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University of Idaho students dig a trench so AVISTA could lay an electrical line to the Lake home.

Photo by Chris Leetch



Kyle Scott finished his 3 mile walk during our 12th Annual Walk-A-Thon.

Photo by Judy

U of I Volunteers

On Saturday, September 26th, 35 to 40 volunteers from the University of Idaho arrived to help with 3 building sites. While Bob Larson supervised some in Kellogg working on the "Little Shop" and Kevin Hutchings supervised others continuing the building of a little storage shed on our lot in the Polaris Addition in Osburn, most worked at the Lake homesite on Sunny Slopes with Jim Taylor of Taylor Made Construction supervising.

They stayed overnight at the Shoshone Base Camp leaving there early to be ready to build at 8 AM and were fed a luscious lunch at St. Alphonsus Church with help from the Catholic Daughters of both St. Rita's and St. Alphonsus Churches. Bob Otto brought his large homemade BBQ to cook the burgers and hotdogs donated by Walmart.

These freshmen and their supervisors were fantastic help. Josh Dean, their coordinator from the ASUI Center for Volunteerism & Social Action sent this message:

"Thank you for the wonderful weekend, everyone had a great time and please pass on our thanks to the people who provided our meal and to all of the construction guys."



But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Walk

A clear sunny day and 15 energetic walkers. That is all it takes to raise nearly a thousand dollars for the Fuller Center for Housing. Imagine if we had 50 entries. The people that participated each won a prize or two, and boy were the prizes great this year. Everything from \$50.00 gift certificates at Building Maintenance to hair cut certificates and chocolate from EJ's in Wallace. Hope to see you all there next year as there is no better feeling than helping our locals help our locals with affordable housing.

PENNY & DAN MICHAEL

Walk Participants: Helen Blalack, Judy Blalack, Josephine Davis, Teral Ellis, Tim Fort, Carrie Garner, Beth Grigg, Marlene Martin, Penny Michael, Tina Scott, Kyle Scott, Katie Sullivan, Nola Sullivan, Krista Wenzel

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U of I students work measuring wall board at left, digging an electrical trench in front, sloping the soil away from the house at right and installing wall board inside the Lake's family home.

Photo by Judy



U of I volunteers and Adam Hutchings help roof and side a storage shed with Kevin Hutchings's supervision.

Photo by Judy



Under Jim Taylor's supervision, U of I students install sheetrock on the ceiling and walls at the Lake site.

Photo by Chris Leetch

A Great Day to Walk



Kyle Scott, Penny Michael, Tina Scott, Barb Newell and Patti Houchin set up the registration table for the Walk



Rev. Dave Langer from the Mt. View Congregational Church offers a blessing on the event.

Photos by Judy

All the businesses who donated prizes and refreshments for this event earned our gratitude: JB's Country Garden, Cattails Antiques, Meister Burger, Silver Valley Car Wash, Albi's Steak House, Best Little Hair House, Oasis Museum, Pizza Factory, EJ's Pizza & Chocolates, Building Maintenance & Supply, Sports Cellar, Valley Vintage, Papa Murphy's Take & Bake Pizza, Silver Pine Trading Post, McDonald's of Kellogg, and Barney's Sooper Market.

We had more prizes than walkers so these gifts will be included with our Christmas raffle at the S V Arts & Craft Fair.



Using the concession trailer borrowed from North Idaho HfH, Dana and Bob Stovern serve coffee, tea, and cookies to those journeying along I-90. *Photo by Judy*

Musings from Two Volunteer Coffee and Cookie Dispensers

By Norm Dubiel

Judy Blalack phoned the other day obviously wanting to talk to Mary Lou, who wasn't available, and she proceeded with: "You are going to Dannemora tomorrow" (a prison in NY state) and I said I didn't think so! She said "Oh." I then said I think we will be at the rest stop in Montana on the 29th and she said, "It will be all over by then" – whereupon I used my trump card and stated I would let my social director earn her keep by directing me through this project. Judy then stated, "I want you to write an article (Me? Norm?) about the experience." I thought "Oh Boy! – my Big Chance" and said "sure". She then said, "OK, Bye". That's Judy – a no-nonsense phone talker.

Then started my literary career . . .

The big day came and Mary Lou and I got up at 6am, all primed to be part of the closing volunteer staff of a one-week fund raising project at the rest stop of mile marker # 5, Dena Mora in Montana. Both east and west areas are furnished with small travel trailers made over into "food booths" – one belonging to our group and one borrowed from another group. From these, we dispense hot coffee and tea, cool drinks of lemonade, ice tea, etc, and donated homemade cookies to road-weary travelers. Donations by these folks is optional and most are very generous for the goodies and conversation ensuing.

As luck would have it, we encountered delays enroute (construction) and arrived at 8:08, 8 minutes late. No, the timing police were not there. We promptly negotiated the opening of our site, having done this before, including plugging in the electricity and starting two pots of coffee – one large and one smaller and quicker. As we were getting ready for "customers," a tall gentleman approached our trailer on the door/open side of the trailer and stood quizzically and silently facing me. I, being astute that morning chose to ask, "Can I help you?" He said, "I want a 'koookie.'" I, nonpulsed, looked to ML who came around from the front of the trailer and simply said that we weren't quite ready yet. He said, "OK, I understand" and left.

We managed to do better after that and were able to find change left from the previous day's crew and generated with our own looks and charm over \$150. I'm not

bragging, but since I'm retired, I don't see that kind of money anymore – although ML is used to it since she handles my retirement check first off.

But, I digress. By and large we found I-90 westbound folks to be pleasant, generous and law abiding folks. (None of them dipped into the cookie fund or complained about anything really.) Generally, they knew about or were part of a Habitat group/build but knew hardly nil about the Silver Valley which we spoke to.

A few vignettes, if you can stand more:

A mother of 2 children, one a toddler, opted for store bought, familiar cookies rather than homemade.

A trucker delivering full beer kegs to a party in Oregon came for coffee but wouldn't reciprocate in kind!

A gent wearing a cap with an Army Air Corp logo prompted me to ask "were you in fixed wing or rotary? He replied, "Neither, my daughter flies 'warrior' combat missions." I donated a coffee for her! He was traveling from Alabama to Ft. Lewis in Washington.

A 50-something gent stopped for refreshments and informed us he was one of a group of bicyclists who pedaled across the US from Anacortes, WA, to Bay Harbor ME. They were on a charity mission and the bikers were all 55 and over. They started out June 7, stayed in Bar Harbor about a week and were now returning by vehicles carrying the bikes.

A full car of family with a totally handicapped child whose father took her out for a chance to be in the sun while two little girls stretched by walking in the park area. A gust of wind blew papers, napkins, and even our donation jar out onto the sidewalk in front of the trailer. This man picked up the donation jar before anything could spill out, others gathered our fallen items. I insisted the girls take some candy sprinkled party cookies and after gathering the family into the car again, this gentleman came back to our booth to donate to us!!!

And so it went all day long. *It was a ball for us!* Thanks (Silver Valley home builders) for the privilege. If this tweaks your fancy why not volunteer for next year's fund raiser? Just call Norma at 208-786-9903 or Judy at 208-682-3240 or the office at 208-786-6013.

We would like to thank all the workers who spent time serving at this event: Jim & Norma Seaton, Ron & LaDonna Boothe, Moe & Joyce Pellissier, Marilyn White, Kelly Griffin, Mike Humphrey, RoAnn Humphrey, Duane Little, Bob & Pennee Fisher, Wayne & Marcia Henderson, Janice DeVoe, Amethyst Pelham, Nancy Henderson, Marvin & Janet Lake, Haley Gosline, Heather Garitone, Bob & Dana Stovern, Judy Blalack, Becky Stein, Tom & Connie O'Neill, Norm & Mary Lou Dubiel, Ed & Kathy Vang, and Joan Blackburn

We would also like to thank the many folks who donated cookies and other goodies for the travelers. They were greatly appreciated by us and those who enjoyed a break to drink, snack, and visit. And thanks go to The Real Life Ministry, Josie's Full of Beans, and the Holy Trinity Church for accepting cookies for us, to the Shoshone County Sheriff Dept. for allowing us to leave the \$ raised until it could be deposited, and North Idaho HfH for the use of their concession trailer. We made \$1499.08 and will receive some matching funds from Thrivent.

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*Thank you, Daniel McGee, for your gift
in honor of Holly & John Magnuson*



Glen Barton, Director, US Field Operations, The Fuller Center for Housing, presents a workshop in the Mt. View Congregational Church in Kellogg. Attending above were Barb Fisher, R'Gean Lillibridge, Mike Humphrey, Kathy McPherson, Norma Seaton, Marilyn White, Glen Barton, Duane Little, Joann Carlson, & Donna Stone. Not pictured were Janice DeVoe, Nick Rotunno, and Judy Blalack. Mr. Barton covered issues concerning our enlistment as a covenant partner with the Fuller Center for Housing.

Coming Events

Oct 20—Partnership/Construction & Fund Raising Committees, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
Oct 20—Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church

Yummy Food



The Bike & Build Youth enjoy the dinner provided by the United Church Congregational. *Photo by Mike Humphrey*



The U of I workers welcome a great lunch break at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. *Photo by Chris Leetch*



After Beth Grigg took off running, Nola & Katie Sullivan led the walkers at the Walk-A-Thon. *Photo by Judy*

Here's Help for Habitat . . .

- ❖ 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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Walkers visit while waiting at the Kellogg Middle School for the start of our 12th Annual Walk-A-Thon



Haley Gosline & Heather Garitone are ready to serve travelers coffee, tea & goodies on I-90 at the Dena Mora Rest Stop.
Photos by Judy



University of Idaho freshmen volunteer to help finish the “Little Shop” building that we are raffling. The drawing will be held after \$4000 worth of tickets is sold at \$10 each or 6 for \$50 (about 400 tickets).

Tickets are for sale at Kingston Kwick Stop, Real Life Ministries Café, Espresso Barn, Furniture Exchange, Bitterroot Mercantile, Josie’s Full of Beans, Osburn Gas-Mart, Indelible Tidbits, 1313 Club, Polla’s Mart, and all the US Banks & AmericanWest Banks in the Valley.



Wish List

Committee & Board Members

Sponsors to serve as liaisons for our new families

Assistant editor for this newsletter to do the layout before printing

Supervisors to help with “Greater Blessings” projects

Construction helpers, especially on Saturday so we can run another crew

Gleaner—must have own pickup.

It is with regret that we accept the resignation of Kathie Vang from our board. Please volunteer to fill her position.

Call Marilyn at 753-4131 to volunteer

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