



The Bluebill Flyer

July 2016

Olympic Peninsula Chapter Newsletter

This month we will hear from our Bluebill members living in the Quilcene and Brinnon area. They are great bunch who take care of all the requests from that area and also run the local programs.

Bill Anstiss from Brinnon provides this report.

HOOD CANAL BLUEBILL ACTIVITIES

The Brinnon/Quilcene chapter of the Bluebills has been extremely busy lately with three major activities: 1) Construction projects, 2) World Vision/Essential Supplies program, 3) School lunch programs.

Our construction programs have recently included new steps for the Quilcene Museum and other ramp/bathroom items. We sometimes work in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and are responsible for any Bluebill activities in the Brinnon and Quilcene areas.

Our mature Essential Supplies program currently has six World Vision memberships provided by several local sources including the **Brinnon/Quilcene Garden Club, Emerald Town Alliance (Shrimpfest), the Brinnon Senior Center** and other local personal donations. We support nine charity organizations including churches in both cities, schools in both cities, food banks in both cities, the senior centers in both cities and the Museum in Quilcene.

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Our school lunch program provides week-end lunches for needy kids in Quilcene and Brinnon. The program is handled by **Bonnie Douglass** and has received great local support and through her efforts have helped many local students. We have an extremely dedicated group of people supporting all of these activities including the following:

Lee & Bonnie Douglass

George Sickel

Doug & Kay Peterson

Mike & Judi Hyde

Jim & Mary Kowalczyk

Bill & Candy Anstiss

Lynn & Jane Thompson

Anne Ricker

Plus many other volunteers as needed for fill-in during absences.

**THANK YOU
for being such a
GREAT TEAM!!!!**



May 31, 2016

"Not since Woodward and Bernstein have we seen such an in-depth piece of journalism. I smell Pulitzer! Dustin Hoffman will play David in the movie, but I am stymied on who is hot enough to play Val!"

**Robert Rosen,
Quilcene, WA**

*The editor of the **Flyer** thanks Robert Rosen for his kind words and suggests Susan Sarandon to play Val's part.*

June 23, 2016

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"Thank you so much for preparing the fruit for the '**Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**' event. We so appreciate your organization all year long and this tiny piece is so helpful!"

**Jeannie Ramsey,
Walk a Mile Coordinator
Dove House
Port Townsend, WA**

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June 26, 2016

Dear Editor,

"There's a Wells Fargo wagon comin' down the street...well, not really, but every second Tuesday, Judy McCay and I wait expectantly for the monthly World Vision crew to pull into our warehouse area and unload a few truckloads of goods of all kinds. We rely on the four nicest Bluebills ever to help us make some sense of where it goes in the warehouse: Truman Thompson, BK Choy, John Boyce and Mike Burke. Sometimes we can sweet-talk Michael Graham into staying for a little while and help us too.

It's a big job to go pick up all those goodies and it a HUGE job to make some sense of them on the warehouse shelves. Little ole Judy and I cannot do it without the help of the **Best Warehouse Crew on the Olympic Peninsula**. All of them have a certain specialty that they put to use once the trucks have arrived. They help us place the boxes and cartons where they make the most sense and then they help us count the, literally, hundreds of products we get each month. Its a group effort, but every month, Judy and I reflect on our drive home from sorting, how very lucky we are to have these Bluebills willing to come month after month to help us out. **A big salute to the Crew!!!"**

**Karen Griffith
Essential Supplies Warehouse Co-Manager
Port Ludlow**

BLUEBILL BUILDERS

New Stairs & Landing in North Kitsap

The underlying support structure of this client's landing and stairs had rotted out and was in imminent danger of collapsing. She feels much more secure with the rebuilt structure and grab bar at the front entry. This is 1 of 12 safety and security repair items that Bluebills have undertaken with her vintage double-wide manufactured home.

Builders on this job were Bernie Wittman, Bob Keever, and Marty Dasler.



* Photo release was signed by client.

*Thank you to all who did many repairs.
Very much appreciate such practical help that allows
me to stay in my home.
C.S.*

NEW STEP RAILINGS



Michael Graham poses by a set of step railings we put in for a client in Port Ludlow. We also put a platform under a recliner to make it easier for him to get up.

QUILCENE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Bluebills received a request to build a ramp for the Quilcene Museum. Turns out what they really needed was some steps replaced. You can see from the before and after pictures that really was a need.



This whole thing looks risky for anyone visiting the Museum



Bill Anstiss & George Sickel did the job.
Looks really good!

Ray & Laura Paul Fred Spann

We spent 8 hours getting to, and working on getting this refrigerator into this travel trailer. The old one they had to tear apart and remove the outside door frame...the newer one was bigger so Ray had to cut some from the door sills to make them smaller to get it in.

Fred is going back to seal the door frame, replace the kitchen faucet which broke off, and see if the water heater will go on with propane.
Long day.

Laura





JEFFERSON COUNTY YMCA

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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA Summer Meals & Literacy Program

The Jefferson County YMCA Summer Meals and Literacy Program begins on Monday, June 27th and runs for eight weeks until Friday, August 19th. Snacks and lunches will be prepared at the Chimacum site and will be delivered to schools in Brinnon, Quilcene and three schools in Port Townsend. Volunteers are needed for the food preparation from 8:00~11:00am and the literacy program from 9:00am~12:30pm. The Bluebills have adopted the week of July 11th~15th. If you are able to help out that week, contact Annie Horner at 301-0600 or Barbara Berthiaume at 437-0423.

If you can volunteer at other times, contact the YMCA coordinator, Debbie Rogers at volunteer@olympicpeninsulaymca.org or call the YMCA office at 385-5811.

During the Bluebill week we will again be offering some special activities aimed at getting the kids involved with special projects.

On **Monday, July 11th**, we will be assembling and flying balloon helicopters.

On **Tuesday**, it is pneumatic rocket day. We provide the paper rockets and the kids do some decoration and then we launch them with our pneumatic gun. The children put the rocket on the tube, aim it and press the electrical "launch button". The rockets go about 200 ft.

Wednesday will be Carnival Day. Children will earn tickets by playing games: Beanbag toss, Ring toss, golf putting and walking a balance beam.

We have accumulated approx. 75 prizes that the children will be able to purchase with their tickets.

Any of you who want to volunteer on any of these days, contact Myron Vogt at 437-4055



SAFETY AWARENESS



The Bluebills Central Leadership meeting in June included a training session by Boeing on their “Go4Zero” safety initiative. The goal is to strive for zero accidents and injuries, whether on Boeing property, or elsewhere.

Bluebills put a lot of effort into looking after the safety and wellbeing of others, whether it's installing ramps and grab bars for the elderly, ensuring that victims of domestic violence have a safe place to go, or other outreaches. But we don't always pay attention to everyday safety practices involving ourselves and others around us. As the training session pointed out, “Some of the practices are common sense, such as using handrails on stairways. Others - such as using cell phones only when standing still - may be new to you. They all have one thing in common - they're for your safety and the safety of those around you.”

We all need to be personally accountable for our own and collectively responsible for each other's safety, and should accept the challenge to **“Go for Zero - One Day at a Time.”**

Bob Keever

Calendar for July

July 1st ~ Friday

Pick World Vision Goods for Clallam Co. delivery.
Meet at the warehouse at 9am.

July 7th ~ Thursday

Leadership Team Meeting, Beach Club 3~4pm.

July 11th ~ Monday

Bluebill Summer Social & Golf (see details in this issue)

July 11th ~ Monday, until July 15th ~ Friday

Bluebills week at YMCA Summer Feeding Program at Chimacum School
(see details in this issue)

July 12th ~ Tuesday

Deliver World Vision goods to Clallam County.
Meet at warehouse at 9am.

July 12th ~ Tuesday

Central Leadership Council Meeting - Seattle: 10-11am

July 12th ~ Tuesday

Pick up goods at World Vision in Fife. Be at Fife warehouse at 9am

July 21st ~ Thursday

Port Ludlow Newcomers event. Staff Bluebill booth 4-7pm, Bay Club





Oly-Pen Bluebills Annual Summer Picnic & Golf Outing

MONDAY, JULY 11TH

Golf: Port Ludlow Golf Course

Men's teams and Women's teams

4 person scramble

First Tee Time: 1:27pm

**The game will be a little different:
All men's teams will play gold tees
All women's teams will tee off at 150 yards.**



You could be on the winning team and have this first-place trophy to put on your mantle! We have a number of slots still open.

Sign up and we will place you on a team.

Contact Michael Graham by Friday, July 8th at pljmikey@gmail.com

**If you play golf you are also reserved for the meeting and dinner.
See next page for further information about dinner.**

SUMMER PICNIC AND GOLF OUTING

MEETING AND DINNER

PLACE: Port Ludlow Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place
Port Ludlow, WA

TIME: Social - 4:30
Dinner - 5:00
Meeting: 5:30 ~ 6:00pm

For the Meeting/Dinner, please RSVP by July 7th to:
bluebillsrsvp@aol.com

Our agency friends are more than welcome!



Bluebill Builders Data

Bluebill Builders Data 2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	YTD Total
Grab bars	7	13	19	8	13	7			67
Ramps	0	6	4	8	5	2			25
Railings	5	11	7	0	5	1			29
Miscellaneous	7	6	6	2	4	5			30
Total Clients	14	15	17	17	17	8			88
Total Different Volunteers	9	11	17	17	19	10			N/A
Open Projects	21	29	27	19	27	34			N/A

Looking at this month's data it appears that we didn't do much but I have a feeling there are a few jobs that the guys have done and I haven't got the completion logged in as yet. That shows because the number of open projects we have has gone up.

Myron



6/2 Bob Peden

**6/6 Margo Elton
Elin Failla**

6/12 Bill Tracey

6/14 Dan Holtz

6/16 Barbara Berthiaume

6/17 Karen Griffith

**6/19 Jack Hirschmann
Mark Weaver**

6/20 George Cox

6/21 Kathy Snider

6/23 Judy McCay

**6/24 Carol Glidewell
Jack Hawker**

6/26 Steve Petrick

**6/30 Glenn Andrews
Michael Burke**



The two most
important days
in your life are
the day you are
born and the
day you find out
why.

Mark Twain

Heartfelt THANKS

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

61 Bluebill members reported 1176 volunteer hours for the month of May.

That was 33.3% of the membership reporting volunteer work.

Judy McCay

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