



In preparation for closing the ReUse Store, our new Construction Supervisor, Shawn Truelove, checks out what we have already set aside for the next build.

### Closing the ReUse Store

The ReUse Store will be closed and hopefully cleared out by the end of April. Last fall, the Board of Directors voted to sell the property to David Kriedeman who will be putting the property to other uses.

Now is the time we are trying to get all ready for the rush of a big sale. The first is scheduled for Saturday, April 7. We are trying to create signs and set prices easily seen, since we are guessing it, hopefully, will be a busy day. We do need volunteers to help get all set up and also to serve the customers on that day.



We are delighted that our new Treasurer, Tami Atkins, approached construction contractor, Shawn Truelove, to serve as our Construction Supervisor. Shawn does not plan to be swinging a hammer on the site, but he will evaluate the site, organize the procedure for the build, and obtain needed permits and inspections.



Each year at our Board Retreats, we have an informal dinner with Board Members and special volunteers on Friday before the business meetings on Saturday. This year we dined at Wah Hing's Restaurant with Verne & Judy Blalack, Ellie Arguimbau, Jim Taylor, John Hopper, Mike Humphrey, John Delaney, Clint Kunze, and Duane Little attending.

### Annual Board Retreat

Our retreats provide a mostly relaxed environment to become more acquainted with our fellow volunteers.

Saturday morning some of us met at the Shoshone Medical Center for their cafeteria style breakfast, and then at 9 AM, the business meeting started at the Mountain View Congregational Church in their glass room.

Committee reports were followed by our new Treasurer, Tami Atkins', report on 2017 finances. She also outlined how the Finance Committee will be reviewing the existing mortgages we have. A number of them are really not paying off the principle since taxes and insurance rates have increased.

Tami noted that another banker, Gina Doerschel of Columbia Bank, will join the Board and help with the finance Committee. Tami also has recruited a Construction Supervisor, Shawn Truelove, to help.

Another topic of discussion was finalizing the figures for the paperwork to sell John "Boy" Delaney our 20<sup>th</sup> home. He has been working with us for 2 years on renovating his house which was vacant for 10 years and also serving as Verne's right hand man at the ReUse Store.

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:11-1**

## Cleanup Day at the lot near the ReUse Store



David Kriedeman bought the ReUse Store property and also the lot across the street where Verne has been storing more of the donated materials. We need to be out of the store by April 30, but David needed space for truck parking on the lot. So on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, he brought his large utility trailer to haul off stuff that was no longer saleable.



David pulled the trailer alongside the fence so the stuff on that side of the lot could be dumped over.



Two Mormon missionaries volunteered to help Verne move roofing to the ReUse Store property.

## Appreciation



At the Dare to Imagine celebration dinner, Judy presents two appreciation certificates. Rev. Cory Berti accepts one for the Ministerial Association who helped us obtain the house we have renovated to be John “Boy” Delaney’s home. Cory will be officiating at the dedication ceremony April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kellogg School Superintendent, Woody Woodford, accepts the second certificate for the Dare to Imagine group who presented Verne and Judy with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017 for their 25 years of volunteering. Woody was instrumental in conceiving the idea of Dare to Imagine which has grown to be a very successful youth training summer workshop in the valley. Admission to the camp is free.



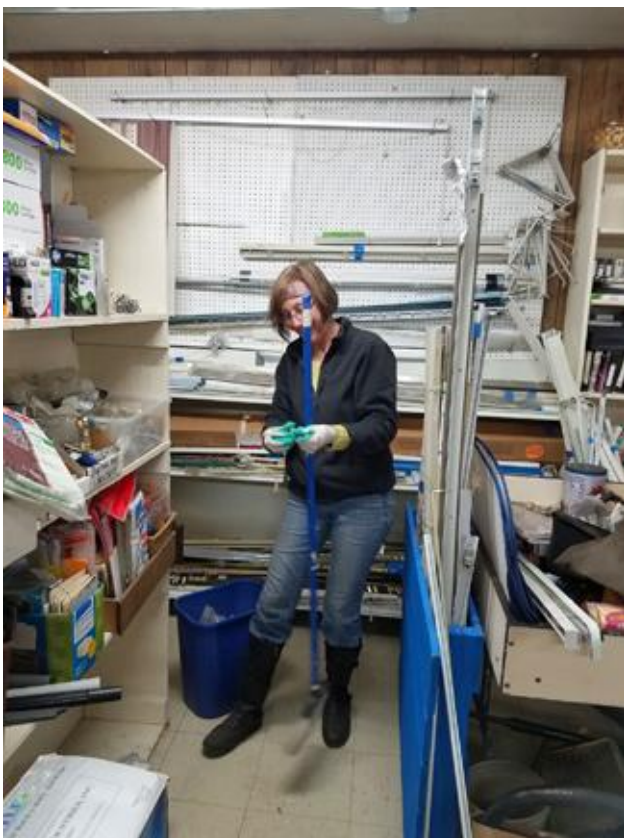
Vonnie Schillereff and Allison Blalack accept a certificate for AVISTA. AVISTA donated the installation of an underground connection to Krista Kirby’s replacement trailer. With the need for the snow roof that was donated and erected by Dave Rust before we could get insurance, the electrical connection would have required a new pole on the opposite side of the original connections.

## Krista’s Trailer

We are still waiting for the ground to dry out enough for a concrete truck to pull in back of Krista’s trailer to pour concrete around the snow roof support posts. Then the skirting can be installed and Krista can buy her “new” home. Prayers are most welcome.



Our new Construction Supervisor, Shawn Truelove, pointed out items at the ReUse Store like this basin to be set aside for the next Fuller Center home construction.



Isobelle Briggs balances a broom while re-shelving something when she volunteered for a couple hours at the ReUse Store. We are preparing for a sale on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. We definitely need volunteers cleaning up and straightening the shelves and making price tags. Please come to help—it would be nice if you bring your own cleaning gloves like Isobelle did. 😊

When reviewing the doors and windows behind the ReUse Store, Shawn Truelove mentioned that these windows would not be used in a Fuller Center home, but they would be a great buy for someone else. He guessed they may sell for about \$200.




Attending the Board retreat were Tami Atkins- Treasurer, Duane Little-Site Selection Chair, Colleen Rosson-John “Boy” Delaney’s sponsor, Verne Blalack-ReUse Store manager, Mike Humphrey-President, John “Boy”: Delaney-next Homeowner, Ellie Arguimbau-Secretary, and Judy Blalack (behind the camera). We appreciate the use of the facilities at the Mountain View Congregational Church.



The Finance Committee, Verne Blalack, Tami Atkins and Gina Doerschel met in the glass room of the Mountain View Congregational Church. They discussed the need to review all the mortgages we hold on the homes we built with families. Some of the original payments when the homes were bought are no longer large enough to cover the taxes and insurance as well as reducing the principle. If not adjusted, those homeowners will never be able to own their homes.



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*From Jim & Kay Calkins,  
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*From Ron & Gayle Hagman,  
In Memory of Mary Ann Tresnit Rogers  
[Gayle notes that Mary Ann was 91 years old and had  
been a Kellogg High School Drum Majorette, and  
Cheerleader in her day.]*

*From Becky Stein,  
In Memory of Hip Stein*

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**Coming Events**

April 10—Board & Committee meetings, 6:30 PM,  
Mountain View Congregational Church

**April 15—John "Boy" Delaney's home dedication,  
2 PM, 313 N 3rd St, Osburn**

May 13—Mother's Day ☺

June 21—Ride the Wall, Registration 4-6 PM, The Snake Pit, Enaville



**WE ARE HAVING A PARTY.  
WE ARE DEDICATING  
JOHN "BOY" DELANEY'S HOME  
on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.**

**Directions:** Take Exit 57 off I-90.

The first house on the left next to the onramp toward Wallace is John "Boy's" home. There is no parking in front and limited in back, so we recommend finding a spot to park nearby.



At the March mailing workshop, 10 volunteers came to help. We schedule it on the 1st Tuesday of the month starting by 9 AM and usually finish in a couple hours depending on how many come. We would like to have about 15 work with us. Please come to the St. Rita's Parrish Hall, 25 Kellogg Ave, Kellogg. For more info, call Judy 208-682-3240.



## Ride the Wall—Longest Day of the Year

By Tom Richards

The Snake Pit is looking forward to hosting Ride the Wall again this June. This event was started by Joe Peak, long-time owner of The Snake Pit and we are proud to carry on the tradition. The ride is fairly short with just enough of a climb to allow you bragging rights for finishing, and includes spectacular views of the Coeur d'Alene River valley. The ride begins and ends at The Snake Pit allowing you to enjoy a great BBQ meal at Idaho's oldest restaurant as you help raise money for the Fuller Center for Housing, working to provide quality affordable housing for the Silver Valley.

This will be our 3rd year hosting Ride the Wall as current owners of The Snake Pit. It is a privilege to be able to continue this tradition and serve our community by hosting such a great bike ride. We are looking forward to this year and many more to come!

Online registration will be available soon.

*You are cordially invited to the Dedication of John "Boy" Delaney's home at 2 PM, Sunday, April 15. Directions inside.*



## WISH LIST

We are accepting applications for new homeowners.

We are accepting applications for our Greater Blessings Program where we help homeowners who cannot afford or are physically unable to do small repairs. We work on some of these projects with Clint Kunze and the Servant Adventurer Youth groups who come to the Shoshone Mountain Retreat each summer. We also can help with some repair projects that require professional work.

One lady who has already been accepted to be a homeowner is fighting cancer. She notes that living on a hillside would be too difficult for her. Thus, we are looking for a donated house or lot or an inexpensive fix-it-upper. Remember that since we are a 501c3 non-profit organization, the property you donate can be deducted on your taxes.

### Wanted:

Partnership Committee Members to help with newly selected homeowners-to-be.

Construction Volunteers

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