

FREE COFFEE AT THE REST STOP

By Keith Dahlberg

It's been years since Lois and I served coffee and cookies at a freeway rest stop. Working from the Fuller Houses trailer is lots easier than the times we had to haul tables, coffee urns and extension cords 35 miles to the Dena Mora Rest stop on I-90 just over Lookout Pass. We thoroughly enjoyed our eight-hour shift this week, serving about 120 people on the east bound side and, together with Ron and LaDonna Boothe on the west bound, raising over \$300 donations for Fuller.

Our area had three or four big rigs and about a dozen cars and campers parked at any one time. Maybe a quarter of them wanted coffee (or tea or lemonade) and most put a donation in the jar. But the people are the main fascination—some seeing the west for the first time. A French-speaking couple returning to Quebec, whom we could direct to the Bison Range, and the big copper pit at Butte. Or the family headed for Mount Rushmore, or the medical professor moving east to a new job in Pittsburgh. Or the people we could help, like the couple with an empty gas tank. If you get a chance to serve coffee, try it. You'll like it!



On their way east, three girls stop for refreshments at our concession trailer at Dena Mora.

Photo by Judy

I must agree with Dr. Dahlberg in that it is a fun and interesting time at Dena Mora. With my co-workers, Denise and Irma, I enjoyed visiting with the travelers. Some were on usual summer vacations, some just retired and were seeing the US for the first time, and some were headed to new jobs, especially in or near the oil fields in North Dakota.

Our most challenging situation was with a couple whose trailer wheel developed a bad bearing. She read lips and could not hear on a phone and he only communicated with her in sign language. Since it is a dead zone for cell phones & the pay phone was dead, we were delighted to find someone with On Star in their car to help. Judy

WHAT THE FULLER CENTER IS TRYING TO DO

By Verne Blalack

When most white Americans were farmers, loggers, etc., and land was relatively free, if a young white couple had the courage to work the land, they could become relatively prosperous. Now, social mobility is not easy. Only about 9% of all children from poor families achieve financial security—which happiness studies show is the most permanent happiness gain of all. By helping poor families obtain affordable housing, we provide them with that permanent happiness gain. However, we would like to do more. We would like to eliminate poverty for their descendants as well. Yes, we dare to dream the improbable dream.

Children with rich parents don't have to worry about obtaining the funds necessary to obtain the knowledge and skills that are the prerequisites for a well paying job. They also have a fantastic lead before school even starts. A University of Kansas study found that by the age of four, rich children had heard 32 million more words than children raised in poor families!

So, how have 9% of children from poor families broken the poverty barrier? The answer is they were courageous. The smart ones had the courage to study hard enough to win scholarships. Others learned enough to obtain loans. The rest had the courage to work hard, spend only on necessities, and invest the rest in education. Most all postponed having children until they had obtained good paying jobs. Without the courage to save and invest in adequate job prerequisites, 91% of poor children remain poor all their lives.

The Fuller Center tries to teach their homeowners-to-be how they can save and invest in their future. These homeowners achieve basic financial security (adequate food, medical, and shelter), and we hope that some of them will instill in their children the discipline and courage necessary to escape the poverty trap.

[Read to your children. Make sure they learn all they can. Help them and yourself to be all that you can be.]



My sincere thanks go to Janet Harpel for editing July's Silver Bulletin. Judy

You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand. For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15:10-11

Shoshone Base Camp Servants

We are blessed to have such fantastic help from these folks.



At the “Greater Blessings” North home project, Don Ashcraft waits below while Verne & Kevin meet Clint Kuntz (Shoshone Base Camp Coordinator on right) and Matt Stebbins (at left) to discuss repairing the roof. The following week, Don joined the Base Camp group on the roof removing old shingles and nails. Verne strung a rope across the top and everyone was required to be tied on while working—especially good for our blind carpenter.



Electrician Josh Haralson, of Amp Electric, LLC, is repairing the broken mast and doing some needed rewiring as part of the North “Greater Blessings” project. Josh will have his company logo placed on the Crown Electric van he bought.



Linda Yergler is delighted to have two girls help her understand how to sell on E-Bay. Linda is clearing Larry’s Saw Shop merchandise out of the building so we can organize our ReUse Store.



A youth works on the eave under the main part and above the back porch of the Kriedeman home.

Photo by Mike Humphrey



Others remove shelving that Yerglers have sold.



Lois Boje watches another group at Sunnyslopes as they cover a trench protecting the pipes laid below. We need to continue some labor on the site to keep the building permit current.

Thank You, Dena Mora Rest Stop Volunteers

By Norma Seaton

What a fun time we had organizing and checking out volunteers this year. We want to thank the workers who took a full day or half day to go to the Rest Stop just over the border into Montana. They served cookies, coffee, tea and lemonade from 7:30 am till 4 pm. The trailers we use were taken to the Rest Stop by Terry Sverdsten and Fred Stone the day before. Terry & Ron Boothe had the Unit 2 trailer painted this year by Roger Howard, and they work to keep it in good shape. Jim Seaton painted Unit 1 trailer last year and keeps it in good repair also.

We had a perfect amount of cookies donated by Churches and individuals. The churches contacted were Mountain View Congregational, Baptist in Pinehurst, Kingston Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, American Lutheran, Our Savior Lutheran, Silver Valley Assembly of God, New Hope Assembly of God, Christian Life Center, Silver Valley Worship Center, Silver Valley Nazarene, United Methodist, and United Church of Christ. Others may have donated, but they couldn't be reached. They were delivered to the drop-off sites which were Real Life Café, Guest House Inn, and Wallace Inn this year.

Workers were Lois & Keith Dahlberg, Ron & LaDonna Boothe, Norma & Jim Seaton, Iver & Lou Larsen, Norm & Mary Lou Dubiel, Marie Carver, Winnie Williams, Jack Mendy, Penny Sharp, Donna Stone, Amethyst Pelham, Duane Little, Joan Blackburn, Judy Blalack, Denise Durham, Irma Pickard, Tom & Connie O'Neill, Marilyn White, Kelly Griffin, Dick & Donna Silva, Terry & Dee Sverdsten. Dick and Terry always take the trailers back down the hill.

This year we made approximately \$1580 and we are once again blessed by the people at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans & Margie Grandpre for helping us get a grant for \$300 to make a grand total of \$1880. Moe & Joyce Pellissier arranged for us to drop off the money at the Sheriff's Office in Wallace, and Moe collected and deposited it for us.

Many, many thanks to all the behind the scenes help. I hope I got everyone, but if not call me and I will add your name to this list. We are so blessed to have such willing volunteers. Steve & Nita Davis volunteered but due to an accident couldn't make it. Heal quickly, Nita. Also, get well soon, Joyce Pellissier. Judy was a good sport to fill in at the last minute with friends.



A water truck driver who works in the North Dakota oil fields stops for his own "fill up" and a visit.

Photo by Judy



With about 40 friends and relatives looking on, Verne & Judy Blalack cut their 50th anniversary cake at the "Party at the Park."
Photo by Melody Blalack

Anniversary

Verne & I would like to thank everyone for making our 50th anniversary party an exciting and fun event for us. We were honored and astonished to have relatives and friends come from Arizona, California, Idaho (North & South), Montana, Oregon, Washington DC, & Wyoming. Special thanks go to our children, George & Melody, Tallis & Trina, and Dawn for serving as hosts at our "Party at the Park." We appreciate the help from relatives for all the photos that Trina used in the slide show—and, Trina's hours of effort developing it and granddaughter, Kayla's, special effects. ☺

The special donations made in our honor to SV Fuller Center for Housing tally at about \$2000. One thousand of this will help in our "Greater Blessings" projects.

We have certainly been blessed.

Sincerely, Judy Blalack



The Harmony Swells from Spokane, Jim Peters, Chuck Lauerman, Doc Al Parker, and Ken Strong, joined the Lake City Harmonizers in serenading at our Pig Roast.

Over 100 diners came to enjoy the food and Lake City Harmonizer's music at the Annual Pig Roast, June 25th.

In addition to those thanked in July's issue, we thank Gaylene Scott for cooking the beans and all the cooks who contributed salads and desserts. We missed our clown, John Buchanan, who is fighting lung cancer.

Photo by Janet Harpel

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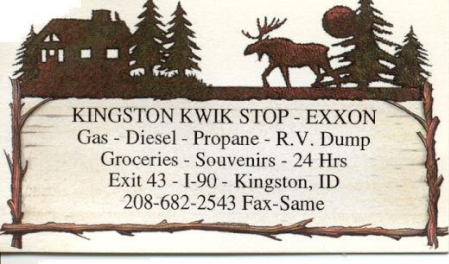


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Aug 5-7—Pinehurst Days

Aug 9—Board & Construction, Partnership, PR, & Fund
 Raising Committee meetings, **6:30 PM**, Mountain
 View Congregational Church in Kellogg

Sept 17—**14th Annual Walk-A-Thon, Kellogg Middle
 School**



Jim Taylor visits with Ken Kimpton and Wally Baker at
 Verne & Judy Blalack's 50th anniversary party. Ken &
 Wally are former Care-A-Vanners who with wives,
 Carolyn & Verna, returned several years to help build
 homes with us. *Photo by Melody Blalack*

We are honored to receive these memorials.

From, Debbie & Wayne Kovash
In memory of our father, Jim Smith

From Verne & Judy Blalack
In memory of John Yergler

From Marbie & Glenn Higbee
In Memory of Jim Smith
and of Steve Kjenholz

Greater Blessings Projects Fund

Judy & Verne Blalack
 Josephine Davis



Board & Committee members and visitors meet in July.
 From left: Mary Lou Dubiel, Marilyn White, Haley
 Gosline, Norma Seaton, Lois Boje, Mike Humphrey, Capri
 Ball, Dawn Humphrey, Verne Blalack, and Darnell
 Kriedeman. Not pictured is Barb Fisher. *Photo by Judy*

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- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ _____ per month for one year.
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- ❖ I can provide construction materials either discounted or at no cost.
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The Lake City Harmonizers entertained diners at our Pig Roast again this year. Thank You!! *Photo by Janet Harpel*



We've been blessed with an anonymous donation of this truck, just in time to pick up a load of shelving purchased from Crown Electric's going out of business sale. The shelving will be used in our ReUse Store. *Photo by Judy*



Kelly Griffin captures his mom, Marilyn White, at the # 2 concession trailer at Dena Mora. Roger Howard did a fine job of painting it for us.

Wish List

Applicants for Homeowners-to-be—contact Marilyn White at 753-4131

Bookkeeper— about a few hours a week

Digital Photographer

PR/Fund Raising Committee Members

Family Selection Committee Members

ReUse Store Help Wanted

We will need help: a gleaner to pick up donated items (needs own pickup); helpers to organize the merchandise; and sales people once we have things organized. Please call Verne or Judy at 682-3240

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