

PSO BLUEBILL FLYER December 2025



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December 2025 Note From the Chair By Bob Keever

A Job to Do



Vice Chair
Bruce Weber

The Bluebills, named after the first airplane that Boeing built, was established 30 years ago as a group of Boeing retiree volunteers. According to historical records, "The time proved to be right. There was a pressing need. In 1995 there was the Golden Handshake and many Boeing employees were soon to be retirees. There was a vast pool of proven and motivated talent coming available to improve their community, and retirees needed to remain relevant in their new lives. Retirees, once the travel bug had been satisfied, had to have reasons to get out of bed and turn off the TV."

Initially it was the Heritage Seattle chapter, with Sno-King Everett chapter added in 1995, and Olympic Peninsula (Jefferson, Clallam, Kitsap counties) chapter added in 1998. Then, a few years ago, Boeing realigned their engagement with retiree organizations, wished the Bluebills well, and discontinued their formal support. Thus, only the Heritage and rebranded Oly chapter, which became the "Peninsula Support Organization Bluebills" and established itself as a 501 (c)3 Non-Profit, remained.

When I was laid off from Boeing 11 years ago – they were replacing older, experienced engineers with new hires to save money – I began running out of things to do about a year later, and so joined Bluebills, where I worked my way up from being Myron's gopher in Kitsap, to taking on the chair position.

I sometimes hear retirees making excuses that they're "too busy" for volunteer work, be it Bluebills, or other. My first reaction is to call ***** but then again, it can be a slippery slope, considering the way Myron reeled me in. It's totally okay to volunteer and define your own level of involvement, be it once a week, once a month, or now and again.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill.

Cheers!
Bob Keever



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Peninsula Support Organization/Bluebills
PO BOX 65098
PORT LUDLOW, WA 98365

Or Online:

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SBCA PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT FOR THE PSO BLUEBILLS' PROGRAMS

The Breakfast is open to all Bay Club members. Anyone else has to be considered a guest of a member. All PSO/Bluebills that want to attend need to let us know so we can register them as our guests. Payment needs to be in advance so that the club has a count of how many to prepare for. This is not a drop in event. Please Contact Barbara Burke to be added to the guest list.

The January 2024 Pancake Breakfast benefitting the PSO Bluebills netted a total of \$704.50 for our programs



JANUARY 2, 2026 AT THE BAY CLUB

120 Spinnaker Place, Port Ludlow, WA 98365

COST: \$15.00 per person

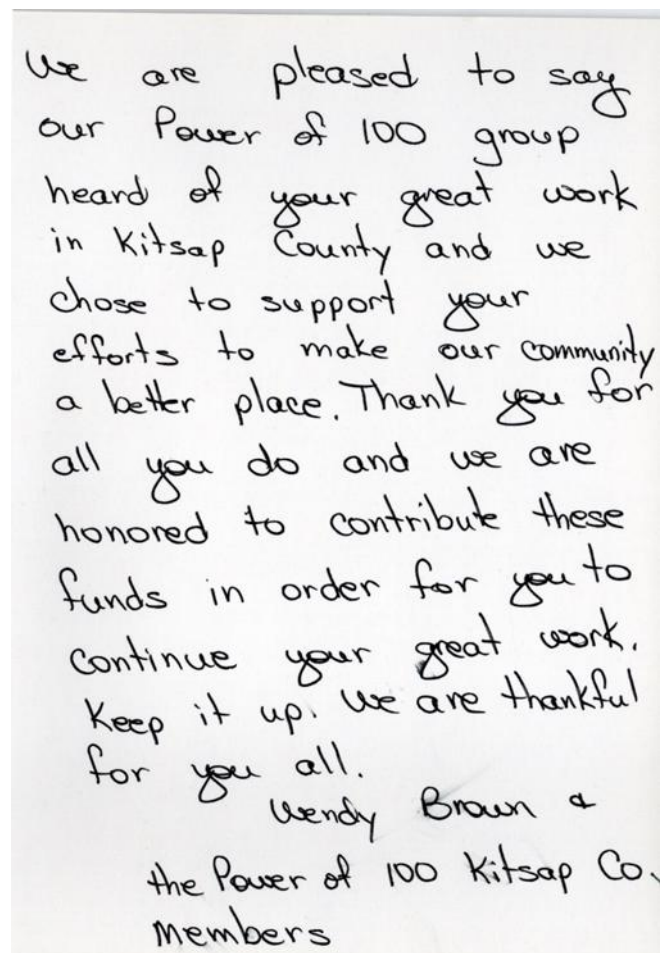
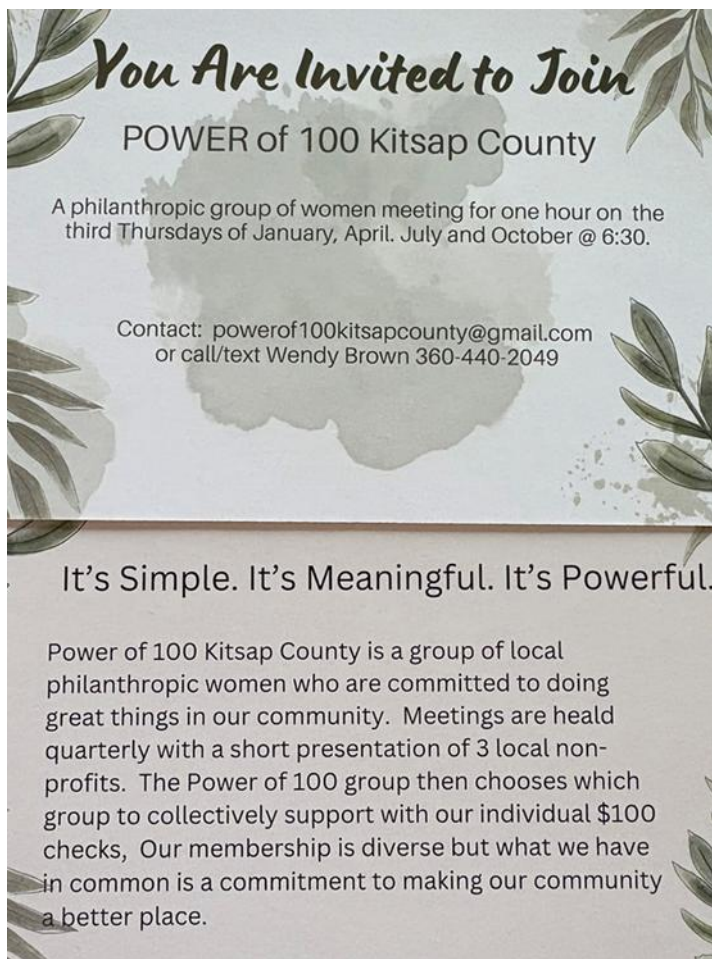
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BUS TABLES AND STAFF INFORMATION TABLE.

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Bluebills Selected for Power of 100 Donations

Power of 100 Kitsap County <https://100whocarekitsap.wixsite.com/powerof100> is a group of local philanthropic women who are committed to doing great things in our community. Meetings are held quarterly with a short presentation of 3 local non-profits. The Power of 100 group then chooses which group to collectively support with individual \$100 checks.

We are grateful to the Power of 100 Kitsap County for selecting Bluebills in their fourth quarter 2025 giving. Our Treasurer, Mike Burke, may get writers cramp from endorsing all the checks, which will go a long way toward purchasing materials for ramps, grab bars, railings and essential repairs for low-income elderly and disabled clients.



Power of 100 flyer (L) and note that accompanied the donation checks (R)

OlyCap CHRISTMAS GIVING

Program

PSO Bluebills are joining with the Port Ludlow community to sponsor gifts for about 30 kids 0-18 years of age. These families are low income clients of OlyCap.

We are still accepting donations to fund this project. Please mail us a check.

Send to:

PSO Bluebills

PO BOX 65098

PORT LUDLOW, WA 98365

We are shopping for and will wrap gifts to be delivered by Dec 18th to the OlyCap offices for them to deliver to the children. Any questions, please contact me at :

laura.paul@psobluebills.net

Let's help make a Merry Christmas for kids that may not otherwise have one.

Thank You.

Laura Paul

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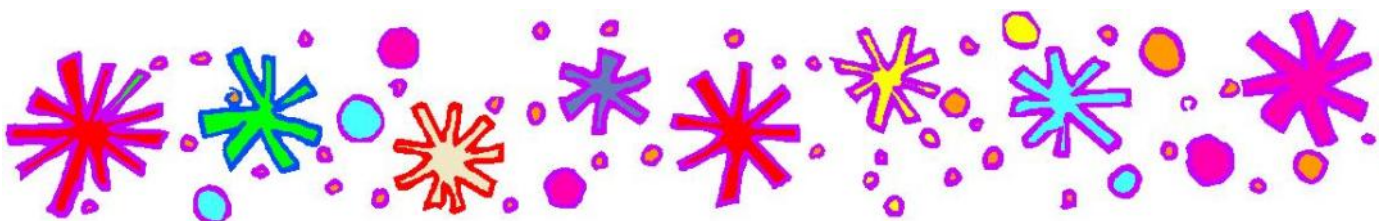
Dec 18 Christmas Giving Gifts to OlyCap

Dec 25 Christmas

Dec 31 New Year's Eve

December 2025

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 			



2026 PSO Bluebills Leadership Meeting Schedule

Open to all Interested Parties

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Jan 16	9:00 AM	Fishline 2nd floor, 207A, 19705 Viking Ave, Poulsbo
March 20	9:00 AM	The Beach Club 121 Marina View Dr., Port Ludlow
May 15	9:00 AM	Fishline 2nd floor, 207A, 19705 Viking Ave, Poulsbo
July 17	9:00 AM	The Beach Club 121 Marina View Dr., Port Ludlow
Sept 18	9:00 AM	Fishline 2nd floor, 207A, 19705 Viking Ave, Poulsbo
Nov 20	9:00 AM	The Beach Club 121 Marina View Dr., Port Ludlow



Please Remember OlyCap!



I help collect for OlyCap and we usually have a good variety for the families to start a new life in an apartment. We do, however need bathroom towels and single and twin sheet sets. We can always use cleaning supplies and organizational items.

If you are doing a deep clean or moving, contact me at:
laura.paul@psobbluebills.net with OlyCap in the subject area.

Thank you for helping.

Laura Paul, 360-344-2494.

Thank



You!



Dog food,
treats, toys



Gloves that can be
plugged in



reusable
water bottles



New
Christmas
decorations



Journals and
Notebooks



dry
bags

Christmas WISH LIST

December's Wish List
We do a meal and gift
exchange at the cafe as
well as supporting our
clients and families. Help
spread the cheer!



food for
Holiday break



guitar strings
&
guitar capo



headlamps
or
Camping
lanterns

can always
visit our wish
list





*wish granter positions
filled!*
THANK YOU!!

but can still spread cheer

We are always looking for elves to help
with new holiday decorations, candy,
stocking stuffers, and food to ensure
a bright Christmas!

drop off at main office
1045 10th street PT



Referrals from Fire CARES

In recent years, fire agencies throughout the country have established community outreach and assistance programs known as CARES (Community Assistance, Referrals, and Education Services). Firefighters frequently respond to incidents where additional needs are identified outside their scope of responsibilities. For example, a frequent fall patient could benefit from grab bars, and a ramp might be a better option for a wheelchair patient, than calling 911 for help getting out of the house. In cases like these, firefighters can notify the CARES team for intervention. CARES advocates meet with residents in their homes, identify their needs and connect them to community resources that will better meet those needs than a call to 911.

North, Central, and South Kitsap Fire and Rescue as well as East Jefferson County all have CARES teams, and Bluebills are often the community resource they reach out to. We were recently notified of a Burley (unincorporated community between Gig Harbor and Port Orchard) woman, “who is in need of a rail for the ramp she has.” It turned out she needed more than just handrails on the existing ramp. We sometimes find that “an existing ramp” is little more than a sheet of plywood tossed over the stair steps. This one wasn’t quite so bad, but it was far too steep and unsteady. Our South Kitsap team built the the ramp shown below. The client was very appreciative and was glad to donate her existing aluminum ramp to help someone in a different application.



Presentations to and from DSHS

Bluebills were asked to give a presentation about our Independent Living and Fall Prevention services to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) at their regional staff meeting in Bremerton on October 30th. For years DSHS has been giving us referrals, requesting help for elderly and disabled clients, often when they are out of other options. It was good to finally put faces with the names.

Separate from and before the meeting, Bruce Webber, our Vice Chair, was presented with this plaque recognizing his and our efforts in providing fall prevention services in our communities.



This photo was taken after the Bluebills presenter had finished, but while our last slide was still being projected, thus it's not Bob Keever standing there, but someone else. It was the day before Halloween explaining why the woman in the front row is wearing devil horns.



HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

**Please remember to send in 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!

Boeing used to give us some funding, and the allocation was tied in to the volunteer hours. Currently we use the data when making presentations, asking for grant money, and also as an internal metric to self-gauge how we're doing.

Please email your hours to Judy McCay:

judy.mccay@psobluebills.net

Volunteer hours for October, 2025

For October, 32 members reported 1261 hours for 14.8% membership reporting.

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