

The 2015 Board Retreat Decision

The ReUse Store: Stepping Back and Moving Forward

By Kim Short

Everybody loves the ReUse Store. I know I do. Lots of us shop there for those hard to find repair things, great deals, or simply needed items we can't get elsewhere for the price. Lots of us go in just to browse around and visit with Verne. For a good while we had Kevin, who could just look at some obscure piece of metal and tell you what it was and how it was used.

At our annual board retreat last year, we had to let Kevin go because the store just wasn't making enough money. Verne took over as volunteer manager, and with the help of a few other die hard volunteers, has kept the store open. We don't have enough volunteers and sadly, the store is still not bringing in enough to justify the costs needed to run it, so this year at our annual retreat, we decided to close the store by or before December 31, 2015.

It was a very hard decision, but we are excited about what the freed up resources and money could do in our community. We have done a lot of greater blessing projects in the last year as that is where we are seeing need, and what a blessing those greater blessing projects are! One community member has a new roof and cut his heating costs in half, another's yard doesn't flood, and yet another large family has a safe, affordable home. We get as much as we give on these projects, as there is always much gratitude.

We are also hoping to build another home, so volunteers don't despair! We need you, and we are always looking for more.

We feel that by directing the volunteers and money to some of these areas can bring more benefit to the people in our community. The fate of the ReUse building is still uncertain; we are going to stop taking donations other than large ticket items we can move quickly. At some point we may have to liquidate the inventory, but don't worry it will be well advertised! We promise to keep you posted.

[We are obviously still mulling over various options for the store with the clear understanding that Verne is definitely retiring by the end of the year—his energy gauge is long past empty and he has been running on pure determination. As we truly appreciate the value of the store in our community, we would like to see it continue. So, we would appreciate constructive ideas.--Judy]

... *"Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations"* . . .

Luke 24:40-47



SVFCH Board of Directors started their annual retreat with a lovely dinner at the Country Lane RV Resort. Pictured above are Ellie Arguimbau, Glory Carlile, Kim and Shorty Short,, Duane Little, Darnell Kriedeman, Kevin Hutchings, Verne Blalack, Marilyn White, and Judy Blalack. We truly missed Peggy Morris but were well served by Kaylene who took this photo.



At the retreat, the board conducted their annual meeting with reports from the committees before tackling the ReUse Store issue. They also heard from guests who work with us. Above are R'Gean Lillibridge, Clint Kunze (representing the youth groups at Shoshone Mt. Retreat who help with our projects), Kathy McPherson (Chair of our Ride the Wall bike event) and Marilyn White.

Dena Mora???

Robin Jones is still looking for a co-chair to organize this *fun* fund raising event where we pass out coffee & cookies to travelers on I-90. We do have a trailer for each side so we don't have to erect awnings & tables. Please give her a call at 784-0023.



Photo by Mark Thyr



Beware of this kind of rip-off.

I received a call from one of our Greater Blessings homeowners who had nowhere else to turn. She had been trying to have her home insurance renewed last year but was told that her home needed a new paint job and windows updated. She had contracted with a fellow, who claimed to have worked with Habitat for Humanity, to power-wash, scrape, and paint her home several months ago. She had paid him cash. She complained when she saw the mess he left. He walked off after threatening her—hence no names are used here.

So, I contacted the Mark Thyr Insurance Agency to do a review since Mark does represent several of our homeowners with their insurance. The photo at the left is one he took. The paint was so thin that you can see the wood grain where the strips of old paint hang down. Mark also noted that insurance companies are opposed to the use of plastic over the outside of windows.

Our Greater Blessings Committee members went back to see what we can do. Clint Kunze, from Shoshone Mt. Retreat, and Kerry Sawyer, from Shoshone Glass came also. Clint noted that the paint that needs to be removed will have to be done by adults since there is a danger of it being lead paint. After the walls are cleaned off (as they were supposed to have been), then his youth crews can do the painting. They will start arriving at camp this spring in June. Kerry said that Shoshone Glass will help with storm windows which should make a significant difference in her heat bill.

I am hoping that we will be able to schedule some RV Builders to help with this project. We have not invited them for several years since it was difficult to schedule enough projects consecutively to keep them busy for a week or two. The last time was when we were renovating a home for the Kriedeman family in Smeltonville.

I spoke with a homeowner in Silverton, Nick Berryhill, who is bringing suit against this man. Much of the funds he put up for materials for a new addition disappeared. He didn't even get a building permit. Since the contractor walked off two years ago and left the area open, now black mold is causing a big problem. Mr. Berryhill has been trying to finish his construction on his own.

Please check with local building inspectors before hiring someone to do your work. They can definitely warn you if it is someone they know about.

Judy Blalack, Greater Blessings Chair



Clint Kunze and Kerry Sawyer assess what is needed at this home.

Photo by Judy



Part time worker, Shayne Dean, researches a donated painting to see about listing it on EBay. If you are interested in selling things for us on EBay, we

will give you a percentage of the sale. Please stop in to see Verne Wed-Sat at the ReUse Store.

Photo by Judy

Appreciation



St Rita's Catholic Daughters pose with their certificate of appreciation. Standing, Back row – Kate Absec, Arme Bernhardt, Carol Costa and Carleen Peterson; Standing, Center row – Jackie Kannegaard, Merla Livingston, Jennifer Sieg, Linda Wombolt, Jo Ann Groves, Sharon Waldo, Beth Ferraro and Mona Alfrey; Sitting – Colleen Braun, Jennifer Red and Mary Lennon.

The Catholic Daughters invited the 35+ Fuller Center Bike Adventurers for dinner during their stay. While here, the Bicyclists helped install siding on the Mace home and roofing on the Larson home. They also sent us very nice monetary gifts.



Board member, Duane Little, presents a certificate to Michelle Horning and Chris Neville of the Lucky Friday Unit of Hecla Mining Company. They have been sending us a very welcome annual gift.



Verne and Brad Feiser take a break at the ReUse Store to try the futon they assembled. Remember each kid gets to select a free book from the shelves behind the futon.

Greater Blessings



Rick Gilbert spends an afternoon teaching the Mace family how to install interior window and door casings in their home.



Kevin Hutchings and Clint Kunze meet with Scherry Colhoff at her home to determine how to prevent her back yard from flooding and soaking under the floor of a room where it is affecting the floor beams. First a drain must be dug before tackling the floor. We can use volunteers to do the digging now since the ground is thawed. Otherwise, we will have to wait until Clint's kids arrive in June at the Shoshone Mountain Retreat. If interested in helping with this project, call Judy at 682-3240.



This organ is free for a good home. It must have an electrical problem as all lights glow, but the pedals do not work.

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Greater Blessings

Shannan Souza, Diana Burbridge, Judy & Verne Blalack, Silver valley Assembly of God Church

Honoring Peggy

The Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing wishes to honor the memory of Peggy Morris for her continued support. She hosted our annual retreats with a gracious smile and was delighted to have us there in the off season when business was tight. She also was a frequent shopper at the ReUse Store—seeing at a glance how something could enhance one of her building projects. She had great vision for interior design and energy to make things happen.

We put some \$ in our Greater Blessings fund in her honor since (as Dr. Seuss might say,) “She was a great fix it up chappie”.

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Coming Events

April 14—Board and Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mounting View Congregational Church

May 10—Mother's Day

June 21—Father's Day **and** Ride the Wall, family bike event. *Schedule a fun time with your dad.*

June 27—Annual Pig Roast, 4-7 PM, Kellogg City Park

The date for EXPO has been changed to June. We will keep you posted.



Judy is delighted to receive a large shipment of brushes and rollers from Wooster Brush Company through the North American Retail Hardware Association. They were offered to us by our parent organization, The Fuller Center for Housing based in Americus, Georgia. We were happy to share our good fortune with Clint Kunze of Shoshone Mountain Retreat. This camp, owned by Lutherhaven, has youth crews come from across the US every summer and many of these crews work with us on our projects. Clint says, “500 folks registered to come and serve this summer (for 7 Idaho Servant Adventures weeks this summer)”. They will be using many brushes. ☺

Photo by Clint Kunze

Ride the Wall

Kathy McPherson has designed a new registration form and a map of the route. You can download them from our website: www.svfch.org/bike_event.htm

The registration form will also come in May's newsletter.

Treat your dad—it's Father's Day.

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After dinner and discussions Friday evening, the SVFCH Board of Directors met with guests for a great breakfast Saturday at their Retreat at Country Lane RV & Resort. They completed their meetings during the morning.



Pastor Ian Robertson visits with Verne. Ian is in the process of becoming a partner with the Fuller Center. His immediate concern is with Spokane's homeless and wants to build tiny homes for them to eventually buy.



Rick Gilbert, center, shows the Mace family how to install interior window and door frames. Nathanael begins on a window at left and Ethan is watching on the right.

Photos by Judy

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