



Organizing our part of the **Global Home Challenge**—first step was when, Judy Blalack, Ellie Arguimbau, Verne Blalack and Tom Richards met at The Snake Pit. We debated the feasibility of joining with Ellie in Team Silver Valley Idaho. Tom does our Facebook page.

### Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing members join the Global Home Challenge

Since the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers could not make their usual tours across the US to raise funds and awareness of substandard housing, this year they set up a *virtual challenge* where anyone can help by tracking their distance either by biking, walking, jogging, running, rollerblading, swimming, walking during golfing, etc.

Ellie Arguimbau, our secretary, enjoys biking and saw this as a way to help the Fuller Center Bikers since they have helped us several years when they stopped here. Last year they worked on 6 different Greater Blessings projects in Kellogg, Osburn, and Mullan. These are not just young kids, they are adults some even in their 70s going across country to help.

Ellie was able to inspire Verne and Judy Blalack to join her. **They no longer bike but have accepted the challenge of at least walking a mile for the two of them from home to the Cataldo Post Office with their walkers for 80 days making 80 miles.** They generally walk about 2 miles to be miles ahead for rainy days.

The funds generated go to help build 80 homes in 80 days in third world countries where The Fuller Center works with homeowners there.

Please help us pay back by joining those who helped us and others. Go to: [www.globalhomechallenge.org](http://www.globalhomechallenge.org) to either sign up, contribute, or just watch this event unfold as their progress is updated along the 55,000 virtual journey around the world.

If you want to donate, click on the donate tab and scroll down to Donation Recipient and type in the name of whomever you sponsor, such as Ellie, Judy, or Verne or ??, or call Judy at 208-682-3240 for more information.



Chase Watson, at right, interviews Ellie Arguimbau and Judy and Verne Blalack for his front page article in the Shoshone News Press. You can find his article at <https://shoshonenewspress.com/news/2020/may/29/around-the-world-in-80-days-8/>



Ellie and Judy met with Mike Domy at Excelsior Cycle in Kellogg to explain the Challenge. Mike has extra fliers available for more information.



People who live in safe, decent homes in their own countries don't want to leave these homes.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all thy  
diseases; Who redeems thy life from destruction; who  
crowns thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;  
Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that  
thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Psalm 103:2-5



**First day of the Challenge: Ellie, Judy & Verne.**

**Chris Johnson, Vice President of Communications for The Fuller Center for Housing International asked Ellie and me to write a blog about our Challenge experience. Here is mine, posted June 3— Ellie's will be posted on June 5 on their website.**

### **Every mile matters in this Challenge!**

I'm Judy Black representing Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing in Idaho. It is now 12:26 a.m., a good time for reflection after our first day of the Global Home Challenge.

My husband, Verne, and I were on the original steering committee and joined Habitat for Humanity as full-time volunteers in October 1993. We have worn many hats in this organization during the last 27 years and have rejoiced with

the accomplishments our group has made in our valley. We also became friends of the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers when they came to work in our Valley during their cross country trips. I met its founder, Ryan lafigliola (now The Fuller Center's Vice President of International Programs) on their first trip here.

Sadly time has taken its toll. Verne now has heart conditions and dementia and no longer can serve as site supervisor nor as bookkeeper/treasurer. On my recent 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this month, we resigned from our board of directors. I continue to work with fundraising and PR (editing and producing a monthly newsletter since August 1993). I am a board member of The Fuller Center for Housing International but no longer take 5 days to travel to Georgia for the meetings — attending instead via Zoom.

I was delighted when our local board secretary, Ellie Arguimbau (who has a blog post appearing on FullerCenter.org on Friday, June 5), approached me about starting a group with the [Global Home Challenge](#), Team Silver Valley Idaho. Mainly because Verne is willing to participate, it is good exercise for him; we think it is a very worthy endeavor having participated in the Jimmy Carter Work Project in the Philippines where we saw third world housing first-hand; and this gives me interesting material for The Silver Bulletin, our monthly newsletter. (If you are interested, you can find it posted for the past several years on our website [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org).)

We have pledged to walk a mile between us every day, usually to our post office and back. That makes 80 miles. Verne uses his walker with a seat, and I sometimes take mine so I can sit if it looks like he will need to rest frequently. So far we have recruited our son and wife, George & Melody, in Hawaii. We have a flyer explaining the Challenge which will be in the next newsletter and is easy to hand out while walking. Both of the therapists who help Verne are excited about it and hopefully will start teams of their own.

Tomorrow (actually today) we will be leaving early again and go up river, the opposite direction from the post office, where there is more shade since the weather will be unusually hot — 90 degrees in the afternoon when our post office is open. We are fortunate to have a first-class trail across the road from our home. It is The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, following the route from Mullan, Idaho, to Plummer, Idaho, replacing a railroad. It even crosses over a portion of Lake Coeur d'Alene on a bridge that rotates for tall boats. We did bike the whole 70-plus miles years ago.

It will be interesting to see how this summer will progress.

Peace & Blessings,

Judy

# GLOBAL HOME CHALLENGE

## *Virtual Tour Around the World in 80 Days*

Supporting The Fuller Center for Housing International

**May 29-August 16, 2020**

**WHAT:** *bicycling, running, walking, jogging, etc. — golfing counts as walking and the swimming distance counts as “on foot”.*

**WHERE:** at home, on the bike trail, wherever you want.

**GOAL:** nationally to raise **\$200,000** to build **80 homes** in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries where The Fuller Center has been working with local homeowners.

**JOIN:** a team, create your own team, or go-it-alone. Be inspired to stay active during the COVID-19 pandemic, by joining friends in any of these activities and feel good about it.  
(Please join **Team Silver Valley Idaho**)

**DONATE:** at The Fuller Center site (below right) to support a participant, a team, or the whole event.

**CONTACT:** Ellie Arguimbau, 208-783-1804 or [Arguimbau@frontier.com](mailto:Arguimbau@frontier.com) or [www.globalhomechallenge.org](http://www.globalhomechallenge.org)



*We thank these businesses for supporting our newsletter.*



**PINE CREEK NURSERY**  
*The Tomato Lady*  
**Susi Faville** 43 Nelson Lane  
 Pinehurst, ID 83850  
 208 682-9855  
[www.idahotomatolady.com](http://www.idahotomatolady.com)  
 Open 1-6, Sunday-Wednesday, Starting May 3  
 Tomato and veggie starts, berries, herbs, flowers


**Bedding Plants**  
**We now have lumber.**  
*Furniture Exchange*  
**Open Sundays.**




PAT ELFSTEN  
 208-786-9271 ■ 208-786-5582 Fax  
 101 N. Hill Street ■ Kellogg, Idaho 83837

**ALL YOUR SUMMER NEEDS**  
 CAMPING FISHING  
**NORTH FORK RIVER STOP**  
**FLOATING**  
 LAST STOP!  
 400 CDA RIVER RD  
 KINGSTON

**Silver Valley Family Practice**  
**Linda Jo Yawn, FNP-C**  
 114 McKinley Avenue—Downstairs  
 Kellogg, ID 83837  
 (208) 783-0300 office - (208) 783-0303 fax  
[silvervalleyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:silvervalleyfamily@gmail.com)



**Good Samaritan Society**  
 SILVER WOOD VILLAGE  
 All faiths or beliefs are welcome.  
 12-G0054 208-556-1147


752-1178 **Zanetti** Main St. Osburn  
GRIDS, INC.

*All Trucks Radio Dispatched For Quick, Friendly Service*  
 \* Pre Mix \* Pre Cast Products \* Crushed Rock  
 \* Sand & Gravel \* Trucking \* Excavation

**F & H Mine Supply, Inc.**  
 P. O. Box 747  
 Wallace, Idaho 83873  
 Forest Van Dorn  
[forest@fhmine.com](mailto:forest@fhmine.com)  
**MAIN WAREHOUSE:**  
 1016 E. Mullan Ave.  
 Osburn, Idaho 83849  
 Phone (208) 752-1294 • Fax (208) 753-1431  
[sales@fhmine.com](mailto:sales@fhmine.com)



**SILVER VALLEY TIRE CENTER**  
 407 W. Cameron Ave.  
 Kellogg, Idaho 83837  
 (208) 784-1181




TIRES — MUFFLERS  
 BRAKES — TAIL PIPES

**FRANK SEATZ**  
 Home (208) 753-9853

**Gayton Fine Landscape**  
**Ralph Gayton**  
 (208) 682-2288 • Cell (208) 659-8248



Water Features • Sprinkler Systems  
 Retaining Walls • Outdoor Lighting • Grading Specialist  
 Sod/Hydroseeding • Placing Rocks • Dry Creeks & River Beds

*Nicely Done... Quality Done*



208.783.1105 TEL.  
 208.784.6211 FAX

**LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTERS**  
 15 E Cameron Ave  
 Kellogg, ID 83837-2363

Alignment/Shocks/Brakes

**PRIDE IN PERFORMANCE SINCE 1952**



## Thank You, May Donors

Your gifts bring us pleasure in knowing you believe in our efforts to eliminate substandard housing and are willing to help.

Lois Arvidson, Tom & Tami Atkins, Hap Butler, George & Melody Blalack, Tallis & Trina Weller

Blalack, Ron & LaDonna Boothe, Barb & Gordon Canterbury, Claudia & Randal Childress, Tom & Connie Fudge, Onalee Crocket, Grace Evangelical Free Church Missions, Norm Holtz, Tina Knoll, Bob Launhardt, Lee Lewis, Jacques & Jan Lemieux, Laurie Lutz, Daniel McGee, Pauline Norris, Paulette Ross, Jim & Norma Seaton, Gary Stanley, Lois White, Winnie Williams, Necia Wright

### We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Mary Whales  
In memory of Frank Whales*

*From Sherrie Holman  
In memory of Bob Larson & Family,  
Terrie, Jim and John*

*From Verne and Judy Blalack  
In memory of Carra Humphrey*

*From Debbie and Wayne Kovash  
In memory of Jim Smith*

### Greater Blessings Fund

Judy & Verne Blalack, Diana Burbridge, Scherry Colhoff, Melody Darg, Pat & Sharon Hewitt, Daina Oliver

[We congratulate two more of our Greater Blessings recipients in having paid their accounts off: Sherry Colhoff and Daina Oliver.]

### Coming Events

Jun 9—Board and Committee Meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg (hopefully—last meeting was a conference call)  
May 29-Aug 16—Global Home Challenge—Virtual Tour Around the World in 80 Days

\*\*\*\*\*

### It is wonderful to be remembered

We received another anniversary gift from Audrey and Bernie Ussery. They were leaders of the Care-A-Vanners in 2011 when we were working on Darnell Kriedeman's home and when Verne & I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have blessed us with a gift to SVFCH every year since.

We also received a gift from our son, George, for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He is living in Hawaii and the COVID-19 prevented his coming home in person.

Another gift for SVFCH is from Michael Rutherford, a member of the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers who came, helped with our builds, and now sends an encouraging gift.

*Thank you all very much, Judy*

\*\*\*\*\*



For our May newsletter mailing, those who took the newsletters home to fold also inserted the envelopes and added the side stickers required by the Post Office. Then six of us Verne, Gwyneth, Norm, Ellie, Linda, and Judy assembled at St. Rita's Parrish Hall to add the mailing labels and sort them. We carefully spaced out and wore our masks.

### 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.

- I do not wish to be on your mailing list.
  - I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing, Inc. P.O. Box 338, Smeltonville, ID 83868 ☐ 208-682-3240



Verne and Judy Blalack have pledged to walk from their home in Cataldo to the Cataldo Post Office for the Global Home Challenge for 80 days. That is at least 80 miles.

*Photo by Irma Pickard*



**Needed:** Committee Members (especially for family selection and family partnership)  
Board Members from Cataldo, Wallace & Mullan  
Newsletter Assistant for layout  
Construction Volunteers and onsite Supervisors  
PR Chair  
Data Entry Volunteer

*Please Be Safe and Protect Others Too.*

We will be posting information for this year's ride in July.

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
OUR 2020 "RIDE THE WALL"  
BIKE EVENT.**

**It has been postponed from June!**

**IT IS ON SATURDAY, September 12,**

The printing of this  
newsletter is courtesy of

**ABC Business Equipment  
1-208-786-1041  
and  
Supporters Like You**