



Surrounded by well wishing friends, John Delaney signs the paperwork to become our 20th homeowner-to-be. Pictured are Family Selection Chair, Glory Carlile, Rick and Rene Gilbert, and Colleen Rosson.

### John Delaney—Great Volunteer

By Colleen Rosson

John Delaney is a kind hearted gentleman who always has a smile. While John's life has not been easy he never uses that as an excuse. Always up for any project put in front of him, he works hard with a smile and silly joke or two. He always stays until it is completed.

He takes great pride in working with Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. He has a special permit for his hybrid bicycle to be able to ride the trail cleaning, watching, and making visitors feel welcome. He always has a spare trail map in the trunk of his "Hot Rod". He volunteers in many places including the Chamber of Commerce in Kellogg and the Silver Valley worship center. He takes a genuine interest and responsibility for his neighbors. John is always there to lend a hand. While he lived in Coeur d'Alene a young mother in his block was not able to afford diapers, so John took his last \$20 and bought diapers for her baby. He helps take care of his ailing neighbor, giving his wife a needed break as caregiver. He makes sure his mom is taken care of by going shopping or any handyman work he can.

John is truly a good soul with a big heart. He is greatly appreciated by his community.



Following the official signing (at left), John, Rick, Rene, and Glory followed Judy to meet Shannan Souza. Her home will be a Greater Blessing project where John, with Rick's help, will power wash and scrape to prep it for new paint. Hopefully it will be all ready and, weather permitting, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the Holy Family Catholic School in Coeur d'Alene will do the painting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. They have come for several years spending time during their graduation trip to help with our projects. Last year, they landscaped Mace's yard

Photos by Judy.

### Our Communications Just Got Better



Colleen Rosson, director of the Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce, graciously offered to efficiently administrate our Facebook site. I watched as she whizzed through programs to bring our site up-to-date—making it easy for her to add any interesting tidbits we can give her. Please visit our site at The Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing – Silver Valley ID. THANK YOU, COLLEEN!

*In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, if God loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another.*

1 John 4:10-11

**Did You Know: Shoshone County Spends \$1000 or \$2000 per Day For Our Trash?**

See page 2.

## Shoshone County Spends \$1000 or \$2000 per Day To Haul Trash

By Judy Blalack, PR Chair

Recently I listened to Bruce Schuld's presentation at a Chamber luncheon where he described how the DEQ was recycling everything possible in their cleanup activities in order to mitigate the cost of remediation. After questioning Bruce about the costs, he sent me a message with a breakdown of how expensive it is—such as “Currently the Bunker Hill Superfund realizes costs of between \$22 per cubic yard and \$45 per cubic yard for disposing of soils and waste generated by remedial actions. This range is the result of how much it costs to purchase properties, design, plan permit, construct, operate and subsequently close repositories.” They “segregate coarse and durable rock and pavement from our cleanup wastes, and reuse them for our infrastructure at repositories wherever possible.”

I knew it must be expensive for Shoshone County to operate its Transfer Station where public refuse is left. Vince Peterson, Operation Manager of the Solid Waste Department, gave me the startling fact that *it costs the county \$1000 per truck load to haul our refuse to Montana and every day 1 or 2 trucks make that trip.*

**During their fiscal year from October 1, 2013 to September 31, 2014, 301 truckloads were hauled. At \$1000 per trip, the county paid \$301,000.**

I'll bet you (like I) can think of some good uses for these funds if they were not needed to haul trash. Vince said, “If everyone in the Valley recycled 100%, it would cut 1/3 of the trips to Missoula.” He noted that those dropping off stuff are asked to put the recyclable materials like cans and cardboard in appropriate containers, but bags of garbage with cans, etc., in them are frequently just thrown away.

**This brought to mind how we are making a difference by running the ReUse Store.** We keep many things out of the land fill by selling useable items and recycling almost everything else. We especially appreciate appliances that work and can be resold quickly. Some of the rest are dismantled into recyclable pieces such as copper, brass, aluminum. These metals, plastics and cardboard are taken to North Idaho Recycling. In turn, we occasionally get calls from North Idaho Recycling to pick up materials dropped off there that they feel we could use.

Of course, it takes man (or woman) power to do the dismantling, sorting, and selling. We have a very limited number of regular volunteers to do this. In fact, we have had to hire some help which put us in a financial bind wondering if it is possible to keep the store open. If you have some time to help, either a few hours a week, a half day, or more, please do volunteer. It is much easier if we have a regular schedule. We also **need a regular gleaner** (someone to pick up large donations). **And**, we need a **Volunteer Coordinator**. Without the help of our community with our project, we cannot help keep the Transfer Station's huge cost from growing bigger.



Rick Wood, Clint Kunze, and Verne get a perspective of Deb Bornitz's roof.

This front porch is pulling away from her house. Replacing it and the 2 back entries and re-roofing are the goals of this Greater Blessings project. Like to help? Call Judy at 682-3240.



John Delaney, Brad Fieser, Andrew Lane and Verne carefully load furniture, including lamps, oak dressers, beds, and

much more from the Charles and Mary Tawney home. The family donated many things last year and cleared the home now.



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**Coming Events**

May 10—♥ Mothers Day ♥  
 May 12—Board and Committee meetings, 6:30 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church  
**June 21—17<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride The Wall, Family Bike Event, 6 PM, Mission Inn, Cataldo**  
**June 27—23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pig Roast, 4-7 PM, Kellogg City Park**

**We are honored to receive these memorials.**

*From Donna Martin  
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Julie Holt, Christy Campbell, Crystal Van Tiger, and Helen Garbe of Angel's Wings Day Care Center responded to the SV Chamber of Commerce's appeal to "Donate an Hour" as volunteers. Ellie Arguimbau and Judy Blalack enjoyed visiting with them and a tour of their facilities. They have offered to fold newsletters to be ready for our mailing sessions and to be available for other projects. Christy noted there were other employees who have offered to help but were unavailable for the photo.

**Greater Blessings Fund**

Bob Larson, Silver Valley Assembly of God, Verne & Judy Blalack, Diana Burbridge, Shannan Souza



We are generating interest in the Ride the Wall Event. I received a request for information from the

Spokesman Review for a special edition and a request from the Blue541 advertizing agency for our logo to go on the wall of the Taphouse at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. ☺ Kathy McPherson designed our logo.



Our Board Secretary, Ellie Arguimbau, inventories the items from the Tawney estate donated to the Staff House Mining Museum where Ellie is archivist. Some of the items were a Victor Portable Stereopticon slide projector patented in 1913 with Knights of Pythias slides and Bunker Hill employee journals.

**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.
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Andrew Lane and John Delaney load furniture from the Tawney estate into Andrew's pickup.



John Delaney begins earning his "sweat equity" hours helping at the ReUse Store.  
*Photos by Judy*



Tony Tawney tells Ellie Arguimbau about the items from his dad, Charles Tawney's, estate that were donated to the Staff House Mining Museum where Ellie is archivist.



## WISH LIST

- Grant Writer**
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- Construction Supervisor for at least one project**
- Construction helpers**
- ReUse Store Volunteers**
- Prayers**
- Help with Ride the Wall & Pig Roast Fund Raisers**
- Fund Raising Committee Members**
- Call Judy at 682-3240**
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