

PSO BLUEBILL FLYER

August 2021



PSO Bluebill Newsletter

Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



Chair

David Jackson

The Chair Report

By David Jackson



Vice-Chair

Robert Chanpong

July saw the Bluebills leadership having our first in-person meeting in more than 15 months! Additionally, Jay Gilmour and Dave Jackson made a trek over to the Museum of Flight to reengage with our partners for educational/STEM programs (see Jay's report below).

August is going to be a very busy month for the Bluebills. First, on August 14 the Bluebills will be the Grand Marshals for this year's [Rhody Parade](#) held in Port Townsend. The parade starts at noon, so come out and join in on the fun. Next, the Bluebills are sponsoring the 9th Annual Dove House Golf Tournament on August 27 at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (see info below). Get your team together and have some fun for a great cause.

Bluebills will be holding their first all-hands meeting on September 18 from 11-2 located at the Beach Club, Port Ludlow. More to follow.

All the best,
Dave Jackson

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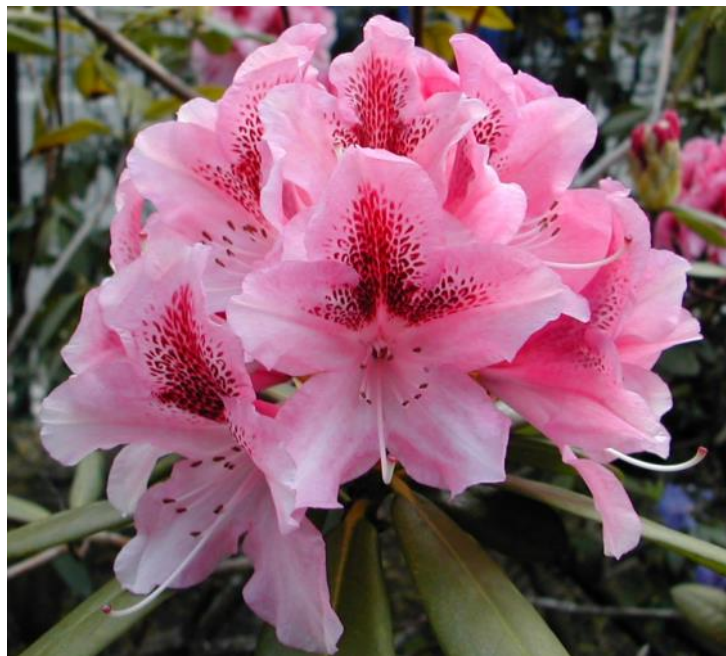
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PSO Bluebills To Be Grand Marshals For The 85th Rhody Parade

Parade to be held starting at noon, August 14 in Port Townsend. Check out this article in the [Peninsula Daily News](#) for more information. Come on out and show support and get a free dessert at the Cake Picnic!





Friends of Chimacum Schools!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The PSO Bluebills* are supporting Chimacum K-6 by providing donations for school supplies. This year, the school is offering free supplies to all elementary kids to encourage them to come back to school.

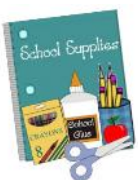
Donors can support this program with a check (suggested \$35) made out to the Bluebills and left at the Bay or Beach Clubs or mailed to:

Bluebills

120 Spinnaker Place

Port Ludlow, WA 98365

**Please send in your donations by
August 15th**



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GOLFERS

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, August 27, 2021

PSO Bluebills

Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament

Support the 9th Annual Dove House Golf Benefit by signing up to play and inviting your friends and neighbors to participate.

It is a best ball scramble with mulligans, buy a drive, and many more ways to improve your score!

25 raffle baskets are worth \$100 each and are \$2.00 a ticket.

Come out to play, meet your neighbors, and enjoy an outing for a very worthy cause.

**For more information: Robert Chanpong, 925-360-4360,
chanpr@hotmail.com**

Registration Form on the following page

**Ninth Annual Dove House
Benefit Golf Tournament**

GOLFER'S REGISTRATION

Help Victims of Crime, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault by playing golf at Port Ludlow Golf Course

Date: Friday, August 27, 2021
Location: Port Ludlow Golf Course
Time: 12:00 PM Shotgun Start
Format: Four-person Scramble
Cost: \$110 (Non-Port Ludlow member)
\$65 (Port Ludlow member)

Cost includes: Golf cart, box lunch, winner prizes, awards ceremony with lasagna dinner catered by GBF.

Field includes men's flight, couples flight and women's flight. Sign up as a single, couple or team. We will pair you if necessary.

1. Name _____ Phone: _____
2. Name _____ Phone: _____
3. Name _____ Phone: _____
4. Name _____ Phone: _____

Your money must be received by August 24th to assure your spot.

Make checks payable to: DOVE HOUSE

Send check and form to:

**Dove House
1046 10th St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368**

**For more information contact: Robert Chanpong
925-360-4360
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SAVE THE DATE!



Our first in-person quarterly meeting in such a very long time will be held Saturday, **September 18** at the **Beach Club** from 11-2.

The theme for our meeting will be Oktoberfest! There will be a \$10.00 pp entry fee. Lunch included.

Hosted beer and wine bar.

PLEASE RSVP by September 10 by email to:

bluebillsrsvp@aol.com



**The Peninsula Support Organization
Bluebills are bringing back "CASH FOR GOLD"
by popular demand!!**



**BRING US YOUR
GOLD!**

**WE BUY FOR
CASH!!!**



**Saturday, September 11th at the Harbormaster
(PLYC) from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Be paid top dollar for your broken or unused gold, sterling silver, or other precious metal jewelry, pre-1964 coins, or sterling silver flatware, etc.

Admission Fee \$25 - refunded if you sell your items.

"Cash for Gold" donates 10% of all sales to the Peninsula Support Organization, Bluebills, a 501(c)3 who furthers STEM education in local schools and other community causes.

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PENINSULA SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (PSO)
Operating as Bluebills
TREASURER'S REPORT
2nd Quarter 2021

This report is for the period April to June 2021. Most of the report this month will consist of explaining what we do with our funds. In future quarterly reports I will provide more details of current activity in the quarter. We have \$32,409.48 in cash net of uncashed checks.

This is separated into four funds. Each fund is used for a different purpose:

Unrestricted Fund	\$9,810.06
STEM Fund	\$8,971.66
Builders Fund	\$11,596.76
Kitsap Builders Fund	\$1,831.00

Unrestricted Fund

Is used to support the World Vision Program, PSO administrative expenses and support to the Dove House Golf Tournament fundraiser and other things the PSO decides to do that do not come from the other Funds. Its largest expenditures for the year include about \$3000 for the Chimacum warehouse and any World Vision memberships for our agency clients that receive World Vision goods not funded by other sources. In the past, that has been \$2700 a year. Most of the money came from private donors.

STEM Fund

Is used to support Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Supplemental programs for Peninsula Schools. It is also a collection place for the School Supplies Drive. Due to the pandemic, expenses have been shut off. In the past, we have spent over \$20,000 paying for trips for students to the Museum of Flight and Robotic Kits. Most of the money came from business donations and PSO fundraising activities.

Builders Fund

Is used to provide support to the Builders program including the storage unit in Chimacum and builders' supplies such as ramp ends and grab bars. Most of the money came from private donors and people reimbursing Bluebills for the cost of grab bars.

Kitsap Builders Fund

Is used to provide support to the Kitsap Builders program including builders' supplies such as grab bars. Most of the money came from private donors.

Mike Burke, PSO Treasurer



August Calendar



- Aug 10** WV Jefferson County Pick Up- 9:00 AM in Fife
Unload and inventory- 11:30 at Chimacum Warehouse
- Aug 14** Rhody Festival - Noon - Port Townsend
- Aug 17** WV Jefferson County Pick and Food Bank Delivery- 9:30 at
Chimacum Warehouse
- Aug 20** WV Jefferson County Delivery- 9:30 at Chimacum Warehouse
- Aug 27** 9th Annual Dove House Golf Tournament - Port Ludlow Golf
Course






World Vision Schedule:

September - Jefferson County

October - Kitsap County

November - Kitsap County

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 	11	12	13	14 
15	16	17 	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 	28
29	30	31				

STEM Report for the Flyer, by Jay Gilmour

On Thursday, June 24th, Dave Jackson drove me down to the Museum of Flight (MoF) for a meeting I had arranged for him to meet CEO Matt Hayes and the Museum's new Vice-President of Education, Dana Black, a PhD and former Assist. Superintendent of the Everett School District. She now has the Education staff we have worked with, Director Steve Margolis and Coordinator Arthur Bednar. You may recall that the Boeing Company and Mrs. Boeing, each donated \$15 million to establish the "Boeing Academy of STEM Learning" at MoF. It's being implemented by Dr. Black and the MoF educators.

The Museum gave us VIP treatment. Matt Hayes and his Chief of Staff, Marc Manzo, greeted us as we entered the building and took us to the Board Room for our 30-minute discussion.

In setting up the meeting I had explained to Matt how we promoted the Bluebill STEM activities throughout our Tri-County area.

Our discussion was directed toward introducing Dave Jackson as PSO Bluebills Chair, hearing of his background and his keen interest in coordinating with MoF to develop a broader reach for education programs on the peninsula. Dave's business card reads "PSO Bluebills Chair and STEM Director."

Matt shared with us some of the Museum's issues created by the pandemic and was very positive about finding ways that the revisions they had made could help us in our efforts toward a "post-pandemic" re-ignition of our STEM activities. He expressed his full support of our relationship.

Marc Manzo then escorted us down to the vast "Aviation Learning Center" to meet with the Education staff. We were introduced to the new MoF VP of Education, Dr. Dana Black, joined by Director Seth Margolis and Manager Arthur Bednar.

My takeaway from this round table discussion is as follows: MoF education activities were crushed during the pandemic due to school closures, reduced demand, staff uncertainty and lack of focus. They tried to create "hybrid" models, part educator, part online, and had enough success that an effort is being made to refine the formula for future availability to districts across the state. We offered to assist by finding cooperative test situations for new approaches in our area if we have the requirements.

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Dr. Black is an obvious resource for us to understand better what Washington state is doing to push STEM and connect it to community college programs and “linkage” between high school and C/C. We should task one qualified Bluebill to dig deeply into this issue and develop a program that appeals to seniors to take “OneMoreYear@ C/C!”

After this discussion, we were taken to the location of a very comprehensive simulated “Mission to Mars” operated by grade school classes, 3rd to 8th, students staffing all aspects of Mission Control, from “lift off to landing” and “rover deployment”. Totally electronic, with images and data galore!

We ended with a tour of a full scale light aircraft for which students have to create a course, submit a flight plan, call the tower, taxi out, fly to Paine Field and return to Boeing Field, while “flying” a simulator aircraft with instruments and controls. Very impressive!

My opinion? We’re in good shape going forward with STEM!

We just need to develop a task force of Bluebills to adopt this as their personal mission! And the sooner the better!

Jay Gilmour



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Builders' Pages

JeffCo Builders

The Jumping Mouse Project

In early July, Myron received an email from Jumping Mouse Children's Center:

Hello Myron -

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> I am writing to see if a project we have here at Jumping Mouse might
> be appropriate for the Boeing Bluebills to help with.

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> Jumping Mouse is a non-profit in Port Townsend that provides therapy
> for children ages 2 - 12 who have experienced trauma. We have expanded
> our reach by providing services in the schools in Brinnon and
> Chimacum, which is very exciting as services are often lacking for our
> residents further out in the county.

>

> I am attaching a picture of a toy cabinet at our Brinnon location.
> Jumping Mouse uses play therapy with children, so these figures are
> crucial to the process. We are in need of one additional free standing
> toy cabinet before September when school starts.

>

> I am wondering if the Bluebills might be able to help?

>

> Thank you,
> Kristina

This started the ball rolling. In short order estimates were made, funding by the PSO Bluebills was secured, designs approved and work begun. As of this writing, the cabinet has been constructed and the finishing is scheduled to be complete by the middle of August. Jumping Mouse has visited the South Bay Woodworking Shop and took "in work" photos of the project for their newsletter.

Following are pictures of the existing model and the new cabinet. We should have more for you next month!

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Jumping Mouse Project



The existing cabinet in Brinnon which the new cabinet will be patterned after.



The new cabinet for Jumping Mouse under construction in the Port Ludlow Bay Club Woodworking Shop

Port Angeles Ramp

For the first time in a long time we have a little news to report from Clallam County. The request came in to the JeffCo Builders from Teri Wensits of Catholic Community Services. Joe Gagnier, Todd Knoblock and David Parrish made the run up to PA for the build. After “the usual problems with material delivery” the ramp was completed in time for lunch at Applebee’s.



The existing ramp was not really adequate for the task.



Completed ramp with David Parrish and Todd Knoblock, Photo by Joe Gagnier.

Bluebills Featured in Caregiver Support Newsletter

Bluebills were the featured "Community Spotlight" story in the Kitsap Aging & Long-Term Care (ALTC) July newsletter. ALTC is a division of Kitsap County government and is the state-designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Kitsap County.

Having trouble viewing this email? [View it as a Web page.](#)

**Kitsap County
Caregiver Support**



Community Spotlight

Connection and engagement can be a powerful way to nurture ourselves and build strong communities. See below for this month's community spotlight of a local organization to connect with for yourself, share with others, volunteer, or "tuck in your back pocket" for later.

Bluebills Independent Living Program

The goal of the program is to help older adults and people with disabilities live independently in their own home for as long as possible. Bluebills volunteer, handymen complete projects including ramp construction and installation of grab bars, handrails, transfer poles, chair/sofa risers, and minor repairs relating to safety, fall prevention, accessibility, and ease of living.

Over the past 4 years Bluebills volunteers have built 112 ramps, installed 600 grab bars and railings, and performed 230 miscellaneous modifications and repairs for clients in Kitsap County.

The program does not charge for the labor; clients are asked to pay the cost of materials, to the extent they are able. Volunteers and donations are relied on for continuing the service.

Volunteer Services (formally Volunteer Chore Services) at Catholic Community Services provides the screening for eligibility to access services and refers requested projects to the Bluebills.

You may contact Volunteer Services at 1-844-851-9380 to request help with a project and view the Bluebills Independent Living brochure [here](#) to learn more.

Note from the Builders Chair August 2021

It's been a busy time since the summer weather has arrived. The builders: Jo and Dan Nieusma, Richard Myers, Todd Noblock, Dave Parrish, Denny Schuch, John and Doreen Fillers, Joe Gagnier and others whose names I can't remember, have faithfully addressed the requests which we have received. Teri Wensits always gathers the intake information quickly and never hesitates to advise or give the go ahead.

Since June we have had requests for five ramps, three rails, twelve grab bars, two step repairs and three platforms. Requests often come as referrals by local agencies such as CCS, COPES and REPAH, and by word of mouth. Several requests have originated from Jefferson Health Care. CCS provides essential liability insurance when we are on-the-job. For the coverage we are very thankful.

Grab bars and ramps have been the main requests the past two months, but occasionally we have a few for small repairs. Grab bar installation can be a simple affair, and installation takes less than an hour. Dave Parrish has been completing many of these. Ramps are a bit more complicated and require several hours to survey, plan and safely build. Jo, Dan, Richard, Dave and Todd are the leaders.

The builders warehouse in Chimacum now has about twice the storage space as before since the Dove House Golf event materials have been moved to another storage unit. Donations of unneeded tools would be welcome. Thanks to those who keep the building supplies readily available at the warehouse and to Michael Burke for reimbursements.

On a closing note, the builders group will always need a few more volunteers. You don't have to be a master carpenter to be a builder. Please let me know of anyone who is interested in joining the builders group. Let them have my contact information as I'm happy to answer any questions or show them the ropes. Sincere thanks to every builder, for all that you do. Keep well.

Robert Chanpong



Bluebills Deliver World Vision Essential Supplies to Kitsap County

Bluebills picked up and delivered five pallets of goods in July to eight agencies in Kitsap County.



John Fillers breaking down a pallet of supplies for loading into Gordon Williams's trailer. John's trailer is in the background holding two well-stacked pallets.



Gordon Williams loading his trailer with three pallet loads.



Unloading at the Bluebill storage unit.



Cal Williams and John Fillers pulling items for delivery.

HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

SINCE FEBRUARY OF 2020, THIS IS THE FIRST MONTH THAT WE ARE ABLE TO REPORT OVER 1000 HOURS!

REMEMBER: YOU CAN REPORT ANY VOLUNTEER HOURS! NOT JUST THE HOURS YOU WORK FOR BLUEBILLS. CHURCH, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY~ ALL OF THESE HOURS COUNT TOO!

EMAIL YOUR HOURS TO Judy McCay:
jimmccay@cablespeed.com

Volunteer hours for June, 2021

44 volunteers reported 1028 hours. That is 23% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for June.

August Birthdays

RICHARD COLLINS	8/4
VAL VOGT	8/4
BEVERLY SIMON	8/8
TRUDY RITTENHOUSE	8/11
MARY RONEN	8/11
BERYL DENISON	8/12
JOHN MJOEN	8/12
EVELYN GUNTHER	8/13
DOUGLAS PETERSON	8/15
KAY PETERSON	8/15
JIM MUELLER	8/17
KAREN ANDERSON	8/18
GEORGE ANSLEY	8/19
KEN RODEN	8/22
DICK LARKIN	8/23
KEVIN MCGONIGLE	8/25
JOHN MEYER	8/29
BERNARD WITTMAN	8/29
JANIE HOLTZ	8/30
KEN WINTER	8/30
DAVID PARRISH	8/31

Happy Birthday!

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