



# *THE BLUEBILL FLYER*

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BOEING RETIREE VOLUNTEERS  
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## **FALL OCTOBERFEST FEATURES BLUEBILL VIDEO**



**BOB**

*In addition to our usual bratwurst, cabbage and potato salad, this years Fall Social featured a video about our chapter of the Bluebills. The video was the creation of Bob Rosen who recorded over 6 hours of interviews and activities in producing the 30 minute product. Bob received a standing ovation from Bluebills and guests for his production of this fine documentary.*

*Our Social Director, Mike Graham did another great job in organizing the event. Putting our experienced Bratwurst cooks Ken Snider and Ed Hughes on the grill and Marv Segar handling the drinks. Thanks to them and all the others who helped with the organization.*

*Because there are a number of people who didn't attend this social who probably would like to see the video, another showing will be scheduled for the near future. Members will be notified about the specific time, date and location.*



**MIKE**





# calendar

**Tuesday, Nov 4**

Gifts-In-Kind pickup-Kent

**Wednesday, Nov 5**

Craft Fair, Bay Club,  
10:00-4:00

**Monday, Nov 10**

Leadership Team Meeting,  
Bay Club 9:00-10:00

**Tuesday, Nov 11**

Central Leadership Council  
Meeting-Seattle

**Tuesday, Nov 18**

GIK Delivery-Kitsap County

**Friday, Nov 21**

CEA Silent Auction, Bay  
Club, 5:00-7:00

# Welcome new members

Paul Benson

[jackieb3@embarqmail.com](mailto:jackieb3@embarqmail.com).

Independent Living (Brinnon and  
Quilcene areas) and Gifts-in-Kind.

Jamie Holtz,

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Her interests are:

Education,  
Independent Living and  
Gifts-in-Kind

# happy happy birthdays

**PAUL BENSON  
NOVEMBER 5**

**PAUL  
LORENZEN  
NOVEMBER 6**

**MEL MORRIS  
NOVEMBER 25**



# volunteer hours

37 volunteers submitted 700 hours in  
September, giving us 6,697 year-to-date.

From Jack Hawker

## 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 persons name and address, then send this information to Eleanor via email: [rodenem@olypen.com](mailto: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.

# **SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE APPRECIATED**

As reported in last months Flyer, we delivered school supplies to 13 low-income schools in our area. This month we received loads of thank-you notes from the schools and students. Over 50 in total. In an attempt to share some of these here are some excerpts from a few.

**Many thanks to the entire crew. I had no idea that a service such as you guys provide existed. Keep up the good work! Classroom 226, Martha and Mary (A Bremerton school)  
We just love you guys! (A teacher from Bremerton area)**

**Dear Bluebills,**

**Thanks so much to your organization for donating school supplies to Dry Creek Elementary. Words cannot express how much you have helped our staff and students. As economic times grow tough, both our district and the families struggle to pay for materials we need each day. Your contribution has helped immensely. Fifth grade teacher (A Port Angeles school)**

**Dear Bluebells,**

**Thanks for all the school supplies like glue stick and paper. I am so happy you gave us mechanical pencils and the pencils with flowers. I really like how you did that. Jessica (A third grade student.)**

**Bluebills**

**Thanks for the generous donation to our school. All the items received will be given out at Thanksgiving and Christmas, or any other time the need arises. During the holidays the items will be included along with food, clothing and toys in the "gift boxes" that we provide for needy students, their siblings and their guardians. Last year at Christmas our school gave to over 180 individuals so you can see that we have a great need to fill, Signed by the Principal (A school in Shelton)**

**I would like to express my appreciation for your willingness to donate supplies for students. This donaton has made a big difference to the lives of children in Mason County. Signed by the Principal. (A Shelton School)**

**Dear Bluebills,**

**I am a school counselor in Mason County. I also work with a totally blind preschool girl. I want to thank you for your donations to our school. I have recently received wonderful school supplies which I give to students who cannot afford to buy their own. The backpacks, notebooks, paper, pencils and pens have been tremendously utilized. I also received shampoos, conditioners and other toiletries which are wonderful to distribute to some of our homeless and low-income families. Our school has a clothing room too, and we received clothes as well, which we put to good use. Thank you so much for your part in this wonderful program. I used to go to the Renton warehouse and enjoyed those shopping trip immensely. We are glad you have found a way to continue this program and we look forward to our next shipment. (A Shelton School)**

## ***SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE APPRECIATED CONTINUED***

From the above sampling you can see our efforts are appreciated. Another thing that seems evident is that our method of distribution is effective in getting the products we provide into the home and families of those who actually need the help. You will also note that many items that are not typically thought of as school supplies are highly desirable and needed.

Each of you who participate in the School Supply Distribution Program and in our Gifts-In-Kind program can feel proud and satisfied in knowing your efforts are really helping those who need it.

***Thanks to everyone.***

**Myron**



We recently replaced an unstable ramp/landing for a client who lived in a fifth wheel.

As the client was not in a position to pay for the material we build the new entry out of items we had salvaged or left over from previous jobs.

Although the ramp itself is routine what is notable is that the crew of **Shain, Graham, Hughes, Snider and Vogt** built the unit in just over one hour. To those who care, it should be mentioned that some of the components were pre-assembled.

## A FAST RAMP !



Here is the ramp as of 8:45. It is unstable with no railing. The client had already fallen off it once.



Here we are at 9:30. Putting down the roofing are Mike Graham and Bill Shain. Waiting to finish the railings Are Ken Snider and Ed Hughes.

# CEA Fundraisers

## **COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT ALLIANCE (CEA) FUNDRAISERS HELP BLUEBILLS**

We have been partnering with CEA over the last few years on several projects.

CEA has been providing thousands of dollars for our Christmas Giving Program and that money comes from two fundraisers:

### **PORT LUDLOW CRAFT FAIR Held November 5 at the Bay Club: 9:00 to 4:00**

CEA has a table at the craft fair. Bluebills have been participating in this by building bird feeders, bird houses, planters and other craft items. SEE THE NEXT 2 PAGES FOR PHOTOS OF THE BLUEBILL CRAFT ITEMS THAT WILL BE ON SALE

## **SILENT AUCTION Held November 21, at the Bay Club 5:00 to 7:00**

This has been a very successful event for us, providing the bulk of the money for our program. Bluebills are being asked to contribute things and help with the event.

If anyone has items they want to contribute to the Silent Auction please let me know. Otherwise please try to attend the events and support our programs. You probably will find something you just have to buy. SEE PAGE 12 FOR PHOTO OF THE ITEMS.

Myron Vogt







These are some of the items that CEA has collected for the Silent Auction. There are hundreds of items, among them dozens of gift certificates from businesses. Each item has to be listed in a catalog, be individually wrapped and be displayed with a bidding sheet. This gives you some idea of the work that the CEA organization puts into this fundraiser for the Bluebill's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Christmas Giving program. Please plan to support them by attending the event. SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE DETAILS.



## **CANDIDATES FOR 2009**

**There are three elected positions in each Bluebills Chapter:  
Chairman, First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair.**

**In 2008 our officers have been:  
Ed Berthiaume – Chair  
Dan Nordmark-First Vice-Chair  
Chuck Sherrred- Second Vice-Chair**

**Ed Berthiaume has agreed to run for chair again in 2009.  
Dick Ostlund is running for First Vice-Chair  
and  
Dan Holtz for Second Vice Chair.**

**Additional nominations are being accepted for all  
of the above positions, however if you nominate  
someone be sure that they are willing to run.  
Give your nominations to Myron Vogt.**

**Voting will be by email if there are more candidates.**

**Myron**

# Edith Randall

OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS NOVEMBER 2008 WOMAN



**How long have you been a Bluebill member?**

Ten years.

**What Bluebill activities have you participated in?**

Kids in Need, Gifts in Kind, Christmas Gifts for Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence.

**What is your favorite Bluebill memory or story?**

Observing Jack work hard for many months in preparing to set up our chapter here and the great support he received from the many Boeing retirees so that his efforts became a reality.

**Where were you born?**

Spokane, Washington to parents who immigrated from Sweden in 1926.

**Where did you grow up?**

Spokane, Washington, and moved to Seattle in 1954.

**Where have you lived?**

Spokane and Seattle and now in Port Ludlow for 18 years.

**Do you have any children?**

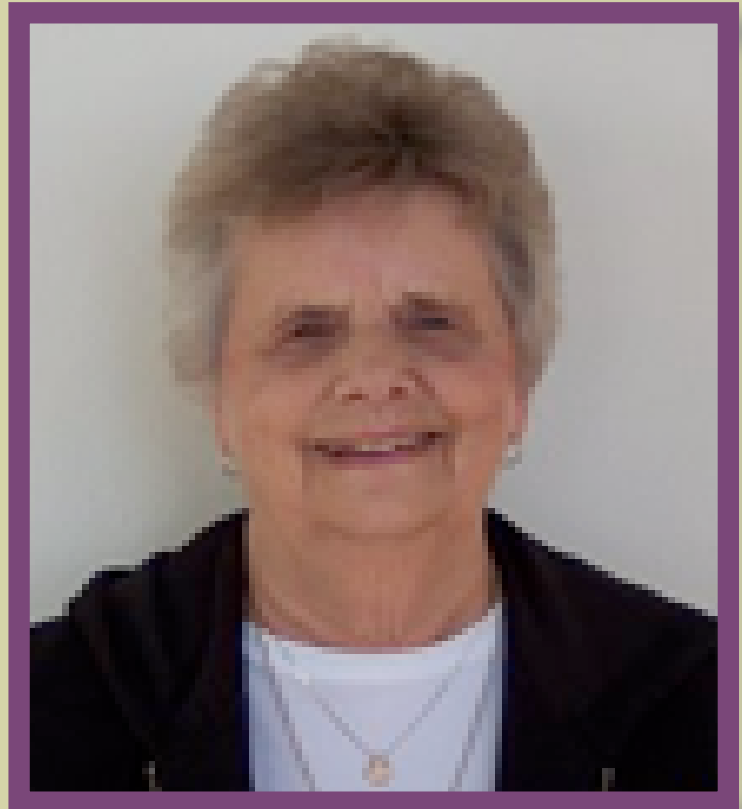
Yes, two daughters. One living in Vancouver, Washington with four children and one living in Sisters, Oregon with three children.

**What did you enjoy most about living through the sixties?**

Raising our two daughters.

**What is your favorite holiday?**

Christmas



**What is your favorite thing to do for fun?**

Reading particularly, movies, bird watching and sharing time with our 7 grandchildren.

**What are your favorite songs and music?**

A lot of old time music and spiritual.

**Favorite movie?** Sound of Music

**Favorite Flower?** Tulips

**If you could go back in history, who would you like to talk to?** Abraham Lincoln

**What is your favorite presidential quote?** "Don't ask 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?** Always be honest, remember your manners, be a good friend and never forget to express thanks.

# Edith Randall

**What are your hobbies?**

**Cooking and gardening. Also, like to work the Sudoku puzzles daily**

**Favorite color? Blue**

**What world events had the most impact on you when growing up? World War II**

**What inspires and motivates you?**

**People particularly; where we live in this wonderful community and our children and grandchildren.**

**What is your favorite journey?**

**A trip in 1984 to Europe which included Germany, Austria, Sweden and Spain.**

**What is the most enjoyable thing about being retired?**

**Having time to do volunteer work, share time with friends and relatives and not having a strenuous time schedule.**

**Who are your favorite writers?**

**Jan Kaaron, Ken Follett, John Grisham and David Guterson**

**Who are your heroes in real life?**

**Mother Teresa**

**What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

**Raising our two daughters and observing their lives in raising their families. I receive daily satisfaction in seeing how well they face their every day lives and all their accomplishments.**

**What is your motto?**

*Live each day to the Fullest.*



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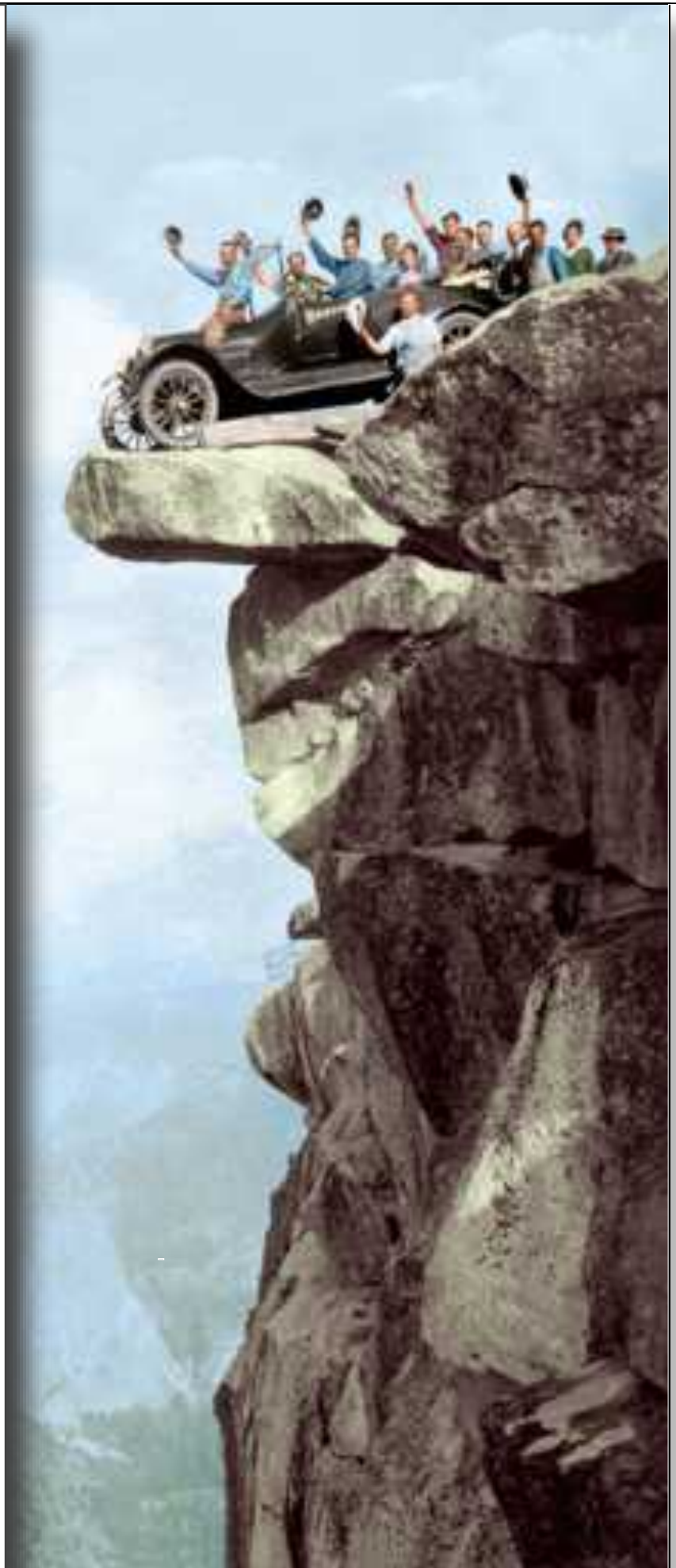
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