

# ***THE BLUEBILL FLYER***

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## **THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN**

**Bluebill and local volunteers pose in front of the Quilcene Community Center.**

# WORK PROGRESSES ON THE QUILCENE CENTER PROJECT

Architect ED Klein checks the details on a post installation.

After about six weeks we are showing real progress with the exterior renovation to the Community Center. The current work schedule is each Tuesday and Friday. An email message is sent to the Bluebills and local volunteers ahead of the work day telling them what work is planned.

If anyone wants to work on this project and is not getting the advanced notice please let me know. Myron [vogt@cablespeed.com](mailto:vogt@cablespeed.com)

We generally have 3 or 4 Bluebills and the same number of volunteers from Quilcene and Brinnon working each day.



BOB ROSEN PAUSES



Gary Dotson installs a support to help with beam installation.



Chuck Sherred gets ready to install a beam.



Jack Hawker and Mike McFadden dismantle an overhang to make way for the new beams.



Steve Failla helps with the overhang removal.





MRS. PEAHEN AND THE KIDS HEAD FOR HOME AFTER A BUSY DAY.

MYRON VOGT AND CHUCK SHERRED TOOK  
THE PHOTOS OF QUILCENE PROGRESS.  
BOB ROSEN DID THE COVER PHOTO.

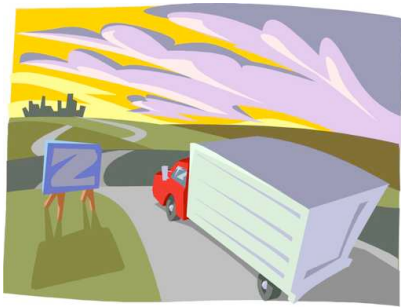


## VOLUNTEER HOURS

For July we had 35 volunteers reporting  
740 hours. This makes

**5,120** year-to-date.

- from Jack Hawker



# GIK/SSD DISTRIBUTION

## THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS:

Again this year we will be delivering a bulk load of school supplies to the 13 schools we service that have over 70% of their students receiving free or reduced price lunches.



Here are the delivery dates for the Schools Supply Distribution.

Friday, Sep- 19 Deliver to Jefferson and Mason County schools (one in Brinnon and 4 in Shelton) Val Vogt Coordinator

Tuesday Sep 23  
-Deliver to Clallam County- Larry Lang Coordinator

Friday Sep 26 – Deliver to Kitsap County – Ed Berthiaume Coordinator

Along with the school supplies we will also be offering the schools things from our GIK inventory.



GIK pick up – Sep 2  
(Lee Amudndson and Russ Rousseau)

GIK Inventory ready to send out – Sep 3  
(Ed Hughes)

Send out inventory to Schools – Sep 4  
(County Coordinators)

Input from Schools due – Sep 11  
Info to Dick Ostlund – Sep 12  
(County Coordinators)

Delivery sheets ready- Sep 15  
(Dick Ostlund)

Loads assembled for Jefferson and Mason Counties – Sep 17  
(Ed Hughes)

Deliver to Jefferson and Mason Counties -- Sep 19 (Valeria Vogt)

Loads assembled for Clallam County – Sep 22  
(Ed Hughes)

Delivery to Clallam County -- Sep 23  
(Larry Lang)

Loads assembled for Kitsap County -- Sep 25  
(Ed Hughes)

Delivery to Kitsap County – Sep 26  
(Ed Berthiaume)

Close Warehouse by Sep 30  
Dick Ostlund, Myron Vogt

We have a ton of stuff to deliver so the schools should really be happy.

FROM MYRON

COMMUNITY  
ENRICHMENT  
ALLIANCE

Some Bluebill spouses joined their CEA member wives at Chair Mary Stuarts' 'picnic' which was held at the Bay Club due to wet weather. It was a warm convivial group as is always true of the CEA functions.



Alana Morris, Myron and Val Vogt



Sharon and Bob Commander



Bill Centobene and David Flentie.  
brother and husband of Peggy Lee



*THE CEA PICNIC*

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

*Sep 2:*

*GIK Pick up –Kent*

*Sep 8: 9:00- 10:00*

*Bluebill Leadership Team Meeting Bay Club*

*Sep 8: 11:30-1:00*

*Bluebill Award Lunch- Kitsap United Way-Bremerton*

*Sep 9:*

*Unload Food Truck Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum*

*Sep 9:*

*Central Leadership Team Meeting Seattle*

*Sep 13:*

*Fire Department Safety Fair Port Ludlow*

*Sep 19:*

*School Supply Distribution Jefferson and Mason Cos.*

*Sep 20:*

*Olympic Peninsula Safety Fair Sequim*

*Sep 22:*

*School Supply Distribution Clallam Co*

*Sep 26:*

*School Supply Distribution Kitsap Co.*

*Sep 29:*

*Close down School Supply Warehouse Chimacum*

We just completed another ramp in

Brinnon.



The ramp was built for Bill Duesing who recently broke his hip and went through surgery. He will be returning home in the next week or so. This ramp will allow easy access in and out of his home.



**Construction was completed by  
Doug Peterson,  
Larry Williams  
and George Sickel.**

**HAPPY  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAYS !**



**TOM BROTHERTON SEPTEMBER 15**

**LARRY ELTON SEPTEMBER 13**

**DAN FLYNN SEPTEMBER 9**

**WILLIS ADKINS SEPTEMBER 4**

**DAVE DITZLER SEPTEMBER 1**

**OOPS! VAL VOGT'S BIRTHDAY -- IT WAS AUGUST 4!  
Happy Belated Birthday Val. Hope it was great.**



# INDEPENDENT LIVING THANKS

The following thank you note was received from a couple who we helped by building a ramp and repairing their steps.

To the Bluebills:

Jack (Hawker), Mike (Graham) and the others (Bill Shain, Ken Snider and Ed Hughes) did a wonderful Job building a ramp and resetting the steps for me to get in the back yard. My husband is very pleased with the community service you provide. Bluebills have helped us in the past with other things.

Thanks to these wonderful and caring people.

Signed J.D. and Shirley McGraw”

We get a lot of thank-you notes and letters and can't include them all but the above is typical of the people we help and their feelings about our service.

Thus far in 2008 Bluebill Builders have:  
Built 36 ramps Installed grab bars in 49 homes  
(Probably close to 100 grab bars as usually at least two are needed per home.) Accomplished 26 projects of other types such as platforms for chairs and miscellaneous repairs. Worked on numerous community service projects.

Each of the Bluebill Builders should feel good about helping the above people in their time of need.

**Please feel that the thank you note from the McGraw's is meant to include each of you.**

Myron





## *SHELLY ROUSSEAU*

# *OUR SEPTEMBER BLUEBILL WOMAN*

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

**Approximately 2 years.**

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

**Loading and delivering for "Gifts in Kind", helping set-up the Tacoma food bank.**

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

**Actually meeting some of the recipients, feeling the gratitude in their hearts, and seeing photos of the products they produce for sale from the donations of ribbons and yarn from Gifts in Kind.**

**Where were you born?**

**Memphis, TN.**



**Where did you grow up?**

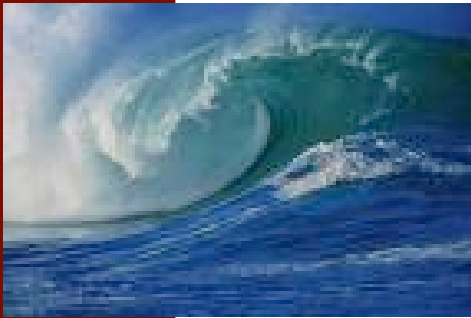
**Memphis, TN.**

**Where have you lived?**

**Memphis, TN., Cincinnati, Ohio, Silver Springs, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Alexandria, VA., Arcata, Ca., Seattle, WA., Tacoma, WA., Gig Harbor, WA., Tahsis, B.C. (in summer), Palm Springs, Ca. (in winter) Port Ludlow, WA., (in between)**



**What did you enjoy most about living through the sixties?**  
I was a teenager most of the sixties, just enjoyed growing up, was naive at the time to the social and historical ramifications of the decade.



**What is your favorite holiday?**

**Christmas**

**Do you have any children?**

Yes, I have two grown step-daughters and four grand children.

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

Fishing, sitting around the campfire, listening to and watching crashing waves.

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

"Don't worry be happy". Upbeat ethnic music of all kinds.



**What is my favorite movie?**

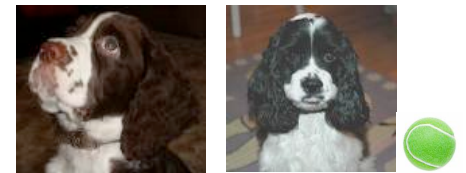
Currently, **Mama Mia.**

**What movie actor would you like to go on a date with and why?**

Tom Hanks and his wife Rita Wilson and Russ, my husband, because I think they be relatable and would have great stories about the making of Mama Mia.

**What are your favorite flowers?**

Gardenias, Hawaiian flower leis and hydrangeas.



**Do you have any pets? Please tell us about them.**

Yes, we have two. A brown and liver spotted cocker named Bailey (Russ nick-named him Bailey Bob, he thought that since I'm from the south he should have two names) And Max a black and white spotted cocker. They make us laugh Bailey is high spirited and loves the beach and playing frisbee. Max (his southern nickname Bubba) Lives to catch the ball.

**What are your favorite colors?** I love the spectrum.



**What world events had an impact on you growing up?**

The fear of the atom bomb. The Bay of Pigs, I remember that they were lined up around the block to go to confession, it was the first time I realized that time could be finite. President Kennedy's assassination, Martin Luther King being shot at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.

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

My grandfather, Daddy Jack Murphy. When he was a young immigrant from Ireland he entered a cross country motor car race I would like to have been riding shotgun on that adventure.

**What is your favorite presidential quote?**

The only thing you have to fear is fear itself.

**What is the most valuable thing you learned from your parents?**  
Unconditional love, loyalty, honesty and a love of nature.

**What are your hobbies?**  
Traveling to new places ,fishing, crabbing, cooking.

**What inspires and motivates you?**  
God and mother nature inspires me and Russ motivates me.

**What is my favorite journey?**  
The gondola ride up to the Matterhorn... after a slow and lingering ride up to the mountain from Zermatt... you walked down this really long corridor.... then you opened this huge door and climbed up the iced staircase to the top of the clouds it felt like you could reach out and touch God.



**What is the most enjoyable thing about being retired?**  
The luxury of spontaneity.

**What was your career before retirement?**  
I started out as a production Mgr in a retail advertising office.  
Regional Advertising Mgr for Lane Bryant in D.C.  
Freelance artist in Ca. In 1976 moved to Seattle as art Director for Frederick & Nelson. Early 80's started D.M.D. (Direct Mail Design) with a partner, we designed and produced catalogs for manufacturers/ retailers and financial institutions.

**Who are your favorite writers?**  
I'm not big on fiction or romance novels so I can't say. Read magazines and periodicals and surf the net for info.

**Who are your heroes in real life?**  
To me a hero is anyone who is willing to step outside themselves to help lift someone else up. **The Bluebills.**

**What is the most daring thing I've ever done?**  
Taking the mule ride in Molokai from 1,700 feet above sea level (the highest sea cliffs in the world) on a switch back road to the leper colony below.

**What do you consider your greatest achievement?**  
To have lived life well with few regrets.

**What is your motto?**  
**Life is too short.**

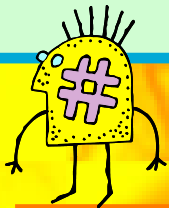


# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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His interest is: Independent Living

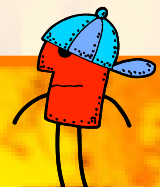
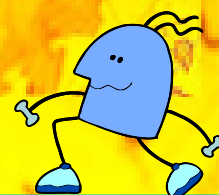
Gloria Eastman, Brinnon, WA 98320  
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She says "I am disabled, but I can drive and assist with deliveries."

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His Interest is: Independent Living



## 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@olyphen.com](mailto:rodenem@olyphen.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.



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A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem.

The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss. Here's what you do," said the Doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone he asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?'

No response. So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still no response. Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again he gets no response. So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again there is no response. So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

'RALPH', for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!"

