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From: "Nancy Wittenberg" newittenberg@gmail.com, our RD (or above)

1. Big Give SA: Thank you to those of you who gave to AVA's Big Give SA campaign. We raised, as of today, $51,115, surpassing our goal of $50,000! This will help AVA do the things we need to for our future.

2. Northwest Regional Conference: Boise, ID Friday – Sunday, September 16 – 18, 2016: Treasure Valley Volkssporters are getting ready for us. Registration is open for the conference. Download the PDF form from the website http://nwregionalconferenceboise2016.weebly.com/. Volunteer signups will be available as soon as I can set it up at signupgenius.com.

3. Online Start Box: If you remember, Washington State is the next place to use the Online Start Box that was developed by Chris Zegelin for use in California, originally for five walks the CVA inherited not close to any clubs. You may have seen Chris's presentation at the Salem convention last June. Adding Washington will give Chris time to make sure the system will work for multiple states and give the system experience with more volume. I have the instructions and notes for clubs. The original interest is for events where a physical start box is either impractical or the start point can no longer host a box. I would like to use the Online Start Box for some YRE/Seasonals starting January 2017. If you are at all interested, I will send you the information. Several considerations: • At this time you can't have both a physical walk box and use the online walk box. The problems CA found took hours and days to unravel. • Money will go through CVA, the California Volkssport Association's Paypal account. Clubs will get their money quarterly by transfer from CVA's Paypal account to the club's (or an individual's) Paypal account. Clubs still need to report to AVA quarterly and will be billed by AVA for participation fees. • Clubs can get reports any time from the website. • Directions and maps must be in a basic PDF format and be readable with an older version smart phone. You can have lots of information with the download – pictures, history. • You can have a good start point or even multiple start points in a loop trail. It doesn't have to be anywhere near where you currently have a walk box. You need driving directions to the actual start. • Talk to me if you are

interested in discussing. I will be happy to send you a copy to review. We want to give this opportunity a good try. Remember, so many want our stuff to be online.

4. Checkpoint Available Via Email to All Club Members Who Request It:
To receive an electronic copy of the Checkpoint send us an email to the attention of Samanta requesting that you be put on our distribution list for the Checkpoint. Please note on the subject line: Request for Checkpoint. Send your request to Samanta at intern@ava.org.

5. DBA: After reviewing all the comments received from our clubs and walkers, the DBA of the AVA was confirmed as "AVA: America's Walking Club". You can begin using this instead of the name "American Volkssport Association."

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President's Corner: Joe Titone

1. A big thanks to Louise and Tom Baltes for providing such an elegant setting for our election party. The candidates previously proposed were elected.

2. Thanks to Jan Breneman (and all the volunteers) for making the Washougal event a success: 111 walkers and a profit!

3. Our future evens committee met right after the election party. Members are welcome to give additional input. Here are Jan Breneman's notes:

Proposed 2017 Sanctioned Events: (Open dates are as of 6/16/16)

Lacamas Lake Park - April (alternate route could be in Grass Valley area from Lacamas Swim & Sport) Regional Open Dates: April 1, 8, 29

Ellsworth Springs - May/June? New route using more trails in the park and streets to the northeast. Open Dates: May 6, 27 and June 10, 17, 24 (no June weekends are sanctioned at this time)

North Bonneville - July 8 (sanctioned) Dick: if you continue with NB Gorge Days, consider adding it to Nancy Wittenberg's list of "recurring events."

Washougal Waterfront - August? (need to avoid flood season on the Washougal River Greenway) Open Dates: August 5, 12, 26. I will chair this one and prefer August 26.

Ridgefield Birdfest - Early October-first weekend? Speak to Jean Moeller and

Leah Townsend about chairing. Friends of the Ridgefield Refuge website states that 2016 festivities will be announced in early August 2016. October 7 and 14 are both preferred OTSVA dates for Columbia River Crossing (Astoria) and Portland Marathon.

YREs: Change Ellsworth Springs route to Biddlewood Park and areas southeast of Fred Meyer.

Change Felida route to start at Felida Park. Dick has developed two 5km loops he will use for the group walk on Wednesday, June 29. Registration to remain at The Country Store, with the remote start.

Discontinue North Bonneville Seasonal for 2017 due to lack of participants. A Gorge Days event is sanctioned for July 8, 2017; Dick wants to do it every odd year. Then the North Bonneville Seasonal will be sanctioned for only even years, opposite the planned Gorge Days biennial. This may be a good candidate for the AVA's new "Per Participant Sanctioning" due its rural location and low numbers – but great route.

Note that at this time, there are events for New Year's Day only in January (I realize weather is dicey this month), and March has NO events scheduled. In addition, Joe mentioned doing a bi-annual Murals Walk in September every even year; this would begin in September 2018.

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Next Meeting: July 12 - 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:

Vancouver Murals Walk, Sept. 10
North Bonneville - July 8, 2017

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks – 10:00 am
http://www.vancouverusavolkssporters.org/Wed/wed.htm

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July Birthdays: Heins, Joan 7/4 Laws, Stephanie 7/21	Achievements: please contact the editor with event and distance milestones none reported

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Welcome to new members – Patricia Reed

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Jan Breneman's Corner: next month

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