



Pictured above are David Dose, Kereen Dose, Ellie Arguimbau, Judy Blalack, Verne Blalack, Jim Taylor, John Boy Delaney, Kathy McPeak, Tami Atkins, Bob Whitman, Casey Duncan, Anne Duncan, Buffie Cannaday, and Alan Cannaday at the Retreat Dinner.

Fuller Center Annual Retreat Dinner

Part of the function for the Silver Valley Fuller Center's Annual Retreat is a social aspect where we get to know each other better. The event begins with an enjoyable dinner on Friday night where special volunteers (and spouses) are invited to meet the board members. This year, the dinner was held at the newly reopened Wagon Wheel Restaurant.



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



On Saturday the Board and Committee members took time from business meetings to enjoy a catered Mexican lunch donated by Luke and Caroline Prince, owners of the Poco Loco in Smeltonville. Seated above are Ellie Arguimbau—Greater Blessings Committee, Tami Atkins—Treasurer, Kereen Dose—Bookkeeper, Carol Young—Data Entry, and Kathy McPeak—Resource Development Committee.

Retreat

A significant business meeting was held Saturday morning reviewing 2021's accomplishments and projections for 2022.

One of the obvious changes from last year is the collaboration with the Pinehurst/Kingston Lyons Club which several board members have joined. Since their meetings follow SVFCH's scheduled board meetings on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month, it was logical to start holding all board meetings at the Lyons Club's hall and also this year's retreat meeting. The two organizations will share responsibility for publicity and helping with fund raising events.

One of the duties of SVFCH is to create a budget projection for the current year. The Finance Committee is in charge of that duty. That committee also decided it was time to review the contracts with homeowners who are

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making mortgage payments to see how changes in taxes and insurance are affecting the equity on their homes. The original mortgage contracts cover withholdings to pay taxes and insurance on their property which insures they will not become delinquent. However, with the increase in both taxes and insurance premiums over the years, some homeowners' equity has not kept pace.

At this time there are 3 Greater Blessings projects projected to be worked on this spring/summer and, of course, more are expected. We are relying on Clint Kunze with the Idaho Servant Adventurers and AmeriCorps to provide some valuable workers. Clint attended the retreat meeting and explained how the first project may be "manned" with the AmeriCorps folks who will be arriving early. He gave the dates in June through the first part of August when the large groups of youth arrive at Shoshone Mountain Retreat and will subdivide into smaller groups to help with multiple projects in our valley.

It will be fantastic to have help again with this organization. Two years ago all was cancelled due to COVID. Last year the forest fires overtook the area and the firefighters stayed at the retreat which had originally been a Forest Service Base Camp. If you have projects where you would like help they can do (such as painting, yard work, etc.), you can contact us for a Greater Blessings application and we can send it on to Clint. The youth are restricted from going too high on ladders, etc., which are considered risky under child labor laws, but we may have other volunteers.

Greater Blessings applications can be found on our website www.svfch.org or call Judy at 208-682-3240.

Casey Duncan plans to construct a storage shed which can be raffled during Pinehurst Days, the first weekend in August. Years ago, the shop class helped construct a shed that was later raffled and before that, Verne Blalack and Mike Humphrey built "The Extra Room" a shed with a little loft near the Post Office in Pinehurst. They were both raffled. If anyone wished to help Casey with this project, please call him at 208-752-0127. One thing that will be needed is a trailer to haul it.

Upcoming events:

Home dedication for Tabitha Weaser's home—probably in May

Ride the Wall annual bike event—at The Snake Pit, 6 PM, June 21 (longest day of the year so participants can come after work and still have daylight).

Pinehurst Days—August 5-7—look for our raffle and Lyons food stand and maybe more.

Wallace Huckleberry Festival—August 19-20 (good place to meet & greet and have a raffle)

Annual Walk-A-Thon—September 10, starting at 9 AM at the Kellogg Swim Pool parking lot.

Craft Fair (hopefully this year we will be able to have a booth at the event in the Silver Hills School in Osburn in November)

Annual board potluck Christmas Dinner—December 13.



Appreciation



Rev. Dave Langer accepted an appreciation certificate from Judy Blalack at Mountain View Congregational Church. The Fuller Center has used the church for board meetings for many years. The board meetings will now be held at the Lyons Club building. The Lyons meet just after SVFCH so this will make it easier for those belonging to both service organizations. Committee meetings can still use the Mountain View Church for their meetings.



Judy presented certificates to Rev. Seth Ramage and Dr. Scott Reed at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Our Savior Lutheran has been a financial donor since our organization started with Habitat for Humanity in 1993. Dr. Reed, Chair of the Church Council, first joined our board when he moved to the valley, and then, he became a leader with Boy Scouts when his boys were old enough to join that group. He continues to support our efforts.

Appreciation



Beth Gibbons accepts a thank you certificate with her furry friend Libby at Hoffman's Boot and Shoe Repair. The thank you is for their support of this newsletter "The Silver Bulletin".



Bob Whitman presented a certificate to Brent Therrian at Building Maintenance/Ace Hardware in Wallace. For many years this company has donated very generous gift cards to be used in our fundraising events.



Judy Blalack presents a thank you certificate to the American Lutheran Church for their very generous donation in 2021. Receiving the certificate are Chuck Lewis, Will Nylom, and Rev. Alec Rivera



Bob Whitman captures this shot of Ellie Arguimbau presenting a certificate to Clint Kunze when the Greater Blessings committee met with him to evaluate a leaking roof. Clint is the coordinator of the Idaho Servant Adventurers who come in different groups for several weeks each summer to help in the valley. We are delighted to work with them on our projects.



At the Tall Pine, Cindy Wilbur accepts a certificate from Bob Whitman for the fundraising prize they donated.

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Smelterville volunteers, JoAnn Schonewald and Ray Guthmiller, help with the March mailing—9 AM the first Tuesday of the months at St Rita's Parrish Hall in Kellogg. Call Judy at 208-682-3240 for more info.

Coming Events

Apr 12—Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Pinehurst/Kingston Lyons building, Pinehurst

Apr 16—Lyons Club Event: Easter Bunny Egg Hunt

May 8—Mother's Day

Jun 21—25th Annual Ride the Wall Bike Event, 6 PM, The Snake Pit, Kingston

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Pictured above are John Boy Delaney, Casey Duncan, Clint Kunze, and Luke and Caroline Prince. The Princes catered a tasty Mexican lunch for the board retreat as a thank you for helping them with their roof as a Greater Blessings project. They own Poco Loco in Smeltonville, which they hope to be able to reopen to the public soon.

{Once again!}



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