



THE BLUEBILL

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2008 GOALS MEETING

GOALS MEETING GENERATES LOTS OF SUGGESTIONS

We had about twenty five attendees at the March 17 Goals meeting. Suggestions for improvement were made in practically every category. The Leadership Team will be evaluating the ideas and taking action where they feel something meaningful can be done.



**Barbara Berthume and
Chuck Sherred were our
Facilitators**

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Boeing Retiree Volunteers Olympic Peninsula Bluebills Chapter All Member/All Agency Meeting March 17, 2008

Summary of suggestions for improvement:

Independent Living:

- Increase funding for Clallum County – Challenge REPAH?
 - Kitsap and Clallum Counties need more OPB members
 - Assess unmet needs
 - Join agency events
 - Identify other agency projects, misc. projects
 - Promote our service in outlying areas
 - More presentations to service providers
 - Increase publicity to all counties
- Jennifer Jackson @PDN for publicity

Gifts in Kind:

- Inform drivers about size of load(s) in advance

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- Need monthly distribution meeting; co-ordinator, warehouse, etc.

- Need more drivers

- Video positive impact of these services

- Cost of services, fuel, etc.

Hands on feedback to OPS and World Vision: photos at time of goods distribution

Photos to Bob Rosen for video

School Supply Distribution:

- Need additional storage facility \$115/mo

- See GIK needs

Bicycle Repair:

- Publicize recipient of bike at time of the gift

- Need storage space approx. 10' X 20' - Mike Graham

Hospital Equipment Repair:

Electronic Recycling:

- Expand to other locations

- Two times a year

Lifeline:

- Need more volunteers

Food Truck Unloading:

Christmas Reindeer Construction:

- Need new projects to build

Christmas Giving:

- Improve agency format for client needs questionnaire

- Better guidelines

- Gift cards for specific stores

Membership:

- Associate members are critical to OPBs

- Identify activities for women

- Identify liaisons with other groups, agencies, etc.

- Research Peninsula media outlets

- Identify ways to motivate the 54% that do not participate

- Promote Boeing image in the community

Communications:

- First quarterly April 3 PSVP

- Increase publicity of OPB activities

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- Need co-coordinator “Go-to” person
Sandee Baker, CyndyAnn, Barb, Val, Eline (CEA)
- More use of website
- Solicit more volunteer
- Need for more publicity to the community
- Flyers to more non-Bluebills

Member Recognition:

- Annual “Umbrella “ event sponsored by Boeing for all retiree chapters and current employees
- Provide requested information to Sandee
- Local peer recognition with feedback from support agencies
- Certificate to speakers
- Highlight individual contributions @monthly meetings
- Recognize contributions of local businesses
- Invite potential members to our meetings
- Sharon Commander volunteered for Recognition Committee

New Opportunities:

- Need a new category for the misc. construction/building work that we do
- Explore providing opportunities for people in retirement centers
- Explore opportunities in education
- Technology repair support for seniors

Open Discussion:

- Bring a friend to quarterly social for program exposure and recruitment



Jack Hawker salutes St. Patrick's Day



SPRING SOCIAL

The Olympic Peninsula Bluebill's Spring Social

will be held at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow on

Thursday April 3, 11:00 – 3:00

The Menu:

Pasta Bar
Caesar Salad
Dessert
Wine
Beer
Soft Drinks
Coffee
Tea

This social is sponsored by The Boeing Company for Boeing retirees and anyone interested in volunteering time to provide assistance to the elderly and less fortunate in the tri-county area. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place off Paradise Bay Road in Port Ludlow.

Please R.S.V.P to Michael Graham at 360.437.5052
(michaelg@cablespeed.com) by Friday, March 28.

The theme of this social will be GIK Volunteer Appreciation. We want to say a special thanks to the many volunteers who have contributed to the GIK program over the past few years. If you have been or are a GIK volunteer you can expect a special invitation to this event.

We hope everyone can make it!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

ELEANOR RODEN APRIL 4

BILL SHAIN APRIL 6

DAVE MATHIESON APRIL 20

LINDA COLASURDO APRIL 21

CHRISTIE PIZZO APRIL 25



SANDEE BAKER



Welcome, Sandee Baker, our new Boeing Liaison for retiree programs in the Puget Sound!

Now in her 41st year with the company, Sandee works at Commercial Airplanes headquarters at Longacres for Fred Kiga, vice president of State & Local Government Relations and Global Corporate Citizenship (GCC). The Bluebills are one of several community and volunteer programs and activities managed by Fred's organization in the northwest region, so we're a small part of Anne Roosevelt's overall GCC team in Chicago that includes various regions and locations worldwide.

Sandee's initial goals for supporting the Bluebills are already in play -- we've agreed that the name Boeing Retiree Volunteers will help promote what we do in a broader sense and to a wider audience, while still keeping the Bluebills Chapter identity as we've done since inception. Sandee has streamlined our badge renewal process and is working to simplify our expense reimbursement process. We're actively working with the BMA Gold Card Chapter to include Bluebills and other retirees in a Fall Leadership Meeting and other future events.



We have lots of fun and exciting work ahead of us! Sandee is committed to help us find mutually beneficial ways to combine company goals with community needs and retiree interests, to raise awareness and promote employee engagement before people retire, to build sustainable programs that reinforce the relevance of retirees to their company and global communities, to connect existing retiree volunteer programs under a one-company umbrella of employee/retiree engagement, and to nurture an ongoing culture that cares about life after Boeing and lifelong community involvement

It's going to be a great year!



Volunteer hours

*During February we had 26
volunteers report 652 hours.*

Jack Hawker

April 1
GIK pick up - World Vision, Kent

April 3
BB Social 11-2, Bay Club, Port Ludlow

April 7
**BB Leadership Team Meeting, 9-11, Bay
Club**

April 8
**Central Leadership council Meeting -
Seattle**

April 22
GIK Distribution, Kitsap County



SECOND CHANCE RANCH from Chuck Sherred

Second Chance Ranch Fencing Project

The Second Chance Ranch is a not-for-profit animal sanctuary and rescue organization located near Quilcene. The facility is home to myriad rescued animals including horses, llamas, goats, iguanas, chickens, sheep, ducks, geese, cats and etc. The 501©3 operation is owned and operated by Sara Penhallegon with the help of caring, unpaid volunteers. While primarily serving Jefferson County, including Port Townsend and Port Ludlow, the ranch has become home to even some animals from outside of this area. Our Bluebill volunteers have worked on a variety of projects over several months and have recently installed approximately **800 feet** of pasture fencing to contain 15 fortunate horses rescued by the Jefferson County animal shelter team.

Many thanks to the guys that worked on this project. It was a bit labor intensive but everyone proved up to the challenge. The team included; Jack Hawker, Gifford Asher, George Ansley, Bill Anstill, Michael Graham, Larry Elton, Myron Vogt, Ed Berthiaume, Chuck Sherred, Ken Winter, and Davis Steelquist.



Part of our fencing crew reporting to work at Second Chance Ranch.

Left to right; Ken Winter, Jack Hawker, Larry Elton, Ed Berthiaume, Chuck Sherred, and Gifford Asher.



Be careful Larry, his ears are back!

SECOND CHANCE RANCH FENCING PROJECT



Jack and Ed driving staples.



'Giff' Asher manning the come-along fence puller.



Chuck, Ed and gang preparing for 15 rescued horses.



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KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN BLUEBILLS?

Many of our members learn about Bluebills from someone who is already a Bluebill. They may ask how to join or how to get more information.

Here is the answer. We have a Membership Coordinator, Eleanor Roden, who does a wonderful job. If someone is interested in joining Bluebills or wants more information, get the persons name and address, then send this information to Eleanor via email (rodenem@olypen.com). Eleanor will send the person a packet of information. It will include a Welcome to Bluebills Letter, a brochure outlining our programs and an application for the potential member. If the member is interested in joining they fill out the form and mail it back to Eleanor. When Eleanor gets the form back she adds the member to the membership list and sends an email to the coordinators of the programs the new member is interested in working on.

WE DO NOT ADD THE NAME TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST UNTIL THE FORM IS RECEIVED. THE MEMBERSHIP LIST IS THE MASTER DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND ALL OTHER MEMBER-WIDE INFORMATION.

So here is the point. FOLLOW THE ABOVE PROCEDURE TO ENSURE A POTENTIAL MEMBER GETS THE RIGHT INFORMATION, GETS ON OUR DISTRIBUTION LIST AND GETS CALLED UPON TO HELP.

UP ON THE ROOF



Roger is kneeling with his dog, Bandit.
Bluebills Ed Hughes, Ken Snider and Jack Hawker are next to Roger's sister, Kelly.
Myron Vogt completed the group and took the photo.

BLUEBILLS DO A **LITTLE** SHINGLING

Bluebills have a general rule of thumb for taking on jobs. We have to be able to keep both feet on the ground! Like most rules there are exceptions and we recently shingled a shed/studio for Roger Davis. The job was small enough we figured we could make an exception. Bluebills have been helping Roger with the more difficult parts of the constructions. Roger has MS.

*Thank you again so much Myron,
for you and ALL the boy's help.
You are the greatest group men
I've ever met. It's an honor that
you consider me one of your
friends. You have all been such an
encouragement to me. I think I
have a new life now and you guys
contributed greatly to that in
more than just material things.
I'll talk to you later... You are
ALL , always in my thoughts.
Sincerely, Roger Davis Jr.*

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