



***THE BLUEBILL***

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**THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS** are hosting  
an **Oktoberfest** Party at the Bay Club on Friday  
**October 23 from  
4:00 -- 7:00PM.**

The Boeing Company is sponsoring this event for Boeing retirees, spouses and anyone interested in volunteering time to provide assistance to the elderly and less fortunate in the tri-area county area.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place  
off Paradise Road in Port Ludlow.



**Those interested in participating  
in the Bluebill Oktoberfest need to notify**

Michael Graham  
at 360-437-5052  
michaalg@cablespeed.com  
by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16.

# HELPING OUT IN SEQUIM

A family in Sequim needed help getting a wheelchair-bound person from the house to the driveway. Jack Hawker designed and organized the team that built the ramp shown in the pictures.

Our ramps are pretty standard, however some are build with handrails; some, like this case, have only guard rails. Handrails are designed to be grasped and used in walking up the ramp. Guard rails are intended to keep a wheelchair from running off the ramp.

We add handrails if the building code calls for them or if we know the client will be walking up and down the ramp and can use something to hold onto. If the ramp is to be used only for a wheelchair we do not install handrails. Handrails are costly and the price of the material is always a consideration.

Bill Shain trims a 2x4 that will be used for a guardrail.



Jack Hawker is in the foreground. Bill Shain, Mike Graham and Davis Steelquest work on the railings. Also helping were Gifford Asher and Myron Vogt.



## PORT LUDLOW COUPLE WIN PLAYHOUSE

On September 28 Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) selected the winner of the playhouse built Bluebills several months earlier. From the 580 tickets sold, Linda Colasurdo of the Bay Club pulled out one of the tickets purchased by Luanna Cooke of Port Ludlow.

The Cookes have 13 grandchildren in the Seattle area and the playhouse will end up at one of their homes.

Bluebills partnered with CEA early this year in planning and constructing the playhouse.



Bluebills and CEA members pose by the playhouse prior to the drawing for the winner.

Material was furnished by Hadlock Building Supply in Port Hadlock. The playhouse has been on display almost every weekend at locations from Brinnon to Sequim and spots in between. CEA members staffed a table selling raffle tickets at each location.

The net proceeds exceeded \$2800 all of which will go to CEA's Chimacum High School Scholarship fund.



Linda Colasurdo hands the winning ticket to Bill and Luanna Cooke.



The background features a stylized illustration of autumn foliage. On the left, a branch with several large, yellow-orange leaves extends upwards. At the bottom, there are more scattered leaves in shades of yellow and orange. The background is a light blue-grey color with soft, rounded shapes representing hills or a landscape.

## **2010 OFFICERS**

**2010 ALREADY! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!  
WE ARE ASKING FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR NEXT YEAR.**

**CURRENT OFFICERS ARE:**

**ED BERTHIAUME- CHAIRMAN  
DAN HOLTZ – VICE-CHAIR  
DICK OSTLUND – VICE-CHAIR**

**IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO NOMINATE FOR ONE OF THE  
ABOVE POSITIONS PLEASE LET US  
KNOW.**

**DON'T NOMINATE SOMEONE WHO  
DOESN'T WANT TO ACCEPT THE  
POSITION.**

**FORWARD YOUR NOMINATIONS TO  
JACK RANDALL AT 437-2539,  
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## BLUEBILLS DELIVER MORE GOODS TO SCHOOLS THAN EVER

Again this year we did our distribution of school supplies to those schools we serve who have more than 70% of their students on free or reduced price meals.

Under the leadership of Dick Ostlund we have been collecting school supplies in a 40 X 12 foot warehouse since July. It was completely full when we were ready to make the deliveries in late September. Each school received a full pickup load of school supplies plus anything they wanted from our Gift-In-Kind warehouse. In total, we delivered about 20 pallets of goods to 13 schools covering an area from Shelton, near Olympia, to Queets, Neah Bay and Clallam Bay, on the west coast of Washington.



To accomplish this our members:

- Drove over 4000 miles picking up and delivering goods.
- Worked 370 hours picking up, sorting, inventorying, loading, unloading and delivering these goods.
- This was done by 23 Bluebills and other community members who could see the value of helping with this program.

## THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE

**Ted Muralt's trailer and pickup are loaded down with the items going to just one school, in Neah Bay.** Two days earlier Ted had made the Trip from Clallam Bay to pickup the items for that school. In total, Ted drove over 500 miles picking up and delivering these items for the schools in the area where he lives. In the background is the Mike Graham's van, loaded with things for a school in the Shelton.

Myron



GLORIA MORRIS    OCTOBER 1  
 KEN SNIDER        OCTOBER 1  
 BILL ANTISS        OCTOBER 2  
 DONALD ECKLUND    OCTOBER 2  
 PEGGY LEE FLENTIE    OCTOBER 4  
 BARBARA SHAIN    OCTOBER 8  
 GEORGE ZIMMERMAN    OCTOBER 20  
 DICK OSTLUND      OCTOBER 20  
 ROBERTA ENDERS    OCTOBER 23  
 JACK JAMES        OCTOBER 26  
 FROM DICK PADILLA



**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

**FRIDAY, OCT 2 -**  
**GIFTS-IN-KIND - PICKUP AT WORLD VISION.**

**MONDAY OCT 12 -**  
**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - BAY CLUB 10:00- 11:00**

**TUESDAY, OCT 13 -**  
**UNLOAD FOOD BANK TRUCK - TRI AREA COMMUNITY CENTER - 8:00 -9:00**

**TUESDAY OCT 13 -**  
**CENTRAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SEATTLE 10:00-11:00**

**TUESDAY, OCT 20 -**  
**GIK DELIVERY TO KITSAP COUNTY**

**FRIDAY OCT 23 -**  
**BLUEBILL SOCIAL - BAY CLUB 4:00-7:00**

**FROM MYRON VOGT**



**CALENDAR**

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

*For August we had 35 volunteers report 647 hours giving us 6,286 year to date. from Jack Hawker*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

**MARIE BRODERSON**  
 Brinnon, WA  
 No email address  
 360-796-4253  
 Interest:  
 Unload Food Bank  
 Truck in Brinnon

**From Eleanor Roden**

## REMEMBER THESE STEPS?



Last month we showed you this picture of the steps used by an 87 year-old to get into his home.

Here is what they were replaced with. The fellows also replaced a broken window, cut off the door so it would close and reattached the loose door hinges.



Jack Hawker  
and Russ  
Rousseau  
install new  
screws in the  
hinges.



Russ  
Rousseau,  
Jack  
Hawker  
and Dan  
Holtz pose  
by the new  
steps.

# HELPING OUT A FRIEND

If you remember, Bluebills had a booth at Port Ludlow Days last month. One of the attendees was a friend of Ken Winter and mentioned that he would love to be able to get to the workshop in his basement garage but the gravel driveway was steep and he could not get up and down in his wheelchair. Ken suggested the Bluebills could help him with a ramp.

We looked the job over and were able to build him a forty foot ramp that provided access to his workshop. The point is that our neighbors also need to be able to live a life that is more than sitting in front of the television and one of our goals is to help them do this.



This ramp leads from the driveway to the garage entrance, providing the client with access to his workshop. For those who care, you can notice the jog in the ramp which was needed because of second floor overhang didn't provide enough headroom to run the ramp straight down the side of the house.

Myron

Thanks to the guys  
who did this:  
Mike Graham, Jack  
Hawker, Russ  
Rousseau,  
Bill Shain,  
Jack Hirschmann and  
Myron Vogt.





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THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS 2009 LEADERSHIP TEAM

