



THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA BLUEBILLS

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2006





THE ROGER DAVIS PROJECT

In March the MS Society from Seattle called to ask if Bluebills would install three new windows in the home of one of their clients, Roger Davis of Port Hadlock. We did the windows but it was evident that the house needed a lot more work to make it weather-tight and safer. The MS Society agreed to provide the material we needed. By the time we were done we had:

- Installed six new windows to replace leaking and worn units.
- Installed new window trim on the exterior and interior
- Repaired a roof leak
- Repaired floor area damaged by roof leak
- Covered exterior areas having sheathing only with new siding
- Added corner trim to enclose siding ends
- Installed new handrails on two sets of steps
- Repaired all damaged areas of old siding and trim
- Installed new fascia and soffit where needed.
- Scraped, sanded and primed exterior.
- Painted entire exterior.

In total 25 bluebills gave 360 volunteer hours to this job. The “Before” and “After” pictures give some idea of the improvement. The following email from Patricia Sattler (Roger’s former MS case manager) provides some insight on the effect our work had on Roger. We don’t always get this kind of written recognition for things that we all do but you can take these comments as applicable to everything our group does to help out in the community. It also applies to everyone of you who helps to support the Bluebills by doing things like organizing our social events, maintaining the membership list, keeping track of hours, producing this newsletter, attending meetings, making presentations and all the other “administrative stuff” that keeps us going.

Here is a letter from
PATRICIA SATTLER
Roger's house sponsor.

Myron,

WOW! His house looks amazing.....what a difference your work has made. I'm certain Roger is just plain overwhelmed and ecstatic. His house is now something he can be very proud of.

Thank you to your whole crew for helping make a difference in Roger's life and the greater Port Hadlock community, at large.

It has been a true blessing to know and work with you and the rest of the Bluebills on this important project. I'm so glad I picked up the phone and called to inquire about your work and service to your local communities.

I'm speechless (and a little emotional) looking at the finished project and all of the amazing people who helped to change this one man's life. I only wish that I were there to see it in person. Perhaps I will be able to make a trip over to your neck of the woods and check it out sometime when I'm back in Washington State.....until then, thank you for the picture.

Many blessings to you, the other Bluebills, and your families. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!

*Most respectfully,
Patricia*



**THE SIGN ROGER PUT
IN HIS FRONT YARD**

SEPTEMBER GIFTS-IN-KIND DELIVERY TO JEFFERSON COUNTY

On September 19 Bluebills made their GIK deliveries to agencies, schools and churches in Jefferson County. In total we distributed about five truck-loads of goods. The agencies we served were:

OlyCap-Port Townsend
Jefferson Mental Health
ECHHO-Port Townsend
Brinnon Community Center
Quilcene School
Lutheran Church of the
Redeemer-Chimacum
First Presbyterian Church-Quilcene
San Juan Baptist Church-Port Townsend

After about one year of operation the GIK program is getting to be a smooth operation. It generally goes like this:

On September 5 we picked up about six pallets of goods from the World Vision warehouse in Kent. The items were transported to our warehouse in Chimacum where they were unloaded and inventoried by adding a code for each item, listing type and quantity of each item, and the location in our warehouse. Ed Hughes is our warehouse manager. He directs this activity and puts together an inventory sheet.

Once we had an inventory, our Jefferson County Coordinator, Valeria Vogt, contacted all the GIK members in Jefferson County by email and forwarded the inventory to them for review and asked them to select the items they can use. In Jefferson County the inventory list goes to seventeen GIK members.

As the GIK members respond Valeria sorts out the requests and divides up the goods accordingly.

Prior to the delivery date she makes up a "load sheet" for each GIK member who will be getting goods. This information is sent to Ed Hughes who pre-assembles the loads for each GIK delivery on the day prior to delivery.

On delivery day, Valeria, Ed and the drivers arrive at the warehouse at 9:00. Valeria has the delivery paperwork (GIK Member Acceptance Sheet, inventory sheet, instructions for a thank-you letter and, if necessary a map) for each driver. By 10:30 all trucks are usually loaded and ready to depart.

Drivers this month were:

Jack Hawker
Mike Graham
Russ Rousseau
Dick Gilden
John and Amy Miller
Chuck Sherrred
Myron Vogt

This month loads went to Port Townsend, Quilcene, Brinnon and Chimacum. Upon delivery to the GIK Member the drivers unload and get the member to sign off for the delivery. The signed-off delivery sheets are returned to the Bluebill GIK Manger (Myron Vogt).

Each month the above process is repeated but for a different county. Next month we will be delivering to Clallam County (Chuck Sherrred Coordinator) and in November to Kitsap County (Ed Berthiaume Coordinator). See the Newsletter's schedule of events for dates.

If you are interested in helping with the program we can use drivers and also just people to ride shotgun on deliveries to help load and unload. We also want to get a new Program Manager. Any interest or questions, contact Myron Vogt.

We also are interested in providing this service to more groups. If you know of a non-profit, school or church you think should be a GIK member contact the county coordinator or Myron. (There is paperwork to fill out to be a member.)

September 7, 2006
166 Greenview Lane
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

*Emerald Towns Alliance
Shrimpfest
P.O. Box 323
Brinnon, WA 98320-0323*

Dear Folks,

On behalf of the Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebills and the agencies and people we serve I want to thank your organization for the \$340 contribution towards the rent of our Gift-In-Kind warehouse. What is especially gratifying in receiving this money is your unsolicited, unexpected help. Recognition of the service Bluebills provide to members of our communities is always welcome, especially from another group who works towards the same objective.

Your contribution was used to cover the September and October rent on the facility, In fact, we currently have the unit full of inventory that will be offered to agencies and schools in Jefferson County. Those in your area are among the ones receiving these goods..

I am enclosing a brochure giving a brief description of the Gifts-In-Kind program, which your contribution is supporting.

Best regards and thanks again.

*Myron Vogt
Bluebill GIK Coordinator*

George Ansleys Bike Program Input

I've talked to my contact at the Port Townsend Police dept. She will do the paperwork and we should pick up a load of bikes the middle of October.

The local Rotary club has given us a new Bike Stand. The Bike Stand holds the bike so that it can be worked on at roughly waist level. A great relief for our old knees.

Regards, George Ansley

Request for Electronics Recycling Volunteers

This is a request for volunteers to assist Skookum for Port Ludlow's Electronics Recycling Day on Tuesday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. rain or shine. (We will arrive to set up at 8 a.m.) The location will be in the parking lot at our Village Recycling Center. We will control traffic so that normal glass, plastic and paper recycling will not be affected.

It is hard to predict the required manpower, but 8-10 volunteers should be sufficient. Residents will drive into our area, where we will unload their used electronic components, weigh them, charging the residents 40 cents /pound, then placing them within large cardboard boxes located on skids, inside an open topped recycling bin. We will have a canopy to protect us in case of rain and Bluebills will provide coffee and doughnuts for volunteers.

Functions will include:

- 1 Setup of canopy, tables, chairs, boxes, traffic cones, signs, etc.
- 2 Greeting the residents, then transferring their items from cars to scales to the recycling bin.
- 3 Placing items within the boxes.
- 4 Taking payment and providing change.
- 5 Recording items and payments.
- 6 Getting additional small change from the bank.
- 7 Assembling additional cardboard boxes.
- 8 Traffic control.
- 9 Tallies of money and equipment received.
- 10 Teardown and removal of equipment.

Lists of recyclable electronics items will appear in the October Voice and on the Bay Club and Beach Club boards.

Thanks much for your help.

Steve Failla

Bluebills have agreed to help STEVE FAILLA with this. As we also have a Gifts-In-Kind delivery that day to Clallam County. Some of us are already committed to that. If you can make time, please give Steve a hand on the recycling.

Contact MYRON VOGT vogt@cablespeed.com, 360-437-4055.

OPB LEADERSHIP MEETING

Agenda

9:00 – 10:00 am

October 9, 2006

Bay Club

Agenda

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. 2007 – 2008 Budget Request
2. 2007 Recording Secretary
3. 2007 Nominating Committee

REPORTS

Electronics Recycling Event – Steve Failla

Agencies – Bob Peden

Bike Program – George Ansley

GIK – Myron Vogt

Kids-In-Need – Lee & Bonnie Douglass

Junior Achievement – Dick Padilla

Independent Living (Ramps, Grab Bars, Railings & Etc.)

Clallam Co. Howard Schaible / Larry Elton

Kitsap Co. Dan Nordmark

Jefferson Co. Myron Vogt

Independent Living Open/Completed Project List – Myron Vogt

Independent Living Volunteer Hours – Jack Hawker

Food Bank – Mike Keefe / Ken Snider

Hospital Equipment Coordinator – Jack Potter

Social – Howard Schaible

Survey Update – Chuck Shered

Membership Coordinator – Eleanor Roden

Newsletter – Cyndyann Joyner

Historian – Z. Jack Randall

OLD BUSINESS

Electronics Recycle Day – Steve Failla

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING – MONDAY NOVEMBER 13



BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Boeing Bluebills are part of a World Vision program to provide school supplies to teachers in schools where over 70% of the students receive free or reduced-price meals. Ten schools in the counties that the Olympic Peninsula Chapter serve meet this criteria.

This year we are collecting school supplies for distribution to these schools. Each school will receive a listing of the available supplies and can choose what they need. We will deliver these items sometime in October. Bluebills already have about four pallets of paper, binders, paper clips, etc.-**and 116 new backpacks**. We do not have many supplies that the students themselves can use and hope to partly fill that need by filling these backpacks with the items that teachers recommend each student have. Most of the schools in the program are elementary and the list of supplies is typical for these grades.

Backpacks are available at the Bay Club and Beach Club in Port Ludlow and at the Brinnon Community Center in Brinnon. The staff at these locations have backpacks and an instruction sheet.

The recommended supplies are listed below:

- 3 Pee Chee type folders
- 1 Scissors
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 box of markers
- 6 #2 pencils with erasers
- 1 ruler with centimeters and inches
- 1 large pink eraser
- 1 set colored pencils
- 4 8 x 11 wide-ruled spiral bound notebooks
- 1 8 ounce bottle of white glue

These items cost between \$15 and \$20. If it is more convenient you can buy the items ahead of time and fill the backpack at any of the above places.

Once you have finished your shopping return the filled backpack to the place where you picked it up.

Please return by October 13.

Any questions, contact Myron Vogt, 437-4055.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEY! MEMBERS!
AGENCIES!
CENTRAL!

MAKE OUR DAY

send to starwave@olypen.com

IT'S PUZZLE-TIME!

Can you recall these characters from the funny papers? There's a prize if you can get them all. The answer's will be in the November newsletter:

1. Had a famous racehorse named "Spark Plug."
2. Knobby Walsh was this boxer's friend and Manager.
3. Carried a big club and had a dinosaur for a pet.
4. A fireman whose car had only two wheels and a fire house dragging behind.
5. Lothar was this suave magicia's sidekick and bodyguard.
6. Press her wrist, and she'd vanish before your eyes.
7. Woman reporter always looking for Basil, her mystery man.
8. Punjab would never let anyone hurt this girl.
9. His Hawaiian sidekick was so big, he was always popping a shirt button, and a chicken was always there to grab it.
10. Great outdoorsman whose strip always had a lesson to it.

If any of you mugs think you've got these nailed, send them in to me, Cyndyann, at starwave@olypen.com. If I get multiple winners, the first to arrive gets the prize!

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY MEMORIES!

HAPPY HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS!

**MEL MORRIS
OCTOBER 1**

**KATHY SNIDER
OCTOBER 1**

**BILL SHAIN
OCTOBER 8**

**ROBERTA ENDERS
OCT. 23**

**RUSS ROUSSEAU
OCT. 23**

Welcome
new members

Glenn Andrews
interests:
Independent
Living,
Hospital Equip-
ment Repair and
Bike Repair
Program

and

Steve Failla
Interests:
Independent
Living,
Kids in Need

WE GET REQUESTS!

I received a call from a woman asking if any Bluebills knew how to repair keyboards. She had flashing red light on hers. She had called the manufacturer and they told her she needed a new “chip”, which she had purchased.

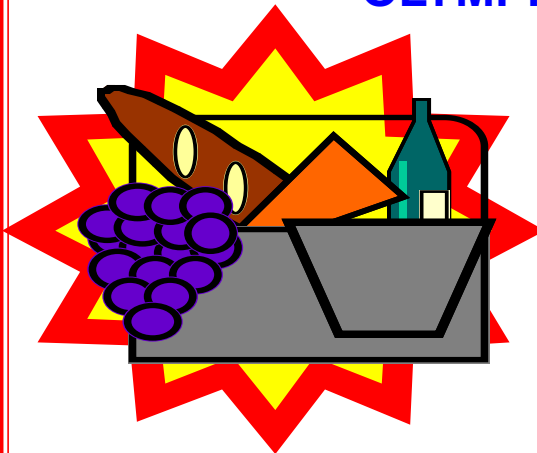
Although I don't pretend to know all that much about computers I had never seen one with a red light on it and was doubtful that any had a replaceable chip. Anyway, I have a couple of old keyboards and figured I could just swap one out at the least. I asked her what kind of computer she had and she replied, “I don't have a computer! It's a musical keyboard (dummy)”.

I decide to give it a shot and went over to her house.

After about a half hour we got the cover off the keyboard, found the “chip” (a battery, cost \$37) and finally figured out how to install it. A real team effort with myself and this 82 year-old woman with a walker. We put it back together, turned it on, and there it was-the same blinking red light! Gee, but knowing something about computers (always reboot first) I unplugged the keyboard and turned it back on. Worked okay, no light.

Just another day in the life of a Bluebill. -- from Myron

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OKTOBERFEST GATHERING

**OKTOBER 17 AT THE PORT LUDLOW
BAY CLUB 4:00 TO 7:00 PM**

REMEMBER

RSVP BY OCTOBER 9th.

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CENTRAL LEADERSHIP MEETING, SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

