

# *THE BLUEBILL FLYER*

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## **PORT LUDLOW DAYS**

*are upon us and I'm sure that everyone who attends will have a good time seeing the automobiles being displayed, enjoying the music and the food offered, visiting the booths where folks are selling handcrafted works of artistic creation, and for those who love golf, attending the tournament at the Port Ludlow Golf course on Friday, July 30th. The Coast Guard will have a CG helicopter and demonstrate an air-sea rescue. Local charitable organizations will also have booths where we learn what support is available for us lucky enough to live in this small piece of paradise. The Bluebills will also have a booth that we will share with Catholic Community Services, one of our most important partners.*

**The dates are July 31st and August 1st, Saturday and Sunday.**

Our booth will be manned between 10AM and 5PM  
**BY THE AMAZING, VOLUNTEERING, BLUEBILLS !**

# CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

NOTE: The first part of Dick's message this month is on the cover page.

I also want to take this moment to mention the Olympic Chapter of the Bluebills efforts in delivering needed supplies to schools on the Peninsula. For those who aren't familiar with the program, I would love to explain what we do. During the summer months, May through August, supplies we receive from World Vision are examined to separate those items that appear suitable for grade and high school support. The selected items are stored separately in another storage unit where they are inventoried and separated for each of the 13 schools we support. The criteria for our support is that the school must have at least 70% of the students on free or reduced price lunches. The storage unit we use is about 12 feet wide, 35 feet long and the shelves are stacked eight to ten feet high. Here it is the end of July and the place is almost full. This year the Bluebills will meet at the storage unit at a date the end of August and empty the warehouse in a couple hours to help school administrators, teachers, children and their families have a successful and productive school year. I am so very pleased to be a part of this great organization.

Dick Ostlund, Chair  
The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills



## BLUEBILL BUILDERS ARE BUSY

Thus far this year Bluebills have closed 120 “projects”. A project is when we receive a call or email asking us to help someone. Each request is logged in and closed in some fashion, usually by doing the work requested but sometimes we can’t handle the request, the person ends up in the hospital, dies, or the job is done by someone else. In any case some Bluebill has contacted that person to determine what we can do to help.

Bluebill Builders give priority to jobs that help the elderly and disabled live more comfortably and safely in their homes. Along the way they pick up a lot of other jobs that they deem worthwhile. Among these are:

- Building stairs to a tree house for a boy in the Make-a-Wish program.
- Building a chicken house for a foundation that takes in abused and abandoned animals and fowl.
- Shelves for a food bank that we work with.
- Scarf hangers for Working Imager
- Stair and railing repair and upgrade for OlyCap Cottages.
- Widen doorway, repair counters and cabinets for wheelchair patient.

Our priority, however are grab bars, ramps and railings. Safety and accessibility projects that help those at risk or in need. So far this year we have:

- Built 24 ramps
- Installed over 50 grab bars in 23 homes. Seven bars in just one house.
- Installed 10 railings
- Installed 12 Lifelines.

A service we are being asked to do more often is raise someone’s chair or couch by installing a platform or blocks under the legs. This makes it easier for the person to get up. We have done 8 of these this year. We usually do about 200 projects per year, about 50 ramps and 90 grab bars so we are about average this year.

**We have about 30 Bluebill Builders and they all do a great job.  
Thanks to each and every one of them.**

Myron



**Take a moment to look into the little pansy faces. -  
photo by Peggy Lee Flentie**

# THE BLUEBILL ORGANIZATION

Most Olympic Peninsula Bluebills probably don't know much about the Bluebill organization. It was actually formed in 1994 by a group of Boeing retirees with the support of the Boeing Company. The Olympic Peninsula Chapter was chartered in 1998.

The Bluebill organization is governed by eleven elected members and four appointed members.

Bluebills are supported financially by Boeing and are part of Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship. The Vice President of Global Corporate is

Anna Roosevelt, Franklin's Granddaughter. They are headquartered in Chicago. Bluebills interface with a local representative.

The elected members include the chairman of each chapter, who are elected by the members of the respective chapters, and seven members-at-large, who are elected by all Bluebills. Each chapter also appoints another chapter member to be on the council. For the Olympic Peninsula Chapter Dick Ostlund is the Chair and Larry Elton is the appointed representative to the council.

The other Bluebill Chapters are:

Heritage (Covering the Seattle metropolitan area.)

Jim Beasley, Chair

Sno-King (Covering Everett and Snohomish County) Bob Krull, Chair

Eastside (Covering Bellevue and the Eastside) Chair position open, Bert Goldstein acting

The above fifteen personnel form the Bluebill Central Leadership Council. This group elects a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen.

# THE BLUEBILL ORGANIZATION

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In 2010 the positions are held by:

Chairman: Millard Battles  
Vice-Chair: Norma Vaughn  
Vice-Chair: Bob Lambert

Merv Shetler has the honorary position of Past Chair Emeritus

A key responsibility of the CLC and Chair is to interface with Boeing relative to common activities.

The CLC has a number of standing committees:

Membership/Recruitment  
Administration  
Public Relations  
Finance  
Computing  
Education  
Health and Human Services  
Early Learning

CLC meetings are held monthly in the Seattle area. Dick Ostlund and Larry Elton, or their representatives, attend each month. If any Bluebill also interested in attending, contact Dick or Larry.

Members are elected each year. Nominations in November, elections in December, elected members meet in January and elect the new chairs.

Ballots for elections in our chapter are sent out by email. Your votes are tabulated and forwarded to the CLC.

Our chapter also holds elections in December so if you have someone you would like to nominate look for the notification.

Myron





*Christmas Giving  
Coordinator  
Vicki Tallerico*

The Bluebill Christmas Giving Program provides gifts for families in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties.

For the past several years Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) has been a key partner in the program, furnishing most of the funds for the gifts. The CEA money comes from a Silent Auction held each fall and many of the Bluebills have helped in putting on the auction with most of the work being done by CEA members.

It seemed beneficial to both groups if our efforts could be better coordinated, so being a CEA member, a Bluebill, and the CEA Representative to Bluebills, Vicki Tallerico has stepped up and offered to assist us with the project this year. We are happy that she accepted to be our Christmas Giving Coordinator, as she is aware of what CEA's plans are and how the Bluebills can help them. She will also be leading the Bluebill part of the program.



In order to make this effort work seamlessly, Vicki will be counting on a number of Bluebills to help her with this project. So, If she calls on you, please be there to help with this project. Remember, more hands makes the load a little bit lighter. If you would like to Volunteer to help with the program, let Vicki know by either her email address or phone number which are listed on our Leadership page.

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

## A RAMP IN PORT HADLOCK

Bluebills did a lot of jobs this month. Among them was a ramp for a woman in Port Hadlock.

We had to do a little maneuvering to get the necessary length on the lot and have it end up at the driveway, where she could get to her transportation. However it was a pretty routine job that the fellows finished by 3:00.

Funding was provided by Olympic Area Agency on Aging (OAAA) and insurance coverage by Catholic Community Services.

Dan Holtz and Mark Weaver are building a platform to make the entry level with the door sill. Ed Hughes and Ken Winter work on a landing to allow the ramp to make a 180 degree turn.



Mark Weaver in the foreground. Ken Winter rests his weary bones as Mike (Digger) Graham inspects a post he has installed.





Ken Winter, Bill Shain, Mark Weaver, Mike Graham and Dan Holtz work on the railings.



Ken Winter placing concrete to finish off the end of the ramp.

A RAMP IN PORT HADLOCK

JOHN BRESLIN AUGUST 2

VALERIA VOGT AUGUST 4

STEVE FAILLA AUGUST 6

BEVERLY SIMON AUGUST 8

GARY DILLS AUGUST 13

EVELYN GUNTHER AUGUST 13

DOUGLAS PETERSON AUGUST 15

KEN CLOSE AUGUST 17

KAREN ANDERSON AUGUST 18

GEORGE ANSLEY AUGUST 19

JACK POTTER AUGUST 26

CINDY HOLLISTER AUGUST 27

KEN WINTER AUGUST 30



## CALENDAR

July 31  
Aug 1 Port Ludlow Days

Aug 5  
Leadership Team  
Meeting  
Bay Club 3:00 - 4:00

Aug 6 GIK Pick up in  
Fife

Aug 10  
Unload Food Bank Truck  
Tri Area Community  
Center  
Chimacum 8:00 - 9:00

Aug 10  
Central Leadership  
Council Meeting  
Seattle 10:00-11:00

Aug 24  
Deliver GIK  
Jefferson Co.

Aug 26-27  
Deliver School Supplies

Aug 30 Close School  
Supply Warehouse  
Shelves  
to Hood Canal GIK  
members

from Myron

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

*Mark Weaver,  
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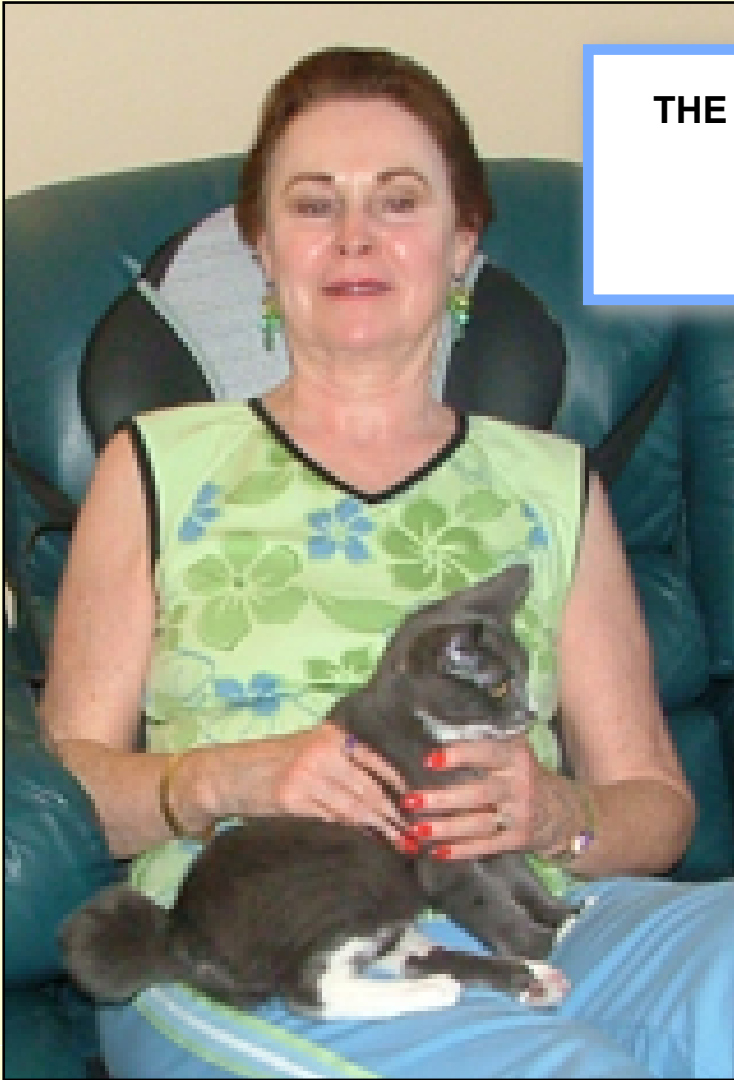
*His interest is:  
Unload Food Bank  
Truck.*

from Eleanor Roden

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

43 Bluebills volunteered 685  
hours in June making a total  
of 4463 hours year-to-date.

from Jack Hawker



**THE CAT AND THE CHICKEN COOP  
A FINE STORY  
BY LARRY ELTON**

"Here is a picture of Margo and Bobby (our kitten). He is named Bobby because he is part Manx and has a bob tail."



Several years ago, our 18 year old cat disappeared. Since then, I have been trying to persuade Margo to let me have another one. She finally gave in and said that we could look. The first place I thought of was Center Valley Animal Rescue, formerly known as Second Chance Ranch.

This place is run by Sara Penhallegon and an army of volunteers. The Bluebills have done a number of jobs for Sara so I knew what a wonderful place she had. It is a regular menagerie; horses, goats, sheep, llama, rabbits, dogs, birds, reptiles and of course cats. All of the animals have been rescued from some darned poor circumstances.

READ ON



One of the volunteers showed us all of the cats. She introduced us to each cat by name giving us a bit of the cats history, problems and behavior. We really liked several of the cats but we thought a kitten might be easier for us.

When we were ready to leave, Sara said I'd like to show you something. She showed me a 12 by 12 foot



Sara Penhallegon poses by the doorway to the new chicken house.

concrete pad and said that she really needed a chicken coop. I knew that chicken coops did not really fit our Independent Living Program but how do you say no to a person that does so much good. So the chicken coop became a Bluebill project. I have to say that it took a few more hours to build and we had to invent more things than ramps and grab bars had for us. We had lots of help over a three week period and quite a few



trips to Quilcene but we finally finished the job and Sara can move the chickens from her house to the coop. I'm sorry that I didn't get pictures of the Bluebills as they whistled as they worked but the guys that built the coop were:

**Gifford Asher; Jack Hawker; Dan Holtz; Ed Hughes; Bill Shain; Ken Snider; Davis Steelquist; Myron Vogt and Ken Winter.**

I'll think twice before I volunteer us for another coop but it was a great experience for a wonderful cause. To learn more visit

<http://www.centervalleyanimalrescue.org>  
for volunteer, donation or adoption opportunities.

Larry



Larry Elton shows off the nesting boxes inside the house. The lid lifts up so the nests can be cleaned and eggs gathered. The nests can also be used to hatch eggs.

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## WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

(George Weiss / Bob Thiele)

I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom for me and you  
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white  
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night  
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world

The colours of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces of people going by  
I see friends shakin' hands, sayin'  
' "How do you do?"  
They're really saying "I love you"

I hear babies cryin', I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world  
Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world

Oh yeah