The 2019 Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing Board of Directors—front row: Kathy McPeak, Tami Atkins, Ellie Arguimbau and Judy Blalack; back row: John Hopper, Mike Humphrey, John Boy Delaney, Verne Blalack, and Duane Little. John Hopper holds his appreciation certificate for his help at the Kirby construction site. Unavoidably absent were Bob Larson and Gina Doerschel.

The Fuller Center Bike Adventure Returns to Silver Valley in 2019

By Connor Ciment, Bike Adventure Director

The Fuller Center Bike Adventure is once again visiting the Silver Valley in June of 2019! The Bike Adventure is a purpose-driven journey in support of The Fuller Center for Housing which allows riders to live out their Christian faith in service to God and those in need of a simple, decent place to live.

The estimated 30 cyclists will be riding from Seattle, WA to Washington D.C., the same route they rode when two of their groups visited the Silver Valley in 2016. Along the 3,500 mile route, they will stop and build in 6 communities across the US. The first of their build days will be here in the Silver Valley on Saturday, June 15th.

This will be the Bike Adventure’s fourth visit to Kellogg in the past four years, and visiting the valley has become a very special part of their events. The riders of the Bike Adventure have been humbled by the warm welcome that they have experienced, and are deeply appreciative to get to visit once again. They will be spending three nights at the Scout House next to the Kellogg Swimming Pool between their arrival in the afternoon on Friday, June 14th, and departure on the morning of Monday, June 17th.

The goal of the Bike Adventure’s visit is to energetically serve partner families of the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing. It is the riders’ great joy to meet and work together with homeowners who need help securing simple, decent housing!

HELP
As in past years, we are asking local churches or groups to provide meals for these bikers during their stay: dinners on the 14th & 15; breakfasts on the 15th & 17th; and lunch on the 15th (their work day.) If your church or group cannot host a complete meal, can you work with others to do so? These folks are our “good will ambassadors” as they travel across our country. Please invite them to address your congregations on Sunday.

I, Judy, must spend more time at home with Verne. Please call me at 208-682-3240 to assist coordinating these cyclists. If you know someone who will qualify for either our no-interest homeowner program or our Greater Blessings program working with homeowners who cannot afford or are unable to do their own repairs, please have them call us.

Go to https://www.fullercenterbikeadventure.org/ for info about signing up to ride all or part of the way and to https://fullercenter.donorpages.com/2019BikeAdventure/ to donate to support a rider.

I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

Psalm 108:3
APPRECIATION

Ellie Arguimbau presents a certificate to Laura Little of Humdinger Drive-Inn. For years the Littles have donated certificates that we use as prizes with our fund raisers.

Ellie and Verne present an appreciation certificate to Nancy Hanson at the Kellogg Subway. Their Subway certificates are always a hit with our fund raisers.

Jeremy Watterson accepts a certificate from John Boy Delaney at the Wallace Coffee House. As a new business, Jeremy donated certificates for our 2018 fund raisers.

Verne at left and Ellie at right enjoy a relaxing moment with Pat and Cindy Elfsten (& Chloe) and Karin Reed when delivering a certificate to Furniture Exchange. Pat has supported us for years with donations, newsletter ads and bringing materials from Spokane or Coeur d’Alene.

Mallory Phillips accepts a certificate from Ellie at the Historic S. V. Chamber of Commerce. Together with Keith and Heidi Lee of the 1313 Club (shown left with Judy) they provided space for us and a 50-50 raffle for a month at the Farmers Market.
A Note About Our Thank You Certificates

This year we printed 130 certificates and we try to hand deliver as many as possible. We try to capture photos of the presentations but only insert new photos in the newsletter when there is space available. Sorry if we missed anyone—please let us know.

John Boy presents a certificate to Brenda Johnson of Johnson’s gems for the donation of a lovely jasper pendant as a prize in one of our fund raisers.

Dr Brian Miller receives a certificate from Ellie. Dr. Miller at the Kellogg Vision Center has supported our newsletter with an ad for many years.

John Boy and Verne load the steel that is left from their recycling efforts. Sad to note that not only Old Blue is out of commission after an engine fire, but now our white pickup is in the shop after it spewed transmission fluid leaving a beautiful red on the snow.

Verne & Jeremy pose after the certificate presentation. Frank and Jeremy Seatz at Silver Valley Tire have been supporters with newsletter ads since 1997, with fund raising prizes, and with contributions. They treat us as special customers whenever possible.

Ellie presents a certificate to Aubrey and Chris Stovern. Bob & Dana Stovern were among the first to give us financial support in 1993 and Stovern Supply continues giving fund raising gifts with the younger generation.

Ellie brings a certificate to librarian, Brenda Ludwick, at the Pinehurst Library. For several years the library hosted Reiki Healing workshops where donations could be made to charities like SVFCH.
We thank these businesses for supporting our newsletter.
Thank You,
January Donors
Your gifts are most welcome.
American Lutheran Church, Lois Arvidson, Tom & Tami Atkins, George & Melody Blalack, Hap Butler, Barb & Gordon Canterbury, Marie Carver, Barbara Elfsten, Ellie Arguimbau, Daniel Fortensky, Tom & Connie Fudge, Jackie Kannegaard, Tina Knoll, Tom & Michelle Kilbourne, John Hansen, Ilene Huber, Jacques & Jan Lemieux, Lee Lewis, Duane Little, Daniel McGee, Doris McPeak, Gary Stanley, US Bank Foundation, Lois White, Marilyn White, Necia Wright

We are honored to receive these memorials.

From Jim and Kay Calkins
In Memory of Ray Faraca

From Marbie and Glenn Higbee
In Memory of Ray and Mary Ray Faraca

From Gayle Hagman
In Memory of Ray and Mary Ray Faraca

From Becky Stein
In Memory of Hubert (Hip) Stein January 24, 2018

From Debbie and Wayne Kovash
In Memory of Judy Reagan

Greater Blessings Fund
Judy & Verne Blalack, Debra Bornitz, Melody Darg, Andrew Dawson, Pat Holzhauer, Barry & Sue Johnson, Josh & Christina Mace

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Please visit The Fuller Center for Housing (International) website: www.fullercenter.org. There are great photos and stories of how we (including you through our tithe) help in the US and worldwide.
Follow the link: “Join Us” to Global Builders and take a fantastic trip with them to one of the 14 countries where they are working this year.

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.

Name ___________________________________________ Phone __________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________
City ______________________________ State ____________ Zip ________________

I do not wish to be on your mailing list.
I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

Board elections are held in January. This year, the board reelected Mike Humphrey as President, Ellie Arguimbau as Secretary, and Tami Atkins as Treasurer. The new addition is John Boy Delaney as Vice President.

Lisa Reed and Manager Terri Pease of FairBridge Inn & Suites accept an appreciation certificate. Terri and other late night employees fold a box of newsletters so they are ready for our monthly mailing workshop.
If you would like to help fold or if you can come on the first Tuesday morning for a couple hours (or so) to help with the mailing, let Judy know at 208-682-3240.

Coming Events
Feb 12—Board and Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg
May 12—Mother’s Day ♥
Jun 14-17—Fuller Center Bicycle Adventures here
Jun 21—Ride the Wall Family Bike Event

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Board Member, John Hopper, accepts a US Bank Corp. grant check of $5000 from Tami Atkins, US Bank manager. Thanks to US Bank and to Tami for applying for the grant.

**We need:** Board Members from the Eastern part of Shoshone County; Committee Members; Committee Chairmen for PR, and Partnership. I am willing to mentor anyone taking any of these roles. Doing one thing is not that onerous but doing all is too much for us. Please call me at 208-682-3240

Judy Shoshone County Commissioners, Jay Huber, John Hansen, and Mike Fitzgerald accept an appreciation certificate from Judy. The commissioners waive the fee at the Transfer Station for the refuse left from our building sites.

**WISH LIST**

An assistant to help with the Bicyclists’ stay; Grant Writer; Assistant newsletter layout Editor—Please call Judy at 208-682-3240

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