



Four generations of the Lemieux family come for the Walk-A-Thon. Pictured above are Patsy Lemieux (center), her son, Darrell, granddaughter, Monique Lister and her daughter, Layla. Family friends Danny Scott, Gus Scott & Sam Scott join them in the photo with Penny Michael's dog Rowdy.

A Family Tradition

For the last three years my family has walked in the Fuller Center Walk-A-Thon. There is myself, Patsy, son Darrell, granddaughter Monique Lister, and great granddaughter Layla Lister. We have enjoyed ourselves each and every year. Our plan is to make the Walk-a-Thon a yearly tradition.



Another family wishing to instill a sense of community and of giving is Jerry White and his grandkids, Eric and Clara Hall. For several years, Jerry's mom, Lois White joined them.

Photos by Judy



Everyone appreciated those who contributed refreshments: Gary Stanley's cookies and a large box of fruit from Barney's Harvest Foods in Pinehurst.

A Great Morning for a Walk

By Judy Blalack

On September 14, a loyal group of walkers registered in front of the KSD Resource Center (Old Middle School) in Kellogg to walk about 3 miles to support Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing. The weather was perfect—just slightly cool.

There were no set rules as to how far one must walk, the idea being to do as much as was comfortable. Most went the full distance up and back. Verne & I took our walkers with seats, traveling about half the distance with rests when needed. We were joined in the event by a baby in her stroller, other children, 3 dogs, and of course other adults.

Penny Michael chaired the event. She enlisted an efficient crew to help with registration and signing for the route: Dan Michael, Marilyn White, Patti Houchin, Sam Scott, Danny Scott, and Patsy Lemieux.

During the summer months Judy Blalack, Kathy McPeak, Linda Amonson, and Ellie Arguimbau visited businesses throughout the valley asking for prize donations. These prizes are used with the Walk-A-Thon and our Christmas raffle at the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair. Kathy McPeak was in charge to insure that every participant at the Walk received one of these gifts for their efforts. She even had one appropriate for the toddler in the baby stroller. She also made a raffle basket which contributed \$64 to the event.

We cannot say thank you enough for the participants: Ellie Arguimbau, Tami Atkins, Judy Blalack, Verne Blalack, Lois Dahlberg, Nancy Dahlberg, Janice DeVoe, Clara Hall, Eric Hall, Ashley Mitchell, Heidi Mitchell, Darrell Lemieux, Patsy Lemieux, Monique Lister, Kathy McPeak, Penny Michael, Danny Scott, Gus Scott, Sam Scott, and Carol Young.

The participants asked these family and friends to support their efforts. Sponsors were: Ellie Arguimbau, Tami Atkins, Judy Blalack, Reiki Healing Arts, Helen Jacquemin, Ruby Layton, Verne Blalack, George Blalack, Tallis Blalack, Lois & Keith Dahlberg, Pat & Dave Cordier, Cleve Ashcraft & Sue Dahlberg, Nancy & John Dahlberg & Ho Duan Meng, Jerry White, Candi White, Jen Hall, Patti Houchin, Ashley Mitchell, Heidi Mitchell, Tucker, Darrell Lemieux, Patsy Lemieux, Eric Lister, Kathy McPeak, Bradton, Carter, Kamden, Treysen, Mokena, Penny Michael, Pam & Myles Elliston, LeRoy Scott, Jeanie Rullman, Bill Stanley, Gary Stanley, Julie Hinsz, Aaron Arthur, Sandvick, Fred & Karen Scott, Danny Scott, Dan Ruff, Jill Wagner, Tim Cheeseman, Gus Scott, Chen Cuthbert, John Cuthbert, Janice & Terry DeVoe, Sarah Barker, Carol Young, Paul Young, Cathy Burchfield

With the efforts of the participants and their sponsors and the raffle, we now have **\$1991** to help others.

**And whoever compels you to go one mile
go with him two.**

Matthew 5:41



Participants sign in at the registration table where Dan Michaels, Patti Houchin, Marilyn White and Penny Michaels collect the donations they brought and issued them a ticket for the prize drawings. After the walkers head out, the registration crew issued personalized thank yous for both the walkers and for their sponsors to be ready upon their return. This is a win for them and us—showing our appreciation of their involvement and verifying their participation to their sponsors. Since we are non-profit, all donations are tax deductible. [It also saves us lots of postage.]



We are delighted that Nancy Dahlberg happened to be visiting her folks when her mom, Lois, invited her to join her on the Walk. They are shown here chatting with Carol Young. Carol said that since she has just retired she hopes to have more time to help Judy with some of her PR duties like Facebook & the website, and ☺



Some things just take a little longer—like shortening ones stride to the pace of a toddler. Great grandma, Patsy, waits for the rest to get within photo range.



Nancy Dahlberg captures a great smile on her mom's face when they reach the turn around after hiking about 1 ½ miles. Also smiling are Danny and Gus Scott who are ready to return.



SVFCH president, Mike Humphrey brought the fruit donated by Barney's Harvest Food in Pinehurst. He is shown here with his pastor Bill Howard of the Silver Valley Worship Center, Ellie Arguimbau, and Janice & Terry DeVoe. Ellie stayed just long enough to do the Walk before heading to visit relatives in Massachusetts and join a bike ride there.

Other photos by Judy

Our Thanks go to Prize donors: Silver Streak Zip Line; The Jamison; Building Maintenance (Wallace Ace Hardware); The Snake Pit; The Pizza Factory; JB's Country Garden; Kellogg Pet Medical Center; Aristokats; Tranquility Salon & Spa; The Humdinger; Wallace Inn; Sam's; Valley PowerSports; HICO Café; AVISTA; Humdinger Drive In; Silver Valley Tire Car Wash; Fonks; Idaho Silver; Oasis Museum; D'Spot Massage; Mom's Café; The Tall Pine; Blondies; Back Country Café; Sierra Silver Mine Tour; KRC Printing Co; Color Me Coffee; Northern Pacific Rail Road Museum; Wild Rose Salon

Greater Blessings



Verne and Ellie pose with Diana Oliver and her son, Dale Huddleston in front of their home in Calder, ID, up the St. Joe River from St. Maries. They had made a Greater Blessings request for help with their roof. Diana had lived there for 40 years, but the roof was 80 years old with many patches. They have been waiting to use a newly built trailer to haul the materials that needed brakes and a permit. Many of their neighbors in this little community have offered to help install it. 😊

Photo by Judy



Kim Short puts the finishing touches on the tile she installed around a handicap shower in the Barry & Sue Johnson home. Thanks, Kim.

Photo by Sue



Verne & Judy take their walkers from the Walk-A-Thon to the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes to see how much area was burned before inviting bikers next year for Ride the Wall. This is the closest the fire came to the trail—just above the road where the river, bike path and CCC Road come together. It is contained above the road off & on for about a half mile.

Photo by Reese Mitchell

Recycling

When we were offered the aluminum siding that had been stripped off a home, Verne & Judy Blalack, & Kathy McPeak checked it out to see if it would fit in Kathy's pickup. They earned about \$80 when she took it to Spokane for recycling. Lots of work but a job well done.



John Boy Delaney returned with Verne & Kathy to harvest the metal. He took the photos below.



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Coming Events

Oct 8—Board & Committee meetings, 6 PM, Mountain
View Congregational Church
Nov 2 & 3—Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair
Dec 10—Christmas Potluck



We are saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Lou Dubiel. She was a very integral part of our organization for years, helping in various capacities with fund raising and especially as the hostess for the visiting Care-A-Vanners who came in their RVs to work for a week or

more on our construction sites. She insured that they had adequate parking & hookups, lunches and snacks on the work site, and tours of our community.

The Dubiels moved to Florida several years ago after Norm became ill. He died last year. We miss them both.



Once again we appreciate those who come to help with the newsletter mailing workshop on the 1st Tuesdays of the month. We start at 9 AM at St. Rita's Parrish Hall in Kellogg. Occasionally we are finished by 11 depending on how many can come. This workshop took longer since we had to finish folding some of the newsletters due to the Labor Day weekend. Shown here are Linda Amonson, John Boy Delaney, Verne Blalack, Janice DeVoe, Maggie Beeler, Norm Holtz, Gwyneth Faye, Tammy Spears, Ellie Arguimbau, and Patti Houchin. Not shown are Penny Michaels, Kathy McPeak and Judy Blalack. Several of these volunteers distribute almost 400 around the valley in waiting rooms, cafes, etc.

Come join us. ☺

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



Associate Pastor Bill Howard from the Silver Valley Worship Center welcomes the participants before blessing the Fuller Center's 22nd Annual Walk-A-Thon. Almost \$2000 was raised at this event to be used with the Fuller Center's low-income housing ministry. Since 1993, our group has helped 22 families own their homes with no-interest mortgages and 37 homeowners with their repairs in our Greater Blessings Program. A total of 152 residents of the Silver Valley have been helped with these projects.

Photo by Judy



*When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced.
Live your life in such a manner that when you die the
world cries and you rejoice.*

Indian Proverb

From "Little Bits from the Heart—Heartland Samplers"



Wish List

A home we can purchase in Kellogg for Nicholl Deblasieo and her family that she can afford after we renovate it. We tried to qualify for a HUD status for purchasing their single dwelling homes. It would have put us in the first elimination group for the sale. However, after going through the whole process with help from Brian Dale with HUD in Boise and various agents at the FHA Resource center, we received the following request:



Under John Hopper's watchful eye at Miner's Hat Realty, Judy signs multiple papers of the HUD application.

“Please send a list of at least 5 addresses of homes that your nonprofit has purchased, rehabbed and sold to low or moderate income buyers. To qualify the homes must have been purchased in the name of your nonprofit, and recorded by the County in the name of your nonprofit. The homes must have been purchased within any 2 year time frame within the last 5 years.”

We don't qualify since we have not dedicated 5 homes within their time frame—we have 4 but not within a 2 year period. We did leave a bid she could afford in open bidding but guess it will be too low.

Please help us find a home for Nicholl.

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