

## Art Deco Door – For Sale

*Make a Bid ☺*



On Wednesday, Feb 22, the wind decorated our front door at the ReUse Store. After a gust caught and tore it from its hinges, it blew the door clear across the sidewalk and made the interesting birdlike patterns in the safety glass. It will be for sale (pretty cheaply) after another door with more insulation replaces it.



*Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*

**Psalms 37:3**



Marlene Martin addresses a joint luncheon of the Valley's Chambers of Commerce on the results of the Community Review. Vern Hanson spoke first on the recommendations for economic development and Marlene explained about housing. Both stressed the need to get the word out that the Silver Valley is a friendly, nice place to live—contrary to the Super Fund stigma. For further information, contact either Vern or Marlene.

In addition to coordinating Shoshone County Housing's collaboration with SVFCH, Marlene assists the Fuller Center by advising our home-owners with their budgets.



Verne & Judy Blalack work late at the office. Verne works to reconcile the accounts for the 990 tax forms and to give the data to Judy for the monthly donors and a financial report in April's *Silver Bulletin* issue.

## Furniture Fire

*Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.*

*--Arnold Bennett, English novelist*

There's been a major change in your home you probably didn't even notice. Over the last generation, the make-up of home furnishings has changed dramatically bringing an entirely new and dangerous threat from fire.

Unlike the wood and natural fabric furniture that was in your grandmother's house, today's furnishings are made predominantly from synthetic materials whose base is highly flammable petrochemicals: polyurethane foam padding, engineered wood with flammable glues, and both rigid and flexible plastic finishes. Even the fabric on your favorite overstuffed chair may be highly flammable if not treated with fire retardant processes.

If these materials catch fire (perhaps from a carelessly dropped cigarette, a flying spark or an unattended hot appliance) the chances of the fire spreading quickly are significant. Even worse, the dense black smoke from these materials is full of highly toxic gases that can kill you with just a few breaths in only a few seconds. The list of these gases (carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, hydrogen cyanide, and sulfuric acid, just to name a few) reads like a witches' brew of toxics.

Underwriter's Laboratories, a national testing lab, conducted a side-by-side fire test of two prototypical living rooms: one with modern furniture, the other with "legacy" furnishings. The test can be seen at

[https://www.ul.com/room\\_fire/room\\_fire.html](https://www.ul.com/room_fire/room_fire.html). Both rooms were ignited by placing a lit stick candle on the side of the sofa. The fires were allowed to grow until flashover, where the ceiling temperature reaches about 1100° F. **The modern room reached flashover in 3 minutes and 30 seconds and the legacy room at 29 minutes and 30 seconds.**

What does that mean for you and your family's safety? Given today's furnishings, you should evacuate immediately if your smoke alarm sounds or if you discover a fire. Don't think that your smoke alarm will give you time to get up in the middle of the night, get dressed, investigate the noise, and try to take some heroic action like trying to put the fire out.

Here are a few simple reminders:

- ❖ Check your smoke alarm(s) regularly. Replace batteries at least once a year.
- ❖ Smoke alarms more than ten years old should be replaced.
- ❖ Have and practice a family escape plan. You can get details at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/index.shtm> or by contacting your local fire department.
- ❖ In the event of a fire, get out and stay out.
- ❖ Let the trained fire fighters in their protective clothing and breathing apparatus take care of the fire.

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WE certainly appreciated the smiles as Kaitee and Johanna Simmons, and Beth Dodge scrubbed floor, mirrors, and appliances at the ReUse Store.



Moe & Joyce Pellissier are helping on Mondays. Here Moe sets up the scales donated by Steins that we use for weighing nails while Joyce vacuums.



Moe Pellissier and CJ Leetch begin sorting donated items from Vernie Logan's estate.



Judy Blalack and Jennifer Wallace, Palouse Habitat ED, met with an Advanced Multimedia Authoring class at WSU. Judy has been webmaster for the Idaho state Habitat for Humanity organization since 2003. Jennifer will assume that responsibility with updating ideas from the WSU students.

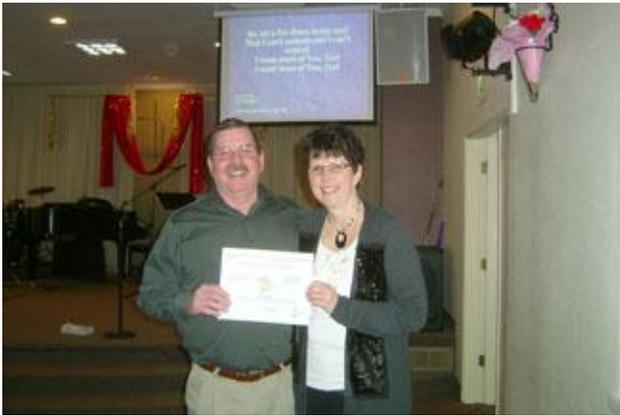
# Appreciation



Pharmacist Linda Fischer holds a certificate for Yoke's Pharmacy. They have supported the newsletter with ads for many years starting in Pinehurst as Gary's Pharmacy.



Ronnie Hurd of Ron's Sportsman accepts his certificate for donating prizes for our Walk-A-Thon and Christmas basket raffle at the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair.



Mark & Carey Schram of the Christian Life Center accept a certificate for Carey's help with the Kriedeman home dedication and also for Dena Mora cookies.



Judy Blalack and Bev Lightner present a certificate to Rev. Gary Brown at the Kingston Baptist Church. Bev encouraged her fellow church members to volunteer with her at the ReUse Store.

*Photo by Judy*



Ralph Jacobs receives a certificate from Mike Humphrey. Jacob's Plumbing has pulled the plumbing permit and has helped in other ways, also, with our construction projects for many years.

*Photo by Brian Humphrey*



Dan McCracken holds TerraGraphics certificate. Also pictured are Scott Brown, Bea Radford, Erin Radford, Ken Fisher, Tarita Harju, Frank Parker, Shawn Hollis, Randie Melton, Joe Mierzwinski, Ginger Rogers-Moore, Matt DeHart, and Chris Hewitt. We appreciate all they donated for resale at the ReUse Store.

*Other Photos by Judy*

*We thank these businesses for supporting our newsletter.*



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### We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Robert & Dana Stovern  
In Memory of Rose Mary Peak*

*From Marianna Groth & Jon Groth  
In Memory of Gretchen Fjelstad*

*From Glenn & Marbie Higbee  
In Memory of Rosemary Peak  
And of Charles Hugdahl*

*From Marie Muir  
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### Greater Blessings Projects Fund

Josephine M Davis, Verne & Judy Blalack,  
Marilyn & Tom Patton

### 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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- I do not wish to be on your mailing list.

I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

### Coming Events

Mar 16-17—Board Retreat, GuestHouse Inn & Suites  
**Apr 8—Easter**  
Apr 14—EXPO, Sunny Side School, 10 AM to 4 PM



Thank you, Our Savior Lutheran Church, for your continued financial support since this organization began.

### Grant

We appreciate Glory Carlile's efforts that resulted in our receiving a grant from TRI-STATE. Thank you both.



Brock White donated a very large TV and the smaller TV he is holding. The smaller TV sold later that day.



We are *delighted* to receive a gift from Donald & Noel Morin honoring mom, Shirley Schierman, on her birthday.



Tyson Carter loads Verne with part of a large donation of stain from Ace Hardware in Kellogg.



Judy Ashcraft helps her husband, Don, while he sorts a variety of tools, screws, nails, etc. Don does it all by feel since he is our "blind carpenter."



Carey Sawyer of Shoshone Glass and Verne discuss options for replacing the front door. Verne would like to have one with lots of insulation.



## WISH LIST

**Volunteers willing to work for several hours or half or whole day at the ReUse Store on Wednesdays Fridays and Saturdays. It really helps to have a calendar schedule for helpers so we can then schedule gleaning and construction projects.**

### **Fund Raising/PR Committee members.**

- **Volunteers to create a Power Point presentation and photo album.**
- **More ideas for fund raisers and volunteers to help with them.**
- **Facebook site developer.**

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