

THE BLUEBILL

FLYER

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Last month for the Central Leadership Committee meeting, Myron Vogt gave me a few suggestions for items of interest that I may wish to discuss.

A couple were that World Vision has to cut back on the amount of supplies that they give us. Another was about a ramp we were to build in Olalla. Seems that the charity that referred the family to us had never asked for this help in the past. They have always used a commercial outfit for this type of work. Their budget had been reduced to the point that they could not fund such things. The third item was about the number of projects we have accomplished so far this year and a projection that we may have as much as a 30% increase over what we did last year.

I combined all of this into one subject that I presented. The point was that the economic slowdown has had a direct impact on what we do. The charities that we partner with are having a difficult time meeting all of their needs to support our common clients. World Vision is not receiving the amount of donations that they have received in the past, and more families who in the past may have contracted to have ramps and grab bars installed now need our help. All this makes the Bluebills more important to the welfare of the families in the counties that the Olympic Peninsula Chapter supports. It is probably a surprise to see how the economy directly affects us all.

This is truly a remarkable institution that we all work so hard to make successful as an integral part of the support our community cherishes.

Dick Ostlund, Chair
The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills

BLUEBILLS HELP MAKE CEA BOOK SALE A SUCCESS



Jack Hawker, Jim Irvin and Ken winter look over a load of unsold books that will go to Goodwill.



These books will be going to the library in Port Hadlock. Jim Irvin hands a boxful to Jacob Molloy, Myron Vogt's grandson.



Bluebills partner with Community Enrichment Alliance on a number of projects. This month it was helping them with a book sale. For the past several weeks CEA had been collecting books, tapes and CD's, and storing them in member's homes. Bluebills were asked to pick them up and take them to the Beach club where they were sorted and prepared for sale the next day. In total we picked up four pickup-loads of material. Following the sale the unsold books would go to Goodwill and the library in Port Hadlock.

The sale exceeded expectations. CEA made \$1500 on the program, which will go to a scholarship fund.

I am proud to call Dick Cihak a friend. He is a Heritage Chapter member and on the Central Leadership Council. He has been a fan of our **FLYER** for quite awhile. He finally came over to say "Howdy"(or Guten Tag!) at our Oktoberfest. I have copied this article from the Museum of Flight publication, and also have included the video clip link of the Apollo 11 flight launch. I guarantee that you will get goosebumps watching this video again!
-- Cyndyann



From the July | August 2009 www.museumofflight.org

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 flight, we recognize Docent Dick Cihak, a man who helped launch Apollo flights 8 thru 17 and Skylab I. As Lead Engineer in the Kennedy Space Center Ground Measuring Group, he monitored critical pre-launch data fed to the Launch Control Center through the booster's umbilical cables. The Ground Measuring Group's primary responsibility ended at liftoff when the umbilical cables were ejected.

His most memorable launch was Apollo 12, when the Saturn V/Apollo space vehicle was struck by lightning as it lifted off. Dick notes, "It was very tense on the ground, but the crew was amazingly calm as they reset systems and proceeded with the flight."

The Boeing Company moved Dick to Seattle to work on AWACS and other programs until his retirement in 1990. He has logged over 3,000 hours at The Museum of Flight during his 16 years as a Docent. Dick's involvement with the Museum dates to 1983, when he joined as a Charter Member. He now volunteers on Mondays and serves on the Docent Leadership Council, the Aloft editorial board, and on the Docent Training Committee, where he teaches Docents about the Museum's space exhibit. He particularly enjoys working special projects and events, including the Museum's annual Gala and with the Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) program, where he serves as a mentor to students whose project is to develop a human mission to Mars.

At the X-15 Gala in 2007, Dick escorted Einar Enevoldson, a research pilot who, with Steve Fossett, set a world's altitude record in a sailplane. For the 2009 Gala, which honored the flight of Apollo 11, greeted Apollo Astronaut William Anders, and enjoyed interesting conversations.

The space exhibit is Dick's favorite and he works it at every opportunity. One day a young man walked up and asked him about the myth that the moon landings never happened, that they were staged in Hollywood. Dick was the right guy to ask. He explained his launch role and meeting the astronauts following their return to Earth. While Dick's efforts won't quash this long-standing myth completely, he was able to convince one skeptical visitor - a good start!

CLICK TWICE ON THE FOLLOWING VIDEO ADDRESS AND FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS!

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=5722827024646179220#>





For the past several years Bluebills have been collecting school supplies over the summer months so that we can deliver a significant amount of goods just prior to schools starting in the Fall. **Dick Ostlund** coordinates the effort which requires obtaining a warehouse (in this case a 12 foot by 40 storage unit), shelving for the unit (made by Bluebills with funds provided by **Ken Winter's son**, who is a Boeing airplane salesman.) and sorting out the goods as they are received. The school supplies are provide by World Vision.

By the time of delivery there was no longer any room in the warehouse and the Gifts-In-Kind warehouse was used for overflow.

During the last week in August the items were delivered to the thirteen schools in our area who have more then 70% of the students on free or reduced price meals. The schools stretched from Queets, Neah Bay and Clallam Bay on the west and northwest coast to schools in Shelton, in the Hood Canal.

Our volunteers stepped up to the task of delivering about one pickup truck load of schools supplies to each of the schools. The Hood Canal volunteers took care of the schools in their area. **Russ and Shelly Rousseau** made the long trip to Queets, dropping off the Forks load in route. **Ted Muralt** of Clallam Bay arranged for their school district to make their pick up. **Amy and John Miller, Mike Graham and Larry Lang** covered the remaining schools.

**Thanks to everyone who helped make this
a success again this year!**

Lee Douglass
and Candy
Anstiss load up
goods headed
for schools in
Shelton.



Amy
Miller
stands
beside
their
truck
which is
loaded
with
supplies
for a
couple
of
schools
in
Kitsap
Co.

Larry Lang,
Mike
Graham
and
Clint Webb
help load.



Bonnie
Douglass and
Bill Anstiss
strap down a
load for the
Hood Canal
Area.





Ted Muralt and his 'sidekick' CALLIE arrive from Clallam Bay with driver and van from Cape Flattery School District. They picked up the items for Clallam Bay and Neah Bay.

Bluebills traveled to a new location to build a ramp for a woman who was not able to come back home without it. The job was funded by Kitsap Area Agency on Aging and coordinated by Donna Jones of Volunteer Chore Services. This is the first job we have done and was funded by KAAA. Their normal practice is to hire a contractor but apparently they are also feeling the budget crunch.



Dan Nordmark &
Davis Steelquest

took care of the survey
and organizing the job.

The crew of
seven
finished in
about six
hours.

Helping were:

*Ed Hughes, Mark Weaver, Dan Nordmark and friend,
Davis Steelquest, Jack Hawker and Myron Vogt.*

Getting started. The fellows have already torn off the porch steps. They will be replaced by the ramp. Ed Hughes and Mark Weaver get ready for the next operation.



**OLALLA
RAMP**

Ed Hughes trims a board to length while Jack Hawker is up to something at the other end. Dan Nordmark appears to be checking the lumber supply.



Moving right along, Ed, Jack and Mark work on railings.



Looks like Davis Steelquest is trying to figure out how to attach a railing post. Mark and Jack look on.





- KEN SNIDER OCT 1**
- ANSTISS OCT 2**
- DONALD EKLUND OCT 2**
- PEGGY LEE FLENTIE OCT 4**
- BARBARA SHAIN OCT 8**
- BRACKETT OCT 9**
- KATHY CIANCI OCT 15**
- DICK OSTLUND OCT 20**
- GEORGE ZIMMERMAN OCT 20**
- ROBERTA ENDERS OCT 23**
- RUSS ROUSSEAU OCT 23**

30 volunteers in August contributed 542 hours.
from Jack Hawker



CALENDAR



Gifts-In-Kind delivery
Jefferson Co.
Early Oct. Date TBD

Thursday, Oct 7: Leadership Team
Meeting 3:00-4:00. The Bay Club

Tuesday, Oct 12: Unload Food Bank Truck
Tri-Area Food Bank Chimacum 8:00-9:00

Tuesday, Oct 12 Central Leadership Council Meeting- Seattle

FROM MYRON

TO THE BLUEBILLS FROM VCS - KITSAP CO.



Because of your efforts Volunteer Chore Services was awarded the 2010 United Way of Kitsap Co. Community Action Award Supporting Aging & Vulnerable Population



Editors Corner

This is about our Archives web page. Please let me know if you would like me to help you if you have any problems downloading or using this page. If you want photo copies and can't copy and paste them, it is probably an issue with the kind of software you have on your computer. Please just send me the year, month and page number and I will be happy to send you whatever you need.

Ted Muralt, whose photo is on Page 8, is the great guy who produces and maintains our web page. He isn't seen at the Socials or meetings because he lives 'way over there' on the Eastern side of the Olympic Peninsula. I send him a copy of the new **FLYER** each month, and he puts it on our Archives page on the Bluebill.org web page which he creates and maintains. **He also creates an index page, of every article in each issue.**

Click twice on the following link to go take a look:
<http://www.bluebills.org/opbb/olympic-peninsula-bluebill-newsletters.html>

PORT LUDLOW
by Peggy Lee Flentie

OOPS
Last month I incorrectly identified Davis Steelquist as the focal of a ramp project that Myron actually did. The Port Angeles ramp on Page 9 should have shown Myron as the focal. He said he didn't need a correction, but he, and all our Bluebills work too hard on these ramps for me not to get them remembered correctly. I'm **Sorry**, Myron and Davis!
- Cyndyann

Stand by!
I'll be sending a supplement to this issue - The photo gallery of our Oktoberfest Social!

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**Listen! the wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer
evenings,
now for October eves!**

—Humbert Wolfe (1885–1940)