

# BLUEBILL

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



Chair Barbara

### From the Chair

By Myron Vogt



Co-Chair  
Needed

### 2021 OUTLOOK AND PLANS

Now that there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel relative to the Covid lockdown, it's time to think about what we need to do to regain the ground lost during the last year or so.

We have managed to keep going, although to a curtailed extent, on our Builders and World Vision programs. Most other activities have been on hold. Hopefully by June or July things will be nearly back to normal as far as working together is concerned.

The things we have not been able to do are getting together for training and holding group meetings for recruiting and passing on general information.

The first thing we hope to do is hold an all-member meeting early this summer. That will be in Port Ludlow.

Breaking our group into regions, here are some plans for the rest of this year.

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### **South Jefferson County**

The South Jefferson branch, Brinnon and Quilcene area, have been able to continue their monthly pickups at World Vision. Builders have been responding as needed. We do need to hold a meeting in that area to recruit, train and recognize member achievements. Probably in June or July.

### **North Jefferson County**

We need to hold recruiting, training and member recognition meetings. Our membership has held up pretty well but there are quite a few new faces.

### **Clallam County**

Health and aging have taken a toll on our Clallam County members. We need to meet with them and figure out a way to get the Builders and World Vision programs going again. Perhaps we need to have some Jefferson County members lend a hand.

### **Kitsap County**

Kitsap activity slowed over the past year with Builders focusing on the most urgent requests. We plan to begin picking up the pace, including working through a backlog of grab bar installations and indoor work. A meeting sometime late spring or early summer will be held for the purpose of making sure the team members know each other, information exchange, new member recruitment and orientation, and leadership development.

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## **Peninsula Support Organization (PSO)**

Bluebills support PSO through fundraising and volunteers. With a new superintendent at Chimacum and lack of contact with the Museum of Flight, a new plan has to be worked out with all these parties. We plan to hold a Wine Tasting and a Used Book fund raiser in the fall. Right now, we have a few thousand dollars in the PSO fund to use to help STEM programs.

## **Leadership Roles**

Again, age and health are taking a toll and we need to find people to take over the Chair and Co-Chair roles. Think about this. You do not have to be a Boeing Retiree for this job.

Good training would be to work with us to lay out the plan and take the action needed on the above items. Let me know if you can do that.

Myron



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# DOVE HOUSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The following card was sent to all the golfers who played in the 2019 Dove House Tournament. If you are a golfer or know of a golfer who may be interested in playing in this tournament let us know and we will keep you informed.

Contact Myron Vogt [vogt@cablespeed.com](mailto:vogt@cablespeed.com) or Robert Chanpong [chanpr@hotmai.com](mailto:chanpr@hotmai.com) to get on our list. Also, if you know of a business that may be interested in advertising at this tournament let us know. Tee signs start at \$100, major sponsorships start at \$500.

Thanks, Myron





# **GOLFERS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**Bluebills**

## **Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament**

**Port Ludlow players - Members - \$65**

**Non Members - \$110**

**Cost includes: Golf cart, box lunch, winner prizes, awards ceremony with spaghetti dinner, free wine and beer bar.**

**Sign-up forms will be available at the ProShop starting in July.**

**Or, send players' names and check made out to Dove House.**

**Dove House, 1045 10th St., Port Townsend, WA 98368**

**For more information: Robert Chanpong, 925-360-4360,  
[chanpr@hotmail.com](mailto:chanpr@hotmail.com)**



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HURTS!

JEFFERSON COUNTY NEEDS YOUR HELP.

**NO MORE**

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.

## **Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament**

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**Port Ludlow Golf Course, Port Ludlow, WA**

**Be a player or a sponsor**

**Call: Myron Vogt, 360 437-4055 or  
Barbara Berthiaume 360 437-0423**

**A Boeing Bluebill Sponsored Event**

## Meet some new Bluebills

By Karen Griffith



John and Sally Nuerenberg moved to Port Ludlow just last October. They read an article in *The Voice* about the Christmas giving program and called Laura Paul to ask about it. They got a couple of children's names and went shopping for presents. When they delivered the wrapped presents to Laura's house, she told them of the tent campground at the Fairgrounds.

John and Sally gathered up blankets, towels and other items and took them to Laura's also. They started thinking about this organization and thought that maybe this was a cause they could get involved in.

They met at a community college in Grand Rapids, MI. Sally was born there, moved away for a few years, and then moved back. John was born in Detroit, lived there 12 years, moved to Edmore MI and then to Grand Rapids where he met Sally. They both attended the University of Michigan as undergraduates, Sally in Special Education and John in Music Theory and Composition. They both got Master's Degrees from Central Michigan University, in their respective fields. John spent a few years in the army in Arizona and Japan. They were married in 1969.

Sally taught school for 30 years in Michigan and Arizona. John's first job out of college was working in a retail music store where he was part owner. His next job was working for the Yamaha Corporation in the division which made band instruments and drums. He spent 22 years there.



They both thought they would like living in the Phoenix area for the rest of their lives. And they did get involved with many volunteer activities down there. They both retired several years ago.

Like so many people in the AZ area, they spent their summers up in the Northwest. For years they had divided their time between a cabin South of Brinnon and Surprise, AZ. Then they decided to sell both their places and find a home here where they could live year-around.

They have two daughters – one in Sequim (mother of their two grandchildren) and another daughter in Bellingham. John has four siblings in the state so they feel they are closer to family here.

They are ready to plunge into activities with the Bluebills. They are hoping to have their vaccinations completed next month and are ready to begin working on installing grab bars. They both have expressed an interest in the Domestic Violence Victims Support program. John is going to be joining the Bluebill Builders program and Sally would like to help out with the World Vision program. Myron has already sent them a handbook and Mike Burke has contacted them on sorting and distribution. These two are going to be great additions to our organization!



Welcome

# March Calendar

- Mar 9 WV Pickup for Kitsap- in Fife 9:00 am
- Mar 9 WV Inventory for Kitsap - Chimacum Warehouse 12:00 pm
- Mar 14 Daylight Savings Time!
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19 WV Pick for Kitsap - Chimacum Warehouse 9:30 am
- Mar 23 WV Delivery for Kitsap - Chimacum Warehouse 9:30 am

## March 2021

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			



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# Builders' Pages

## Kitsap Builders

### Dangerous Stair Steps

Stairways are a common location for falls, and they result in a disproportionate risk of death or severe injury.

In Bremerton we see many older homes with multiple concrete steps, frequently in disrepair, leading up to or down to the entry. Often the railing has fallen apart, or was never there in the first place. It's one thing to take a fall on a couple of padded stair steps inside the home. It's quite another to fall down a number of concrete steps on the outside.

We recently responded to a request from the daughter-in-law of an elderly man who was recuperating at her home after returning from the hospital following a fall. She reported that he would not be allowed to return to his own home until railings were installed along the two sets of concrete stairs leading to the entrance of his house.

The site survey revealed that both of them were ready for him to return to his independent living. Measurements were taken and Bluebills returned to get the job done.



## North Kitsap Ramp

This North Kitsap client suffers ailments that had trapped him in his home. He has Parkinson's Disease which has its own challenges, then he recently fell and broke his femur. His wife was unable to move him up and down the steps, and couldn't get him to doctor's appointments for medical treatment. This ramp will allow her to get him in/out of the house, and they are both grateful.



Michael Crovitz with the completed ramp (John White was taking the photo)



## Essential Supplies Program Delivers to Jefferson County, Kitsap Next

On February 23, Bluebills delivered disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, bottled water, and a mini refrigerator to agencies in Jefferson County. Deliveries were made to:

Community United Methodist Church (mini fridge)

Focus Alternative High School

Jefferson Teen Center

The Old Alcohol Plant (Bayside Housing & Services)

OlyCap

Tri Area Food Bank

In March the Bluebills are scheduled to serve Kitsap County. Check the Flyer calendar for days and times. Contact Cal Williams: 360-471-7468 or email [willica05@gmail.com](mailto:willica05@gmail.com) if you are able to help.



# From the Wayback Machine

## Taken from the March Flyer of ten years ago

Bluebills of the Olympic Peninsula

March 2011

### Unloading supplies for the Tri Area Food Bank



Michael Graham and Ken Snider



Connie Johnson, Tri Area Food Bank  
Manager

#### BLUEBILLS SUPPORT TRI-AREA FOOD BANK IN MANY WAYS

The second Tuesday of each month Bluebills and other volunteers gather at the Tri-Area Food Bank in Chimacum at 8:00 to help unload the monthly shipment of food from the area warehouse. In 2010 twelve Bluebills pitched in on the effort and unloaded 108,000 pounds of goods. That's nearly five tons each month that the crew unloads from the truck, box –by-box, and stores in the food bank.

Bluebills help the food bank wherever we can. Last year the guys built 72 linear feet of shelving to increase the storage capability. The Tri-Area Food Bank is also a member of the Bluebills Gifts-In-Kind Program and, as such, is provided with a list of items they can select and have delivered each quarter. Recently the food bank's computer crashed and Bluebills were able to provide them with a workable spare computer.

Ken Snider coordinates our work with the food bank and contact him if you are interested in helping or just show up at the food bank the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00.



# 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:**  
[jimmccay@cablespeed.com](mailto:jimmccay@cablespeed.com)

## **Volunteer hours for January, 2021**

**42 volunteers reported 524 hours. That is 22% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for January.**

## ***March Birthdays***

<b>THOMAS CONLEY</b>	<b>03/02</b>
<b>TODD KNOBLOCK</b>	<b>03/03</b>
<b>CHARLIE JOHNSON</b>	<b>03/09</b>
<b>MYRON VOGT</b>	<b>03/10</b>
<b>ANNE RICKER</b>	<b>03/12</b>
<b>JAMES RILEY</b>	<b>03/13</b>
<b>JIM KNIGHT</b>	<b>03/14</b>
<b>MICHAEL EASTMAN</b>	<b>03/15</b>
<b>ROSE YIM</b>	<b>03/15</b>
<b>HOWARD SCHAIBLE</b>	<b>03/19</b>
<b>CYNTHIA DURHAM</b>	<b>03/23</b>
<b>WES DUNHAM</b>	<b>03/30</b>



***Happy Birthday!***

## OFFICERS

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