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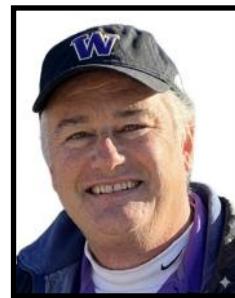


PSO Bluebill Newsletter

Serving Jefferson and Kitsap Counties



January 2026
Note From the Chair
By Bob Keever



Serving Mankind

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Sci-Fi buffs will remember the classic Twilight Zone episode where a race of towering aliens arrives offering help to solve earth's problems. They leave behind a book titled "To Serve Man," which is initially interpreted as a guide to help humanity, but when its translated, it turns out to be a cookbook!

We've served elderly, vulnerable clients who report having been burned by unscrupulous contractors who take the money and don't complete the work, or who have been "eaten alive" in overcharges. We then roll up our sleeves and do what we can to make the clients whole.

If you Google it, "serving mankind" is described as a noble endeavor that embodies compassion, empathy, and the commitment to improve the lives of others, fostering a sense of community and shared humanity. This is closely aligned with our Bluebills mission, where "we are at work on projects that are making our communities better places to live."

We are grateful for the clients whom we are able to serve, although sometimes all we can do is help to lift them up from the depths of extreme poverty, back up to ordinary poverty. We do what we can.



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” – 1 Peter 4:10.

Cheers!
Bob Keever

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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



**8:30 – 10:00, 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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Port Ludlow and the Bluebills Bring Christmas Gifts to 31 Kids For the OlyCap Christmas Giving Program

Thank you to everyone involved. Nearly \$1500 was raised to purchase gifts for children this year. The remaining costs were covered by the volunteer shoppers.



Presents ready for Santa's sleigh!



Bluebill Laura Paul and Peggy Webster who is subbing for OlyCap Manager Karen Bondurant at OlyCap Offices in Port Townsend

Calander For January

Jan 16 PSO Bluebills Leadership Meeting
9:00 AM Fishline, 2nd floor, 207A,
19705 Viking Ave, Poulsbo

January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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@psobluebills.net with OlyCap in the subject area.
Thank you for helping.

Laura Paul, 360-344-2494.

Thank  You!



Needs for the New Year

1lb Propane Tanks

USB C Charger Block Fast Charging Adapter

Hand Warmers

Dog Food

Canned Meat - Tuna Fish

Portable Charger Battery Pack

With the cold season here many needs are to keep items charged to keep warm while continuing to fill basic needs.

Always can ship straight to us! →



Builders

The 6 Phases of a Project

As any ex-Boeing engineer will tell you, the 6 phases of a project are: Enthusiasm, Disillusionment, Panic, Search for the Guilty, Punishment of the Innocent, and Praise & Honors for the Non-participants.

Our Bluebills Independent Living Program originally offered “minor repairs relating to safety and ease of living.” When we started receiving requests from low-income mobile home tenants facing eviction if they didn’t comply with “beautification” mandates from new corporate owners, we expanded the scope to include keeping people from losing their homes, and we removed the word “minor” from repairs.

In the beginning we received referrals through Catholic Community Services and a few others. This has grown to an increasing number of requests from agencies including Habitat for Humanity; Jefferson, North Kitsap, Central Kitsap, and South Kitsap Fire & Rescue; Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; Kitsap County Aging & Long-Term Care; Kitsap Community Resources, Housing Kitsap, plus more physical & occupational therapists, health care providers, food banks, and the ever popular “word of mouth”.

We have now started getting referrals involving municipal code enforcement violations and required corrective actions related to repairs of homes owned by low-income elderly and disadvantaged persons. In Suquamish a woman contacted us saying, “I am in need of some help. Code Enforcement is threatening to tag my house as unoccupiable. If that happens, I will be homeless. Most rents would take up my whole social security check.” In Bremerton where a client ignored a series of code violation notices, we’re now sorting out the details of a court ordered mandate to perform home repairs and to clean up the premises.

“Correction Notices” can include a demanding list of actions to be taken, timelines to be adhered to, codes that need to be followed, paperwork to be submitted, and conditions to be met. We’re interested in these new and exciting challenges, but are wondering if we aren’t somehow headed down the path of the “6 phases of a project.”



Suquamish Property



Bremerton Property

Jefferson County Builders

Shoehorned Ramp

A subset of the Jefferson builders managed to shoehorn in a ramp build between Xmas shopping trips. It was a smallish ramp needed to help the client maneuver her walker between house and car. First there was removal of steps and a garbage can support platform. Then a three section ramp was installed. The day was dry and the work went smoothly until problems with missing lumber slowed the completion. After a second lumber delivery, the handrails were finally completed. Thanks go to Glen Bell, new builder Douglas Buck, John Fillers, Richard Myers and Denny Schuch.



Richard, Douglas and John begin demolition.



Douglas and Denny perform initial load test.

Kitsap Builders

Big Bremerton Ramp

A physical therapist referred this client to Bluebills. The client has been battling Parkinson's for 20 years. His wife is his caregiver and her husband's ailments have progressed to the point that navigating the stairs off their property was a risky endeavor. Our Central Kitsap lead, Bruce Weber and crew, built a 60+ foot ramp for them using donation funding that we received from the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

This thank-you note was received from the client:

Dear S'Klallam Tribe and PSO Bluebills,

Your kindness has touched my husband and I profoundly. To the Esteemed Members of the [S'Klallam Tribe](#), thank you for your donation. You made it possible to have a much needed ramp installed to help my husband who has Parkinson's disease. He has struggled to leave the house, and the all-consuming fear of falling is real. The first wheelchair ride on the new ramp brought tears to our eyes. When he exited through the new gate he said he saw things in the neighborhood he hadn't seen before! You have literally and figuratively given him a new vision for his future. Thank you!

To Bruce Weber and all of the Bluebills volunteers, wow! We know this project was complicated and difficult. You overcame every obstacle with consideration for safety, ease of use, conservation of trees and foliage; and whether intended or not, aesthetics - it is beautiful and brilliantly designed. The joy and camaraderie between each and every Bluebills volunteer is inspiring.

Your kindness and generosity has significantly improved our lives and helped with the dream that I think most of us have, which is to safely age in place and focus on loving and caring for one another. You are truly what excellence in the community looks like! We are forever grateful. Thank you!

*With Deep Respect,
(names withheld)*



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:

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Volunteer hours for November, 2025

For November, 25 members reported 1039 hours for 11.63% membership reporting.

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