



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



From: Stephanie Sinclair, Executive Director ssinclair@ava.org

1. Thank you to our Volkssporters across the country for extending a warm welcome to me. I appreciate your kind words and great ideas. Your thoughts are important to me, yet since we at headquarters have a tremendous amount of work to be done to support all the great work our Clubs are doing, I am not able to respond to all emails received every day. To ensure that your ideas and Club issues are carefully reviewed, please be sure to email your ideas and comments to your area's Regional Director. That will help us provide you all with solid customer care by helping us hear your concerns and suggestions. If you are on Facebook, please connect with us to see our latest news by Liking our page at www.facebook.com/AmericanVolkssportAssociation

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From: Nancy Wittenberg nwittenberg@q.com (our Regional Director):

1. We've received word from Sam Korff that it's OK to make reservations for the Grand Hotel in Salem for the AVA Convention June 13 – 21, 2015. Please see the attached for further information. Walks on that last Sunday will be up in Southern Washington. It will be announced in the next TAW and Checkpoint.

Convention Hotel Reservations, Salem, Oregon, June 13 – June 21, 2015

The Grand Hotel in Salem, Oregon will accept reservations now. Call 877-540-7800. Be sure to mention that you are part of the American Volkssport Association's convention. Room rates are: \$127 for King or Double Queen rooms. There is a 10% occupancy tax but no sales tax. For that price you get a FREE full buffet breakfast in the hotel - guests only. There is also FREE parking under the hotel/convention center. Enter the parking garage on Liberty Street and ride the elevator to the lobby. There will be a Hospitality Room off the lobby dedicated to convention registration and all convention activities. There will be seating there where you can meet with friends. Other convention information will be posted there as well. You will be able to register for the hotel a few short steps away in the lobby. There is a downtown shopping mall within 5 blocks of the

Grand Hotel. Willamette University and the state capitol grounds are a few short blocks away as well. One of the convention events will start from the hotel, and we will have some of the Year Round Events from the area available for registration at the Hospitality Room. Planning is well underway all of the events, and there will be a dry run for some of them at the upcoming Northwest Regional Conference in June 2014. All rooms have FREE microwaves, refrigerators, and Wi-Fi.

2. Starting Point Changes: Here are the latest, but be sure to check the www.ava.org website. Grants Pass Y0419 & Y0633 have a new start point: the Lodge at 955 SE 7th Street, Grants Pass, OR, open 7am to 10pm. Ask for the walk box at the reception desk.

3. Multi-Event Calendar AVA Web page: This page, found under the Events tab on the AVA website, has information about festivals, such as the Columbia Gorge Walks, Regional conferences and other events with multiple events and more than one day. Please check this page.

4. Good News – Whidbey Walking Festival: The Northwest Tulip Trekkers are busy planning the Whidbey Walking Festival for September 11-13, 2015. This festival was last held in 2012. We'll hear more about the walks that will be held and other festival information. Put this destination weekend on your calendar. I love to see this one back. People come from all over: down from Canada, and from many other states outside the NW.



President's Corner – Joe Titone

This month I'll talk about the differences in walking in the 2 cities, and next month I'll describe some of our more interesting walks in Los Angeles. The biggest difference is rain. One generally doesn't worry about the weather in Los Angeles – it's almost always nice. It usually rains for about 2 weeks in November, and when it does it comes down in buckets. Here, we routinely walk in the rain because it's generally mild and we have a lot of vegetation that mitigates the intensity. Los Angeles is very exposed and it's not very wise to walk when it's raining hard.

Another big difference is the size of the areas. Our club had walks over a 600 square mile area, while it takes several clubs to cover that size here. It's just a bigger city that encompasses 500 square miles in the metro area with a population of 13 million.

The real estate is far more expensive there with plenty of very large mansions. E.g., Aaron Spelling had a 50,000 square foot home in Holmby Hills (which includes the Playboy Mansion and many other famous people's homes). Holmby is a very exclusive part of Beverly Hills. Brentwood is another very expensive area with a lot of movie star homes. Once we went to look at a very famous historic house only to be greeted by Dustin Hoffman's glare. We didn't realize he had just bought the house and was not happy to have visitors. He later bought the mansion next door, demolished it and planted a garden on the property.

The third difference is that everyone is in a rush all the time. This has to do with the mass of people there, the distances involved, and the time it gets to get from place to place. If you asked me how far it was from one place to another in Los Angeles, I would answer in time units not distance.

It's much more relaxing and friendly to walk here.

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Next Meeting: April 8 - 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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Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

Saturday, May 24, 2014: Tenny Creek Walk from Vancouver Church of God (King's Way Chr. Sch.)

Mt. St. Helens for the NW

Saturday, June 28: Regional Conference – joint AWW/VUV walk at Mt St Helens. Start thinking about volunteering for this joint event.

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks – 1000 am

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

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

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| April Birthdays: Clancy, Phyllis 4/5 Reed, Patricia 4/5 | Achievements: please contact the editor with event and distance milestones none reported |
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Welcome to new members – none reported

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Jan Breneman's corner: **Seasonal Events Open**

Seasonal events are run for only part of a year for various reasons, mostly in areas where winter driving or inclement weather is a factor. On April 1, many Seasonal events will open, including two offered by All Weather Walkers through September 30.

The Camas Three Lakes event was very well received last September 7, so members decided to replace the Round Lake route with this one. Wet weather can make the wooded trail above Fallen Leaf Lake fairly challenging, so members decided to replace the Round Lake/Camas Lily Fields YRE, and make Three Lakes a seasonal to span the drier months. The route was slightly modified to go through the upscale Lacamas Shores neighborhood, making it a 10 km (9.7) – almost 1 full kilometer shorter than September's event. For others, there is a much easier 5 km route (rated 1B) that has views of all three lakes – Lacamas, Round, and Fallen Leaf Lake. The Round Lake/Lily Fields route is still another great option and may return in the future. Contact [Tom Baltes](#) or phone him at (505) 298-1256.

North Bonneville, a long-time perennial favorite in the Columbia River Gorge, is also returning for the spring/summer/early autumn months. This year's 5/10k route will again feature the remote Strawberry Island and nearby Fort Cascades, rated 1B for the grassy, gravel, and wooded trails. [Jan Breneman](#), (360) 835-9686.

...and remember the Skamania walk returning to Stevenson. All these walks, as well as many others, offer lots to enjoy during the summertime – come out and see!

POTENTIAL RAMBLING ANTHEMS

- Walter's Walk Led Zeppelin
- Walk Away Christina Aguilera
- A Walk Bad Religion

I Walk the Earth Voice of the Beehive
Take a Walk on the Wild Side Lou Reed
Walk of Life Dire Straits
Walking in the Rain Oran Juice Jones
Walk Tall Cannonball Adderley
Walking in Rhythm The Blackbyrds
Walking Down Lonely Street Joe Simon
Keep on Walking Roy Ayers

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