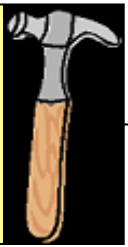




RTS News

Summer 2009



(L to R): YPS volunteers Carly Bird-Vogel, Colleen Skinner, Terrence Sanchez, and Angela Saldivar gather at a Parkview Services home in North Seattle on April 25th for Spring Rebuilding Day.

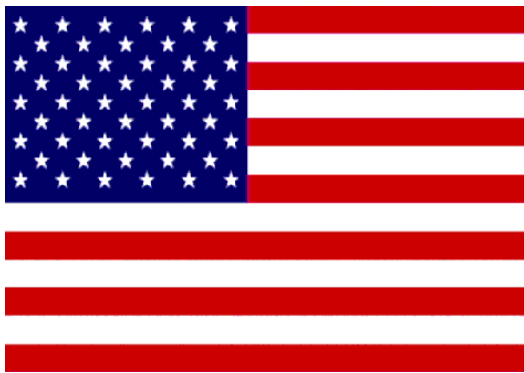
YPS celebrates one year anniversary

In August 2008, RTS launched *the Young Professionals Society of Rebuilding Together Seattle*, a service group of individuals committed to ensuring the strength and growth of RTS. The group now looks forward to their second year of success.

During their inaugural year, YPS members completed six fundraising events, five service projects, started a special *RTS Real Estate & Mortgage program*, and launched the new RTS website (www.rtseattle.org). Approximately 40 members of YPS participated on Spring Rebuilding Day on April 25th, helping out at nearly every project site.

YPS members contributed countless volunteer hours and in-kind donations toward RTS. Former YPS President, Zach Oliver, and his company **Unadomanda** (unadomanda.com), designed and implemented the new RTS Website. (Article cont. on pg. 2)

RTS launches veterans program



Starting this fall, Rebuilding Together Seattle will start a special program to help more veterans in need. In support of Rebuilding Together National's *Veterans Housing Initiative*, and in partnership with corporate sponsors, RTS's Veterans Program strives to provide safe and accessible housing for all low-income veterans and their families.

In early August, RTS completed the first wave of outreach efforts with related community groups in the greater Seattle area, including the WA State Dept. of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), the VA Hospital, Disabled American Veterans, and the Veterans Conservation Corps.

Holes for Homes 2009 coming soon!

On September 25th, supporters of Rebuilding Together Seattle and Rebuilding Together South Sound will face off in the annual Holes for Homes golf tournament at The Home Course in DuPont, WA. Both affiliates will share the proceeds from the tournament and post-tourney events.

We hope you'll join us!

For more event information and to view our event brochure, please visit: www.rtseattle.org/golf.php.

Interested in sponsoring a hole or donating an auction item? Please call our office at 206.682.1231 or email mthirlby@rtseattle.org



Mary Herche, Chairperson of the National Board of Directors and RTS Development Committee Member, remains an advocate for the program. "Anything we can do to give back to someone who has served our country is the least we can do," Mary said. "Rebuilding Together can help keep the homes of our veterans safe, accessible and affordable."

RTS welcomes new leaders

In June, RTS welcomed **Gary Ballas** of *Honeywell* to the RTS Board. Gary brings great experience to RTS after working as a Project Manager with the RT affiliate network for many years. In August, RTS welcomed **Tim Lane** of *King County Road Services Division* to the RTS Board. Tim has served as a RTS Project Manager for the Seattle chapter of ASCE.

In September, new Program employee, **Jason Cummings**, will join the RTS Staff. After serving at the Rebuilding Together affiliate in Phoenix for over a year, Jason will bring innovative ideas to RTS.

Calling former board members!

On **Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00pm**, the RTS Development Committee will host a private gathering in Magnolia with former RTS Board members.

Please **RSVP** to Margie Thirlby at mthirlby@rtseattle.org by Wednesday, Sept 30th, for more information.

Do you know a former board member who has moved and would like to get in touch with us? Please let us know!
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(L to R): YPS members Nicole Glockner, Jenny Levesque, Margie Thirlby, Christian Nossum, Celeste Reilly, Ray Loyola, and Marianne Harris gather at the Kangaroo & Kiwi pub for "RTS Down Under" on June 27th.

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Zach's passion for service demonstrates the true spirit of YPS. "I chose to work with Rebuilding Together Seattle because of the incredible mission carried out year after year" Zach said. "We give people hope for a better life that they never thought was possible. The Young Professionals Society has helped me realize that in our ever-increasing busy lives, we must take time to give back to the community that has given so much to us."

In addition to Zach's efforts, Michelle Wilson of **Alpine Mortgage** (www.wilsonhomefinancing.com) started an exclusive *RTS Mortgage Program*, in which her company donates \$50.00 to RTS for every loan she finances throughout the year.

"YPS is an integral part of RTS," said RTS Board Member and Development Committee Chair, Charlie Foush e. "Their dedication, creativity, and energy will push RTS to new philanthropic heights and strengthen our pulse as a non-profit organization. We are grateful for their contributions and look forward to our growing relationship."

RTS is thankful for the leadership of the 2008-2009 YPS Executive Team, Zach Oliver, Claire Karlberg, and Jenny Levesque, for making the group's first year a true success.

"I am eternally grateful for the countless hours YPS members have dedicated to our organization," said RTS Director, Margie Thirlby. "YPS members have been instrumental in sharing their professional and personal talents, energy, time, and ideas."

YPS looks forward to the 2009-2010 leadership of Christian Nossum, Ray Loyola and Claire Karlberg.

The group's next event will be a **Service Day** in Shoreline on **Saturday, September 12th from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm**. Please Contact Ray Loyola at raymond.loyola@gmail.com for more information.

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