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From the Chair

By Clint Webb



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We Bluebills are embarking on an exciting new program! It will be named "Independent Aging". This program will expand the Bluebills Fall Prevention Program by working with agencies and professionals to help seniors prepare for the challenges that come with aging. We will have speakers with expertise in these subjects. We will be partnering with the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO), our recently formed non-profit, in this endeavor.

This program will offer advice on end-of-life planning documents including advance directives, wills, and trusts. Other topics would cover essential home records, available resources for healthy living, sources for help with funding for essential home modifications, and our segment on fall prevention. Question & answers about insurance will also be included.

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The plan is to put the programs on at each of the four community centers in Jefferson County. Each program would consist of four segments of about 30 minutes each with a break in the middle. The timing goal is for the first presentation to take place in September.

Now, we need to form a committee to help put this plan into action. The committee would help to organize events and set-up, publicity, and some small snacks and coffee for the break. This is a perfect opportunity for our newer Bluebills to get involved with a really worthy project that will require only a modest amount of time.

To volunteer, or for more information, please call me at (425) 591- 8308 (cell) or (360-437-4119.

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Myron Vogt will also be happy to talk to you.

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Bob Reasoner receives the Heart of Service Award

By Barbara Berthiaume

On Tuesday, May 14, Bob Reasoner received the Heart of Service Award sponsored by the Peninsula Daily News (PDN) and 3 Jefferson County Rotaries. This award is given to outstanding volunteers who make a difference in their communities. Bob's dedication and passion for education made him a natural to chair the Education Committee for the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) whose mission statement is to further Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) on the Peninsula. The PSO partners with the Museum of Flight in Seattle, the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills, and World Vision. Bob has worked with the Museum of Flight to bring discounted STEM programs to Jefferson County. He made sure that every 8th grader had the opportunity to spend a day at the Museum of Flight. Bob has worked with teachers and administrators to coordinate STEM programs in grades K-12 in the Chimacum School District. He was instrumental in raising \$15,000 the past year to support STEM programs and plans to expand opportunities for more students in the future. Bob is also an internationally renowned educator, author, and creator of the International council for Self Esteem spanning 85 countries.

Congratulations Bob! Very well deserved!

Editors Note: Bluebills Jack Randall, Bob Rosen, Myron Vogt, Bonnie Douglass, Barbara Berthiaume, and Bob Reasoner are all Bluebills who have received this award. It's good to be a Bluebill!



Bob and his daughter Wendy Baldwin at the Heart of Service luncheon.

Meet Your Fellow Bluebills

By Karen Griffith



New member Jim Riley fell into the innocent grip of Bob Reasoner a few months ago. He joined a foursome that Bob was playing in, and by the time they got to the “19th Hole,” Jim was hooked and signed up as a Bluebill! Actually it helped that Bob and Jim have an educational background in common.

Jim grew up in Glastonbury, CT with 4 older siblings. He attended Central CT State University where he acquired a degree in Social Studies AND a wife, Carol! He planned on going into teaching but took a few detours first:

he became Student Activities Coordinator at the University of Mass (where he also got his Master’s in Educational Administration). Then he went to help develop a Harrison Conference Center in Fairfield, CT and became Operations Manager.

Meanwhile his wife, Carol, was working at a retirement center in Bridgeport and she “lured” him over to the center to become Food Services Director. He was quick to tell me he didn’t have to do the cooking. In the mid-90s, they started looking at the Walnut Creek area to relocate. This is where he started actually teaching school, first in a small parochial school in Richmond, CA, and then a middle school in Bay Point, CA where he spent 15 years. In 2012 he retired....or thought he did.

Going stir crazy in retirement after a busy career, Jim started working with the school district’s Home & Hospital organization. If a child had been kept home during an illness for a period of time, a teacher would be assigned to make home visits and tutor them so that he/she would not fall behind.

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When I suggested that he must have been versatile in all subjects, he said, “Anything but math!” He really enjoyed his work with the individual students. He retired again in 2018.

He and Carol had started thinking about where they wanted to live in retirement long before actually ending work. They knew they wanted to downsize and they wanted to be near the water. After eliminating several places on the west coast, they took a long driving trip around the Western States and they ended up here in Port Ludlow. They live in Ludlow Cove, the new development in Port Ludlow, near the water AND the golf course. Besides golf, they stay active kayaking. Two favorite places they’ve kayaked are Alaska and Antarctica. They also enjoy visits from their grown children: daughter Stephanie, and son, James.

Jim has expressed interest in working on Dove House & homeless support projects as well as education programs. Some committee chair needs to snap Jim up soon!!! Welcome Jim and Carol.



CALLING ALL BLUEBILLS!!!



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YMCA SUMMER MEALS AND LITERACY PROGRAM

The annual YMCA of Jefferson County Free [Summer Meals and Literacy Program](#) for children and youth will be held from June 26 to August 18. The **Bluebills have adopted Monday July 29 through Friday August 2** for providing volunteers.

The program offers free nutritious meals to help address food insecurity in Jefferson County and provides academic enrichment to lessen the summer learning gap for families who may not otherwise afford summer camp activities. For our week, the programs will take place at Chimacum Elementary. Snacks and lunches will be prepared there as well as delivered to schools in Brinnon, Quilcene, Mountain View Commons, the Recreation Center in Port Townsend, and the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock.

Volunteers are needed for **food preparation from 8:00 to 11:00 am.** and in the **literacy program from 9:00 to 12:00 pm.** The food program is very well organized, and works like a well-oiled assembly line. Great fun for a great cause!

With the literacy program, you and other volunteers will assist a teacher in a variety of hand-on learning experiences including reading, word games, and math games. Guaranteed to be rewarding if you like to help teach energetic, eager, delightful, young children.

To volunteer, or for more information, contact Pat Webb, 360-437-4119, or cell 425-591-8308, email cwebb91275@aol.com.

Port Townsend STEM Club The Sea Dragons To Compete in International Competition.

Read the Article in the **Port Townsend Leader**, [<click here>](#) . Boeing and the Boeing Bluebills help support this STEM club. Myron Vogt is one of their mentors. They recently sent him this note.



Thank You



Sea Dragons MATE ROV Team

Dear Myron Vogt,
Thank you for supporting the Port Townsend STEM Club's FIRST robotics teams. By becoming our Boeing mentor and qualifying our teams for the Boeing grant you enabled over fifty students to participate in real world engineering and science. Because of your generosity we were able to host four FIRST Lego League teams and start a FIRST Tech Challenge team. We implemented FIRST programs into the Port Townsend School district, Quilcene School district and Chimacum PI program.

Thank you for supporting the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators!

Sincerely,

Ella Ashford
Ella Ashford
Student Ambassador

Port Townsend STEM Club

The Bluebills participated in the Tri-Area Community Center monthly lunch program and cooked a meal on Sunday May 19 at the Community Center.



Gary Caven and Pat Page cooked a delicious meal



The entire crew: Ed Berthiaume, Pat Page, Gail Parrish, Barbara Berthiaume, Gary Caven, and Dave Parrish.

June Calendar

June 3- Monday Deliver World Vision goods to Clallam Co.

June 4-Tuesday Pick up goods at World Vision in Fife-10:00

**June 6-Thursday Leadership Team/PSO meeting 3:00,
Port Ludlow Fire Station**

**June 11-Tuesday Central Leadership Council Meeting-Seattle,
10:00**

June 21- Pick for Jefferson Co

**June 24- Deliver World Vision goods to Jefferson Co. Be at
warehouse at 9:00**

June 25- Pick up at World Vision in Fife for Kitsap Co

Upcoming

**July 3-Leadership Team/PSO meeting 3:00 at Beach Club Bridge
Deck**

June 2019

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	1	2	★ 3			

Builders Pages

Jefferson County

This note from the client's wife:

Thank you Joe for the information and for the ramp. Your group did a great job and were a lot of fun. Going thru this cancer with Skip has been the hardest thing I have ever done. You all put a little sunshine in our day. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jane



From left: Joe Gagnier, Richard Meyer, Dan Nieuwsma, new member, Skip (the client), and Todd Knoblock

Scenes from a busy month



More scenes from a busy month



Client was "housebound" without ramp. Retired Vietnam War veteran requires oxygen and wheelchair. His sister will now be able to take him outside using the ramp.



Joe Gagnier, Richard Meyer, Todd Knoblock, John Fillers, Dave Parrish Photographer





HOW TO KEEP THE JOB TIDY

I was putting in grab bars with one of our new members, John Fillers, and he questioned about cleaning up the area after we drilled those holes in tile or dry wall. I admitted I didn't do much clean-up, so John passed on a little trick that was pretty neat.

Before starting drilling holes for a couple more grab bars, John fashioned an envelope from a piece of paper and masking tape. He then taped this to the wall under where we were going to drill and- by golly-all the dust fell into this envelope. Tape the envelope under the next hole location and repeat.

Pictures show the process.

Thanks for the good idea, John.

Myron



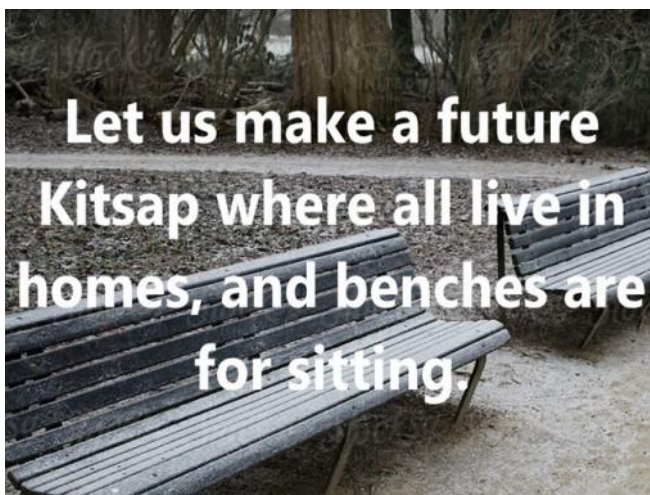
Kitsap Homes of Compassion

By Bob Keever

Kitsap Builders noted that something special was going on when we responded to a request to put in a couple of grab bars for a disabled woman who shared a house with several other women in Bremerton. As it turned out, this was one of 9 (and growing) homes operated by Kitsap Homes of Compassion (KHOC), whose goal is to create deeply affordable, long-term, supportive housing for homeless seniors, disabled homeless, and homeless mothers with young children.

KHOC does not purchase the homes it uses for its program (as that would be too capital intensive), but rather, KHOC leases existing “single family” homes on the open rental market, at market rates. The homeowner(s) (and/or their management company) are aware of, and agree to, the use of their home for this program – and they receive the same net “rent” as if a single family was leasing their home. The program is designed to be self-funding, with the funding coming mainly from the monthly program fee which the participants pay themselves (usually from their Social Security/SSDI/or SSI).

Bluebills will be providing handyman/maintenance assistance to KHOC, with emphasis on fall prevention and safety issues. So far we have visited 3 of the homes, and it’s great to see how these previously chronically homeless folks, once they have a home, stability, and moral support, have had their lives changed.



Kitsap Homes of Compassion: <https://kitsaphoc.org/>



Greg DeVault repairing loose railing at a KHOC home in Bremerton

Ramps Relocated

By Bob Keever

Kitsap Builders never throw away any usable materials, and that includes ramps that are no longer needed. Using the “Modular Ramp” design (one of two methods as defined in the Bluebills Project Handbook), an average-sized ramp can typically be disassembled and loaded in a pickup truck in about an hour or so. Two such ramps were relocated this past month in Kitsap.



Jim and Kevin McGonigle loading disassembled ramp & platform in Poulsbo



Ramp at its new location in Bremerton



Bernie Wittman and Wally Grenquist with “second hand” ramp installed in Silverdale



Ramps are tagged with number for Catholic Community Services



Builder Data

BUILDERS PICKING UP SPEED

After a slow start in the first quarter, the Builders are on a path to match the 2018 record year. We have been fortunate in having several new members join us. They have been indispensable in filling in our crews. In addition some new project managers have stepped up, coordinating the job process. I like to think that the Builders classes we held earlier this year encouraged more members to get involved. In any case, thanks to all of you who are doing more then ever. Keep it up. Myron

Bluebill Builders Data 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	YTD Total	2018 TTL
Grab bars	16	8	13	23	56	116	262
Ramps	2	3	2	3	8	18	69
Railing	5	1	3	9	7	25	56
Miscellaneous	12	2	8	11	7	40	97
Total Clients	23	11	18	24	37	113	290
Total Different Volunteers	20	8	13	17	29		
Open Projects	44	42	41	38	35		



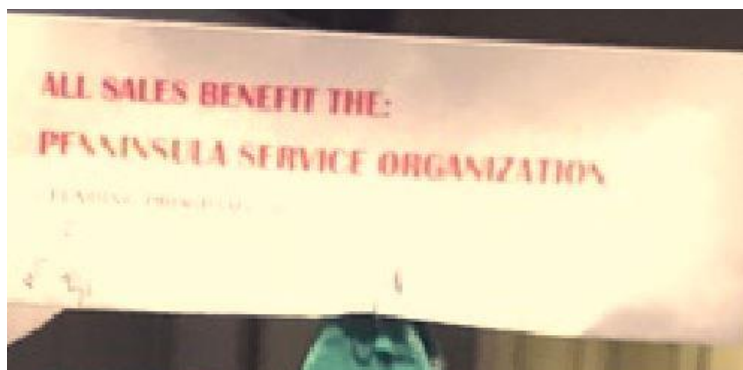
Thanks Jamie Bima!

At the Port Ludlow North Bay Lot Owners Association Garage Sale last month, Jamie Bima, a long time Port Ludlow resident and very active member of our community donated the proceeds of her jewelry sales to the Peninsula Support Organization. \$107.50 was raised to benefit education and World Vision projects on the Olympic Peninsula.

Thank you Jamie.



Jamie and her jewelry display table



Sign Detail

New Bluebills

Here is a list of our newest Bluebills and the areas in which they are interested in volunteering. Thank you and welcome!

NAME	HOME	EMAIL	AREAS OF INTEREST
Mark <u>Byl</u>	Port Ludlow	bylfamily@msn.com	IND
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Twyla Jackson	Port Ludlow	Twyla will be writing grant applications for PSO	
Jeffry <u>Sarantopoulos</u>	Port Ludlow		

IND=Independent Living & Community Service Projects

WV=WV - Essential Supply Distribution

ED= Education

DOVE=Dove House Support Program/Jefferson Homeless

XMAS=Christmas Giving Program

SOC=Social Coordinator

HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Boeing Bluebills Volunteer Hours Report												
2018												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
	6	10	15									31
16	18	18	21	20	16	16	41	22	18	23		229
16	18		21		15	17	22	22	17	23		171
			3					0				3
						5		3		3		11
24	4		10	11		7	5	16		7		84
5	4	3	0		4							16
						16						16
63	30	67	45	93	60	64	70	66	65	70		693
80	10	0	45	30	13	65	26	42	85	14		410
4	26	30	28			8	12				6	114
5	5	5	5						4	4		28
11	25	74	29	36	52	37	6	32	20	18	23	362
15	19	18	29	23	40	21	19	34	11	19	19	267
						10		12	6	10		38
12	4	12	10	16	12	12	25	18	40	25	15	201

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:

jimmccay@cablespeed.com

Volunteer hours for April, 2019

56 volunteers reported 1370 hours. That is 29% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for April.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

BOB PEDEN	6/2
JANE OPALKO	6/2
FRANCISCA GARCIA	6/4
MARGO ELTON	6/6
BILL TRACEY	6/12
DANIEL HOLTZ	6/14
BARBARA BERTHIAUME	6/16
KAREN GRIFFITH	6/17
DAVID JACKSON	6/18
JACK HIRSCHMANN	6/19
MARK WEAVER	6/19
GEORGE COX	6/20
JUDY MCCAY	6/23
CAROL GLIDEWELL	6/24
JACK HAWKER	6/24
GENARO GARCIA	6/26
STEVE PETRICK	6/26
MICHAEL BURKE	6/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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