **DonorChoose.org** and type in Chimacum Creek Primary School and the projects will come up. Google.org will match your donation.

The 6th Annual Dove House Golf Tournament will be held Friday, August 18th at the Port Ludlow Golf Course, so **[SAVE THE DATE!](#)**

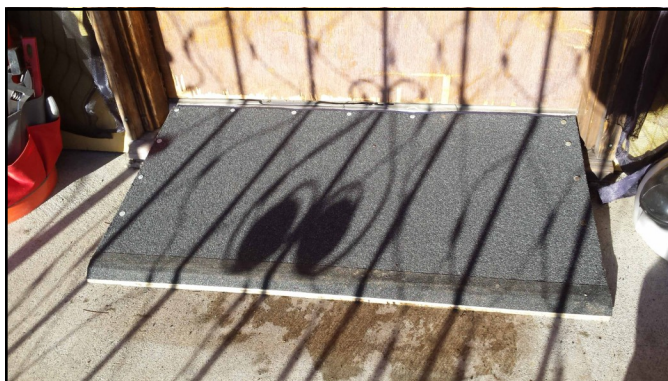
BUILDERS

“We Service What We Sell”

Bluebills were notified by a physical therapist about a client in Bremerton who just got an electric power wheelchair and needed a “mini ramp” to even out the threshold at her front door. There was already a wheelchair ramp that the client said Bluebills put in 10 years ago. It was solid, with only the expected wear and weathering. The client said that at the time she did not have difficulty with the threshold step-down. However, 10 years later, and with the new wheelchair, it became an issue. A threshold ramp was fashioned with a scrap piece of 3/4” pressure treated plywood and some blocking. It worked just fine and we told her to give us a call if she needed anything else, but don’t wait 10 years!

Volunteers: Bob Keever, Wally Grenquist

Total Hours: 4



CLALLAM COUNTY RAMP

Here is a nice job by the Clallam County Builders. An experienced crew like this built the ramp in only a few minutes over 3 hours.

Shown are Gene Helmsworth, Leonard Stadtmiller, Ken Orth and Dale Blankenship.

Picture by Allan Vance.



LANDING REPAIR

Jefferson County Builders installed a new landing for a woman in Port Townsend. Thanks to Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing (REPAH), who paid for the material.

We also installed a handrail at each set of steps.



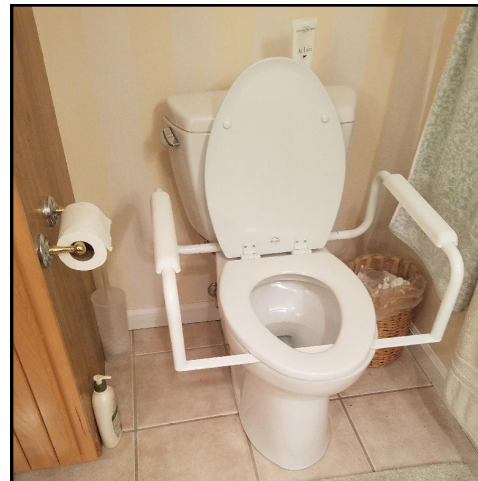
Jack Hawker, Michael Graham & Mike Burke

GRAB BAR INSTALLATION

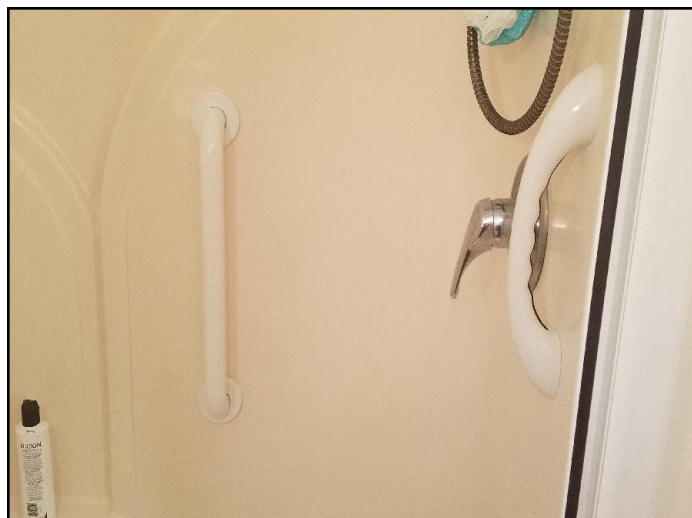
We install a lot of grab bars. These are a couple Jim Mueller installed inside a fiberglass shower. The client was considering a grab bar by the toilet but chose instead the handle assist shown. They had previously installed a new 17" high toilet (Normal toilet height is about 14")



This grab bar is on a side wall and helps in standing up when getting off the bench.



These handles help to get up off the toilet.



This grab bar is on the back wall. It provides a handhold when getting into the shower.

BUILDERS REPORT

The cold weather made it hard to do any outside work in January, but with the weather getting just a little warmer, some of the backlog can be worked off.

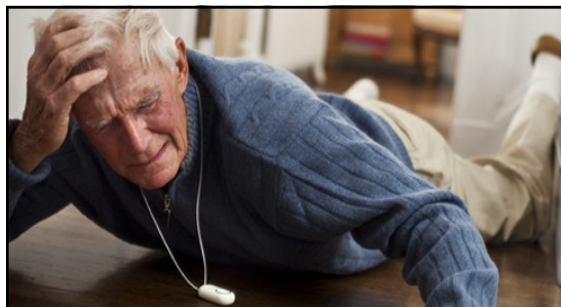
The Port Townsend Food Bank is open each Saturday for seniors. We figure this is a group that might be able to use some help preventing falls or getting around their homes. Bluebills will be at the Food Bank each Saturday in February offering them the chance to sign up for free grab bars or railings. Grab bars are being funded by Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing (REPAH) and railing material has been provided by Hadlock Building Supply. Thanks to both of those organizations.

We have been getting quite a few new Builders and we need to provide them with some training as well as a chance to meet each other. Bob Keever is working on updating our Builders Project Handbook. When this is done, it can be made available online and it can be updated much easier. Copies of the new Handbook will be made available to all Builders.

Bob is also updating our Power Point pitch on Fall Prevention. We have a lot of uses for this tool: We show it at all health care provider meetings and home care provider meetings as well as the general public.

Both of the above should be available by April. We will be holding training/recruitment meetings in each country this summer.

Myron Vogt



Fall Prevention

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	YTD Total
Grab bars	6									6
Railings	3									3
Miscellaneous	3									3
Total Clients	4									4
Total Volunteers	22									22
Total Different Volunteers	12									n/a
Open Projects	50									n/a



Volunteer Hours
For December

**44 Bluebills reported 618 hours.
That is 23.8% of Bluebills reporting.**

Kind of slim!!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For years, World Vision has been offering supplies to those schools with over 75% of the kids on free or reduced price meals. In the area we support this is fourteen schools, located all the way from Shelton to Queets/Clearwater, which is on the west coast of Washington. It's about 300 miles between these schools. Still, our Bluebills have been finding a way to get supplies to them.

This year we picked up 155 Yoobi Boxes of supplies. Yoobi is a wholesale distributor of school supplies, sold online and through Target. For every Yoobi school supply purchased, one is donated to a Yoobi Classroom pack. Each pack is intended to provide the supplies needed by a class of 30 elementary school students.



Each box contains: 30 individual packs that hold the items most kids need when school starts.

One hundred fifty-five Yoobi boxes is almost 3 pallets. We could not get them all in my mini van and the Douglass' SUV and trailer. Lucky for us, Bill Anstiss volunteered to come back to World Vision the next day to pick up the balance.



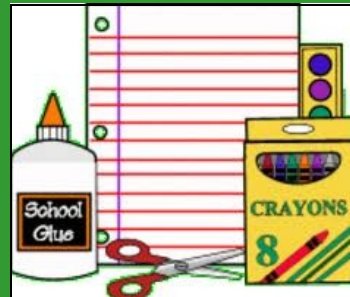
Quincy Walker of World Vision uses the fork lift to load the Douglass' trailer. We couldn't get 155 boxes in the trailer, SUV and a mini Van and had to make a second trip to Fife.



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Contents of 155 Yoobi Boxes

41850 Number 2 pencils
9300 Glue sticks
4650 Erasers
4650 Pencil sharpeners
4650 Folders
4650 Liquid Glue bottles
23550 Crayons
23500 Colored pencils
23500 Markers
275 Scissors



We have been buying school supplies for years and have an idea of what things cost at WalMart. Using their prices each box contains about \$270 worth of supplies. 155 boxes would cost approximately \$41,000/

How come Bluebills are in the middle of this? The schools have to apply to pick up these supplies. Maybe beause they are remote from the Seattle area and don't have a way to pick up things, they don't seem to apply. Bluebills coordinate with the schools and apply for them.

This doesn't happen on its own. A lot of Bluebills are involved.

Thanks to:

Dick Ostlund ~ Program Coordinator

Lee and Bonnie Douglass ~ Pick-up, warehouse and distribution to Shelton

Bill Anstiss, Lee and Bonnie ~ Pick-up at World Vision in Fife.

DELIVERIES

Lee & Bonnie, Ed Berthiaume, Charlie Johnson and some I may have missed.

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MORE THANK YOU'S

Special thanks to Ted Muralt, our Clallam Bay Bluebill, who makes a warehouse unit in Sequim available to store goods for delivery to Clallam and Neah Bay.

And thanks to our friends at World Vision who make it all possible.

The logo for World Vision, featuring a white four-pointed star with a bright center, set against an orange background that is shaped like a quarter-circle corner of a page being folded over.

World Vision

**Thank you, World Vision for all
the wonderful work you do!**



February Birthdays!

February 4th ~ Ed Berthiaume
February 4th ~ Jayne Riggs
February 5th ~ Jay McIlwain
February 5th ~ Jack Potter
February 7th ~ Bong Ki Choy
February 8th ~ Edith Randall
February 8th ~ John Breslin
February 11th ~ Jerry Enders
February 15th ~ Nancy Reasoner

February 19th ~ DonnaCuadrez
February 21st ~ Gloria Eastman
February 23rd ~ David Goudie
February 24th ~ Stan Sivesind
February 25th ~ Ted Muralt
February 26th ~ Mike Hyde
February 26th ~ Ruth Schaible
February 29th ~ Heather Gilden

**Have a Happy, Happy
Birthday!**

February Calendar of Events

Thursday, Feb. 2nd ~ Deliver WV goods to Clallam Co.

**Thursday, Feb. 9th ~ Leadership Team Meeting
Bay Club 3-4pm**

**Tuesday, Feb. 14th ~ Central Leadership Council Meeting
Seattle 10-11am**

**Tuesday, Feb. 14th ~ Pick up at WV for Jefferson Co.
Be at Fife at 9am**



February 2017						
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				

NEW MEMBERS FOR JANUARY

Welcome to these new Bluebills who joined in January.



Robert Chanpong

Port Ludlow

Interests:

- Bluebill Builders
- World Vision Programs



HOW TO JOIN BLUEBILLS:

If you know of someone who is interested in joining Bluebills, all you have to do is give me the candidate's name and address.

You don't have to be a Boeing retiree to join Bluebills.

John Ratchford

redriffboy@yahoo.com

360 301-8018

I will send the person a package of information about Bluebills and an application to join.

Thanks, John



John Ratchford
New Member Coordinator

WORLD VISION ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES ~ Myron Vogt

Kitsap Co. Coordinator:	Ed Berthiaume	edberthiaume@gmail.com
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Jefferson Co. Coordinator:	Erica Mayfield	emayfield@q.com
Hood Canal Coordinator:	Bonnie Douglass	lbdouglass@wildblue.net

SCHOOL WEEK-END FEEDING PROGRAM

Chimacum School:	Barbara Berthiaume	barbara.berthiaume@gmail.com
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