

Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Boeing Retiree Volunteers

The Olympic Peninsula Bluebill Flyer

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This month's editor: Valeria Vogt Jack McKay is in Europe

BLUEBILLS PRESENT DOVE HOUSE WITH \$6500

At a "Thank-You" meeting for all the volunteers who worked on the Benefit Golf Tournament, Michael and Mea Graham presented Beulah Kingsolver of Dove House with a check for \$6500.

Special thanks is in order for the tournament organizers, Michael and Mea Graham. Pitching in along the way were the other tournament committee members, Mike Blair, Barbara Berthiaume, Marvin Segar and Dick Ostlund. Matt Pritchard was our Pro Shop coordinator



and did a wonderful job helping out and providing advice. Again, special thanks to Valeria Vogt for all the sign work.

Other volunteers helping to make the event a success were: Sue and Don Carlson, Tan Ebert, Betty Faulkner, Peggy Lee Flentie, Heather Gilden, Ed Hughes, Pat Japp, Annette Isaaksen, Beulah Kingsolver, Nan Smith, Eleanor Roden, Shelly and Russ Rousseau, Peggy Selby, Ken Snider, Brian Snider, Deedee Spam, Chris Whitehurst and Fred Spann.

As you can see, it takes a lot of time, effort and many volunteers to pull off a golf tournament. We are already looking forward to next year so keep that in mind.



Dove House Port Townsend Drive

On October 20th Bluebills conducted their third community drive in support of the Jefferson County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program. In March a drive was conducted in Port Ludlow, and in July in Quilcene/Brinnon. The object is to collect items needed by victims of domestic violence while in a Dove House safe facility and when moving out to a residence of their own. Approximately two pickup truck loads of goods were donated. Items provided were: china, cleaning supplies, printer paper, Epson printer, vacuum cleaner, towels, bed linens and numerous miscellaneous items.

Special thanks to several people and organizations:

- 1. **Betty Faulkner** who organized the drive.
- 2. **Karen Griffith** who organized donations from East Jefferson Rotary Club members.
- 2. **ECHHO** who publicized the drive to their church members.

3. **Nancy Reasoner** who coordinated the drive with church newsletter editors.



Dan Holtz, Larry Elton, Bob & Nancy Reasoner and Barbara Berthiaume helped at the Port Townsend collection site.

Our next drive will be in Port Ludlow in the spring of 2013. Until then, if you have items that Dove House can use, please contact Betty Faulkner.



CEA Silent Auction is on Nov 3rd!

Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) and Bluebills have been busy getting ready or the November third Silent Auction. The event takes place at the **Bay Club in Port Ludlow**. Bidding **begins at 4:30**pm and **closes at 7:00** pm.

Remember, the proceeds go to the Bluebill Christmas Giving Program so whatever you buy comes back to one of our programs.

This year there are over 300 items to bid on. Stuff you never knew you needed or wanted will suddenly become an item that just fits what you need for a Christmas gift, something for your home or just the thing you had been missing.

You'll see a lot of Bluebills there, helping out and buy-

ing. Snacks and wine will be provided so make it a night out. Hope to see you there!

Here are just a few of the over 300 items that have been donated. They are all wrapped in beautiful baskets **JUST FOR YOU.**





Olympic Peninsula Bluebill Christmas Giving Tuncheon

The Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebills are hosting our annual Christmas Giving Luncheon.

Date: Thursday, December 6th

Where: The Bay Club in Port Ludlow

Time: 11:00AM~3:00PM

The Boeing Bluebills and Community Enrichment Alliance are once again joining forces to provide Christmas gifts for families in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Programs in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallum Counties.

This year's fare is a traditional turkey feast with all the trimmings plus dessert provided by the Silverwater Café. Beverages, coffee and tea are included.

All Bluebills, spouses and retired Boeing folk are cordially invited. We also extend a warm and friendly invitation to anyone interested in helping bring the joys of Christmas to individuals who may not have been expecting to be able to provide any Christmas for themselves or their children.

Please RSVP to Michael Graham at: <u>pljmikkey@gmail.com</u> <u>by Thursday, November 29th</u>



OCTOBER

RAMPS

Bluebills built a few ramps again this month. Here is a summary with a few pictures.

Clallam County

Ken Mellott, Bryan Giles, Larry Elton, Ken Orth, Doug Rittenhouse and Rod Harp put ramps in the front and rear of a home in Agnew. Took the fellows about seven hours plus driving time.



Larry Elton sweeps up prior to installation of the roofing material.



Bryan Giles operates his chop saw.



Rod Harp uses a belt sander to put the final touches on a railing.



Doug Rittenhouse and Ken Orth check railing fit.



More Ramps

Jefferson County

So far Bluebills have built 5 ramps in Jefferson County. A couple of small ones in Nordland, along with grab bars in both cases. Jack Hawker, Gary Dotson, Myron Vogt and Marvin Segar did these jobs.



Jack Hawker and Gary Dotson stand on the finished product.



Here is a ramp the fellows built in Port Townsend. It was a little different in that it was necessary to pour a concrete pad at the end so the client could come off the ramp and make a left hand turn onto the driveway. The job was organized by Jack Hawker. Helping were Larry Elton, Ed Hughes and Ken Snider.

In Cape George, Bill Shain, Larry Elton, Jack Hawker, Ed Hughes, Dale Glidewell and Jim Irvin built a 16 foot ramp.

In Port Hadlock, Bluebills Jack Hawker, Ed Hughes, Jim Irvin and Russ Rousseau put in a ramp for a wheelchair bound woman.

Myron Vogt and Larry Elton built this "temporary" ramp one morning for a client coming home from the hospital the next day. It looks different because we used some material the client had and leftover lumber we had from some other jobs.



The job site. The ramp was build over the existing steps.



Larry has just finished nailing down the roofing. Some old OSB provided by the client was used in place of plywood. We covered the entire surface with roofing to give it a little more durability.



Quilcene's Habitat for Humanity's Quilcene Project approached the Bluebills with a win-win offer. They would provide up to \$300 construction grants to low income seniors and others to help pay for wheelchair ramps and other projects. Tuesday, October 23rd, Bluebills completed the first ramp under this arrangement. The Bluebills involved were John Hollister, Lynn Thompson and Davis Steelquist. Also assisting were Wayne Sisco, who is usually out building trails, and Brian Kienle from Habitat, who needed an excuse to get out of the office. Actually, Brian is a hard worker and wanted to see how we built ramps. With the Habitat's financial help, we will soon be building more in Quilcene.



Area where ramp will be built.



Posing on the finished ramp are Lynn Thompson, Wayne Sisco, John Hollister and Davis Steelquist.



This pair of signs signifies the partnership between Habitat and Bluebills.



BLUEBILL ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

November 3, Saturday: CEA Silent Auction, Bay Club, 4:30PM~7:00PM

November 6, Tuesday: Deliver Essential Supplies to Kitsap Co. **Meet at Warehouse at 9AM.**

November 8, Thursday: Leadership Team Meeting, Bay Club 3:00PM~4:00PM

November 13, Tuesday: Pick up at World Vision. **Be at Fife at 9:00AM**

November 13, Tuesday: Central Leadership Team Meeting, Seattle 10:00AM~11:00AM.

November 13, Tuesday: Unload Food Bank Truck, Chimacum, 8:00AM~9:00AM



November Birthdays

Fred Spann - Nov. 1

Ken Avicola - Nov. 9

Frank Benson - Nov. 10

Tom Brotherton - Nov. 19

Peggy Lee Flentie - Nov.17

Bill Schaefer - Nov. 26

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Our Mission

The purpose of the Bluebills is to provide opportunities for Boeing retirees and their spouses to volunteer their time, energy skills, knowledge and experience to improve the quality of life in their respective communities and thereby to enhance their own lives.