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Barbara Berthiaume

From the Chair

**By Clallam Regional Coordinator
Charlie Johnson and
Bluebills Ace Reporter Karen Griffith**



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Greetings fellow Olympic Peninsula Bluebills.



Clallam County was honored to have the opportunity to host the first Bluebills Social of 2018. The Spring Social was held at the Sequim Elks Lodge on Saturday April 7th.



Special thanks to all who attended. We had 37 people RSVP for the event and 2 newcomers who were interested enough to apply for membership. We served up 39 spaghetti and meatball dinners with salad and garlic toast topped off with cake and ice cream



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The cake commemorated 20 years of service by the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills. Three members in attendance at the social have served all 20 years, Myron and Valeria Vogt, and Ken Winter.

We were entertained before lunch with the duo of Sandy and Richard of “Just in Tyme” playing the keyboard and guitar.



The program started with a review of Bluebills past accomplishments by Myron Vogt. His power point presentation illustrated the never-ending number of lives that have been enhanced through thousands of hours of volunteer work that the Bluebills have performed on the Olympic Peninsula. Both members and their spouses have contributed numerous volunteer hours and miles to keep elderly in their homes with construction of handicap ramps and safety features such as grab bars, handrails, transfer poles, and redesigned user-friendly steps. The past twenty years have seen the Bluebills grow to now serving our homeless and sheltered families. We also created the weekend feeding program for students who didn't have food to eat on weekends. This is in addition to the widely used World Vision Distribution Program that serves and benefits over 50 non-profits on the peninsula through the 10 memberships we provide and service.

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An example of the Bluebills projects was presented by Michael Graham. He did a slide presentation of a recent major project which featured our own Bluebills teaming up to build an outdoor playground for a



young family in need . (For the complete article check out the April Bluebill Flyer-Ed).



Teri Wensits from Catholic Community Services spoke and urged us to report as many hours as we all serve during each month as they report it and receive a monetary stipend for such hours. She particularly thanked Charlie Johnson for the push he has made in growing the Clallam County Bluebills programs.



Co –Chair Barbara Berthiaume gave us some insight of things to look for in the future with highlights of the continued efforts of existing programs and new programs that are being initiated. With the newly formed PSO, (Peninsula Support Organization), a 501(c)(3)corporation, and the partnership with the Bluebills we are striving to initiate new, and expand existing programs.



Bob Reasoner reported on educational outreach. The focus will be on bringing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs to our local schools this year. He reminded us that Bluebills bought Chrome notebook computers for kids in the Chimacum Primary school this past year. On April 23 a group of teachers and staff from Port Angeles, Sequim and Port Townsend will bus to the Museum of Flight for a day of enlightenment. This looks to be a great opportunity to help the youth in our communities get involved in future growth. It is also an opportunity for some of us, and/or, our spouses to get involved in our education system. Please contact Bob for more information on this program and how you can help. Bob Reasoner (esteem1@aol.com).

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With summer approaching after a rather wet and cool winter the Bluebills are once again preparing for another great year. We will all be busy with our respective projects. It may a golf tournament, grab bar installation, tour of the Museum of Flight, or building a handicap ramp. It is always rewarding to know, in our own way, we have been able to help someone with something they otherwise would not be able to have. This is the time for us to shine. This is the time of year when some of our greatest accomplishments come to be. This is also a time for families to spend time together so if your spouses aren't aware of what the Bluebills do this is an opportunity for them to become more involved. The bigger the family the more fun and the greater the accomplishments. Please contact any of the Bluebills Leadership team for more information on how to be involved.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and grandmothers in the Bluebill World and beyond.

Charlie Johnson, from Clallam County



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Highlights from the Spring Social Presentation:

Myron's wrap up of 2017:

- We served 238 clients with building ramps, railings and installing grab bars, using 31 Bluebill volunteers. We are able to do these things thanks to support from Catholic Community Services and REPAH.
- For World Vision, we had 17 community members who paid the \$300 membership fee and we served 82 organizations using 41 Bluebill volunteers.
- Bluebills supported Dove House through drives to collect specifically designated items. Proceeds from our Annual Dove House Golf Tournament raised over \$17,000.
- We supported the Weekend Food programs in Quilcene and Brinnon serving 50 children. We also provided volunteers for the Weekend Food Program through the YMCA summer feeding program.
- Bluebills provided 50 school backpacks to kids in the Chimacum schools.
- We had a booth at the Jefferson County Fair touting the space program and the booth won 1st prize for best booth – second year in a row.
- We provided 285 boxes of school supplies to schools in our service area through World Vision.
- We promoted the Museum of Flight and the STEM programs at Chimacum schools.
- We raised \$1800 for our annual Christmas Giving program.

Barbara's Goals for 2018:

- Hold the 7th Annual Dove House Golf Tournament on August 17. We raised over \$17,000 last year and we want to raise that to \$20,000 this year. She's hoping to get the support of 120 golfers.
- Try to find new warehouse space in the Clallam and Kitsap areas for World Vision goods.
- Increase membership. Our next social is the summer Social and Golf Tournament to be held in Port Ludlow on July 16.

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Spring is that time of year when we do cleaning, downsizing or garage sales.



Please remember when you are cleaning or you hear friends are cleaning out, save items for OlyCap Homeless Families.



They have a new storage unit and summer is when Kathy Morgan has many people go through the unit to pick out household goods that they need.

Items we need to supply them with: kitchen dishes, utensils, silverware, bowls, pans, baking pans, dish towels, bathroom towels, twin sheet sets, blankets, things needed to start a household.



Please call me if you have items to donate, Laura Paul, 360-344-2494.

Thanks for helping us help them get a fresh start in life.



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.

(Looking forward to some comments next month)

May Calendar

- May 1** **Deliver W/V goods to Kitsap Co.**
- May 3** **Leadership Team and PSO meeting-Beach Club 3:00-4:00**
- May 8** **Pick up at W/V for Clallam Co**
- May 8** **Central Leadership Council Meeting-Seattle, 10:00-11:00**
- May 13** **Mother's Day**
- May 28** **Memorial Day**
- May 31** **Dove House Golf meeting-Bay Club, 3:00-4:00**

MAY 2018

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 		

WAYPOINTS



- Jun 1 WV Pick for Clallam Co.
- Jun 5 WV Delivery for Clallam Co.
- Jul 9 Bluebill Summer Social Golf Tournament
- Jul 9 Bluebill Summer Social Picnic 4:00 Bay Club
- Aug 17 Dove House Golf Tournament
- Oct 12 Bluebills Fall Social
- Nov 16 PSO Silent Auction
- Dec 4 Christmas Giving Social/Event



Builders Pages Clallam Builders



This lady had an existing deck and ramp that was becoming unsafe and the deck was too small for her to turn her power chair. To close her door she had to go to the bottom of the ramp, turn around, come back up and then back down. The ramp was also a little steep. She can now sit on her 6' deck and turn around without a problem. This project took us about 37 manhours and racked up 80 miles tearing out an old ramp and installing a new deck and ramp.

Pictured left to right: Dale Blankenship, Allan Vance, Ken Orth, Charlie Johnson, Bill Alcayaga, and Gene Helmsworth. Not pictured, Warren Mecca, photo by homeowner.

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Thanks guys. Great day working with everyone again. Keep up the good work.
Charlie Johnson

Center Picture-Dale Blankenship, Bill Alcayaga, Ken Orth, Ross Krumpe, and Allen Vance



Pictured Dale Blankenship and Leonard Stadtmiller putting the finishing touch on this 58 linear foot ramp with 2 landings. This one had to be built to fit due to some obstacles such as retaining walls, an electrical meter, tree stumps, a heat pump, and downspouts. In all 8 Bluebills put in 84 hours and 224 miles to make this happen. Thanks to John Meyer, Dale Blankenship, Bill Alcayaga, Doug Rittenhouse, Leonard Stadtmiller, Mel Rostron, and Ross Krumpe for their efforts in completing it in a timely manner. Pictures by Charlie Johnson

Thank you from a Clallam Co. Client

March 23, 2018

Charlie Johnson, Project Manager
Boeing Bluebills
120 Spinnaker Place
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

Dear Charlie:

I want to extend to you and your organization my great appreciation for the efforts put forth on our behalf in providing a sturdy, attractive and eminently useful ramp for us. As you no doubt know, when the need arises, it is often in a time of crisis. Knowing that you were there to help solve one of the challenges facing us was comforting. The additional help installing grab bars in our bathrooms assured our safety in other ways.

To meet this critical need for Bill, I had merely to purchase the lumber already arranged for which was then delivered for no extra charge and to find the appropriate grab bars with suggestions and directions from your organization. You made it easy.

My admiration extends to the thoroughness of the preparation, the efficient production and the courtesy of all six of you who managed in 3 hours and 15 minutes to produce a completed, safe, significant, and secure ramp. You guys are remarkable.

All Bill and I can do is say thank you. You all are wonderful.

Sincerely,



Judy Rost
300 Lupine Drive
Sequim, WA 98382

Kitsap Builders

An Accident Waiting to Happen

By Bob Kever



Original “ramp”

Fall Prevention and Builders volunteers all too often show up for a site survey and find that someone has tossed a board across the stair steps or deck and called it a “ramp.” In addition to being too steep, they are at risk of slipping off at the top, or otherwise collapsing. They lack railings and bumper guards, and the surface may be slippery. When we see situations like this, we try to respond quickly, as they are “accidents waiting to happen.” One of the in-home occupational therapists spotted this problem in North Kitsap, and notified Bluebills.



Newly installed ramp

Volunteers Marty Dasler (l), new recruit Mark Washeleski (r), and Bob Kever installed this ramp, and even the client’s pet dog feels safer walking upon it.



2018 Builder Data



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	YTD Total	2017 TTL
Grab bars	19	13	41	37	110	229
Ramps	7	7	9	9	32	52
Railing	1	3	7	7	18	38
Miscellaneous	6	7	8	5	26	56
Total Clients	25	20	26	28	99	222
Total Different Volunteers	16	17	27	19	n/a	
Open Projects	45	55	36	47	n/a	



**Kitsap World Vision Program,
A Little History and a Big Thank You
By Ed Berthiaume**

After retiring from Boeing in 2004, I moved to Port Ludlow and began volunteering with the Bluebills. At that time the Bluebills were working with World Vision by delivering their goods from their warehouse in Renton to a RV garage on Oak Bay Road. Then the goods would be delivered to the various non-profit organizations in Jefferson County and to some extent Mason County. A few years later World Vision moved from Renton to a warehouse in Fife and changed the name of their program from “Gifts In Kind” to “Essential Supplies”. We then expanded our program to cover Kitsap and Clallam counties and began renting a warehouse in Chimacum .

Throughout the years of volunteering with the Bluebills, I have had the pleasure of working with many generous and wonderful people. At this time I would like to pay a special tribute to John and Amy Miller and their work with our Essential Supplies program.

John, a Boeing Retiree, and Amy moved from Seattle to Poulsbo in 2001 and shortly after joined the Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebills. They had always enjoyed meeting people and helping those who needed a step up and found that working with the Kitsap Essential Supplies program with Bluebills and World Vision was a great way for giving back to the community.

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I could always count on John and Amy to drive to the Fife warehouse, load two pallets of goods on their truck, two pallets on their trailer and deliver the goods to our Chimacum warehouse. Later in the month John and Amy would deliver those goods to various non-profits in Kitsap County.

They both exemplify the spirit of Bluebill volunteering with their energy, dependability, and positive attitudes. In fact, even on rainy days, Amy with her great smile and happy attitude would find a way to make the day fun. Especially during our stop for lunch at Shari's restaurant during the long drive home to our Chimacum warehouse.

And of course, their attitudes also played a big part in our strong relationships with our friends at World Vision and our Kitsap non-profit organizations.

Thank you John and Amy!

Ed

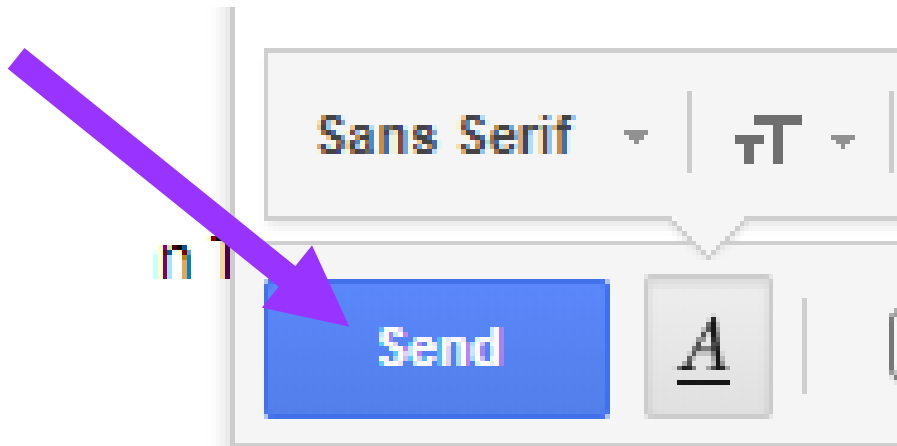


Jon and Amy Miller posing beside their truck as supplies are loaded at the Chimacum warehouse.

Thank You from the North Kitsap Fishline



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 March, 2018

**62 Bluebills reported 1472 hours.
That is 34% of Bluebills reporting.**

May Birthdays

Mark Witte	5/1
Jay Gilmour	5/5
Larry Bomke	5/6
Sandy Fry	5/11
Ken McConnell	5/11
Ruth Dunham	5/19
Thelma Keefe	5/19
J. Michael Graham	5/20
Ed Hughes	5/20
Cyndyann Joyner	5/27
Dennis Klain	5/27
Erika Mayfield	5/27



Happy Birthday!

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