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From the Chair

By Charlie Johnson



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Greetings fellow Olympic Peninsula Bluebills and Happy New Year to all.

I would like to invite you all to join me in ushering 2020 out the back door.

As I sit here on this last day of 2020 writing this, I can't help but think how great it is to be starting a new year. Being from Clallam County I have not had the opportunity to meet many of you newer and younger members, but I would like to welcome you and thank you for accepting the opportunity to help those in our

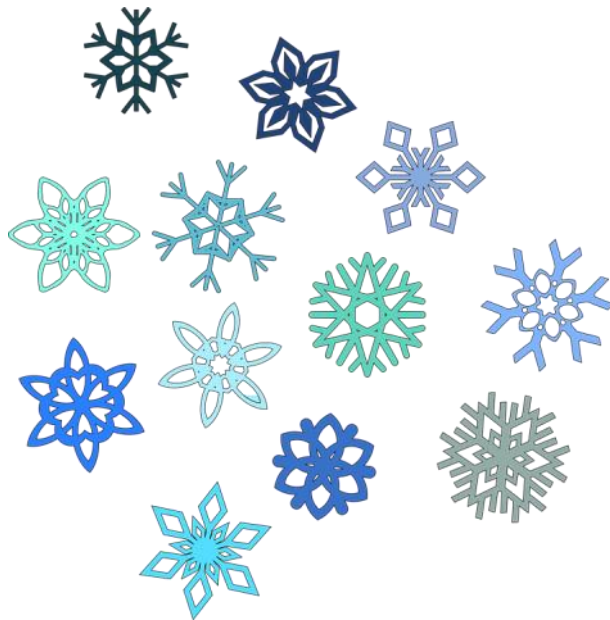
communities who are less fortunate. As Covid restrictions are eased I hope to have the privilege of meeting all of you.

The challenges ahead for 2021 are no different than in years past. We will continue to meet the needs of our community by continuing our current programs and expanding to meet future needs.

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Hundreds of individuals have benefitted from the variety of services the Bluebills have provided. Hundreds more will benefit in the future. If you have helped with building a ramp, installing handrails, installing grab bars, or made someone's life either easier or safer you know what I'm talking about. If you have been a part of picking up or distributing goods or school supplies from World Vision, you know what I'm talking about. If you have helped with our Backpack Program, you know what I'm talking about. If you have helped with STEM or Museum of Flight you know what I'm talking about. With these thoughts in mind let's make 2021 a year to remember. Let's also remember that the first 20 years are always the easiest so now it's time to turn the page. Thanks to all you newer members for stepping up and accepting the tasks at hand, and all the seasoned members for hanging in there.

Charlie Johnson, from Clallam County



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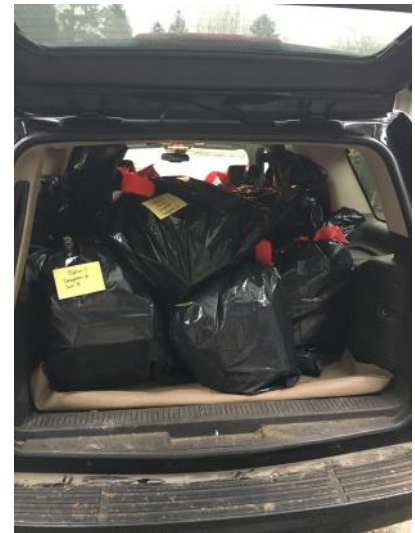




Christmas Giving Program Update

Thank You Bluebills and Our Wonderful Community

In lieu of our Annual Christmas Giving Luncheon this year, we asked our membership to make a contribution to the 20 OlyCap children in Jefferson County so they could have a brighter holiday season. Bluebills and the community reached into their pockets and we raised \$3300 to spend. Shoppers were given \$100 to spend on each child and we gave the 13 families a \$75 Safeway gift card and a fleece blanket. Kathy Morgan, the Director of the OlyCap Homeless Program, said that on behalf of OlyCap, "We are profoundly grateful to the Bluebills who are always there in times of need." Laura Paul did an excellent job of pulling all of this together with her team of shoppers, wrappers, and Bluebills who delivered the gifts. The Bluebills would also like to thank our friends and neighbors who were invited to contribute. They stepped up to truly embody the spirit of giving in a time of need.



Here are some photos of the Christmas gifts we gave Olycap homeless family kids. There were 14 bags with gifts for 20 kids, \$75.00 Safeway gift cards and a fuzzy throw for each family.

Laura

Santa for Seniors

By Bob Keever

William Looney didn't want any senior to feel forgotten at Christmas. Each year the Tacoma businessman equipped himself with a Santa suit that he would wear to local nursing homes. He brought gifts and made sure residents felt special. The act transformed Looney and inspired him to launch Santa for Seniors through the William A. Looney Family Foundation before he died in 2015.

The foundation's mission is "Remembering the Forgotten," explained Looney's widow Trudy. "Bill wanted to ensure that homebound and nursing home seniors with no nearby family would not be forgotten at Christmas."

Each year the Looney Family Foundation, partnered with Lutheran Community Services Northwest, puts together holiday gift bags for seniors who might otherwise be forgotten at Christmas. Once again Bluebills helped to carry on the tradition, delivering Santa for Seniors bags to our elderly, live-alone clients.



Bluebills made a list and checked it twice prior to delivering Santa bags for Christmas

Essential Supplies Delivered to Kitsap in December

A delivery of goods to agencies in Kitsap County was organized by Cal Williams during the first week of December. A number of Bluebills who live in Kitsap came up and helped. I don't have any pictures for you, but I will say that it felt good to be participating again. -Jim Mueller



January Calendar

January 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						



Builders Pages- Kitsap Builders A Ramp Remembered

Catholic Community Services notified us of a ramp in Bremerton that was no longer needed and was available for removal and reuse. We had an address, but not the name of the client for whom the ramp was originally built. When we got there we right away remembered. This was a ramp we put in about 4 years ago, and it included a side chute for the dog to get down to the yard. Alas, Banjo and his owner have both passed away.

It took just under an hour take apart. The ramp modules, posts, and railing assemblies have already been earmarked for a low-income client in South Kitsap.



The ramp cut completely across the front yard



Wally Grenquist watches as Banjo tries things out



Greg DeVault with the disassembled ramp

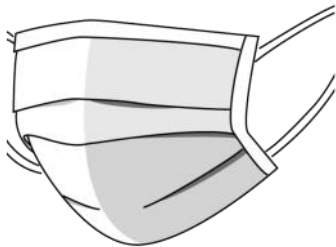


This tag helps Bluebills retrieve ramps, which are no longer needed, for use elsewhere in the community.

BUILDERS

We have data for Kitsap but not Jefferson. A few grab bars and transfer poles were installed in December, that's about it.

Bluebills monthly Kitsap Builders data - 2020 thru 12/31													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Ramps built	4	6	5			1	2	1	4	2	3	3	31
Grab Bars Installed	1	11	5			4	4	7	5	14	8	1	60
Railings Installed	2	7	2				3	5	1	2	2	2	26
Misc. Jobs done	8	7	15				2	5	2	2	2	3	46
# clients helped	18	19	14			2	8	9	6	10	8	6	100
# diff volunteers	8	9	11			3	6	6	6	5	6	5	
# open projects	24	11	16			12	18	20	20	18	18	17	



Bike Repair



George Ansley checks out the front wheel.



Bob Chelini looks over one of the children's bikes.



Ken Winter uses the new bike repair stand donated to us by Port Townsend Rotary.



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 November, 2020

40 volunteers reported 733 hours. That is 23% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for November.

January Birthdays

VICKI TALLERICO	01/04
DAVID GRELLIER	01/07
KATHY TRACI	01/13
KEN AVICOLA	01/14
LEONARD STADTMILLER	01/18
JOE GUERRERO	01/19
LARRY LANG	01/26
MARILYN CHADWELL	01/27
GREG DEVAULT	01/28
MEA GRAHAM	01/28
RALPH ARCHUNG	01/30



Happy Birthday!

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