



Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Newsletter

Clallam County Chair Report



Spring has sprung, and so have the Bluebills. After a rather wet and cool winter it is time to catch up again. The builders backlog has grown over the past few months so it is time to get back to the old routine and chip away at it. With new handbooks, thanks to Bob Keever, and some new members jumping on board our goals should be met in the foreseeable future.

Clallam County picked up supplies from World Vision on April 11 and will deliver on Thursday, May 4. Larry Lang has sent out and received the wish lists back from the participating Clallam County's nonprofits. He will be at the pick on Tuesday, May 2nd preparing for the deliveries. Jefferson County will do the World Vision pickup in May with Kitsap County taking care of the June pickup.

With Spring here and Summer on the way many exciting things are beginning to blossom. With Summer school programs, fairs, and golf tournaments being planned there is ample opportunities for every Bluebill to get involved in some way. If you haven't been contacted by one of the Event Chairs or Planners, please let one of our leadership people know when you are available to help. Most things that are happening will be published in the Flyer, but in some instances needs arise that require immediate attention so watch for special announcements as well.

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

Charlie Johnson

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Bluebill Leadership Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Bay Club

Present: Michael Graham, Dick Ostlund, Jack Randall, Charlie Johnsin, Kathy Roden, Laura Paul, Jim Mueller

Builders: Myron

In Myron's absence, Charlie reports that there is a backlog of requests. Bob Keever has had trouble getting in touch with CCS and has not had any requests for quite awhile and feels there is a backlog there as well.

Dove House Golf Tournament –Barbara and Myron

Barbara will find a raffle chair and committee. Tee sponsor sign ups are coming along and we have most of the major sponsors committed. We need to find items to fill the player bags. Jim Mueller and David Goudie will help with our computer needs. New banners and tee signs are needed as we have a number of new sponsors.

Education: Barbara and Judy McKay/Jo Nieuwsma

Jo Nieuwsma is the coordinator of the STEM Program. The Museum of Flight will do a STEM program at Chimacum High School May 10. Judy McKay currently has 3 volunteers in the 1st Grade classrooms. Barbara and Judy met with the Primary School principal, Kalie Enlow to identify needs for the coming year.

FLYER: Valeria

In Valeria's absence, Jim Mueller has stepped up and produced the April Flyer. He has agreed to do so again for the May edition. Thank you Jim!

The following Bluebills will send Jim articles:

- July golf tournament – Michael
- Dove House Golf Tournament – Barbara
- Update on Weekend Food Nutrition Program + pictures –m Jack
- Emergency Food Packs update - Jack
- Spring Social summary - Laura (pictures to come from Jack Mckay)
- Peterson ramp – Karen Griffith (Jim has pictures)
- Chair report – Charlie from Clallum

Maybe a update on STEM from Jo – Barbara will contact her

Homelessness/Dove house – Laura/Kathy

Personal care products were collected at the Spring Social for both programs. Laura will put something in the Voice and Flyer re volunteers going to garage sales to buy things to support these programs.

Membership: David Goudie

David keeps our membership roster current and has provided his computer skills to support the Spring Social. Thank you David!

Social: Laura/Kathy

Laura and Kath are retiring after the Spring Social April 7. There were 62 members who checked in in for the Social but the number is probably around 70. We need to actively recruit leaders for the Summer and Fall Social. Pat and Kathy Traci are possible leaders for Oct. and the Niner Men can possibly do the Summer Social. Barbara has a verbal commit for the Xmas Social dinner and will pursue an email follow up.

Weekend Feeding Program – Barbara

Christy Spenser, YMCA coordinator says the YSummer Feeding Program will begin June 26 – Aug. 18. We need to choose our week soon so we can get the word out to volunteers.

World Vision: Myron

Bluebills deliver to Jefferson County this month and there will be a pickup for Clallum County on April 11.

2017 Initiative

With John Rachford's resignation, we need to identify a process and fill the position to connect new recruits interest with our programs. Barbara will get a group together to explore this.

Other:

Jefferson County Fair will be August 11,12,13. Many more volunteers are needed to fill the 3-day event. Jay has contacted the Museum of Flight to see if they have any materials that can be used for the rocket theme at the Fair.

Dick Ostlund will explore getting backpacks from Boeing as the Heritage Chapter no longer needs them. Barbara will go to the May CLC.

Photos from The Bluebills Spring Social



Myron Vogt
co-chair of the Bluebills



Barbara Berthiaume
co-chair of the Bluebills



Jay Gilmour - introduced the new
Bluebill STEM program to the
members



Jo Nieuwsma - Chair of STEM
Program gave an update on
activities with Chimacum
School and the Museum of
Flight



Michael Graham - Builder
shared a story about a heartfelt
experience the builders had in
building a ramp.



Judy McKay - Education Co-Chair
Spoke about the volunteering in the class-
room and how rewarding it is. She also
shared the impact that the 32 Chrome
Books, headsets, and mice have made to
the 1st Graders at Chimacum Creek Primary
School.



Judy McKay - coordinator for volun-
teer hours shared a poem she wrote
about the importance of recording
volunteer hours.

Photos from The Bluebills Spring Social



Social Committee Co-Chairs Laura Paul and Kathy Roden

Kathy announced that she and Laura Paul are retiring as Social Chairs and invites someone (or two) to volunteer for this position.



Bluebills being social



Rose Yim, Laura Paul, Dee Dee Spann - helpers in the kitchen
Thank You!

Thank You Bluebills!

STEM Program From MoF Comes to Chimacum Because of us.

The first batch of modules of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) presentations are coming to the Chimacum High School on May 10th. The Museum of Flight has arranged to bring their planetarium unit to the school and provide 5 periods of the Scientific Sky program. The Bluebills have funded these initial group events to the kids with support from MoF. The MoF is partially subsidizing the costs, as the district has many students in the reduced fee lunch program.



Left to right; Rick Thompson, Jo Nieuwsma, Dan Nieuwsma, Al Gonzalez, Jay Gilmore & Barbara Berthiaume

Jo and Dan Nieuwsma, Jay Gilmore, Barbara Berthiaume, and Myron Vogt (not pictured) spearheaded the program and presented a check from member donations to Superintendent Rick Thompson and his middle-school science teacher, Al Gonzales. In the words of Rick Thompson, Superintendent of Chimacum schools, "What a pleasure to receive a generous check for \$600.00 from the Bluebills membership on Friday. This kind of donation makes a huge difference in the lives of our students." It will fund this initial set of modules as well as help with more planned for the fall and next spring.

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Jo has also contacted the Jefferson County International Airport to offer support for their program teaching junior & high school students to work on and fly airplanes. They're soloing in a Piper Cub! Several students have already graduated to become commercial pilots. Bill Boeing would be proud to see what these kids are doing.

How You Can Help

We are asking for help and expertise from our fellow Bluebills to assist on the day of the event and in the future of this program. Anyone who would like to help, please contact Jo at 424-333-5413 or rocketmama@verizon.net.

In addition, some Chimacum middle school classes are planning to attend a STEM event relating to environmental science on June 6 at the Hood Canal Salmon Center. They can use several volunteers to come along and assist the kids. Their teacher has taken groups for several years and he says they have a great time. If any Bluebills would like to help, please let Chimacum science teacher Al Gonzales know, al_gonzalez@csd49.org. For more infor-



You are invited

A Volunteer Appreciation Event

3:15 pm, Wednesday May 3rd

at the

Chimacum Creek Primary School

to thank you all for supporting the students and teachers.

Spouses and partners are welcome too
(coffee, tea and cookies will be on hand)



In The Nick of Time

Karen Griffith, Bluebill Reporter

Imagine this scenario: your beloved spouse of many decades has suffered a stroke. She is now able to come home from the hospital but is no longer able to walk. Your house has stairs at both doors and you wonder how you're going to be able to navigate a wheelchair up those stairs as you realize your own strength and agility aren't what they use to be. You have so many things on your mind as you bring your sweetheart home and the first one is: "How will I even get her into our house?"

Boeing Bluebills to the rescue – once again. Michael Graham got the call in late March from this client in Port Ludlow. Michael's first thought was: "This is Myron's specialty. He will know exactly what materials to buy." But, as we all know, Myron is not available for a while and Michael knew he had to step into the challenge which he did willingly. His first task was to assemble a group of capable ramp builders. He sent out an email and a great group of Bluebills volunteered: Bob Kever of Poulsbo became the Job Foreman with the able help of Mike Burke, Robert Chanpong, Dave Parrish, and Joe Gagnier, all of Port Ludlow, and Todd Knoblock of Port Townsend.

Michael ordered the supplies and arranged for them to be delivered to this client's home. He was told that the client's wife would not be coming home "for at least two weeks" so Michael thought he had plenty of time to get this ramp built. But Michael and the crew said, "Let's not put this off" and they chose a day where the weather was cooperating (Western Washington is just finishing its most rainy year on record so it was not easy to find a day without rain).

Around 9 a.m. on April 5 everyone was on the site. Bob Kever laid it all out for the team and they went to work. One team member was key in laying out all the materials, another started on digging the path for the ramp, another started on the post holes, another began pruning the bushes (one Japanese maple, sadly, was sacrificed).



Todd Knoblock and Joe Gagnier



Robert Chanpong and Mike Burke

One of the construction challenges was that the ramp took a 110 degree turn at it approached the stairs. It required that the crew build a five-sided platform to make the deck not only work, but look aesthetically pleasing as well. Todd Knoblock used his carpentry skills to build an appropriate platform and interface.



Around 11 a.m., when they were about 1/3 of the way through the building of the ramp, the husband came out of the house and shouted, “Change of plans! She’s coming home in an hour!” The walkway was torn up, the porch was gone but the new ramp was not yet in place. Robert Chanpong said, “Boy, we really hustled at that point!”

About an hour later, they did arrive. Four of the Bluebills gently surrounded her and ushered her in her wheelchair through the garage, up some stairs, and into the house. Needless to say, she was very relieved to be home.

The crew went back to finishing the ramp, when the clients’ daughter, who was coming to help get her mother settled, came rushing into the yard in great distress. “I just drove my car into a ditch,” she said. “Can you help me?”



Bluebills, being Bluebills, said “Of course.” Joe Gagnier rose to the occasion and led a team to where the car was. They hailed a fellow on the golf course who was driving a backhoe and asked him to come over. They used a big jack and soon had the car out of the ditch and parked safely in the clients’ driveway.

Robert Chanpong is the newest Bluebill on this ramp crew, having moved here a few months ago. This was his third ramp project, although he has done several grab bar installations. He said he went out with Master Builder Myron Vogt, who showed him the ropes and then was given two assignments to handle on his own. He likes volunteering with the Bluebills. “All my working life, I never had a chance to do something like this. I like the opportunity to give back and feel useful. It’s a great opportunity to give back to the community.”

He said he was impressed with how well the Bluebills work together. “Myron has a great positive effect on everybody,” he said. “He really knows how to get people to pull together.” He said this organization is definitely helping where help is needed.

Bob Keever observed that in the past Jefferson County Bluebills came over to Kitsap and worked on ramps, and he felt that “we in Kitsap County are better organized than we used to be, and this was a chance to pay back a debt of gratitude to the Jefferson County Bluebills.”

In the end, a beautiful ramp was built, a daughter was grateful for the extra helping hand getting her car out of the ditch, and one huge worry was lifted off the shoulders of a very deserving client family. All in the nick of time.



Left to Right: Todd Knoblock, Bob Keever, Dave Parrish, Michael Graham and Joe Gagnier



Golfers!
Save the Date
Friday, August 18,
2017
6th Annual Dove
House Bluebill Golf
Benefit



For more information contact the
Port Ludlow Golf Shop at 437-0272



Backpacks for Kids Weekend Nutrition Program



Volunteer packing crew

Gene Cox, Vicki Cox, Sandy Hendricks, Isabel Goepferd, Diane Davis, Audrey Witsoe*, Janie Redifer, Roger Redifer, Karen Jensen, Bob Cross, Sue Cross.

* Bluebill

Backpacks for Kids Weekend Nutrition is in its seventh year of providing bags of shelf-stable, kid-friendly food for weekend meals to the food insecure children at Chimacum Schools. Bluebills played an important role with the “Eradicate Hunger” initiative in launching this feeding program and providing ongoing support. The majority of the 80 or more weekly bags are delivered to primary and elementary students who are the most vulnerable. Some bags are customized for homeless students. At the high school Backpacks now partner with high school students in We-Act which provides a food distribution system. Beginning in June, 2017, Backpacks will pilot a partnership with the Jefferson County Library and Irondale Church to be a pick-up points for students to get a summer bag of weekend food. Backpacks continue to rely on the generosity of community organizations and individuals, UGN support, and a third Brew Fest by the Bay fund and awareness raiser at the Bay Club on Saturday, October 7th

Requesting Donations For OlyCAP

(OlyCAP partners to lead and engage the community to promote self-reliance on behalf of those we serve while embracing innovation and collaboration with the determination and commitment to build a healthier community.)

[OlyCAP's website\(click here\)](#)

With garage sales springing up around the neighborhoods, please remember to ask if you can collect the remaining household items for OlyCap homeless before things go to Goodwill. I have even purchased a few items that were inexpensive for the homeless. Many people are just glad to get rid of things going to a good cause especially at the end of the sale.

We DON'T need ALL the left over garage sale stuff just what they can use such as household items (in the condition that you would use it) pots, pans, silverware, knives, casserole dishes, measuring cups and spoons, nice plastic storage containers with lids, (no coffee cups...we get too many), coffee makers, etc. They need basics so no placemats, tablecloths or napkins. They need towels for kitchen and bath, pot holders, bath mats, etc. They need single sheet sets only but they can use the queen size blankets.

So, think about these needed items when you or your neighborhood is planning a sale or if you go to a garage sale. When you get a box or two together, please call and we can arrange at time to pick it up to store till we go to Port Townsend. If anyone would like to help with this project of collecting or organizing the OlyCap storage area, please give call, Laura Paul, [360-344-2494](tel:360-344-2494).



World Vision Delivery in April for Christmas Project

For more than 10 years Poulsbo Community Church and Kingston Christian Church have partnered with Samaritan's Purse, an international disaster relief organization.

Operation Christmas Child is part of that organization. During the year we collect new toys, new clothes and shoes, make dresses and washcloths and purchase school supplies and personal hygiene items for children ages 2-14. In November we assemble our collection, arrange it according to age and gender and invite the community to come fill the shoeboxes. These, when combined with boxes from all over the US and several foreign countries, will eventually be delivered to over 100 countries.

Poulsbo Community Church packed nearly 2100 shoeboxes last November due in part to the generosity of the Bluebill Organization. Worldwide over 11 million shoeboxes were packed and delivered.

We are so grateful to be able to partner with you and use donations to bring joy to those in need.

Thank you so much,
Marcia Mack



From the April Kitsap World Vision delivery. Bluebills deliverymen (from left) Joe Gagnier, and Mike Burke. Ron and Marcia Mack representing the Kingston Community Church (standing to the right). The delivery of 3 vehicle loads of donations is stacked in the background.



Photos from last year's Operation Christmas Child

World Vision April Deliveries



Loaded up for Kitsap!



A rare look at the (nearly) empty Bluebill World Vision storage container in Chimacum.



Loadout to Kitsap and an unusual, stationary shot of Ed Berthiaume.

Clallam World Vision Crew 04/11/2017

From the left: Larry Lang,
Len Stadtmiller,
Gene Helmsworth, Mel Rostron,
Sherry Johnson, Dale Blankenship
Photos by Charlie Johnson

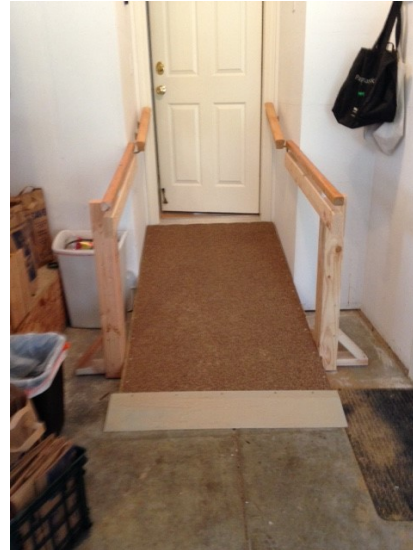


Builders Pages

A Port Ludlow woman is scheduled for foot surgery and will be getting around in a walker. She would have difficulty getting into the house using the steps from her garage. Dave Parrish and Myron Vogt installed a small ramp.



The steps from the garage into the house. It would be difficult to navigate these in a wheeled walker.



This short ramp with railings makes entry easier and safer.



Clallam Builder Len Stadtmiller

Photos by Charlie Johnson

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Jo Nieuwsma, Todd Knoblock & Dan Nieuwsma

Todd, Jo and Dan managed to make the rail hang cleanly in midair. Tricky double angle.

Came out nice. Client happy.



Took this photo of the small ramp that Todd & Dan put in last week at the Trautman residence.

She wrote a check to the Bluebills, which we gave you at the Social Event. Dan finally figured out they are 3rd Cousins, related through great, great grandpa in North Dakota.

Dan & Jo Nieuwsma



Here are two handrails added to the front steps. Cedar decking is on the deck and steps and gets really slippery when wet. The woman who lives here was using the back door and going around the house to get to the garage because the front steps were so dangerous to use.

Jo and Dan Nieuwsma installed the railing.

Builders Pages



Then here's an action photo with David Grellier on left, and Dean Enebo on right. Dean is a volunteer with Kiwanis, who showed up to help. We will be inviting him to join Bluebills as well.

Additional volunteers (not shown): Bob Keever, Marty Dasler, Jerry Enders.

Submitted by Bob Keever



. Wally Grenquist, one of the builders, is at the top of the photo.

Builders Pages



Another quick turn around ramp job. The client's wife was in the hospital and he needed a ramp ASAP. Michael Graham, Dave Parish and company conceived and executed the plan in one week.



Left to right. Michael Graham, Robert Chanpong, Todd Knoblock, Tom Youtsey (the client) and David Parrish. Not in photo Joe Gagnier.

Builders Pages



Before



After



Small project complete, inside railing and outside railing.

George Sickel



Grab bar for Port Hadlock woman who had fallen down the steps into her garage.

Jim Mueller



Grab bar installations and non-skid surface installed in client's home in Port Townsend. Jim Mueller

The Powers of Hours

Your hours mean so much to me

They make me jump with joy

When I open up your emails

I always say: "Oh, boy!"

Remember, they All count-

Blue bill hours and other work

Keep up the excellent efforts

Your opportunities never shirk

We always do for others

It makes us feel so good

To think we help contribute

To a better neighborhood!

THANK YOU

Judy McCay

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 THESE HOURS COUNT TOO!

DID YOU KNOW?

BOEING SETS OUR BUDGET BASED ON OUR REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Volunteer hours for March, 2017

**58 Bluebills reported 1403 hours.
That is 31% of Bluebills reporting.**



Happy 95th Birthday Eleanor Roden!

May Birthdays

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Mark Witte | 1 May |
| Jay Gilmour | 5 May |
| Larry Bomke | 6 May |
| Sandy Fry | 11 May |
| Ken McConnell | 11 May |
| Jackie Houle | 14 May |
| Thelma Keefe | 19 May |
| J. Michael Graham | 20 May |
| Ed Hughes | 20 May |
| Cyndyann Joyner | 27 May |
| Erika Mayfield | 27 May |

May Calendar

- May 2 W/V Pick for delivery to Clallam Co.
Be at warehouse at 9:00 AM
- May 3 **Volunteer Appreciation Event**
Chimacum Creek Primary School
3:15 PM
- May 4 Bluebills Leadership Meeting 3:00-
4:00 PM Bay Club
- May 5 Deliver W/V goods to Clallam Co.
- May 9 Central Leadership Council Meeting,
Seattle, 10:00-11:00.
- May 9 Pick up at W/V for Jefferson Co. Be at
W/V warehouse in Fife at 9:00 AM.
- May 10 Museum of Flight STEM Presentation
10:00 AM at Chimacum H.S

MAY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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