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



Chair Barbara Berthiaume

From the Chair By Clint Webb



Co-Chair Clint Web

Partners

Over 80 Bluebills were able to attend our spring meeting at the Beach Club on April 29. Recognizing our partners was the theme throughout the meeting and 17 of our partners attended. Myron Vogt made a wonderful presentation, summarizing what our many partners do to enable all the good works performed by Bluebills.

The following remarks are those made by Myron in his presentation:

It's easy to feel like people should be helping themselves. Every once in a while we need to reflect on what we are doing.

The requests builders get for help are mostly from people like ourselves. They are coping with medical problems and now are coming home and have to deal with disabilities. Who can they ask to do these ramps, grab bars, railings and who knows what?

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If they know to contact Bluebills, along with our partners, we can usually help. I can't recall that we have ever had to turn down a real need, and that's because we've always been able to find a partner that will help us out. We all know there are a lot of elderly in the areas we serve. These are our peers if you want to think of it that way.

Working with World Vision, Bluebills are able to provide over \$150,000 worth of goods to 88 churches, food banks, schools and other non-profits in Kitsap, Clallam, and Jefferson Counties. Again, without our partners there is no way to get these items into the hands of those who need them.

The same story with helping victims of domestic violence. In Jefferson County. over the past seven years we have raised over \$100,000 to help this cause, but we couldn't do that without Dove House and their supporters.

We want to thank these partners that can be called on to provide the support needed to help us help the communities:

Olympic Community Action (OlyCap)

Funding for World Vision memberships, funding for Builder projects, client referrals helping the homeless.

Catholic Community Services (CCS)

Funding for our World Vision warehouse in Chimacum, insurance coverage for Builders, client referrals, funding for World Vision membership.

Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing (REPAH) Funding for Builder projects, client referrals.

Port Townsend Food Bank

Funding for World Vision membership, support for Fall Prevention Program.

Port Townsend Elks and Legion Clubs

Funding for World Vision membership, funding for veterans and spouses projects

East Jefferson County Rotary

Funding for World Vision membership, Dove House tournament support, education program support.

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Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO)

Medical equipment loans, client referrals.

Lutheran Community Services (LCS)

Funding for Builders projects, connecting us with other groups and agencies

Jefferson Co. Habitat for Humanity

Builder project partners, client referral.

Olympic Area Agency on Aging

Client referrals, funding Builder projects

Jefferson Home Health

Client referrals.

As you can see many partners play a vital role in helping make good things happen in conjunction with the helping hands of our many dedicated Bluebills!

FINALLY, LET US ALL CONGRATULATE MYRON VOGT FOR HIS WELL DESERVED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!



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2018 Jefferson County Community Leadership Award Citizen of the Year Myron Vogt



Please check out article linked below in the April 10th Port Townsend Leader describing the awards ceremony:

https://www.ptleader.com/stories/vogt-frederickson-lead-chambers-leadership-awards,60788?

An article is also included in the Business Insider supplement to the April 24th Port Townsend Leader which at the time of our publication is not yet on line.

In typical Myron fashion he is quoted at the ceremony as stating: "I want to thank all the Boeing Bluebills who actually do all this work."

Congratulations Myron!

Spring Meeting Partner Appreciation

By Karen Grifith



On Monday, April 29, over 80 Peninsula Boeing Bluebills gathered at the Beach Club in Port Ludlow for some great food and fellowship.

Acknowledgement was made of the work of our partners on the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas. A bounteous buffet lunch was prepared by Gary Caven and Pat Page.

Barbara Berthiaume, Co-Chair of the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Boeing Bluebills, welcomed us as well as the 17 partner organizations through which the Bluebills accomplish all that we do in our communities. She told us that the Bluebills give over a half-million dollars' worth of goods to deserving citizens yearly. She welcomed special guest Brian Belmont, General Manager of the Beach Club, who hosted our meeting in this facility. She also



acknowledged Arthur Bednar and Tony Manzo from the Museum of Flight.

Bob Reasoner, Education
Chair, reported he is seeing a
seismic change in our
educational programs with the
introduction of STEM (science,
technology, engineering and
mathematics) into the school
systems. There's a major shift
in what kids are being taught
and how they are learning. He



told us 370,000 jobs are going unfilled each year

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because not enough students are graduating with these degrees. Peninsula Service Organization (PSO), our Bluebill-related non-profit, has spent \$11,000 this year on the robotics program in the Chimacum Schools and plan to expand it to other schools next year. Earlier this month students at Chimacum attended a Robotics Fair to show off the robotics that they had made. Bob showed us a short video of the kids working with their creations. On April 26th all 8th graders in the Chimacum School were bused down to the Museum of Flight for an educational presentation. Bob paid tribute to the many companies in our area who have supported us in these efforts: Port Ludlow Associates, Shine Micro, Windemere Real Estate, Autoworks, Coldwell Banker, East Jefferson Rotary, John L. School Real Estate, Coast Seafood, and Circle and Square. The hard work of Jo and Dan Nieuwsma was also acknowledged.

Myron Vogt, who coordinates the Bluebill work in Jefferson County, noted that in the past people were told to "take care of themselves." But nowadays it really does take a village to make sure our less-than fortunate fellow citizens are safe and secure. "We count on our partners for referrals, money and material support." He said World Vision furnishes us with over \$100,000/year in material goods and \$40-50,000 in school supplies. We deliver those goods to over 60 agencies. Other organizations which are vital to our work include: Dove House, Catholic Community Services, REPAH, Port Townsend



Food Bank, East Jefferson Rotary Club, ECCHO, Habitat for Humanity, Olycap, O3A, Jefferson Home Health, and Home Instead.

Bob Keever, Kitsap County Chair, described building projects going on down there and acknowledged the help of Catholic Community Services and Lutheran Community Services NW. Charlie Johnson, Clallam County Chair, was unable to attend, but Myron succinctly summarized what is going on there: "I send them the job. They do it!"

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Bill Anstiss of South County, outlined all the many projects going on in Brinnon and Quilcene. They were part of the "main" Bluebill group until about ten years ago when they became a separate group. He talked about the Building Projects, the Essential Supplies Program and Community Programs.

In closing, Barbara thanked the people responsible for making this luncheon run so well: Jim Mueller (name tags); Karen Griffith and Judy McCay (registration table); Michael Graham and Cynthia Durham (liquid refreshments); Peggy Flentie (photographer), Val Vogt (programs announcements and printing), and Dave Goudie (invitation and RSVPs). Thanks to all Bluebills for a job well done!!!













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The following Photos are by Peggy Lee Flentie













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We would like to thank our guests:

Kris DuMond AutoWorks

Rusty Figley Catholic Community Services

Teri Wensits Catholic Community Services

Jason Lynch Chimacum School District, Principal

Rick Thompson Chimacum School District, Superintendent

Libbie Nelson Coast Seafood

Heather Freund Dove House Advocacy Services

Sarah M. Rogers Dove House Advocacy Services

Brian Belmont LMC

Cheryl Smith Lutheran Community Services

Andrea Dolan-Potter Lutheran Community Services NW

Kathy Morgan OlyCap

Diana Smeland Port Ludlow Associates

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Terence Fleischer REPAH

Emily Ingram REPAH

Judy Johnson Shine Microsystems

Arthur Bednar The Museum of Flight

Marc Manzo The Museum of Flight



Meet Your Fellow Bluebills

By Karen Griffith



The next time there's a power outage in Port Townsend, plug this Bluebill couple into the grid and the power will be immediately restored! Francisca and Genaro Garcia joined us last year after hearing Cyndyann Joyner extolling our virtues. Every year they had stopped by the Bluebills booth at the Jefferson County Fair and were impressed with all the Bluebills do. At first Francisca thought that she wouldn't qualify to volunteer with the Bluebills because she was working, but then she thought, "I volunteer other places and I would like to help!"

Genaro and Francisca were childhood friends in the Dominican Republic. Their mothers were best friends. Francisca married and came to the US and she and her former husband had seven children. In 1997 they moved to Port Townsend. The marriage ended and Francisca's challenge was to keep her family taken care of as a single mother. She worked at many jobs, primarily as a care-taker (Individual Provider for DHSH) as well as a cleaning business (homes, schools, churches). She loves being a caregiver. "One day I will need this. I want my clients to feel taken care of."

Through WhatsApp, she reconnected with Genaro who had also married, divorced, and had 4 children of his own. They were married in 2016 and in 2017, he joined her in Port Townsend.

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In 2010 she helped build her own Habitat for Humanity home in Port Townsend. At that time it was the largest one Habitat had built for this family of 8. She loved working on it and learned so many skills. She told me, "This is why I volunteer – so many have helped me. I want to give back. I want to tell people 'you can do this!"

Francisca was a client of Dove House in 2008 and since 2015 she has been volunteering there doing whatever she can, especially with Spanish translating. Genaro helps every week at the Port Townsend Food Bank, carrying boxes to people's cars and stocking shelves. His job is as cashier at the Shell station near QFC in Port Townsend. They also help out with the Summer Feeding and Literacy program.

They have a nice blended family. Their oldest has graduated from Seattle Pacific University, the next two oldest are in college and the younger ones are in private school in Port Townsend.

Francisca and Genaro are both taking classes at Peninsula College. Francisca wants to be certified as a translator and Genaro wants to improve his English skills. Francisco told me that when she is home alone, with the kids off to school, she says to herself, "This is too quiet." In their spare time they do Zumba and play games.

Here was my take-away after meeting this delightful couple: For those who disparage immigrants as "takers" and "our country has no more room for immigrants," I was amazed at what these two are doing to fulfill their dreams of building a good life for their children in this country by working hard at being productive members of a community, and generously giving back in gratitude for their blessings. Welcome, Francisca and Genaro!



Jane Opalko joined the Bluebills last fall. She wanted to learn how to use some power tools and Myron Vogt offered to show her. Before she knew it, he had talked her into joining. She participated in building one ramp and like that, so is open to doing more. She's open to getting involved in World Vision.

Jane was raised in the St. Louis area and started college at the University of Missouri, but

she transferred to the University of Washington to finish two degrees – one in Physics and one in Astronomy. Initially she planned to be an astronaut, but took a detour into the Peace Corps and served 2 years in Niger. That's where she met John, who was also in the Peace Corps and they married soon after getting home. Their first daughter was born soon after so Jane was a stay at home mom for several years. She and John moved around a bit (South Carolina and Chicago) before landing in the Houston area.

John worked at Electronic Data Systems and Microsoft in Houston. They bought a franchise of Mathnasium, a math learning center, and ran it together. After a second child, Jane again was a stay-at-home mom but always kept herself busy free-lance writing, editing and volunteering.

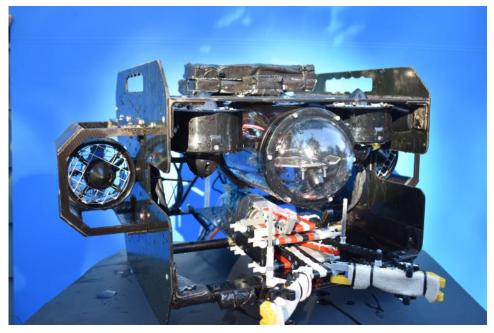
Because Jane's parents were from the western Washington area, she had visited here many times and had even lived in Seattle while finishing her degrees. So John and Jane were open to the idea of "someday" making this their retirement home. Both love the mountains and hiking. Jane and John moved here in June of 2018 after 30 years in TX, finding their house in the Edgewood neighborhood of Port Ludlow. Using their new woodworking skills, they are building some Adirondack chairs for their deck. Jane has a horse stabled in Poulsbo and goes down there almost every day to ride. Welcome to Jane and John!

Supporting Future Local Talent

On April 13 Chimacum school district hosted its first multi-school robotics fair, supporting more than 90 young women and men from several schools around the area, including Chimacum, Port Townsend, Poulsbo and Marysville. This was part of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs for schools across the United States (US).

For those not familiar with STEM fields, you're probably asking so what? STEM is much more than robots, it is part of everything we touch on a daily basis. Things like your smart phone, transportation (cars, airplanes, ferries, etc.), home systems, computers, media (e-books, newspapers, internet), satellites for weather forecast, medical, and much more. In 2017 more than 4 million US STEM jobs were NOT filled! Of those 4 million jobs 525,000 were in the State of Washington. By 2020 that number is estimated to be over 7 million.

These local schools have some real talented students who could help fill those jobs. How talented? Recently the 5th graders from Chimacum competed in a statewide competition and took 3rd place in their first year, with limited resources and sponsorship. Additionally, an after school STEM group from Port Townsend built a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) used in the maritime environment to study our oceans and complete real world challenges. This group is currently ranked 4th in the World!! https://www.facebook.com/PTSTEMClub/



Sea Dragons ROV Port Townsend STEM Group continued

So how can we help? These young talented people need support in the form of mentors and sponsors. Mentorship comes from family, friends, teachers, the Bluebills and other volunteers. But sponsorship needs to come from companies like Boeing and other technology groups. These schools are only 30 miles from Boeing headquarters and 25 miles from the Everett facility. This is an untapped resource that could be a direct pipeline for future Engineers and Technologist into a corporate sponsor like Boeing.

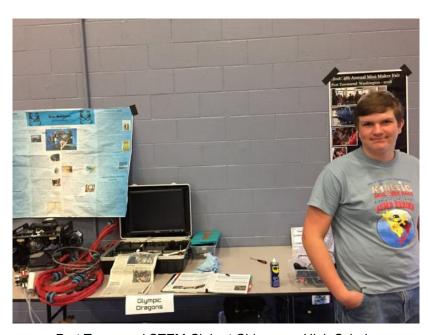
With our help these young women and men can achieve even greater success and help fill some of the talent pool for STEM jobs. For a little investment (time and money) there can be a major impact on our future. Please help them, help us.

Very Respectfully,

David Jackson

New Bluebill member

Former Chief Technology Officer, US Navy



Port Townsend STEM Club at Chimacum High Schol

May Calendar

- May 9 Leadership Team/PSO meeting- Bridge Deck, 3:00-4:00
- May 10 Pick for Kitsap Co Chimacum Warehouse 9:00
- May 13 Deliver W/V goods to Kitsap Co Chimacum Warehouse 9:00
- May 14 WV Pickup for Clallam Co Fife 9:00
- May 19 Bluebills host Tri-Area Community Meal
- May 31 Pick for Clallam Co Fife 9:00
- May 31 Dove House Golf Tournament meeting-Bridge Deck 3:00

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Builders Pages Jefferson County



Here is our grab bar specialist, Dave Parrish, posing by a couple he put in at a home in Port Hadlock.



Dan Nieuwsma installed this handrail for a client in Port Townsend.

Builders Pages

A Switchback Ramp in North Kitsap

By Bob Keever

The client was a double-amputee who was climbing up and down the entry stairs on his hands and knees. A contractor had quoted \$10,000 to install one of those "snap together" aluminum ramps, which he couldn't afford. Bluebills built a ramp that was about 10x less cost, 2x less steep (we follow ADA guidelines of a 1:12 slope), and sturdier.

From the front entry, the ground sloped away in both directions. A lot of what we lost as we built away from the house, we were able to gain back after we switched back toward the house.



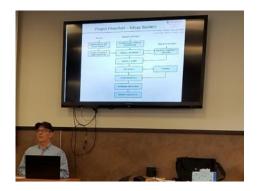
Marty Dasler, Wally Grenquist, Greg DeVault, Bob Keever, Richard Knapp



You would think that the last section of ramp is too steep, but that's just your eyes playing tricks on you. The slope of the ramp is uniform throughout.

Kitsap Builders Seminar Held in Bremerton

By Jim Mueller



The Kitsap Bluebills Builders (Independent Living & Fall Prevention) Seminar was help on April16 at the United Way Building in Bremerton. The meeting was well attended by 19 participants. This was a very informative seminar, basically conducted in 2 parts. The first part covered:

The Increasing need for fall prevention services.

The structure of the process for managing the various projects.

The importance of our partner, Catholic Community Services, both in tracking clients and providing builder teams with liability coverage.

The second half covered designs and construction techniques, and we were all able to geek out over brackets, fasteners, modular designs, rise over run, chair risers, and sill transitions.

We finished up with a presentation on the Freedom Alert Medical Alert Device by Mark Washeleski (see the Feb, 1019 Flyer page 16 for more information).

Bob Keever ran an excellent program and our host Rusty Figley from Catholic Community Services provided an in depth explanation of Volunteer Services and a nice lunch.



Rusty Figley front and center posing with Kitsap and Jefferson Builders at the April 16th Seminar



Builder Data



Seems like the snow earlier this year really slowed things down in Clallam and Jefferson Counties but now "business" is picking up as I know we have about 5 ramps pending for just Jefferson.

Myron

Bluebill Builders Data 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	YTD Total	2018 TTL
Grab bars	16	8	13	23	60	262
Ramps	2	3	2	3	10	69
Railing	5	1	3	9	18	56
Miscellanious	12	2	8	11	33	97
Total Clients	23	11	18	24	76	290
Total Different Volunteers	20	8	13	17		
Open Projects	44	42	41	38	9	



World Vision Essential Supplies

Eight pallets of goods were picked up last month from the WV warehouse in Fife destined for Kitsap County.



New Bluebill John Fillers with the first of two pallets for his trailer.



John and Amy Miller securing their load of four pallets.



Getting saddled up and ready to go!

HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

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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: jmmccay@cablespeed.com

Volunteer hours for March, 2019

58 volunteers reported 1318 hours. That is 30% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for March.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MARK WITTE	5/1
JAY GILMOUR	5/5
LARRY BOMKE	5/6
KEN MCCONNELL	5/11
RUTH DUNHAM	5/19
J. MICHAEL GRAHAM	5/20
CYNDYANN JOYNER	5/27
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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