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Thanksgiving

Happy



A GATE FOR THE PEA PATCH

OLYCAP PEA PATCH ACCESS

You probably didn't know that behind the OlyCap Thrift Shop on Rhody Drive in Port Hadlock people are growing all kinds of things. This is a "Peapatch" started this year by OlyCap. To keep out deer, rabbits and whatever else wants to eat these products as they are growing, a fence made of old fishing nets protects the area. Works okay, except to get in one has to unfasten the net from some poles and climb through. Bluebills were asked if we would make a gate. Bluebills were asked if we would make a gate.

We worked with Mike Bow of OlyCap, who provided a sketch and the material. The attached pictures show the result.



Jim Knight, Myron Vogt, Mike Graham and Dick Ostlund pose by the finished product.



Jim Knight and Mike Graham mix concrete that will be the "door sill" for the gate. The space between the bottom of the gate and the ground has to be about an inch or less so that small animals can't get in or dig under it. Note the netting used for the fence.

GIVING A WOMAN A LITTLE FREEDOM



We recently had a request from Terra Gardner of Olympic Area on Aging (OAAA) to build a small



The finished ramp. Ken Winter is in the back..

ramp for a woman in Port Townsend. The ramp would allow the woman to get out the house when she wanted and give her access to the yard and other amenities.

Marvin Segar organized the crew and we were able to provide what she needed.

The crew consisted of Marvin Segar, Mike Graham, Ken Winter, Jack Hawker and Myron Vogt.



Treating the wounded. Jack Hawker gets first aid for a "hammer finger" from the client's daughter. Antiseptic and a Disney-character band aid. (Those of you with small grandchildren understand



Jack Hawker and Marv Segar put concrete in the post holes. In the Background, Ken Winter fastens a rail to a post. Mike Graham stands ready to help.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE CEA SILENT AUCTION

on Saturday, November 7 at
The Beach Club in Port Ludlow.
It will start at 4:40 and run
until 7:30.

**MOST OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO
FUND THE BLUEBILL CHRISTMAS
GIVING PROGRAM, BUYING GIFTS FOR FAMILIES
IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS.**

Bluebills have been working with CEA (Community Enrichment Alliance) in setting up the event and in providing sale items. **Dick Ostlund is our coordinator.**

There are over 300 items that have been arranged by the CEA group in great gift packages. This year we have a number of golf lessons and free golf rounds that are packaged with gift boxes of golf balls. There are also a large number of gift certificates for meals and other services as well as a wide assortment of products.

REMEMBER-NOVEMBER 7 AT THE BEACH CLUB

Bluebills were recently asked to improve the accessibility of a client living in a fifth wheel trailer. The gentleman advised us that he had already fallen once getting into the trailer and just couldn't get up until someone found him. The bottom step was too high (13 inches) and there was no hand rail.

A couple of design problems here (nothing permanent to latch onto and no money) however we came up with a solution using scraps that we had from prior jobs.

As you can see from the photo, an additional step was added at the bottom and posts were installed to support a handrail.



A SAFER WAY IN

AND OUT

The client admires the improved access to his home. Working on the job were Myron Vogt and Mike Graham.

OKTOBERFEST MEMORIES



MYRON VOGT



**TIM HOCKETT AND
MERV SHETLER**



**THE FOOD BANK TRUCK
UNLOADING CREW**





JACK RANDALL

Special recognition was given to the Lifeline installers. Marvin Segar, Donna Jones from Catholic Community Services and Chuck Lumadue. Ken Close also installs Lifelines but was not present.



Barb Bethiaume is talking to Pat Webb



Ed Berthiaume is talking to Clint Webb and John Purvis from Seattle.



THE KNIGHTS



THE FAILLAS

THE DOUGLAS'



**VINCE PACE
MUSIC MAN**



**THE COOKS
ED AND KEN**



MARVIN SEGAR



**THE GROUP GATHERS AROUND THE GRILL:
BILL SHAIN, DAN HOLTZ, CHIEF COOKS ED HUGHES AND
KEN SNIDER. SOCIAL COORDINATOR MIKE GRAHAM
CHECKS THINGS OVER.**



THE TRACI'S

THE HIRSCHMANN'S



Members line up for the bratwurst and fixings.

helping out the make a wish foundation

Through a friend, one of our Bluebill members on Bainbridge Island, Karen Anderson, heard about a boy who had brain cancer. While in the hospital he wished for a tree house. There was a group of people that worked on the project and got a lot done. The house is essentially complete but there is no way to get up to it and the original work party has moved on or disbanded and he still isn't able to use it. Karen asked if Bluebills could help.

We surveyed the site and determined that we could build some stairs that would be safe and easy to climb. The tree house itself is eleven feet off the ground with limited access because of neighboring trees. Work will start once the funding for material is available.

Special thanks to Donna Jones and Penny Grellier of Catholic Community Services who found a way to cover us with insurance for the job.

Myron



Here is a shot up to the platform of the tree house. It is eleven feet off the ground. In addition to the stairs, a railing must be installed around the platform.



Ken Winter looks over the project. The tree house is surrounded by woods.

BLUEBILL CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES



The annual Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Christmas party will be held at the **Bay Club in Port Ludlow on Tuesday, December 8 from 11:00 – 3:00**. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow

All Bluebills and spouses and retired Boeing folk are cordially invited. The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills also extend a warm and friendly invitation to anyone who might be interested in volunteering their time to help the elderly and less fortunate in the Clallum, Jefferson, and Kitsap county areas.

The Silverwater Café, Port Townsend, is serving light hors d'oeuvres, a pasta bar with three sauces, Caesar salad, garlic bread and a holiday dessert.

Please R.S.V.P to Michael Graham (michaelg@cablespeed.com) by **Tuesday, December 1**.

*We look forward to seeing you
all at the annual Christmas luncheon.*

NOMINATIONS FOR 2010 OFFICERS

At this time we have the following nominations:

Chair: Dick Ostlund

Dick was vice-chair last year and is active in most of our activities. He is from Port Ludlow.

Vice-Chair: Ken Winter

Ken has been a Bluebill since our chapter started. He has been active in all of our programs, especially the Bluebill Builders. Ken is from Port Ludlow.

Vice-Chair: Doug Peterson

Doug is especially welcome as he comes from Brinnon, an area that now has a large number of active members. Doug is participates in the Brinnon/Quilcene Gifts-In-Kind program as well as Bluebill Builders.

Central Leadership Council Member - Larry Elton

This position is voted on by Bluebills from all the chapters. Larry has been active in all our programs and served as Chair for two years. He would be a great addition to the Council and represent our interests well.

The election will be in December so if there are any other nominations please send them to Jack Randall.

Myron



Happy Birthdays!



PAUL BENSON - NOVEMBER 5

PAUL LORENZEN - NOVEMBER 6

MARIE BRODERSON - NOVEMBER 7

ROBERTA BURNS - NOVEMBER 9

SALLY HIRSCHMANN - NOVEMBER 15

CLAUDIA YOUNG - NOVEMBER 24

MEL MORRIS - NOVEMBER 25

DOROTHY WINTER - NOVEMBER 27

CHARLIE MACALLEF - NOVEMBER 28

JACK RANDALL - NOVEMBER 29



DICK PADILLA KEEPS TRACK OF OUR BIRTHDATES

CALENDAR



**PEGGY LEE FLENTIE AND
MYRON VOGT TAKE THE
PHOTOS**

**Friday, Nov 6
Gifts-In-Kind pickup in Fife;
Need help unloading at warehouse at 2:00**

**Saturday, Nov 7
CEA Silent Auction, Beach Club 4:30- 7:30**

**Monday, Nov 9
Leadership Team Meeting – Bay Club 10-11**

**Tuesday, Nov 10
Central Leadership Team Meeting-Seattle, 10-11**

**Tuesday, Nov 10
Food truck unloading-
Tri-Area Community Center, 8-9**

**Monday, Nov 30
Gifts-In-Kind delivery to Clallam County**

mryron vogt does the calendar

**DURING SEPTEMBER 32 BLUEBILLS
VOLUNTEERED 714 HOURS, MAKING
AN EVEN 7000 HOURS YEAR-TO-DATE.
-- JACK HAWKER REPORTS OUR STATS.**

**ELEANOR RODEN
REPORTS:**

**We have a new member: Jim Irvin, Sr.
Phone 437-0559 No email address
He did not check anything under Activities.
WELCOME JIM!**

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