

*THE BLUEBILL*

# *FLYER*



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## Christmas Giving Luncheon A Huge Success!

This year's partnership between Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) and Olympic Peninsula Bluebills again provided gifts and more for family members of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties.

to the DVSA groups all year long.

In addition to the money provided by CEA, meeting attendees contributed nearly \$800. This money will be used to purchase Gifts-In-Kind memberships.

Funding for the gifts was provided from CEA's Silent Auction, which was held in late November. Enough money was made to provide \$100 to shop for each of the sixty-seven family members whose names were submitted by the agencies. In addition, an \$800 donation was made to each county. CEA used the balance to purchase a membership in World Vision's Gifts-In-Kind program. A GIK membership will provide goods

All the gifts were delivered to the respective DVSA offices on December 17th.

Thanks to everyone who made this program a success again in 2010. Special thanks to Vicki Tallerico, Bluebill Christmas Giving Coordinator (President-Elect of CEA). County Coordinators were Larry Elton, Ed Berthiaume and Myron Vogt.





The guest speaker at our luncheon was Nicole Barnard of Jefferson County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.



Larry Elton, Vicki Tallerico, Pauline Stearns and June DeMers. Vicki and Pauline were co-chairs of the CEA Silent Auction which raised \$9500. CEA Treasurer, June DeMers presented Larry with the money which was used to support DVSA groups in three counties.



In addition to gifts for each of the family members in the Domestic Violence programs, each county was presented with \$800 in cash. Here Bluebill Larry Elton poses with Jackie Brown of Kitsap County, Vicki Tallerico, Bluebill Christmas Giving Program Coordinator, Jennifer Jewel of Clallam County and Nicole Barnard of Jefferson County.



Nicole Barnard gives Vicki Tallerico a hug of appreciation for the \$800 presented to her for use by their group.





Cheryl Torres of ECHHO. Bluebills and ECHHO have worked together for over 10 years



Tim Hockett of Olympic Community Action thanks Bluebills for their help over the past year.



Teri Wensits and Donna Jones of Volunteer Chore Services at Catholic Community Services have both worked with the Bluebills since our chapter was started.



Mary Jean Thomas and Eleanor Roden took care of the reception table, checking off attendees and passing out name tags.

# Thank you!

*Cyndyann*

Most of you are already aware that our Flyer editor, Cyndyann Joyner has announced her retirement. How long has she been the editor? Well, that depends on how you look at things.

Our Bluebill Chapter started in 1998 or so. At that time we had an office in the Skookum building in Port Townsend. (As did Habitat for Humanity). Cyndyann lived in Port Townsend and she joined Bluebills as our first editor. Each month she turned out a paper newsletter that we then made 120 copies of and mailed to members and agencies. After a couple of years Cyndyann accepted a job in Port Townsend and no longer had time to do the newsletter. We continued to publish a short "bulletin" type letter each month for a number of years.

About five years ago Cyndyann retired and moved to Port Hadlock. She was ready to take on our newsletter again with fresh ideas that matched the technology that newer computers and software could offer.

New graphics, color and especially digital cameras provided an opportunity to entirely revamp the publication. However, the high printing costs and time associated with reproducing color pages made the use of these features pretty limited if we were going to print an issue for everyone.

Turns out that our members had also been keeping up with technology and over 95%

were on-line. The newsletter could use graphics, color and pictures and be distributed on-line at no cost to the vast majority of our members and to all the agencies that also received it.

Cyndyann was behind all of this. Suddenly our newsletter looked like a magazine; color, pictures, graphics, stories. Almost anything could be printed. She also felt that the publication should have a name.

In December 2006 we asked for suggestions. One of our agency partners suggested "Flyer" and it seemed really appropriate for a Boeing-related organization. The name was adopted starting in 2007.

I guess you could say Cyndyann has been reporting about Bluebill activities since 1998, with a few years off to work. She must have put out nearly 100 issues over this period and given thousands of volunteer hours.

As a result she has developed a publication that is recognized as a leader in our field and has had many of the ideas and features adopted by other newsletters.

It's not always easy to be a follower but it is harder still to be a leader and Cyndyann has certainly been one with the Flyer.

Thanks from all the Bluebills and all your readers!

Myron

## Gifts-In-Kind Program Status

As most of you know, last October World Vision suspended their bulk distribution program, effectively making it impossible to operate our GIK Distribution program in the same way. For about five years Bluebills had been acting as an agent for schools, churches and non-profits, picking up about 10 pallets per month from World Vision, all at no cost to Bluebills or the clients we distributed to.

Under the new program all members are required to join World Vision at a cost varying from \$350 to \$750 per year. Each member is allowed one trip per month to World Vision and can pick up about one pallet of various goods.

Bluebills purchased a membership for ourselves in October and have been picking up goods every month. Our focus over the past few months has been to obtain funds to purchase memberships for other organizations. Thus far the Rotary Club of East Jefferson County has sponsored a member, Community Enrichment Alliance has purchased a membership and Volunteer Chore Services has re-directed some funds for membership. OlyCap has agreed to purchase a membership for each of their branches (Port Townsend and Port Angeles), and we have funding for the Jefferson Co. DVSA to join. Our goal is eight members, which will allow us to pick up enough goods to fill our warehouse.

The Hood Canal GIK group is also working on memberships. They currently have four.

Once in operation we plan to continue to distribute the way we always have.



GIK warehouse in Chimacum.



With the new system we will have to make some changes to our program.

1. Picking up goods.

Since we are no longer getting goods on a pallet loaded with a fork lift we can't use the truck from Carl's any longer. Each load is small boxes of many items and one load will fit in an SUV or Mini-Van.

The result is that we need to make more trips to the warehouse in Fife. If there are enough drivers we can easily handle this so please think about volunteering to drive.

2. The Chimacum warehouse.

There will be multiple trips to WV and multiple drop-offs at the warehouse. We need a new system to account for this. Also, Ed Hughes wants to phase out of the warehouse manager job so that needs to be addressed.

3. Membership funding.

Although we are probably okay for 2011, memberships have to be renewed each year. We need to think about that.

A GIK meeting for all interested parties is planned for January. Details are:

DATE: Friday, January 14th  
TIME: 2:00 - 4:00  
PLACE: The Bay Club, Port Ludlow

I will send out an agenda prior to the meeting. Please put this date down if you are interested in helping.

Thanks, Myron

## BLUEBILLS HAVE LOTS OF SHOES!

In mid-December World Vision advised us that they had received lots of children's shoes from Walmart and wanted to know if we could pick up some. Turns out they had in the neighborhood of 50,000 pair. Luckily, our Chimacum warehouse was nearly empty as we had just delivered our December GIK pickup, which was mainly toys. Our Hood Canal GIK group also wanted shoes so together we managed to pick up seven pallets. As the Chimacum warehouse still had a little room, we later picked up another two pallets.



John Miller's pickup and trailer with four pallets.



One pallet of shoes in Myron's pickup truck. This is at World Vision in Fife.

At this time we have about 3000 shoes in our Chimacum warehouse and about 700 in the Hood Canal warehouse. The shoes are in sizes 1 to 11 and we have almost all sizes in stock.



We plan to identify our GIK partners who deal with children in some fashion, (schools, food banks and Domestic Violence groups) and offer a package of shoes to each. Delivery will be made in early January so we have room for our January GIK pickup

# Olympic Peninsula Bluebills

## Boeing Retiree Volunteers

### 2010 Accomplishments



#### Bluebill Builders 43 Volunteers

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Ramps built                                       | 61  |
| Grab bars and railings installed                  | 105 |
| Miscellaneous modifications, repairs and projects | 75  |

#### Gifts-In-Kind Program 41 Volunteers

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| GIK Members                | 63  |
| Pallets of goods delivered | 102 |

#### School Supply Distribution 26 Volunteers

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Eligible schools                     | 13 |
| Pallets of school supplies delivered | 18 |

#### Food Truck Unloading 16 Volunteers

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Total food unloaded (pounds) | 111,000 |
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#### Lifeline 5 Volunteers

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Total Lifelines installed | 23 |
|---------------------------|----|

#### Christmas Giving 32 Volunteers

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|---|----|
| Number of families gifts were purchased for:    | 41 |
| Number of individuals gifts were purchased for: | 67 |



**Total Volunteer Hours — 8,000**

**Total Members — 148**  
**New in 2010 — 16**



## BLUEBILLS 2010 REVIEW

The chart on the previous page provides the data for 2010.

The name of the Independent Living Program has been changed to Bluebill Builders as we are taking on more projects that are not really connected with Independent Living, although these jobs are the majority of the work we do. We built a few more ramps in 2010 (61 vs. 51) and had about the same number of volunteers on the program. Last year we installed a lot of chair and sofa platforms.

Because of the World Vision changes to the GIK program, we tapered off on the amount of goods we could pick up in 2010 but still the Olympic Branch and Hood Canal Branch managed to deliver 102 pallets of goods to 63 members.

The School Supply Distribution went very well. We were able to provide each of the 13 schools we serve with about a pickup truck load of items.

The team unloaded about 15,000 more pounds of goods from the Chimacum Food Bank truck this year and in addition built nearly 30 feet of shelving for them.

Lifeline continues to be a popular program and we have added a new installer this year.

We lost six members for various reasons in 2010 but added sixteen new for a membership gain of ten.

Christmas giving accomplished our purpose again in providing gifts for the DVSA family members. Details are in the lead article.

Myron.

# January Calendar

January 6 (Thursday)

Leadership Team Meeting—Beach Club 3:00~4:00

January 11 (Tuesday)

Unload Food Bank Truck—Chimacum 8:00~9:00

January 11 (Tuesday)

Central Leadership Council Meeting—Seattle 10:00~11:00

January 14 (Friday)

Gifts-In-Kind Team Meeting—Bay Club 2:00~4:00



# Leadership Page



2011 Officers:

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
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## PROGRAMS

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### GIFTS-IN-KIND

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## Birthdays in January

Vicki Tallerico ~ January 4th

Kathy Traci ~ January 13th

Ken Avicola ~ January 14th

Larry Lang ~ January 26th



Happy Birthday to you all!!

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

First, I want to wish everyone a very joyful and successful New Year and hope your Christmas was spent surrounded by those whose love you share. As we enter 2011, I thought a good start would be to check out the Bluebill websites. I bring this up because our Central Leadership Board has worked this year with the Boeing Management and the Global Corporate Citizenship organization to coordinate efforts more closely for the benefit of both. One enhancement that was made was to integrate our Bluebill websites with the Boeing.com sites. The benefit to us is that those who are close to retirement can go to "Boeing Retirees" in Google where they will find our website. In the past there was no easy way for those folks to know about us before they retired. It was by word of mouth or by finding such a great group as ours by moving to Port Ludlow and playing golf. For us who are already retired, we can go to the Bluebill home page directly and read about our activities or those of the other chapters or the Central Leadership group.

One great feature of our site is that there is an index of all the Flyer articles where you can look back and find anything of interest. The URL for the organization site is <http://www.bluebills.org>. From there you can select from any of our chapters' sites. We are also available through Google, Yahoo, Bing or the other search engine outfits by typing **Bluebills** or **Boeing Retirees**. We are fortunate to have Ted Muralt as our web master. The Central leadership web master is Mike Yanega. If you have a question, or any suggestions about the website, you will find what you need from either of them.

Dick