



Capri Ball and Jacques Lemieux joined the SVFCH Board of Directors at the January meeting. Also elected was Terry Sverdsten, who was unable to attend.

Photo by Judy

Silver Valley Fuller Center Holds Elections

During the January meeting, the Board of Directors elected new officers for 2011. Mike Humphrey, Ed Vang and Verne Blalack remained as President, Vice President and Treasurer. Haley Gosline stepped forward to become the secretary. Kathy McPherson retired from that position to have more time in her new role as EMT with the Cataldo/Rose Lake Response Unit.

We are sorry to have Joan Blackburn resign due to health issues. But, we are happy to welcome three new members, Capri Ball, Jacques Lemieux and Terry Sverdsten.

Haiti Update

Fifteen families have been able to move out of the tent camps, away from disease and destruction, into simple, decent, solid homes. Their homes were built from the ground up with the help of donations and volunteer labor through The Fuller Center for Housing, a non-profit ministry dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing worldwide.

With 15 houses now complete--and processes and land in place--the organization's homebuilding efforts are accelerating. The Fuller Center and its partners currently have enough land in Leogane to build 100-140 houses and additional land is being acquired in a village called Balan for the construction of another 50-100 homes. Two Fuller Center volunteer teams from the United States have traveled to Haiti to help build. Another 8 teams are lined up for the first six months of 2011.

For more information see the Fuller Center website at <http://www.fullercenter.org/news/haiti-one-year-later> Our donors sent \$5045, enough for 1 & 2/3 homes.



Becky Stein and Teresa Lavergne renew acquaintance during the mailing of the January newsletter.

Photo by Judy

The Lavergne Family

By Barb Fisher

I could feel Teresa Lavergne and her eleven year-old son, Austin's, excitement and enthusiasm as we talked about their new home in Sunnyslopes.

Teresa is a "native" of the Silver Valley, and she remembers how her family built their own home. Now it's her "turn" to be involved in the building of a home for her and her son. Their new home will be very different than the present one where they are living. "This home will be built on the level, it will be roomier, it will be on one floor, and it will really be mine," Teresa stated.

Teresa enjoys decorating and she can decorate this new home any way she wants it. She has some different ideas about what she wants the home to look like but will have to wait until the home is finished before she can make a final decision. "Decorating will make our home more ours," she said.

Austin is excited about the house! He is looking forward to having his own room and there will just be more space for all of their activities.

One of the things about their new home that Teresa and Austin both are going to enjoy is the front porch.

Teresa is ready for her "sweat equity" schedule, and will bring her enthusiasm with her for the job.

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

John 15:7-8

A REPORT ON OUR GREATER BLESSING ACTIVITIES

By Verne Blalack

In 2010 our low income home improvement and repair program (GB) consisted of : two major bathroom makeovers (one in Wallace and one in Kellogg), one small bathroom repair job in Pinehurst, one mobile home ramp in Osburn and a shed security job in Mullan.

The resources that enabled us to do these improvements came from four sources..

- ❖ From 5% of all unrestricted cash donations.
- ❖ From all donations requested to go to that program. From some recipient repayments and from donations of labor and materials.
- ❖ \$862 came from our 5% tithe. \$226 came from donor restricted donations.
- ❖ \$134 was paid back by recipients.

Especially appreciated was the labor donated on the bathroom overhaul in Wallace and Bob Larson's donation of a lot of his labor, wages and transportation costs on the Osburn mobile home ramp.

The program was designed to be a "don't fix it if we don't already have the funds to pay for it program". However, we underestimated the cost of the Osburn ramp job and have borrowed about \$300 from the general fund to pay for the cost overrun. Therefore, we aren't initiating any more GB activities until we have more money in the GB fund.

For 2011 we hope to provide some volunteer labor and some construction advice (no money) to a family in the Kingston-Cataldo area that has ten children. They have their property and triple wide commercial manufactured building to be installed on it. We may also be working on another improvement property in the Cataldo area. If you really are in need (not just only want) of a small home improvement or repair job, let us know and maybe we can get to it in the latter half of 2011. You can pay us back as you can. Contact us at box 874 Kellogg, 83837; hfhidaho@suddenlink.net or phone 786-6013. As Red Green says, "Keep your stick on the ice, remember we're all in this together."

Little Shop Raffle

Tickets are for sale at: Kingston Kwick Stop, Real Life Ministries Café, Espresso Barn, Furniture Exchange, Bitterroot Mercantile, Josie's Full of Beans, Farmers Insurance, Osburn Gas-Mart, Indelible Tidbits, 1313 Club, Polla's Mart, all the US Banks & AmericanWest Banks in the Valley, Kellogg Lumber Co, Building Maintenance & Supply, and Ace Hardware.

Cost is \$10 ea or 6/\$50. There is a bid of \$1000 for the winning ticket if you don't want the building.

It is a 10' X 12' insulated building wired for electricity. It can be seen at the corner of Furniture Exchange in Kellogg.

You can also buy tickets by mail. We only deliver the building within 25 miles, but it is easy to send the \$1000 if you would rather have it. ☺

Appreciation

In addition to the support through gifts-in-kind (materials), newsletter ads, fund-raising prizes and volunteer labor, we could not function without the monetary help.



Teresa Lavergne presents a certificate to Cindy Moore of Hecla. Hecla made a memorial in honor of Jane Gilman.



Lonny Duce and Evan Birdsell accept a certificate for Shoshone Funeral Services. For years, Lonny & Jenny Duce have been consistent supporters.



Norma Seaton presents a certificate to Haley Gosline, manager of US Bank in Pinehurst. The certificate is in appreciation for the \$2000 grant from the US Bancorp Foundation.

Photos by Judy

Appreciation

I try to not duplicate photos from past years of the churches, businesses, and organizations we honor with certificates. We have over 150 to distribute again this year. ☺ Judy



Angelina Woody and Cary Wong of Wong Financial accept a certificate for their countertop donation. We appreciate Rick Gilbert's help in acquiring the donation for us.

Photo by Judy



On behalf of The GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Capri Ball accepts a certificate from Jacki Huber. We thank Kevin Hutchings for his help in soliciting and delivering the sheets of siding and trim.

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Judy Blalack presents a certificate to Marco A Rojo of Casa de Oro for supporting SVFCH with their ad in the newsletter. Note the dinner discount with their ad.

Photo by Vern Hanson



Gary and Lesley Stephenson of A Taste of Aloha accept a certificate for their help by providing a fund raiser prize. They will be relocating to another location in Wallace soon.

Photo by Judy



Capri Ball presents a certificate to Janice Berti of JB's Country Garden & Gifts. Janice has provided floral bouquets for many years as a prize for our Walk-A-Thon. Frequently they have been candy bouquets—delighting our participating kids.

Photo by Judy



Rick Asher of North Idaho Trading Co. accepts a certificate from Teresa Lavergne. For several years, Rick has provided us with a lovely carved wooden bowl as part of our Christmas Basket of Plenty raffle at the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair in November.

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We are honored to receive this memorial.

*From Wayne & Debbie Kovash,
In memory of Judy Regan*

Greater Blessings Projects Fund
Donation from Verne & Judy Blalack

ExperienceWorks

Experience Works is a national, charitable, community-based organization that helps older adults get the training they need to find good jobs in their communities. For more than 40 years they have devoted themselves to helping people break out of poverty and reclaim their lives and dignity through work. If you are 55 years of age and unemployed, please call (208) 765-5191 to find out what programs or resources you may qualify for.

We have had an excellent relationship with them and Swede, who has learned carpentry skills while working at our construction sites. Now, we could use a bookkeeper.

Their web is

<http://www.experienceworks.org/site/PageServer>

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.
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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

- Feb 8—Partnership/Construction/PR & Fund Raising, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- Feb 8—Board Meeting, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- Feb 14—Saint Valentine's Day—Let's pray for peace & love. ♥



Verne & Jerry Brantz unload the dryer from the washer & dryer set donated by Jerry & Trecia. *Photo by Judy*

**Please join us in prayers for our good friends.
These special folks are fighting cancer.**



Joe & Rose Mary Peak of The Enaville Resort who have helped for years with our Bike the Wall & Pig Roast.



They both are ill.



Rich Pringle who came with his wife, Vera, as Care-A-Vanners for several years in the 1990s. In 2004 they returned to served as leaders for the group.



Capri Ball, Verne Blalack, Haley Gosline, Jacques Lemieux, and Kathy McPherson attend the January Board meeting.



Others at the meeting were Lois Boje, Marilyn White, Mike Humphrey, Norma Seaton, Bob Larson, and Christopher Leetch.
Photos by Judy



Darnell Kriedeman earns “sweat equity” hours by helping Christina Derbyshire write grants. We definitely need the funds awarded through grants to continue with our housing ministry construction.



Manager Heather Litz and Sue Evans accept a certificate at AmericanWest Bank in Wallace for their help in selling “Little Shop” raffle tickets.

See page 2 for other ticket sale locations. We need to sell about 60 more before we can hold the drawing

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