

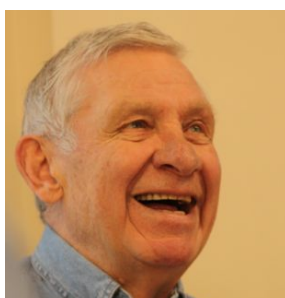


Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Boeing Retiree Volunteers SEPTEMBER FLYER 2011



These people need your time and skills to build ramps, install grab bars, paint rooms, unload supply trucks, sort supplies at the warehouse and distribute supplies to schools and other community service organizations.

These are some of the volunteers who make the Bluebills such a great organization. They contribute time and effort to make our communities a better place for all citizens.



Article from the OLY-CAP Newsletter

Oly Cap cannot accomplish anything in isolation. We depend upon the community not only to assist us but to take direct action to address community needs. So many wonderful things happen in our communities that represent the spirit of community action. Here are a few examples:



The Boeing Bluebills An enthusiastic and dedicated group of Boeing retirees and friends have developed a reputation as real “movers and shakers” across the Peninsula. They help order, warehouse and distribute World Vision “Gifts In-kind” to agencies helping low-income people. They help unload the food bank truck at various locations, but they are best known for their construction expertise. They fix chairs for classrooms, build shelves for food banks, remodel Head Start class rooms and provide dozens of disabled folks each year with better access to their homes through wheelchair ramps. They’ve completed literally hundreds of meaningful projects.

Just as importantly, the Bluebills get together from time to time to celebrate and encourage each other. They are treasures in this community and their energy is contagious. They make you want to pitch in. Their devotion to lending a hand makes us all stronger.

IT MAY SEEM EARLY BUT CHRISTMAS GIVING FUNDING IS AROUND THE CORNER

This is a request for Bluebills to become more active in supporting the CEA program that funds our Christmas Giving program.

BLUEBILL CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM:

As most of you know, the theme of our year-end social is Christmas Giving. This program provides Christmas gifts for families in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault programs in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties. This is usually around one hundred individuals, almost all women, children and infants.

Most of the funding comes from a Silent Auction run by Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA). CEA is an all-volunteer organization that supports various causes, among them bettering the lives of women and children.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

CEA members work very hard each year to obtain items for the auction. This includes things like gift certificates, donations from companies and contributions from individuals. Certain Bluebills have contributed over the past years but this year we are asking all our members to determine if they have anything they could contribute to the auction. Also desirable are gift certificates or donations from companies, services or restaurants. **Kitsap and Clallam Counties are equal recipients of this program's benefits so we hope members from those locations will also participate.**

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE:

Contact Michael Graham, [360-437-5052](tel:360-437-5052), michaelg@cablespeed.com. He will tell you where to drop the item off or arrange pickup. Your name, address, and the estimated value of the gift is needed. CEA will be sending you a receipt for tax purposes.

The deadline for accepting gifts is September 12.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE SILENT AUCTION:

Proceeds from the event help our program directly. Try to set aside this date to attend:

Date: Saturday, October 15

Time: 4:00 to 7:00

Place: The Bay Club

120 Spinnaker Place, Port Ludlow

Any questions ask Michael Graham or myself. Thanks, Myron

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Quilcene



We got a call to one of the historic original homes for a ramp to assist a 92 year-old client. Responding were Quilcene Bluebills John Hollister, Lynn Thompson, Wayne Siscoe, and Davis Steelquist. Local care giver Arnie Finley joined us. In addition, the client also needed a wheel chair donated by Anne Ricker, local artist and owner of the local espresso stand.



Roofing nail gun - not sure we've had the luxury of both a standard nailer John Hollister's, and a roofing nailer (Lynn Thompson's) on a job. With no postholes to mis-locate, we managed this without any rework.



Crew: - John Hollister, Arnie Finley, Lynn Thompson, and Wayne Siscoe.

New Publicity Chair



A few months ago, Myron Vogt asked Barbara Berthiaume if she would take on the task of publicity on behalf of the Bluebills with three goals in mind: 1) circulate information to residents of Jefferson, Kitsap, and Clallum counties about the resources that the Bluebills can offer 2) recruit new volunteers and 3) develop support for current and future Bluebill activities.

Barbara has contacted the Peninsula Daily News, the Leader, and the Kitsap Sun and all have been very agreeable to work with the Bluebills. We hope to feature the range of Bluebill activities in all three counties and have started with ramp building in Kitsap, Gifts-in-Kind in Clallum, and building bicycle repair cabinets in Jefferson. To date, three new volunteers have stepped forward and we hope that many more will follow. As a number of you belong to churches, social networks, and organizations with newsletters, consider writing something about Bluebill resources and activities in order to further spread the word about who we are and what we do. An excellent reference is the website www.bluebill.org. If you need help in developing material, please contact Barbara Berthiaume at 437-0423 and she will be happy to assist you.

Parenting Matters Foundation

Dear Larry and Other Bluebills:

Once again Parenting Matters Foundation sends you our deepest thank you. The many items you delivered recently were wonderful. Having cleaning supplies, additional toys, books, seeds, napkins, cups and many other items is such a help to us as we seek to help families in need in this difficult economic time. We want you all to know how much you are appreciated.

Thank you again.

Cynthia Martin, Executive Director of Parenting Matters Foundation

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September Birthdays

Dave Ditzler, September 1st

Mike Brackett, September 9th

Larry Elton, September 13th

Tom Broderson, September 15th

Pat Traci, September 26th

BLUEBILLS OFFER GIK ITEMS TO MEMBERS

Since World Vision changed our status we are now able to distribute goods to individuals who can use them. We are not equipped to let the public come to our warehouse and “shop” but we are going to try and provide Bluebill members the chance to select some items that have not been distributed that month.

Once the monthly delivery has been made to our agency GIK members there is always a significant number of items left in the warehouse. We will send all Bluebills the list of items we have to choose from. If a Bluebill sees some things an organization, church, school or needy individual could use you are welcome to come by and pick them up.

Our warehouse is in Evergreen Storage, 1275 Chimacum Road in Port Hadlock.

Our initial opening will be on Tuesday, September 20 from 1:00 to 3:00. The week before the event we will send all members a list of the items available and a reminder of the time, date and location.

Myron

September Activities

Sep 8-Thursday. Leadership Team Meeting-Beach Club, 3:00-4:00

Sep 13-Tuesday. Unload Food Bank Truck-Tri-Area Food Bank, 8:00-9:00

Sep 13-Tuesday. Central Leadership Team Meeting-Seattle, 10:00-11:00

September 16-Friday. GIK Delivery to Jefferson Co.

September 20, Tuesday. Bluebill GIK Warehouse open to Members. Chimacum, 1:00-3:00

September 22, Thursday-GIK pickup at Fife.

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

Winter, Christmas Giving Program, Luncheon, December 8th, Thursday, 11 to 3 pm, Bay Club

Chair's Message..



Dick Ostlund, Chair of the
Bluebills of the Olympic
Peninsula

Since the school year is starting this month, it may be a good time to discuss the Bluebill School Supply program. We have been delivering school supplies separately from the GIK program for the past four years. This year World Vision initiated a new process where each school that we support must be a member of the WV clients and pay a small dues in order to receive the supplies. Last June six of the schools we support elected to apply for membership and a delivery was made to each of them toward the end of the month. Two schools elected not to participate.

For the past four years, we picked up pallets from World Vision during the summer and had one large delivery about the first of September. Storage, inventory, and organization for delivery was done in a rented storage unit. The pickup of the supplies and the delivery of such to the schools went very well but there was one very large delivery, space in the storage unit was critical, and organization for delivery in some cases was held outside in the rain.

This last spring we received about three pallets of material, organized it for delivery in a garage in Port Ludlow, and completed the delivery the end of the month. I expect this year to continue all the goodness we found last June with smaller but multiple lots of material, smaller but more frequent deliveries, and a lot less effort concentrated in a short period. Schools registered last June are current members of World Vision and are only required to pay for this years assessment (membership dues). Schools not currently members, but wishing to join need to apply. We can help with that process.

Pickups at World Vision this year will take place on two occasions, September and next February. Each pickup will be approximately 3 pallets of supplies for the current number of member schools, more if there are additional member schools. I encourage all schools to be dues paying members. For the past four years it should be apparent that the material delivered goes a long ways helping the teachers, the students, and their families.

Thanks for making the Bluebill projects so enjoyable. Dick

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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.