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From the Chair

By Myron Vogt



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BOEING BLUEBILL ORGANIZATION

I think most of you know that Bluebills has three chapters: the Heritage chapter that covers greater Seattle, Sno-King, that covers northern King and Snohomish Counties, and our own Olympic Peninsula Chapter.

Although the chapters seem to work independent of any oversight, all are actually governed by the Bluebill Central Leadership Council (CLC). The CLC is made up of each chapter's Chair, a chapter designated Second Representative and six Representatives elected at large from all the members. From this group a Chair is selected. Currently I am the CLC Chair. Boeing designates a person to work with the CLC. In this case it is Rachel Peterson, who has been to a couple of our Olympic Peninsula quarterly meetings. I want to discuss a few things that are going on at the CLC.

Non-Profit Status

Boeing has suggested that it might be to our advantage to be a 501(c)3 .

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As you know, the Peninsula Chapter works closely with the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO), which is a non-profit formed to mainly collect money to support STEM programs. Right now, the CLC has asked the two co-chairs, Alan Rice of Sno-King and Howard Syder of Heritage to study the problem and give us a status report at our December meeting.

Budget

Boeing provides us with a budget based mainly on the prior year's spending. This year it is \$11,000 for all chapters. Because there are lags in submitting expenses and getting paid, how much we are spending isn't always known. As a result, we may be under spending, causing budget cuts in the next year. For these reasons I have asked Mike Burke from our chapter to act as Treasurer and keep track of expenses that are submitted. All Business Expense Reports (BERs) are now submitted to Mike to send on to Boeing. I have asked each chapter to give me their budget for the rest of the year so the remaining money can be allocated to those who have a reason to spend it.

Membership Lists/Communications

Sno-King and Heritage have offices in Boeing facilities and use Boeing computers. Office access requires a Boeing badge and the use of computers requires Boeing passwords. All communications with members are done by phone or mail with individual exceptions when email is used. Boeing has advised that our membership lists no longer comply with Boeing Standards. A solution would be to take the membership lists off the Boeing computers and use personal computers to maintain the data. The distribution would be limited to those with a need to know. Once off the Boeing system the list can be manipulated to make email listings and sort as desired. Also, members who are not longer "active" could be dropped. I think there are about 800 names on the current lists. The status of this is that I am waiting for Rachel Peterson to down-load the list in Excel and send to me.

Elections to the CLC

There will be several CLC positions opening up at the end of the year. Right now the CLC meets quarterly in the Seattle area. If you might be interested in running let me know. Positions are generally unopposed. You should be Boeing Retiree for this position.

Thanks, Myron

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WELCOME TO THE BLUEBILLS FALL SOCIAL!

THE THEME IS OKTOBERFEST!!

WHEN: OCTOBER 14, 11:00 AM

WHERE: THE BEACH CLUB



GET THERE FIRST FOR THE WURST!

**THE MENU WILL BE BRATWURST, HOT DOGS, 4 BEAN SALAD, AND
CHICKEN SALAD**

**THE FEATURE PROGRAM WILL BE "INDEPENDENT AGING"
PEOPLE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE BLUEBILLS
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US**

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 7 SO WE CAN PLAN THE FOOD

PLEASE RSVP TO: bluebillsrsvp@aol.com

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Buy Your Tickets Now!

Wine Tasting Event to Benefit STEM Education

On Saturday, October 12th from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Beach Club there will be a wine tasting fundraiser. The Peninsula Support Organization, fundraising partner of the Bluebills, is sponsoring this event to help fund STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs in our schools. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. The Bluebills will be selling tickets.

To get your tickets contact:

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Eline Lybarger 360-437-7701, rayline@centurylink.net
or drop in at the Beach Club.

It promises to be a fun, delicious evening. [**Camaraderie Cellars**](#) of **Port Angeles** will be providing five tastes. Including one that cries out to be drunk while eating chocolate. Yes, there will be food. Two chefs are tasting and studying what food to put with each wine. Their creations will not be just satisfying, but tasty, unusual and attractively presented. We are limited to 100 guests, so get your ticket now. Also, that evening, if you discover a wine that you would like to pursue, there will be a wine bar where you can purchase wine by the glass.



In Case You Missed it

There is a very nice article in the September 9th Leader written by Kirk Boxleitner about the August 23rd **Dove House Golf Tournament**. You can read the article by clicking here:

[Bluebills raise \\$18K for Dove House](#)



October Calendar

Thursday, Oct 3 - Leadership and PSO meeting - Beach Club, 3:00



Friday, Oct 4 - Pick for Clallam Co. - at the warehouse, 9:00

Monday, Oct 7 - Deliver to Clallam Co. - at the warehouse, 9:00

Tuesday, Oct 8 - Pick up goods for Jefferson Co. - World Vision in Fife, 9:00

Sat, Oct 12 - Wine Tasting - Beach Club, 3:00

Monday, Oct 14 - Oktoberfest - Beach Club, 11:00 (See article)

Friday, Oct 25 - Pick goods for Jefferson Co. - Warehouse, 9:00

Monday, Oct 28 - Deliver to Jefferson Co. - Warehouse, 9:00

Tuesday, Oct 29 - Pick up for Kitsap Co. - World Vision in Fife, 9:00

Thursday, Oct 31 - Halloween

October 2019

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
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**PENINSULA SUPPORT
ORGANIZATION**

ADVANCE PLANNING SEMINAR

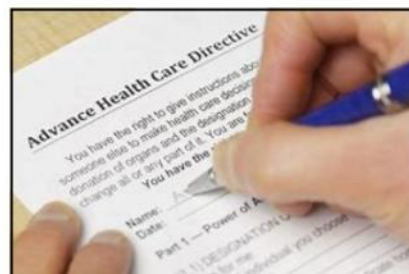
Cost of seminar: FREE

Peace of Mind: PRICELESS

**Where: Quilcene Community
Center**

When: Saturday, October 5th

Time: 9am~12pm



Almost no one is ready to die today. Everybody should be prepared.

Don't leave your loved ones struggling to understand your wishes. Get some tools to help you have that crucial conversation with your loved ones about end-of-life plans.

With expert guidance, prepare a personalized advance directive and durable power of attorney to take home as you leave the seminar.

Just as we prepare for the many milestones throughout our life, it is important to plan in advance for the end of our life.

RSVP to: 360 301-3711 between 8am~1pm

Sponsored by: End of Life Washington

Jefferson Builders

The client is a determined man who goes to lunch most days at Don's Pharmacy. He had been throwing his walker down the stairs and following it down. Some kind and generous neighbors helped coordinate and pay for a ramp. No more throwing required.



Before and After. Some rosebushes had to be moved to make room for the new ramp



Robert Champong, Jo Nieuwsma, a kind neighbor, Dan Nieuwsma, Joe Gagnier, photo by Todd Knoblock

The client has some weakness on one side and now needed railings to help him navigate his way in and out of his home.



Dan and Jo Nieuwsma shown working on a set of railings for a back porch stair. The team consisted of Todd Knoblock, Michael Graham, Dan and Jo Nieuwsma, and David Parrish.



Joe Gagnier, Todd Knoblock, and David Parrish installed these railings on the front porch.

Safer Stairs

The client, 90 years old, was extremely pleased with her new platform and stairs. It turned out that it took us a full day to accomplish. I told her and our crew that we would likely be done by noon. It took us a full day primarily because the existing structure and all the attachments were so well built that it took half the day to disassemble then refurbish so that they could be used in the new structure.

Now the client has room at the top of her stairs to keep her balance and open her door without falling as has happened to her in the past.

David Parrish



Thanks to Joe Gagnier and Todd Knoblock for being persistent and professional in staying with this project to successful completion. Photo by Dave Parrish

Four Corners Ramp

This job included an adorable toddler (think Cindy Lou Who from the *Grinch*) and a barrel-shaped pit bull who barked until he got tired, went and took a nap, then came back out and barked some more. Team consisted of Robert Champong, John Fillers, Michael (lunchtime) Graham, Joe Gagnier, Todd Knoblock, Richard Meyer, Jim Mueller, and David Parrish.



John, Robert and David setting the first posts.



John and Joe anchoring post to the sidewalk.



John and Robert adjusting the plywood.



Richard smoothing the edges and John installing the threshold.



Todd, Michael, David, Richard, Robert, John, and Joe. Photo by Jim



All Done!

Kitsap Builders

Back From the Depths of Extreme Poverty

Our Bluebills Independent Living Program offers services that include ramps, grab bars, railings, transfer poles, and “minor repairs relating to safety and ease of living.” Sometimes we are called upon to stretch the latter part of these offerings to the limit.

Bluebills received a referral from the Department of Social and Health Services about a client who “...feels that she’s stuck without options. The plumbing in her home is clogged. She’s been taking sponge baths and washing her dishes in buckets of cold water for much longer than she should be. Client has health issues and is elderly with an extraordinarily low income. She’s lived in her home over 50 years. I know it’s a big request, and I thank you for at least responding one way or another. Housing Kitsap has run out of funding assistance for such things. Thank you for at least entertaining my request.”

Bluebills responded. Wally Grenquist aggressively plunged and snaked out the drains in her house until things got flowing again. Then a \$5 washer and proper seating of the upper heating element was all it took to get the hot water heater working again. Greg DeVault, our Kitsap Master Procurement Officer, located a gently used, matched set washer and dryer that someone was giving away on Craig’s List, and it fit the Client’s needs nicely. Now she feels like she is living on easy street, although all we did was raise her from a level of extreme poverty, back up to ordinary poverty.



“Buddy” kept a close watch on us.



Wally Grenquist inspecting the water heater

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Thank you note (from before they located her a washer and dryer).

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SAT.
9-7-1

on Thurs
9-5

Hello Rusty,

I just want to let you know how much I appreciated you sending Bob Kever, and Wally to help me with my clogged pipes and non working hot water heater. I had a REAL bath last night, in my tub with hot water! The first bath in months. I'd been heating water on my stove and taking a sponge bath. (☹)

They were truly a 'God send' and both worked so hard, under my house, looking for my clogged area. They did more than that. I'd run out of bread to make sandwiches, so had only potatoes for days. On their lunch

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break they got me bread, cottage cheese and fruit (bananas + pears). They wouldn't even let me pay them for the food.

Thank you, thank you for sending me two Angels.

Blessings.

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Fall Prevention Event at Harrison Hospital

Bluebills participated in a Fall Prevention event at Harrison Medical Center in Silverdale on September 24th. In addition to staffing a table alongside Catholic Community Services partners, Rusty Figley and Millicent Holton, Bob Keever gave our standard Bluebills Fall Prevention presentation. Besides getting the word out to potential clients, these events provide a good opportunity for networking with other agencies and groups who share our interest in helping seniors to live independently and with reduced risk of falls.



Off the Streets

Kitsap Bluebills provide Handyman/Maintenance support for Kitsap Homes of Compassion <https://kitsaphoc.org/> whose mission is to create hope and opportunity for homeless Kitsap County residents by providing affordable, permanent housing and other resources that promote self-sufficiency. Over a dozen homes have been opened so far, with 24 more planned to be opened in the next 18 months (120 more rooms). The goal is to open 800 affordable rooms, and end homelessness, at least for seniors, disabled, and homeless mothers with young children in our community, by Dec 31, 2022. Bluebills responded to half a dozen service calls in September, including assisting with the opening of the first home for homeless youth who will be attending Olympic College.



A Ramp for the Doctor's Mother

Bluebills Fall Prevention/Builders rely on word of mouth for many of our referrals. We were recently tipped off by one of our members who learned that his doctor's 97 year-old mother was in need of a wheelchair ramp. The job was accomplished, and we received this nice note from the family: "Wonderful job! It looks sturdy and great. Thanks so much. The care really shows! This will help my mother so much!"



The South Kitsap Builders crew have been getting a lot of referrals from health care providers lately. Pictured here is Chip Godfrey working on a ramp for a client in Port Orchard. Not shown are Len Hale, Bob Landry, and Joe Guerro.



Builders' Data



Builder Activities

Kitsap has been very busy again this month. They seem to be willing to tackle most anything.

Our backlog has increased quite a bit. Seems we are getting more requests in Jefferson Co, some as the result of our Independent Aging Programs.

Thanks to you all. Myron

Bluebill Builders' Data 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	YTD Total	2018 TTL
Grab bars	16	8	13	23	56	22	20	44	21	223	262
Ramps	2	3	2	3	8	7	6	6	7	44	69
Railing	5	1	3	9	7	7	9	3	11	55	56
Miscellaneous	12	2	8	11	7	7	12	13	16	88	97
Total Clients	23	11	18	24	37	29	31	39	31	243	290
Total Different Volunteers	20	8	13	17	29	26	16	21	20		
Open Projects	44	42	41	38	35	34	23	20	43		



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 August, 2019

65 volunteers reported 1608 hours. That is 33% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for August.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

	KEN SNIDER	10/01	
	BILL ANSTISS	10/02	
	JOHN FILLERS	10/03	
	PEGGY LEE FLENTIE	10/04	
	RAY PAUL	10/06	
	JIM KELLY	10/07	
	BARBARA SHAIN	10/08	
	GAIL CHANPONG	10/09	
	JUDI HYDE	10/09	
	DIANE KOBZ	10/09	
	MARY ROUSER	10/09	
	CHARLIE MARQUIS	10/12	
	HUGH GRENQUIST	10/13	
	KATHY CIANCI	10/15	
	TIM PROPECK	10/18	
	GEORGE ZIMMERMAN	10/20	
	JIM MCGONIGLE	10/22	
	MARY KOWALCZYK	10/24	
	JONI WILLIAMS	10/26	
	KENNETH ORTH	10/27	
	ROBERT KEEVER	10/28	
	FRANK VAHCIC	10/31	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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