



Paulette Ross shows Verne Blalack and Greater Blessings Committee members, Ellie Arguimbau and Duane Little the snow damage to her car port. *Photos by Judy*

Our Next Greater Blessings Project

The first heavy snow froze with new snow piling up instead of sliding off. Paulette was sick with pneumonia and was not able to get it shoveled off in time. When the carport collapsed, it dented the roof of her car.

Greg Griffith of Ace Hardware offered to donate some spare connecting pieces, but the whole thing was so damaged, we purchased a new carport. (Thanks, Greg.) Now we need someone(s) willing to assemble the new one.



Board members, volunteers, and other supporters, mingle at SVFCH's annual retreat dinner at the Wallace Inn. It was nice to see all getting to know each other since many of them work on different projects.

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Do not neglect the gift that is within you.

Timothy 4:14

I need your help.

By Judy Blalack

Recently I received a call from a director of the Fuller Center for Housing International, our parent organization, asking if I would be interested in becoming a board member of this international organization. My first response was "no way" would I have time. I am chair of 3 committees: PR, Fund Raising, and Greater Blessings, plus I edit and produce this newsletter and am the webmaster.

It was not always this way. When Verne & I joined this group in 1993 and became full time volunteers, my first positions were board secretary (for a couple years) and newsletter editor/publisher. Then as the years have gone by, other volunteers have retired, moved away, or passed on. So in order for the organization to continue, I felt the need to put on more hats—first as committee member & then chair.

But with regard to the honor of being asked to consider being on the International board, I became more ambivalent. With the encouragement from Verne and my family, I did submit an application.

I have been a volunteer in many capacities for 23 years, including District Field Representative in the Northwest Region with Habitat for Humanity and I presented newsletter workshops at 2 national conventions. I have witnessed first the need and then the self reliance growth in families *we have worked with*—helping them into homes of their own. It is awesome to see these families blossom.

Now we also have the Greater Blessings program where we help low-income homeowners who cannot do their own repairs or cannot afford to hire it done. These are your neighbors and friends. With all these projects, I have been blessed to be the liaison for the partnership with Clint Kunze and Lutherhaven's Servant Adventure youths.

Upon reflection, I think it is time for me to start retiring. There is a new generation quite capable of taking some responsibilities off my shoulders. I do not know if I will be selected, but I would like to be ready to serve there if they ask.



Our retreat breakfast at SMC—great food.



National Day of Prayer

By Janice DeVoe

On Thursday May 5th our nation is calling all believers in Almighty God to pray. We need the supernatural intervention of God to turn the direction of the United States of America from division and destruction. There are forces of evil that are trying to destroy us, and the prayers of believers in Jesus Christ are needed. The Scripture, which is the theme of National Day of Prayer 2016, is Isaiah 58:1, “Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.” In other words, wake up America!

Please join with other Christians to pray on May 5th in the Silver Valley. There will be announcements by posters, social media and the newspaper about where you can go to pray. Visit the website www.nationaldayofprayer.org to find more information. You can also contact Janice DeVoe at 682-5766, or Tommie Lewis at 512-9327.

Silver Valley Ministerial Society

By Scott Ross

At a recent meeting of the Silver Valley Ministerial Society, Judy Blalack of the Fuller Center had opportunity to meet the new facilitator for the Society, Scott Ross. Scott has recently taken on the role of Chaplain of the Shoshone County Sheriff's Office and has agreed to facilitate the organization and meetings of the Society. Judy was able to share some of the vision and purpose of the Fuller Center and the need for volunteers and work projects for the 2016 project year. As well, the members of the Society were able to share with Judy the theme of “Dare to Imagine” which is the focus of much of what the Society is hoping to accomplish into the future.

“Dare to Imagine”

This is a claxon that has sounded in the Silver Valley for the last couple of years. A group in the valley that has taken on this slogan as a focus to breathe new energy into its existence is the Silver Valley Ministerial Society. The Silver Valley Ministerial Society has been a part of the community for years and has been a “Steady Eddie” of spiritual focus for many of the pastors of the region. Now the Society has come together, invigorated to do some of its own imagining. Do we dare to imagine and if we do, are we willing to act on those imaginations?

Dare to imagine -- A Silver Valley where the churches of the valley believe and then act on the idea of taking care of one another and do joint ministry together,

Dare to imagine – A Silver Valley where the churches of the valley believe and then act on the idea that the needs of the valley are bigger than any one ministry,

Dare to imagine – A Silver Valley that is known for its spiritual health and well-being instead of some of the darker issues that have made recent headlines and take up so much of the community resources,

Dare to imagine – A Silver Valley where the churches of the valley have jointly put feet to their imaginations.

That is precisely what is happening with the Silver Valley Ministerial Society. An excitement of inclusion and involvement is growing in the members. Each first Thursday of the month the members meet at Good Samaritan in Silvertown to push forward the many projects it has taken on. As well, the members explore how to build the networking of the churches of the valley with a goal of improving the spiritual health of the Silver Valley. Can we even dare to imagine that the Silver Valley could one day be known as a spiritual haven for its citizens? Some of the projects that the Ministerial Society is presently working on in a new and excited cooperative manner are; Day of Hope, Dare to Imagine summer camp, Teacher's Appreciation Day, Police Officers' Appreciation Day, and working to bring Christian Aid Society coming under the oversight of the Ministerial Society. Any pastor, youth pastor, minister or clergy are invited to come and attend the meetings and become a part of seeing the Silver Valley reached with the gospel. In addition, ministries of the valley that would like to attend and take a few minutes to share their particular vision, needs and goals are invited to attend. Contact with Scott Ross can be made at scott_ross@ntm.org.



At the retreat dinner at the Wallace Inn, long time supporters of SVFCH gathered in recognition of everyone's efforts to make this a successful organization. A few are pictured here. Seated are Rev Ken & Cherri Bartle of Our Savior Lutheran Church. (Rev. Kate LePar of this church was on the original steering committee.) Clint Kunze is director of the Shoshone Mt. Retreat who hosts all those Servant Adventure youth work crews who help with our projects in the summers. Standing are Norma & Jim Seaton—Norma was the first president and she & Jim chaired the Dena Mora project for years; Judy Blalack, full time volunteer since 1993; and Darnell Kriedeman, Vice President and one of our homeowners. Darnell brings insight from the homeowner's perspective.

We were also fortunate to have Fr. Jerome Montez return from St.

Maries in time to join us. He represented the Catholic Churches in the Valley—as Fr. George King was instrumental in starting the organization and was the President of the Steering Committee in 1992.

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A Special Thank You

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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 \$ _____.
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- ❖ I can make a no-interest loan for \$ _____. Please call about working out the details.
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- ❖ I would like to help with construction and/or committee work. Please call me to help or send a volunteer form.

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Coming Events

- April 12—Board and Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- May 5—National Day of Prayer
- June 17 – 19—First Fuller Center Bicycle Adventures come to help with SVFCH projects
- June 21—Ride the Wall, registration 4-6 PM, Event starts at 6 PM, Snake Pit, Enaville
- June 24-26—Second Fuller Center Bicycle Adventures come to help with SVFCH projects
- June 25—Annual Pig Roast, 4-7 PM, Kellogg City Park



April Muhs presents an appreciation certificate to Lisa Martin and Tee Jay Larsen at Sam's Restaurant.

Photo by Ellie



Judy Blalack & Tom Richards discuss organizing Ride the Wall at The Snake Pit where Tom will be hosting it. They were able to connect with Brenda Barton, Fuller Center International, for her help in registering online. Thanks, Brenda!



Board members hold their business meeting at the Mountain View Congregational Church during the retreat. Clockwise: Glory Carlile, Ellie Arguimbau, Bob Larson, Kathy McPeak, CJ Leetch, Darnell Kriedeman, Duane Little, Verne Blalack, and Mike Humphrey. Guests, Clint Kunze and John Delaney are in back.



This house in Osburn will require significant work on the rear of the house where water has leaked through the ceiling. If we buy it, this could be a good project for the 2 Fuller Center Bicyclist groups when they stay to work.



Verne stands outside a home in Osburn we are considering buying as a “fix it upper” for John “Boy” Delaney.



Remember

We have 2 large Fuller Center Bicyclist Adventure Groups coming the last 2 weekends in June. Please call Judy, 682-3240, if you can help with their meals, and also, if you would like to invite some of them to you Sunday services.

We are holding the annual Ride the Wall hosted by the Snake Pit on the longest day of the year, June 21. However, the Rose Lake QRU will not be participating. Kellogg Fire Chief Mark Aamodt is volunteering some EMTs from their department to help and Duane Farkas will be there and with possibly others from the SMC. The Ride’s Registration Form is in this newsletter. A new feature is online registration with the help of Fuller Center International payable by credit card or from your checking account. That link is on the form or you can download it here:

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