



All Weather News
December 2014
<http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/>
Deadline for Jan news: Dec 24



From: Nancy Wittenberg <newittenberg@gmail.com>, our RD

1. January and February 2015 Walk Challenge:

Hello Walkers,

Starting on January 1st, 2015, the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association (OTSVA) has a Walking Challenge for all Volkswalkers. This Challenge is available to **Credit** and **Non-Credit Walkers (Free)** and **Available to AnyWalker**, whether they are a Member of a Walking Club or **Not!! It is Open to Anyone Who Walks!!**.

From January 1st through and including February 28th of 2015, the Challenge is to walk as many walks as possible during this two (2) month time period in our North West Region (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska.) All Walkers will need to keep track of All the Walks they do. First, we need your name, address then the walk name, walk number (YRE or Event Stamp) and date walked for each walk done. We have attached a log sheet, which you may copy and use or you may make your own. The Challenge Prizes are listed below:

1st Place - Most Walks \$50 REI Gift Certificate

2nd Place - Second Most Walks \$25 REI Gift Certificate

3rd Place - Third Most Walks \$10 REI Gift Certificate

Please email and pass this on to all of Your Club Members and make it available at any walking event you or someone you know will be involved with during the Challenge Time Period. We suggest placing at least one (1) copy of this in each of Your Club's Start Box Locations.

Please submit the following information by March 16th, 2015 to Ed Hainline (OTSVA Recognition Chairperson) via my email address edhainline@comcast.net If you do not have email – send the information to Ed Hainline, 11410 SE 90th Ave, #1511, Happy Valley, OR 97086

If there are any questions, you can contact me at my email address of edhainline@comcast.net or my cell # 360-921-1909

See You on the Trail!!! Enjoy the Challenge and Your Walks!!!

Ed Hainline
OTSVA Recognition Chairperson

Form details:
Name/Address

Your Walk Number - Walk Name - Walk Stamp Number - Date Walked

2. **New Executive Director:** The new ED, Henry Rosales, will begin work January 6th, not in December. The NEC at its January meeting will have a chance to meet Mr. Rosales and will confirm his hire at that time.

3. **2016 NW Regional Conference:** Treasure Valley Volkssports has agreed to host the 2016 NW Regional Conference in Boise in September, 2016. We will need lots of you to volunteer. I will send more information as soon as I have it. It will be a 3 day weekend. Boise is well worth the visit.

4. **NW Regional Director Position:** My term is up June 30, 2015. I have appointed Dick Baker to be the Nominating Committee Chair. If you would like to run for the position, please let Dick Baker know – dickbkr@q.com. I will run for a second term, but if you're interested please let him know.

5. **Salem Convention:** For your planning purposes, if you are staying in the Salem area the Phoenix Salem Grand Hotel is full at the convention rate, although there may be rooms available at their normal rate. There are hotel/motels close to I-5 about 3 miles from downtown Salem. Please note there will be workshops earlier this time – some on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please see information as it becomes available at the convention website linked from www.ava.org or www.nationalavaconvention2015.com.

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President's Corner: Joe Titone

1. All members should consider coming to our December 9th meeting. It's our annual cookie party at which everyone brings a selection of cookies. Those that are not eaten are distributed to our starting points as thanks for their hospitality.

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Next Meeting: Dec 9 - ALL ARE WELCOME! Details and map are now at <http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/static.htm>

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

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Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

July 11, 2015 North Bonneville (Gorge Days)
Aug. 22, 2015 Camas Hidden Pathways
Sept. 26, 2015 Lewisville Park

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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Dec Birthdays: Calderon-Dillon, Kia 12/8	Achievements: <u>please contact the editor with event and distance milestones</u> none reported
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Welcome to new members – none reported

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Jan Breneman's Corner:

Special Group Walk?

On November 29, the Wednesday Walkers did the Fairway Village Walk from the Fisher's Landing Fred Meyer store. A surprising number of homes along the route had lots of ghoulish Halloween decorations out and it made me wonder if these same neighborhoods might also have tons of seasonal holiday lights.

Let's check that out! How many of you would like to explore this route during a twilight/evening walk sometime during December? If you haven't walked it yet, it's an easy 6/10km rated 1A. Dress for the weather and enjoy the lights with your fellow AWW friends!

Call Jan Breneman (360/835-9686; breneman@pacifier.com), if you are interested. Depending on response, we'll set a date and time for an evening of fun... maybe even pie at Shari's afterwards, hmmm?

There are also a few one-day evening holiday lights walks for you to enjoy in the Portland/Vancouver metro area over the next few weeks. Besides dressing for colder weather, always wear bright or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight for your safety.

Cookie Party

This month, the club member meeting is all about holiday treats! They can be cookies, candy, nut mixes, whatever you feel like bringing; or... store-bought, home-baked, or made by your son or second cousin. Please join us and bring a plate to share with your fellow members. Then the remaining sweets are packed into tins for giving to our YRE start point businesses as a thank you for their support of our walks throughout the year.

President Joe keeps a tight tune-around for our usual meetings, and this month's business will be even quicker. We'd love to have all our members join us for this special meeting.

TEN THINGS SLEEPWALKERS HAVE DONE

Ridden a horse • Made breakfast • Stripped wallpaper • Repaired a fridge • Jumped out of a window • Had sex while still snoring • Eaten buttered cigarettes • Eaten cat food sandwiches • Eaten raw bacon • Eaten their watch.

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