

SnowCap News

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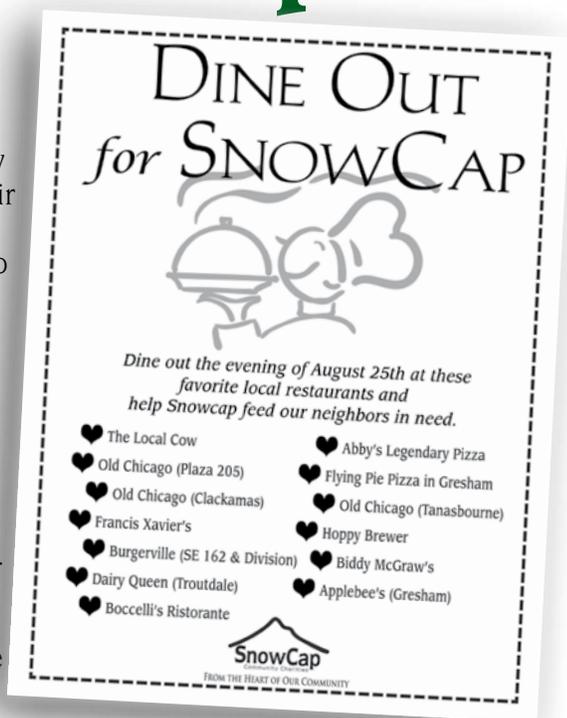
Dine Out for SnowCap!

It's 90 degrees outside and the thought of preheating the oven to cook dinner is enough to make you go running and screaming from your kitchen. On Tuesday, August 25th SnowCap is offering you an unbeatable opportunity to keep your kitchen cool, have dinner cooked for you, and support SnowCap.

On that date, several area restaurants will be donating a percentage of their evening proceeds to benefit SnowCap. These restaurants include The Local Cow, and Flying Pie Pizza in Gresham, Biddy McGraw's and all Old Chicago locations in the Portland area. (Please see the poster on the right for a complete list of restaurants.)

When taking advantage of this wonderful chance to treat yourself and help your neighbors in East County, please let the restaurant know how much you appreciate their willingness to participate in the program. We'd also love to hear about your great dining experiences. Please send us any tidbits you would like to share about your dinner to judy@snowcap.org.

So before you forget, go get your red marker and put August 25th on your calendar. (If you keep your calendar in your cell phone, I'd advise against the red marker!) Hope to see you at one of these participating establishments.



Vehicle Donation to SnowCap

Did you know that SnowCap accepts vehicle donations? We do! With the help of "Charity Connections," a program through Volunteers of America that handles all the details for both the donor and for SnowCap, the process is easy and convenient for all involved.

Q: How will my vehicle be used?

A: Charity Connections will detail and preform minor repairs to maximize the sale price of the vehicle. Net proceeds come directly to SnowCap.

Q: Does my vehicle have to be running to donate it?

A: Running and non-running vehicles are accepted (some restrictions may apply to oversized vehicles and tow range).

Q: What types of vehicles are accepted?

A: All kinds! Cars, motorcycles, trucks, boats, motor homes, travel trailers, recreational vehicles, aircraft, and more.

Q: Can my vehicle be picked up?

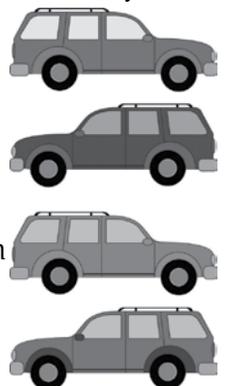
A: Yes, and there is no charge to the donor!

Q: What if I have an out-of-state title?

A: No problem – Charity Connections can

process a donation with an out-of-state title.

To donate a vehicle, go to www.charity-connections.org and select "SnowCap Community Charities" from the dropdown list of charity partners, fill out the short online form, and Volunteers of America will contact you to complete the process. Or, if you prefer, you can call direct and speak with the Vehicle Donation Manager, Ryan Foltz at 503-239-8182.



The Layette Lady

2,030 and counting...

That's how many baby layette boxes Susan Warneke has put together for distribution to our clients since taking over the position of "Layette Lady" from long time SnowCap volunteer Betty Riley in 2008. A typical layette, given out a month before or after a baby's birth, contains a receiving blanket, sleepers, daywear/shirts, cold weather clothing in the winter, seasonal/holiday clothing when available, a book, informational pamphlets and devotional materials for the parents and a toy. Each box is wrapped in a beautiful handmade blanket or quilt. Susan just finished making her 100th patchwork quilt for SnowCap layette boxes! Clothing typically comes through donations to the clothing room but quilts, blankets, books, and toys are usually donated specifically for the layette boxes.

When asked what type of items people could donate for the layette boxes, Susan was quick to respond: baby toiletries such as lotions, shampoo, etc., diaper wipes, baby bottles, pacifiers, books (the hard cardboard cover variety), rattles, and booties. Really, just about anything that you think a new mother might appreciate for their little one. She could also use a supply of boxes with lids either the type that holds a case of 8 1/2 x 11" paper or banker boxes. When asked if there was anything else that people could donate, Susan said she could use

cotton material (no knits) for making the quilts. Fabric should be either solids or juvenile prints and pastel colors if possible. Save your scraps from your sewing projects and check your fabric stash to see if there is something there that you can spare for the layettes. When donating any of these items, please mark your donation to let the warehouse workers know that it's for "The Layette Lady!"



Who Was Earl Balzer?

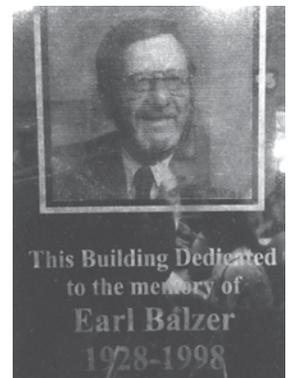
Many of us have walked by Earl's image cut into stone in the lobby at SnowCap. Maybe you knew Earl. If so, please send in your memories of Earl and how he connected with you. As we approach our 50th Anniversary we'd like to remember the people who brought us thus far.

Some others may simply wonder who he was and what he did to get this recognition. Because it is vital that we know upon whose shoulders we stand, I'd like to share just a bit of history, SnowCap history. Earl was a teacher, a peace-maker, and a leader. Though he didn't know hunger growing up on a farm in Kansas, he saw a great deal of poverty during his 40 years teaching Shop at Marshall H.S. in Portland. Witnessing poverty in close and personal ways might have led a man to volunteer at a food pantry, but Earl's commitment to service went back much further.

Earl was a man of great faith. He grew up a Menonite, graduating from Bethel College in Kansas. At Bethel, he and his future wife Lois received a great education that emphasized both scholar-

ship and service. Earl was always talented with wood so teaching Shop was a natural fit for him. Moving to Portland in 1955, the Balzers (Thayne and Rona were already born) got a little land out in east Multnomah County. There was enough room for a big garden for Lois, a cabinetry shop for Earl and a home for their growing family. The family worked hard (often at Townsend Farms) and lived simply. Earl was active in his church and served on their building committee when they needed to grow. Soon their youngest child, Janelle joined the family and Earl worked even more hours at his cabinet business. Raising a family was expensive even in those days. Teaching and working with his hands brought Earl pleasure. His building experience, his compassion for the poor, and his commitment to service made him an excellent SnowCapper.

Earl was already retired when SnowCap had an opportunity to build a home of its own. The Rockwood United Methodist



Church had leased us bare ground for \$1 a year, but we really didn't know what the next steps should be. There were several skilled craftsmen and knowledgeable contractors among SnowCap's supporters. Each had his own skills and contacts. Each had his own personality. The challenge would be melding these fellows together into a team that could carry the project through to completion. Earl was the man for the job. Earl built consensus and a common bond with folks. He had a way of bringing people together for a higher calling, a bigger purpose. Earl could have been a pastor.

SnowCap could only build as funds became available. One of the most remarkable things about Earl was his patience. He never complained about how long it took. He kept enthusiasm high and everyone cooperating. Earl was frugal in a sensible way. He insisted on good quality, but would spend many hours resurrecting old things so they worked as well as new. Earl led by example and he taught others to do useful things every time he was on the site. We all became better people by working with Earl. He had been working on the building one hot day when he went home to clean up for an evening event. He died suddenly at home that evening with Lois at his side. His family and the whole SnowCap family grieved his loss terribly. So, when the building was done the committee decided to honor Earl with a stone carving that would last as long as the building itself. Let's all remember to smile at Earl when we pass him in the lobby.

Birthday Celebrations:

June Bug Ballew: Mary E Stine

Larry Tuttle: Pauline F Morrow

Bill Huntting: Alyson L Huntting

Honors:

James Liefeld: Ben & Kim Moore

Kathye Partridge: Glenda Douglass, Laurie & Stephen Frieberg, Christie Heflin, Sandee Lauderback, Kathleen Shelman, Roberta Stroh, Susan Whitney

Memorials:

Beth Satchfield Lewis: June Satchfield

Colleen Morgan: Duane & Karen Pollard

Delores De Moss: Frederick & Connie Erickson

Gloria Ross: Clifford & Judith Allen, Katherine Allen-Karn, Northwest Capital Assets, John Buckinger, Celestia Bue, James & Beverly Dixon, Mary Jane Everist, Arlene Francis, Thomas Germann, Alice Johnson, Jean Johnson, Vernon & Jeanette Olson, Darline Payne, Clayton & Camie Pugsley, Charles Ross, Evelyn Sass, Ernest & Nancy Schmidt, Loren & Mary Shultz, Mary Jane Sorber, Kevin & Robin Velleca, Roy & Dina Vinyard, Elizabeth P Webber, Tom & Carlene Weldon

Julie Wood: Stanton & Joanna Case, Martin & Lynda Glander, Lyn & Sandra Johnson, Michael McAfee, Gevurtz Menashe Larson & Howe, P.C., Robert & Diana Rayner, Karen Taylor, Tylene Thomsen, Janet Rickel, Beverly Wassinger, John & Dona Wood, Scott Wood

Muriel Fitzpatrick: Carlotta Allin, Mary K McLeod

Paul Satchfield: June L Satchfield

Rob Robinson: Gloria J Carlson

Roger T McDowell: Karen J Hoyt

Ruth Job Elhard: Perry Jackman

Wedding:

Hollis & Tristan: Laura Pappas

Gratitude:

Nolan's Tires

Home Forward

Hank Lewis

Peace Church of the Brethren & Brethren Volunteer Service

FOOD TRIVIA

What treat was unintentionally introduced at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair?

- A. Cotton Candy
- B. Popsicle
- C. Smores
- D. Ice Cream Cone
- E. Frozen Chocolate Banana
- F. Milkshake



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Wish List

Craftsman who will build a lockable prayer box for our lobby

Men's black athletic shoes

Fruits and veggies from your own garden

Travel toiletries rescued from motel bathrooms

Brown paper bags

***answer: D - Ice Cream Cone.**

Frozen desert history was changed when an ice cream vendor ran out of cups and asked a nearby waffle vendor to roll up some waffles, creating the first ice cream cones!

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