

THE FLYER



**THE FLYER IS A MONTHLY DIGITAL MAGAZINE
OF THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS. THE BLUEBILLS ARE
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All Bluebills should be proud of their volunteer hours and the good they are doing in their communities. It does not matter if a chapter is large, medium or small, they all do the things that interest them and the ones they feel need their attention the most.



Thank you Bluebills!

From Norma Vaughn, Chair, Central Leadership Council of the Bluebill Chapters in the Puget Sound Area.



THE YEAR END VOLUNTEER DATA FOR ALL FOUR BLUEBILL CHAPTERS IN THE PUGET SOUND AREA.

Total Bluebills Volunteer Data for 2012

	<u>Hours Reported</u>	<u>Number of Volunteers Reporting</u>	<u># of Projects</u>
1st Quarter	20,879	583	623
2nd Quarter	22,004	529	561
3rd Quarter	20,269	541	560
4th Quarter	<u>25,167</u>	<u>574</u>	<u>522</u>
Totals for the Year	88,319	2,227	2,266

FROM NORMA VAUGHN, CHAIR
CENTRAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Value of one volunteer hour = \$22.69
(WA State value)

Total Value of Bluebills Volunteer Hours for 2012 = \$2,003,958.11



MAY REPORT

The month of March we had 38 volunteers which is 2 more than February. We had 830 hours on the jobs. This is an increase of 286 hours. With the weather getting better maybe we can increase these numbers. Let's report ALL our time helping others. With our Spring social the hours should go up. Remember to report your time going to Sequim, the time at the meeting and the time driving home. We need all these hours to report to Seattle.

We have started to look at new programs which include box lunches for kids for over the weekend. We are always looking for ways to help others if you have any ideas contact me or other officers in our group.

I was going to tell you all about my day with my wife at the Port Townsend Food Bank but Myron has already talked about it. At least we got to hear from a new client that had work needed at his house that Myron took care of. It was good to get this feedback.

Ken Winter, Chairman

New Bluebill Program

The **Bluebills** have initiated a new program entitled "Eradicate Hunger" to address hunger and food anxiety in our local community. We will collaborate with local organizations and agencies to support current activities and address needs as they arise. Two organizations have been identified that work in this area.

The Peace Lutheran Church supplies 55 weekend backpack meals a week and needs support from the community to continue this vital program and there is an identified need for at least 25 more meals a week. The YMCA has After the Bell, a program that supports primary school children from 3:30 to 5:30 pm after school so they are not at home unattended. This summer, they will have a ten week summer feeding program and are asking for community groups and churches to each take a week. The Bluebills have volunteered to take one week. For further information on this new program, contact Jack Randall at 301-0123 or Barbara Berthiaume at 437-0423.



REPORT FROM
BARBARA BERTHIAUME
OLYCAP PENINSULA BLUEBILLS
VICE CHAIR

There will also be a community meeting on Monday, **May 13 at 9:00AM at the Beach Club** to address hunger in our own backyard. Speakers at the meeting will be Art Clarke, Chimum School Dist. Business Director, Harold Jensen, Peace Lutheran Church Backpack Program, Erica Delma, Director of the YMCA, Coni Johnson, Chimum Food Bank Manager, and Karen Newman, chair of the Friends of Chimum Foundation.

DOVE HOUSE

LANDSCAPING

Bluebills have been working at upgrading some of the Dove Advocacy facilities to support our program and improve conditions for their clients and children.

Last year it was decided to landscape a backyard to make it more attractive and useful as a playground. The yard is about 50 feet by 32 feet and completely covered with pea-gravel. The plan is to put in a circular sidewalk that children could ride on, make the area inside the sidewalk a play ground and landscape the area around the sidewalk perimeter.

The cost of the project was estimated at \$1600. Jefferson County Master Gardeners Foundation agreed to help and provided \$1000.

The first step was to put in the concrete sidewalk. Bluebills completed this job at the end of March.

Next, the landscaping committee will decide what should be done about planting, etc.



Getting started. Truman Thompson, Ed Berthiaume, Michael Graham and Ken Snider unload one of the wheelbarrows of concrete.



Myron Vogt screeds off while the fellows place more concrete.

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THANKS

to
Dave Ditzler,
Ed
Berthiaume
Michael
Graham,
Larry Elton,
Truman
Thompson
Ken Snider
and
Bob Force
who took the
pictures.

from
Myron Vogt



Coming to the end. Truman Thompson and Ken Snider run the 2x4 screed while others look on. The concrete came from Cotton Redi-Mix in Port Hadlock.

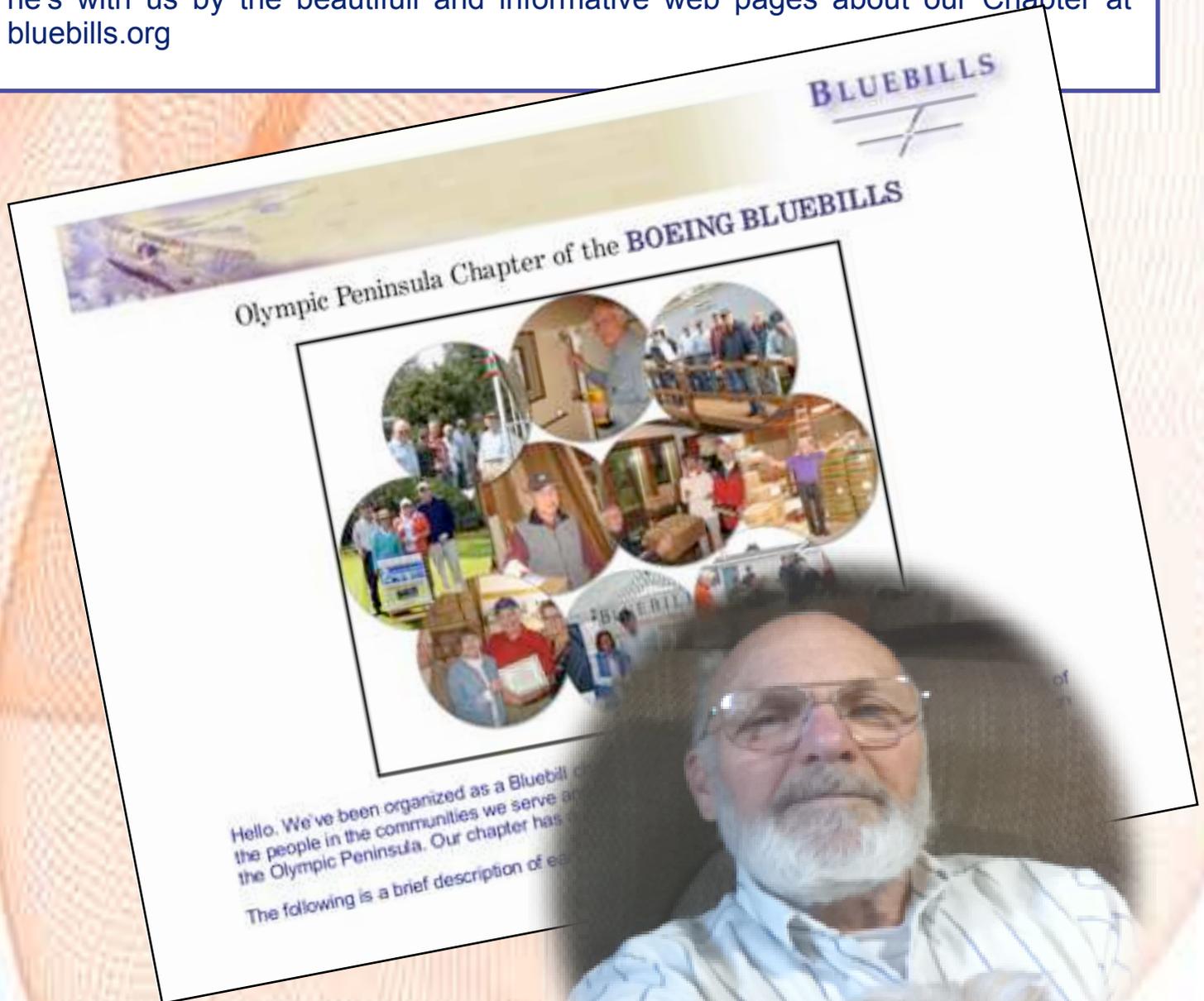


Finishing touches: Ken Snider and Ed Berthiaume run an edger along the form and Dave Ditzler performs Q/C.

Ted Muralt lives in Clallam Bay (with his dog Tank) and is the Web Master for the Olympic Peninsula Chapter part of the web site, bluebills.org.

Boeing gave full support to this site and web pages in February of 2000 which is the current site for all 4 chapters of the Bluebills and the Boeing Company. Each of the 4 Chapters develop their own Web content which is part of this overall site.

Ted has steadily designed and has maintained our web page since 2000, from "over there" in Clallam Bay, He doesn't get to our Socials often, but we all know he's with us by the beautiful and informative web pages about our Chapter at bluebills.org



**TED MURALT
AND TANK**



RECENTLY ON JEOPARDY:
WHAT FAMOUS AIRPLANE
MFG. NAMED HIS FIRST
AIRPLANE IN 1916, THE
BLUEBILL?

GIVE UP?

KEEP TRYING

The only time to eat diet
food is while you're
waiting for the steak to
cook.

- Julia Child, Chef



BLUEBILL FOOD BANK PROGRAM COMPLETES FIRST MONTH

In our last issue we announced that we were going to staff a table at the Port Townsend Food Bank each Saturday for at least a month. On Saturdays the food bank serves those 65 and older. Our focus will be on Fall Prevention.

Staffing the table on Saturdays have been Myron Vogt and Donna Jones, Ken and Dorothy Winter, Michael and Mea Graham and Larry and Margo Elton. Russ and Shelley Rousseau will take the next Saturday.

With the help of funding from Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing (REPAH) we are able to offer grab bars, railings and minor repairs free of charge.

In the first four weeks here is what has been done:

Installed grab bars for four clients (total of seven grab bars).

Removed a bathroom door to improve access and installed a vertical transfer pole for the same client.

Installed a gate in one of our ramps for a woman who preferred to use the side walk.

Raised a bed and installed a TV bracket on the wall. Installed posts, railings and handrails on porch steps. Repaired steps.

So far we have been able to improve things for nine clients. This is over 10% of the people who use the Food Bank on Saturday.

Without the REPAH funding and our presence at this Senior event, we feel pretty sure none of these clients would have known that help like this was available or been able to afford it.

Again with the help of REPAH, we are starting a similar program at the Quilcene Food Bank on Wednesdays.

Davis Steelquist is coordinating the effort.



Bluebills put this ramp in for a man last Fall. His wife told us at the Food Bank that she likes to go down the sidewalk instead of using the ramp but has to climb through the railing. Bluebills installed this gate and added a step. Total cost about \$30. Funded by REPAH.

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This set of steps is a typical problem. The porch is low enough That the building code doesn't require handrails. Elderly or Disabled can find the absence of handrails real difficulty or danger.



Ed Berthiaume digs a hole one of the 4x4 posts that will be used to support the handrail. Lots of gravel and large rock to work through.



Myron Vogt poses by the finished product. All the material used was paid for by REPAH.

WAREHOUSE MANAGERS ARE KEY TO PROGRAM

For over 10 years Bluebills have been making monthly trips to pick up goods from the World Vision Warehouse in the Seattle area. We then distribute these items to twenty or so churches, schools and agencies. Clients are provided with a list of what is available, they tell us what they want and we deliver the goods to them.

To make this process work, an accurate inventory of the goods we have and where they are located is required. This is the job of the Warehouse Manager. All items are counted, described and given a shelf location. The information is put on an Excel worksheet and sent to the appropriate County Coordinator who sends it on to the clients in their county.

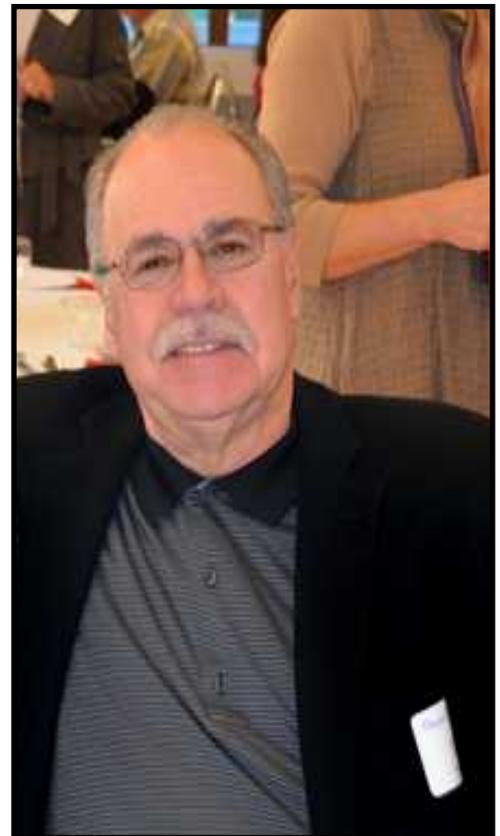
Over the years Warehouse Managers have changed but all have done a wonderful job.

Valeria Vogt was our first manager. At that time we used an RV garage provide by a Bluebill member for our warehouse. This member eventually sold his place and we were forced to look elsewhere.

With the help of Catholic Community Service and Jefferson County UGN, funding was provide so we could rent a storage unit in Chimacum. At that time, Ed Hughes took over as the Warehouse Manager. For several years we did things Ed's way, which turned out to be a right way. Ed's back gave out (or so he claimed)



**VAL VOGT, WAS THE FIRST
MANAGER**



ED HUGHES WAS NEXT

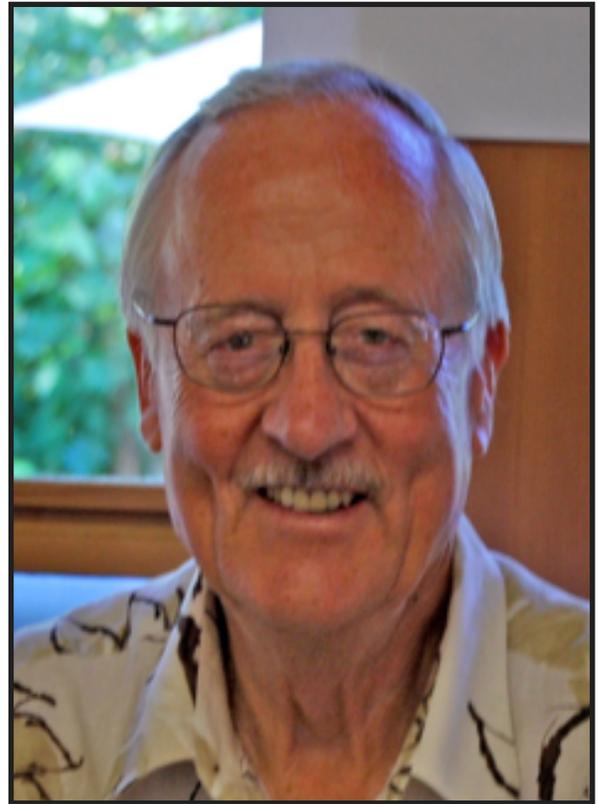
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WAREHOUSE MANAGERS

AND luckily Marvin Segar took the job. The World Vision system changed about his time and Marvin was able to adapt the warehouse process to accept the new ways. Last year Marvin decided to give up the warehouse job and we were faced with replacing him. Fortunately, in 2012 we gained quite a few new members and among them was

Judy McCay, who was looking for some way to help and who was familiar with Excel. She was willing to take on the Warehouse Manager task. Marvin provide some on-the-job training and we are happy to say that the task is again in good

hands. As an unexpected benefit, Judy's sister, Karen Griffith, often lends a hand.



MARV SEGAR WAS THE NEXT TO "STEP UP TO THE PLATE"



And now Judy McCay, here with Karen Griffith, gets things organized in our Chimacum warehouse.



MAY CALENDAR



**We had 854
hours for March,
2541 YTD.
- Jack Hawker**

**Thursday, May 9- Grant Review-
Habitat/Bluebill St Paul's Church-PT
2:00-4:00**

**Thursday, May 9- Leadership Team
Meeting-Bay Club 3:00-4:00**

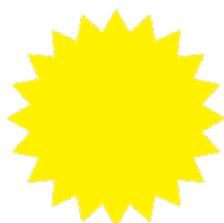
**Friday, May 10-Help set up for JCCF
Fund Raiser-Elks Club PT, 4:00**

**Tuesday, May 14-Unload Food Bank
Truck-Chimacum 8:00-9:00**

**Tuesday, May 14-Pick up goods at
World Vision in Fife**

**Tuesday, May 14-Central Leadership
Team Meeting-Seattle, 10:00-11:00**

That's it for now.



**FROM ELEANOR
RODEN
WE'VE GOT MORE
NEW MEMBERS !**

**Barbara Shain
bbsha@olyridge.net
Interests:
Dove House and
Gifts-in-Kind**

**Margo Elton and Heather
Gilden have also signed up as
New Members. Their
addresses are on the
Membership List.**

**Activities:
Margot - Dove House Support
Heather - Nothing in particular,
when needed just call her and
ask**

RAISING CHAIRS, BEDS AND COUCHES



Bluebills get quite a few requests to put a platform or risers under chairs, sofas and beds. We have probably done 50 or so in the last couple of years. Raising the seating surface makes it much easier for clients to get up. The most common example is the thicker seat put on a toilet. This raises the seating height from about 15 inches to 18 or 19 inches. The same logic applies to other seating areas.

This platform will go under a recliner. The legs are unusually high (6 inches) because after consulting with the client, he felt that was the preferred height. These platforms are typically 4 inches high. Also, only the front has been stained as it is the only part that will show after being installed.

The most common request is to provide a platform to raise a recliner. Recliners are particularly difficult to get out of as they have a deep, soft seat with a back that is tilted more than other chairs. Picture 1. Illustrates a platform for a recliner. It is about 6 inches high. The platform dimensions vary with the specific recliner but are typically 23 inches wide by 26 inches long. Note the “lips” at each corner to prevent the recliner from sliding off the platform. This one is made from scrap material with a stain on the part that shows.



Raising beds and sofas is a different problem. A platform for these would be so big it isn't practical to go that way. Instead a riser for each leg is used. Picture 2. provides a typical example. Note that there is a 7 inch x 7 inch platform under the 4 inch high riser. This keeps the riser from tipping over if the sofa or bed is pushed. Also note the 2 inch diameter by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep depression in the top of the riser. This is an indentation for the leg and keeps the bed or sofa from sliding off the riser.

This is a riser that will go under the leg of a bed. Usually four are required but sometime six. Depends on the bed. Note the half-inch thick 7x7 inch platform the 4x4 is attached to. It keeps the riser from tipping. The circular indentation on the top keeps the leg from sliding off the riser. (Note this large-diameter indentation is made with a 2 inch diameter Forester bit.)

Myron

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RON BEDNARSKI - MAY 2

LARRY BOMKE - MAY 6

BETTY FAULKNER - MAY 15

MIKE GRAHAM MAY 20

ED HUGHES - MAY 20

CYNDYANN JOYNER - MAY 27

THELMA O'KEEFE - MAY 19

ERIKA MAYFIELD - MAY 27

KEN MCCONNELL - MAY 11

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TO ALL OF YOU MAY KIDS !



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