

WEATHER

Today's weather
 Mostly sunny
 Low 26° High 53°

Thursday's forecast
 Breezy
 Low 25° High 51°

Friday's forecast
 Chance showers
 Low 30° High 52°

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Name: Bob Paoletti • Organization: Truckee Host Lions Club • Residence: Reno

How long have you been involved with the Lions Club? This is my fourth year as the chairperson for the rummage sale. I'm a self-confessed rummage sale aficionado. I know my rummage, and the quality of goods is excellent this year. I'm a little stressed about it, we are about 50 percent down — it's a sign of the times. People can still donate up until the day of the sale, about 20 percent comes that day (Friday May 23).

How did you get involved?
 I got involved

through a prior rummage sale. It's one of our top five fundraisers. The Lion's Club does a lot of things. Did you know we are the "Knights of the Blind?" We were deemed that by Helen Keller herself.

What are a few of your favorite charities?

Drug awareness. One year we had a bumper sticker contest for the school kids. We had a first, second and third place and awarded savings bonds. I am prone toward the elderly — I take care of my own elderly mother. And any child, I'm a total sucker for that. We help with

eye surgeries, hearing impairment, things for the mentally disabled. The Lions Club is a huge organization, bigger than I knew before I joined. It's a group of people giving back, not like Fred Flinstone and the Water Buffalo. We all know people in need, being of help shouldn't be a bummer. It's a call to duty. I'm on the board of directors, and am the incoming vice president for 2008.

What are you giving back through the rummage sale?

Roughly about \$5,000. One hundred percent goes back to our community. The rummage sale is not only a chance for the Lions to

give back, but everybody can take part in Lionism for at least one day, by getting rid of some stuff or by buying some stuff. We're good to go at 9 a.m. at the Truckee PUD parking lot, starting May 24. Cash and checks are accepted. If you have goods to donate, call me any time before the 24th at 913-9908.

This keeps you pretty busy?

Sure. I run my own company, Premiere Services, taking care of second homes, spas, indoor pool work. I'm used to being available by phone. This year probably just me will be at 140 volunteer hours for the rummage sale. A good 1,200-1,500 total volunteer hours are just for the rummage sale. Every single bit is done by volunteers.

What keeps you volunteering at such a pace?

Personally, from Truckee, I have seen the lives of children changed. One time it was the gift of sight. You can't explain how that feels. We have been working on a cure for river blindness. I know that's on the other side of the world, and we don't think about it. But it's all one big Earth. If we can help one person. If we can help one kid from going on drugs and destroying their life, that makes it all worth it.

You mentioned a disaster relief trailer?

A senior member, Don Purdy, built it in his driveway and it's rigged as a cook trailer. It's been around about 15 years. We use it for breakfast at the Cannibal Cruise, the AYSO uses it for soccer league. We loan it for free, we even provide the manpower. It's built for community use and is ready in the event of an emergency. We respond 24/7 in disaster situations. "We serve whatever the need."

— The Sierra Sun's Amy Edgett interviewed Bob Paoletti for this week's "Volunteer Corner." Please send your suggestions to aedgett@sierrasun.com, subject Volunteer Corner. For volunteer opportunities in the North Tahoe Truckee area, visit handsontahoe.org.



Amy Edgett/Sierra Sun

History today

This week 1955: Interest whether seventh and eighth graders at the Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District should return to respective districts or remain in unified classes at the high school is still paramount, the *Sun* reported.



Friends of the Library

Teri Andrews Rinne, children's services librarian at the Truckee Library, recaps an evening of "town tippers" from the May 10 Truckee Reads event. **page 12**