



**All Weather News  
February 2010**

<http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/>  
**Deadline for Feb news: Feb 24**



In memoriam: Alice McKay attended Tuesday's meeting and reported that husband Chuck's health was declining rapidly. Little did we know... he died the very next day after a long battle with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. I just read his obituary in this morning's paper – he was quite an amazing man (even more so than I realized) and I will remember him fondly. You can read his obit here:

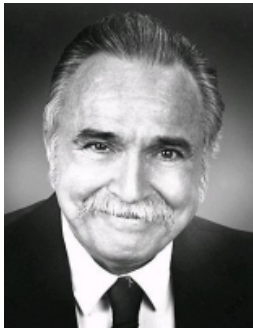
<http://obits.columbian.com/Columbian/Obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=138601451> (editor's note: it's below)

I am not sure how long the actual obituary will be up (on the Columbian's site), but the guestbook will be posted until February 15. Hopefully you can view it soon.

Chuck and Alice were founding members of All Weather Walkers and very active – especially in the early years. Even now, Alice continues to do what she can. Many of us remember Chuck's light-hearted good humor and fun-loving personality. Services are on Tuesday in Portland. Please keep Alice and the rest of the family in your thoughts; I know they would appreciate it wholeheartedly.

Jan Breneman, President  
All Weather Walkers

Charles Freeman McKay



October 5, 1926 - January 13, 2010

Charles Freeman McKay died January 13, 2010 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born October 5, 1926 in Portland, Oregon to Freeman Charles and Hilda Marie Wickman McKay. His mother's family were from Finland and his father's family were Hudson's Bay people.

Charles attended James John Elementary and Roosevelt High School until the age of 16 when he enrolled in the apprenticeship program at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California. He received his high school diploma from Vallejo High School. During World War II and the Korean Conflict he was in the U.S. Navy Pacific submarine service.

Charles met his wife Alice while they were undergraduates at the University of California, Berkeley. They married August 23, 1956 in Vancouver, Washington. He received his BS in Chemical Engineering in 1957. Two years ago, he received his 50 year membership pin from the American Chemical Society. He was also a life member of the California Alumni Association.

Charles worked for 12-1/2 years at Aerojet-General in Sacramento, California as a chemist in the Solid Rocket Propulsion Laboratory. While there, he was a member of the Aerojet Bagpipe band and was a Webelo leader for the Boy Scouts of America.

After working as a rocket scientist he went to sea, starting as a Marine Electrician on the Corps of Engineer dredge Chester Harding. Eleven years later, he had a Chief Engineer's license. He was the first chief engineer of the dredge Essayons, for which he received a "plank-owner's" certificate and was chief engineer of the Bureau of Indian Affairs supply ship The North Star III when it was laid up. He sailed "deep-sea" on Sealand containerized cargo ships and was first engineer on the ferry boat COHO and worked on the Alaska Ferry Lines. He was a retired member of MEBA.

Charles loved music and dancing. He and his wife were charter members of the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society and he was the third president of the Society. Over the years he spent many enjoyable hours volunteering or going to various jazz festivals. He and his wife also went on several jazz tours and cruises worldwide. He was also a member of several West Coast Jazz Societies.

As a Mason, he was proud to be past master of his Blue Lodge, Doric #132 (now consolidated with Kenton Lodge #145). He also received the Hiram award for outstanding service to Oregon Masonry. Other memberships include:

Oregon Historical Society, Clan MacLeay #122, All Weather Walkers Volks March club, AARP, and Eagle Aerie #2158.

Charles is survived by his wife, Alice; daughter, Paula Cox (Randy); son, Eric McKay (Trish); daughter, Alison Campbell (Carl); and son, Charlie McKay (Julie); and his brother, Richard McKay (Anne); grandchildren, Jessica Peebles (Max), Heather Gallegos (Zach), Cody Cox, Jacob McKay, Dane and Cara Campbell; and step-grandchildren, Josh, Justin, and Kiagh Tawney, Justin and Jessica Swanson, Megan, Josh, and Madisyn Browne; and great-grandchildren, Sydney and Camren Peebles and Brandon Gallegos. He was preceded in death by a younger sister, Luzanna Madson.

Chuck had a zest for life and fun loving personality that was immediately apparent to all who met him. His family and friends will miss his wit and one-liners. The family wishes to thank Kaiser Hospice, Adrian Nicoara and his staff at Harmony Adult Family Home for their care and attention to his needs these last months of his life.

Viewing at Ross Hollywood will be Monday, January 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Services will be held Tuesday, January, 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Ross Hollywood Little Chapel of the Chimes, 4733 NE Thompson Street, Portland, Oregon followed by a procession to Willamette National Cemetery for interment. Memorial contributions may be made to further Parkinson's research. Please sign his guest book at: <http://obits.columbian.com/Columbian/Obituaries.asp>

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Will We See You in 2010? We hope to so please send your dues to:

All Weather Walkers  
Attn: Treasurer  
PO Box 241  
Vancouver, WA 98666-0241

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Two items from Sam Korff, our Regional Director:

1. The start point for NW10/1685, Port Gamble, WA, has changed. The previous start point, the Port Gamble General Store, has closed. The walk box

is now at the Olympic Outdoor Center, 32379 Rayonier Ave., Port Gamble. The center is right across the street from the store, so the printed directions are still (almost) good.

2. The start point for the Quincy YRE has changed. The new location is SUBWAY Sandwiches, 450 "F" St., across the driveway from the Traditional Inns, which has gone out of business.

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President's Corner – Jan Breneman

## **PREZ SEZ**

A few months ago, we discussed organizing the supply trailer, taking a good inventory, and identifying box contents. Will you agree to take one or two boxes home and make lists of contents, then forward them to me? I will compile all lists into one single document, which will give us a head start on organizing before spring, when the walking "season" really ramps up. I've agreed to inventory a couple of boxes and if others will too, this would be of immense help. In a few months, we will form a work party to do some purging and cleaning. Give me a call 835-9686 or email [breneman@pacifier.com](mailto:breneman@pacifier.com) if you can assist with this project.

On another note: I am busy researching a new route for our May 1 walk from the Firstenburg Community Center and on Monday (Jan. 25) went driving around the Burton neighborhood. I found two parks that I didn't know about but could not learn the name of one, despite asking several local people I encountered while walking it, as well as a city park sign posted at two entrances. (I've always found it very frustrating that the city has signs posted at all their parks but they do not give us the actual names – AARRGGHH.) In this case, it's not located on my (software) map either. I have a call into the city, but... well, you know 😊

We have done nice routes in past years, and any of those would be a great back-up plan. But my preference is to develop a brand new trail north of Firstenburg. If anyone lives in the area or has particular knowledge that will help

me find an interesting route, PLEASE contact me. The first ad (Northwest Pathfinder) is due February 26.

## HOW DOES A COMPASS WORK?

No matter where you stand on earth, if you hold a compass in your hand it will point to the magnetic north pole. How come? The compass is in fact an extremely simple device, consisting of a small, lightweight magnet (the needle) which is balanced on a nearly frictionless pivot point. The needle always aligns itself with the Earth's magnetic field, which is created by electrical currents in the slowly moving molten iron of the earth's outer core. This magnetic field runs on a North-South orientation, so the compass always points north.

Reprinted from the *Walker's Pocket Companion*, Malcolm Tait, Pavilion Books, London UK, 2007, Page 135.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9 - ALL ARE WELCOME!  
details and map are now [here](#)

Sections that rarely change are also at this link: AWW Challenge information, AWW Challenge results, list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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### AWW Challenge Completions

Congratulations to those people who completed the AWW Challenge in 2009:

First Half-Year
Dick Baker
Joan Heins
Nira Lang
Second Half-Year
Dick Baker
Joan Heins
Nira Lang

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Welcome to new members: Ric Catron, Jan Wyninger &  
Brenda Hatten

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2010 Starting Point: AWW will not have any for sale. Please contact Martha Korff [korffs@wildblue.net](mailto:korffs@wildblue.net) (503) 728-0400 if you want a copy.

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**2009/2010 Club Event/2009 Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:**

**Events:**

1/30/2010: walk from Legacy - Salmon Creek in conjunction with an ESVA meeting

5/1/2010 - May Day at Firstenburg

September 4-6, 2010 - Mt. St. Helens events: Coldwater Lake (5/10km), Silver Lake/Sequest State Park (5/10km), Hummocks Trail (5/20km), and Spirit Lake (6/12km).

12/18/10 – Holiday Lights in Camas

**Group Walks: Wednesday Walks -**

<http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/Wed/wed.htm>

**Weekend Walking:** <http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/weekend/weekend.htm>

**NORTHWEST REGION'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS –**

Jan 30	Wk	All Weather Walkers -Vancouver – ESVA Meeting	86327
Feb 6-7	Wk	Four Plus Foolhardy Folks	Eatonville
Feb 6	Wk	Columbia River Portland	86229 503-228-4434
Feb 13	Wk	Columbia River Portland	85921 503-453-6018
Feb 13	Wk	Tualatin Valley Volks - Hillsboro	86284 503-324-6191
Feb 27	WK	Interlaken Trailblazers - Woodinville	86471 253-813-6776
Mar 13	Wk	Eugene-Springfield Mossback - Eugene	86000 541-747-6470
Mar 14	Wk	Longview Border Crossers - Kalama – Pi Walk	86650 503-728-0400
Mar 20	Wk	Daffodil Valley - Puyallup	85770 253-845-6592
Mar 20	Wk	Cedar Milers - Beaverton – St Patrick's	86649 503-520-1115
Mar 27	Wk	Over-The-Hill-Gang - DuPont	86289 253-875-3064
Mar 27	Wk	Over-The-Hill-Gang - DuPont	86290 253-875-3064

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<p><b>February Birthdays:</b> Breneman, Jan 9-Feb Bowen, Earl 27-Feb</p>	<p><b>Achievements:</b> <a href="#">please contact the editor with event and distance milestones</a></p>
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Thanks to Jean for providing the following:

	Total Walkers for 2009
2009/Y0364 Lacamas Lake	64
2009/Y1460 Round Lake	75
2009/Y0425 Burnt Bridge Creek	71
Ridgefield Wildlife	
2009/Y0980 (Seasonal)	28
2009/Y1017 Fisher's Landing North	84
N. Bonneville	
2009/Y1616 (Seasonal)	67
2009/Y1617 Frenchman's Bar	86
2009/Y1872 Felida	39
2009/Y1905 Salmon Creek - WSU	62
2009/1968 Washougal	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>

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**ALL WEATHER WALKERS MEETING MINUTES**

**January 12, 2010; 6:30 p.m.**

The Terrace Café, Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center

Meeting called to order by President Jan Breneman at 6:36 p.m. and introductions made.

Present: Jan Breneman (President), Dick Baker (Vice President), Daryl Pulley (Secretary), Jean Moeller (Treasurer), Joe Titone (Newsletter editor), Barbara Baker, Earl Bowen, Leah Riedel, Joan Heins, Bonnie Goodlett, Liz Connors, Carol Whiteman, Arlene Patalinghug, Jan Wyninger, Brenda Hatten, Alice McKay, Phyllis Clancy, Kim Baker (guest) and Stephanie Mack (guest).

After the meeting began, the guest, Stephanie Mack, who is the Community Connections Director with Clark County Building Careers and Communities Grant spoke of a grant that she had attained, the goal of which was to build and strengthen connections between developmentally disabled citizens of Clark County and the Clark County community. It is her wish to strengthen the capacity of the community to be more inclusive and welcome all citizens, including people with developmental disabilities. She is investigating different groups to see if there are opportunities to build healthier lifestyles - physically – mentally – socially – spiritually and would hope that All Weather Walkers would be a part of it. If anyone knows of other opportunities or crafts, conversation groups, bible studies, etc., please contact her. If anyone needs any further information about her or the grant's purpose, you can reach her at (360) 852-0744. She said she would be interested in joining our organization herself and may want to climb Mt. St. Helens (see later in these minutes)

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Minutes: Minutes for November 10, 2009 and December 8, 2009 were approved and Barbara Baker was thanked for taking the December 8<sup>th</sup> minutes in Daryl Pulley's absence.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for November and December was explained by the Treasurer, Jean Moeller who reported the beginning balance as of December 1, 2009 was \$2,075.09. There were expenses of \$205.35, income was \$64.00 and the closing balance was \$1,933.74 as of December 31, 2009.

Correspondence: Jan reported that she would report on ESVA later on in the meeting.

## **REPORTS**

Membership Committee: Phyllis announced we have 35 members and new applications are being received. Jean has received some dues and Phyllis has received some dues.

Weekend Walking: December 20, 2009, 12 people walked Forest Park in Portland. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 44 people did the Rhododendron Gardens. There will be a weekend walk on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cooper Mountain at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Walking: Dick Baker reported the Wednesday Walking Group will do a walk on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Kennedy School which is at 10:00 a.m. This is a regular scheduled event but the Wednesday Walking Group wanted to walk as agreed. It was noted that the Oregon State Volkssport meeting would be held at the Kennedy School starting about 1:00 p.m.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Earl and Jan reported that the ESVA meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2010, the date of our Salmon Creek walk. The route was all laid out and rated a "2". Maps and instructions are available for anybody who wants to do a pre-walk. Earl will have a pre-walk at 1:00p.m. on January 24, 2010. Jan reported she reviewed the 2010 hosted event schedule January 30<sup>th</sup> would be the Salmon Creek walk. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Firstenburg walk and then the Mt. St. Helen's walk on September 4 – 6, 2010. Joe reported the December 18, 2010 holiday walk plans were continuing. For the second half of the AWW challenge through 2009 three people have turned in their cards and the drawing will be at our February meeting for the \$50. gift certificate. The AWW challenge of 2010 was voted on that it was approved that the club would do the AWW challenge for 2010 and a person would have to do 8 of the 10 events during the whole year. Although people who wanted to do two challenges could turn in two challenges if they did 8 the first half and 8 the second half of 2010. Jan reported that all new year and seasonal walks were in place and up and running.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A change in the Cape Horn seasonal dates Jan reported that the seasonal start date was changed from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2010 and the event would continue to run until September 30, 2010. The dates have been corrected everywhere except the Starting Point Book.

Jan received correspondence from the ESVA asking about interest for a June 6, 2010 walk with an AVA national sponsor not yet identified. The sponsor would probably charge \$30 plus the \$3 fee and the AVA was asking if any clubs had any interest. It was moved and approved that our club was not



interested without knowing who the sponsor was and members felt that the \$30 fee for a 5 kilometer walk was not something the club would promote without a lot more information.

Jan lead a discussion after reading motions concerning the NW Pathfinder Magazine. The club representative was instructed that the club could support the first part of the first motion. The second motion was disapproved and it was moved that the club representative move to table motion number 3. Anyone who wants more information concerning those 3 motions can contact Jan to get a copy of the email she received.

Announcements: Alice McKay announced that her husband, Chuck, who is in hospice is at the Harmony Adult Family Home in Vancouver, Washington and he had pneumonia and was not expected to survive. Chuck has since passed way and many members attended his service on January 19, 2010. Earl Bowen announced that Nira one of our club members was pictured in the Battleground newspaper, as being a member of Class '51 of Battleground High School.

Liz Collins announced that she would be applying for permits to walk to the South rim of Mt. St. Helens on August 14, 2010. Anyone that is interested should contact Liz.

Jan asked for volunteers to provide refreshments for the upcoming meetings. Daryl Pulley agreed to do the February meeting with Jan's assistance. The March meeting will be by Leah and Jean. Joe will handle the April meeting and the May meeting will be handled by Bonnie Goodlett. Thanks to all!

The meeting was adjourned and wonderful refreshments were provided by Jan Breneman, Alice McKay and Bonnie Goodlett. The members enjoyed the time they were able to socialize.

Respectfully submitted by Daryl Pulley, Secretary

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