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From: Nancy Wittenberg <[newittenberg@gmail.com](mailto:newittenberg@gmail.com)>, our RD

1. The Northwest Pathfinder: Eleanor Borgardts apologizes for the quality of the Northwest Pathfinder printing. The printer quit, and gave them one week to find another printer. The printer he suggested did a lousy job – as you note with grayed pages uneven stapling, etc. There wasn't time to get it reprinted.

Please note—all copies, even those clubs get to give out at walks have the same cover as mailed copies. It would have cost an extra \$400 to have a newsprint cover. If you resend you must restamp!! The NWP will be fined if you mail with the pre-printed non-profit stamp showing.

The Northwest Pathfinder is reforming as a Washington State Volkssport Club. Evergreen State Volkssport Association no longer wants to handle the taxation issues associated with the publication. Both the ESVA and OTSVA have approved this move. Bylaws are being drafted. More later.

2. National Officers: The national nominating committee is looking for candidates for the offices of Secretary and for Treasurer. At present there are no candidates for these positions. If you or anyone you know might be interested in finding out about these national offices, please contact Sam Korff, who is on the nominating committee. Sam's email is [korff.sam@wildblue.net](mailto:korff.sam@wildblue.net) It's important that we get forward thinking persons on the National Executive Council.

3. IVV Americas: President Dennis Michele intends to have a by mail vote of clubs

on whether to join IVV Americas or not. I haven't heard when, but it will be before the convention. He does not want a floor discussion. I am personally in favor of us joining, and suggest that each of you review information on the IVV-Americas public Facebook page. Join the page and read the messages from Curt Myron, President, on the purpose of the IVV forming continental associations, and what their purposes and funding mechanisms are.

4. Next NEC – Sacramento, January 30-31. I still haven't seen an announcement from President Dennis Michele about proposals for the NEC meeting. We will be brainstorming on Friday morning, the 30th, prior to the formal meeting, on the AVA business model. I look forward to meeting the new Executive Director, Henry Rosales at the meeting.

5. Salem Convention: Please check out the convention website linked from [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org) or [www.nationalavaconvention2015.com](http://www.nationalavaconvention2015.com). All walks are finalized. Workshops are decided and will be on there soon. The schedule is set and the brochure is being finalized. There will NOT be a paper registration form in the single brochure you will receive. There will be a link for online registration and if you must register on paper, you can download a form. But if you use a paper form, remember it will all have to be entered online by someone else.

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From: Cheri Martin, Executive Director, Parks Foundation of Clark County

When a piece of a puzzle is missing the picture is not complete. Only by piecing together every element will the picture become clear. Your contribution to the [Parks Foundation Community Grant Program](#) will help us complete the puzzle, allowing us to continue our work to ensure uncommonly vibrant parks, trails, and recreation programs throughout Clark County and, thanks to our corporate sponsors, Riverview Community Bank, Tidewater, and Waste Connections, your contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar and in 2015 will help fund projects and programs like these:

- New playground equipment for a park in Hazel Dell;
- Summer Sensory Camp for children with autism and sensory disorders;
- A trail extension in Washougal;
- Addition of a half basketball court to a Ridgefield park;
- Installation of exercise equipment in Yacolt's Recreational Park;
- Addition of a nature play area to a Camas Park;
- Conversion of an old unused park building into an environmental learning center;

Free summer playground programs throughout Clark County;  
Recreation scholarships for children from low income homes.

The puzzle that is Clark County's parks, trails, and recreation programs is complex, but with your [contribution](#) the puzzle will become more complete creating a picture that inspires and motivates all ages, now and into the future. Please consider making a [donation](#) to the 2015 Parks Foundation Community Grant Program today. Thank you and Happy New Year!

**Cheri**

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From: "Bonnie Tucker" [pnwwalker@comcast.net](mailto:pnwwalker@comcast.net)

1. In case any clubs are wanting to schedule an event around free days in state parks, here are the dates for 2015.

**Free days for 2015:**

- » **March 19** – (Thursday) Washington State Parks' 102nd birthday
- » **April 4** – (Saturday) A springtime free Saturday
- » **April 22** – (Wednesday) Earth Day
- » **May 10** – (Sunday) A springtime free Sunday
- » **June 6** – (Saturday) National Trails Day
- » **June 13** – (Saturday) National Get Outdoors Day
- » **August 25** – (Tuesday) National Park Service 99th birthday
- » **September 26** – (Saturday) National Public Lands Day
- » **November 11** – (Wednesday) Veterans Day

2. Clubs should be considering this now and letting their members know in case they would like to run. Nancy has indicated that she plans on running again for Regional Director but I still want to give everyone the opportunity to run if they want.

2015 Northwest Regional Director Election Procedures  
For clubs in the Northwest Region

1. Policies – The AVA policies, requirements and duties for a Regional Director can be found in Article VI “Regional Directors” in the Bylaws of the AVA. In accordance with the bylaws, Nancy Wittenberg has appointed the undersigned to the Nomination Committee.
2. Nominations – Any individual that resides in the States of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon or Washington that is in good standing with the AVA may run for the Northwest Regional Director. If you wish to run for the Northwest Regional Director, please submit your name and a short resume to the undersigned either by email or USPS so that it arrives by close of business on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February.
3. Elections - On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, a list of candidate(s) and their resume(s) will be sent to each club. Each club will have 30 days in which to choose their preferred candidate and return their ballot back to the undersigned. As in the past two elections, email has been the preferred method to receive the nominations and vote for the clubs choice. If your club does not want to use email, please let me know as soon as possible so a hard copy can be mailed to you. All ballots are kept secret except for the Nominating Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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From: Maryann Brown <maryannbrown\_1999@yahoo.com>

Subject: Time Sensitive Message AVA Convention It's Volunteer Time

Hello Oregon and Washington Convention Walk Clubs

Thank you from the Convention Committee to each club volunteering to create and work one of our nine "best of the northwest" convention events. (For those providing two, we doubly thank you.)

**It is time to complete the volunteer roster for the walk your club committed to host.** [SignUp Genius](#) is being used to gather volunteers, their email address, phone number, t-shirt size/gender. As the contact for your club, you are being asked to:

- Forward the SignUp Genius invite to your membership and encourage them to sign up right away;
- Have someone in your club agree to enter names for those without computers

- In your message, tell your members who they can give their information to if they wish to have it entered for them. (This can be you or a member you have asked to help.) NOTE: name, phone number, t-shirt size/gender are required but only names and email addresses are viewable on SignUp Genius.
- SignUp Genius will ask each person to join SignUp Genius. This only enters an email address to allow quick and easy contact for the Volunteer Coordinators to deliver changes or emergency information to the volunteers.
- Access SignUp Genius yourself and sign up if you plan to volunteer.
- Click below to be directed to the sign-up sheets for all walks.
- Print the appropriate sign-up sheets to take to your club's group walks, events and meeting to gather volunteers who may not access email.
- Be sure to include phone number, t-shirt size and gender on printed sheets.
- Enter on SignUp Genius information gathered on printed sign-up sheets. This can be done by you or the person helping you, but remember: **all volunteers must be entered on SignUp Genius.**
- If necessary, contact members by phone to determine if they plan to volunteer.

Many answers regarding how Signup Genius works are available at: [Support](#)

**The clock is ticking! Please begin this process right away!** We plan to open volunteer signups to anyone and everyone in the next two weeks, possibly as early as February 1. But first, **clubs supporting walks must account for their volunteers using SignUp Genius.** Then we will be able to let others fill in the gaps. Note: For the Bend walk, anyone in any club may and is invited to volunteer as Bend has no supporting club.

Thank you for your help with this process.

Any questions or concerns please call Maryann at 541-961-4279

To sign up, go to: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0544ABAD29A1FF2-19th/24976421](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0544ABAD29A1FF2-19th/24976421)



President's Corner: Joe Titone

1. Thanks to Romana Paynter for notifying the *Columbian* about our Weekend Walks in Clark County. These notices attract new walkers and on a recent 5K, we had 9 new walkers.
2. You can earn these medals at the upcoming AVA convention in Salem:



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101433](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101433))

**Bend Walk**  
([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101433](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101433))



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101437](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101437))

**Clearlake Walk**



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101436](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101436))

**Silver Falls Walk**



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101431](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101431))

**Vancouver Walk**



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101434](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101434))

**Eugene Walk**



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101432](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101432))

**Lincoln City Walk**



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101430](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101430))

**Salem Walk**



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101435](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101435))

**Mt. Saint Helens Walk**



([http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=101429](http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=101429))

**Portland Walk**

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Next Meeting: Feb 10 - 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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Feb Birthdays: Breneman, Jan 2/9 Davis, Doug 2/25 Bowen, Earl 2/27	Achievements: <a href="#">please contact the editor with event and distance milestones</a> Steve Brewster: 50 events and 500km
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Welcome to new members – none reported

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Jan Breneman's Corner:

### **10 FAMOUS LITERARY WALKERS**

Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-78), French philosopher  
Charles Dickens (1812-70), English novelist  
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), Third American president  
Henry David Thoreau (1812-62), American naturalist  
William Wordsworth (1770-1850), English Poet Laureate



Walt Whitman (1818-92), American poet

Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834), English poet and philosopher

John Ruskin (1819-1900), English author and critic

Thomas de Quincey (1785-1859), English critic and essayist

George Macaulay Trevelyan (1876-1962), English historian

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London UK, 2007, Page 81.

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