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1. **Walk Like an Olympian:** One new Special Program for 2018-2021 was approved. Walk Like an Olympian requires 20 events in a city with the same name as a city where an Olympic Games were held. If your club would like to develop a special program that would begin in January 2019, please see the AVA Policy Manual section on Special Programs.

2. **National Special Programs:** Beginning January 2018, various trail systems will each have program books with patches for hiking certain numbers of events on these trails. These include the Pacific Crest trail, Appalachian Trail, Wisconsin Ice Age Trail. For 2017 eight events have been sanctioned on the Pacific Crest Trail, all using the Online Start Box: 2 in Washington, 2 in Oregon and 4 in California.



President's Corner: Joe Titone

1. [Article](#) from *The Columbian* about walking.
2. [Article](#) from *The Columbian* about Tom, VUSAV, and their volunteer efforts.
3. We need to replace the President, VP and the Treasurer this year. Janet will run for President, and I've agreed to help her. We need someone to run for VP which is the easiest job in the club. Even if you just give your name to the

position, and **do nothing else**, that will be sufficient. Even filling these positions for one year is acceptable. The Treasurer requires some financial acumen, but should be fairly easy for someone with that type of background.

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Next Meeting: Mar 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: list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

Lacamas Park (25th Anniversary Walk) – Apr 15, 2017
North Bonneville - July 8, 2017
Washougal – Aug 26
Ridgefield or Grass Valley – Oct 7

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

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March Birthdays: Ohl, James 3/30 Ohl Jean 3/31	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:

A shout-out to two AWW members who help keep AWW rolling along... Jill McLean, who has found it more difficult to help out at walks lately (she really enjoyed working checkpoints) has, for the last few years, funded the printing of our YRE directions/map copies. These numbers amount to several hundred printed pages and at normally 10-13 cents each copy, is no small feat. However... Liz Connors' company, Wolseley NA/Ferguson has a "Retail Connect" card with OfficeMax. All Weather Walkers is able to fully save with printing all our

maps/directions and flyers for events. For the first time this year, Jill personally realized those savings with the card, as her favorite print shop disappeared over the last year.

Thanks, Jill and Liz, for helping out the club – it makes a big difference!

THE DEVIL STEPS OUT

The week in mid-January 1909 has long haunted the residents of Burlington, New Jersey. It was the week that the Jersey Devil walked, in one night alone leaving its prints in the snow across back gardens, across rooftops, up trees and out into open fields where they disappeared. A posse of dogs refused to track it.

The Jersey Devil has been described as being 'about three feet and a half high, with a head like a collie dog and a face like a horse. It has a long neck, wings about two feet long, its back legs are like those of a crane, and it has horse's hooves.' Legend has it that the Devil was born to a Mrs. Shrouds of Leeds Point, New Jersey, sometime in the 18th century. Some say that the mother was so cursed because with 12 children already eating their way through house and home, she declared that a 13th could only be a devil. Others have it that the beast was the lovechild of her illicit dalliances with a British soldier.

Whatever its origins, the Jersey Devil became one of the most sighted cryptozoological creatures of the 19th century, before saving its best appearances for the 20th century, and in particular that week in 1909.

Since that date, unusual tracks have continued to be found in the area, often nearby the half-eaten corpse of a duck, goat or dog.

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