

Thank you to Jeff Mitchell of Operation Bald Eagle <http://operationbaldeagle.org/> for sharing the heart-felt stories of our soldiers being killed and hurt in the line of field all for our freedom. Jeff's sincere dedication, I hope, refueled us all and reminded us about what's most important during this hectic holiday times. Your leadership team, headed by Laura, would like to put together an SYB fundraiser specifically for this non-profit so any ideas you have on how best to gather large quantities of toiletries (toothbrushes, bars of soap, etc.) would be much appreciated to put together as many care packages as we can to send to our troops. Your efforts all go toward a good cause

Also there was interest in giving blood at the Dec. 22 blood drive at City Hall but age and parental requirements were unknown. Attached are the details (must be 16) and the form you would need your parents to sign to donate to Puget Sound Blood Center. Blood can be drawn between 9-11am and 12-3pm with closure from 11-12 for lunch.

Attached is a newly crafted Volunteer Hours Tracking Sheet so those members who need help keeping track of all their served hours have a place to track it. To encourage you to record all your hours served, awards will be given at the end of the school year for most involved in events, perfect attendance at meetings, etc. by turning in a completed Volunteer Hours Tracing Sheet.

Your fellow Board member Kazue is seeking volunteers to help make cranes of out origami paper as they will raise money for the Japan earthquake relief fund. Please email her at [underthesea12395@hotmail.com](mailto:underthesea12395@hotmail.com) with your interest and availability.

Finally, to entertain you during those cold weather days over break I have condensed driving directions and a map to the newest open park, just a short drive off Sahalee on SR 202, on the outskirts of the northern city limits. I challenge you first... 1) to find the park and 2) report on ALL unique wildlife you encounter.

Some future dates to add to your calendar..

Jan 18: SYB Board meeting

March 29: Kirkland Youth Summit

April 12: Redmond Youth Summit