



2013 Board of Directors: First Row—Janice DeVoe, Marilyn White, Barbara Fisher, and Lanora Helbig; Second Row—Beverly Lightner, Ellie Arguimbau, Verne Blalack, and Judy Blalack; Third Row—Linda Hurd, R’Gean Lillibridge, Ed Vang, Mike Humphrey, Don Taylor, and Bob Larson. Not pictured are Duane Little, Kevin Hutchings, and Chris Leetch. *Photo by Dale Helbig*

Board Elections

The Silver Valley Fuller Center is starting 2013 with new faces shouldering significant responsibilities. During the January Board Meeting, not only new members joined the Board of Directors, but two of these members accepted leadership roles as board officers.

Mike Humphrey remains as President; Don Taylor is Vice President; Ellie Arguimbau is Secretary; and Linda Hurd is Treasurer and Bookkeeper. Linda had accepted this position a couple months ago.

We are delighted to have new talent and enthusiasm added to the Board. Don has background in culinary arts and hospitality as well as construction. Ellie is an archivist. Linda is a tax business owner and a former Quickbooks teacher.

Thus we have new visions and expectations for the new year.

New Homeowner Applicants Wanted

See information on page 2.

And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

2 CHRON. 31:21

A Future For The “Pit” Or To Dream the Impossible Dream

By Verne Blalack

Much of last month’s newsletter was dedicated to the memory of Joe & Rose Mary Peak who gave so much to our community. Now Judy and others are trying to see if the annual “Ride the Wall” bike event can somehow be salvaged. Along that line of thought is the even greater question of “Can the valuable use of the Enaville Resort (The Snake Pit) be somehow continued in a similar manner as it was under the direction of the Peaks?”

Perhaps it can. I propose that Rick Shaffer has the qualifications to continue the unique contributions that the Peaks gave to the community. He is experienced with and is spiritually involved in the Enaville Resort. All that is missing is the money to purchase the property (or the specific property upon which to run the enterprise). In order to accomplish the above, I propose that some of us community spirited citizens pool enough funds to put 20% or so down on the purchase of the property. I asked Rick if he would be amenable to supervising the management of the Resort if enough funds could be put up to buy it. He answered in the affirmative.

Of course, the devil is in the details, but I feel that it’s worth a shot. As a starting proposition, I’m willing to invest \$10,000 at 4% interest to be repaid over a 30 year period. If we could get, for example, 9 other investors, we could perhaps carry it off. I realize that there would or will be other nuts to crack. None-the-less, without cracking this first one, the others need not be attended to. So if you or someone you know is willing to invest in maintaining the Peaks’ legacy, let me or Rick know.



Above is a photo for the 2012 “Ride the Wall” bike event with the Enaville Resort (Snake Pit) in the background. *We are hoping the event will continue for the 16th year.*

Wanted New Homeowner Applicants

Those wishing to apply can download the applications and information from the website www.svfch.org; pick them up at the ReUse Store in Smelterville; or call Marilyn White at 753-4131.

The Family Selection Committee plans to have members at our table at EXPO to help applicants fill out the forms. EXPO is the 2nd Saturday in April on the 13th.

Greater Blessings

We do have over \$1000 in our Greater Blessings fund—enough for some small repairs and are researching jobs that may fit. The larger repairs will have to wait for more funding and volunteer labor. I'm sending those on to Clint Kunze of Shoshone Base Camp. His crews will start arriving in June. In order to qualify for these projects, the home must be owned by the applicant and the applicant cannot afford the *very* needed repair or not be able to do the repair work. Some jobs, of course, are more extensive than we can do with the condition of the house. [Wish we could help everyone.]

Grant Writers Needed

We need more helpers willing to do grant writing. I've put it off since December since the IRS lost us last year after moving the office from Kellogg to Smelterville. However, we are accurately listed by the IRS but still do not show up on their Publication 78—due to be updated soon. If there is any question about our non-profit 501(c)3 status, a call to the IRS or our letter of acceptance will verify it.

Both our new home owning ministry and our Greater Blessings projects qualify for grants.



The Little Shop finally gets its new home. Verne Blalack bought the winning ticket of the raffle from a Utah resident (who then donated the \$ to our organization). The building has been sitting at the corner of Furniture Exchange until recently when Carl Blalack lifted it onto a trailer with his boom truck. After hauling the shed to Cataldo and around Loren Clemen's Quonset building, Carl lifted it over the fence and set it in Judy's garden.

Our thanks go to Pat Elfsten for allowing us to finish its construction and to leave the shed by his Furniture Exchange building and to Carl.

Photo by Judy



Kevin Hutchings and Mick Prendergast replaced the rotten flooring at the ReUse Store. They plan to remodel this area by enlarging the front door on the left and building an insulated wall across. This will leave a display area inside the window and save all the heat loss through the single panes.

Photo by Bev Lightner



Amani McKinnie, Bev Lightner's granddaughter, gets into the floor repair act. Amani loves to make herself useful at the ReUse Store.

Photo by Bev Lightner



New volunteers: Kim Short, Cindy Taylor, and Shaun Williams. We are delighted to have their help.

Photo by Judy

Appreciation



Ellie Arguimbau presents a certificate of appreciation to Yvonne Mathis of Cattails. Yvonne has always helped us with raffle prizes.



Shaun Williams presents a certificate to Linda Benedict of the Pack Rat Thrift Store. Linda donated extra furniture when her store became over crowded.



Keisha Oxendine accepts a certificated from Judy. Keisha has served as our pro bono lawyer.



Chris Campbell, office manager, and Todd Whitehead, administrator of Courtyard at Pinehurst Assisted Living (formerly the Bee Hive) hold their certificate for a gift-in-kind donation.



Dr. Dick Vester accepts a certificate from Judy and Marilyn White for his contribution in 2012.



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We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Verne & Judy Blalack
In memory of Walter Gilman,
Of Joan Blackburn,
And of Barbara Launhardt*

*From Glenn & Marbie Hibeo
In Memory of Joe Peak*

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In Memory of Joan Blackburn*

*From Dawn & Mike Summerkamp
In Memory of Steve Garitone*

The 2013 Millard Fuller Legacy Build, April 28-May 3, 2013, will help low-income residents of Atlantic City, N.J., who were affected by Superstorm Sandy in November. Volunteers and donations are needed to help repair more than 20 homes, most of which suffered major flood damage.

The Fuller Center continues to work in Haiti. Eight Global Builders trips are scheduled between now and August. *For more info see www.fullercenter.org*

Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ _____ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ _____.
- ❖ I have a house and/or land to donate.
- ❖ I can make a no-interest loan for \$ _____. Please call about working out the details.
- ❖ I can provide construction materials either discounted or at no cost.
- ❖ I would like to help with construction and/or committee work. Please call me to help or send a volunteer form.

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Coming Events

Feb 12—Committee & Board Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church, Kellogg
Mar 8-9—Board Retreat, The Country Lane RV Resort
Apr 13—EXPO

This note accompanied the Hayman's memorial for Joe Peak: "His Legacy of true love for Idaho's Silver Valley & 'Its Family' will long endure. – Let's Pay it Forward."

Greater Blessings Fund

R'Gean Lillibridge, Verne & Judy Blalack, Shannan Souza, Gary Gearhart, and Vida Taylor

Honorarium

We are delighted to receive a Christmas gift from Tom & Connie Fudge honoring Jarad Wilcox. It arrived after I finished January's newsletter (before we left for Christmas vacation).



Three new volunteers joined our Board of Directors at the January meeting— Ellie Arguimbau, Don Taylor, and Lanora Helbig. *Photo by Judy*

Ellie is an archivist who moved here recently from Helena, MT, and enjoys the local skiing. In addition to helping us, she volunteers with the Mining Museum.

Don will be taking an active lead with our Pig Roast and the Ride the Wall (if we have it). He volunteered doing construction with his uncle, Jim Taylor, last year.

Lanora is a long time resident in Silverton. She worked with the 2 Mile Ministries and is interested in helping with fund raising. Her husband, Dale, and son, John, have been extremely helpful this last year as gleaners.

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New Officers for 2013: Don Taylor, Vice President; Ellie Arguimbau, Secretary; Linda Hurd, Treasurer, and Mike Humphrey, President.
Photo by Judy



The Junior Red Cross members pose with their certificate. The JRC has helped with our projects for many years.

In back are President David Bottman and Matthew Bottman from Mullan Jr Sr High School. Front row Sec /Treasurer Meranda Pfaff from Wallace Jr Sr High School, Kylie Robinson and Kaitlyn Miller from Kellogg Middle School and Vice President Ruth Miller from Kellogg High School

Photo by Lauren Chavez

“**The Theology of the Hammer**” is that our Christian faith (indeed, our entire Judeo-Christian tradition) mandates that we do more than just talk about faith and sing about love. We must put faith and love into action to make them real, to make them come alive for people. Faith must be incarnated; that is to say, it must become more than a verbal proclamation or an intellectual assent. True faith must be acted out.”

*Millard Fuller,
Co-Founder of The Fuller Center for Housing
And The Fuller Center for Housing*



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- Construction Volunteers for Greater Blessings repair projects
- Volunteer Coordinator
- New Homeowner Applicants (see page 2)

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