



THE BLUEBILL

FLYER

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HERE IS THE BLUEBILL FLYER!

Over the past two months we have been asking members to suggest a name for our newsletter. We received about 20 suggestions and put them to a vote.

The overwhelming winner was *Bluebill Flyer*, getting more votes than all the others put together and more than four times as many votes as the second place choices (Bluebill Action and Bluebill Buzz). I think most of us felt that *Flyer* was a pretty good description of all the various types of Boeing products.

So here it is -- the first issue of
the *Bluebill Flyer*.

HOPE YOU LIKE IT!



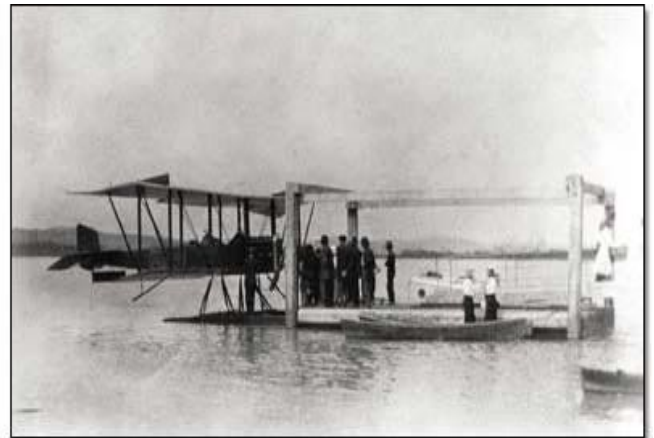


A replica of the Bluebill, in the Museum of Flight, Seattle

SERVICE IS THE KEY WORD FOR THE BLUEBILLS

In the summer of 1994, a group of Boeing retirees and their spouses launched a volunteer organization designed to exploit their significant talents and energies to help meet the needs of the less fortunate in their communities. Although there were already many ways for volunteers to give back to their communities, these retirees had common experiences, emotional ties and history, plus support from The Boeing Company. The Bluebills give another human touch to the Northwest's highly technical aviation and space company.

They chose to call themselves the Bluebills, after Bill Boeing's first airplane, built in 1916. Bill Boeing may have named the airplane for Bluebill Cove just outside his Lake Union shop. The Bluebill airplane was one-of-a-kind, symbolizing vision, daring and excellence, and the new organization's members agreed that the name was fitting.



Today , there are three Bluebills chapters around the Puget Sound. Although their stated mission is to provide help to those in need, the members enjoy the added benefits of enhancing their own lives through personal satisfaction and by socializing with others. Each chapter has it own major projects. Working within existing health and social agencies, their annual contributions in labor and supplies are avaled at more than \$5 million.

Visit www.bluebills.org to learn more.



Bluebills receive quite a few thank-you notes and letters. They generally are addressed to our box at the Bay Club and end up in my hands. It is difficult to pass on the appreciation to those concerned as often there a several members involved or it is one of our programs in general.

We do need to pass on these feelings. However, copying the all the messages in the Flyer would take up a couple of pages. In lieu of forwarding the entire message I am paraphrasing and taking some quotes from them:



To everyone at Bluebills,
Thank you so much for the wonderful ramp you build off our deck. It is a life saver! ...I can't tell you what this has meant to us.
The Moltons-Port Angeles

Dear Pat (Downie) and your Bluebill Crew,
Harriet and I are grateful for all the hard work that went into her beautiful new ramp. She is thrilled to be able to use her walker to get up and down now with both hands. I sleep better at night knowing she is much safer...God Bless you all.
Tenice Shaw (Caregiver) and Harriet DePoe



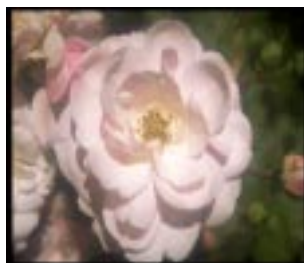
Bluebills,
I think about you guys all the time. You're such a neat group of fellows. Thank you for all the things you have done for me.
Rose Davis

Thank you for your help for us MS folks!
Amy Stewart

For all you do-God Bless
Betty and John Calley

Bluebills,
I'm still in appreciation of the ramp you all built. It is great to have access.

Ginny Bunch
Port Hadlock



Dear Bluebill Members,
Your generosity during the holiday season is so appreciated! We are really grateful to you.
Jessica,
Rose House Shelter
Port Angeles

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Dear George (Sickel)
Thanks for delivering all the bikes for
the kids at Brinnon Food Bank.

Please let all the Bluebills know how
much it is appreciated.

Thanks to all involved.

Warm Regards, Judy Eaglestone

(Note, the bikes came fro our bike
repair program.)

We also receive many thank-you letters from agencies, churches and schools who receive goods from us through the Gift-In-Kind and School Supply Distribution Program. These are given to World Vision who send them on to the companies who provide the goods.

The bottom line is that Bluebill work is appreciated through out the communities, right down to the individual person.

Give yourselves all a pat on the back.

You have all contributed in some way or another.

Myron



Bluebill members. Mary Clear Padilla & Dick Padilla,

volunteered to support the Science Olympiad held at Chimacum Middle and High Schools. More than 250 students participated in the Olympiad on Saturday January 20th. Mary provided administrative support to the contest and Dick proctored two sessions of the "Fermi" event. The students were wonderful. Both enjoyed their experience and would gladly do it again.

We have a new Member: Bill Anstiss,

e-mail address: anstiss@earthlink.net

His interests are: Unload food Bank Truck, independent Living, Gifts-in-Kind and he also checked Jr. Achievement.

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

We recently received a thank-you card from Cheryl Bozarth, Director of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program for Jefferson County. The contents are repeated below:

Dear Boeing Bluebills:

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What a wonderful time we had playing Santa to our clients. □ Thanks to your generosity we saw many smiles and tears of joy. There were quite a few “ohs” and “ahs” too.

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Here are a few of the comments we heard or excerpts from thank you notes we received

Again, thank you so much for giving so many of our clients and their children a pleasant Holiday Season during their stressful time of transition.

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Cheryl Bozarth



“It has meant so much to me that you have been supportive of my children and me. Just knowing someone cares makes all the difference.”

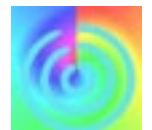


When a client received a Safeway card she said:

“ I was so low on gas I was trying to decide whether to pick up the presents for the kids or pick up the kids from school.”



“Thank you for the wonderful Christmas presents that you gave to my son.”



“We want to thank you for the nice gifts you gave my daughter and me. She loves the chemistry set and microscope kit. God bless you.”

“Thank you very much for everything. I hope you have a very merry Christmas.”

**Dan Nordmark
Howard
Schaible
Larry Elton
Jack Hawker.**

**Congratulations and thanks to all the
“Builders”. Special thanks to coordinators:**

2006 A BUSY YEAR FOR BLUEBILL BUILDERS

**It’s hard to believe the amount
of work the 37 Bluebill Builders did last year. (Bluebill Builders is a list of our members who have said they are interested in helping with the Independent Living Program).**

What did we do last year?

- Built 59 Ramps**
- Installed 75 grab bars (7 in one woman’s home)**
- Did 28 repairs or home modifications**
- Did dozens of service projects for various agencies.**

Probably the highlight was the 300-plus hours we worked on the Roger Davis house, which was almost a complete makeover.

Here is a summary and comparison with 2005:

	2005	2006
Projects completed	97	173
Members participating	29	37
Hours worked	1462	2688



THE FLYER PUTS THE
SPOTLIGHT
ON OUR PARTNERS

Practically every project or service we do includes working with an agency, school, or service group. Without the close coordination and help of these groups we would be hard-put to find needy clients and secure funding. They also provide insurance coverage for us on each job.

We plan to feature an agency every month or so in the Flyer. The input will come from the agency. This lets all of us get to know our partners better.

The first agency we are featuring is

**Catholic Community Services,
Volunteer Chore Services of Kitsap
and Jefferson Counties.**

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES



On the left is **Penny Grellier**, Program Manager for Volunteer Chore Services. Penny supervises the staff and administers funding contracts for VCS and the Foster Grandparent Program. On the right is **Donna Jones**, Volunteer Program Coordinator for Kitsap and Jefferson Counties. Donna is our contact with VCS. Her office is at 2525 Sixth Street, Suite D, Bremerton. Phone 360-405-0072 Ext. 26.

History of Services



Catholic Community Services, the largest private provider of social and human services in the State of Washington, has been serving needy people since the 1860s when missionary sisters established orphanages in the Seattle area. In 1940 Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Seattle was formed and eventually separated and was incorporated as Catholic Community Services in 1989. In the ensuing years since the formation of CCS, additional offices have opened from Bellingham to Vancouver and from Aberdeen to Port Angeles. Programs have also continued to expand to include services to all age groups.

Volunteer Chore Services began in 1981 when the Washington State legislature, due to a fiscal crisis, cut \$27,000,000 from the budget and at the same time, eliminated 4,000 people from the paid chore service rolls. Some funds were reinstated into the legislative budget and Volunteer Chore Services was born. The contract with the state is held by Catholic Community Services and is administered by the Department of Social and Health Services.

The earliest records for Jefferson County date back to 1985 when VCS was known as Volunteer Chore Ministry and was administered by Louise Aldrich. Today, as then, we continue to serve low-income seniors, disabled people or needy families who do not qualify for state supported services, are unable to afford to pay privately for services they need and do not have family, friends or neighbors who can provide the needed assistance.

VCS partners with the Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebills who build wheelchair ramps, install grab bars and do minor home repair to help individuals maintain independence in their own homes with dignity and meaningful connections to their communities for as long as is safely possible. VCS provides the liability insurance for the Bluebills and also acts as the referral agency for the client.

According to US Census data, 21.1% of Jefferson County residents are age 65 and over, significantly higher than the State figure (11.2%). Of those in Jefferson County who are age 65 and over, 6% live below the poverty level. With the total population listed as 25,953, there are at least 328 people in Jefferson County who probably qualify for VCS. About 16% of the population age 20 to 64 are disabled; a portion of that population lives in poverty and may also qualify for VCS assistance.

GIFTS-IN-KIND AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION



Carl's Building Supply provided this truck to pick up our monthly load from the World Vision warehouse in Kent. Making the trip to Kent were Ken Winter, Lee Amundson (driver), Myron Vogt and Bob Commander.

We skipped GIK in December. It was essentially replaced by our Christmas Giving Program. We are now back on the regular schedule and made a pickup at World Vision in Kent on January 9.

Big news with our pickup process! Carl's Building Supply in Port Hadlock has let us borrow their one-ton truck for the trip to Kent. The truck will hold six pallets, which is about the amount we can handle in our warehouse. With Carl's truck only two people have to make the trip to Kent in lieu of the minimum of five vehicles we drove in the past. Not only does Carl furnish the truck, but also the fuel! A lot of thanks to Jim Brown of Carl's, who approved the loan, and to Bluebill Lee Amundson, who coordinated the loan and drove the truck.

On January 23 we made the GIK delivery to clients in Jefferson County. Deliveries were made to all twelve of the GIK members. So you have an idea of the scope of this program, here is a list of some of the things Bluebills delivered:

900 Manila folder-project jacket

13 boxes of brass fasteners and paper clips

480 packs of fun fur

17 boxes of women's clothes

48 presentation binders

36 rolls of packing tape

1200 blueline pads (paper)

6 new desks still in boxes

100 comic books

2184 permanent markers

4300 blank DVR+R, CD-R and DVR-R

204 3-ring binders

3 back packs

10 boxes of boa strips (craft item)

14 boxes of latex gloves (1000 gloves per box)

2 boxes of kids trading cards

Plus about 10 other items ranging from HDTV component cables to brass-plated stamp dispensers (we have 2280 of these left in stock).

It took six trucks, vans and cars to deliver the above.

Drivers were: **Chuck Shered, Lee Amundson, George Sickel, John and Amy Miller, Jack Randall and Myron Vogt.**

Another great job was done in our warehouse by **Ed Hughes and his crew,**

Dave Mathieson and Steve Failla. The warehouse crew pre-stage all the items, help with the loading and maintain a warehouse inventory. We wouldn't be able to run the program without these guys. Thanks.

Next month deliveries go to Clallam County clients and the schools that are in the School Supply Distribution Program.

We will need drivers for the delivery on February 20. Contact Myron Vogt if you can help.



No, these are not some of the homeless men who were left over from the prior night at the shelter. They are actually some of the Bluebills who worked on constructing and painting the partitions at the shelter.



Left to right, Ken Snider, Larry Elton, Mike Graham, Ken Winter, Jack Hawker and Bill Shain.

Last December we received a request to help renovate the Port Townsend Legion Club basement to make it suitable for use as a homeless shelter. There were a number of items that needed work on.

Firstly, there were large holes in the kitchen walls and ceiling. These needed to be repaired so that the health department could give an okay for occupancy. We spent one day installing ceiling and wall repair panels, putting up trim to close edges and gaps and painting a lot of areas to improve the appearance.

The basement of the Legion Club is a large open area used mainly for storage. To separate the storage area, create a sleeping area that is more attractive

and so activities of the users could be better monitored, some partitions were desired.

In the end we installed 56 linear feet of partitions and a door to limit access to the storage area. The walls were 2x4 construction, covered with panels, trimmed out and painted. We also repaired and weatherproofed the entry door to the basement and installed a new door lock. The Shelter opened for use in early January.

Prior to having a dedicated shelter, the homeless were accommodated in churches on a rotating basis. Accommodations and locations varied week-to-week. The new shelter averages 14 clients per night.



In 2006 we reported 9125 hours. It is hard to believe we would beat the 2005 total of 8278 but it happened. Reaching 10,000 hours in 2007 is really a challenge.

Why do we bother to keep track of these hours? For one thing we send the data to Boeing every quarter. Don't forget that Boeing does a great job of supporting us by providing our budget. (This year \$12,000, we hope.) The hours help substantiate this funding. Secondly, it provides a measure of sorts on how well we are serving the community.

Another factor is member recognition. It seems right that if a member does something for the community or to keep Bluebills going it should be recorded. So, please keep responding to Jack Hawker's monthly request for hours.

In 2006 seventy-one members reported some hours. Twenty-two members reported more than 100 hours. These are:

Ed Berthiaume
Bonnie Douglas
Larry Elton
Mike Graham
Barbara Hawker
Jack Hawker
Ed Hughes
Cyndy Ann Joyner
John Miller
Mel Morris
Dan Nordmark

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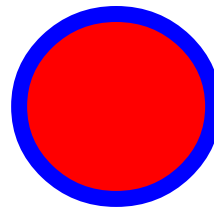
VOLUNTEER

HOURS

Howard Schaible
Bill Shain
Chuck Sherred
Wanda Sherred
Bev Simon
Ken Snider
Dick Swenson
Myron Vogt
Valeria Vogt
Ron Westall
Ken Winter

Three people reported over 500 hours:

Jack Hawker
Dan Nordmark
Myron Vogt



THE HARDEST WORKING BLUEBILL IS:

Dan Nordmark, logging an even 1300 hours!

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS DAN!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYBODY!!

**ED BERTHIAUME
FEBRUARY 4**

**FRED SPANN
FEBRUARY 11**

**JACK POTTER
FEBRUARY 5**

**TED MURALT
FEBRUARY 25**

**EDITH
RANDALL
FEBRUARY 8**

**JUDY
MELLOTT
FEBRUARY 12**

**MIKE
MORGAN
FEBRUARY 14**

**ASHER
GIFFORD
FEBRUARY 18**

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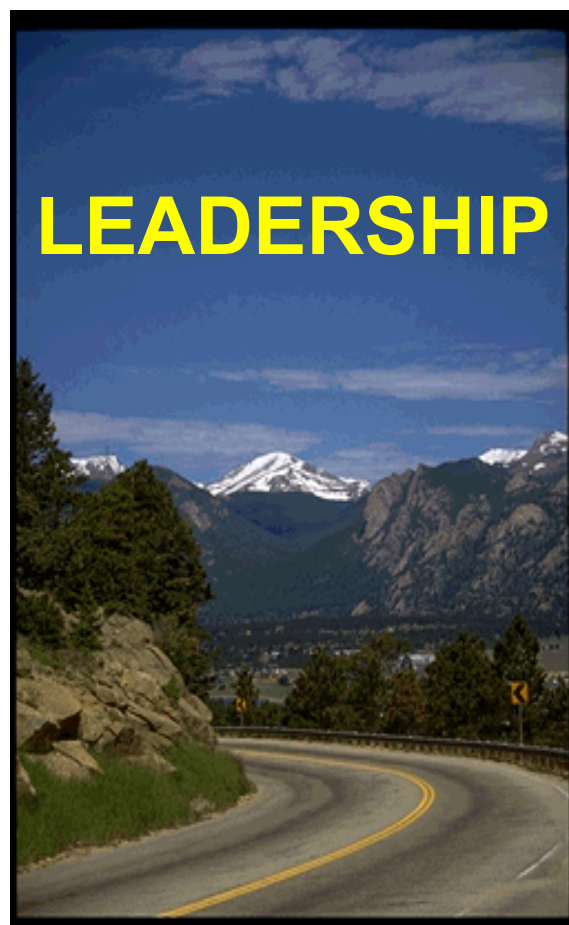
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