



# ***THE BLUEBILL FLYER***

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Churches, Schools, and other Charitable Organizations.

# CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

During the April meeting of the CLC, a presentation was made by Tim Nowlis of the Northwest Region of GLOBAL CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP (GCC/SLGO.) The agenda included subjects such as “Boeing/Bluebills Partnership”, “SLGO/GCC Leadership Changes”, and “Focus Areas”. Bob Peden and Janie Holtz will have a copy of the presentation. More information will follow.

Millard Battles suggested that we pass on some information about what other Chapters are doing. There is a middle school class that is studying Flying and Aero. In order to facilitate the experience with hands-on involvement, the instructor had a local glider group truck an actual glider to the school with the support of the Bluebills. It was assembled in place as the students watched and then they were able to sit in the flight deck, touch the controls, and try on the parachute. The parachute was the biggest hit.

We were asked recently by World Vision about our organization, our mission, and our focus. Some of the information we gave them follows.

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Dick Ostlund, Chair  
The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills

# Pat Downie calls it Quits

Well, the dreaded day has finally been established. Pat Downie who has been the Program Coordinator for the CCS/VCS Program in Clallam County and the focal point for our independent Living Program almost since the Olympic Peninsula Bluebill Chapter was established, announced that May 14 would be his last day on the job.

He will be replaced by TERI WENSITS who has been the Volunteer Chore Intake specialist and Office Assistant since September 2003,



**PAT AND JAYNE DOWNIE**

Working with Pat has really been a pleasure and made our effort in Clallam County much easier. Pat took the responsibility finding jobs where we could really help people in need. He provided us insurance, worked with the County and City when permits were required. He ordered material for our jobs and made sure it was delivered when we needed it. He also found the money for our jobs when customers were unable to pay

Pat has promised his wife, Jayne, that he would spend more time with their family. He is keeping his newly elected job on the Port Angeles City Council and President of the annual "Paint the Town" project. Looks like Jayne will still have to fight for pat's time.

**A retirement get together for Pat is being held on  
May 14th between 9:30AM and 11:30AM  
at the Port Angeles Senior Center  
328 East 7th Street.**

**Please come by and sign the guest book  
and enjoy some munchies.**

**RSVP: TERI WENSITS 360-417-5640 or 360-477-8180**

## **THANKS FROM OUR GIFTS-IN-KIND MEMBERS**



**IT IS EASY TO PUBLISH A THANK-YOU NOTE OR LETTER WHEN YOU ONLY GET ONE ONCE IN A WHILE. OUR PROBLEM IS THAT WE GET SO MANY FROM OUR GIK MEMBERS THAT IT WOULD FILL UP THE FLYER. ALTHOUGH WE ASK ONLY THAT A THANK-YOU LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE PROVIDER OF THE GOODS WE HAVE DELIVERED, VERY OFTEN THERE IS ALSO A SEPARATE LETTER, ADDRESSED TO THE BLUEBILLS, THANKING US FOR OUR EFFORT.**

**ALL OF OUR GIK MEMBERS KNOW VERY WELL THAT IT IS THE BLUEBILLS THAT MAKES THE GIK PROGRAM WORK FOR THEM AND WITHOUT US THEY WOULD NOT BE GETTING THE ITEMS THEY NEED SO BADLY.**

### **CHIMACUM HIGH SCHOOL**

**I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK BLUEBILLS FOR THE DONATION OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN COORDINATING THE GIK DISTRIBUTION. THIS IS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM AND ITS SUCCESS IS DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF ALL OF YOU.**

### **SERENITY HOUSE-PORT ANGELES**

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE CHAIRS, CLOTHING, SCHOOL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES AND OTHER TREASURES THAT GIK VOLUNTEERS HAVE DELIVERED. WE SERVE HUNDREDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND YOU WHEN YOU HELP US YOU ARE HELPING THEM.**

### **QUEETS-CLEARWATER SCHOOL**

**WE WANT TO SIMPLY SAY THANK YOU! YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS, SEVERAL TIMES EVERY YEAR, THE LONG MAN-HOURS AND DRIVING TIME, ARE SO APPRECIATED. WHEN YOUR DELIVERY COMES IT IS LIKE CHRISTMAS! THE ADULTS ARE ALL LIKE KIDS, WONDERING WHAT IS IN THE BOXES!**

### **NEAH BAY ELEMENTARY**

**YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. WITH THE OFFICE SUPPLIES**

**I WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE THINGS FOR THE STUDENTS THAT OUR BUDGET DIDN'T PROVIDE FOR. THE CLOTHES FROM WAL-MART AND LADY BRYANT WERE USED BY STUDENTS. THE CLEANING PRODUCTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO VERY NEEDY HOME IN THE COMMUNITY. I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE DELIVERIES IN THESE HARD ECONOMIC TIMES. WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE.**

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## **HOOD CANAL ELEMENTARY-SHELTON**

I'VE TAUGHT MATH AND SCIENCE TO SIXTH GRADERS FOR OVER 25 YEARS. OVER 75% OF OUR STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH. I HAVE AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND WHEN THE STUDENT REACHES THE GOAL THEY RECEIVE ONE OF THE MANY MECHANICAL PENCILS BLUEBILLS DELIVERED. STUDENTS ARE THRILLED WITH THIS SMALL TOKEN! THANKS ALSO FOR THE MANY OTHER ITEMS YOU HAVE DELIVERED.

## **DRY CREEK ELEMENTARY-PORT ANGELES**

THIS WAS A THANK-YOU LETTER SIGNED BY TEN TEACHERS AND DOZENS OF STUDENTS. "WE REALLY ENJOY THE "NOVELTY AND CRAFT-TYPE" ITEMS WE RECEIVE. THEY ARE ALWAYS A SURPRISE AND INSPIRE CREATIVITY AMONG STUDENTS AND STAFF."

I ALSO HAVE OVER THIRTY LETTERS FROM STUDENTS (OBVIOUSLY A CLASS PROJECT FROM A COUPLE OF TEACHERS) THANKING BLUEBILLS. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS LETTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

SEQUIM SENIOR CENTER  
FIRST STEP FAMILY SUPPORT-PORT ANGELES  
FAMILY PLANNING-CLALLAM COUNTY  
FAMILY RESOURCE SERVICES-PORT HADLOCK  
RENAISSANCE HIGH SCHOOL-BREMERTON

LASTLY, THANKS TO ALL YOU GIK VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

ED HUGHES MAY 1

BETTY FAULKNER MAY 5

PAUL BENSON MAY 11

DAVIS STEELQUIST MAY 13

WANDA SHERRED MAY 15

THELMA KEEFE MAY 19

HOWARD SCHAIBLE MAY 19

MICHAEL GRAHAM MAY 20

KEN MELLOTT MAY 26

CYNDYANN JOYNER MAY 27

ERIKA MAYFIELD MAY 27

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Gifts-in-Kind

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Education -- Liason for CEA  
Gifts-in-Kind  
Sort School Supplies  
Beginning of School Year.



## VOLUNTEER HOURS

For March we had 30  
members contribute 706  
hours. Jack Hawker

## HAINES STREET COTTAGES STEPS

Olympic Community Action (OlyCAP) operates several small cottages on Haines Street in Port Townsend.

These cottages are used as long-term (and short-term) interim housing for needy families. Over the past years Bluebills have done various repairs and maintenance on the cottages. This time we were asked to repair and upgrade some steps that didn't meet state requirements.

On three of the cottages the steps in front had sunken and needed railings. In the back the lower railing post was no longer stable and needed to be reinforced. The pictures show the work that was done.

Helping with the job were Jim Irvin, Larry Elton, Mike Graham, Russ Rousseau, Bob Walling, Dan Holtz and Myron Vogt.

Tom Bischel of OlyCAP coordinated the work.

Myron



This step is typical of the problems. The front two steps had sunk at the end nearest the house, making the rise non-uniform. In addition, there is no railing, which is required on a landing this high off the ground.



Haines St step: The first order of business was to level out the steps by adding a concrete layer, making the riser height uniform.



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To stabilize the railings on the back, four by four posts set in concrete were added to the existing post. Here Jim Irvin drives in lag bolts, attaching the new post to the old. This repair was done on six sets of stairs.



In addition to leveling the steps, railings were added to the front steps on three of the cottages. Russ Rousseau, Jim Irvin and Larry Elton pose by the completed job. Myron Vogt took the photos



# CALENDAR

May 4 and May 7  
United Good Neighbor Receptions  
5:30-7:00

May 4 Beach Club- Port Ludlow  
May 7 Pope Building Port Townsend  
All Bluebills invited

May 6  
Leadership Team Meeting  
Bay Club 3:00-4:00

May 7  
Gifts-In-Kind Pickup  
Need help unloading.  
GIK warehouse 1:30

May 11  
Unload Food Bank Truck  
Tri-Area Community Center  
Chimacum 8:00-9:00

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

May 14 Pat Downie Retirement.  
9:30-11:30 Port Angeles Senior Center  
See article for details.

May 19  
Bloedell Tour  
See note to the left  
10:15

May 25  
GIK delivery-Kitsap County 9:00.  
Drivers needed

Myron

Hi Cyndyann,

Because of the weather, we're postponing our Bloedel tour. Would you please put a note in the May newsletter--something like this:

Because of the weather, the Bloedel Reserve Tour was postponed until Wednesday, May 19th, at 10:15 AM. If you haven't already signed up and would like to join the group, call Karen Anderson at 206-200-0850 or e-mail her at [kmanderson04@yahoo.com](mailto:kmanderson04@yahoo.com).

Thank you!!

Karen

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**It Couldn't be Done  
Edgar Guess**

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But, he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't" but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, as he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one we know has done it";  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle right in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing  
That cannot be done, and you'll do it

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**THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS  
2010 LEADERSHIP TEAM**



"You are as welcome as the flowers in May."  
- Charles Macklin