

Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Chapter Newsletter, December 2016



2016 has been a very busy and productive year and we welcome the new members who have joined us. Our goals for 2017 are increasing member participation and developing a better new member orientation. Finding activities for members to feel involved and participate is an ongoing challenge and we want to do a better job of this in the new year. Any suggestions you have are most welcome.

The Bluebills have added an exciting new Education Program. We have adopted the four classrooms of 1st graders at the Chimacum Creek Primary School and will work with the teachers to identify ways to support them. Heidi Johnson and Kati Enlow from Chimacum Creek Primary School will attend the December 23th Member Recognition and Appreciation Luncheon and talk about needs and ways the Bluebills can support students.

Christmas Giving is an annual event when the Bluebills open their wallets and give their time to shop for the Dove House Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program. This year, we are shopping for 24 families and there will be a list at the luncheon for Bluebills to take. It is a very nice way to end the year and again, give back to our community.

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday!

BUILDERS

40' Ramp and steps

Five volunteers on Friday for eight hours each and two volunteers on Monday for one hour.

Client is/was a Bluebill and paid for the materials. Donation made to Bluebills to go towards others that might need financial help

Volunteers were: Bill Anstiss, Mike Hyde, Bill Morris, Ray Bosley and George Sickel.





I lank you Boing Blue Bills,
your hard work is no appreciated
by Paul and me. What on reliefe
to feel safe in our home.

I hanks to George, Mike Bella.
Bill M. and Ray.

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nomone with what ever the needbe,

Your kindness is
greatly appreciated

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Big Job in Bremerton

Task: Built wheelchair ramp and porch extension, installed stair railing, installed 2 grab bars and 1 transfer pole.

After building a ramp and installing a stair railing for a client in Bremerton, we asked if they needed grab bars for the bathroom. They said "no," they already had them. We asked if we could take a look and found suction cup bars in the shower. Client said they "sometimes slip", and we warned that they could fail catastrophically when needed the most. Dick Ostlund (pictured) was called in and he installed "real" grab bars and also a transfer pole to make it easier for the client to get in and out of bed.

Volunteers: Bob Keever, Wally Grenquist, Richard Knapp, Dick Ostlund

Total Hours: 37





Bluebills Help Client to Live Independently.

An 82 year old woman wanted very much to keep living independently in her home in Bremerton. Her granddaughter thought she had heard of a volunteer group that builds wheelchair ramps. They started calling around until Kitsap Community Resources pointed them to the Bluebills. We put in a 24' ramp with a landing extension, installed grab bars and performed other tasks that will help her to maintain her independent living.

Volunteers: Bob Keever, Wally Grenquist, Bernie Wittman

Total hours: 45



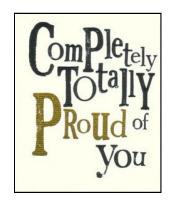


BLUEBILLS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES HELPING OUT!

The guys in this picture are Boeing employees, active and retired. They belong to International Machinist Union Lodge 751. They, like us, enhance the lives of those who are not mobile, don't have ways to migrate in and out of their homes. They, like us, are all volunteers and it is the love of the fellow man that drives them to what they do, as it does us. I say "Kudos" to those guys! They have the spirit in them as well.

John Ratchford





Bluebill Builders Data

Volunteer Hours



49 Bluebills reported 997 hours for October. That is 31.41% of the membership reporting hours.



THIS JUST IN!

This is a great photo of our Chair, Barbara Berthiaume with Paul Ried, our major sponsor of the Dove House Golf Benefit, and Kelly Kolstad, who works with Paul and whose team came in first in the 2015 tournament.

Thank you, Paul for all you do to make the tournament a success. We look forward to working with you both in 2017!





Calendar for December



December 2nd, Friday ~ Deliver World Vision Goods to Kitsap Co.

December 8th, Thursday ~ Leadership Team Meeting, Bay Club 3:00-4:00pm

December 13th, Tuesday ~ Bluebill Year-end Social, Bay Club 11:30-2:00

Note: No pickup at World Vision in December.



Thank You Notes We're Received!

Dear World Vision Volunteers,

The staff here at Habitat for Humanity EJC would like to thank you for your hard work. We greatly appreciate the donated items and the hard work it takes to get them to us.

Most of us here in the office use binders for holding various paperwork. Our Finance Manager was thrilled to get the 3-ring binders. She put them to use right away!

Our Construction Manager's eyes lit up when he saw the day-glow safety vests. He said they can definitely be put to good use on our construction sites. He was also pleased to have the boardwalk power clean degreaser..

And we can always use disposable cups. We take them to Outreach meetings, building sites, ground breaking ceremonies, and various places where we have volunteers working.

We know that a lot of time and effort goes into this project so once again, we want to give a heartfelt thank you to all those who make it happen.

Sincerely,

Jamie Maciejewski Executive Director Habitat for Humanity EJC Port Townsend, WA We're grateful for our Vision Bluebill | World Vision Bluebill | Partners!

Another Thank You!

Dear World Vision Volunteers,

I'd like to share how I was able to use some of the items recently donated by you and the Bluebills.

A wonderful woman, after 12 years in a relationship, was told she's no longer loved. The couple had been living on a boat, so when she found an apartment to rent, she had nothing to fill it. After paying all her bills, she figures she'll only have \$30 /week to live on.

I was able to give her from your donations, a brand new heater, coffee maker, and glass kitchen storage containers. Mostly I was able to give her hope.

Thank you for all your hard work which makes this gift possible.

Sincerely,
Shirley Moss
Port Townsend Food Bank



December Birthdays!



Jane Ansley ~ December 2nd John Boyce ~ December 3rd Terry Ellingson ~ December 9th Scott Erickson ~ December 13th Sherry Johnson ~ December 13th Pat Webb ~ December 22nd Rod Krebs ~ December 30th

Did we miss your birthday this year?
Please email valeria@valvogt .com and we would love to include your special date!

. The Boeing Bluebills Wish you a very Merry Christmas Ind

Wonderful 2017!



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