



Saguaro Sun Striders Newsletter



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Check out the website: <https://AVAClubs.org/SaguaroSunStriders/>

Hello fellow Saguaro Sun Striders.

I had intended to get this out sooner, but life happens. Sherry and I had a significant life event that kept me in Colorado since September 2022. That has made it difficult to try to carry on the friendship events that have been hosted in the past. Another significant life event is occurring right now that takes me out of the Phoenix metro area permanently.

I will, however, be hosting a friendship event in Fountain Hills on the last day of this year. We will start at the hotel at 1:23pm, making this event a 123-123-123 event (12-31-23@1:23pm). It will also be your last chance to pay a maximum of \$3 for the event. Starting January 1st, 2024, the maximum fee for each event will increase to \$4, and the fees charged for each event by the AVA to the Saguaro Sun Striders increases to \$3. More below.

If you would like to host a friendship event at one of our many YRE locations, please let me know at the contact information below and I'll get you the stuff.

I will be sanctioning the PI day event (3-14) in a new location in 2024. Most likely Sedona.

In January, 2023, I was elected president of the club. Many, many thanks are given to Loralie Cruz for successfully running the club for the last 20 years. At the last AVA General Meeting, Loralie was recognized for her years of service with the AVA Distinguished Achievement Award. See all the awards at https://ava.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023_Awards_Book.pdf.

There are no major changes forthcoming. For those of you who wish to be an official member, please send your \$5 membership fee to the address below with your updated contact information. If you received this newsletter, please reply with your current contact information, just in case we need to contact you by phone or snail mail. For those members who do the YREs multiple times, the discount will continue. Unfortunately it must increase to \$3 because that is what the club must pay to the AVA. For easier accounting, you may report your activity once per quarter, and only send one check to cover your participation fee.

One procedural change is to send any funds for the club to a new, central location. Please send checks made



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out to 'Saguaro Sun Striders' for club activity to:

Saguaro Sun Striders
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We have done this because Sherry collects and deposits money for several different clubs and AVA activities, and it works for us to have a central clearing house. Real Soon Now all the YREs will be available for registration on my Online Event Registration System at <https://AVAClubs.org/SaguaroSunStriders/Store/>. Some events are already there. You need to have a valid email address to register, then log in and sign up for whichever events you are going to do, choose a discount (Saguaro), and pay with a credit card or check. Easy Peasy.

So, who are we? Sherry and I have been participating in volksmarching since the 70s. We completed walking in all 50 states in September 2021, and have done volksmarches in 15 countries. We have founded several clubs, and been president of several others. Both Sherry and I served two terms each as the Rocky Mountain Regional Director, and in 2017 with Lynette Reagan we hosted the 20th AVA Biennial Convention in Billings, Montana. We both regularly publish articles in The American Wanderer. Officially, I am president of the Saguaro Sun Striders and the Woodland Wanderers. Sherry is vice-president of the Saguaro Sun Striders and president of the Colorado Springs Walking Club. CSWC is the sponsor of the Rails-to-Trails National Special Program. WW is the sponsor of several regional challenges: Arizona County Seat Challenge (ending in 2023); Utah County Seat Challenge (started in 2023); Charley Pride Challenge (two-more years); and we are working on putting together the Nevada County Seat Challenge for 2024. I also host and do maintenance on a bunch of AVA club's websites.

Terry Landers is a first time club officer. I have worked with him for the past few years. He is a CPA, and will insure we don't do wild and crazy things with the money. He is not yet a walker, but we will continue to get that going. You all know how life happens.

Pacific Region News: Becky Forsythe is our new Pacific Regional Director.

AVA News: The biennial AVA membership meeting was held virtually on June 14. A new Board of Directors was elected, along with new Regional Directors. See who they are at <https://ava.org/ava-leadership-team/>. In October, the Board of Directors voted to raise the participation fee to \$2, allow the maximum fee to be charged for an event to be \$4, disallow free walkers, and maintain the Per Person Sanction Fee at \$1. All events on the osb will be \$4 plus the service charge fee (used to be \$.49 per event, do not know how far up it will go).

This affects everyone doing a Saguaro Sun Striders event. Effective January 1st, 2024, the fee for each participant doing our event will be **\$3.50**. If you are a member and doing the same YRE multiple times, the fee will be \$3 each time. If you register on the Online Event Registration System, I do not charge you the service fee (currently \$.24, going up to \$.25).



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Online Event Registration System: <https://AVAClubs.org/SaguaroSunStriders/Store/>

All our Sanctioned Events: <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?club=AVA-0913>