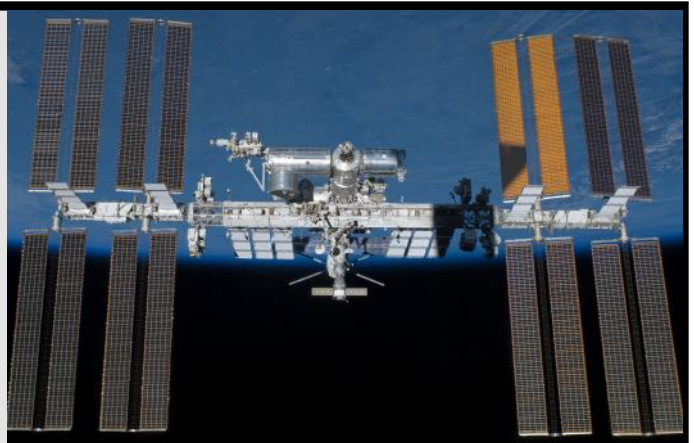


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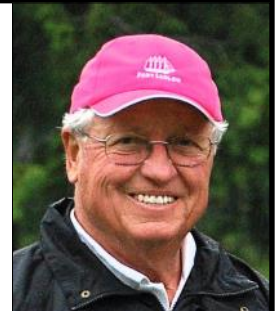


Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Newsletter Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



Barbara Berthiaume

**From the Chair
By Myron Vogt**



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OUR PAST 20 YEARS

The Olympic Peninsula Chapter received its charter in 1998.

Jack Randall was the person who got us started meeting in 1997.

In 1998, 21 Bluebills logged 1383 volunteer hours.

Some of these original volunteers are still on our membership list:

- Jack and Edith Randall
- Ken Winter
- Myron and Valeria Vogt
- Ted Muralt
- George Ansley
- Howard Schaible
- Cyndyann Joyner

It took us until 2012 to break 10,000 hours (11,860). In 2017 we reached a new high of 17,252 hours.

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Over these 20 years here are some of the things Bluebills have done:

Builders:

Ramps Built	1050
Grab bars and railing installed	2900
Minor safety repairs and modifications	1150
Individuals helped to live more safely in their homes	3000

World Vision Programs:

Churches, schools, and agencies helped	96
Pallets of goods delivered	1030
Miles driven by members	198,000

Domestic Violence Golf Tournaments:

Amount of money raised	\$92,000
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Christmas Giving:

Number of families	620
Money raised	\$24,000

Education:

Backpacks provided	960
Boxes of school supplies	900
Museum of Flight programs	12
Computers purchased	50

Weekend Feeding Program:

Total students	250
Lunches provided	12,500

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS 186,400

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In addition to the above, Bluebills have provided dozens of loads of clothes, household goods, paper products, cleaning supplies, and other items to the Homeless and Domestic Violence programs.

Whether you have been a Bluebill for 20 years or 20 weeks, each and every one of you should be proud of the work done to help our community.

We continue to look for ways and programs that our members are interested and able to get involved with. Remember, it is usually up to you to respond to requests for your help.

Myron Vogt



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Paper Goods Drive



The Bluebills are sponsoring another Paper Goods Drive on March 7, 8, and 9 at the Bay Club. There will be a container in the entryway for these items. Paper goods include items such as diapers, tampons, kleenex, toilet paper, and paper towels. The donations will go to [Dove House](#) and the [OlyCap Homeless Program](#).

DO NOT DONATE ANY CLOTHES!
Dove House and OlyCap do not have room for them nor the need at this time.



DOVE Advocacy
Services
HOUSE

OlyCAP



Calling all Bluebills!!



Want to hang out and see your PSO dollars at work (and inspire a few kids too!)? We're planning a visit from the Museum of Flight to the Chimacum Creek Primary School on March 16th to present the inflatable Planetarium and Flying Gizmos programs to the students and hopefully inspire them to follow the STEM curriculum and work into a technical career.

Chimacum Creek Primary School, 313 Ness Corner, Port Hadlock, 98339

Right by the Jefferson County Library

On March 16th, the event should run from 9 to 3:30 (gizmos at 2:30). Check in at the office for OK and directions then come on over and help inspire and support the kids. Don't forget your Bluebills gear!

Questions, contact Bob Reasoner (360) 437-0200 or esteem1@aol.com



**Please join the [Rotary Charity Auction](#)
coming April 7th in Port Townsend.**



Whoo-hooo! Yee-haaa!

[PT Rotary's auction](#) is set in a wild west saloon in Port Townsend and should be a really fun time. All proceeds go to local causes including many the Bluebills also support.

This year's Fund-a-cause will go to upgrading the Boiler Room's ancient kitchen and the balance to places like the [Dove House](#), [OlyCap](#), [Camp Beausite](#), [ECHHO](#), [Jumping Mouse](#), and many more.

If you have anything that you'd like to donate that could be auctioned please contact Jo Nieuwsma @ 424-333-5413 or rocketmama@verizon.net

Buy tickets or check out more information on

<http://www.ptrcdinnerauction.com/index.html>

Skillmation!

Mentoring opportunities available



Skillmation is a new concept that uses a website to connect people interested in mentoring students in various subjects and ways. A mentor signs up on the website, noting the type, time allotment, special interests they can offer and a protégé or school counselor can search for a mentor that fits their needs. Several of the local schools are using Skillmation to their advantage and encouraged us to ask the Bluebills to join.

There are over 100 people in the area that have already signed up and with all the talent in our Bluebills group we should be able to match that! Check out their website skillmation.com.

Contact Jo Nieuwsma @ 424-333-5413

or rocketmama@verizon.net for more information.

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They Also Serve.....Part Two

By Karen Griffith, Roving Reporter

(Karen Griffith is interviewing various Bluebills to find out where they have been spending their volunteer time.) -Ed



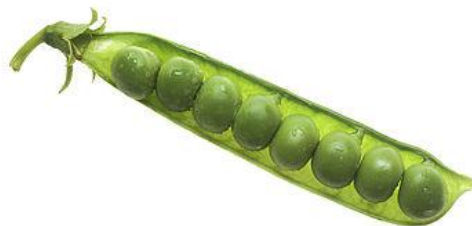
Anne Ricker: As a child in the 1950s, Anne often rode through Quilcene and wondered about the adorable little church near Hwy 101. Then, in the early 1990's she and her husband, Scott, bought the whole (derelict) block with the old theater, parsonage and church. With a lot of help, they completely restored the Old Quaker Church into a studio/art gallery and project space.

In 2012 a generous gift

made it possible to purchase the adjoining Hwy 101 property and transform it into Q Gardens, a non-profit community demonstration garden.

Many groups use the space and Q Gardens' members and others hold classes on such topics as biochar use, drawing, plant propagation and so forth. They have also formed strong relationships with the Quilcene school garden and the Quilcene/Brinnon Garden Club, whom they help with their

annual plant sale. All proceeds benefit school scholarships and local community projects. This has been a labor of love on everyone's part and remains an invaluable example to other Quilcene entities to express their unique character and beautify this odd little village. This past year, Anne contributed over 70 hours last year to our Bluebill volunteer hours.



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Bob Rosen: “Like the magic bean in Jack and the beanstalk,” is how Bob describes the effect of building one water purification plant in Thailand. He and his wife Pen, who is from Thailand, began working on this project almost 20 years ago. In conjunction with some money and members from the East Jefferson Rotary Club, he and Pen went to a village in Thailand and installed the first water purification system. Once this new water system was in place, the extra water it produced was sold

and the proceeds were used to buy computers for the schools. Prior to this, children only went to school there through the 4th grade. Afterwards, children could stay in school longer because it meant that educational opportunities were opened up to them via these computers. Bob says that since that first system and the other 12 additional systems that they built in the years since, these schools have produced two doctors, a lawyer, and 10-12 four-year nurses among the graduates. At first, it was difficult at first to get parents to agree to keep their children in school longer than 4th grade, now parents want their children in school and clamor for additional water systems in other villages. One of the first children to graduate from college went on to get a law degree. He sent half his first month’s salary home to his family in their small village. That day, “everything changed” for that family. Like the magic bean, great things came from the first idea of clean water. Bob and Pen go back to Thailand as often as they can to lay the groundwork for even more water systems. He does the grant-writing and other fund-raising and Pen provides the knowledge of the country and the language to make sure the work happens as smoothly as possible. “How basic is clean water?” Rosen asks. “What miracles those water purifications systems created. Like Jack and the beanstalk.” Bob donated over 150 hours to Bluebills last year.



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Evelyn Gunter: Evelyn donated over 50 hours last year to the Weekend Nutritional Program in Quilcene. Similar to the Backpack for Kids program in Chimacum and Port Townsend, this program in Quilcene and Brinnon provides 57 bags of food every Friday to students. In each bag are nutritional foods that will provide appropriate calories for each student over the weekend. “The calorie count of the foods we provide is geared to a growing teen-age boy,” Evelyn says. And the proof is in the brighter

attention span those children have on Monday morning instead of coming to school on an empty stomach from having little food in the house over the weekend. Evelyn spends several hours each week pulling the appropriate food from their storage area, packing the bags and delivering the bags to the schools. Any student who requests a bag is given one. “This just saved us,” one mother was reported to have said about these food bags.

In addition to that work, Evelyn is also the “jewelry lady” at the [Habitat for Humanity](#) store in Quilcene. When people donate jewelry, Evelyn collects it, repairs and polishes it, prices the pieces and bring them back to the store for purchase. So Evelyn works with the basics like food and then finishes it off with the sublime – jewelry!



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Audrey Witsoe: Audrey also has a soft spot in her heart for feeding the children of our area. She and her husband David, along with Karen and Harold Jensen, started the Back Pack for Kids, sponsored by their Peace Lutheran Church in Port Ludlow. That was 8 years ago and they began by putting together 11 bags of food for students in the Chimacum schools. Today that number is around 70 bags weekly. Audrey and

David shop every two weeks at Costco in Sequim (a hefty round-trip from their home in Nordland), assemble the bags at the Tri-Area Center, box them up and deliver them to the 3 schools in the area. A typical bag of food consists of: can of chili and chicken noodle soup, tuna salad with crackers, granola bars, applesauce, oatmeal packets, cold cereal, cracker snack, box of juice and milk and a sleeve of crackers. She told me that she knows of two young people who are recipients of the back packs who have lived in a tent for a number of years and have not missed one day of school. "It's hard to believe in our community that we have so much 'food insecurity,'" Audrey told me.

Karen Griffith





Readers' Comments

The OlyPen Bluebills welcome comments and feedback concerning Bluebills projects, programs, events and the Flyer. We reserve the right to edit comments for grammar, privacy...etc. Political, defamatory, anonymous, soliciting, or comments not related to Bluebills activities will not be included. If you wish to submit a comment, please email it to:

olypenbluebills@gmail.com.

Thank you.









We hope to have some actual comments next month.

Jim

March Calendar

- March 1 World Vision Pick for Clallam Co.- Chimacum 9:00 am
- March 6 World Vision Delivery for Clallam Co.- Chimacum 9:00 am
- March 8 Leadership Team/PSO meeting. Beach Club 3:00-4:00
- March 11 Daylight Savings Time Starts– Spring Forward!
- March 13 Pick up at World Vision for Jefferson Co. Meet at Fife at 9:00
- March 13 Central Leadership Council Meeting-Seattle 10:00-11:00
- March 17 Saint Patrick’s Day– Begorrah!
- March 20 Spring Equinox
- March 30 World Vision Pick for Jefferson Co. Meet at warehouse at 9:00

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WAYPOINTS



- April 3** **World Vision Delivery to Jefferson Co.**
- April 7** **Spring Social– Sequim, Elks Lodge**
- Jun 22** **PSO Used Book Sale, Port Ludlow**
- Jun 26** **PSO Used Book Sale, Sequim**
- Jul 16** **Bluebill Summer Social Golf Tournament**
- Aug 17** **Dove House Golf Tournament**
- Oct 12** **Bluebills Fall Social**
- Nov 16** **PSO Silent Auction**
- Dec 4** **Christmas Giving Social/Event**



Builder's Pages

A Busy Week for Kitsap Builders

By Bob Kever

As we entered the ramshackle mobile home in South Kitsap, the smell hit us like a punch in the face. The elderly wheelchair bound woman apologized, and explained that the washing machine was not working, and that she couldn't keep up with the soiled laundry from her severely disabled octogenarian husband.

During the fall prevention safety inspection, we disturbed cockroaches by the hundreds, and it looked like rodents had been present within the holes in the flooring. Then their happy-go-lucky four year old great-grand-daughter, who is also living there, came bounding forward. For her, this is all normal, and aside from the poverty, it did appear to be a warm and nurturing environment. We got the washing machine working, and returned later in the week to patch the holes in the floor. Together with the social worker assigned to this family, we are doing what we can to make things better.

This was the first of 5 client visits that day. On the last one, in Bremerton, living alone in a 5th wheel within a low income mobile home park, we found our client down on his knees, unable to get up. He was unhurt, but had gotten himself into an awkward position from which he was unable to straighten out. We helped him up, and discussed plans for the ramp and grab bars we would be putting in a few days later. He was grateful for the ramp, "it looks so good...I'm finally able to get out into the fresh clean air... I just can't believe it...it's such a blessing...thank-you!"



Ramp for the fifth wheel in Bremerton

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Earlier in the week we were in North Kitsap, revisiting our friend in the vintage log cabin. Previously we rebuilt the front porch and stairs after paramedics expressed concern that they might fall through during one of their frequent visits there. This time we addressed the gaping hole in the exterior bedroom wall, where a door had rotted and fallen out. We put in a new door so that he no longer has to pile so many blankets on the bed to stay warm.



Bedroom wall before repair



Greg DeVault with client after the repair
(photo release signed by client)

There were several other dispatches that week, but pretty soon they start to blur together. We sometimes become disparaged, feeling that the needs are so great, and that our response is so limited, but then we are reminded of the words of Edmund Burke, who said, “Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.”

Bob Keever

Clallam County Ramp Builds

By Charlie Johnson

The guys in Clallam Co built this ramp and now the person is able to come home from rehab. Leonard Stadtmiller and John Meyer worked right through the rain. (Rain in Sequim?)



Leonard Stadtmiller and John Meyer



Another Clallam Co. Ramp build



The volunteers left to right Gene Helmsworth, John Meyer, Mel Rostron, Ken Orth, Leonard Stadtmiller. Not pictured Doug Rittenhouse. Photo by Charlie Johnson.

Stair Rebuild in Quilcene

By George Sickel

This is part of a Habitat for Humanity project.



We totally rebuilt the front steps and made them to an equal rise. Then added the handrail.



We custom made the four risers on the back steps to even out the rise, then used the same tread boards and turned them over. Added handrail where the client wanted it.



2018 Builder Data



	Jan	Feb	YTD Total	2017 TTL
Grab bars	19	13	32	229
Ramps	7	7	14	52
Railing	1	3	4	38
Miscellaneous	6	7	13	56
Total Clients	25	20	45	222
Total Different Volunteers	16	17	n/a	
Open Projects	45	55	n/a	



LARRY LANG-CLALLAM COUNTY WORLD VISION COORDINATOR

By Myron Vogt

Most of you probably know that each month we pick up a two or three pickup truck loads of goods from the World Vision warehouse in Fife. These come to us in bulk, often on pallets. Just how do we go about distributing these items to the churches, agencies, schools and food banks who in turn distribute the goods to those in need? The County Coordinator is the key player in this process.

When the goods from World Vision are unloaded at our warehouse in Chimacum, all the items are counted and their location in our warehouse noted on hand-written inventory sheets. Larry usually helps with this along with two or three others.

Since we work with everyone via the internet, Larry types all of the above data into an Excel spreadsheet so it can be transmitted to the twenty or so agencies that we work with in Clallam County. The list consists of about 125-150 different line items. There may be only a few of each item or there may be dozens. The list is sent out and the agencies are given a week or so to respond.



Larry is working on the Excel spreadsheet that lists the items we have in inventory at our Chimacum Warehouse.

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Since the agencies don't want things they can't use, they send back to Larry the list of things they want.

Often several agencies want all of a certain item, like diapers or paper products. Practically every item is requested by some agency. Invariably some agencies don't respond. Larry has been doing this job for around ten years. He knows these agencies and their history. If they usually request goods and have not done so this time, he may track them down and make sure that the list got to the right people. Larry also keeps the agency list current and adds any new members that come up.

When he gets their response he posts their requests in a column — one column for each agency.

After all responses are in, he goes through the list, item by item, and allocates how much of each line item that each agency gets. This is easy for most items as the supply is greater than the demand. However, for a fair number of items there is not enough to meet the demand. In that case Larry has to make a subjective decision about whose request is filled and whose is not. He tries to balance things out so that most agencies get most of what they request.

After all of the allocations are made, Larry prepares a delivery sheet for each agency. These sheets list the items each agency will be receiving. Since Bluebills deliver the items to each agency, the lists are used to pre-assemble each shipment ahead of delivery. This is done by a crew in the Chimacum warehouse. Larry often helps with this job.

A day or two later, our delivery crew arrives, in Larry's case, three or four Clallam County Bluebills with pickups and trailers. In every instance there is seldom anything left in the warehouse except a few items that are of low demand.

The World Vision Essential Supplies Program has had its ups and downs over the years, but each year the program has supplied agencies with tens of thousands of dollars in goods that otherwise would not be getting to those in need in our community.

Larry advises that it was about 2005 when he began in the program. The value to those in need is what keeps him motivated to continue to be the Clallam County Coordinator for the program. We hope he can continue to do so for years to come.

And the following month it starts all over again with a different county and a different county coordinator.

Our thanks to Larry in Clallam County and to Erika Mayfield who handles Jefferson County and to Ed Berthiaume, the Kitsap County Coordinator.

Myron



The warehouse crew is putting together the loads that will be delivered to agencies in Clallam County. Larry Lang, Mozelle Maness, Bob Reasoner and Jim Mueller

A Rainy Day For the Kitsap World Vision Delivery

A chilly, rainy morning greeted Bluebills on Feb 1st for the Kitsap delivery. The volunteers donate the use of their own vehicles as well as the fuel to make these deliveries happen.



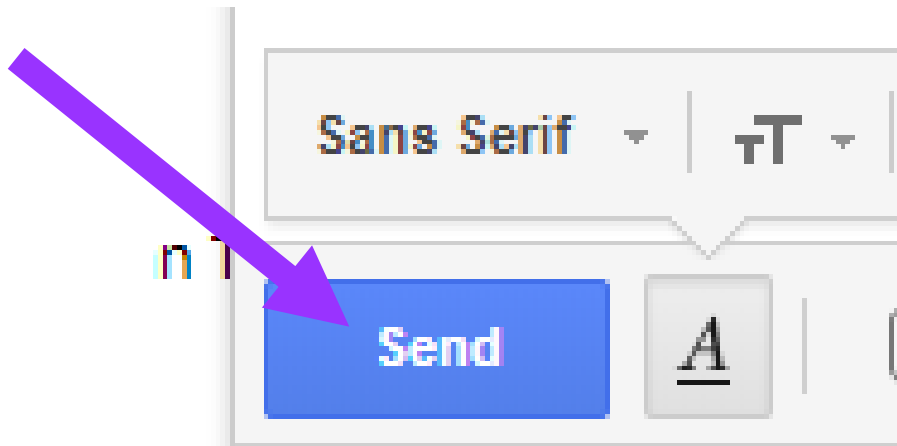
Everything well tarped down and every cubic inch filled up as another truck load of Essential Supplies is readied for the road. John Miller, Ed Berthiaume, and Chuck Baldwin are trying to keep out of the weather.



John Miller (rear), Ed Berthiaume, Chuck Baldwin (facing away), and Mike Burke pack up another load at the Chimacum Storage Unit.

Photos by Jim Mueller

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!

DID YOU KNOW?

BOEING SETS OUR BUDGET BASED ON OUR REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

EMAIL YOUR HOURS TO Judy McCay:

jimmccay@cablespeed.com

Volunteer hours for January, 1018

**61 Bluebills reported 1299 hours.
That is 33 % of Bluebills reporting.**

March Birthdays

Thomas Conley	3/2
Todd Knoblock	3/3
Charlie Johnson	3/9
Myron Vogt	3/10
Anne Ricker	3/12
Jim Knight	3/14
Michael Eastman	3/15
Rose Yim	3/15
Howard Schaible	3/19
Cynthia Durham	3/23
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Happy Birthday!

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