



At their annual retreat, SVFCH board of directors and volunteers enjoy a dinner at The Hill Top Inn. Shown here are Verne and Judy Blalack, Ellie Arguimbau, John Boy Delaney, Duane Little, Shawn and Teresa Truelove, Tami Atkins, Jim Taylor, Paulette Ross and John Hopper. Volunteers: Shawn and Jim have served as construction supervisors, and Paulette is a graphic artist who has composed our Ride the Wall poster for several years.

*Photo by board member, Kathy McPeak*

### Annual Retreat

SVFCH Board met first for a dinner Friday evening with some of their volunteers. Saturday they enjoyed a breakfast at the Shoshone Medical Center's cafeteria followed by business meetings at The Mountain View Congregational Church.

Treasurer, Tami Atkins, and the finance committee will be using her data to complete a budget needed for grant writing.

Judy Blalack presented a 2019 calendar of events showing. In June we will host the Fuller Center **Bicycle Adventures** who will put in a day of labor while here and will visit various churches on Sunday.

**Ride the Wall** is on Friday, June 21. Online registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/y9rt5sbm>

The 1313 Club will partner with us again for the **Farmer's Market** in August.

On September 14 we will host our **22<sup>nd</sup> Walk-A-Thon**.

Our **Christmas Raffle Basket(s)** will be at the annual Silver Valley Arts and Craft Fair, Nov 2-3.

[We appreciate the discount from Yoke's Foods on our noon pizzas.]

Following the meetings we toured Kellogg searching for property for our next homeowner project. We need a 3-bedroom home.

### The Fuller Center International



At the recent Fuller Center for Housing International Board meeting, Judy Blalack presented President David Snell with a **tithe check from SVFCH**. Our first president while we were with Habitat, Norma Seaton, insisted we make a monthly tithe, noting that the Lord repays many times over.

Our tithe goes toward building materials for homes in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. **The average cost is \$5,000 for a 400 sq. ft. home.** Some have outside kitchens and toilets depending on existing conditions, including climate and running water. Construction is with concrete blocks or bricks—a huge upgrade from dirt floors, flimsy walls and thatch roofs. In other locations the homes have indoor kitchens and toilets. These are safe, clean, secure homes that fit the culture. **People with secure dwellings don't want to emigrate. These overseas Fuller groups tithe back to the Fuller Center where the funds are reinvested in new projects.**

The Fuller Center is building in 19 countries. Global Builders travel to 14 of these countries. Twenty-nine trips are already full, but there are 11 more with open registration. Learn more at <https://fullercenter.org/upcoming-trips/>

**Habitat for Humanity has put a moratorium on accepting new affiliates and is setting the requirements high for small affiliates. They are giving those who don't make the cut three options: go on their own; find another non-profit partner; or join The Fuller Center. They provide our contact information and are making the transitions as smooth as possible—allowing them to keep their assets. We are working with 15 affiliates who will become Covenant Partners like SVFCH.**

Judy went expecting to resign her second term of office due to the difficulty of making it to Americus, Georgia. But, she will be able to attend future meetings by video and so will remain on the board. She represents the western US and also the small Covenant Partners with hands on local experience. With the transfer of additional Habitat affiliates, the west will be better represented.

*For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.*

Hebrews 3-4

## Dare to Imagine

By Shayleen Jerome



Judy and Verne enjoy the appreciation dinner where high school youths were honored.

**Dare To Imagine** was originated by the members of the Ministerial Association and the three Silver Valley School Superintendents.

We chose the name “**Dare To Imagine**”, because it is so universal. From a young child daring to imagine that they can make a free throw, to our group daring to imagine what our community would be like with no unemployment and no suicide.

It is our goal that when facing adversity, to replace despair and depression with hope and to imagine a solution and a brighter future. And we want to inspire our youth to “**Dare To Imagine**” their future and strive to embrace their own goals.

So what have we accomplished toward our goals?

Our first major project was creating a summer school program that was founded on building good morals and a strong character.

Children from across the Silver Valley have attended our four day programs over the past three summers. The school is free and the first two years we averaged 160 youth. But the past two years we have had 250+ participants, and over 100 volunteers.

We are currently working towards laying the foundation for the upcoming summer school program as well. It will be held Monday, July 22nd - Thursday July 25th.

This year's activities include

- basketball,
- arts and crafts,
- drama,
- music,
- mountain biking,
- cooking,
- a science program with the Mobius Science center out of Spokane,
- and an aeronautics and aviation program, golf, equestrian, and various other activities.

**In addition to the summer program, our group has tried to improve our valley by encouraging volunteerism and community leadership.**

We have also have launched a community volunteer appreciation dinner. The first two years we provided a dinner to recognize community leaders throughout the valley. This was a no cost dinner that included mayors, council people, school board members, county commissioners and other community leaders. The past year we had decided to not just honor community leaders, but also community volunteers. This year we have chosen to recognize high school students, from the three local high schools, that exemplify the spirit of volunteerism. They are: from Kellogg—Sierra Keele, Grant Turner, and Chloe Wilbur; from Wallace—Will Farkas, Maggie Howard, and John Webb; from Mullan—Emily Dykes and Riley Trogden.

While I stated at the beginning that the Dare To Imagine Committee was originated by the members of the Ministerial Association and the three school superintendents. Our group has now grown to include several community volunteers. We usually meet once per month at 8 A.M. on the first Wednesday of each month. We welcome anyone that share our goals to join our committee and our effort to encourage everyone to “**Dare To Imagine**” a better life and brighter future for the Silver Valley.



After breakfast at the Shoshone Medical Center’s cafeteria, the Board met for their annual retreat in the glass room at The Mountain View Congregational Church. Pictured above are Duane Little, Verne Blalack, Kathy McPeak, Gina Doerschel, John Boy Delaney, John Hopper, Tami Atkins, and Ellie Arguimbau.



Verne gets wood ready to put under the jacks as John Hopper removes a flat tire from the tool truck. The truck had been parked on a slope making the job more difficult. Had the water risen, the truck could not be moved.



Following the Board Retreat meeting, the directors, John Boy Delaney, Tami Atkins, Ellie Arguimbau, Kathy McPeak, and Verne Blalack, reviewed what was left in a storage unit in Kellogg. In addition to some construction materials, some other items are entertainment centers, mattresses, and electric water heaters. The items left will be for sale. Please contact Tami Atkins at 208-512-1997 to see when they will be available. *Photos by Judy*



Son, George Blalack, and John Boy Delaney finish clearing the items stored after the close of the ReUse Store. The merchandise and tools were left under the Blalack’s carport for a year. Judy wanted her carport back. Thanks guys.



Verne finds a cozy spot with a heater inside his red “Man Cave” shed where he continues to recycle donated metal.



Verne & Judy “manned” an information display at the Dare to Imagine dinner. Nice to have friends stop by saying they read the newsletter. ☺

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*Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report: if there is any virtue and if there is any praise,, think about these things.*

*Philippians 4:8*

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### Coming Events

**May 12—Dedication of Krista Kirby's home, 2 PM**

**May 14—Board & committee meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg**

**June 14-16 Fuller Bike Adventurers**

**June 21—Ride the Wall family Bicycle event, 6 PM, The Snake Pit, Kingston/Enaville**

**July 22-25—Dare to Imagine**



Tammy Spears and Gwyneth Faye join Susan Bourne, Jill Jackson and Ellie Arguimbau at the April newsletter mailing workshop. We need more helpers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays each month starting at 9 AM at St. Rita's Parrish Hall, Kellogg. Call Judy at 208-682-3240 to volunteer for a couple hours.

Our next homeowner-to-be needs to live in Kellogg where she has 2 jobs but no car. We conform to HUD guidelines so she needs a 3 bedroom home. Thus, we are looking for property in Kellogg. We do accept donated homes that we can renovate or will purchase one at a very minimal cost. **Remember**, your donation can be used toward your taxes, including discounts on the property. Please call Tami Atkins if you have such property at 208-512-1997.

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While at the Board of Directors meeting in Americus, Georgia, Judy met with The Fuller Center for Housing President, David Snell, Bike Adventure Director, Connor Ciment, and Board Chairman, Bill Lee. **The Bike Adventurers will be here June 14-16 to spend a day helping on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.** Connor, however, will be leading a different group on a new ride called Parks & Peaks circling from Portland to many parks such as Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, & Glacier. They will spend a day working with our newest Idaho Covenant Partner in Bonners Ferry before returning to Portland.

As with the ride coming here, you can sign up for the whole trip or segments.

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