# Bluebill *FLYER July 2017*



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



#### From the Chair

By Barbara Berthiaume



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Bluebill volunteers have been very busy this summer! We adopted the week of June 26-30 and staffed volunteers for the Y Summer Nutrition and Literacy Program, delivered World Vision goods to Kitsap County, and are gearing up for the Jefferson County Fair August 11-13. Myron and a team are designing a space shuttle with the theme "Space Heroes" for the Fair. Volunteers are needed to man the Bluebill booth and if you are interested, contact Michael Graham at 316-1126. The 6th Annual Dove House Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, August 18. The Raffle Basket Committee, Gail Parrish, Sandy Fry, and Barb Burke have scouted the county for donations and have come up with some very impressive results. The Summer Golf Tournament and Volunteer Recognition Event will be held on Monday, July 24 with a shotgun at 1:00 pm and a barbeque at the Bay Club afterwards. We need help in all of the above activities so join in for a worthy and rewarding experience and don't forget to record your volunteer hours! As I said, it's a very busy summer!

Barbara Berthiaume

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# **Bluebill Summer Picnic and Golf Outing**

# On Monday, July 24, the Oly-Pen Bluebills are hosting our annual picnic and golf outing.

The picnic is at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker PI. in Port Ludlow. Doors and the bar open at 4:00. pm We will begin serving up a traditional BBQ with all the fixins at 5:00. In addition to the food, we are providing the usual. Coffee, tea, and wine, beer and soft drinks. Reservation is required. To reserve a spot, email bluebillsrsvp@aol.com.

For anyone interested in playing nine holes of golf prior to the picnic, the golf outing is being held at the Port Ludlow Golf Club. The format is a four-person scramble. There is a men's field and ladies field. Members of the winning teams earn bragging right and a magnificent trophy. Tee times begin at 1:00. We suggest all participants take a cart to speed up pace of play. Green fee with a cart for non-members is \$29.00 including tax. Cart rental for members \$8.72 including tax. Reservations are required. To reserve a spot, email Michael Graham at pljmikey@gmail.com. Feel free to form you own team. Tee times will be available at the PLGC Pro Shop on Friday, July 21. Please plan on arriving at least 30 minutes prior to you tee time. Once play is completed, please bring your scorecard to the Bay Club. A completed score card is required to be eligible for the bragging rights and magnificent trophy.

We cordially invite anyone interested in volunteering their time, energy, skills, knowledge and experience to improve the quality of life in their respective communities and thereby to enhance their own lives.

If you have any questions call Michael Graham 360-437-5052





# **Golfers!**

Save the Date Friday, August 18, 2017

6th Annual Dove House Bluebill Golf Benefit



For more information contact the Port Ludlow Golf Shop at 437-0272



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#### 6th Annual Dove House Golf Tournament

The Dove House Golf committee has been very busy organizing the golf tournament which will be held on Friday, August 18. Raffle committee members Barb Burke, Gail Parrish, and Sandy Fry have done an amazing job of soliciting raffle donations. All raffle baskets will have a value of \$100 so it is excellent value for money. For the first time, we are having a few selected items that are worth \$250 to \$300 at a Silent Auction table so stay tuned for more details. A big thank you to the Boeing's Central Leadership Committee who have donated golf shirts, jackets, towels, tees, water bottles, and ball markers for the tournament. The Pro shop has been very generous as well. If you are a golfer, be sure to sign up at the pro shop and if you know of a golfer, encourage them to join us. This event is a lot of fun and last year we raised \$17,500 that went directly to Dove House for things not in their budget such as emergency housing and food, transportation, school supplies, bus passes, and gas cards.



# The Bluebills Still Need Chairs!



Committee chairs, that is!

We need a person or persons to chair the Social committee. Laura and Kathy retired the position of Social Chair after the Spring Social. We need leaders for the Summer and Fall Socials.

Please contact Barbara Berthiaume barbara.berthiaume@gmail.com

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#### CHUCK SHERRED SERVICE

Wanda Sherred sent a message to the Bluebills to let us know that her husband, Chuck, died on Sunday, June 18th. Services will be held on July 8 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, on 1335 Blaine Street in Port Townsend. Myron Vogt noted that Chuck was one of the original Bluebills, helping to form the chapter in 1997. He was so important in helping our organization develop into what it is . Chuck was the one who researched and suggested we do Independent Living projects. You know how that turned out. He also got the Christmas Giving program going.

There wasn't anything Chuck wouldn't help with. He was really missed when illness took him out of the game about 5 years ago. I hope we have a good representation at his funeral service on July 8 in Port Townsend. He was a good man.





# Jefferson County Fair

The 2017 Jefferson County Fair is August 11, 12, 13. The Oly-Pen Bluebills will once again transform a three-sided outdoor booth into a venue that both exemplifies the Supertastic theme and provides detailed information about the services we provide and what we do to benefit the less fortunate folks in Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties.

In 2016, Myron worked his carpentry magic to constructed a plywood replica of a steam engine. Due to Myron's carpentry and the decorating skills of a group of Bluebill volunteers, the fair committee awarded the coveted First Place (Blue Ribbon) as the best-decorated booth our booth.

This year we are focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to high light the Supertastic theme. We are honoring the Supertastic gentlemen who risk it all to turn the dream of space travel into a reality. We are specifically taking this opportunity to honor the Supertastic **Mercury Seven.** Namely <u>Scott Carpenter</u>, <u>Gordon Cooper</u>, <u>John Glenn</u>, <u>Gus Grissom</u>, <u>Wally Schirra</u>, <u>Alan Shepard</u> and <u>Deke Slayton</u>, for choosing to boldly go where no American had gone before. We plan on unveiling the Oly-Pen Bluebill Space Shuttle to give an idea what the early *astronauts experienced*.

We are hoping to capture 1<sup>st</sup> place again this year, but we need your help. We need volunteers to help set up the booth on Thursday afternoon, staff the booth on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and help dismantle the booth Monday morning. The Douglass's and the Berthiaume's have claimed the first two slots on Friday morning. The bluebills will provide day passes to all volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, the preliminary roster is shown on the following page. To reserve your preferred day and time email your selection to **Michael Graham** at **pljmikey@gmail.com**. We really need your support to make this a successful project.

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# 2017 JeffCo Fair

#### Bluebill Booth Staffing Roster

The Bluebills will provide day passes to Volunteers

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) Setup	Michael G.
Bonnie and Lee Douglass	Michael G
Barbara and Ed Berthiaume	
	Michael G
Early Morning)	
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	Bonnie and Lee Douglass Barbara and Ed Berthiaume



# Bluebill Leadership Meeting Thursday, June 8, 2017 Bay Club 3:00 pm

#### 501(c) 3:

Jay Gilmour gave a summary of what a 501(c) 3 consists of and the process of application. A group will meet on Sat. June 10 at 9:00 at the Bay Club to further discuss this.

#### **Builders: Myron/Bob Keever/Charlie Johnson**

Bob said that there have been no referrals in Kitsap for some time. The brochures are printed and look great. Barbara will send a thank you note to Teri for making this happen. We need to look for space for building supplies, Dove House Golf signs, and other materials that are stored in Jennifer's garage. Michael is exploring possibilities in the Chimacum area.

#### **Fall Prevention: Dave Parrish**

Dave has been very busy installing grab bars and helping with ramp building.

#### **World Vision: Myron**

The applications for the 9 slots we submit to World Vision will come due in October. To date, OlyCap, PT Food Bank, E. Jefferson Rotary, and the Bluebills have been identified to make contributions. The Kiwanas and Builder group in Kitsap, some groups in Clallum, and 2 Jefferson Rotary Clubs in Port Townsend are possibilities. Charlie, Michael, and Bob Keever will check them out. Catholic Chore Services will pay for our .storage area this year and will put it back in their budget next year. The School Supplies Program will be shared by Clint Webb and Ed Befrthiaume.

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#### Flyer: Jim Mueller

Golf tournament and Summer Picnic - Michael

**Builders- Charlie and Bob** 

Jefferson County Fair - Michael

Dove House Golf Tournament – Barbara

Dick Ostlund Thank You – Myron

Other?

#### **Dove House & Homeless: Laura/Kathy**

Personal care products were requested and will be delivered to both groups.

#### **Eradicate Hunger: Barbara**

We have adopted the week of June 26 - 30 to volunteer in the YSummer Nutrition and Literacy Program. We need 12 more volunteers to fill out the week.

#### Social: TBD

We need someone to step up to be the Social Chair in the coming year.

#### Membership: David Goudie

David not only keeps the membership list current, he also follows up with the new members and connects them to the appropriate chair depending on their interests.

#### Clallum: Charlie Johnson

Things are running smoothly in Clallum.

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#### **Dove House Golf: Myron/Barbara**

The Raffle Committee consists of Barb Burke, Gail Parrish, and Sandy Fry and they have amassed an impressive assortment of raffle gifts. David Goudie is creating new tee sponsor signs and banners and Barb Burke is handling the raffle bag signage. There will be a planning meeting on Friday, June 23 for committee members, Darren, and Bekka,

#### **July Golf Social: Michael**

Michael is organizing the event. Barbara has lined up Ken Snider, Dave and Gail Parrish, Jim Mueller and Sandy Fry, and Mike and Barb Burke to do the hamburgers and hotdogs. Laura Paul has offered to consult re food quantities.

Michael will take the RSVPs and work the bar. Ed and/or Myron will invite the World Vision personnel.

**ECCHO: Laura Paul** 

No activity this month

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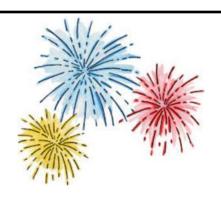
#### **Education: Jo Neuisma/Judy Mckay**

Susan Abrahamson, Judy McKay, Bob Reasoner and Rose Yen have spent the last six months volunteering in the four first grade classrooms at Chimacum Creek Primary School. They all agree it was a rewarding and fun experience. Volunteering is an excellent way to support your local public schools and make a positive difference in children's lives. At a recent meeting with Chimacum Creek Primary staff, it was agreed that more volunteers are needed for the 2017-18 school year. A volunteer questioner will be available at the next Blue Bill meeting and a meet and greet for staff and volunteers is planned in late September. Please call Judy McKay at 437-1186 for more information. Myron and Barbara will meet with the principal of Chimacum Creek Primary to discuss plans for work with the playground. Joe Jagnier noted that a recently retired neighbor would like to help with the first grade class in using their new Chrome Books. Judy McKay will follow up.

#### Other:

The Jefferson County Fair is Aug. 11-13. Michael is coordinating the Bluebill involvement and needs volunteers. The Bluebill booth will feature a space shuttle and volunteers have stepped up to help Myron build it.





# **July Calendar**



July 4 \_\_\_ Independence Day

July 7 \_\_\_\_ World Vision Kitsap Co., Delivery, Chimacum, Ed Berthiaume

July 15 \_\_ Chimacum Inter-dependence Day Festival- Finnriver Cidery

July 24 \_\_ Summer Golf Tournament and Volunteer Recognition Event

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#### CHIMACUM SCHOOL DISTRICT "CREATING THE FUTURE TODAY"

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May 24, 2017		
Boeing Blue Bills		
Dear Members:		
for your generous support	m School District, we would like to take this of our students, specifically your donation of tion will provide much needed support for o	of \$600 for the Museum of
Again, thank you for you acknowledge your help.	ar generosity and dedication to Chimacum	students. We gratefully
Sincerely,		
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#### A Special Ramp in Bremerton

By Bob Keever





(photo release was signed by client)

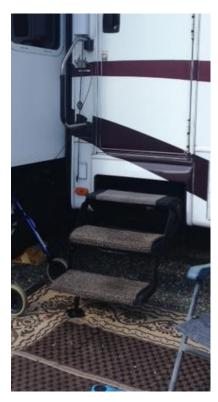
Volunteers: Bob Keever, Wally Grenquist, Marty Dasler, Bernie Wittman, Greg DeVault

We knew that this request for a wheelchair ramp for a woman in Bremerton should not be put off. When her son attempted to wheel here down the steps backwards, they both took a tumble. Fortunately she wasn't injured, although her son got banged up rather badly. So we responded quickly.

Because of the way the ramp cut across the front yard, she was worried that her old dog, Banjo, might have difficulty getting out there from the house. This was the solution – a side chute for Banjo, and they are both happy with their ramps.

#### **Sturdy Stairs for Trailer**

By Bob Parish







I got a call from Sarah from Jefferson Health care indicating a patient was in dire need for a rail to get in and out of her home. It turned out that she lives in a trailer and was not able to get use the stairs as they were very steep and had no rail.

After a couple of trips to her home, I determined that the best solution was to build a portable porch, stairs and rail for her. As it turned out, what seemed on the surface to be a straight forward job, it was much more complicated. The access to the trailer has electrical outlets, an access door to batteries, and the need to swing the door open all around to the outside wall.

As much as I tried to design the platform for the stairs ahead of our project, it took Todd Knoblock and me three tries to get the platform right so that all of the requirements were met (thank goodness we used screws for the entire project). However, this left an opening where the trailer door needed to swing with no rail on that side of the platform. Todd came up with the idea of building a swing-out rail. We made a quick trip to the hardware store to get some hinges and locking device, then took advantage of the remaining scraps of wood to build the swing-out rail.

What seemed in the beginning to be a straight forward job, turned out to be somewhat complicated, but in the end after several hours more than anticipated, we got the job done and our client was elated with the results.

# **Builder Data 2017 Year to Date**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	YTD Total
Grab bars	6	23	24	26	8	11	98
Ramps	3	5	0	8	3	2	21
Railing	3	5	2	3	1	2	16
Miscellaneous	4	4	7	6	3	1	25
Total Clients	22	29	20	16	8	11	106
Total Different Volunteers	12	16	9	20	14	4	n/a
							n/a
Open Projects	50	61	n/a	n/a	n/a	69	

#### **Lunch and Learn with the Kids**

By Karen Griffith, Boeing Bluebill Roving Reporter

About four years ago the "Y" in Port Townsend recognized a need for feeding and educating our youth during the summer season. Many children did not keep up with their academic skills over the summer and had issues getting up to speed when school opened again. Also, children who were on the school-lunch programs no longer had that main meal during the day to sustain their active play. Thus, the Summer Meals and Literacy Activities Programs were developed for the school age children in East Jefferson.

Early on the Boeing Bluebills stepped to the plate as they always do and volunteered to staff the program for one week each summer. This year, twenty Bluebills were busy every morning the last week of June at the Chimacum Elementary school. All of the volunteers are required to have a state background check through the WA State Patrol as well as sign a "Code of Conduct" designed to make us all aware of the guidelines to prevent child abuse.

Several Bluebills spent a couple of hours each morning working with Sara Ybarra-Lopez, a Y dietician, in preparing lunches for around 55-60 kids. Not all of the lunches are consumed by the children at Chimacum, but are taken to other sites such as Mountain View. All the lunches served are designed to meet daily nutritional needs for growing children. Gone are chips and cookies. Instead wholesome food like fresh fruits and vegetables with some form of protein are packed up every day. Sarah runs a tight ship directing the food prep volunteers in sanitation and food safety precautions.



Sara Ybarra-Lopez and Ed Berthiaume



Joe and Ann Gagnier, Frank Vahcic and Ruth Hansen

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The following Bluebills worked in the kitchen this past week: Joe and Ann Gagnier, Ed and Barbara Berthiaume, Ruth Anne Hansen, Frank Vahcic, Barbara Shain, Pat Webb, Carol Durbin, Gail Parrish, Laura Paul, Marilyn Shadwell and Stan Sivesind. They cut and chopped and spread cream cheese and bagged grapes and swabbed the decks with bleach when all was done. They are all ready for a new job working in the school cafeteria come September!

Meanwhile across the playground, in a classroom, the literacy volunteers are working with all the children on their reading and spelling skills with children from ages 5 to 10. The following Bluebills were literacy volunteers this year: Bonnie Vahcic, Jamie Bima, Clint Webb, Annie Horner, Diane Kobz, and Laura Paul.

They all started out in the gym doing physical activities like musical chairs and Simon says. Mid-morning they were broken up into groups. A small group was taken outside to sit on the lawn to be read to or take turns reading to each other.



A reading group outside the school.



Bonny Vahcic working with a student

The first step in the process was to assess the reading skills of each child. On the day I visited, Bonnie Vahcic was working with a young girl using lists of words with increasing complexity to see where she fell on her reading skills. Then using the San Diego Quick Assessment, Bonnie was able to place her in an appropriate reading skill level. Another group of children were sitting around a table each with a picture book reading to themselves or each other. At yet another table a group was occupied with creating very artistic bookmarks for the books they were going to be choosing to read over the summer. There was the usual joshing and elbowing but "Mr. Travis" from the Y was keeping them in line!





Children working on making their bookmarks

One day Martha Ashenfelter, Youth Services Librarian from Jefferson County Library, was there to sign all the kids up for the Summer Reading Program. Each child is encouraged to read (or ask to be read to) and record their reading time in half-hour chunks on a form. They can earn their own book to keep as well as a t-shirt. Martha reminded the kids that on Friday staff from the Pacific Science Center would be at the school to engage them in some activities.

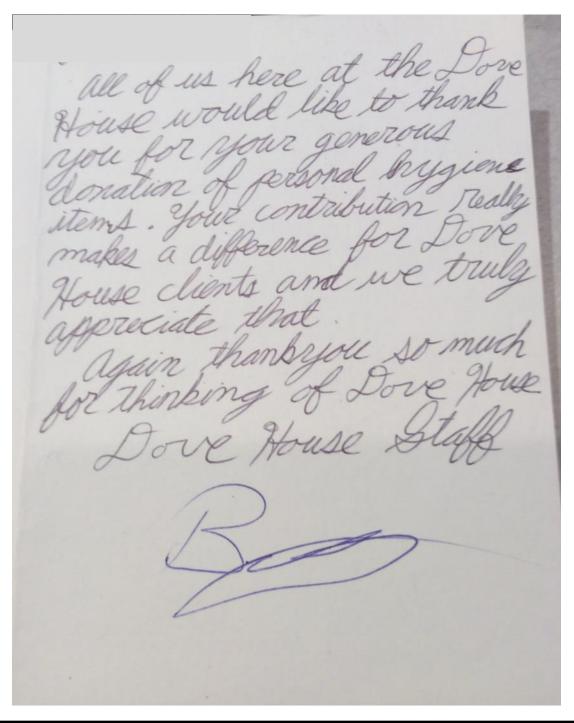


Martha Ashenfelter from the Library

When asked what was the best part of being involved in the Y Summer Feeding Program, one youngster said, "Playing outside with the other kids and reading." Another said, "I like recess and art." Some things never change!

#### Thank you from the Dovehouse

The Dove House staff is most appreciative of the items that are collected and delivered regularly from the Bay Club. The collection container is inside left of the front door above which there are some suggested items for donors to consider. Nothing goes to waste other than opened or partially used containers which for health and safety reasons cannot be handed out to clients.



#### Spreading the Word at Local Food Banks

by Bob Keever, Olympic Peninsula Bluebills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair



When Fishline Food Bank & Supportive Services in Pousbo invited me to set up a Bluebills table and meet with their clients, I thought, "this sort of thing has been done before." So I asked Myron, "hey,what should I do?" He met me at our local storage garage in Port Ludlow and set me up with display materials, and hand-out items for adults and children alike (the "Climb@tron"robots were particularly popular).

Fishline stationed me just inside the door where clients come in and wait their turn to enter and select their food items. It was the perfect captive audience, and the "Independent Living Program" brochures went like hot cakes. It wasn't hard to spot the ones in need, and several signed up for Fall Prevention and other services on the spot. One elderly widow told me that she was under strict orders from her doctor not to do any lifting. But then, after showing me her surgery scar, she confided that she has been carrying buckets of water to flush the toilet, which isn't working! We got out there and fixed it a couple days later.

Don't hesitate to spread the word that Bluebills are here, and we're ready to assist. As one of the Fishline clients told me, "I didn't think anyone did this sort of work for free. I didn't know you folks were are around." We're here, and ready to serve!





REMEMBER: YOU CAN REPORT ANY
VOLUNTEER HOURS! NOT JUST THE
HOURS YOU WORK FOR BLUEBILLS.
CHURCH, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY~ ALL
THESE HOURS COUNT TOO!
DID YOU KNOW?
BOEING SETS OUR BUDGET BASED ON
OUR REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Volunteer hours for May, 2017

49 Bluebills reported 1255 hours. That is 26.5% of Bluebills reporting.



Sarah Barton	7/24
Steven Baur	7/8
Barbara Burke	7/24
Steven L Hargis	7/4
Charles Lumadue	7/15
Charlie Mayfield	7/7
Ray Morris	7/23
Laura Paul	7/15
Doug Rittenhouse	7/7
Linda Stadmiller	7/13



Happy Birthday!

### Thank you Dick!

Dick Ostlund submitted a letter of resignation to the Bluebills after 10 years of dedicated service. He has served as our Chair, headed the School Supplies Program, installed grab bars, worked on wheel chair ramps, and secured a lot of sponsors for the Dove House Golf Tournament. He and Vollea recently moved to Bainbridge Island and he is now heavily involved int their Condominium Owners Association major renovations projects and is a member of their board. Thank You Dick for your time and dedication in working with the Bluebills. You will be missed!



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