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Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Newsletter Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



Barbara Berthiaume

From the Chair

By

Barbara Berthiaume



Clint Web

August has been a very active month!

We again adopted a week in the YMCA Summer Nutrition and Literacy Program and staffed it with 32 volunteers. We raised \$1140 for the Chimacum Backpack School Supplies Program to insure that every student has the tools necessary to begin the school year with the best chance for success. **The 7th Annual Dove House Golf Benefit raised \$19,900 for direct services to their clients.** 35 Bluebills worked throughout the year and the day of the tournament to make the event fun and fundraising. These activities are in addition to the ongoing activities of building ramps, installing grab bars, making Essential Supplies pick ups and deliveries, and planning future events. Bob Keever is planning the Fall Social in Kitsap County. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 25 in Poulsbo! Bluebills definitely make a difference in our community and it is because of all of you who step up to volunteer. Thanks to all of you for your generosity on all levels!

Be sure to record your volunteer hours!

Barbara

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BLUEBILLS

Serving Jefferson, Kitsap and Clallam Counties



BLUEBILLS GOLF TOURNAMENT 7th Annual TO BENEFIT 7th Annual VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

The 7th Annual Dove House Golf Benefit was held on Friday, August 17 at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. There were 96 players who teed with a shotgun at noon. Buying Mulligans, Whammies, and participating in a chipping contest were activities that supported Dove House. We had 9 major sponsors (two new this year), 35 tee sponsors, and 29 companies, organizations, and individuals who donated amazing raffle baskets. 35 volunteers spent many hours over the year and on the day of, to make this such a successful and fun event. Dove House staff were present and had a table with information on their needs and services and all sponsorship money was sent to Dove House earmarked for direct client services. A total of **\$19,900** was raised and a check was presented to Dove House. Well done by all who participated!













The Seventh Annual Dove House Golf Tournament

First Place Winners



Mixed: David Nugent, Linda Aho, Amy Aho, David Aho



Women's Division: Debi Bozanich, Sheila Schoen, Cyndy Kelly



Men's Division: Shelley Washburn, Steve Hendricks,
John Germain, Roger Reighart





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Olympic Ridge Construction
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Lively & Olive Tasting Bar	Mike & Barbara Burke
Central Market	Scampi & Halibut Seafood Grill
P.T. Film Festival	Jim Laker
Ichikawa Sushi Bar	Tootsies
Chimacum Corner Farm Stand	Tom Smith
Finn River Farms & Cidery	Dana Pointe Design
Cenex	O'Hair Salon
Do It Best	Ludlow Bay Massage & Wellness Spa
Henery Hardware	Piper, Sally & Marina Porter
Lanza's Ristorante	Port Ludlow Golf Course
Quimper Mercantile Co.	Tyler
Spruce Goose Café	Teri Ross
Elaine Girard	The Secret Garden

Thank you for your gifts!!

DOVE Advocacy
Services
HOUSE

Dove House Golf Tournament

Volunteers

Alan Page

Pat Thompson



Michael Grace

Debbie Linner

Bekka Bloom

Annie Lovato

Teresa Shiraishi

Tess Baze

Beulah Kingsolver



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Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament

Bluebills & Friends
who volunteered

WE THANK YOU ALL!

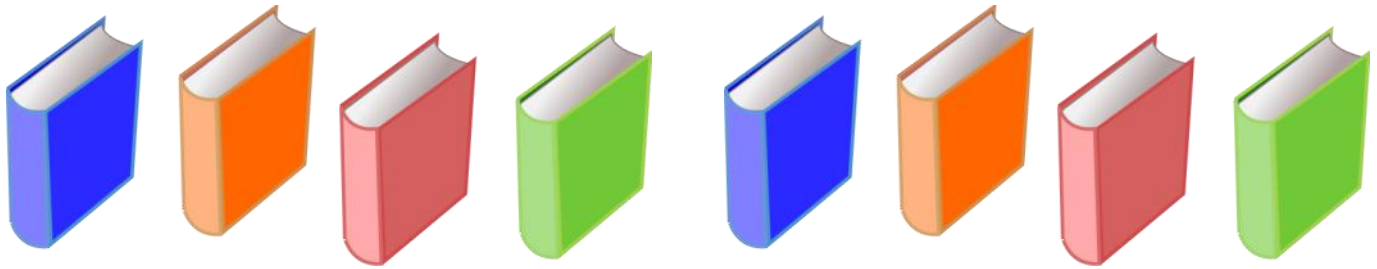
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USED BOOK SALE IS ALMOST HERE!

The used book sale that we've been talking about for over two months is almost here. This sale will be at the Beach Club on Saturday, September 29. The Bluebills are helping the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO), the newly formed 501(c)(3) non-profit, organize and conduct the sale. The money raised will be used to support STEM education in Jefferson, Kitsap, and Clallam counties.

We still need books, CDs, and DVDs. We have three drop-off points in Port Ludlow:

Clint Webb: 116 Timber Meadow Drive, Ph. (360) 437-4119

Myron Vogt: 166 Greenview Lane, Ph. (360) 437-4055

Ed Berthiaume: 671 Rainier Lane, Ph. (360) 437-0423

Please call to arrange a drop-off time. If dropping off is problematic, call any of us, and we will pick them up. You can also drop them off the day before the sale, Friday, September 28, at the Beach Club, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



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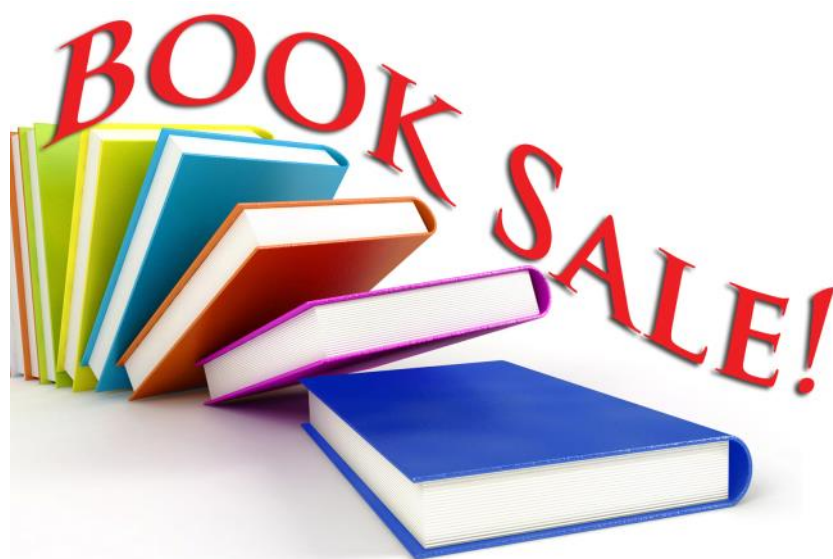
WE NEED BLUEBILL VOLUNTEERS! This is a big undertaking! We need about 15 volunteers, on both the Friday before the sale, and Saturday, the day of the sale. On Friday we have to transport about 80 boxes from Myron's garage to the Beach Club. The transport and setup will be from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Friday.

On Saturday we need help to keep books organized as people pick through them. After the sale we need to load and transport all unsold books to a site yet to be determined. We hope to have enough help that we can work in two hour shifts. The sale will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM PLEASE, call either Clint or Pat Webb (360) 437-4119 to help.

Finally, we need Bluebills to come on Saturday to buy books. There will be more than 2000 books, CDs, and DVDs offering a wide selection. All are bargain priced.

Children's books and pocket paperbacks are 50 cents. All other books, DVDs, and CDs are \$1.00. Books on CD are \$3.00.

Hope to see you there!



Bluebills Fall Social

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Bluebills Fall Social, which will be hosted by the Kitsap crew.

When: **Tuesday September 25th, 4 pm** (“Oktoberfest” dinner served at 4:30, followed by a short program)

Where: Vinland Lutheran Church, Grace Hall, 2752 NW Finn Hill Road, Poulsbo (about 12 min from Hood Canal bridge)

RSVP: to Mark Byl, bylfamily@msn.com or 206-321-3761 no later than Sep 18th to reserve a seat

Spouses are welcome to attend.



SOUTH JEFFERSON BLUEBILL APPRECIATION MEETING

On August 23 Bluebills held a special meeting in Quilcene to show our appreciation for all the volunteers who are helping individuals and groups in the Quilcene/Brinnon area.

Bob Rosen started the meeting by showing a video about the Quilcene Community Center remodel. This took place eleven years ago and Bluebills played a large role in providing labor. I think we were all surprised at how spry and agile we were back then. Of course most of us were only about 70 years old so still youthful.

Special awards were given to three groups: the area Builders, World Vision Program Volunteers and those running the school Weekend Feeding Program. All great programs run by great volunteers.

Also speaking:

Melanie Krupa from Habitat for Humanity

The Quilcene/Brinnon area is one of the few in the United States where Habitat has a rural-assistance program. This focuses on repairs and improvements instead of building a new home. Melanie reviewed the process needed to get Habitat assistance for qualifying homes.

Bekka Bloom of Jefferson County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program (Dove House)

Bekka reported that Dove House was interested in establishing a meeting place in Quilcene where clients could meet with counselors. A certain amount of funding may be available for a program like this.

Bob Reasoner Education Chair for Peninsula Support Organization

Bob reviewed STEM activities at Quilcene School in the past year and what was planned for the upcoming school year, such as taking the entire eighth grade class to the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

The meeting concluded with pizza. Thanks to Michael Graham and Bob Rosen who organized the food, drinks and meeting room.

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The South Jefferson Builders were presented with a certificate for the work they do to make homes safer and more easily accessed.

Mike Hyde, Wes Duraham, Myron Vogt, George Sickel, Bill Anstiss and Doug Peterson



Bonnie and Lee Douglass lead the Weekend Feeding Program that provides bag lunches each Friday for 45 elementary students at Quilcene and Brinnon schools. Working with Bonnie and Lee are Evelyn and Bob Gunther, Pat Crossley and Roselyn Roberts.



The area group that works with World Vision to provide goods each month to agencies, schools and food banks in the Quilcene/Brinnon area.

Receiving the certificate of appreciation:

Doug Peterson, Kay Peterson, Wes Dunham, Ruth Dunham, Bill Anstiss, Judi Hyde, George Sickel and Mike Hyde.

Bluebills Go Fishing at Port Hadlock Block Party!



A happy fisherman and her mom
(that's Joe in the shadows)



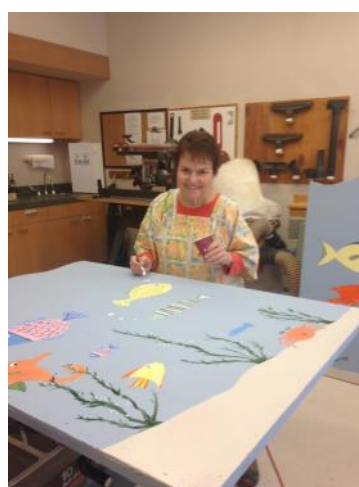
The Fishpond set up at the Port
Hadlock Block Party



Artistic detail and height restriction

This year Bluebills participated in the Port Hadlock Block Party. We set up our canopy and made a Fishing Pond for little kids. We had a number of small Boeing t-shirts, some toys from World Vision, Bluebill pencils and some Boeing bags to put the stuff in. Started at 11:00 am and we ran out of “fish” by 3:00. About 100 kids, all shorter than 4', fished.

Helping at the event were Michael Graham, Clint Webb, Joe and Ann Gagnier, Jack Hawker, Myron Vogt and Ed and Barbara Berthiaume. Decorating the fish pond was done by Dave and Gail Parrish. The fish pond is stored in our warehouse. If any of you have an event coming up where you could use it, let me know. Myron Vogt



Our Bluebills “Artists in Residence” Dave and Gail Parrish decorate the Fish Pond



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)

September Calendar

- Sep 6** Leadership Team and PSO Meeting- Beach Club 3:00-4:30
- Sep 10** Caregiving Forum- Port Townsend Community Center 6:30-8:30
- Sep 11** Pickup goods at World Vision in Fife for Jefferson Co. Be at Fife at 9:00.
- Sep 11** Central Leadership Council Meeting-Seattle 10:00-11:00
- Sep 25** Kitsap County BB Appreciation Meeting-Poulsbo, 4:00-6:00
- Sep 27** Pick for Jefferson Co. Be at Chimacum warehouse at 9:00
- Sep 28** Deliver used books from storage in Port Ludlow to Beach Club. See article for details.
- Sep 29** Used Book and Media Sale-Beach Club 9:00-4:00. Help needed.

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WAYPOINTS



- Oct 3 PSO Used Book Sale Sequim
- Oct 10 Caregiving Forum– Port Townsend Community Center, 6:30-8:30
- Nov 16 PSO Silent Auction
- Dec 4 Christmas Giving/Social Event





PARTICIPATION COORDIANTOR-RICK SMITH

At the last Leadership Team meeting we were discussing a new position that had the task of making sure we did a better job of getting new members involved and increasing member participation. One of the attendees was a new member, Rick Smith. After hearing us discuss the job and who might take it on, Rick volunteered to give it a try. It's a good fit for Rick as, unlike most of us, he still works full time as a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones in Port Ludlow.

Member participation is one of the most important metrics we use to measure how well we are serving our members. The percentage of our members participating in volunteer work is determined by the number who report hours. We have been measuring this since 2007. Data for the last four years is:

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
No. of Members	187	212	208	179
No. Reporting Hours	128	114	110	113
Percent Reporting	68%	53%	53%	63%

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Based on this data, around 40% of our members have not found an activity they can participate in. People join Bluebills to help the community so your Leadership Team needs to try and provide them with that opportunity. There are several steps planned:

Current Members

1. A survey to make sure all members' interests are identified. Things change over time so we want to get up-to-date on this data. Look for an email request for this data from Rick Smith.
2. Follow-up on the survey by appropriate team leaders to advise members of volunteer opportunities.
3. Measuring success by monitoring the hours reported each month.

New Members

1. The Leadership Team will be advised of new member interests by David Goudie, our Membership Chair. This is the current process and there is no need to change.
2. Rick Smith will track that the appropriate team leader contacts the new member with volunteer opportunities.
3. Success is measured by monitoring the monthly hours report to see if the new volunteer has reported any hours, indicating participation.

We are looking for not only team leaders to get members involved, but also our members to advise each other of activities.

It's said the happiest people are not those getting more but those giving more.

So, add a little to everyone's well being by volunteering and helping others volunteer.

Volunteers Needed for Robotics

Our Peninsula Support Organization, the non-profit arm of the Bluebills, has been working with the schools of Jefferson County to help them strengthen instruction in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to better prepare students for jobs in the world of tomorrow. One of those critical skills is learning how to work with robotics, so we plan to fund robotic teams in as many schools as possible using the FIRST Washington Robotics program, an innovative and inspiring education program.

Boeing is a strong supporter of FIRST Washington Robotics so they have agreed to provide financial support to those programs mentored by a Boeing retiree. Thus, we are making an urgent appeal to anyone from Boeing, not just engineers, to volunteer to serve as an advisor or mentor to teachers or robotics teams. Please contact Bob Reasoner at Esteem1@AOL.com or call 437-0200 if you have questions or to volunteer.

To view First Washington's website, click on the logo below:



World Vision Essential Supplies



Above are before and after shots of the Bluebills storage unit in Chimacum. On the left shows the goods after delivery from the World Vision warehouse in Fife for distribution in Kitsap Co.. On the right is a shot taken after the “pick” where goods are grouped by the agency which has requested them. We usually place the largest load first. That’s an enormous stuffed bear that looks like it’s getting ready to take a bite out of Mike Burke. This load was distributed August 3rd.



Above is the shipment that the Clallam team hauled back from Fife August 14th. We stacked it high to open a little floor space. These supplies will be distributed all over the western peninsula. As you can see there is quite a bit of work involved and we always need volunteers, especially if you have a truck or a trailer. Personally, I enjoy it and it is satisfying to see these supplies go where they are truly needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact **World Vision Regional Coordinators:** Clallam Co., Larry Lang, parkbear47@yahoo.com; Jefferson Co., Erica Mayfield, emayfield@q.com; Hood Canal, Bonnie Douglass, lbdouglass@wildblue.net; Kitsap Co., Ed Berthiaume, edberthiaume@gmail.com; Or Myron Vogt, vogt@cablespeed.com

Affordable Medical Alert System

By Mark Washeleski (360) 687-1520, vailenski@comcast.net



Recently we responded to a service request from EMS regarding a Kitsap woman with a medical condition that makes her prone to falling. The Fall Prevention service performed included: installing 3 grab bars, lowering the height of a bed, double-taping a kitchen floor rug, and modifying a swivel rocker. Although the prevention enhancements were very helpful, I thought there was more that could be done.

During the Fall Prevention assessment, the topic of a medical alert system was discussed. The client is a senior who lives alone and has no family, and I was concerned that if she fell and was unable to get up, she wouldn't be able to summon assistance. However, the \$30 monthly cost was something the client could not afford. Her medical and hospital deductible is consuming what discretionary funds she has.

Doing some research on medical alert systems, I found that the company LogicMark offers a system called FREEDOM ALERT that sells for \$200, and requires no activation fees, contracts, or monthly fees. The product consists of a base station which connects to phone line or VOIP (Comcast), and a water resistant pendant that is worn by the user. There are 3 configuration options for when the pendant's blue button is pushed: 1) calls friends and enables them (if needed) to initiate a 911 call from users base station, 2) call friends, but transfer to 911 if they don't answer, or 3) call 911 directly. The pendant can also be used to answer any incoming call without the need to run to the phone.

The Freedom system has been installed (as a loaner for as long as she needs it) in the client's home. I informed the KITSAP 911 Center of my need to test the three configuration options. They were very helpful, and testing was successful. Feel free to contact me if you would like further information or help getting one of these set up.

To view the instruction manual, [click here](#).



Kitsap Builders

Centenarian Ramp

By Bob Keever



Bob Keever and Wally Grenquist with Newly Installed Ramp

Word gets around one way or another about Bluebills Independent Living and Fall Prevention services. Last spring we gave a presentation to the Rotary Club of South Kitsap. One of the attendees was an attorney who practices Elder Law. In July we got a call from the daughter of a 100-yr old Bremerton woman, for whom the attorney had referred them to Bluebills for a ramp.

When we showed up for the site survey, the Centenarian, who has lived there longer than anyone else in the area, practically chased us off with a stick. But then, after her daughter intervened, she proclaimed, “I don’t need a ramp, but if my daughter thinks that she needs one, I guess that’s okay with me!”

The daughter took her mom away for an outing the day we installed the ramp. Fortunately it went together well – everything fit, and it was solid and straight. The two of them arrived home just as we were finishing up. An argument ensued in the car, but then our Centenarian (she’ll be 101 later this month) emerged, and without saying much, gave the ramp a thorough inspection, “kicked the tires,” and proclaimed it to be “pretty good.”

South Jefferson County Builders

Quilcene Ramp

REPAH, Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing, funded the material for this Quilcene ramp. George Sickel also emptied his garage of spare lumber to repair the porch railings. It took 2 days with 6 folks the first day for 8 hours and 7 folks for 2 hours on the second day. Nice job!





2018 Builder Data



BUILDERS DATA THROUGH AUGUST

Take a look at the chart and you can see we are marching along to a record year in all categories.

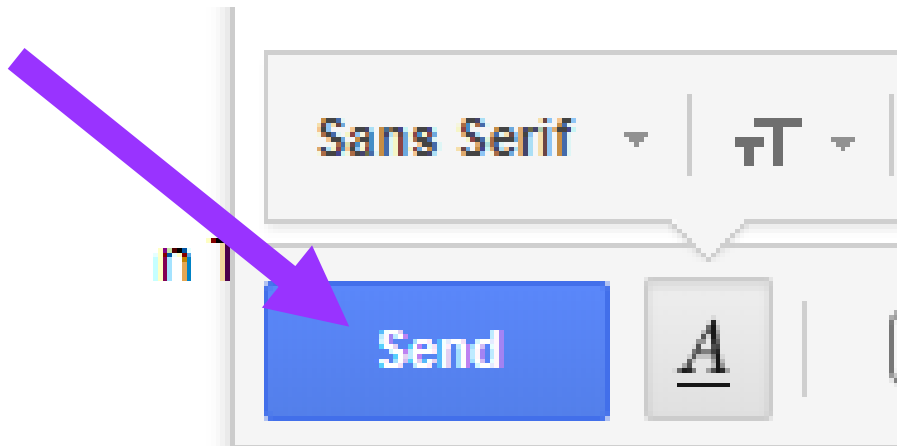
An update of Open Projects shows a bigger backlog than we have had for months so that's something to try and address.

Three things I would ask: first, if someone asks you to lend a hand, try to pitch in; second, please report your hours as we use that as a metric to measure how well we are helping the community; and last, **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

Myron

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	YTD Total	2017 TTL
Grab bars	19	13	41	37	11	25	25	11	182	229
Ramps	7	7	9	9	2	2	7	6	49	52
Railing	1	3	7	7	5	6	4	6	39	38
Miscellaneous	6	7	8	5	13	6	11	8	64	56
Total Clients	25	20	26	28	28	21	24	31	203	222
Total Different Volunteers	16	17	27	19	13	18	14	20	n/a	
Open Projects	45	55	36	47	40	31	23	56	n/a	

HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER



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

73 volunteers reported 1813 hours. That is 38% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for July.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dave Ditzler 9/1

Larry Elton 9/13

Tom Brotherton 9/15

Mark McNabb 9/15

Daniel Nieuwsma 9/19

Gail Parrish 9/25

Pat Traci 9/26



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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