



All Weather News
May 2013
<http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/>
Deadline for June news: May 24



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

1. It's official – Nancy Wittenberg has been elected to replace me as Regional Director. I'm sure you will work very well with her as you have with me. She brings a wealth of experience to the task – club leader, state association officer (First Vice President of ESVA), and maintains the ESVA website. I believe she will represent Northwest Region very well.
2. Dick Baker and I will make the convention bid for 2015 to be centered in Salem, Oregon. If it is approved (there is no one else bidding), I will send out a Sam Gram to let you know more details.
3. It is with extreme sadness I report the passing of Lloyd Berry this morning from lung cancer. Some of you have already heard, but I want to notify all the members of the Capitol Volkssport Club and the greater Washington community of volkssporters. His diagnosis was shocking and recent. After a brief hospitalization, he came home last Thursday. Susan reports that he continued his downhill spiral, became confused, and was unable to get out of bed. She is so grateful that he didn't linger in that state, as his most recent days were devoid of the quality of life he so enjoyed.

I will always remember Lloyd striding along at the head of our group walks, setting a brisk pace for all of us. No matter how long it had been since he had walked a specific route, he always remembered the directions, each twist and turn. We will all miss him. Now we must rally around Susan, as she continues the journey.

This is a loss to volkssporting across the Northwest Region.

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President's Corner – Earl Bowen

Spring time is here and lots of sunshine, time to be out walking, lots of lovely year round walks to do and enjoy. If you have not done some of the All Weather

Walker's or Vancouver USA Club's YREs, get out and do them, they are close to home and all good walks.

Also be thinking about the up coming club election at the June meeting. Thanks to Tom Baltes for stepping up and taking over the treasurer's position. We will need to elect a new secretary and president.

All Weather Walkers is in the Southwest Area of the ESVA, Washington State Volkssporting Association, and the area coordinator attends the ESVA state meetings to represent the three active clubs in this area. I am no longer able to attend the state meetings so a replacement person needs to be found to represent the SW Area from one of the three clubs. This position does not require too much work and you learn how the state organization works and then inform each of clubs what happened at the state meetings.

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Next Meeting: May 14 - ALL ARE WELCOME! Details and map are now at <http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/static.htm>

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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From: Tom Baltes

Got the OASIS magazine in the mail today from Albuquerque and it prompted me to look what is available locally. We contributed to the ABQ branch by hosting a volksmarch for them and presenting a briefing on the program. Several of our friends have been very active participants and just love the tours and briefings offered in ABQ.

Here's the link to the Portland program in case you might be interested. Please share with any of your over 50 friends.

<http://www.oasisnet.org/>

Our mission is to promote successful aging through a three-fold approach: lifelong learning, healthy living and social engagement. Founded in 1982 and based in St. Louis, the non-profit organization is now active in 43 cities across 25 states and serves more than 59,000 individuals each year.

Our vision is to see that adults age 50 and older across the country have opportunities to pursue vibrant, healthy, productive and meaningful lives.

We seek to positively impact their lives through partnerships to share knowledge, offer evidence- and research-based programs, conduct evaluations and adapt to meet the needs of diverse audiences.

The OASIS Institute is the national headquarters and manages staff who provide OASIS programs in the St. Louis metro area. The Institute develops national programs and provides training and support for OASIS education centers and partners. OASIS education centers are located in community sites.

Our network of over 700 Partners includes health providers, corporations, senior centers, community organizations, libraries, universities and colleges, senior living organizations and more.



Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

2013: July 6, North Bonneville
July 27, Vancouver (ESVA Meeting)
September 7, Camas Three Lakes

Northwest Region's Calendar of Events:
<http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/fel.htm>

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks – 10:00 am
<http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/Wed/wed.htm>

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



May Birthdays: McLean, Jill 5/3 Smith, Barbara 5/11 de Balin, Teresa 5/16 Salem, Barbara 5/20 Ruger, Debbie 5/22 Jensen, Carol 5/25	Achievements: please contact the editor with event and distance milestones Bonnie Goodlett - 100 events and 1,000 KM
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Welcome to new members – none reported



Jan Breneman's corner:

YRE Reminders

Hazel Dell YRE is once again open...

Gibbons Creek seasonal loop (Washougal) is open as of May 1, providing another element to this flat nature hike...

North Bonneville Seasonal opened on April 1.

Fairway Village Walk

Remodeling of the Fred Meyer store at Fisher's Landing has crowded the planned registration and parking in the south parking lot, so the start point for our traditional walk on Saturday, July 27, has been moved across the street to the New Seasons Market. The manager was enthusiastic about accommodating our needs and we are blessed to make this change with the relatively short notice.

The brochure will be available at the May 14 club meeting. AWW is also hosting the ESVA state meeting today. The Fisher's Landing firehouse on SE 15th Street was reserved long ago, and now someone is needed to oversee the meeting set-up and food service. Can you spare a few hours to help? Contact Jan as soon as possible – Thanks!

AWW Potluck & Elections

Look for your potluck invitation – along with a new membership list – in the mail soon. Remember to let Leah Riedel know if any of your personal information has changed in the last year so the list is as current as can be. The annual potluck date is Tuesday, June 11. This is also the time when new officers will be chosen. At the least, we will elect a new treasurer and according to our club Bylaws, Secretary Pat Gorman must step down; could you possibly fill this vital position? Regardless, the annual potluck proves to be a fun social evening and we hope to see you there!

WALKING AND BRAS

In October 1999 two women were killed by a bolt of lightning while out walking in Hyde Park. The women were both wearing underwire bras that acted as lightning conductors.

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Following are the 2013 State Parks "free days":

June 1 National Trails Day

June 8 and 9 National Get Outdoors Day and Department of Fish and Wildlife Free Fishing weekend

Aug. 4 Peak season free day

Sept. 28 National Public Lands Day

Nov. 9 through 11 Veteran's Day weekend

A Discover Pass will still be required on these days to access lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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