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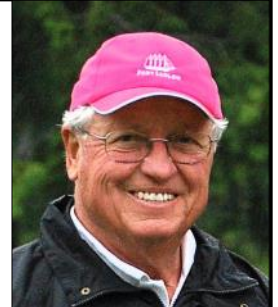


Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Newsletter Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



Barbara Berthiaume

From the Chair By Clint Webb



Clint Webb

Folks, we Bluebills have a serious problem regarding our traditional funding from Boeing. Some of you are aware of the issue, but many are not. I will tell you what we know.

On April 10, Myron represented our chapter at the monthly Central Leadership Committee Meeting (CLC) at the Bluebill offices at Boeing. Two women from Boeing made a 15 minute presentation. They told how much volunteers are appreciated by Boeing, and then went on to their real message.

They said that Boeing feels that “volunteer projects are expected to be zero cost”.

Therefore, these expenses are now excluded from re-imburement by Boeing:

Food or refreshments at meetings

Social events for existing membership

Mileage for volunteering at fairs

Projects e.g. Heritage Chapter Easter baskets, Christmas stockings, and others.

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So, under these rules, we can no longer be paid back for our quarterly meetings. Boeing would continue to fund recruitment material and mailing supplies, newsletter communications low- budget recognition events-coffee, etc. (yay!).

We have communicated back to the presenters a “ Boeing/Bluebills Partnership Evaluation”.

This is a concise summary of the value of the goods and services brought to the Olympic and Kitsap communities by this partnership. Based on year 2017 operations, the value of goods to the communities, including World Vision Program, School supplies boxes, STEM/education, and domestic violence golf, was \$448,400. Bluebill out of pocket contributions, including school week-end feeding program, backpacks, Christmas giving, and mileage, was \$17,000.

Our budget from Boeing was \$6175. So, our \$ values, relative to Boeing costs were more than \$70/\$1. Our out of pocket costs exceeded the company costs by \$3/\$1.

In addition to all of that, 177 Bluebill volunteers worked 17,400 hours. We cover a three county area in an extremely underserved population. These volunteers work an average of 1450 hours each month, serving nearly 100 agencies, schools, churches, and non-profits.

All of the above was communicated to the Boeing representatives. In addition, we pointed out that the quarterly events are essential to keep our organization vibrant and connected. Volunteers need to feel connected and know they are valued. Agencies need to be given appropriate recognition. Continued funding of food and facility rental for quarterly meetings is critical in recruiting and recognizing accomplishments. Without these functions, we would not be able to maintain the community support necessary to maintain our organization at the current level.

We are working to arrange another meeting with the Boeing representatives. If we don't succeed there, with an agreement to maintain our essential funding, we hope to raise the issue to another level. In the meantime, we must restrict our spending. Stay tuned.

Cheers,

Clint

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BLUEBILLS
Serving Jefferson, Kitsap and Clallam Counties





Boeing Bluebills Members Honored as 2018 Jefferson County Heart of Service Award Recipients

On Tuesday, May 29 at a luncheon at Ft. Worden, Bluebills Barbara Berthiaume and Bonnie Douglas were among those who were presented with the 13th Annual Heart of Service Award. For complete details, please check out the articles in the Penninsula Daily News:

[Seven to receive Jefferson County Heart of Service awards](#)

And

[Jefferson County Heart of Service awards presented to dedicated volunteers](#)

Bluebills Myron Vogt, Jack Randall, Fred Spann, and Bob Rosen were previous recipients of this award. Congratulations Barbara and Bonnie in keeping up this fine tradition!



USED BOOK SALE-CALLING ALL BLUEBILLS!



The newly-formed 501 © 3 organization, Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) , is having a Used Book and Media Sale. The PSO was formed to partner with the Bluebills, Seattle Museum of Flight (MOF) and other non-profits to further Science, Technology, Engineering , and Math (STEM) education throughout all grades in the schools in Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap counties.

The Education Department of the MOF has developed a series of STEM oriented portable programs and kits for all grade levels. They allow students to interact with creative technical activities. They permit teachers to assign tasks and demonstrate STEM features and capabilities as an element of their science dialog with their students. Costs of these programs are on the order of \$500 to bring a module to a school for 2-3 days.

Our schools need help with these costs, as there is usually no budget allocation.

We Bluebills are planning to pitch in to help with the PSO's effort to raise funds for this wonderful cause. The sale is planned for Port Ludlow on Saturday, Sept. 29, with a follow-on sale in Sequim on Wednesday, Oct. 3. The Port Ludlow sale will be at the Beach Club. The venue for Sequim is TBD.

So, even though it's a ways off, we need everyone to immediately start saving their used books, DVD's and audio books. Also, we will need about volunteers to do the following:

Help set up and organize books the day before the sale. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
7-8 people for each of 3 hour shifts.

Help the day of the sale. Keep books organized as they get picked over, and cashier. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 5-6 people each for 2- hour shifts.

Help with clean-up and help with transporting unsold books to Sequim.

So, please mark your calendars, and be ready to volunteer for this great cause. By the way, we plan to have all the book donations at the Beach Club on the Friday before the sale, and in Sequim the Tuesday before the sale.

Questions or to sign up as volunteer, Call Clint or Pat Webb (360) 437-4119, email: cwebb91275@aol.com.

The Olympic Peninsula
Boeing Bluebills

are bringing back
by popular demand!



**CASH FOR
GOLD!!**

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2018
10:00 ~ 4:00 PM
The Bay Club

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

Admission fee: \$25—refunded if you sell your items.

**"Cash For Gold" donates 10% of all sales to
Peninsula Support Organization,
A 501(c)(3) who furthers STEM education
in local schools and expands distribution
Of World Vision® goods.**



The OlyPen Bluebills welcome comments and feedback concerning Bluebills projects, programs, events and the Flyer. We reserve the right to edit comments for grammar, privacy...etc. Political, defamatory, anonymous, soliciting, or comments not related to Bluebills activities will not be included. If you wish to submit a comment, please email it to:

olypenbluebills@gmail.com.




Thank you.

(Looking forward to some comments next month)

June Calendar

- Jun 1 WV Pick for Clallam Co. Chimacum Warehouse 9:00
- Jun 5 WV Delivery for Clallam Co. Chimacum Warehouse 9:00
- Jun 23 Cash For Gold! Bay Club 10:00-4:00

June 2018

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

WAYPOINTS



- Jul 9 Bluebill Summer Social Golf Tournament
- Jul 9 Bluebill Summer Social Picnic 4:00 Bay Club
- Aug 17 Dove House Golf Tournament
- Sept 29 PSO Used Book Sale Port Ludlow
- Oct 3 PSO Used Book Sale Sequim
- Oct 12 Bluebills Fall Social
- Nov 16 PSO Silent Auction
- Dec 4 Christmas Giving Social/Event



Builders Pages – Kitsap Builders

One of the rewarding things about being a Bluebills Independent Living Program (Builders/Fall Prevention) volunteer, is all the interesting people you get to meet.

Per the Bluebills Independent Living Program Project Handbook, “Our objective is to provide services to people who would otherwise have difficulty paying for the cost of the project. We do not, however exclude anyone from our program because of income. Often the elderly have difficulty finding someone to install a grab bar or railing and we accept referrals to this group as well.”

During the month of May we saw clients on both ends of the spectrum, ranging from a disabled woman surviving on \$765/month in Navy Yard City, to an elderly gentleman on Bainbridge Island, who is a Harvard graduate and retired university professor. There was a widow living in a HUD complex lamenting the fact that they were about to raise her subsidized rent from \$82/month to \$85. Then there was a South Kitsap client on a high-end ranch, who just recently went from able-bodied to walker/wheelchair, and was in disbelief over her loss of independence. Often with these low income and wealthier clients, the one will put extra lumber or supplies on their tab to help the other.

In addition to addressing the technical and financial aspects of a project, sometimes we have to accept and deal with a client’s idiosyncrasies. On one of our site surveys, we had to work a ramp design around a junk car that was in the way, but it couldn’t be moved because it was a touch stone that had something to do with the client’s feeling of security. Anyhow, it’s rewarding helping out all these interesting people.



Mark Washeleski installing a railing in Port Orchard



Greg DeVault – emergency temporary repairs in Bremerton



Marty Dasler installing a railing in Poulsbo

South Kitsap Safety Fair

Bluebills were present at the South Kitsap Fire and Rescue Safety Fair on May 19th to spread the word about our fall prevention services, and to network with other groups and agencies.

In-home falls have become a crisis for Kitsap seniors, emergency first responders, medical professionals and the health care industry. According to the Bremerton Fire Department, 16% of its emergency service calls are fall related and it is a problem shared by first responders across Kitsap County. EMS also regularly gets calls for lift assists, sometimes multiple calls in a single day from one household.

With the help of Lutheran Community Services, we recently established a process whereby Fire and Rescue can refer clients to Bluebills so that we can provide fall prevention and independent living services to those in need. Referrals are routed to us through Kitsap County Aging and Long Term Care, which is a division of Kitsap County government and is the state-designated Area Agency on Aging for Kitsap County. These referrals are just starting to come in, and we responded with fall prevention services to 3 of them in May.



South Kitsap Safety Fair in Port Orchard



Bob Keever visiting the Habitat for Humanity booth

Jefferson County Ramp



Dan Nieuwsma interviews the cat for building requirements in this “Before” picture.



Completed ramp. David Parish, Jo Nieuwsma, and Todd Knoblock. Photos by Dan Nieuwsma, Michael Graham not shown.



2018 Builder Data



BUILDERS:

May was a little light in Clallam Co. so the numbers are down some. Still we are ahead of the 2017 rate. We never run out of work but some jobs take a lot of logistic time arranging the survey, getting funding, arranging a time and getting the crew together. Thanks to those who generally end up doing this coordination work:

Jefferson Co: Jo and Dan Nieuwsma, Todd Knoblock, Dave Parrish

Clallam Co. Charlie Johnson

Kitsap Co: Bob Keever

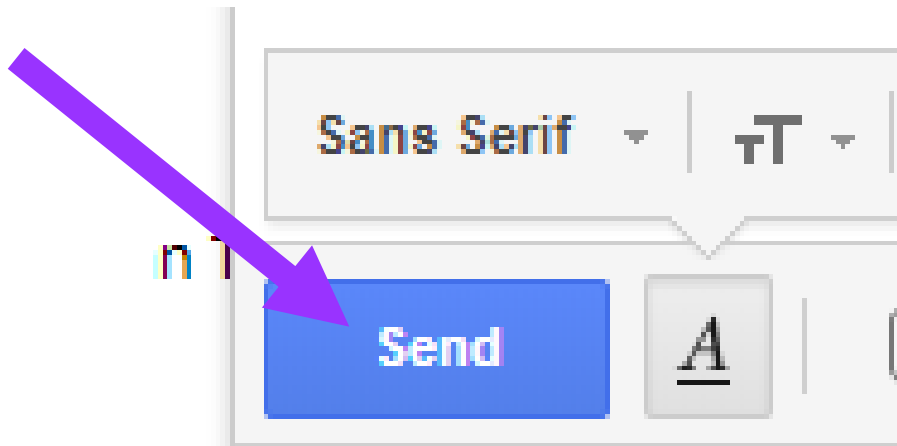
South Jefferson: George Sickel, Bill Anstiss

And thanks to our partners at Catholic Community Services, Teri Wensits and Rusty Figley.

Myron Vogt

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	YTD Total	2017 TTL
Grab bars	19	13	41	37	11	121	229
Ramps	7	7	9	9	2	34	52
Railing	1	3	7	7	5	23	38
Miscellaneous	6	7	8	5	13	39	56
Total Clients	25	20	26	28	28	127	222
Total Different Volunteers	16	17	27	19	13	n/a	
Open Projects	45	55	36	47	40	n/a	

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!

DID YOU KNOW?

BOEING SETS OUR BUDGET BASED ON OUR REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

EMAIL YOUR HOURS TO Judy McCay:

jimmccay@cablespeed.com

Volunteer hours for April, 2018

**69 Bluebills reported 1622 hours.
That is 37.5% of Bluebills reporting.**

June Birthdays

Bob Peden	6/2
Margo Elton	6/6
Bill Tracey	6/12
Daniel Holtz	6/14
Barbara Berthiaume	6/16
Karen Griffith	6/17
Jack Hirschmann	6/19
Mark Weaver	6/19
George Cox	6/20
Kathy Snider	6/21
Judy McCay	6/23
Carol Glidewell	6/24



Happy Birthday!

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