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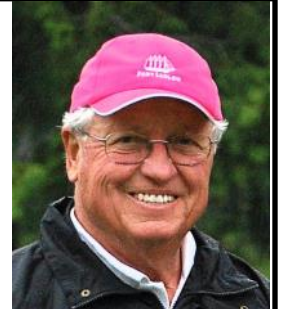


Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Newsletter Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



Barbara Berthiaume

From the Chair By Myron Vogt



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Time Flies

2018 will mark the 20th anniversary of our Bluebill Chapter. It was actually in 1997 that Jack Randall got us organized. I believe there were 11 members when we elected our first officers. We will be doing something this year to commemorate our 20 years. I hope we think of some way to make everyone feel they are part of our success.

That was then, this is now. I believe 2017 will be a record year for hours worked. Should be close to 16,000. That's a big number! Thanks to all of you.

If you look at the Builders Report you will see a list of builders for each county and South Jefferson. These are just a few of the volunteers in those areas. We want to build on the comradery of these volunteers this year by hosting a quarterly social in Clallam and Kitsap Counties.

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We will also do an appreciation day for the South Jefferson Bluebills. If any of you have any suggestions for holding these events, contact our Social Chair, [Michael Graham](#).

Our initiatives for 2018 are to expand out World Vision distribution program and to support STEM programs in the schools. This will be done with the support of a new non-profit, Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) that was formed for this purpose. This costs money so there are a few PSO fund-raisers in the future.

Have a Happy New Year,
Myron



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Tis The Season.....

By Karen Griffith, Bluebill Reporter
Photos by Peggy Lee Flentie



On Tuesday, December 5, around 100 Olympic Peninsula Bluebills and guests gathered at the Port Ludlow Bay Club for a festive end-of-the-year celebration of reflection and giving. A fantastic prime rib and salmon lunch was served by [GBF \(God Bless Food\) Catering of Port Hadlock](#). Thysen and Debi Scott, owners of GBF, said that this was their second event of the day, but felt really compelled to be with us because of our good works. Dan Holtz played bartender.

Myron Vogt gave a slide show of all the many accomplishments that our group has participated in this year. Needs in our serving area continue to grow and Bluebills seem always ready to step to the plate. He highlighted the building projects, [World Vision](#), the Backpack program and STEM program support. He also talked about our new 501(c)3, Peninsula Support Organization. Boeing Retirees who contribute to PSO will have their contributions matched 50% by Boeing which turbo-charges our donations. He invited members to remember our new non-profit at our end-of-year giving.

Several agency partners were guests at our luncheon including: Rachel Peterson of Boeing Global Mobilization; Sarah McMahan, Executive

Director of [ECCHO](#); Teri Wensit, Linda Christensen and Claudia Girard, all of [VCS/CCS](#); Ginger Bishel, [OLYCAP](#) Executive Director; Rick Thompson, Superintendent of [Chimacum Schools](#); Jenny Vervynck, Specialist, [Chimacum Primary School](#); Beulah Kingsolver, Executive Director of [Dove House](#), Bekka Bloom and Sarah Rogers of [Dove House](#); and Tanya Royer of [REPAH](#).



Rachel Peterson of Boeing Global Mobilization

(Click on the links to visit their websites)

As is our custom, we use this social to collect money from members to help needy families with their Christmas wishes. In the past we have helped out Dove House families but we decided that since we had held the summer Golf Tournament for Dove House, we would see what help OLYCAP could use. OLYCAP helps families in transition who have been homeless as they move to apartments and cabins. Throughout the year, under the guidance of Laura Paul and Kathy Roden, we collect items from garage sales, estate sales, and from people who are downsizing for these families to use, but we have not done Christmas gifts for OLYCAP in the past.



Kathy Roden and Laura Paul

Kathy Morgan from OLYCAP counted all the children in the cabins and apartments and found in the twelve families there were sixteen kids and it was decided that the Bluebills would take them on as our project for Christmas giving. We collected \$1406 at the social and that was divided into \$117 per family. Bluebills volunteered to select each of these families and were given that cash (along with whatever else they chose to spend) to spend on the kids and the family.

Those unwrapped gifts were then brought to the Bay Club a week later. Barbara Burke, Cynthia Durham, Judy McKay and Laura Paul had all the



packages wrapped and delivered to OLYCAP so that they could distribute them to those twelve families.

Bluebills look forward every year to attending this wonderful social with its dual purposes of helping out families at Christmas, hearing our year-end report of accomplishments, and socializing with friends and spouses who we don't always get to see in the course of our very busy Bluebill activities!



Bluebills and Guests Enjoy the 2017 Christmas Luncheon

Photos by Peggy Flentie



Chimacum Schools



Blitz



God Bless Food



VCS/CCS



Dove House



ECCHO



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

A TRIP TO THE SPACE STATION

By Bob Reasoner

As a result of support from the Bluebills and the Peninsula Support Organization two busloads of students from Chimacum School District Middle School had a “once in a lifetime experience” of interacting with [Astronaut Mark Vande Hei](#) thousands of miles away at the [NASA Space Station](#). The students traveled to Gig Harbor to see the live broadcast from the Space Station itself, which was a thrill for everyone. Then they had the opportunity to hear from Mark and ask him questions about his life in the Space Station and his perception of the future. He reported that he fully expected that by the time these students graduated from high school we would be planning for living on the moon and the trip to Mars.

This event was scheduled to encourage students to strengthen their skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as thousands of job vacancies and opportunities will exist in these fields. Video presentations by [Senator Patty Murray](#), [Representative Derek Kilmer](#) and other inspirational speakers gave students lots to think about and encouraged them to set goals for themselves in subjects that will prepare them for world of space, technology, and science in which they will live.

Not all of the presentations were related to space. Speeches by representatives from the Armed Forces pointed out the need for skills in the STEM areas. One of the presentations which students found particularly interesting was by [Professor John Delaney](#) on “Exploring Oceans on Earth and the Rest of the Solar System” where he shared some of his research on underwater volcanic activity.

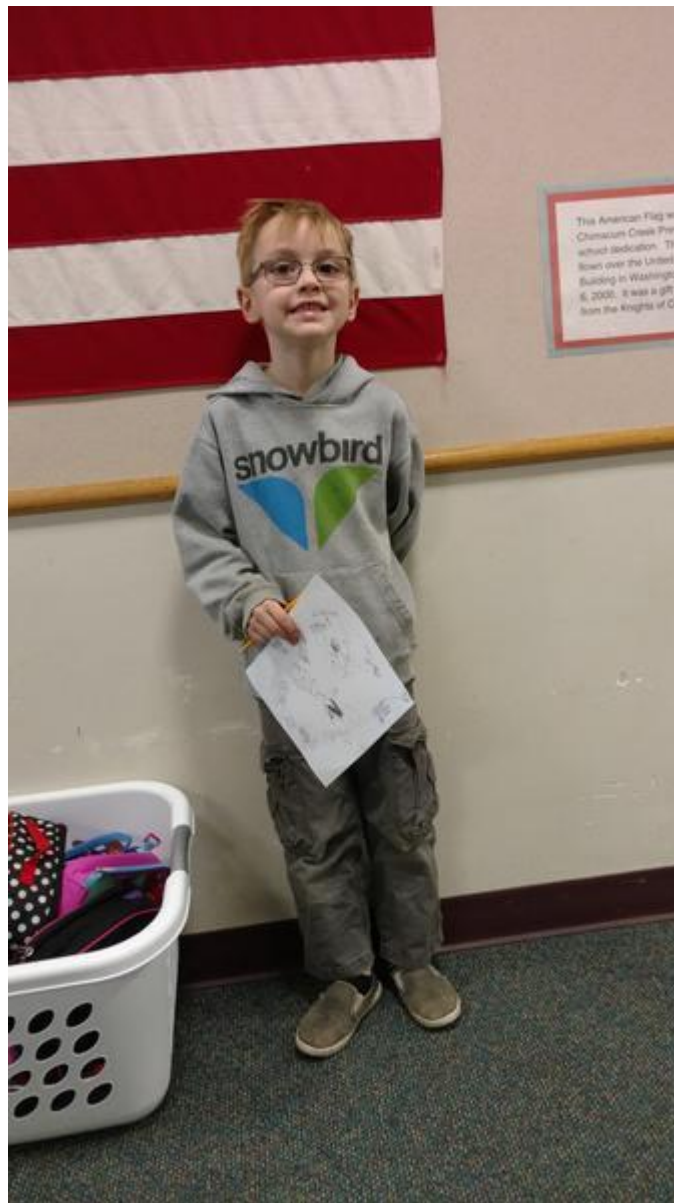
A major goal of the Peninsula Support Organization will be to raise funds to provide additional experiences for students using curriculum materials and presentations by the Museum of Flight and other professionals.



New Glasses for Chimacum First Grader

In last month's issue, we had an article about a request from Jenny Vervynck, the school's Behavioral Interventionist. She asked the Bluebills for money to cover the purchase of especially sturdy glasses for a very active 1st grader.

Well, here he is pictured below with his new specs!



January Calendar



- Jan 4 Leadership Team Meeting- Beach Club, 3:00-4:00**
- Jan 9 World Vision Pickup in Fife-Kitsap Co. Meet at Fife at 9:00**
- Jan 9 Central Leadership Council Meeting-Seattle, 10:00-11:00**
- Jan 30 Pick for Kitsap County**
- Feb 1 Delivery to Kitsap County**

January						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	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			

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World Vision and Bluebills Help Bring Christmas to Southern Jefferson County

All of us in our Bluebills chapter for southern Jefferson County wanted to make sure you know how much we appreciated our recent special Christmas pickup set up by you. It represented one of the most memorable moments in our long history of working together with [World Vision](#). Delivery to our local recipients was met with huge smiles, heart-felt thank yous, and even tears that so many needy children and adults would now have a wonderful Christmas. The toys, heaters, blankets and other items you provided represent more to so many of our community than you could imagine. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all you do for us. We are looking forward to many more years of working together.

Bill & Candy Anstiss

Doug & Kay Peterson

Mike & Judi Hyde

Jim & Mary Kowalczyk

Wes & Ruth Dunham

George Sickel

The picture below was taken during delivery at the [Brinnon Food Bank](#). More pictures are posted on the next page of children receiving their World Vision toys during Christmas parties in Brinnon and Quilcene.



From left to right: Eloise Langenbach, Lucy(dog), Kendra Hanninen, Mike Langenbach

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Some pictures of South Jefferson County Kids opening World Vision Christmas Gifts



Izzy and magic game. She's have fun performing every trick and it's awesome. Thank you !



Riley and emoji pillow she got. She has been wanting one for a long time now. Thank you so much.

Home for Christmas

By Bob Keever

An in-home fall resulted in hospitalization and one and a half years in a rehab facility for this client in Bremerton. Needless to say, she was very anxious to return home, but could not do so until fall prevention and accessibility issues had been addressed. Volunteers Marty Dasler, Don Creamer, Greg DeVault, and Bob Keever put in a wheelchair ramp, grab bars, transfer pole, and other fixes so that she was able to return home in time for Christmas. She said that a lot of people had talked about helping her, but the Bluebills did it.



(photo release was signed by client)

Port Townsend Ramp

By Jim Mueller

On Dec 10, the call went out from Todd Knoblock: "We have an urgent and large ramp build this Wednesday and (probably) Thursday. Client is a retired Boeing Engineer!" It turns out that the client decided to leave the hospital a week early because he wanted a more comfortable place to recuperate from his operation (small wonder). Six of us worked on Wednesday and five finished the job on Thursday. Thanks to Todd Knoblock; Fearless Leader and Overdesign Engineer, the Nieuwsmas; Dan and Jo, Dave Parrish, Michael Graham, Dan Packard, Jo Gagnier, and me, I guess. It was my first ramp build. All I can say is what a great crew to work with! They sure know where to have lunch! You will notice on the completed project a hexagonal decorative panel. This is thanks to the artistic abilities of Jo Gagnier, nice going Jo!



Framing Partially Complete.



Dan Nieuwsma does a little gardening.



The decking goes down.



Todd Knoblock, Michael Graham, and Dan Nieuwsma at their post.



Jo Nieuwsma sanding board, not sanding bored.



New Ramp!



Jim Mueller, Michael Graham, Jo Gagnier, and Dan Packard admiring Jo's hexagon.

A “Routine” Builder’s job

This is an example of a grab rail job. These jobs can come in through one of our partner agencies such as Catholic Community Services or are routed through them for approval. This was pulled from an email chain last month:

Hi Myron,

I saw the note in the Brinnon Crier about the BlueBills and installing Grab Bars. I purchased four Grab Bars for my bathroom this summer but backed off out of fear of breaking the wall tiles in my shower area. Do you, or any of the other BlueBills , feel comfortable drilling through the tiles and installing the bars. I’m happy to pay for such a service. I live -(location deleted for privacy).

Thanks, X(Client)

X, yes, we install grab bars on tile.

Give me your exact address so I know who to ask to contact you. We do not charge for our labor but do accept donations to Bluebills.

Myron

Myron to George Sickel:

George, if you can’t do this can you find one of the guys to handle it?

If not, I’ll find someone from here.

Myron –

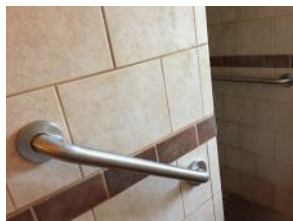
I know X and will give him a call.

George

Myron –

Job complete. 4 grab bars installed. No broken tiles.

George



In 2017, Bluebills completed an average of 20 grab bar jobs per month!

Growing Need for Independent Living Services

The View From Kitsap County

By Bob Keever

Word is getting out that Bluebills can provide Fall Prevention and Builder services to help the elderly and handicapped maintain their Independent Living. For Kitsap in 2017, 81 clients were served, 19 wheelchair ramps, 79 grab bars, and 14 railings were installed. This is up from 44 clients served in 2016, and the upward trend is likely to continue. Approximately \$15,000 was spent on supplies (paid for by clients when they could afford to) this year, for an average of \$185 per client. The average ramp cost about \$720, grab bars \$25/ea, and the average railing \$60. In Kitsap county many of our clients cannot afford to pay for these materials.

Projecting ahead to 2018, we estimate the number of clients needing services could be around 150, assuming a rate increase the same as from 2016 to 2017. With an average expense of \$185 per client, about \$28,000 would be needed for materials. Assuming half of the clients can pay for materials and the other half can't, we will need to raise about \$14,000 if we are to provide help to all who ask. Anyhow, that's the rationale, and those are the numbers we're targeting as we prepare for 2018.

Bob





2017 Builder Data



Here are the figures for 2017. Really, a lot of work was done. Bluebills have basically four crews. separated by location. These are the builders broken down by region.

**North Jefferson:
Port Ludlow,
Port Hadlock,
Port Townsend**

Mike Burke
Robert Chanpong
Joe Gagnier
Jack Hawker
Todd Knoblock
Jim Mueller
Jo Nieuwsma
Dan Nieuwsma
Bill Shain
Stan Sivesind
Ken Snider
Fred Spann
Myron Vogt

**South Jefferson:
Quilcene and
Brinnon**

Bill Anstiss
Mike Eastman
Ralph Hogan
Mike Hyde
Jim Kowalczyk
Bill Morris
Doug Peterson
Steve Petrick
Jerry Shook
George Sickel

Kitsap County

Don Creamer
Marty Dasler
Greg DeVault
David Grellier
Wally Grenquist
Bob Keever
Tim Ruddy
Bernie Wittman

Clallam County

Dale Blankenship
Gene Helmsworth
Charlie Johnson
Ken Orth
Doug Rittenhouse
Mel Roston
Leonard Stadtmiller
Alan Vance

Thanks to each and every one of you.

Myron

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2017 TTL	2016 TTL
Grab bars	6	23	24	26	8	11	24	24	14	17	37	16	229	150
Ramps	3	5	0	8	3	2	4	5	4	5	10	3	52	55
Railing	3	5	2	3	1	2	5	4	1	1	6	5	38	55
Miscellaneous	4	4	7	6	3	1	5	9	2	5	7	3	56	59
Total Clients	22	29	20	16	8	11	17	17	15	13	41	13	222	195
Total Different Volunteers	12	16	9	20	14	14	19	18	15	12	19	13	n/a	
Open Projects	50	61	n/a	n/a	n/a	69	68	71	74	71	49	56	n/a	

Boeing Commercial Airplanes CEO meets with Washington retirees

"We stand on the shoulders of giants," said Kevin McAllister, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, as he connected with hundreds of Boeing retirees recently at Seattle's Museum of Flight. He thanked them for their years with the company, and shared where the company is headed. Last year, McAllister's predecessor Ray Conner met with retirees at an event in Bellevue.



The above excerpt came from an on-line newsletter called Boeing in Washington, available from the boeing.com website. You can sign up for the newsletter through this link, [Boeing in Washington](#). The significance of this article for the Bluebills is in the picture above. Jay Gilmour explains in his trip report below:

Barbara and Ed Berthiaume obtained two tickets to the Annual Boeing Retirees Luncheon at the MoF at 1130 on Tuesday, 10/31. Since Ed cleverly arranged a dental appointment, I was invited to substitute to hear the new BCA CEO, Kevin McAllister, address the several hundred who attended. He formerly was a 28 year veteran of General Electric Aviation Services, having joined them initially as a metallurgical engineer. He and Ray Conner became acquainted competing for business around the globe.

Barbara's friend, Rachel Paterson, a BCA assistant in Government Operations, arranged us at a table of eight so that Rachel's boss, Bill McSherry, Vice-President of Government Operations, was at Barbara's right, and I wound up with Kevin McAllister, the speaker, on my left. Introductions were made and small talk ensued before McAllister rose to make his presentation. A fortuitous contact for the future, perhaps. We'll see. jjg 11/2



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December 18, 2017

Barbara Berthiaume, Chair
Boeing Bluebills

Dear Barbara:

Thank you, and all the Boeing Bluebills, for the donation of Christmas gifts for the families living in shelter this holiday season. Your support makes a huge difference.

OlyCAP wants every Bluebill to know that they have provided more than gifts – they have helped families maintain a vital connection to their community and gain a sense of belonging and worth. Your generosity is creating smiles, giggles, and more than a few tears of joy.

From the entire OlyCAP family, THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Dale Wilson
Executive Director

*Strengthening the community – one family at a time ...
OlyCAP is an Equal Opportunity Provider*

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 November, 2017

**57 Bluebills reported 1166 hours.
That is 32 % of Bluebills reporting.**

January Birthdays

Michael Peterson	1/1
Vicki Tallerico	1/4
David Grellier	1/7
Kathy Traci	1/13
Ken Avicola	1/14
Leonard Stadtmiller	1/18
Larry Lang	1/26
Marilyn Chadwell	1/27
Mea Graham	1/28
Greg DeVault	1/28
Ralph Archung	1/30



Happy Birthday!

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