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Chairman Bob Keever

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Note From the Chair

By Bob Keever

For Those in Need



Co-Chair Bruce Weber

As Bluebills, where do we stand? "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also to the things of others" (Philippians 2:4). "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." (Dr. Seuss).

As I exited the Fred Meyers in Bremerton, a man, somewhere near my age, approached me and asked if I had some money to spare so that he could buy lunch. I asked his name and he said, "Rob." Well, "hi" I said, "my name is Bob, and I could use some lunch too." So, we entered Subway, where they almost tossed us out, not because of Rob, but because of how disheveled I looked, getting ready for the dirty work of the day. When I asked Rob what the deal was he said he "hears voices." We ate lunch, wished each other well, and parted ways.

My father told me the story of how he, and Grandpa Harry, who died before I was born, were walking the streets of Detroit, back in the 1920's, when they came across a drunk who was down in the gutter, and as the story goes, he had wet himself.

As others walked by laughing, Grandpa Harry stopped, got the man back on his feet, and shared a kind word with him. The lesson, as taught to my father, and passed on to me, "You should always help a person who is in need."

On another occasion, as I was in the checkout line at Fred Meyers, I noticed that a homeless man was still standing outside where I had seen him when I entered, so I bought a power bar, and offered it to him, along with a kind word, just as Grandpa Harry said we should do. He looked at the power bar, scowled, looked back up at me, and said, "don't you have any cigarettes?" Sometimes we win, sometimes we lose, sometimes we get rained out, and sometimes times we never even make it to the ball game. But as Bluebills leader Myron used to say, "when you see a need you should try to fix a need."

Cheers! Bob Keever



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Generous Donation from Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

On Monday, October 20th, the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Council presented checks to recipients of their Community Investment Grant Program.

For the second-round of 2025 funding, PGST Council wanted to focus awards on organizations that support elder health and safety in Kitsap County. To that end, the two non-profits selected were: Meals On Wheels Kitsap, which received \$50,000 and Bluebills with an award of \$75,000.

Bob Keever, Bluebills Chairman, thanked them for the extremely generous gift, and told them that it would go a long way toward supporting the Independent Living and Fall Prevention program, which helps to keep the elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged living safely and independently in their own homes, and that the award will allow Bluebills to take on larger and more complex projects.

Also at the presentation ceremony was Bluebill Greg DeVault, who donates his time at the Tribe's Heronswood Gardens, working on projects, including ones that support accessibility, like ramps and other mobility assistance installations, which help elders and individuals who are disabled enjoy the garden.

The Community Investment Grant Program is managed by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation. The Tribal Council recently restructured the program to focus on a few major gifts to better align with the Tribe's values and goals for their community.



Bob Keever and Greg DeVault presented with donation check from Tribal Council members

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.

Money received will be divided by the number of kids and gifts will be purchased. Please make the check out to:

PSO Bluebills and write "Christmas" in the check's memo space.

Send to:

PSO Bluebills

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by Nov 26th. We will shop for and wrap gifts to be delivered by Dec 18th to the OlyCap offices for them to deliver.

Any questions, please contact me at:

laura.paul@psobluebills.net

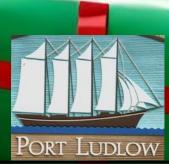
Let's help make a Merry Christmas for kids that may not otherwise have one.

Thank You.

Laura Paul







PENINSULA SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (PSO) TREASURER'S REPORT 3rd Quarter 2025

This report is for the period July through September 2025. We have \$\$24,824.22 in cash, net of \$6,166.35 in uncashed checks. That is a decrease of \$4,133.92 for the quarter. Here is the breakdown by Fund:

FUND	6/30/2025	9/30/2025	quarterly change
Unrestricted Fund	\$5,605.51	\$7,248.55	\$1,643.04
Stem Fund	\$6,869.51	\$6,419.51	-\$450.00
Jefferson Builders Fund	\$6,902.53	\$7,952.22	\$1,049.69
Kitsap Builders Fund	\$9,580.59	\$3,203.94	-\$6,376.65
Total Cash	\$28,958.14		-\$4,133.92

Unrestricted Fund

The increase of \$1643 is due to the recovery of Dove House Golf Tournament Expenses spent in prior quarters (\$2080) and donations received (\$1071) were more than the expenses including PL storage unit for 4th Quarter (\$240) and the annual insurance cost (\$1268).

STEM Fund

The decrease of \$450 was caused by the \$947 donation sent to Chimacum schools for healthy snacks. PSO added \$500 to the \$447 collected from Bluebills members. \$50 was received after the check was sent which will be added to anything else collected and sent to Chimacum schools.

Jefferson Builders Fund

The increase of \$1050 is due to the cost of the builders' warehouse, (\$450) and ramp material (\$1001) being less than donations received by Jefferson Builders (\$2500).

Kitsap Builders Fund

The decrease of \$6377 is due to the cost of material for ramps and other materials (\$12,093) was more than reimbursement from the City of Poulsbo (\$2898) and donations received during the quarter (\$2,818). There is a receivable coming from the City of Poulsbo for expenses incurred in supporting low-income Poulsbo Senior residents of \$5716 that is not included in this Quarter's activity. That reimbursement will be recorded in the fourth quarter.

Mike Burke PSO Treasurer

Calander For November

Nov 2 Return to Standard Time

Nov 11 Veteran's Day

Nov 21 PSO Bluebills Leadership Meeting 9:00 AM, at the Beach Club

Nov 27 Thanksgiving

November 2025

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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.

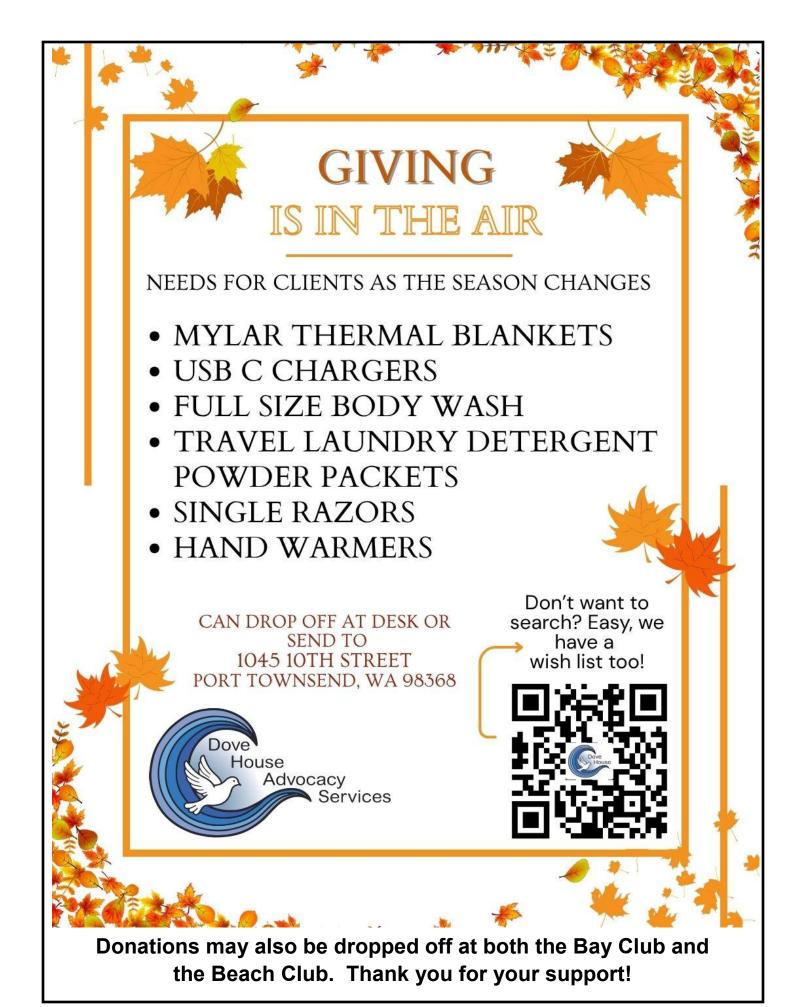
Laura Paul, 360-344-2494.

Thank



You!

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Belfair Ramp

Bluebills are getting to be well known in Kitsap County, and referrals come in from a score of health care providers and agencies dealing with the elderly and disabled. So far this year we have responded to over 100 requests in South Kitsap. This one came from Life Care Center of Port Orchard on behalf of a rehab client who was due to be released.

Belfair is actually in Mason County, but close enough to South Kitsap that we were able to work it in. As South Kitsap lead, John Bilides, said after conducting a site survey, "This will be a doozy! Build a 4'x6' platform from the door, then a 12' ramp to the lower deck and then another 12' ramp from the lower deck to the ground through a 38" wide gate."

The result was this "seamless" ramp that extended from the entry platform, across the multi-level deck, through the gate, out to the driveway.





Bluebills Support Healthy Snacks for Chimacum Primary







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September 24, 2025

Peninsula Support Organization C/o Michael Burke, Treasurer 82 Timber Heights Dr, Port Ludlow, WA 98365

Dear Peninsula Support Organization,

On behalf of the Chimacum School District, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support of our students. Your donation of \$946.80 for Healthy Snacks will provide much-needed support for our students.

The Chimacum School District EIN is 91-0959861, which you may reference on your tax return should you wish to report this donation.

We gratefully acknowledge your support and thank you for your continued dedication to Chimacum Students.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Hudson, Director

Tami Robocker, Director

Mike Aman, Director

Kathryn Lamka, Director

Dr. Kristina Mayer, Director

Dr. Scott Mauk, Superintendent

DEEP ROOTS BROAD HORIZONS

A Thank You Note

Thank you note to The Kitsap Builders for a fall prevention railing and grab bar installation.

Oct 3, 2025 Dear Boeing Blue Bills, Bill & I want to thank you for the work your men did at our place. 1st the grab bor in the bothroom & the extra railing or our stairs inside the house. I ordered the Timbertec stairs railing for outside for 2 of our Step outside. My husbard, Bill, was so afraid of loosing his balance going from the porch to the lawn. we had to wait for dry weather.

Thed took or the challenge.

We appreciate all-that

you have dove Fred.

Bosefully our donation

will bely buy some

supplies to make your

volunteering a little

lasier.

Thank you!

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 September, 2025

For September, 32 members reported 1327 hours for 14.88% membership reporting.

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