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PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

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CHUCK SHERRED, JACK RANDALL, MYRON VOGT, BOB PEDEN AND ED BERTHIAUME



WE CELEBRATED OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY ON TUESDAY, JULY 22. AT THE PORT LUDLOW BAY CLUB. ED BERTHIAUME, MYRON VOGT, JACK RANDALL, CHUCK SHERRED, AND BOB PEDEN SPOKE ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS.

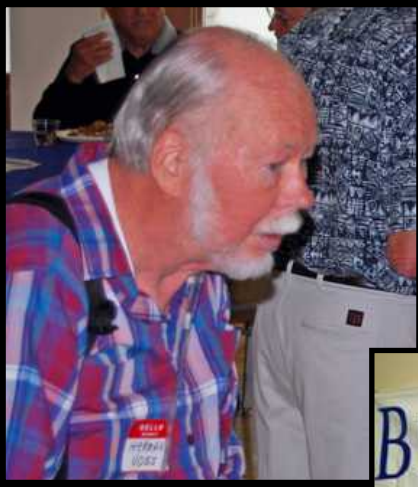


WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME CELEBRATING WITH OUR AGENCY PARTNERS ON A FINE SUMMER EVENING.



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BLUEBILLS
BOEING RETIREE
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS**



STEVE FAILLA AUGUST 6

GEORGE ANSLEY AUGUST 19

KEN CLOSE AUGUST 17

CINDY HOLLISTER AUGUST 27

KAREN ANDERSON AUGUST 18

BEVERLY SIMON AUGUST 8

JACK POTTER AUGUST 26



**WELCOME
TO
NEW
MEMBERS!!**

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Truck, Independent
Living Program, & Kids
in Need

Joan is interested in:
Unloading the Food Bank

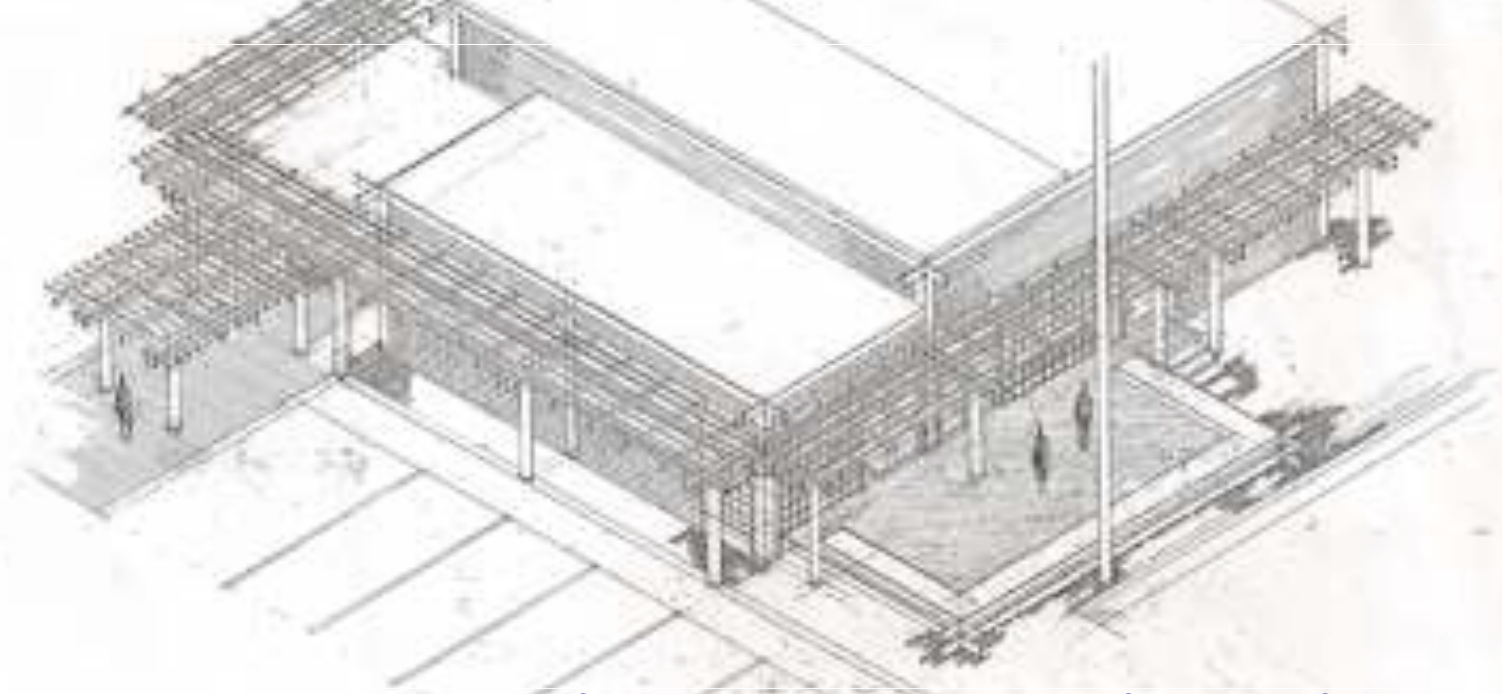
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Bluebills, along with other organizations are helping to remodel the Quilcene Community Center.

After 30 years the Center was showing her age. Activities and interest flagged. The voice of the Community said that much of the problem was the Center itself. The utilitarian look was not at all the inviting sanctuary for community activities and/or social gatherings. With that in mind the first phase of the three phase will be a remodel of the entire exterior including new windows and French doors that will lead out to a wooden cedar deck.

Upon completion of this work, we will immediately embark on an extensive remodel of the interior which will include a Commercial Kitchen for Senior Meals. -- Myron



This drawing shows the new facade, entry and deck that are the first stages of the Quilcene Community Center remodel.



Jack Hawker and Steve Failla fill one of the footing holes with concrete



Chuck Sherrard uses a jackhammer to dig footing holes. Dick Gildeen looks on. The holes are two feet deep and one foot in diameter.



**ELEANOR RODEN
AND HER NEW HOT WHEELS!**

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 get information. 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 person's name and address, then **send this information to Eleanor via email: rodenem@olypen.com**. Eleanor will send the person a packet of information. When Eleanor gets the included 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.

THE BLUEBILL SPOTLIGHT IS ON



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of Jefferson County**

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United Good Neighbors of Jefferson County (UGN)

This month the Bluebill Spotlight is on United Good Neighbor of Jefferson County. **Bob Peden is the UGN Director. He is a Boeing Retiree and one of the founding members of Olympic Peninsula Bluebills. Bob has helped over the past ten years with his advice and acting as an advocate for our goals.**

UGN From the first year of raising \$5,000 (5 programs) in 1957 to 2005 when UGN raised \$320,000 (over 30 programs) the long range operating philosophy has remained the same "Support those programs that meet a valid community need in the county. In our long range planning in 2004 we added a mission feature that accented a "Safety Net" approach to allocated funding where we give priority to those programs that not only meet the needs of the residents but are most basic and vital needs such as the food bank and the free health clinic as well as emergency housing. In the 2008/2009 fiscal year we help fund 42 programs operating in the county and which provide a much needed health and human service to all residents of Jefferson County. The major categories of service are Basic Needs, Youth and Senior Activities, Community Outreach and Specialized Counseling. UGN does belong to The United Ways of Washington.

The Bluebills have established two programs that UGN helps support. One is the bicycle repair program and the other is the [Gifts In Kind](#) program... Both of these programs are funded by UGN through Catholic Community services as part of their normal operations because they also cover the volunteer insurance liability for the [Bluebill](#) workers and provide some of the cycle spare parts funding. The Bluebills are not a 501 (c) 3, tax exempt organization. Their volunteer support has grown significantly in the last 10 years. Their reputation in the County is excellent and UGN is proud of its support to them.

If you have any questions please call Bob Peden at 360-385-3797 or e-mail at ugnjeffco@waypt.com. The UGN web page can be accessed by [united good neighbors](#) or [united ways of Washington Jefferson County](#).

THE AUGUST CALENDAR



AUGUST 5
GIK PICK-UP, KENT

AUG 11
LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
BAY CLUB
9:00-11:00

AUGUST 12
CENTRAL LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING
SEATTLE

AUGUST 12
UNLOAD FOOD TRUCK
TRI-AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

AUGUST 21
ELECTRONIC RECYCLING
PORT LUDLOW

AUGUST 26
GIK DELIVERY
CLALLAM COUNTY

ABOUT THE PHOTO

A cloud formation over Port Townsend Bay featured a “circumhorizontal arc” for about an hour around noon Wednesday, June 25. It's not a rainbow in the normal sense - it is caused by light passing through high-altitude cirrus clouds. The phenomenon occurs only when the sun is high in the sky, and the hexagonal ice crystals that make up cirrus clouds must be shaped like thick plates with their faces parallel to the ground, according to a National Geographic report.

Photograph by Ben Herndon of The Port Townsend Leader

From Donna Jones - VCS



On Saturday: June 28th Volunteer Chore Services had their Volunteer Appreciation Event for Kitsap County. The event was held at the Evergreen Park in Bremerton and the day was sunny and absolutely wonderful. The Bluebills who attended the event were Ed and Barbara Berthiaume, Chuck and Wanda Sherred, Thelma Keefe and Valeria Vogt.



JUNE VOLUNTEER HOURS

Update on June -- 24 volunteers, 717 hours for June,
4,345 year to date.
from Jack Hawker

GIFTS-IN-KIND PROGRAM



Each month we distribute about 8 or 9 pallets of goods to the various agencies, churches and schools who are members of the GIK program. Hardly ever do any of the Bluebill volunteers actually see the recipients of these goods. Each month the GIK members send thank-you letters to the companies who provide the goods. These all come through our organization and they are hand-carried to World Vision in Kent for distribution to the donors.

You should be aware that the GIK members we serve know full well, that although the goods come from companies via World Vision, Boeing Bluebills are the group that actually deliver the products to their doorstep. So, quite often among the company thank-you letters there are extra thank-you notes to Bluebills. Here are a couple of excerpts from this month. .

This is a hand-written letter from a woman who received some clothes from Dress Barn.



My name is (deleted) and I am one of the recipients of the beautiful clothes your group has provided to Catholic Community Services. I have recently become single with two children, no money and no job skills. I am currently receiving on-the-job training and studying for my G.E.D. These clothes will be of great benefit to me as I go out into the community on job interviews and subsequently to work. Knowing I am dressed appropriately will greatly boost my confidence.

I am writing to thank you for your great generosity in helping me and other women in my situation to dress appropriately for the marketplace.

God Bless You!

Note: we distribute about 40 boxes of new clothes from Dress Barn each month. Another sample from Family Planning of Clallam County:

The Boeing Bluebills Gifts-In-Kind program has made many generous donations of women's health and beauty products... Family Planning teams with Swedish Breast Cancer's traveling Mammogram Coach to provide mammograms to rural, medically-underserved, low-income women in their own communities. Services are provided for Makah women in Neah Bay, Quinault/Hoh women in Queets, Lower Elwha Klallam women west of Port Angeles and women who live in Clallam Bay and Sekiu.

This month the donated products were used to fill up colorful "gift bags" to give to women after they have completed their exams and mammograms. We see happy smiles on their faces and hear appreciative comments as they look in their "gift bags" and find shampoo, conditioner, hair-gel, hand lotion and body wash.

The Boeing Bluebills organization is a valuable team member that helps provide quality health care for the women of the Olympic Peninsula.

Thank you so much!

Note: In the last two months Bluebills have distributed nearly 20,000 bottles, containers and tubes of personal care items such as those describe above. Interesting to see the wide distribution of these goods.

I hope the above sampling conveys to you the importance of your volunteer work to the GIK program.

Myron



How long have you been a Bluebill Member?

I have been a Bluebill member for 1 1/2 years. I did not work for Boeing but I am active in the community and I enjoy working with other Bluebill members.

Favorite Bluebill memory?

Giving the Bluebills \$6000 for the "Victims of Domestic Violence" in December 2007. The funds were raised by the Community Enrichment Alliance Silent Auction in November of 2007.

Where were you born? Grew up?

I was born and grew up in San Diego, California. At 21, I married a Naval Officer and we were transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii. We had our beautiful Daughter Elizabeth. We were in Hawaii during the Viet Nam War and it was so depressing to see the ships come in loaded with troops. I was not in favor of the war.

What did you enjoy most about living through the 60s?

My favorite thing about the 60's was the Beatles. I am still a fan of Paul McCartney! He sang when you are 64 for my 64th Birthday! It was a DVD!

Your favorite holiday?

Christmas and we have plenty of friends and family for the holiday! I love to be home for the Christmas time. I love to entertain and I just love to decorate my house.

Any children?

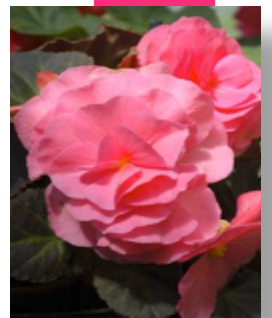
I have one daughter, Elizabeth, and 2 grandchildren, Joul who is 16 and Chase who is 13. Both were here to visit early in July.

Favorite thing to do for fun?

My favorite thing to do for fun is to travel to wonderful places. If I can't do that I love to plant new flowers in my garden. I became a Master Gardener for WSU Jefferson County Master Gardeners in 1999. I am still active with the WSU Master Gardeneers, as I am the WSU Master Gardener State Treasurer.

What is your favorite flower?

I have many favorite flowersbut my very favorite is the tuberous begonia. I love red flowers in the garden for the hummingbirds. Blues and greens are my favorite to wear.



Favorite Music?

ABBA and the Play Mama Mia!

Favorite Movies?

My favorite movies are the old ones that you see on Turner Classic Movies. I think my very favorite movie would be "Moon River or Pretty Woman."

Most handsome guy you ever laid eyes on?

The most handsome guy I laid eyes on is the man I am married to, Bob Commander.

What Movie Star would you like to go on a date with and why?

I guess if I had to go on a date with a movie star it would be Clint Eastwood, as he was such a gentleman when he opened the door to the grocery store for me in Sun Valley.

Do you have any pets? Tell us about them.

Bob and I do have a pet. Her name is Katty Kitten Little and she is a Tonkinese (cross between Burmese and Siamese). She is champagne and marked with blue points. She has aqua eyes and is 18 years young. She is also very spoiled, but what pet is not spoiled?

What world events had the most impact on you growing up?

The assassination of John F. Kennedy.

If you could go back in history who would you want to talk to?

It would be JFK.

What is your favorite Presidential quote?

"Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."

What is the most valuable thing you learned from your parents?

My parents taught me to be an honest upstanding young lady.

Hobbies?

Gardening (my passion), reading, and traveling. I also enjoy Mahjong, and card games.

What are your favorite journey/s?

My favorite trips include a trip to China and a trip to Italy with Ciscoe Morris.

What was your career before retirement?

My career before retirement was as a Manager of Environmental, Health and Safety Training for Bechtel Nevada. I was a Safety Engineer for a number of years and prior to that I taught Safety and health Training to nuclear site workers

Favorite Authors?

I love reading mystery novels, but I guess my favorite is Lillian Jackson Braun who wrote the "Cat Who" novels.

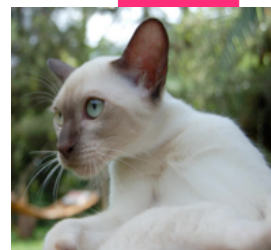
What do you consider your greatest achievement?

My greatest achievement was graduating from college and obtaining gainful employment.

What is your motto?

My motto is

"Lets make this work for us"



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