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Chair Barbara
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From the Chair

By Myron Vogt



Co-Chair
Needed

2020 has been a pretty tough year for everyone and Bluebills have not been exempt. From about March through July we have been essentially closed down, however, it seems apparent that the community needed our services as much as ever. Catholic Community Services, who provides our insurance on Builders jobs, also knew that the need was still there. We were able to work with them to come up with a policy that we hope allows Bluebills to take on most jobs and still provide adequate protection against COVID. A similar policy has been worked out with World Vision, and we are able to pick up goods from them on a monthly basis. What we have missed are the monthly meetings, quarterly all-member events, and other face-to-face events. These are important to spread information, recognize member accomplishments, and recruit new members. Hopefully, by mid-2021 we will be able to resume normal operations. Going into 2021, here are some of our challenges.

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Bluebills in 2021

Builders

Our program to assist those who need grab bars, railings, ramps, etc., has been going very well. We have a robust and knowledgeable team of workers. We are now behind, however, in training and recruiting. These are best done best face-to-face at dedicated meetings.

Essential Supplies (World Vision Program)

We are currently on our regular schedule of a monthly pickup at World Vision in Fife. The work seems to be done most often by the same people. Again, we could use a meeting dedicated to this subject where we could explain the tasks, the need, and get more members involved.

Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament

We fully expect to be able to hold this event this year, probably in August. Some new members will be needed to fill in the gaps left by moving or aging. Keep this in mind.

Fundraising

In the past Boeing has provided money for various tasks. Right now the Bluebill office at Boeing has been closed and no funding is available. Over the past few years we have been funding many of our programs from Builder and member contributions, and there will be no problem with funding in 2021. However, we do work with the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) to fund our school STEM programs. We expect there will be a need for that again in the 2021-2022 school year. Past fundraising programs have been Cash for Gold, Used Book Sale, Wine Tasting and Silent Auction. We need to keep these in mind for 2021.

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Peninsula Support Organization (PSO)

As a non-profit organization, the PSO is the only way that the Bluebills can get The Boeing Company to contribute to the goals of the Bluebills and the PSO. Every dollar that is donated to the PSO by a Boeing retiree or spouse, Boeing matches with 50 cents. Donations to the PSO can be earmarked for education or the Bluebills. You can send a check directly to the PSO: **PSO C/O Mike Burke, 82 Timber Heights, Port Ludlow, WA 98365**. If you need help negotiating the web application for funds matching, please contact Jim Mueller, jimmueller630@gmail.com or by phone: 206-399-5329 or Mike Burke, mikebarb1975@centurylink.net, or by phone: 206-419-7210.

Bluebill Officers

As we get going again, it will be more important that we fill some of the gaps in our Leadership Team. Specifically, we are looking for a Co-Chair to work with Barbara Berthiaume. Such a person should be familiar with most of our programs. They do not have to be a Boeing retiree or spouse. Other stuff keeps coming up but the next year looks like we may start getting back to normal. Lend a hand where you can.

Thank you to all the Bluebills for supporting the Builders, World Vision Essential Supplies, PSO's Cash for Gold, School Supplies for Chimacum students in need, and making the holidays brighter for 20 OlyCap homeless children. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Myron



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Christmas Giving Program



Bluebills and Our Wonderful Community

Without our Christmas Social this year, it makes it harder for our Christmas Giving Program to support the kids of OlyCap homeless families. We are inviting the Port Ludlow community to donate to the Bluebills so we can purchase presents for 20 children under 18 years old. You can help by sending a check made out to “Bluebills” to **Laura Paul, 52 Bayside Court, Port Ludlow, WA, 98365** before DECEMBER 4th.

You can also help by volunteering to be a personal shopper for one or more children. On December 4th, we will have the total amount donated which we will divide by 20 and that will give us the amount we can use to shop for each child based on age and gender, which is all the information we get on each child. Over the years the shoppers have done a great job buying for the kids. Gifts must be received by December 16th, and volunteers will wrap the gifts before they are delivered to OlyCap by the 18th.

The Bluebills have been very generous in donating money at the Christmas Giving Social, and the average over the years has been approximately \$120 per child. We are confident that this year the Bluebills and the Port Ludlow community will meet the challenge in raising money for this worthy cause.

If you would like to help by being a shopper or a gift wrapper, please call **Laura Paul, 360-344-2494.**





We can make a special Christmas for these 20 kids.



December Calendar

- Dec 2 World Vision Delivery, Kitsap, Meet at Chimacum Warehouse 9:00
- Dec 3 World Vision Delivery, Kitsap, Meet at Chimacum Warehouse 9:00
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 31 New Years Eve

DECEMBER 2020

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 		



From the Wayback Machine

Taken from the January 2010 Bluebill Flyer

GREENHOUSE DEDICATION

Bluebills were present at the dedication of the Grant Street Elementary School greenhouse. As reported in last month's Flyer, Bluebills put in the foundation and assembled the greenhouse for them.



Ken Winter and Myron Vogt pose in the background along with some of the children, teachers and adult sponsors who use the garden area and greenhouse to learn how to grow various vegetables and plants.

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Jackson of The Peninsula Daily News.

JeffCo Builders

Port Townsend Ramp

We had a great crew today and finished a complex 47 foot ramp in just under 8 hours. Returning from the hospital in September, our client felt trapped in her house and unable to easily get to doctors appointments. She was very appreciative of our efforts.

Jefferson Hospital helped in raising the funds for this expensive ramp. A local cancer non-profit provided funding and Carl's Lumber provided the lumber.



Before



Material donated by Carl's Lumber



Nearing completion



Robert Chanpong, Mark Cattabriga, Richard Myers, Don Abbot. Not shown: Joe Gagnier, Photo by Todd Knoblock

JeffCo Builders

These handrails installed in North Jefferson County made two households safer places to live.



Kitsap Builders

A Ramp in Time

Her world got turned around when her husband of many years suffered a massive stroke. His time in rehab had almost expired when she contacted us to see if there was any way we could get a ramp put in, since he is now wheelchair bound.

Two things will put a ramp request at the top of the list: 1) someone who is trapped in the house with no way out, and 2) someone who is ready to come home from the hospital or rehab, but can't do so until a ramp is in.

A question arises as to whether this would be considered an essential service or not. Medicare had made a decision that his time in rehab was up and he was coming home. There was no way to get him in/out of the house, and his wife was quite likely overwhelmed.

The money was tight, but a very good friend bought the lumber and Bluebills built the ramp... in time.



Richard Knapp, Bob Keever, and John White masked up and keeping as much distance as possible while building the ramp.

BUILDERS

For the first few months after the CV quarantine, we did little in the way of builder jobs. However, we have been able to work out a process with our insurer, Catholic Community Services, that allows us to do most typical Builder work. You can see from the pictures and stories in this issue and prior Flyers that our Builders are finding ways to help.

Due to the CV and the fact that I have been on the DL (lung cancer operation) we have not been collecting the Builder data for the last few months. The data is extracted from the list of open and completed projects, which is useful in making sure requests are acted on and completed.

Starting in Oct., I hope to again set up the above lists. Most Jefferson and Clallam job requests seem to come to me so I have the data. Kitsap requests go through Bob Keever, and he maintains much the same data. By 2021 we should be caught up.

I can see from this episode that with my age and health if we want to maintain some kind of Builders record, I can't be counted on too much longer. I would like to see each county keep track of their own jobs which means a Builder Coordinator for each county.

Think this over. Thanks, Myron

Bluebills monthly Kitsap Builders data - 2020 thru 11/30												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	TOTAL
Ramps built	4	6	5			1	2	1	4	2	3	28
Grab Bars Installed	1	11	5			4	4	7	5	14	8	59
Railings Installed	2	7	2				3	5	1	2	2	24
Misc. Jobs done	8	7	15				2	5	2	2	2	43
# clients helped	18	19	14			2	8	9	6	10	8	94
# diff volunteers	8	9	11			3	6	6	6	5	6	
# open projects	24	11	16			12	18	20	20	18	19	

World Vision

'Tis the season!

This month with the enormous donation of Essential Supplies to Kitsap County from World Vision, the storage unit at Port Hadlock is overflowing.



We have candles, Christmas lights, and tree decorating essentials.



One of the items flowing off the shelf in particular are figurines in the Funko Popgames (Fortnite Series).



There are 27,420 of these little guys, gladly all of them are spoken for by the agencies, being the same for most items I see coming in the warehouse for Jefferson County as well.

Essential Supplies - Kitsap County

Calvin Williams

HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER 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 October, 2020

41 volunteers reported 731 hours. That is 21% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for October.

December Birthdays

STEPHEN SKLAR	12/01
JANE THOMPSON	12/01
JANE ANSLEY	12/02
KIM KEEVER	12/05
TERRY ELLINGSON	12/09
RICH STALDER	12/09
LINDA BLOEMEKE	12/11
SCOTT ERICKSON	12/13
SHERRY JOHNSON	12/13
PETE TALLERICO	12/17
JOAN ZIMMERMAN	12/17
JOE GAGNIER	12/18
MARK BYL	12/20
PAT WEBB	12/22

Happy Birthday!



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