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From the Chair

By Barbara Berthiaume



Co-Chair Clint Web

Transition

For those of you who do not know, Myron Vogt was diagnosed with a recurrence of lung cancer recently and was operated on at the University of Washington Hospital. During the surgery, another hidden lung cancer was discovered which created complications. Myron has recovered to the point that he could be transported and has been moved to the Bainbridge Island Health and Rehabilitation Center as of 7/1/2020. No visitors are yet allowed. Family have been writing him notes and can see him through a window. Our thoughts and prayers are with Myron and Valeria at this time.

The pandemic has stopped most of the Bluebill activities, and we will take it a step at a time to see what we can continue to do safely. Clint Webb, the co-chair, and his wife Pat, have moved to Des Moines, Michael and Mea Graham are in transition and hope to be moving in August to be nearer to their children. I am recovering from throat cancer so.....we definitely need to think about leadership transition for the future of the Bluebills.

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Myron and I would like everyone to consider what role you can play in the Bluebill structure in Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties and what our organization will look like in the coming year, 3 years, and further down the road. The Leadership Team will work with everyone to come up with solutions to address these very important challenges. Myron has been the rock of the Bluebills since its inception and will be very hard to replace. We all need to begin to look to the future and develop new leadership. The Bluebills have been a valuable and well recognized force for good in the community. It is important to find ways to continue our good work and make the Bluebills as viable as ever in the future. Any ideas, suggestions, or thoughts you may have are most welcome. It will take our entire membership to work to ensure the Bluebills continue to thrive. We need your help to make this happen!

Stay safe and stay home!

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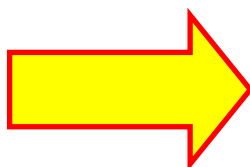
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Special Event!



Cash for Platinum, Silver and Gold

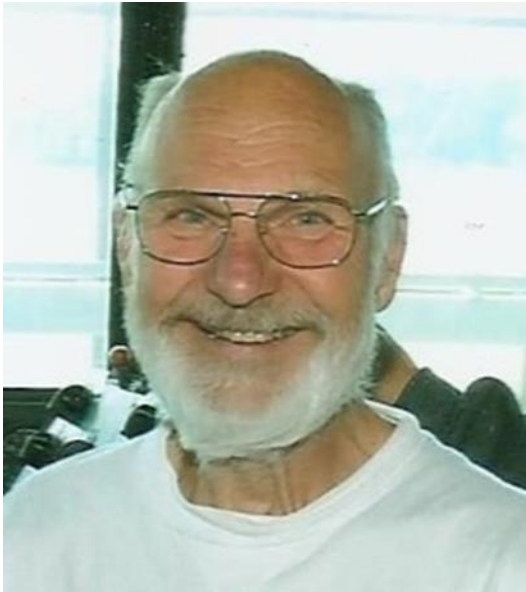
The Peninsula Support Organization is again sponsoring the Cash for Platinum, Silver and Gold event on **Saturday, September 12 at the Beach Club Gallery Room from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

Start sorting out all of your old, broken, or unwanted gold, sterling, and platinum items and bring them to the Beach Club on September 12 for cash! There will be protocols in place to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19 with instructions to follow. The buyer, Stan Morton, had been in retail and wholesale jewelry business for much of his life and started Cash for Platinum & Gold more than forty years ago to supplement his retirement.

Stan has been coming to Port Ludlow for 8 years and has an avid following. He donates 10% of his proceeds to the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO), which supports STEM and the World Vision Essential Supplies programs on the Peninsula. Gold, silver, and platinum are all up from last year so dig into your jewelry boxes and cash in on this event! If you have any questions, contact Barbara Berthiaume at barbara.berthiaume@gmail.com or at (360) 437-0423, or Teresa Forrest at Teresa.forrest@gmail.com or at (360) 437-1191.

Meet Ted Muralt

By Karen Griffith



Ted has been a Boeing Bluebill seemingly forever, since the inception of the Olympic Peninsula Chapter. Ted joined the Boeing Company in 1957 as a draftsman working the B-52 program in instrumentation. From the B52 program, he went to work on the Minuteman Missile System as an engineering aide. In 1959 he traveled to Edwards AFB in the California desert for the first flights of the Missile system. He said, "That was quite a sight seeing this huge missile blast out of the hole

only to get pulled quickly back to ground."

After returning to Seattle from Edwards AFB, Ted worked at the Minuteman Seattle Test Facility (STP). At this time Boeing had a program that paid certain individuals to go to the University of Washington to get a degree in their related fields while still working at the company. As long as a person worked 30 hours a week, schooling was paid for and all company benefits retained. "I could work close to 40 hours a week depending on the school load," he told me. He moved up in the organization after getting his BSEE, each time getting a little more responsibility.

In 1990, Ted ended up working on the 777 Flight Test Program at the Everett plant. He moved from the south end of Seattle (Kent) where he had been working at Kent Aerospace complex. After the move to the Everett plant, he bought a house on Whidbey Island, got into boating and had a sailboat and a motorboat in his backyard waterway.

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After his family was all settled in on Whidbey, he took early retirement in 1992 at age 55, because the company had decided to relocate the 777 project he was working on into some vacant Aerospace building in Kent.

Ted and his wife bought the place he now lives in at Clallam Bay in 1980. It was an RV-mobile and tourist park, and he and his wife managed it. Many of his renters were timber and fishing personnel. But the “Clallam Bay” recession hit (1981) when the lumber industry pulled out and fishing was curtailed. He had tried to research both industries before he bought, but was told everything would go on as usual. Even though the town and business was hit hard, because of a rumor of a state prison that was slated to be built in Clallam (which it later was), he thought they would be OK. They were making a go of it until the Covid-19 virus struck. Once again, he is facing cancellations and a little business adjustment.

Ted built and maintains the Olympic Peninsula Chapter website. He is also the “go-to-guy” for the Clallam Bay and Neah Bay essential supplies program for those school systems. In the early days, he would drive his pick-up truck into Port Hadlock after the World Vision delivery and then gather up the necessary supplies and drive back up to Clallam Bay. But he found it was hard to arrange to be there at a certain time to do the pick-up. So since he owned some storage units in the Sequim area, he provided one of those to be used by the Bluebills. By having the essential supplies at this Sequim unit, people from Clallam Bay, Neah Bay, Forks and Queets can come and pick up what they need when they could make time for it. One particular advocate of the system was a Clallam Bay school teacher named Diana Leiza, who was so overjoyed to have all these supplies for her kids, that she would use the school system vehicles and/or her own vehicles to get the supplies. She is retired now, but still makes the run for supplies just using her own car.

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Ted has also been a big help to the Builder's Program in Sequim, as they needed some temporary storage area for their tools. Charlie Johnson says: "Ted bent over backward to help us. He's always furnished us a unit for essential supplies." Although Ted suffered a stroke awhile back, he isn't letting anything get in his way of helping.

There's no way that the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Boeing Bluebills can reach out and help so many people in our geographic service area without the invaluable service provided by Ted Muralt. A Big Thank You, Ted!



Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the **BOEING BLUEBILLS**

Serving Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties

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Contact any officer or member of the leadership team (see below) with a request for our services or if you are interested in becoming a member of Bluebills.



Hello. We've been organized as a Bluebill chapter since 1998. Our objectives are to improve the lives of the people in the communities we serve and to provide volunteer and social opportunities for retirees on the Olympic Peninsula. Our chapter has a number of programs that serve the communities.

Ted not only is the "Webmaster" for the Olympic Peninsula Bluebill's web page but he also keeps the online archive of past issues of the Bluebill Flyer. Thanks Ted!


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July Calendar

Note: There are no World Vision Essential Supplies activities scheduled for July.

Any World Vision activities will be on an ad hoc basis. Watch your email for information on possible Essential Supplies activities.

July 2020

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	29	30	31	



From the Wayback Machine

Here's a picture from May 2010. Bluebills unloading World Vision Gift In Kind goods in Chimacum after hauling them in from the WV warehouse in Fife.



Some of the GIK volunteers at our Chimacum warehouse:
Clint Webb, Ed Berthiaume, Dick Ostlund, Ed Hughes,
Russ Rousseau, John Miller, Amy Miller,
Shelly Rousseau and Bill Harju.

They had just finished unloading the May pick up
from World Vision.

Builders Pages

JeffCo Builders

Masked Man Strikes Again!



OK. I'm pretty sure that you're getting tired of masked man jokes so this is my last one, promise. David Parrish poses here by the hand rail that he and Joe Gagnier (photographer) installed for a client in June. Builders are able to do more jobs as the county opens up. Please watch your email for opportunities to help!

Kitsap Builders

Minor Repairs?

Our Bluebills Independent Living Program offers ramps, grab bars, railings, transfer poles, and minor repairs relating to safety and ease of living. Oftentimes the latter includes repairs to outdoor steps and porches allowing for safe entry/exit into the house.

We responded to a request for repairs to a porch attached to a mobile home in Bremerton. Our site survey revealed that the front entry steps and porch were weathered, but structurally sound. Although we had made an appointment, no one came to the door, but then a window opened and an unfriendly voice wanted to know what we were doing there. “Bluebills,” we announced with some authority, “we’re here to see about the porch repair,” upon which the unseen voice instructed that it was over on the side of the house.

We went around to the side of the house, and there was no porch or deck to be seen. But further probing underneath the blackberry brambles revealed rotted remains of what might have been a structure of some sort once upon a time.



Given that we were receiving almost one request for help every day at the time, and considering that this was not a primary entrance into the house, and the overall hopelessness of the situation, we decided to leave and press on to our next appointment.

Remnants
of the
original
deck



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The next stop was also reported to be a porch repair, and it was a much nicer neighborhood and house. We found the entry stairs, railing, and porch to be in good repair, of no safety concern, and quite nice looking. The client then pointed to a balcony attached to a second floor bedroom. The underpinnings were sound, although there were some worn out deck boards.

When we explained that we were averse to working in high places, and that this was more of a cosmetic, rather than a safety concern, the client pleaded that she was putting the house up for sale and she wouldn't get top dollar for it with the deck looking like this. Again, we had to pass on the job.

There have been other instances where the entry into a home involved unsafe passage due to bad steps, porches, or handrails that were rotted or missing. Sometimes the referral comes from EMS responders who report the unsafe conditions. We have responded to and made repairs at many of these homes. But sometimes we just have to say no.

Ramping Up

Kitsap Builders are gearing up to begin installing ramps again. Michael Crovitz and John White recently got a jump on things by pre-building a dozen of our standard 4x8 ramp modules. These pre-fabricated sections are transported to job locations where they're bolted to posts using angle brackets and structural screws. They can also be taken apart and removed/relocated when a client moves or no longer needs the ramp.



Michael Crovitz and John White doing a production run of ramp modules.



9 of 12 completed ramp modules.

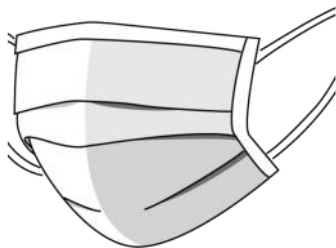
Builders Status

I'll report Builders status this month while Myron is recovering. Things are opening up with a few jobs completed in Kitsap and Jefferson Counties. As we figure out safety protocol and best practices, I'm sure that we will be able to help more folks. As always a big "Thank You" to those volunteers who make this happen!

Jim Mueller

Builder Data 2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	YTD Total	2019 TTL
Grab bars	7	15	9		4	6	41	329
Ramps	5	7	6			1	19	63
Railing	2	7	2		2	6	19	87
Miscellaneous	9	8	16		3	3	39	114
Total Clients	25	24	18		4	4	75	335
Total Different Volunteers	17	19	18		2	5		
Open Projects	40	34	33		1	12		



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 May, 2020

**31 volunteers reported 405 hours. That
is 15.5% of the Bluebill membership
reporting hours for May.**

July Birthdays

RICK SMITH	7/1
STEVEN HARGIS	7/4
JIM KOWALCZYK	7/6
DOUG RITTENHOUSE	7/7
CHARLIE MAYFIELD	7/7
STEVEN BAUER	7/8
RICHARD MEYER	7/13
LINDA STADTMILLER	7/13
LAURA PAUL	7/15
CHARLES LUMADUE	7/15
GARY CAVEN	7/16
JOAN JOHNSTON	7/22
RAY MORRIS	7/23
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SARAH BARTON	7/24



Happy Birthday!

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