

THE BLUEBILL

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**FROM *THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER*
NOTES FROM MERV SHETLER,
CHAIR,
BLUEBILLS CENTRAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
AUGUST 2009**

Every once in a while, Bluebills get a compliment from a grateful beneficiary that goes beyond a simple heartfelt thank you. I'd like to share a letter sent to praise work just accomplished by members of the Olympic Peninsula chapter that's "worth its weight in gold" on more than one level. More on that later.

The letter's author didn't just thank the Bluebill team locally. He went right to the top – he sent his thoughts to Jim McNerney, Boeing CEO.

When I say this kind of letter is "worth its weight in gold," it is because it is an unsolicited third party endorsement: a rare opportunity to blow our own horn without making any noise about it.

Letting others blow our horn, so to speak, has the potential to reap benefits, with increasing support for our mission from Boeing's top management. Our thanks to Timothy Hockett for recognizing that his expression of gratitude contained a powerful message, sent to the right place. And, in behalf of all the Bluebills, thanks to our OlyPen team for giving us an opportunity to savor such positive exposure.

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Olympic Community Action Programs 803 W Park Ave, Port Townsend, WA

July 24, 2009

W. James McNerney, Jr.
President and CEO
The Boeing Company
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Dear Mr. McNerney:

Boeing is helping our rural community in an unexpected way. As the executive director of Olympic Community Action Programs, I want to commend Boeing for a job well done – a job you may not know about. For the past year a group of stalwart Boeing retirees (the local Boeing Bluebills) has put its skill and leadership to work in affecting a complete “makeover” of the Quilcene Community center in a lovely small town on the Hood Canal in Washington state.

With the inspired leadership of an enthusiastic center director, Mr. Robert Rosen (a Bluebill himself) the Bluebills and the community have pulled together and turned the center from a rather run down, tired facility to a beautiful venue for community events and meetings.

This project is only one of many that the Bluebills have undertaken to make the North Olympic Peninsula a better place to live. From wheel chair ramps for homebound folks, to the distribution of goods received through World Vision, the Boeing Bluebills have seldom turned down an appeal from the community for help. I have seen them grow from a fledgling ‘Bluebill’ to a veritable ‘Dreamliner’ of a volunteer organization.

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Jim, I hope you will take the same level of pride as I do in this accomplishment. Join me in congratulating the aforementioned Bob Rosen, Ed Berthiaume, current chair of the local Bluebills, and the project team of Myron Vogt, Bill Anstiss, Chuck Sherred, George Sickel, Jack Hawker and Ken Winter. Others, too numerous to name, have contributed time, talent and money to make this project a success.

Thank you for what you do and what your former employees continue to do. This is a fabulous contribution to the Quilcene community and reflects so well on Boeing.

Sincerely,

Timothy L. Hockett
Executive Director
Olympic Community Action Program

BLUEBILLS HELP OUT JEFFERSON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

The Jefferson County Mental Health organization recently made some moves between buildings. As a result they lost their break room and a small room that served some of their clients.

Bluebills framed a double wall (essentially a wall of staggered 2x4 studs that acts as a better sound barrier) to partition off an area for a break room and framed a small area to serve as a “time out room” for children.

Coordinating the effort was Don Rose of JCMH.



Bill Shain, Ken Winter and Larry Elton built the double-wall partition in the background.



Jack Hawker and Russ Rousseau pose by the small “time-out room



Bluebills had lots of visitors to their display on Port Ludlow days. Six of them filled out membership applications.

We passed out dozens of 787 gliders (until they were all gone.) Lots of pencils were given out also, and we showed the videos about the Quildene remodel.

Thanks to MIKE GRAHAM, who coordinated our effort and all the volunteers who took a turn staffing our display.

**PORT
LUDLOW
DAYS**



Dick Ostlund and Mike Graham explain what Boeing Bluebills do to a couple of interested visitors.

Also helping in the booth over the two days were Lee Amundson, Mary Jean Thomas, Jack Randall, and Myron Vogt. Helping with tear-down was Ken Winter.

Thanks to all of you
- Myron

**2009 SCHOOL SUPPLY FROM WORLD VISION
FROM DICK OSTLUND**

We will be delivering supplies to 11 grade and two high schools this year. They are:

1. Mason County: Bordeaux Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, Hood Canal Elementary, Shelton Middle School
2. Jefferson County: Brinnon Schools
3. Kitsap County: Naval Ave. Elementary, Renaissance High School, West Hills Elementary
4. Clallam County: Clallam Bay School, Dry Creek Elementary, Forks Elementary, Neah Bay School, Queets Clearwater Elementary

All of the schools were selected by the County School Management based upon the World Vision criteria that at least 70 percent of the students must be on the free or reduced price lunch program. We receive school supplies from World Vision warehouse located in Fife once a month for four consecutive month June to September. We bring them with the GIK supplies and separate the school related stuff when the trucks arrive at our warehouses. Since , with a little luck and with the help of CEA and Mary Stuart, the SSD warehouse this year is much larger than what we had in the past. The past couple years we had a continuous inventory of all the SSD supplies that we updated each month. At the end of the season, we then, after receiving inputs from the schools, needed to create the stacks of boxes outside for each individual school. Not only were we exposed to weather, but after storing the stuff for four months, we had a warehouse full and the work of creating the thirteen separate stacks was intensive and required a lot of help.

This year, with the large warehouse, we have been able to separate each schools supplies as they were delivered. We held off doing any inventory until all of the first three months of supplies were received. AS we received the supplies, we would separate them for the eleven grade schools, one large stack for the two high schools, and separate pile for the grade school items that came in very large quantities in single or few boxes from World Vision. After the three months of receipts, we met a crew at the warehouse last week and finished the identification of the 13 stacks, and inventoried that available supplies. This took a larger group but only a couple hours. We were fortunate to have the following people willing to help.

Michael Graham, Ken Close, and Vicki Tallerico. While George and Joan Zimmerman initially volunteered, circumstances prevailed upon their plan and they sent, in their place, an astounding group of family and friends that collectively made the job not only quick, but a lot of fun. This group were:

Daughter and son-in-law-- Barbara and Darren Hall, Grand children-- Tyler Hall, Katelyn Hall, and Christian Hall, Grand children-- Jessica Bynum and Jason McKinnon

We will provide individual inventory lists to each school on September 10th after receipt of one more load from World Vision on the 8th. All deliveries will occur between September 22 and the 25th.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS !**

**THE
SEPTEMBER
CALENDAR**



SEPTEMBER 8

GIFTS-IN-KIND PICKUP IN FIFE

SEPTEMBER 8

UNLOAD FOOD BANK TRUCK
TRI-AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
CHIMACUM - MEET AT 8:00

SEPTEMBER 8

CENTRAL LEADERSHIP MEETING SEATTLE

SEPTEMBER 14

OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS
LEADERSHIP MEETING - BAY CLUB
10:00AM

SEPTEMBER 22

START DISTRIBUTION
OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

SEPTEMBER 22 -

CLALLAM CO.

AND KITSAP CO. SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 24 OR 25 -

JEFFERSON CO

AND SHELTON AREA SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 29 -

CLOSE DOWN SCHOOL SUPPLY
WAREHOUSE AND MOVE SHELVING
TO BRINNON

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BRINNON AND QILCENE GIFTS-IN-KIND PROGRAM

Last month in the Flyer we announced the intention to expand the GIK program in Brinnon and Quilcene. The objective was to provide more GIK products to members in these areas. This was possible because Bluebills and community members of Brinnon and Quilcene were willing to make the trip to Fife, near Seattle, and pick up goods and the community was able to furnish a place to warehouse the items for distribution.

Their willingness to help themselves will make it possible for them to distribute about forty-eight pallets of goods each year to members of their communities instead of the current twelve pallets.

On August 27 a meeting was held in Brinnon to establish an organization to pick up, inventory and distribute the goods from World Vision. Twelve members of the communities attended. They were all there to help.

Because of our commitment to World Vision to maintain control of inventory and distribution there is a degree of paperwork and organization required. Members readily accepted responsibility for the tasks.

Pickups at World Vision will coincide with those of the existing GIK program. The first one will be on September 8.

from Myron Vogt



Meeting attendees: Bonnie Douglass, Lee Douglass, Mike Eastman, Bill Anstiss, Candy Anstiss, Doug Peterson, Kay Peterson, Jackie Benson, Marie Brodersen, and George Sickel. Not in the picture was Paul Benson



The Brinnon Booster Club facility will house the GIK warehouse for the area. This was the old fire station in Brinnon.



Paul and Jackie Benson stand in the doorway of the room that will serve as the GIK warehouse in Brinnon. They explain things to Mike Eastman, Bill Anstiss, Candy Anstiss and Bonnie Douglass.



How would you like your 87 year-old relative or friend climbing up and down these stairs into their house?



OOM PAH

Autumn is upon us! That presents us with another fine excuse to get together for food, fellowship and a party!

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.**

The menu includes brawurst, bockwurst, sauerkraut, Bavarian red cabbage, German style potato salad, dessert, wine, beer, and assorted soft drinks, coffee and tea.

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

Michael Graham

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by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16.



We look forward to seeing you all at the Oktoberfest Party!

PORT LUDLOW HOME PROJECT

A real estate group that we partner with, Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing (REPAH) asked if we would help out a woman with two teen-agers that lived in a small house in Port Ludlow.

There were a number of problems:

There was a leak in the roof over the kitchen which had run into the ceiling light fixture in addition to causing the ceiling to sag.

The family had removed the light fixture to avoid an electrical problem.

The septic tank needed a new cover.

A framed-in porch used as a bedroom and study area had no insulation or wall covering. A window was desired to provide some ventilation

Normally we would not tackle this kind of job but the house was small and easy to work on plus being close to where most of us lived. REPAH agreed to fund the cost of material so we took it on.

The leaking area had already been “repaired” a couple of times to no avail so we decided to completely re-shingle the small problem area. The ceiling was repaired and a new light fixture installed. We made and installed a new cover for the septic tank. The porch was the biggest job. A small window was installed then insulation in the ceiling and all the exterior walls. We covered the wall, installed trim and primed everything. HELPING WERE:



The room completely primed and ready for the final wall finish. Bluebill installed the small window in the background.

**MIKE GRAHAM, KEN WINTER, JIM KNIGHT, KEN SNIDER,
BILL SHAIN, RUSS ROUSEAU, MIKE MALLETT
AND MYRON VOGT**

PORT LUDLOW HOME PROJECT



Jim Knight measures a piece of wall covering.



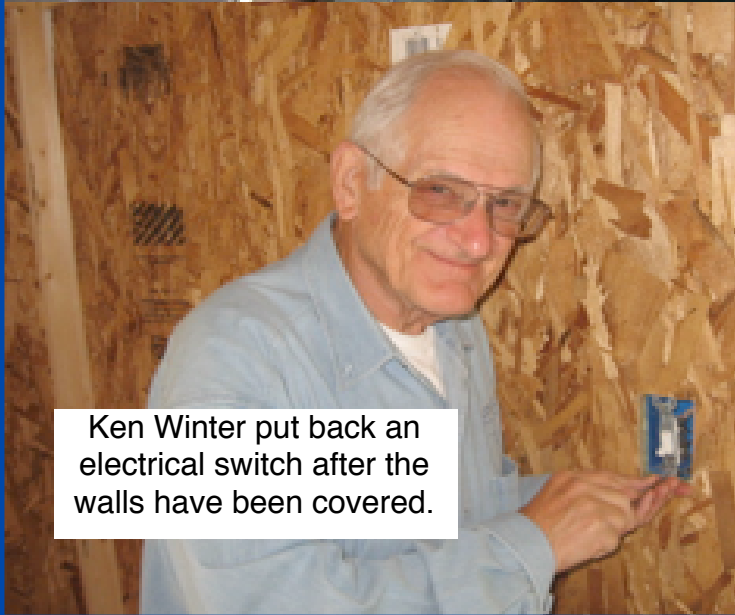
Russ Rousseau installing trim.



Mike Graham looks in amazement at the results of painting the ceiling



Mike Graham and Russ Rousseau install trim along the ceiling.



Ken Winter put back an electrical switch after the walls have been covered.



Ken Winter applies primer.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

**HARVEY KORTMAN
SEPTEMBER 14**

**BARBARA HAWKER
SEPTEMBER 16**

**JOHN HUMPHREY
SEPTEMBER 8**

**TOM BRETHERTON
SEPTEMBER 15**

**LARRY ELTON
SEPTEMBER 13**

**DAVE DITZLER
SEPTEMBER 1**

VOLUNTEER HOURS

IN JULY WE HAD 33
VOLUNTEERS
CONTRIBUTE 667
HOURS, A TOTAL
OF 5,349 YTD
VERSUS 5,231
LAST YEAR.

from Jack Hawker

Birthdays from Dick Padilla

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