

LIVING THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

By Verne Blalack

During WWII Great Britain sailors that survived WW1 shipwrecks survived WWII shipwrecks at greater rate than did their younger companions not because of the different circumstances, but because having survived before they were more hopeful they could survive again and were less inclined to give up.

While constructing our first Silver Valley low income homes, and needing help, I found out that, if I hung in long enough, Ron Boothe would recruit volunteers for me. He was a fantastic recruiter! His approach was “you have an opportunity to . . .” Unfortunately, I’m too stubborn to ask for help. I just hang in there—like a bulldog.

Fortunately, like those WWII British shipwreck survivors, I have learned that persistence pays. Even though I sometimes have volunteers at the ReUse Store that can’t or choose not to work more than just one day, I appreciate everyone whether they can count change, communicate well, or can read. They’ve all been helpful. When I have none, I carry on with the phone in my pocket (John Wollaston says I need roller skates if I’m going to act as a car hop.) Those days are few as R’Gean Lillibridge, Ellie Arguimbau, Kimberly Short, Kathy Mc Peak, the wonderful Haynes family, CJ Leetch, Elda Brown and Andrew Lane frequently help me in this wonderful quest.

Every day is a new challenge (*Not a Problem*) and not only are we providing a needed community service, but we are, I’m glad to report, making money. Oh yes, and we’re glad to see those community service young folk –“thanks kids”. You don’t have to get into trouble to help us. Come over any time.



As an anniversary gift, Judy presented Verne at May’s Board Meeting with the typed 990 tax form he had finally finished the night before—with a day to spare before the mailing deadline. This was his night shift work at home for many months.

Photo by Ellie Arguimbau



Judy Blalack and Keri Alexander enjoyed visiting about the Fuller Center’s projects and the News Press during the Good Samaritan Center’s Hula celebration.

Photo by John Wollaston



Dr. Filip Orban donates his time painting bedrooms at the Mace home with Makayla in preparation for their open house on May 31.

Photo by Christina Mace

Commit your works to the Lord and your thoughts will be established
Proverbs 16:3



This very nice 8 foot tall door complete with casing, jam and hinges is for sale at the ReUse Store for only \$50.



Andrew Lane used his pickup to haul this nice sofa donated by Delmar & Judy Kitchen.

Some of the many other things donated by the Kitchens are a dining table with a set of 6 chairs. Below, Judy Kitchen holds the fabric she bought to cover the seats on those chairs.



Photos by Judy

Remember The Pig Roast Is on the last Saturday in June



SVFCH president, Don Taylor, and Pig Roast Chair, Jessica Haynes, help inventory the Pig Roast supplies stored in a shed in Osburn. Chef Don will be cooking the pork and chicken again this year.

I am delighted that Jessica is volunteering as Chair of this committee. She and her family really were assets last year helping with serving and cleanup.

With 2 other events scheduled on Saturday, June 28,—the recumbent bicyclers will be staying at the Guest House Inn and a Classic Car Show will be held in the Gondola parking lot—we are anticipating a nice crowd and doubling the amount of BBQed meats so there will be plenty for everyone. *We can use more help with serving, etc.* Please give me, Judy, a call at 682-3240 if you can help.



Nathanael, Ethan, Joshua and Verne load SVFCH scaffolding that was no longer needed at the Mace site.

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Calendar of Events

- June 8—Holy Family Catholic School 8th graders & chaperones will work at the Mace site
- June 10—Committee & Board meetings, 6:30 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- June 21—**17th Annual Ride the Wall**, family bike event, 6 PM, the Mission Inn, Cataldo
- June 28—**22nd Annual Pig Roast**, 4-7 PM, Kellogg City Park

Greater Blessings Fund

Diana Burbridge, Assembly of God Church, Kellogg, Rex Gettman, Shannan Souza, Verne & Judy Blalack, Penny & Dan Michael

We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Penny & Dan Michael
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*From Wayne & Debbie Kovash
 In Memory of their father, Jim Smith*

*From Billie Marie Scheel
 In Memory of her husband, Paul Scheel*

*From Rich & Vera Pringle
 In Memory of Paul Scheel*

*From Verne & Judy Blalack,
 In Memory of Paul Scheel*



Bob Beitz brought us this very nice entertainment center.



Shawn Dunnigan meets with Christina Mace to decide when to help lay her carpets. It will have to be after the "Open House" on May 31.
Photos by Judy

Dear Friends,

My dear husband, Paul Scheel, died on April 7, 2014. He had not been well for about a year and a half.

Some of you may remember that we were on the first build of the two story home for the Lanes. It was a wonderful experience for both of us. We will always remember our time with all of you.

God Bless you, Billie Marie Scheel

(The Scheels have been our friends and staunch supporters since 1994. Judy)

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Riley Robertson shows his grandma, Laura Tawney, how strong he is by lifting a table donated from his great grandparents, Charles and Mary Tawney's estate.



Jim Taylor, of Taylor Made Construction, measures the depth of the terraces that will be constructed at the Mace home on June 8. This is the project the 8th grade graduates from the Holy Family Catholic School in Cd'A will tackle on their annual excursion to the Silver Valley.

Landscaping—plants needed

On June 8, the graduating class from the Holy Family Catholic School in Cd'A will spend 3 hours with their chaperones (about 30 in all) working on a landscaping project at the Mace site. Under Jim Taylor's supervision, they will be learning how to terrace a hillside that is slumping toward the house.

It will be the perfect time to plant shrubs like lilacs, old fashioned roses, and perennials like iris to help stabilize the soil. There will also be room for a vegetable and herb garden.

If you have plants, bulbs and/or fruit trees you would like to share with them, please call Judy at 682-3240.



Wish List

Gleaner—must have own pickup.

We can help with gas. At this time, Verne is the main man for picking up and delivering.

Pig Roast helpers on June 28—call Judy at 682-3240

Riders for Ride the Wall family bike event, June 21.

Registration forms are available at Excelsior Cycle, The Mission Inn, The Wallace Inn, & the ReUse Store and can be downloaded at www.svfch.org or call Judy at 682-3240.

Construction Supervisors and construction helpers to work on Greater Blessings projects.

Volunteer Coordinator

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