

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



From the Chair

By Barbara Berthiaume



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Hi everybody,

The Fall Prevention Program is getting a fresh look with Dave Parrish taking over the program in Port Ludlow. He and his wife Gail moved here from Maui last fall and quickly got involved in the community. To date, Dave has installed over 30 grab bars and worked on 7 ramps. Gail has volunteered to work on the raffle committee for the Dove House Golf Tournament along with Barb Burke, and Sandy Fry. If anyone wants to donate to the raffle baskets or put one together, please contact either one of the committee members or me (numbers can be found in the membership roster that David Goudie generates).

The 6th Annual Dove House Golf tournament will be on Friday, August 18 at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. Golfers of all abilities are welcome to participate as it is a fun event for a worthy cause. We are in need of a Social Chair as Laura Paul and Kathy Roden have retired after serving us many great meals at the quarterly socials. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Laura Paul. As you can see from the content of this month's Flyer, the Bluebills have been on the move on many fronts and volunteer hours are rolling in. Remember that you can record ALL volunteer hours as many of you volunteer in other organizations as well.

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Save the Date Friday, August 18,

Golfers!

2017

6th Annual Dove House Bluebill Golf Benefit



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



The Bluebills 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.

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Volunteer Chore Services Program Coordinator, Donna Jones, passed away on April 24, 2017 after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Donna was a longtime loyal friend of the Peninsula Bluebills. She participated in several of our programs including the World Vision Essential Supplies and Builders and never missed our quarterly events. Donna was loved for her dedication and support of the Bluebills and will be greatly missed by all of us.



Bluebills Peninsula Chapter Founder Receives Rotary Club Heart of Service Award



Jack Randall accepting the Heart of Service Award

The three local Rotary Clubs and the Peninsula Daily News sponsor the Heart of Service awards. At the annual Heart of Service Luncheon held at Fort Wordon Commons on Tuesday, May 16, Jack Randall was honored with a Heart of Service Award for his school safety work as well as his early years forming the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Bluebills.

To read the Peninsula Daily News article- click here

Bluebill Leadership Meeting Report

Thursday, May 4, 2017 Beach Club

Present: Michael Graham, Jack Randall, Laura Paul, Jim Mueller, Don Connely, David Goudie, Bob Keever, Dave Parrish, and Barbara Berthiaume

Builders: Myron Vogt/Bob Keever

Bob met with Catholic Charity Services Program Managers Rusty Figley and Jodie Moody who are in the Tacoma Office. Kitsap County activities will go through them. The Bremerton office will be closed and Jefferson and Clallum County activities will go through the Port Angeles office. Donna Jones, a longtime friend to the Bluebills recently passed away. Bob explained the paperwork involved with insurance coverage for workers in the Independent Living Program. There are a number of new Builder Handbooks available through Bob. He is developing a Bluebill PowerPoint to better acquaint the public with the range of activities we are involved in. We will ask Boeing to print 500 Independent Living brochures for us.

Fall Prevention: Dave Parrish

Dave is the new Fall Prevention person in Port Ludlow. He has installed over 30 grab bars and has worked on 6 ramps since moving here last Sept.

World Vision: Myron Vogt

Bluebills deliver to Clallum County this month and there will be a pickup for Jefferson County May 9. Michael Graham is coordinating this effort and says a person is needed to take the inventory.

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Dove House Golf Tournament –Barbara/Myron

Barb Burke, Gail Parrish, Gail Chanpong, and Sandy Fry make up the Raffle Committee. Tee sponsor sign ups are coming along and we have most of the major sponsors committed. We need to find items to fill the player bags. Jim Mueller and David Goudie will help with our computer needs. New banners and tee signs are needed as we have some new sponsors. Laura will negotiate the lunches with Niblicks and Barbara will confirm Jefferson Healthcare Sponsorship.

Bluebill July Golf:

Michael Graham will lead this activity. We need to identify 2 couples to handle the barbeque, side dishes, and condiments. Article needs to be in Voice by June 10.

Education: Barbara and Judy McKay/Jo Nieuwsma

Jo Nieuwsma coordinates the STEM Program. The Museum of Flight will do a STEM Planetariun Program at Chimacum High School May 10 beginning at 8:45 AM and repeat the program hourly with the last being at 12:45 PM. the Bluebills were invited to a thank you get together with the Chimacum Creek Primary School teachers and Kalie Enlow, the Principal.

FLYER: Valeria/Jim Mueller

The May Flyer was excellent! Well done Jim!

The following Bluebills will send Jim articles:

- July golf tournament Michael
- Dove House Golf Tournament Barbara
- Emergency Food Packs update Jack
- STEM May 10 Karen Griffith (Peggy will take pictures)
- Chair report Barbara
- Helpline Barbara
- Y-Summer Feeding Program Barbara
- Builders Bob (log cabin)

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Homelessness/Dove house – Laura/Kathy No activity this month

Membership: David Goudie Please send any updates to David.

Social: Need Chair(s)

Laura and Kath are retiring after the Spring Social April 7. There were 62 members who checked in in for the Social but the number is probably around 70. We need to actively recruit leaders for the Summer and Fall Social. Pat and Kathy Traci are possible leaders for Oct. and the Niner Men can possibly do the Summer Social. Barbara has a contract for the Christmas Social dinner.

Weekend Feeding Program – Barbara

Christy Spenser, YMCA coordinator says the Y Summer Feeding Program will begin June 26 – Aug. 18. We need to choose our week soon so we can get the word out to volunteers.

Other:

Jefferson County Fair will be August 11,12,13. Michael needs volunteer to fill the 3-day event.

We have been invited to participate in the Rhody Parade on May 20. UGN will send details a week prior to the event. I will distribute the information to all of you.

Michael reports that the Builders will be involved in building a Gorilla Play Gym in Port Hadlock. More details to come.

Bluebill business cards were discussed and a suggestion was made to make them all uniform. David Goudie offered to design options. Discussion will continue and many felt it was a good idea The website needs to be updated and the newcomers questionnaire as well. David Goudie and Bob Keever are working on this with input from the rest of us.



June Calendar



- June 6 ____World Vision Jefferson Co., Pick, Chimacum, Myron Vogt
- June 8 _____Leadership Meeting 3:00 PM ay the Bay Club
- June 9 ____ World Vision Jefferson Co., Delivery, Chimacum, Myron Vogt
- June 13 ___World Vision Kitsap Co., Pickup, Fife, Ed Berthiaume
- June 26 June 30 Bluebills week for Y Summer Feeding Program
- June 30 ___World Vision Kitsap Co., Pick, Chimacum, Ed Berthiaume
- July 7 _____ World Vision Kitsap Co., Delivery, Chimacum, Ed Berthiaume

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Outer Space Comes to Chimacum High School

By Karen Griffith, Boeing Bluebill reporter

"Imagination is more important than knowledge", said Albert Einstein. "There is no success without creativity." Not all of us can be the genius Einstein was but can imagination and creativity be fostered and nurtured among our young people? The Boeing Bluebills think so and that is why earlier this year our Olympic Chapter Group began pursuing opportunities to bring mind-stimulating activities to our local school students.

This year's emphasis in the Chimacum schools is "space science" throughout all the grades. With a \$600 contribution to the Chimacum School district recently from the Olympic Bluebills, The Museum of Flight (MOF) was engaged to bring some of their programs to the Peninsula in support of facilitating STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) education at Chimacum. The Museum offers both on-site and off-site educational programs which promote lifelong learning and go a long way toward stimulating that imagination and creativity that Einstein was talking about.

Bluebill Jo Nieuwsma and her husband Dan took the lead in contacting the Museum in order to arrange for them to bring one of four programs over to Chimacum High School recently. The program is called "Planetarium" and it is, indeed, a portable planetarium which the Museum supplied and erected in the high school gymnasium.



Shown below on the far right are Tedrick Mealy, MOF Educator and Arthur Bednar, MOF Outreach Coordinator.



Others from left to right: Terry Oswald, Jim Mueller, Barbara Bethiaume, Karen Griffith and Dan and Jo Nieuwsma.

The inflatable planetarium is fully functional with space for about 30 students at a time. Tedrick conducted five sessions inside the planetarium for Chimacum High School students in the sciences classes for a total of about 150 students on May 10th. This reporter had the opportunity to join the second class. We were all lined up outside the structure and given instructions such as no cell phones, no side conversations and don't lean up against the structure. We were ushered quickly through the zipper door so as to not let the structure deflate too much. We all sat around the perimeter of the planetarium and Tedrick led us though a 45-minute presentation of the galaxies, planets, stars and constellation. Though it was dark, you could see the students awe and amazement as Tedrick zoomed about the night sky. This was probably the first experience in a planetarium for most of these students. As they were leaving, one could hear comments such as "that was really cool!"

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There are plans to extend this MOF outreach program to Chimacum middle and primary schools later on in the year. The three other MOF off-site education classes are Rockets, Flying Gizmo and Robotics. The cost of the planetarium used only about half of the \$600 the Bluebills gave them and the balance will be put toward helping the middle school fund these projects. Other funding for future programs will be sought.

On May 24th, Bluebills were invited to the Chimacum School Board meeting to acknowledge our gift to them. Superintendent Rick Thompson said, "This fantastic program is a result of what happens when schools and community work together."

URSA MINOR Polaris

To Visit The Museum of Flight Portable Universe Program website-click here



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Betty Faulkner, a longtime Bluebill who recently moved to Virginia, made a very generous donation of one hundred brand new children's books. Rose Yim kindly stamped each book with the Bluebill logo and distributed the books to several classes at the Chimacum Creel Primary School. Thank you Betty! We miss you here!

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Chimacum School students thank the Bluebills for the donation of Chromebooks to the school.



We made do in a small area and created a nice ramp with a really sturdy base that fit within the gate with space around the end. This allowed access to the rear of the building.

As you can see Michael is king of the post hole digger!

The client is happy and now a lot safer.

-Jo

Crew-Michael Graham, Todd Knoblock, Dan Nieuwsma, Jo Nieuwsma,

Dangerous Ramp Made Safe

The client had fallen from this porch more than once and had been injured in one fall.





New, sturdy outboard railing as well as new inboard railing was installed.

Nonslip surface and transition were added to improve the ramp itself.

They sure look safe up there now!

The "Rapid Response Team" (from the left) Michael Graham. Dan Nieuwsma, and Jo Nieuwsma pose atop their handiwork.





Clever Ramp Project

The completed project consisted of an access ramp and 4 grab bars. One in the guest bath and 3 in the master bath (2 or which were in the shower enclosure).



The crew on this project consisted of Mike Hyde, Bill Morris, Jerry Shook and George Sickel



These two rails are mounted on hangers so that they can be removed to allow the client direct access to his truck.

Bluebills Collaboration with Silverdale Kiwanis

By Bob Keever



Bob Keever and Kiwanis volunteers: Bob Schlote, David Grellier (he's also a Bluebill), Phil Shoemaker, Dean Enebo



Bob Keever giving presentation at Kiwanis meeting

When a woman moved into her daughter's house in Bremerton due to health reasons, they were stumped when it came to getting her a wheelchair ramp. They wound up renting a temporary aluminum one, about 8 or 10 feet long with no handrails, and which was about 2.5X too steep. They were paying \$100/mo. rental fee on it plus an additional cost for installation! Then they heard about Bluebills through a Catholic Community Services case worker.

David Grellier, who is a Bluebill and also a member of Silverdale Kiwanis Club, had mentioned that some of the Kiwanis guys would be interested in helping out with ramp building, so we put them to work on this project. They were a good bunch to work with – competent and cheerful – and the customer loved her new ramp, and also the monthly cost savings.

A week later, Bob Keever gave a presentation on our Bluebills Independent Living Program, with emphasis on ramp building, at the Kiwanis meeting in Silverdale. Photos of the recent ramp building project were included. Information on joining Bluebills was handed out as well.

In a further token of goodwill, one of the Kiwanis members, who is also a licensed professional engineer, reviewed our updated Bluebills ramp drawings and provided engineering approval stamping of it. We look forward to continued collaboration with this group.

Log Cabin Repair in North Kitsap

By Bob Keever



Greg DeVault and Marty Dasler



Bob Keever and Marty Dasler

The request came in from a home health occupational therapist about a client in North Kitsap who was "in need of your good services." The OT reported that the client was "a very interesting, creative hermit of a guy who is borderline managing and would welcome your support." The home was described as "controlled chaos," including a front deck that had become somewhat unsafe, and needed to be "secured a little better."

We showed up for the site survey and were treated to a tour of this vintage log cabin, which was ordered from a Sears catalog in 1937! We were overwhelmed by the number of repairs that the cabin was in need of, and had to keep our focus on the most urgent safety related ones. The "somewhat unsafe" deck and stairs were found to be on the verge of catastrophic failure, requiring immediate attention. The client pointed out a couple of holes off on the side where someone had already fallen through.

North Kitsap Fire & Rescue, whom we have partnered with before, financed the lumber purchase using a special fund that's supported with donations from their members paychecks. When we began working on it, the deck and stairs, including underlying support structure, were rotted so badly that they fell apart with little coaxing. We did a ground-up rebuild of a porch, stairs and railings sufficient to allow safe passage in and out of the house. If additional funding becomes available, we may return to replace the remainder of the deck. Meanwhile we advised the client not to venture beyond the railings!

Y-Summer Meals and Literacy Activities Program

Summer Meals and Activities begins on June 26 and continues throughout the summer with sites in Port Townsend, Chimacum, Port Hadlock, Quilcene, and Brinnon. Kitchen volunteers enjoy cool, brief morning shifts making sack lunches and snacks in crews of 8 to10 at Chimacum Elementary School. Literacy activities volunteers enjoy working directly with young children, led by Y staff at Chimacum, Brinnon, and Quilcene site

The Bluebills have adopted the week of June 26 - 30 to staff volunteers for this program. 8 to 10 food preparation volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 8 - 10 am and 1 or 2 volunteers are needed to assist the site leader for the Literacy Program. This is a great program and a very rewarding volunteer experience!

Contact Barbara Berthiaume, (360)437-0423 or Annie Horner, (360)301-0600 for more details or if you would like to volunteer.



To visit the Summer Meals & Activities website- click here

To download the Summer Meals and Activities Brochure, Click here



The Dove House Raffle Committee members Barb Burke, Sandy Fry, Gail Parrish, and Barbara Berthiaume canvassed Port Townsend in search of donations for the raffle baskets. Many stores stepped up to make generous donations. If you would like to make a donate or create a basket, contact a member of the committee. We hope to have all of the baskets completed by July 1.



Update from Citizens for Safe Students

As the school year is winding down, we are picking up steam.

Last summer, we agreed to "sell by donation" three-day emergency kits. Each kit sold would fund one for a Chimacum School. Our sales started late last summer. This spring we were able to deliver enough kits for the entire Chimacum Primary School, where our youngest students are. They have already used the flashlights to navigate within the school during a recent power outage.

The Port Townsend Leader wrote a wonderful article on it which appeared recently and celebrated this with our community <u>(to read the article– click here)</u>. From that, we were invited to make the kits available at emergency preparedness training held at the South Bay Club. There was a rush on the kits before the training started.

Following that came an invitation from South Bay to make the kits available AGAIN for those who may have missed the training and were interested. Combined with the SBCA notice to all, NEXT Door announced their availability. We are still receiving requests as this update is written. We are closing in on having enough kits for the entire Chimacum Elementary School. Our plan is to deliver those kits at the start of the new school year.

The kits are perfect for cars. Some folks are stocking one or more cars with a kit or two. After all, our cars are not far from us when we live in Port Ludlow. We are an active community. Several people are buying them for parents or children. We have folks who have made donations so that two kits can go straight to the schools. Each kit has a five year shelf-life. They are well packaged.

If you have an interest in preparing your family, or helping us stock the schools, please contact Z Jack Randall.... We believe we can sell enough kits to stock both the Quilcene and Chimacum schools. It feels good to provide a measure of protection for our students and schools if a prolonged disruption occurs while our students are in school.

Jack Randall Founder/Co-Chair Citizens for Safe Students Peace Lutheran Fellowship 360-301-0123



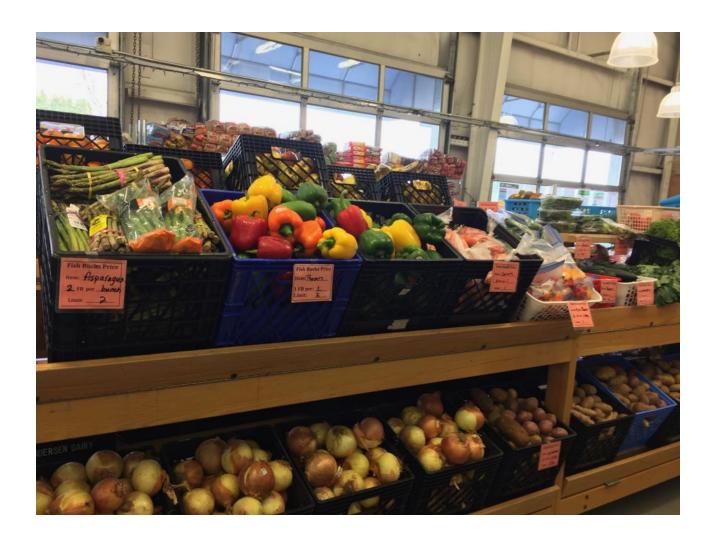
North Kitsap Fishline

Fishline Food Bank and Supportive Services serves over 3000 area families in need by providing food, emergency and advocacy services since 1967. They are a World Vision Essential Supplies client and the Bluebills deliver clothing, toys, office supplies, and other goods to them four times a year. Their range of services include the Food Bank and Supportive Services, Second Season Thrift Store, and the Second Season Home Store. Holly James, Director of Development for Fishline invited Bluebills, Bob Keever, Marty Dasler, and Ed and Barbara Berthiaume to lunch and a tour of their facilities. She introduced us to their "Transforming Lives" Capital Campaign which is in its final stages of fund raising. The Campaign supports the Healthy Foods Market, Food Rescue Facility, and a Comprehensive Services Center. which will be built on the existing facility.



From the left- Lucy Baker, Logistics and Procurement Manager, Ed Berthiaume, Bluebill Kitsap Essential Supplies Coordinator, and Linda Burris, Market manager

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The food market looks like a typical grocery store and clients come in and select items they need utilizing a point system. It is a very welcoming place for neighbors in need and has a respectful atmosphere. We are very proud to partner with Fishline and wish them success with their Capital Campaign. If anyone would like to contribute to this very worthy cause, contact Holly James, Director of Development at development@nkfshline.org and their number is (360) 779-4191.

North Kitsap Fishline

Visit their website- click here



Your Volunteer Hours?? 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 <u>BUDGET</u> BASED ON OUR <u>REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS</u>!

Volunteer hours for April, 2017

50 Bluebills reported 1288 hours. That is 27% of Bluebills reporting. The Bluebills participated with UGN in the Annual Rhody Parade in Port Townsend on Saturday, May 20. There was a big turnout and many onlookers recognized the Bluebills and gave us a cheer.



Picture from left to right is Ed Berthiaume, Rhody Queen, Lauren Montomgery, and Barbara Berthiaume.

June Birthdays

Glenn Andrews	6/30
Evelyn Bequette	6/19
Barbara Berthiaume	6/16
Mike Burke	6/30
George Cox	6/20
Margo Elton	6/6
Carol Glidewell	6/24
Karen Griffith	6/17
Jack Hawker	6/24
Jack Hirschmann	6/19
Daniel Holtz	6/14
Judy McCay	6/23
Bob Peden	6/2
Steve Petrick	6/26
Kathy Snider	6/21
Bill Tracey	6/12
Mark Weaver	6/19

Happy Birthday!

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