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Chair Barbara

From the Chair

By Barbara Berthiaume



Co-Chair Clint Web

It was in a blink of an eye that 2019 came to an end and we were heralding our achievements over the past year. As we were making plans for 2020, I was diagnosed with throat cancer and took a small hiatus from December to March. In another blink of an eye, I see that the Bluebills have continued to move forward over the past 3 months. Cal Williams will be the new coordinator for Essential Supplies in Kitsap County, replacing Ed Berthiaume who is retiring from this position after 14 years. Thank you Ed for the hard work you have put in to make this program a success! The Bluebills have been selected to be the Grand Marshall at the 19th Annual Rhody Parade on May 16. Planning for the 9th Annual Dove House Golf Benefit is underway. Bob Reasoner, the mover and shaker for all things STEM, is moving to Crista Shores in Silverdale. While Bob will stay a PSO board member, we are fortunate to be able to add Rick Thompson, Chimacum School Superintendent to the board. We are really happy to have these two experienced and involved educators on our team.

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Longtime Bluebills Michael and Mea Graham are leaving to move closer to family and Clint and Pat Webb are moving closer to Seattle. We thank them for their dedication and service to the Bluebills and wish them the best in their new transitions. The STEM program will be in very capable hands with Dave and Twyla Jackson stepping in to volunteer.

In another blink of an eye, 2020 will come to an end and we will again herald our achievements but before that happens, we have much to do and need volunteers to step forward to make potential achievements a reality.



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GRAND MARSHAL FOR THE RHODY PARADE

This year Bluebills has been selected as the Grand Marshal for the Port Townsend Rhody Parade on **May 16th**. This is the major parade event in Jefferson County and has about 80-90 groups in it.

So all of you who used to help build floats for your high school homecoming parades or whatever, start thinking about this.

We will be forming a committee to work on what we want to do. Anyone with any ideas at this point, let me know. A major problem, as I see it, is getting a trailer or whatever to make a float on.

Myron



Meet Some New Bluebills

By Karen Griffith



John and Karen Behrens each came into Bluebills a different way: John was approached by his neighbor, Ralph Archung, and was asked to help with the World Vision warehouse. Karen came with John to a recent Bluebill social, and when asked if anyone had computer skills, she raised her hand and is now doing the inventory list for Clallam County World Vision pick.

They were both widowed when they met in Seattle in the mid-nineties. She is an RN and was running a day-care for mildly-ill children. John was working with a labor union that was looking for such help for his union members.

They married in 2005 and combined their two families which consist of three daughters. John jokes about being the male minority with a sense of humor among the four women. "I have a legitimate respect for women because they have a lot more to overcome than men," he said.

Karen found the day-care becoming a regulatory nightmare and it was sold to Virginia Mason, but not before she was instrumental in getting to rewrite the regulations that govern such day-cares. She now works for Cigna and travels to employers all up and down the West Coast looking at their employee populations and educating them how to reduce costs by looking at their risk factors.

John worked for the US Postal Service, then the Postal Workers labor union. He retired at age 57 from paid work, but then began volunteering for such entities as the Planning Commission for the City of Shoreline, the Democratic Party, United Way, the homeless. "When I retired, I decided I wanted to engage in volunteer activities I enjoyed."

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Almost 4 years ago, John suffered a brain stem stroke, a very rare and mostly fatal condition. He spent 5 weeks in the UW hospital and then many months of recuperation at home. During that time, they took advantage of a Groupon and stayed at the Inn at Port Ludlow and started looking around the area for houses. About 10 months into his recuperation, they were returning to Seattle and had just gotten off the ferry, when their car was struck by a drunk driver. It was at that time that John said, "We're buying that house in Port Ludlow!" They have a beautiful home in North Bay, overlooking the Hood Canal, and count their many blessings. We are lucky to have these folks in the Bluebills!



John White recently joined the Bluebills after a 37 year career with Boeing. As he approached retirement, he was aware of the work of the Bluebills, but had several projects to complete after his 2016 retirement. But now he's ready to get active and has already been involved in his first ramp build with Greg DeVault and Richard Nap.

John grew up in the Kent area. He started with Boeing at age 19, "changing lightbulbs," he said, in Facilities Maintenance. He worked in electronic assembly, planning, project management, and supervision. His last few years were as the corporate industrial roof consultant for the greater Seattle area and beyond. "Boeing has its own internal roofing company," John explained.

He met his wife, Jeanette, through a family connection and they were married in 1986. They have three grown children and five grandchildren, all in the area.

He likes to hunt; Jeannette and he like to fish together. He's gotten into cooking and has gotten quite good at it. The two of them have enjoyed traveling over the years, especially going on cruises.

He's looking forward to being on the building team. "I'm a handy craftsman kind of guy," he said. "I can fix pretty much anything." Just the kind of new member we need! Welcome, John.



Welcome

YOU CAN HAVE A BLUEBILL BADGE



Often when we are interacting with people, they don't really know who we are or who we represent. A number of us have a Bluebill badge that we wear when doing Builder jobs. A badge is also helpful when delivering World Vision goods and interfacing with agency personnel.

If you think a badge would be useful, it's easy to get one. They are made by Valeria Vogt.

All you have to do is email Valeria a head shot that you want to use.

Her email address is valeria@valvogt.com. She will make the badge and I can arrange a way for you to pick it up or I can mail it to you.

For your info, this is what a typical badge looks like. -Myron



March Calendar

Friday, March 6- WV Pick for Clallam Co., **12:00 PM** at Chimacum Warehouse

Sunday March 8- Daylight Saving's Time- Spring Forward!

Monday, March 9- Delivery to Clallam Co., 9:00 at Chimacum Warehouse

Tuesday, March 10- Pickup at World Vision Fife for Jefferson Co., 9:00 in Fife

Tuesday, March 10- Bluebill Central Leadership Council meeting-Seattle, 10:00

Thursday, March 12- Leadership Team and PSO meeting-Bridge Deck at 3:00

Tuesday, March 17- St Patrick's Day











Thursday, March 26- Dove House Golf Tournament meeting- Bridge Deck, 3:00-4:00

Friday, March 27- WV Pick for Jefferson Co., 9:00 at Chimacum Warehouse

Monday, March 29- WV Deliver to Jefferson Co., 9:00 at Chimacum Warehouse

Tuesday, March 30- Pick up at World Vision for Kitsap Co., 9:00 in Fife

MARCH 2020

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Science Day at Brinnon School

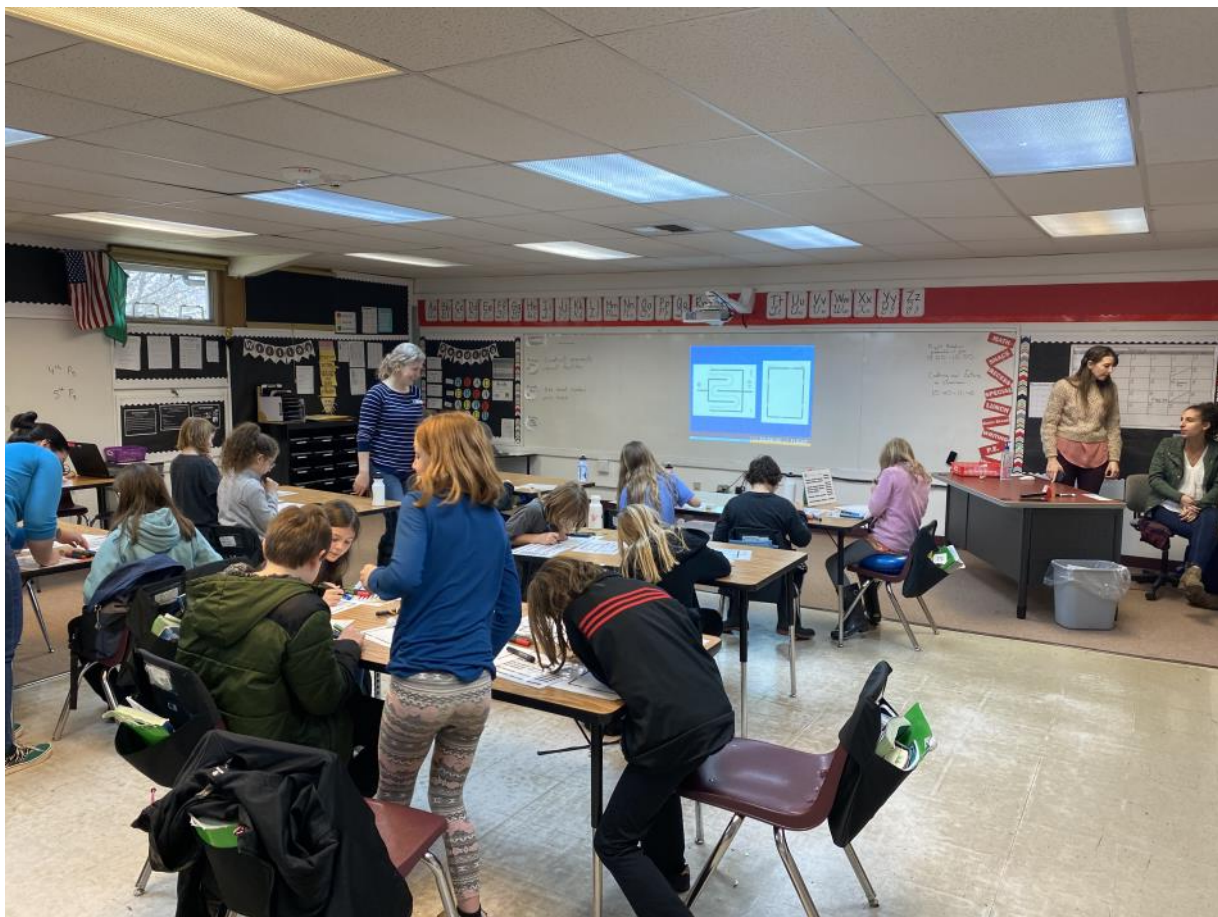
by Twyla Jackson

On February 12, 2020, Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) and our partner Museum of Flight hosted a Science Day at the Brinnon School. We, Dave and I, arrived at the school a few minutes before the science assembly started. We met with principle Ms Patricia Beathard, and the traveling educators Ms Jema Hayes and CJ Smith. For the next hour we watched as all the students from the school excitedly participated in a History of Flight. CJ and Jema did an excellent job on keeping the kids engaged as they learned about the first creatures with wings, all the way to the aircraft of today and beyond. The presenters were engaging and selected different students to helped demonstrate working props of aircraft and rockets. As the kids were leaving the assembly I heard one say "I can't believe that in a few days we will be spending the night in the Museum of Flight."



After the assembly was over the students went to the classroom where they would have CJ and Jema work with them on age appropriate robots. Each age group had a different set of robots to program.

Dave and I stayed to observe. The first class was Fourth/Fifth grade. They were given an [Ozobot](#) and a set of colored pens. They were encouraged to draw lines on sheets of paper. Black was the normal path with blue, red, green combination being the code for the Ozobot to perform a function. The Ozobot would follow the lines and do what the student instructed through various color combinations. It was rewarding to see the excitement on the kids' faces. As we headed out we heard a student say "Best day ever."



This kind of program wouldn't be available without the hard work and the funding availability from the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO). Each contribution made provides students the opportunity to learn and excel.

Bluebills and the Community- a Hearth-warming Effort

In mid January one of our newest Bluebills, Mike Force, sent our new Membership Chair Cal Williams an email request which he forwarded along to our membership.

"If anyone in the chapter knows of any disadvantaged folks in need of firewood, I have a large pile of logs (except the cedar) that I would like to donate, but I would need some volunteers to help cut and split it up and deliver it. I even have a hydraulic splitter to help make the job easier!"

A team of Bluebills and neighbors got busy and by the 18th of February the project was complete.

"A great big THANKS to Anita (and her husband!), Charlie (Marquis), Jeff (Sarantopulos), Michael (Crovitz), and my neighbors Mike and Al for helping me with this firewood donation that went to the **Tri-Area Food Bank** in Port Hadlock. They and their clients were extremely delighted and thankful for our assistance. As a team we cut, split and delivered just shy of 6 cords of wood which went to approximately 30 different people and families in need. One elderly gentleman was so grateful for the wood that he donated \$20 cash back to the food bank!

I've attached some photos of our most recent delivery (yesterday), and it will be distributed to more needy folks today.

Thanks again, and GREAT job everyone!"

Mike Force



The pile of logs donated by Mike Force.



A load of cut and split firewood delivered to the Tri-Area Foodbank.

Special Assignment



Greg DeVault

Bluebills Kitsap Builder, Greg DeVault, is “on loan” to the Port Gamble S’Klallam Foundation applying his carpentry skills toward the creation of a “Renaissance Garden” at Heronswood Preserve.

In 2013 the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe purchased the 15 acre preserve, next door to the S’Klallam reservation, with the goal of reviving and expanding the garden’s world-class plant collection. Under the supervision

of Dan Hinkley, the garden director and curator, Heronswood has undertaken significant upgrades in its infrastructure and programming over the last six years, including expanding its open hours for the public, offering private/guided tours, hosting special holiday events (Haunted Heronswood in October and wreath making before the winter holidays), providing wedding and special event venues, plant sales and classes, community lectures, summer concerts, art shows, and more. S’Klallam art, storytelling, and cultural connections to the natural world are also featured, with totem carvings and other NW Native-designed installations in the garden.

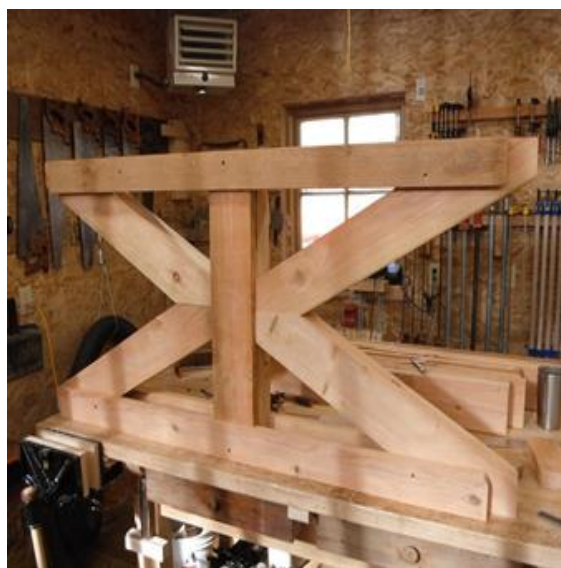
The Renaissance Garden – *xəwəs shəyí* or “new life spirit” in the S’Klallam language – is a wooded fern stumpery in honor of the S’Klallam who worked in the Port Gamble timber mills in the early 1900s. Filled with old-growth cedar stumps and ferns, the garden also features historical artifacts like old truck chassis and iron cook stoves and visitors will be able to click online links to hear S’Klallam elders tell their stories and reminiscences of Port Gamble.



Renaissance Garden location within Heronswood

A fern table is a central feature of the stumpery. Bluebill Greg DeVault worked with architect Robert Jones to design a 25 foot by 5 foot trestle style table, much like the type of table mill workers might have dined on in their camps. Lumber for the table was locally milled and donated by a Bluebills client in Kingston. The dimensions make it the largest known fern table in the country! A variety of ferns will be growing on the table, interspersed with authentic mill camp dining accoutrements, tins and crockery.

S’Klallam elders will be offering a blessing ceremony to the Renaissance Garden this spring, before it opens to the public. The Port Gamble S’Klallam Foundation and Hersonswood Garden will be proud to share the moment with the Bluebills, who helped memorialize the lives of so many S’Klallam and their role in Kitsap’s history.



1st of 7 mortise & tenon jointed trestles that will support the Fern Table.

Builders Pages

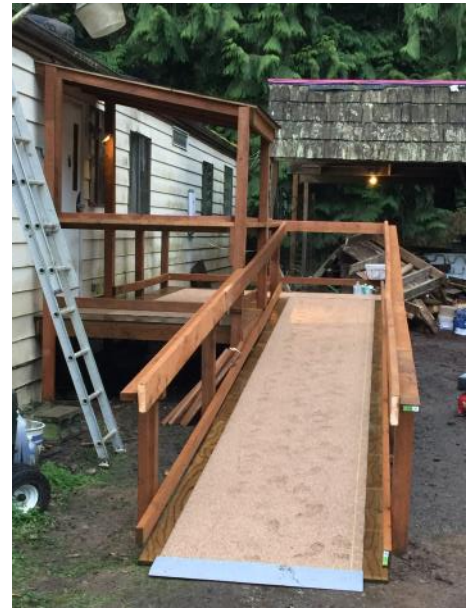
JeffCo. Builders

Marrowstone Makeover

This job, financed by REPAH, consisted of the removal of the old porch and porch cover and replacing them with new ones. This included 16 ft. of platform, 26 ft. of ramp and a 6X6 ft. cover. The crew consisted of Mark Cattabriga, Robert Chanpong, John Fillers, Joe Gagnier, Michael Graham, Todd Knoblock, Richard Morasco, Jim Mueller, and Dan Nieuwsma.



This project was completed in eight hours and it didn't start raining until we were nearly done. Shown getting busy are Mark, John, Robert, Richard, Todd, and Joe.



Completed ramp and porch cover.



Posing with completed ramp: Todd Knoblock, Mark Cattabriga, Richard Morasco, Jim Mueller and Richard Chanpong. Not shown: John Fillers, Michael Graham, and Dan Nieuwsma. Photo by Joe Gagnier.

Kitsap Builders

Pathway to Success

When faced with a situation where a client needed to negotiate a path through their yard in a wheelchair to the vehicle, a creative and low cost solution was necessary. The Kitsap Bluebill Builders proved to be up to the task once again. Using 1/4 minus, a type of gravel which can be compacted to a pretty hard surface, they created this pathway and compressed it using repeated passes with a pickup truck. A bathroom grab bar and a solar powered porch light completed the safety modifications and allowed the clients to remain in their home. The clients emailed Bob Kever a nice thank you note which is included on the next page.



Completed Pathway



Richard Knapp, Michael Crovitz, and Bob Kever

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Thank you and your Boeing Bluebills Team for your hard work in making it safer for Frank to leave our home to attend his medical and rehab appointments - as well as the freedom to get out without anyone's assistance.

This past week Frank had appointments everyday which was our first time use of our new pathway your team installed...getting Frank in and out of the car is a breeze. I am not fearing any accidents while transporting him from our home in his wheelchair to our car it's a even and smooth transition - what a BLESSING you bestowed upon us we are very grateful to the Bluebills Thank You So Much!

Secondly, thanks for installing the bathroom grab bar! This is assisting Frank's ability to get himself in and out of the tub much safely and with much ease by himself - having something to hold on to which is securely installed has given him more confidence in himself.

Finally, the solar light is very bright and works as advertised.

We truly appreciate your expertise in figuring what and how to solve our concerns we are in the most difficult time of our lives and needed assistance and you came in and reassured us - Thank You, Thank You, Thank You - we can't say that enough your services has extended our living independently in our own home....

AT NO COST TO US...WON'T GOD DO IT...HE SENT YOU THE BLUEBILLS ~ ANGELS TO OUR RESCUE

Thank you Jesus for this group we pray that your blessings continued to follow each and everyone of them!

If we can be of assistance to your program please feel free to contact us.

Frank and Esther (deleted)

PS. Thanks for the wheelchair info

Bremerton Ramp

In Bremerton, many of the houses are on small lots with a lot of slope leading up or down from the roadway. When we showed up for the site survey at this one, we counted 8 steps. With an average rise of 7.5" per step, a ramp with the recommended 1:12 slope would need to be 60 feet long. But this particular property sloped down across the yard in the other direction as well. The solution was to build a platform from the entryway, along the front of the house, then up to the top from there.



Stairway leading up from front entry



Richard Knapp and Michael Crovitz



Jim McGonigle, Kevin McGonigle, and Bob Keever with finished ramp.

Additional Ramps



Greg DeVault, John White, and Richard Knapp built this Bremerton ramp in early February, when it never stopped raining, and their boots were getting stuck in the mud (this photo was taken later).



John Read and Chip Godfrey with one of 3 ramps that the South Kitsap crew built in February. Not pictured, Leonard Hale who took the photo.

Builders Data

Jobs keep coming in and we need to start addressing them a little faster. Missing a couple of builders due to vacations. Kitsap is just expanding and working off jobs at a good pace. Thanks to all you folks, Myron

Builder Data 2020

	Jan	Feb	YTD Total	2019 TTL
Grab bars	7	15	22	329
Ramps	5	7	12	63
Railing	2	7	9	87
Miscellaneous	9	8	17	114
Total Clients	25	24	49	335
Total Different Volunteers	17	19		
Open Projects	40	34		



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

Volunteer hours for January, 2020

62 volunteers reported 1211 hours. That is 31% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for January.

March Birthdays

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



Happy Birthday!

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