



### Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Boeing Retiree Volunteers

## OCTOBER FLYER 2011

### READING LOFT

Over the past month several people have asked us what were building in the Bay Club wood shop. Looked kind of like a bunk bed, but not quite.

We were actually building a "Reading Loft" for the playroom at the Jefferson County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault group's safe house. The upper area is intended to be a dedicated space for small children to sit and



Posing by the Reading Loft are Myron Vogt, Jack Hawker and Russ Rousseau.

read, the lower area has a book shelf under the stairway and is intended to be a play area with a chalk board that has yet to be installed.

Earlier in the month several Bluebills painted the wall in this room.

Helping to build the loft were Jack Hawker, Ken Winter, Larry Elton, Russ Rousseau, Dick Ostlund and Myron Vogt.

# REPORTING HOURS-WHO CARES?

Every month Jack Hawker asks you to report the hours worked that month. Because I am involved with most of our activities I know that any number of you have contributed in some way the past month but not reported anything.

### So, who cares? These are some of the reasons:

You all know that Boeing funds us for some activities. The justification for this is that Bluebills put in a lot of volunteer hours for the amount of money Boeing spends.

- We use the data to determine how well we are serving the community.
- Most importantly, I think, the data shows how well we (the Leadership Team)
  is serving our members by providing opportunities to participate. Participation
  involves all sorts of activities as working at our socials, doing all the
  administrative stuff like the membership, publicity,
- Flyer, meetings, presentations, posters, brochures, signs and all the incidental time we spend supporting our agency partners in their programs. Even if all you can do right now is attend our socials, we want to know that.

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for every member to work with other members on some meaningful task or to support our goals through some individual



Myron Vogt

contribution. We don't know how we are doing if you are actually participating and not reporting any hours.

In 2012 we are thinking of making our objective "Volunteer Appreciation and Development"
Our baseline metric will probably be the hours data so we would like to have some accurate information from 2011 to look at for 2012.

Any questions, ask me. Thanks and you all do a great job even though only a few of us know it.

## BOTING BLUTBILL OKTOBERFEST

Fall is upon us and it is time to jump into your lederhosen, grab your beer stein and join the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills for our annual Oktoberfest celebration.



Michael Graham

The festivities take place at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow (120 Spinnaker Place) on Thursday, October 13 from 4:00 - 7:00pm.

We are serving up Beverages and Brats with all the trimming, desert, coffee, and tea.

The guest speaker is Tim Hockett, Executive Director of Olympic Community Action.

OlyCAP's mission is to strengthen the community by providing supportive services that help people to help themselves.

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 in the Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap county areas.

Please R.S.V.P Michael Graham (michaelg@cablespeed.com) by Thursday, October 6.

### RAMP BUILDING CONTINUES IN CLALLAM COUNTY

The pictures show another ramp completed by the fellows in Clallam County. So far this year Bluebills have done 14 ramps and 4 more ramp repairs or railing additions in Clallam County.

We normally do about 50 ramps per year in all three counties (Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam). I haven't counted

them all recently but we have probably done about 40 already this year. Busy, busy, busy. Myron



Gifford Asher, Larry Elton, Bill Shain and Ken Winter take a break by the ramp.

Ken Mellott took the picture.

### BLUEBILL WAREHOUSE SHOPPING RESPONSE SO-SO

Last month we made the items in our local warehouse available to individual Bluebills. We hoped that they would help us get more of the products we had into the community. One couple showed up to pick up items for their church. Michael Graham and Marvin Segar opened and staffed the warehouse from 1:00-3:00.

Here is a recap of the goods moved at the Open House at the GIK Warehouse on Sept 19th. Goods moved: 25 selections of 302 items. Including: shoes, household cleaners, women and men's clothes, soap, CD's, balloons, bottle warmers, etc.

The open house wasn't necessarily a failure and we plan to try it again in October. The date will be announced later. We would encourage members to take the list of available items to their church, food bank, school or other organization and let them know what is available.

### ADVANTAGES OF WORKING AFAR

We recently built a ramp near a Casino in Port Angeles. Time for lunch, so we go to the casino. Special is the meat loaf, \$4.50-BUT-we are seniors so the cost is \$3.26. Drinks complimentary. Then Ken Snider plays the penny slot. Puts in a dollar and wins \$2.18. Cashes in immediately and walks away with doubling his money. If you work on our crews you experience things that you don't see in Kansas!

## ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT OCTOBERFEST

By now all of you have no doubt voted for which Bluebills you want to have serve as officers for next year. Votes will be counted on Oct 10 and the results announced at the Oct 15 Octoberfest.

Special thanks to the election committee, Chair Karen Anderson, Cindyann Joyner and George Sickel.

# October Birthdays

Ken Snider, October 1sr

Bill Anstiss October 2nd

Donald Eklund, October 2nd

Peggy Lee Flentie, October 4th

Kathy Cianci, October 15th

Tim Propeck, October 18th

George Zimmerman, October 20th

Roberta Enders, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Russ Rousseau, October 23<sup>rRo</sup>

### CEA SILENT AUCTION WILL BE ON OCT 15

For the past five years the proceeds from the Community Enrichment Alliance Silent auction has provided the money to buy Christmas gifts for the Domestic Violence Program families in Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson Counties.

The CEA Silent Auction will be held this year at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow.

**DATE: Saturday, Oct 15** 

TIME: 4:00-7:00

There will be over 200 items to look over and bid on. A booklet listing all the items that will be in the auction will be available to members attending our Octoberfest on Oct 13. A number of these items have been contributed by Bluebill members.

The auction is always a lot of fun and you are sure to see a lot of people you know. Try to attend and support our Christmas Giving Program by buying something, or drive up the price by bidding.

Myron

# October Activities

#### **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

Oct 6- Leadership Team Meeting- 3:00-4:00, Bay Club

Oct 11-Unload Food Bank Truck-Tri Area Food Bank, Chimacum. 8:00-9:00

Oct 11-Central Leadership Council Meeting-Seattle, 10:00-11:00

Oct 13- Bluebill Octoberfest-Bay Club, 4:00-7:00

Oct 15-Community Enrichment Alliance Silent Auction-Bay Club 4:00-7:00

Oct 18-Deliver Essential Supplies (Was called GIK) to Kitsap County. Meet at warehouse at 9:00 am

## 2011 Bluebill Socials - Mark Your Calendar 2011 Bluebill Socials - Mark Your Calendar

**Fall**, Partner Recognition/Oktoberfest October 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 3 to 7 pm, Bay Club

**Winter**, Christmas Giving Program, Luncheon, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 11 to 3 pm, Bay Club

# SCHOOL SUPPLY DELIVERY



World Vision has a program to provide school supplies to those schools with over 70% of the students on free or reduced price meals. Teachers from these schools are allowed to visit the "Teachers Resource Center" in Fife and pick up about one shopping cart of supplies twice per school year.

We have several school in the area we serve that qualify to shop but because of the distance and the fact that the Resource

Center is not open week-ends, our schools are unable to take advantage of the program. Recognizing this difficulty, World Vision has set up a program that allows us to pick up supplies by the pallet and distribute to the schools.

In September we picked up four pallets of supplies, sorted them into seven equal shipments and delivered them to the schools the first week in October. Here is what we were able to provide to each school:

Paper Clips	17 Boxes	Artist paint brushes	350
Clips	20 packs	3x5 cards	52 packs of 100
Protractors	37	Glue sticks	100
Crayons	70 packs	Books	60
Sharpie pens	100	Glue sticks	18 packs of 4
Erasers	135	Scotch tape	130 rolls
Crayolas	10 packs	Pencil boxes	14
Scissors	165	Pens	312
Markers	280	Metal rulers	200
Folders	100	Binders	8
Post-It-Notes	66 packs	Back Packs	16
Spiral Notebooks	1960 books	Paper	20 reams (10000 pages)

The schools we are covering are: Neah Bay, Clallam Bay, Forks, Queets/Clearwater, Dry Creek (Port Angeles), Naval Avenue (Bremerton) and Renaissance H.S. (Bremerton).

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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.