



**All Weather News**  
**June 2011**  
<http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/>  
**Deadline for July news: June 24**



## Annual Meeting Approaching

Our Annual Meeting, elections and barbecue is closer than you think. June 14 is the date and the Clark County PUD's downtown office is the place. Last year's event was a ton of fun and this one should be equally so. Please plan to join us at this fun annual event. Look for your invitation with more details in the mail soon!

Note from JT: For the sixth straight year, the club will furnish barbecue ribs and chicken. It's necessary to RSVP to me (spouses/loved ones welcome) [titone@usc.edu](mailto:titone@usc.edu) or 944-8190. Please do so by June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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From: WILLIS KORFF [korffs@wildblue.net](mailto:korffs@wildblue.net) (our Regional Director)

1. (note the deadline has passed, but provided FYI) Dear American Volkssport Association,

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a crown jewel in our nation's transportation program. Created in 1991, RTP has funded more than 13,000 trail projects around the country, inducing significant economic development in the communities around these trails. One such project was the the Southwest Key Trail in East Austin, Texas, on land in an underserved area of Austin that was formerly an illegal dumping ground. The project won the 2009 Coalition of Recreational Trails "Accessibility Enhancement" award.

Representatives Tom Petri (R-Wis.) and Mike Michaud (D-Maine) are currently circulating a "Dear Colleague" letter supporting the continuation of the RTP in the upcoming federal transportation bill. The deadline for representatives to sign on is this Thursday, May 5!

Please encourage your representative to sign on to this letter now.

The RTP is a highly effective, low-budget program of our transportation bill that positively affects the economy by:

Leveraging federal investments to attract hundreds of millions of dollars in other investments;

- Stimulating vital local and regional economic activity;
  - Providing healthy outdoor recreation opportunities to millions of trail users;
  - Encouraging cooperation among diverse trail users and groups to develop and maintain recreational trails throughout the country.
- Ask your representative to support RTP now.

Thank you for your support, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
2121 Ward Ct., NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20037

2. From: **Ed Hainline** <[edhainline@yahoo.com](mailto:edhainline@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, May 10, 2011

Remove the "Temporary Closure Status" for Year Round Event 412 - Oaks Bottom/Oaks Park, located in Portland, Oregon. The mudslide was removed by the City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department

3. from: **Sam Korff for AVA President**

I have decided to run for President because I see some very disconcerting things in AVA. These concerns lead me to believe that the direction being taken by AVA is suicidal, and will take us backward to even worse declining participation. And in this critical time, volkssporters deserve better, and they deserve a choice in leadership.

One of the worst decisions made by AVA was that made in February in Alabama when our Executive Director was fired. We need the skills that Nicole possessed. She wanted to advertise in national media such as Time and Newsweek. She wanted to reach out to HMOs. She was due to speak to Coca Cola the week after that fateful NEC meeting to get them as a sponsor. We need those skills so we must hire another Executive Director. This task will now be doubly difficult, because she was fired without cause and future applicants will wonder why, but we must hire a new one.

We need quality events. Some event routes are still not marked, although the Policy Manual clearly requires us to mark our routes. Some events don't even display the IVV banner. How are people to find us if we don't display our banner; and how can we have quality traditional events that are not marked? Without route marking, the event is little more than a YRE. We can do better – quality events will help bring in new people.

I've been working on training; my committee put together the new Trailmaster Guide. We need more "how to" guides like this to articulate why we do things. We

need a guide for Event Coordinators, one for secretaries, and one for presidents/vice presidents. These guides will make successful club leaders who in turn will make successful clubs. Successful clubs make AVA successful. I'm also on the Awards Committee, and a new guide on preparation of nomination packages will be available in the very near future.

We need to keep pace with the information age. A phone app was proposed by our former ED, and it was eagerly anticipated. That has died temporarily. We still need to move stronger into Facebook; and the suggestion that we use a blog has temporarily died.. We should be moving toward paperless records so that a participant can benefit from automated recording of completion of events. We need to explore technological innovation to help attract younger people.

There are two groups of people who will make AVA successful again. First, there are the current volkssporters. These are the club leaders and volunteers that make AVA go. Although this group declines with age and fatigue, it would be suicide to ignore their needs. It will be equally suicidal if we ignore the needs of new members and those who haven't heard of AVA or volkssporting. The techniques for reaching these groups are different. The newer group generally prefers up-to-date technology. They also require more assistance and education. AVA Leadership needs to focus on both groups. If we ignore either, we do so at our peril.

Most of all, we need the two Vitamin Ns. Vitamin N1 is enthusiasm. We all have enthusiasm (sometimes described as a passion for our sport). Without enthusiasm, we would all be walkers but not workers. We need committed workers who are committed to progress. Vitamin N2 is Energy. Failing clubs run out of Energy. When the club leaders run out of Energy, they don't do the things it takes to keep the club vibrant and alive. Keep the Energy growing.

I've been volkswalking for over thirty years. I have been the president and vice president of two different state associations. I have been and still am a club leader. I have served on a variety of AVA committees, from Awards Committee to Training to Constitution and Bylaws. I've worked on Standards and Evaluation, and Special Funds. I am the current Northwest Regional Director. I have a vision for AVA and can work beyond the Start/Finish tables. I believe that volkssporting can be saved. Elect me and we will make our sport great again.

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4. From: Lynn B [mailto:lynn\_gen@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, May 16

Temporary closure of one of our walks: Y1151 Ellensburg River & Parks, WA - The Yakima River has flooded and the walk is temporarily closed. Try the City walk as an alternative. - Lynn Blazek

5. The normal Guemes ferry service has been restored. The Anacortes – Guemes Island, Washington (YR512) directions have been replaced with the originals and the walk is once again as described in the Starting Point.

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President's Corner – Jan Breneman

### **PREZ SEZ**

The AVA recently adopted a new trail rating system to be used starting January 2012. This system mimics the Canadian system, a combination of numerical/alpha ratings, which take into account both trail surface and elevation. It more accurately reflects various route conditions such as hills, traffic, narrow shoulders, and other factors affecting the event route. You will be hearing more about these ratings in the next several months, and the upcoming 2012 YRE renewals will need to implement them.

Speaking of the YRE renewals, updates begin in June and last through the end of August. If you have any ideas for new routes, or updating our existing routes, please speak up. It's important they stay fresh so interest among the walking community remains high.

Daryl Pulley has generously agreed to carry AWW's voting proxy to the AVA national convention in Iowa this month. Members voted their preferences at the April meeting, so we are all set. Thanks, Daryl!

There are a lot of people out of town at this writing – but who is volkswalking? I want to hear from those of you who are doing YREs and/or other events in their travels – speak up, walkers!

### **Rambling Riddle**

## The Number of Steps up to Various Towers

Eiffel Tower 2731  
Empire State Building 1860  
CN Tower (Toronto) 2579  
Menara Tower, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1850  
Leaning Tower of Pisa 294

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Answer to last month's *Rambling Riddle*: as the dog was always running twice as fast as Charlotte, who traveled 10 miles, then the dog must have run 20 miles.



More from Jill McLean:

*Washougal*  
Richenda Fairhurst  
Images of America

Washougal was founded in 1880, nine years before Washington was a state. The first settlers were from New York, Norway, Minnesota, Britain, Germany and Ohio. Trappers and sailors became farmers, staking donation land claims in 1850. Some married Native American women and started families.

Washougal was the core of one such a family. Betsey White Wing was a Chinook princess who married Richard Ough, a British sailor stationed at the Hudson's Bay Company's Fort Vancouver. Part of their 633 acres of shore and woodland became a town and their children peopled Washougal for generations. The Oughs were married in 1838. First they stayed at Fort Vancouver. In the 1840s Richard bought land from a fellow settler for \$45, a horse, a saddle, and a few loaves of fresh-baked bread. Richard registered his property as part of a donation land claim. In 1880 the Oughs sold 20 acres to pioneer Joe E. Durgan and Capt. Lewis Love, who would found Washougal.

In 1897 Charles Cottrell built a gristmill and sawmill on the Washougal River. Farmers brought sacks of grain from as far away as Amboy and Eureka for grinding. The mills closed in 1915 and the building became a machine and repair shop. In 1910 Charles Cottrell began his biggest venture. He and his son Glenn built three dams on the Washougal River and established the Western Light and

Power Company. They supplied power to Camas and Washougal. Parts of the lower dam can still be seen.

Jorgan and Henrik Henriksen built a store and grange hall in the middle of Washougal, dividing it into "east Washougal" and "west Washougal." The store also contained the first Camas-Washougal telephone company.

Early travel was by wagon or on foot, and men were known to walk from Vancouver to Cape Horn carrying 100-pound sacks. A stagecoach took 14 hours to make a round trip from Washougal to Vancouver. Pendleton Woolen Mills has been part of the Washougal community since 1912. The facility is still owned and operated by the Bishop family.



Next Meeting: June 14 - 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.



### **Upcoming Club Event/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:**

August 13 & 14, 2011 - Moulton Falls  
October 8, 2011 Ridgefield/Birdfest  
October 27, 2012 - Cedar Creek Grist Mill

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 –**

May 28 Wk All Weather Walkers Camas, WA –  
Lookout Ridge 360-835-9686  
Jun 4 Wk Albany Fitwalkers Brooks, OR –  
Peony Walk 503-393-4522  
Jun 4 Wk Lilac City Volks Spokane Valley 509-892-1823  
Jun 11 Wk Bavarian Volkssport Assn Chelan, WA –  
ESVA Meeting 509-548-4084

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 Lake Chelan Bike Ride 509-548-4084  
 Jun 11 Wk Rose City Roamers Portland –  
 Col Summers Park 360-991-8808  
 Jun 11 Wk Anchorage Volks-Portage 907-375-0975  
 Jun 18-19 Wk International Walk Fest Vancouver, WA  
 Marathon/Half Marathon 360-818-4280  
 Jun 18 Wk Columbia River Volkssport Club Hillsboro –  
 Jackson Bottom 503-649-7675  
 Jun 19 Wk NWt Striders North Bend-Father's Day 425-888-0737  
 Jun 26 Wk Sea-Tac Volks Club Sea-Tac 206-788-7969  
 Jul 4 Wk Vancouver USA Portland 360-891-9411  
 Jul 7 GW International Wanderers Mt St Helens –  
 Johnston Ridge 360-260-9393  
 Jul 9 Wk Key Peninsula Volks Lake Bay, Key Peninsula, WA 253-857-3655  
 Jul 12 GW International Wanderers Joseph, OR –  
 Wallowa Mts 360-260-9393  
 Jul 16 Wk Sherwood Merrywalkers Sherwood 503-625-8986  
 Jul 16 Wk East County Windwalkers Gresham 503-665-0950  
 Jul 17 Wk Corvallis Cruisers Corvallis – Da Vinci Days 541-961-7890  
 Jul 20 Wk 4Ds West Linn – Mid-Summer Madness 360-281-8429  
 Jul 23 Wk Olympic Peninsula Explorers Port Angeles 360-452-0593  
 Jul 23 Wk Interlaken Trailblazers Volkssport Club Renton, WA –  
 IKEA Renton River Days 425-235-0528  
 Jul 23 Wk Capitol Volks Tumwater, WA 360-357-9185  
 Jul 23-24 Wk Rose City Roamers Portland 360-991-8806  
 Jul 30 Wk Northwest Tulip Trekkers Camano Island, WA 360-387-6797

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June Birthdays: Moeller, Emma Jean 6/9 Baker, Dick 6/29	Achievements: Jan Breneman - 850 events <a href="#">please contact the editor with event and distance milestones</a>
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Welcome to new members: none reported

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All Weather Walkers Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2011; 6:30PM  
Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center

Jan Breneman called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

Present: Pat Gorman (Secretary), Dick Baker, Barbara Baker, Jan Breneman (President), Jean Moeller (Treasurer), Leah Riedel, Earl Bowen, Joe Titone, Linda Jean Barneson, Bonnie Goodlett, Liz Connors, and Mark & Susan Desomer guests.

The minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Jean reported that April had an opening balance of \$3044.75. There were total expenses of \$285.11 and income of \$345.00. The closing balance for April was \$3104.64.

Membership Committee: Jan and Linda met to work on the membership list. There are approximately 40 members. The new membership list will be mailed soon.

Weekend Walks: There has continued to be good attendance at the weekend walks. There is a walk in Steigerwald this Saturday. It starts at 10 at the trail head. Jan will have the box there.

Wednesday Walks: Turnout is also good for these walks averaging 30 or 40 participants. In August there will be some new sanctioned walks. The first will be in Gabriel Park, then the 4T walk, and one in Pacific Community Park in Vancouver.

### **Old Business**

The Ridgefield Bird Fest is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>. Jean and Leah are working with the Bird Fest folks.

The Washougal River Greenway. Jan passed around a sign-up sheet for workers for this May 28 Event. There is a press release out on the Walk. We will use our own start cards.

Moulton Falls. Dick reported he has filed with Clark County and is ready to go with this Event.

AWW Website. Joe reported no progress on the password protected members' page for the web site. He is working to learn what is possible.

Potluck. Joe will do the meat again this year. Invitations will go out this week. Do RSVP to Joe so he can get a head count. It will be June 14, 2011. Setup will be at 5pm. Food will be served at 6pm.

### **New Business**



There has been an addition to the candidates for the President of National AVA. Sam Korff is now in the running. He would resign as NW Regional Director if elected to the presidential position. Daryl has agreed to be our delegate. AWW changed our vote to Sam Korff for President.

There is an ESVA Meeting for Washington clubs on June 11 at Chelan. Earl or Jan may attend.

Linda Barneson presented a proposal to change the start point in Washougal from the AMPM to the Pendleton Washougal Mill Store. This might require an outside box be constructed. Both the Best Western and the Ice Cream Store were suggested as alternatives. Linda agreed to start checking out the Ice Cream Store and the Pendleton Woolen Mill. She will report back on this.

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### **Announcements**

The Preakness walk is on 5/21 and starts at Elmer's. You are reminded to park in back.

There is a Heart Walk in Vancouver and Portland on 5/21 and a Weight Watchers Walk in Vancouver on 5/22.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be the Potluck on June 14.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Gorman, Secretary

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