

# THE SILVER BULLETIN

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**FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING**

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## SV Fuller Center

### Key Volunteers

**President** - Mike Humphrey  
**Vice President** - Ed Vang  
**Secretary** - Haley Gosline  
**Treasurer** - Linda Hurd

### Directors

Judy Blalack  
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Duane Little  
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### Committee Chairs

**Church Relations** - ?  
**Construction** - Bob Larson  
**Family Selection** - Marilyn White  
**Partnership** - ?  
**Nominating** - Haley Gosline  
**PR & \$-Raising** - Judy Blalack  
**Site Selection** - Duane Little  
**Volunteer Coordinator** - ?  
**Hospitality** - ?

### Event Chairs

**Ride the Wall** - Kathy McPherson  
**Pig Roast** - ?  
**Dena Mora** - Seatons & Boothes  
**Walk-A-Thon** - Penny Michael  
**Arts & Craft Fair** - Marilyn White

### Other VIPs

**Family Sponsor** - Janice DeVoe  
**Proof Reader** - Joanne Monteith  
**Mailing Asst** - R'Gean Lillibridge  
**Data Entry** - Becky Stein  
**ReUse Store Mgrs-**  
    Bev Lightner, Kevin Hutchings  
& Verne Blalack  
**Photographer** - Terri Coak  
  
Note the ???.)



Amani McKinnie sends wishes for a lovely Christmas from all of us at the Fuller Center For Housing and the ReUse Store. Amani is Bev Lightner's five-year-old granddaughter.



The Greater Blessings Committee met with Shannon Souza for a small ceremony upon completion of the faulty wiring repair on her home. Duane Little presented Shannon a Greater Blessings Box with envelopes for her repayments of our expenses and Rev. Phil Squire presented her a Bible and blessed her home. Pictured here are Duane Little, Shannon Souza, Rev. Phil Squire, and Judy Blalack, committee chair.

*Photo by R'Gean Lillibridge*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

*Luke 2:10-14\*



Rev. Phil Squire interviews Bev Lightner for the *Silver Bulletin*. Photo by Judy

### "Professional Volunteer," Bev Lightner

By Rev. Phil Squire

On Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, I had the honor of sitting with Bev Lightner in her son's home in Osburn for the purpose of learning more about her past, present, and hopes for the future.

Bev has spent most of her life in the western part of the United States. She was born the oldest of six children, who then lived in Woodland, Washington, for nine or ten years, followed by some time in southern California, then in Redding, California, for a while, and since 1997, has been a resident of the Silver Valley of Idaho.

Along the way, Bev worked in Real Estate, Mortgage Banking, and, now, best of all, as a "professional volunteer," where she is the chair person of the ReUse Store Committee, serves on SVfCH's Board of Directors, and is a co-manager of the ReUse Store.

Bev's husband, John, was also very proud of and active in the ReUse Store. He donated his 1965 Ford pickup truck, an electric Lowrey organ, an antique Victrola record player & record collection, and a good assortment of automotive tools to the store before he passed away on April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2012.

Bev is the parent of three boys and grandma to five, one of whom, 5-year-old Amani, occasionally comes to the store to help grandma. Bev is also the great grandmother of two boys, and, like most grandparents, thinks highly of her offspring and their families.

When you are in Smelerville, stop at the ReUse Store to meet Bev, Verne & Judy Blalack, and some of the other volunteers who spend much of their time there. You may just happen to find something that you can use, or, perhaps you will find that you would like to donate some time helping with loading, unloading, cleaning, doing minor repairs, stocking shelves, and, most rewarding of all, meeting old friends, making new ones, or just being another smiling face at the store.

As Bev says, "Thank you to all of you who repeatedly volunteer your time and energy. We can always use an extra hand."

Think about this. MIGHT THAT HAND BE YOURS?

We will send your donations on for repairing homes destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Note Sandy Recovery on your check. This is like we did for Haiti where the Fuller Center has now built and dedicated 64 homes.



### Paulette's Antique Corner

Our antiques featured for the month, are an antique oak dresser in very good condition \$125, in addition to a beautiful antique horse harness mounted on a vintage mirror only \$40. Photos by Paulette



Our manager has devoted one entire room to Christmas decorations & toys.

Shop here first. We have the best prices in town!



Josh Haralson of Amp Electric replaces old fuse boxes and faulty duct taped wiring with a circuit box with meter at the Souza Greater Blessings site. Our grant from the Laura Moore Cunningham foundation paid \$1000 toward this repair.

Photo by Judy

### 2013 Construction

Clint Kunze of Shoshone Base Camp has asked us to help coordinate a group of 60 volunteers from Wisconsin who would like to work on 6 major projects in the Silver Valley the last weekend in June. They will divide into 6 groups of 10 with an adult for every 2 teenagers.

Please call Clint at Lutherhaven 208-667-3459 if you have ideas where they can help.

## Scenes from the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair



Chris Rust greets Marquita Martinez Sunday morning at the Craft Fair. Marquita provided overnight security for the cash box since different volunteers helped at our booth each day. The table is piled with 8 baskets to be raffled.



Casey Duncan buys a raffle ticket from Denise Durham. We are delighted to learn that Casey's wife, Anne, has been awarded the Shoshone Head Start scholarship at NIC.



Our new volunteer, Ellie Arguibau, (at right) visits with Chris Rust early Sunday before the Craft Fair opened.



R'Gean Lillibridge verifies which of the 8 baskets we raffled goes to these winners. Norene Jones won 2 of them. Don Taylor bought the 2<sup>nd</sup> ticket we sold after his uncle Jim bought the 1<sup>st</sup>. Maybe some of Jim's luck rubbed off since he was one of our winners last year.

Other winners were Joe Cote, (who also won 2), Cindy Sawyer, and Marie Carver. It amazes me that with the 240 tickets well mixed up that 2 people won 2.



Denise Durham sells a raffle ticket to Kathy McPherson. Kathy is chair of the "Ride the Wall" bike event in June.

*Photos by Judy*

We certainly appreciate our Craft Fair Workers:  
Marilyn White, Penny Michael, Denise Durham, Chris  
Rust, Marquita Martinez, Ellie Arguibau, Judy Blalack

We also appreciate the many businesses who donated certificates for these baskets and the hand crafted items from canned goods to crocheted and quilted items donated by individuals.

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Don Ashcraft thanks Glen Partridge for the hardwood that Don used to make tool handles. We can then sell the tools at the ReUse Store. If you have some extra hardwood, please donate some so Don can make more handles.

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Ladonna Boothe, Necia Wright, Tom & Michelle Kilbourne, James Calkins, Daniel McGee, Jacques & Janice Lemieux, Pat & Sharon Hewitt, Barbara & Gordon Canterbury, Tom & Connie Fudge, Lois Boje, Paul & Billie Marie Scheel, Paul Geisler, Marquita McIntire, Lowan Smith, Bob & Barb Launhardt, John Magnuson, Holly Huston, Winnie Williams, Ed & Kathie Vang, John Baillie, Jim Hendrix, Ellie Arguibau, Kellogg Lumber Co., Sunnyside Drug, Doris Kerns Estate, Glen Partridge, Vicki Hardinger, Panhandle Cleaners, Michelle Laine, Tyler Carrico, Sandy Lewis, Catherine Dickinson, Helen Thurston, Norma McGatlin Estate, Linda Hurd, Karen LaGonia

### We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Russ & Bonnie Donohoe  
 In memory of Agnes Beare,  
 and of Jackie Kerns*

*From Marianna Groth  
 In memory of Helen Boudrant  
 and of Pearl Ablutz*

*From Ken & Carolyn Kimpton  
 In memory of Gail & Wally Carlson*

*From Victor & Jean Bachmeier  
 In memory of Bennie Bachmeier*

*From Verne & Judy Blalack  
 In memory of Betty Lavigne*

### Greater Blessings Fund

Judy & Verne Blalack, Gary Gearhart, Shannan Souza,  
 AVISTA Utilities

### 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.
- ❖ 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

Dec 11—Board and Committee Meeting, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church  
**Dec 11—Annual Christmas Potluck dinner, Mountain View Congregational Church**  
**Dec 25—Christmas**



Picture here are Mike Humphrey, Bob Larson, Cory, Trevor, & Karen Harshman, Janice DeVoe, R'Gean Lillibridge, Verne Blalack, Linda Hurd, and Haley Gosline at the November Board meeting. Cory, who earns "sweat equity" hours when working on Fuller projects, explained his concern about the request for a Greater Blessings repair that Cory reviewed. The house is too far gone for us to make repairs and *extremely unhealthy* for the homeowner to remain there. However, the homeowner refuses to move to an assisted living facility.

*Photo by Judy*

I do wish we could wave a magic wand and repair all the ills we see. But, our resources are limited. Some wonder why we just don't give away the items donated to the ReUse Store. We not only need to cover the expenses of operating and improving the store, but our focus is to earn funds to help with our housing ministry—both with new homeowners (we have finished 18 homes) and with Greater Blessings projects where we do minor repairs for homeowners who cannot either afford materials or do the repairs themselves. In neither case, is it a "give away". We expect to be repaid for our expenses so we can then help someone else.

We have used all the \$ in the Greater Blessings fund with various projects this year. If you wish your donation to go into this fund, please note it on your check.

Your Editor, Judy

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Rev. Phil Squire, R'Gean Lillibridge, Shannan Souza and Duane Little admire the repaired wiring which included replacement of old fuse boxes and duct tape splices on Shannan's home.



Kevin & Verne appreciate this extremely large load of lumber donated by Kellogg Lumber Company. These boards will be used for our construction projects & are not for sale.



JROTC members helped with the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair. Here Garrett Kahn and Janee Gibson draw winning tickets for the 8 baskets we raffled off.

*Photos by Judy*



## Wish List

Volunteer Coordinator

Board Secretary

Assistant Newsletter Editor

Volunteers to help at ReUse Store

Pig Roast Chair for 2012

(usually takes a few days during the last 2 weeks of June)

New Homeowner Applicants—

(Call Marilyn at 753-4131 or download application & information at [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org))

Graphic Artist to help with signing, brochures, etc.

*You are invited to our Christmas Potluck,*

*7 PM, December 11, at the*

*Mountain View Congregational Church in Kellogg.*

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