

# AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION

**Recognition  
Awards  
1997**



**AVA 10th BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
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# The AVA Recognition Awards Program

The AVA Recognition Awards Program was established in 1985 to honor individuals, clubs and organization, both within and outside the AVA, for service, deeds and accomplishments which have advanced the ideals and aspirations of volkssporting in the United States.

There are four categories of Recognition Awards:

1. **AVA Hall of Fame Award**

The Hall of Fame Award may be bestowed upon individuals who have given at least five years of service to the AVA at the national, state and local levels and who have made exceptional contributions to volkssporting which have affected several AVA Regions.

2. **AVA Distinguished Achievement Award**

The Distinguished Achievement Award may be bestowed upon individuals who have given at least five years of service to the AVA at the national, state or local level and who have made outstanding contributions to volkssporting in the United States or in their AVA Region.

3. **AVA Meritorious Service Award**

The Meritorious Service Award may be bestowed upon individuals who have rendered significant service which contributed to the enhancement of volkssporting.

4. **AVA Certificate of Service**

Certificates of Service may be bestowed upon individuals, clubs or organizations who have made significant contributions to volkssporting in the United States. Eligibility for a Certificate of Service is achieved either by nomination or by service on a national committee.

Recognition Awards are presented at the AVA Biennial Convention Awards Banquet.

Nominations for Recognition Awards may be made by AVA Member Clubs, State Organizations or members of the AVA Executive Council. Each nomination is reviewed by the appropriate Regional Director and then forwarded to the Recognition Awards Committee. After reviewing

all of the nominations in each category, the Committee makes its recommendations to the Executive Council and they make the final determination.

Many thanks to the numerous clubs, state organizations and individual volkssporters who noticed when someone was doing an outstanding job and then took the time to nominate them for a Recognition Award. Thank you, also, to the Recognition Awards Committee which had the cumbersome job of reviewing each nomination and making their recommendations to the Executive Council. And, finally, thank you to the Executive Council for the very difficult task of reviewing, carefully considering and voting on each of the committee's recommendations.

Congratulations to each recipient of a 1997 AVA Recognition Award. Each of you has worked hard to make a significant contribution to volkssporting and to encourage healthy, non-competitive recreation across our country. We not only recognize you, we applaud your dedication and thank you for your enthusiasm.

Thank you for helping us provide "A Whole Different Kind of Walk."

All awards on the following pages are listed by award level. They are then sorted by region and recipients are listed alphabetically within their region.

# *Distinguished Achievement Awards*

## **DENA FORSTER - ATLANTIC REGION**

**Home Town:** Bethesda, MD

**Club Memberships:** Seneca Valley Sugarloafers  
Freestate Happy Wanderers  
Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers  
Cumberland Volksmarch Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 600 Distance: 8,000km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* Spearheaded Project AVA Computer System, raising more than \$37,000 to pay for new computer software and equipment.
- \* Served as member of AVA Publicity and Membership Committees.
- \* Editor and creator of Seneca Valley Sugarloafers newsletter.
- \* Organized weekday walks for community.
- \* Instituted walking program for local schools.

## **STAN FORSTER - ATLANTIC REGION**

**Home Town:** Bethesda, MD

**Club Memberships:** Seneca Valley Sugarloafers  
Freestate Happy Wanderers  
Greenbelt Volksmarch Club  
Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 575 Distance: 6,500km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* Spearheaded Project AVA Computer System, raising more than \$37,000 to pay for new computer software and equipment.
- \* President of Seneca Valley Sugarloafers, 1992 - present.
- \* Organized a volunteer drive for the AVA Biennial Convention 1997.
- \* Implemented a program to recycle unused and unneeded IVV awards for the AVA.

## ***STEPHEN R. LITTLE (posthumously) - MID-AMERICA REGION***

**Club Memberships:** Ohio Wander Freunde  
Queen City Skywalkers  
Wandering Wheels  
Xenia Peg Legs  
Zinzinnati Wanderers  
Glen Helen Association  
Southern Ohio Trekkers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1150 Distance: 22,000km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* Founder and president of the Glen Helen Volkssport Club, 1983-1991.
- \* Co-founder and vice-president of the Wanderings Wheels Volkssport Club.
- \* Vice-president and president of the Ohio Volkssport Association, 1988-1990.
- \* Marathon coordinator in Ohio.
- \* Trailmaster for various clubs and Ohio Volkssport Association.

## ***HELGA SLADE - MID-AMERICA REGION***

**Home Town:** Beavercreek, OH

**Club Memberships:** Ohio Wander Freunde  
Xenia Peg Legs  
Purple Penguins  
Wandering Wheels

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1800 Distance: 35,000km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* Serves as president and trailmaster of the Purple Penguins.
- \* Serves as secretary of the Ohio Wander Freunde.
- \* Promotes volkssporting throughout the Mid-West.
- \* Served as secretary of the 1989 AVA Biennial Convention.

## **CATHARINE BYRD - NORTHWEST REGION**

**Home Town:** Vancouver, WA

**Club Memberships:** Vancouver USA Volkssport Club  
Evergreen State Volkssport Assn  
Over-the-Hill Gang

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 375 Distance: 4,000km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* 1992-1996, President, Evergreen State Volkssport Association.
- \* 1995, AVA Biennial Convention member.
- \* 1989-1990, President of Vancouver USA Volkssport Club.
- \* 1988-1989, Secretary/Treasurer of Vancouver USA Volkssport Club.
- \* 1988, Co-founder of Vancouver USA Volkssport Club.

## **JACK MAXCY - NORTHWEST REGION**

**Home Town:** Federal Way, WA

**Club Memberships:** Evergreen State Volkssport Association  
Over-the-Hill Gang

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1300 Distance: 20,000km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* Served as AVA's Northwest Regional Director, 1993-1995.
- \* Served as president and founding member of the Over-the-Hill Gang.
- \* Established year-round events in Alaska, helping volkssporters walk in all 50 states.
- \* Performed role as ESVA Trailmaster.
- \* Served as NW Area Coordinator.

## ***BOYD A. MORGAN - SOUTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Faith, NC

**Club Memberships:** Magnolia State Volkssport Club  
Bandit Hikers Volkssport Club  
Tarheel State Walkers Volkssport Assn.  
Rowan Roamers  
Black Hills Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 750 Distance: 14,000km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* Vice-President of the TSWVA, Piedmont Region.
- \* Served as vice-president of the Black Hills Association and president of the Bandit Hikers.
- \* Serves as membership chairman and newsletter editor for Rowan Roamers.
- \* Coordinator for March for Parks events.
- \* On the AVA Nominating and Recognition Awards Committees (1989)

## ***FRANK DEMOLLI - SOUTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Santa Fe, NM

**Club Memberships:** Santa Fe Trail Blazers  
Mid-Florida Milers  
Falcon Wanderers  
Amigo Amblers  
Thunder Mountain Trekkers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 650 Distance: 16,000km  
Bike: 7,500km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* 1994-present, Santa Fe Trail Blazers President.
- \* 1993-1994, Florida Volkssport Association Vice President. Instrumental in developing the "Walking Florida State Parks Program."
- \* 1991-1994, Mid-Florida Milers Route and Trails Director.

## ***ELLEN OTT - SOUTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** San Antonio, TX

**Club Memberships:** Randolph Roadrunners

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 575 Distance: 5,500km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* Served as president of the Randolph Roadrunners.
- \* Promotes volkssporting with year-round workshops, speeches and exhibits at schools, businesses and military installations.
- \* Trailmaster for walks that are specially routed and access friendly for differently abled participants.
- \* Advances the volkssporting philosophy through community services projects.
- \* Organized and managed vendor booths at AVA's Biennial Convention in Austin.

## ***LYNWOOD WARD - SOUTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** San Antonio, TX

**Club Memberships:** Texas Volkssport Association  
Shiner Half Moon Walkers  
Texas Wanderers  
Pentagon Pacesetters  
Texas Woodland Walkers  
Trotting Texas Turtles  
Santa Fe Trailblazers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1050 Distance: 12,000km  
Bike: 1,000km

### **Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:**

- \* President of Texas Volkssport Association and Texas Wanderers.
- \* Promotes the growth of volkssporting with innovative marketing and public relations techniques on the local, state and national levels.
- \* Conducts volkssporting events to benefit community and park organizations such as the Honey Creek State Natural Area and the Jose Antonio Navarro State Historical Site.
- \* Volunteers multi-faceted assistance at the AVA National Headquarters.
- \* Established several year-round events, including one of the volkssporter's Top Ten YRE's nationwide, in Texas along with regular club walks.



# *Meritorious Service Awards*

## **STEVE ARNETT-ATLANTIC REGION**

**Hometown:** Camp Springs, MD 20748

**Club Memberships:** Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club  
Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 75 Distance: 1,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as secretary of the WDCAVC for four years. Helped develop the Seasonal Events in Cedarville State Forest, MD. Arranged for start/finish location and initiated a partnership with the Friends of Cedarville.

## **LEMAR BOWERS - ATLANTIC REGION**

**Home Town:** York, PA

**Club Memberships:** White Rose Wanderers  
Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 225 Distance: 3,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president of the White Rose Wanderers. He has held the positions of Membership Chairman and Point of Contact for the past five years. Serves as liaison to the humanitarian and service groups of the community, advising club on financial donations.

## **WILLIAM BRABANT - ATLANTIC REGION**

**Home Town:** Laurel, MD

**Club Memberships:** Freestate Happy Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1250 Distance: 22,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Trail Master for the Freestate Happy Wanderers, ensuring all trails have some type of marking. Trained many volkssporters on the art of creating a trail. Organized the concept of a yearly "walk for sport" event with all profits going to the AVA.

## ***ED BRANGES - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Rockville, MD

**Club Memberships:** Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc.

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 600 Distance: 7,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president and publicity chairman of the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers. Serves as the point-of-contact and events coordinator. Developed the trails for club year-round events and commentary that accompanies the trail instructions.

## ***SANDI CAHILL - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Fairfax, VA

**Club Memberships:** The Bad Pennies  
Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club  
Pentagon Pacesetters

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 450 Distance: 5,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as awards chair for Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club. A charter member of the Bad Pennies and the club's only secretary, Sandi initiated the "Baddest Penny Award."

## ***ROBERT CALDWELL - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Beltsville, MD

**Club Memberships:** Freestate Happy Wanderers  
Seneca Valley Sugarloafers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 300 Distance: 5,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Freestate Happy Wanderers. Established new walker program at events. Promotes family involvement in volkssporting by creating 5km trails for families with strollers. Instrumental in trail direction and marking programs.

***JAMES D. COFIELD - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Prince George, VA

**Club Memberships:** Lee Lupus Volksverband

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as vice-president of the Lee Lupus Volksverband. Coordinates all brochure printing and bidding. Provides assistance with trail marking and maintenance and other event positions (check point, sales, etc.).

***CARL CORDES - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Alexandria, VA

**Club Memberships:** Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club  
Patrick Pacers  
The Bad Pennies  
Maryland Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 750 Distance: 9,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president of the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club. Provides national support as the official voice and engineer of AVA's toll-free hotline. Compiled and published "The State of the Associations" quarterly newsletter which organized statistics and information in a single publication. Promotes volkssporting using computers, publications, media productions and personal contacts.

***PAMELA DONNICK - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Glen Burnie, MD

**Club Memberships:** Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 75 Distance: 500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as club treasurer for the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers. Only club member to volunteer at all events, spending the entire day, every day of the event helping wherever needed. Assists with trail marking and point-of-contact duties.

### ***RISCA EDLIN - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Petersburg, VA

**Club Memberships:** Lee Lupus Volksverband

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as treasurer for the Lee Lupus Volksverband club. Coordinates publicity for club by sending press releases and answering written requests for information.

### ***DIANE FERENCE - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Columbia, MD

**Club Memberships:** Freestate Happy Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 500 Distance: 6,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served two terms as president of the Freestate Happy Wanderers and one term as vice-president of the Maryland Volkssport Association (MVA). Will begin term as president of MVA at this convention. Organized a series of walks along the C&O Canal.

### ***RON HAMNER - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Alexandria, VA

**Club Memberships:** Pentagon Pacesetters

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 800 Distance: 16,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as trailmaster, treasurer, events coordinator, and editor for the Pentagon Pacesetters. Coordinates walks and scouts new trails throughout the area, including Huntley Meadows Park and Mt. Vernon. Operates a successful new walker program and promotes volkssporting to the general public.

### ***MARSHALL HANSEN - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Silver Spring, MD

**Club Memberships:** Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club  
The Bad Pennies

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 700 Distance: 13,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as the vice-president and registration chair for the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club (WDCAVC). Served as president of WDCAVC for two years. Co-developed the "Helping Hand" award to recognize outstanding club members.

### **LINDA HASSELL - ATLANTIC REGION**

**Home Town:** Pasadena, MD

**Club Memberships:** Freestate Happy Wanderers  
Seneca Valley Sugarloafers  
Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers  
Baltimore Walking Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 600 Distance: 5,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as a one-person public relations committee promoting Freestate, the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers and the regional events when possible. Designed T-shirts and headed specialties sales for Freestate. Pioneered the addition of a new walkers table at events.

### **WILLIAM HASSELL - ATLANTIC REGION**

**Home Town:** Pasadena, MD

**Club Memberships:** Freestate Happy Wanderers  
Seneca Valley Sugarloafers  
Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers  
Baltimore Walking Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 600 Distance: 4,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Works on the Events Committee and handles the Specialties and Sales section of the Freestate club. Recruits walkers through his efforts on the Internet and phone contacts. Organized a catalog for merchandise that promotes volkssporting.

### **PAUL HEWETT - ATLANTIC REGION**

**Home Town:** Long Neck, DE

**Club Memberships:** First State Webfooters Walking Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 275 Distance: 3000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as Event Coordinator for the Webfooters. Served as Webfooters' delegate to the 1993 and 1995 Biennial AVA Conventions. Developed a five-phase checklist on "How to Plan an Event." Writes numerous articles for volkssport publications.

## ***BILL LARSON-ATLANTIC REGION***

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as Chairman of the Seneca Creek Greenway Coalition for over two years. This group, including the Sierra Club, American Hiking Society and the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc. is focused on creating a 26 mile trail along the path of Seneca Creek. Naional Trails Day Liaison in the state of Maryland for three years.

## ***FRED LOPEZ - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Centerville, VA

**Club Memberships:** Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia  
Germanna Volkssport Association  
Washington DC Area Volksmarch Club, Inc  
Wood and Dale Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 2,500 Distance: 60,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Virginia Volkssport Association. He is presently serving as Events Chairman for the 1997 AVA Biennial Convention. Established a program to promote volkssporting in Virginia by conducting an event in every county in the state.

## ***MATTHEW PERNICK - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Oakton, VA

**Club Memberships:** The Bad Pennies  
Washington DC Area Volksmarch Club, Inc

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 600 Distance: 6,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Bad Pennies. Promotes inexpensive and entertaining volkssporting experiences through travel to events locally and internationally. Served as president of the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching club.

## ***MARY T. PTACEK - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Beltsville, MD

**Club Memberships:** The Bad Pennies  
Baltimore Walking Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 650 Distance: 8,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Organized nationwide volkssport trips that have promoted volksmarching to many people. Coordinated supplies and staffing at checkpoints for Freestate events.

***LYNETTE REAGAN - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Baltimore, MD

**Club Memberships:** The Bad Pennies  
Baltimore Walking Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 575

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Active leader in volkssporting in the Atlantic region. Serves as vice-president in charge of publicity in the Maryland Volkssport Association. Supports the national park groups and the March for Parks program.

***FRANK A. RINGLEY - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Sykesville, MD

**Club Memberships:** Piedmont Pacers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 100 Distance: 1,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as the treasurer of the Piedmont Pacers. Volunteered time and talent to various club tasks. Coordinator for the Pacers' "Adopt-a-Highway" program.

***DEE SCHRUM - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Chesterfield, VA

**Club Memberships:** Lee Lepus Volksverband

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 450 Distance: 5,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Lee Lepus Volksverband. Prepares all brochures for printing and designs and orders all awards.

***BARBARA SPENCER - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Severn, MD

**Club Memberships:** Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 700 Distance: 7,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as second vice-president and trailmaster (1991) of the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers. (CBCW) Serves as the CBCW historian. Promotes new walker program with innovative marketing techniques.

***NANCY STENGER - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Centreville, VA

**Club Memberships:** Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club  
Germanna Volkssport Association  
Peninsula Pathfinders  
Wood and Dale Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 850 Distance: 9,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president and awards chair of the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club and vice-president of the Virginia Volkssport Association. 1997 AVA Biennial Convention Committee recording secretary. Avid supporter of the Walking Virginia Counties program.

***JOANNE STOLL - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Petersburg, VA

**Club Memberships:** Lee Lepus Volksverband

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 325 Distance: 3,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as the treasurer and vice-president of the Lee Lepus Volksverband. Coordinates all checkpoint workers for events. Continually promotes volkssporting to new walkers.

***THOMAS C. SUNDE - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Camden, DE

**Club Memberships:** First State Webfooters Walking Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 325 Distance: 4,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Vice president of First State Webfooters. Previously served as president and trailmaster for the club. Actively works with state park system, obtaining permission to conduct events.

***BOB TAYLOR - ATLANTIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Chesterfield, VA

**Club Memberships:** Lee Lepus Volksverband

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 75 Distance: 1,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Secretary of the Lee Lepus Volksverband, maintains records and filing system. Oversees inventory of awards, event and distance books. Organized YRE, including routing the trail and designing brochure.



## ***EARL FRANKS - MID-AMERICA REGION***

**Home Town:** Shreve, OH

**Club Memberships:** Gemutlich Wanderers  
Towpath Treaders  
Wandering Wheels

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 450 Distance: 7,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Instrumental in starting three volkssporting clubs in Ohio and one in West Virginia. Organized a YRE trail in Ohio and several bus tours for volkssporters.

## ***JACKIE MCCOMBS -MID-AMERICA REGION***

**Home Town:** Huber Heights, OH

**Club Memberships:**

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 800 Distance: 11,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Ohio Volkssport Association. Served as treasurer for the Ohio Wander Freunde, providing expert financial guidance to the club.

## ***RONALD L. ROMAY - MID-AMERICA REGION***

**Home Town:** Florissant, MO

**Club Memberships:**

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 350 Distance: 4,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Designed national awards, including Physical Fitness & Sports Month patches, National Trails Day, and National Annual Volkssport patches, as well as numerous awards for clubs in the Mid-America and South Central regions.

## ***HELEN BECHTOLD - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Brookings, SD

**Club Memberships:** Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 200 Distance: 2,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as the vice-president and committee member of the Constitution and Bylaws for the Prairie Wanderers. Organized various events, including the financial and administrative details.

***FAYNE D. BELL - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Brookings, SD

**Club Memberships:** Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 325 Distance: 3,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as club treasurer and event coordinator (for Brookings, SD) for the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club. Handles all of the administrative and financial requirements for seasonal events.

***ED BERAN - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Omaha, NE

**Club Memberships:** Nebraska Wander Freunde Trailblazers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 125 Distance: 4,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as trailmaster for the Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers. Promotes volkssporting by talking to mall groups, garden clubs and other organizations.

***HELEN BUSCHMANN - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Lacrosse, WI

**Club Memberships:** Grandad Bluffers Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 125 Distance: 1,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president, trailmaster and publicity coordinator for the Grandad Bluffers Volkssport Club. Informs community about the benefits of volkssporting. Routinely assists with any club duty.

***BONNIE CHRISTENSEN - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Des Moines, IA

**Club Memberships:** Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 225 Distance: 2,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as historian for the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association. Co-edits a newsletter, communicating information about local and regional activities. Instrumental in planning tenth anniversary walk.

***ROBERT EGGERT - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** New Brighton, MN

**Club Memberships:** Twin Cities Volksmarchers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 650 Distance: 3,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as events coordinator for Twin Cities Volksmarchers and Minnesota Volkssport Association. Served as Minnesota Volkssport Association treasurer.

***SUSAN NIELSON - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** St. Cloud, MN

**Club Memberships:** Central Minnesota Volkssports  
Twin Cities Volksmarchers  
Crow River Crawlers  
Minnesota Volkssport Association

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Central Minnesota Volkssports club. Instituted several positive club changes, including a regular quarterly club newsletter, bi-monthly potluck membership meeting and special events.

***ARDITH ORTGIES - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Des Moines, IA

**Club Memberships:** Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 250 Distance: 2,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as historian for the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association. Co-edits a newsletter, communicating information about local and regional activities. Instrumental in planning tenth anniversary walk.

***GWEN PICKETT - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Brookings SD

**Club Memberships:** Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 125 Distance: 500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president and secretary of the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club. Assists in planning club seasonal events and designing awards. Works with schools and parks department to assure events are held in first class facilities.

***DOROTHY RAMSAY (Posthumous) - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Lacrosse, WI

**Club Memberships:** Grandad Bluffers Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 30

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served in many capacities of club leadership. Acted as ambassador for volkssporting, promoted the sport to organizations. Routinely assisted with club operations.

***MARVIN RAMSAY - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Lacrosse, WI

**Club Memberships:** Grandad Bluffers Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 30

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as treasurer for the Grandad Bluffers Volkssport Club. Acts as ambassador for volkssporting, promoting the sport to organizations. Routinely assists with club operations.

***ARNOLD RICHERT - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** York, NE

**Club Memberships:** Wellness Wanderers

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** A trailmaster and charter member of the Wellness Wanderers. Devotes considerable effort to routing trails that are interesting, scenic, historic and safe.

***LA DONNA RICHERT - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** York, NE

**Club Memberships:** Wellness Wanderers  
Lincoln Volkssport Club Inc  
Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 150 Distance: 1500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as treasurer of the Wellness Wanderers. Coordinates all business transactions and specialty items.

***JOHN THOMPSON - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Des Moines, IA

**Club Memberships:** Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 275

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Established year-round event in Des Moines. Promotes walking with special projects, including a Des Moines hunger hike, to gain positive visibility for volkssporting.

***VIVIAN THOMPSON - NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Des Moines, IA

**Club Memberships:** Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 275

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as point-of-contact and club membership chairperson for the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Club. Routinely promotes volkssporting within the community.

***ARLENE GIROUARD - NORTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Roslindale, MA

**Club Memberships:** Walk n Mass

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 100 Distance: 500

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as secretary of Walk 'n Mass. Acts as chairperson for a year-round event and night walk. Designed and sewed club banner.

***PHIL HAIT - NORTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Holliston, MA

**Club Memberships:** Walk 'n Mass  
York White Rose Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 250 Distance: 2,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as co-president of Walk 'n Mass. Acts as chairman of events in Massachusetts. Frequently writes articles on behalf of the club.

### ***CHARLOTTE PHILLIPS - NORTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Middlebury, VT

**Volkssport Club Memberships:** Twin State Volkssport Association  
Empire State Capital Volkssporters  
Texas Wanderers

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** President of the Vermont Twin State Volkssport Association. Helped design and mark trails, and publicize events. Supported new club, the Kingdom Kickers, with their walks and paperwork.

### ***CHARLES SMITH - NORTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Acton, MA

**Club Memberships:** Walk 'n Mass

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 700 Distance: 15,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as chairman for walks throughout Massachusetts. Regularly contributes articles for club newsletter and *The American Wanderer*. Designs patches and brochures for club events.

### ***MARJORIE BERGERON - NORTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Lake Oswego, OR

**Club Memberships:** Valley Volkssport Club  
Walking Connection Volkssport Club  
Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 950 Distance: 10,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served on all committees at various levels, including the AVA Biennial Convention Committee. Served as president and secretary of Walking Connection and secretary of the Valley Volkssport Club.

### ***JUDITH BERRY - NORTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Portland, OR

**Club Memberships:** Columbia River Volkssport Club  
Pathways to Adventure  
All Weather Walkers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 50

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president and founder of the Columbia River Volkssport Club. Founded the All Weather Walkers. Conducts volkssport tours throughout the year.

***LENA DAVIS - NORTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Portland, OR

**Club Memberships:** Rose City Roamers  
Columbia River Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 2,200 Distance: 30,000km  
Bike: 2,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as treasurer for the Rose City Roamers. Developed and assisted with trail routes, including year-round events. Organized specialty ordering and sales for the 1995 AVA Biennial Convention.

***JULIANN FRITCHMAN - NORTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Boise, ID

**Club Memberships:** Treasure Valley Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 325 Distance: 4,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president of the Treasure Valley Volkssport Club and secretary, treasurer and president of the Cedar River Rovers Volkssport Club. Promotes the volkssporting story in national, regional and local media.

***IDA MAE LIEB - NORTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Boring, OR

**Club Memberships:** East County Wind Walkers  
Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1,300 Distance: 14,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as the vice-president and trailmaster of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. Chairperson for the volkssport committee that coordinated the volkssporters' participation in the Portland Marathon.

***DEBORAH ANN MILLER - NORTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** West Linn, OR

**Club Memberships:** Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association  
Columbia River Volkssport Club  
East Country Windwalkers  
Walking Connection  
Hood River Gorge Walkers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 175 Distance: 1,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. Served as president and vice-president of the Walking Connection. Instrumental in establishing the Hood River Gorge Walkers.

***JOHN MILLER - NORTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Portland, OR

**Club Memberships:** Columbia River Volkssport Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 400 Distance: 20,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Columbia River Volkssport Club. Helps increase membership and the number of walks. Instrumental in establishing unique series of walks in the Pacific Northwest.

***JOHN E. "JACK" ODGAARD - NORTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Portland, OR

**Club Memberships:** Turnaround Trekkers  
Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1,150 Distance: 14,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as vice-president for promotion/publicity for the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. Contributes regularly to *The American Wanderer* with articles and photo features. Developed the successful Walk Oregon program.



**BETTY HENDERSON - PACIFIC REGION**

Home Town: Riverside, CA

**Club Memberships:** Low Desert Roadrunners  
Hollywood Star Trekkers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 225 Distance: 2,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as the president of the Low Desert Roadrunners. Acts as an ambassador for volkssporting, promoting the sport at work sites and throughout the community.

**MARY MOTT - PACIFIC REGION**

Home Town: Fresno, CA

**Club Memberships:** Big Valley Vagabonds

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 525 Distance: 6,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Big Valley Vagabonds, helping increase membership and the treasury. Developed seven year-round events in California. Supports and promotes national programs such as computer donation project and the AVA Volkssport Museum.

**DON RATLIFF - PACIFIC REGION**

Home Town: Newcastle, CA

**Club Memberships:** Placer Pacers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 225 Distance: 2,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as vice-president of the California Volkssport Association - North, vice-president of the Sacramento Walking Sticks and president of the Placer Pacers. Chairs several events for the Placer Pacers, including a YRE in Sacramento.

**HERBERT M. WEBBER - PACIFIC REGION**

Home Town: Auburn, CA

**Club Memberships:** Placer Pacers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 250 Distance: 3,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president and vice-president of the Placer Pacers volkssport club. Led the club to AVA Star Club status. Helped establish the Northern California Volkssport Association.

### ***HAL WITTER - PACIFIC REGION***

**Home Town:** Mesa, AZ

**Club Memberships:** Valley Volkssporters Association  
Thunder Mountain Trekkers  
Tucson Volkssport Klub

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 2,000 Distance: 30,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as the state designee for the Pacific Regional Director. Organized a volkssport event in conjunction with Federal Employee Fitness Day. Serves on the AVA Museum Committee and Special Events Committee.

### ***JOHN BURDAN - ROCKY MOUNTAIN***

**Home Town:** Littleton, CO

**Club Memberships:** Rocky Mountain Wanderers  
Falcon Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 225

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president, 2nd vice-president and first vice-president of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers. Organized and led volkssport tours throughout England. Authored a booklet on coordinating events and has taught classes on such to volkssporters.

### ***RONALD S. GREEN - ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION***

**Home Town:** Cheyenne, WY

**Club Memberships:** Falcon Wanderers  
Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers  
West Texas Trail Walkers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1,350 Distance: 21,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as the volunteer volksmarch coordinator for the State of Wyoming. Developed a state park walks program, working with park superintendents to maintain trails.

## ***CAROL JENNINGS - ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION***

**Home Town:** Cheyenne, WY

**Club Memberships:** Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers  
Rocky Mountain Wanderers  
Falcon Wanderers  
Northern Front Range Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 275 Distance: 3,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** President of the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. Coordinates walks in Wyoming, actively promotes volksmarching in the park system.

## ***MIKE JENNINGS - ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION***

**Home Town:** Cheyenne, WY

**Club Memberships:** Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers  
Rocky Mountain Wanderers  
Falcon Wanderers  
Northern Front Range Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 275 Distance: 3,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Coordinates walks in Wyoming, actively promoting volksmarching in the park system. Supports Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers in various duties.

## ***BILL SIMKINS - ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION***

**Home Town:** Farmington, NM

**Club Memberships:** 4 Corners Volkssporters

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** President and trailmaster of the 4 Corners Volkssporters Club. Staffed and coordinated every club event. Promotes volkssporting to Boy Scout organizations.

## ***MYRA TAMS - ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION***

**Home Town:** Ogden, UT

**Club Memberships:** Gadabouts  
Golden Spike Striders  
Footloose

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 300 Distance: 3,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Very active in organizing and promoting walks in the 29 counties of Utah. "Rescued" many events by taking over sponsorship when clubs encountered difficulties.

***JOHN YANNACONE - ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION***

**Home Town:** Cheyenne, WY

**Club Memberships:** Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as trailmaster for the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. Provides innovative and exciting trails, taking walkers into different states and terrain.

***DOROTHY BROWN - SOUTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Tulsa, OK

**Club Memberships:** Green Country Wander-Freunde, Inc

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 425 Distance: 6,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as president of the Green Country Wander-Freunde Inc. Working toward finding a route for a walk in every county of Oklahoma.

***JEAN HUBINGER - SOUTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Oklahoma City, OK

**Club Memberships:** Wandergruppe Walking Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 150 Distance: 1,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as membership chairperson of the Wandergruppe Walking Club. Promotes volkssporting at her job site and throughout the community.

***VERNON MEYER - SOUTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Del City, OK

**Club Memberships:** Wandergruppe Walking Club

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 125 Distance: 1,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as vice-president of the Wandergruppe Walking Club. Also, has served as logistics chairman and trailmaster for the club. Dedicated to planning and conducting events and introducing computer technology to the club.

***C. JEANIE MOORE - SOUTH CENTRAL REGION***

**Home Town:** Sulphur, OK

**Club Memberships:** Wandergruppe Walking Club  
Prairie Dog Plodders  
Buffalo Chip Kickers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 150 Distance: 2,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as the coordinator (and originator) of the Sulphur, OK, YRE. Designed the wildlife series of patches for Sulphur event. Instrumental in maintaining good relations and cooperation with the National Park Service.

***LILLIAN BAINES - SOUTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Pensacola, FL

**Club Memberships:** Pensacola Volksmarch Club  
Florida Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 200 Distance: 1,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as SE Region March for Parks Coordinator and various club officer positions. Instrumental in the success of the Floribama events as well as other club events.

***RONALD C. BARNETT - SOUTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Merritt Island, FL

**Club Memberships:** Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club  
Happy Wanderers Volkssport Club  
Flamingo Walkers  
Santa Fee Trail Blazers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 350 Distance: 4,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served as president and vice-president of the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club. Involved in the detailed preparatory work for each of the Pacers' events. Creates, writes and submits articles to volkssport and community publications.

***LORETTA CHASTEEN - SOUTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Clemons, NC

**Club Memberships:** Tarheel State Walkers Volkssport Association  
Winston Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 450 Distance: 6,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Has served as treasurer of the TSWVA and the Winston Wanderers. Presently serves as secretary of the TSWVA and as publisher/editor of the "MT-to-SEA" Booklet. Personnaly responsible for laying out the trails for many year round events in North Carolina and has coordinated start points and produced the trail maps. Provided knowledge and assistance in the laying out and marking of trails for the Winston-Salem IML event and provided narrative and draft graphic maps of those trails.

***ANN DELA FUENTE - SOUTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Port Richey, FL

**Club Memberships:** Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club  
Happy Wanderers  
Patrick Pacers  
Mid-Florida Milers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 250 Distance: 2,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** YRE monitor for one of the Sandpipers' walks, maintaining the participation necessary to guarantee financial success. Contributed a variety of ideas to improve club activities and supplied the muscle to make them a reality.

***LUCY KRUPP - SOUTHEAST REGION***

**Home Town:** Asheville, NC

**Club Memberships:** Asheville Amblers  
Tarheel State Walking Volkssport Association  
Happy Wanderers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 75 Distance: 500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Tarheel State Walkers Volkssport Association vice president. Instrumental in establishing clubs and year-round events in North Carolina.

**MARY ANNE LANINGHAM - SOUTHEAST REGION**

**Home Town:** Salisbury, NC

**Club Memberships:** Winston-Wanderers  
Rowan Roamers

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Serves as the 1997 AVA Biennial Convention treasurer. Assisted with trail marking for the 1996 International Marching League walks in Winston-Salem. Coordinates year-round event in Salisbury.

**KAREN PROCTER - SOUTHEAST REGION**

**Home Town:** Lewisville, NC

**Club Memberships:** Winston-Wanderers  
Tarheel State Walking Volkssport Association

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 150 Distance: 1,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Hospitality Committee chairperson for the 1997 AVA Biennial Convention. Served as secretary of the Tarheel State Walkers Volkssport Association (TSWVA) and the Winston Wanderers. Performs financial duties as treasurer of the Winston Wanderers and TSWVA.

**DAN RABIDEAU - SOUTHEAST REGION**

**Home Town:** Raleigh, NC

**Club Memberships:** Triangle Trailblazers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 125 Distance: 1,500km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Served various roles in Triangle Trailblazers club, including president, trailmaster and secretary. Manages year-round events in Chapel Hill and Raleigh.

**LESTER FRANTZEN - SOUTHWEST REGION**

**Home Town:** Fredericksburg, TX

**Club Memberships:** Volkssportverein Freidrichsburg

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 175 Distance: 2,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Driving force and financial backer behind the AVA Museum that officially opened during the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Volkssporting in the U.S., June 1996.

***KARL KITTINGER - SOUTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Copperas Cove, TX

**Club Memberships:** Trotting Texas Turtles  
Chisholm Trail Blazers  
Texas Wanderers

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** President of the Trotting Texas Turtles and vice-president of the Texas Volkssport Association. Instrumental in working with the Corps of Engineers at Dana Peek Park in Killeen to layout and construct a trail system.

***PAUL LAMB - SOUTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Bisbee, AZ

**Club Memberships:** Santa Fe Trail Blazers  
Thunder Mountain Trekkers  
The Bad Pennies

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1,150 Distance: 15,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Provided invaluable assistance to the Santa Fe Trail Blazers in its first 18 months of operation, helping provide outstanding trails and fault-free events. Pre-walks, fine tunes and critiques all of the upcoming events to ensure they meet high standards.

***BECKY LINDIG - SOUTHWEST REGION***

**Home Town:** Fredericksburg, TX

**Club Memberships:** Volkssportverein Freidrichsburg

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 425 Distance: 6,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Vice-president of the Texas Volkssport Association (TVA). Reviews and approves all flyers in the state as well as for publicity provided by the TVA. Instrumental in assisting with the 20th Anniversary of Volkssporting in Fredericksburg, TX, June 1996.



**JAN WAHRER - SOUTHWEST REGION**

**Home Town:** Garland, TX

**Club Memberships:** Tarrant County Walkers  
Dallas Trekkers  
Star Trekkers  
Texas Woodlands Trailwalkers

**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 750 Distance: 9,000km

**Contributions Leading to 1997 Award:** Co-president of the Tarrant County Walkers and walk coordinator for various events. Promotes volkssporting and distributes brochures throughout the region.

# *Certificates of Service*

## **ATLANTIC REGION**

**CHARLENE AGNE-TRAUB** - Burke, VA

Nominated for service as the corresponding secretary for the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers. Developed Vienna year round event.

**JOYCE ANDREWS** - Manassas, VA

Nominated for dedication in maintaining the Winchester, VA year round event.

**TOM ANDREWS** - Manassas, VA

Nominated for serving as vice president of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers and for dedication in maintaining the Winchester, VA year round event.

**LISA BANKS** - Laurel, MD

Nominated for service as secretary of the Freestate Happy Wanderers and for club membership maintenance.

**BUTCH BARROWS** - Glen Burnie, MD

Nominated for overall club assistance and maintenance of checkpoints, including water responsibilities, at all Freestate events.

**CHARLENE BARROWS** - Glen Burnie, MD

Nominated for assistance at club checkpoints and finish table work at Freestate events.

**ARTHUR BATTEN** - Hampton, VA

Nominated for service as editor of the Peninsula Pathfinders newsletter. His work has helped provide timely information to club members.

**ROBIN BLANDFORD** - Lovettsville, VA

Nominated for work as treasurer of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

**ED BLODGETT** - Fairfax, VA

Nominated for his role in examining club policies and programs to ensure the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club provides quality events.

**SHIRLEY BOYD** - Hampton, VA

Nominated for service as vice-president (trails director) and historian for the Peninsula Pathfinders.

**WADE BROWN** - Pasadena, MD

Nominated for work as trailmaster for the Chesapeake Country Wanderers, providing new trail locations that are interesting and scenic.

**NELSON CAHILL** - Annandale, VA

Nominated for service as membership chair and as former president and trailmaster for the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club and former 1st vice-president and president of the Maryland Volkssport Association.

**LEILA CARP** - Columbia MD

Nominated for work as a member of the Freestate Happy Wanderers' social committee.

**HENRY CHENG** - Rockville, MD

Nominated for support at club events and coordination of guided walks at the National Arboretum.

**CHESAPEAKE BAY COUNTRY WANDERERS** - Odenton, MD

Nominated for work in promoting volkssporting, sponsoring events and supporting the needs of the AVA through monetary donations.

**JACKIE COCO** - Abingdon, MD

Nominated for service on the Freestate Happy Wanderers' social committee, running concession and kitchen duties.

**DON COOPER** - Brown Mills, NJ

Nominated for role as trailmaster for the Garden State Wanderers and Ft. Dix Wanderers. Also serves as coordinator of events for New Jersey in the absence of a state association.

**KATHRYN R. DUEX** - Westminster, MD

Nominated for work in helping to coordinate the C&O Canal series of volksmarches.

**FAYE FOOTE** - Rockville, MD

Nominated for service to the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers, including work as a social chairperson, event coordinator, and nominating committee member.

**JEAN FRANCIS** - Rockville, MD

Nominated for outstanding publicity work for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**CAROLE FRIES** - Wheaton, MD

Nominated for service as treasurer and nominating committee contributions for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**GEORGE FRIES** - Wheaton, MD

Nominated for service as an assistant treasurer, helping maintain the start box for two year-round events for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**CHUCK FULLERTON** - Odenton, MD

Nominated for long-term support of the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers and the AVA. Devotes countless hours to collect aluminum cans for the clubs in order to provide donations to the AVA.

**NANCY GEITH** - Hampton, VA

Nominated for service as program chairwoman for the Peninsula Pathfinders.

**JOSEPH GINTHER** - Derwood, MD

Nominated for work as events coordinator, trailmaster and chairperson of awards committee for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**DALE GOTTSCHALK** - Arlington VA

Nominated for service as secretary of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

**ALLAN GRADY** - Alexandria, VA

Nominated for serving as vice-president of The Bad Pennies.

**LYNNE HAFFNER** - Laurel, MD

Nominated for work on the Freestate Happy Wanderers' publicity committee, promoting volkssporting at health fairs and on the Internet.

**LOUISE HAYDU** - Laurel, MD

Nominated for service on the Freestate Happy Wanderers' publicity committee, contacting local press and attending health fairs.

**WILLIAM KIMBERLY** - Severn, MD

Nominated for outstanding service to the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers, acting as an excellent ambassador of U.S. volkssporting in Canada.

**JOHN KINSELLA** - Damascus, MD

Nominated for work as a trailmaster and events coordinator for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**CAROL LAMARCHE** - Newport News, VA

Nominated for service as the publicity and membership chairperson for the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia.

**LASALLE PARTNERS** - Washington, DC

Nominated for providing support to the Virginia Volkssport Association, providing funds and materials for various events.

**MARY HORNER LEPIRE** - Las Vegas, NV

Nominated for service as treasurer of The Bad Pennies.

**FRANCES LOOPER** - Severn, MD

Nominated for service to the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers, volunteering at events and designing awards.

**SANDRA LYNCH** - Laurel, MD

Nominated for work as an award designer for the Freestate Happy Wanderers.

**DIANE MALHMOOD** - Rockville, MD

Nominated for service as publicity chairperson for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers, succeeding in receiving local press.

**DOROTHY MARSHALL** - Rockville, MD

Nominated for service as chairperson of preregistration and audit committee for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**MARGIE MARTIN** - Gaithersburg, MD

Nominated for work as treasurer and assistant treasurer (for YRE's) for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**RUTH E. MCCOY** - Columbia, MD

Nominated for hosting festive volksmarch events for the Freestate Happy Wanderers.

**ROBERT MCLEAN** - Springfield, VA

Nominated for service as vice-president and sales committee work for the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

**PAT MEAD** - Roanoke, VA

Nominated for service as secretary and YRE Coordinator (three events) of the Virginia Volkssport Association.

**DAN MECHELKE** - Severn, MD

Nominated for overall event support for the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers.

**LINDA MECHELKE** - Severn, MD

Nominated for overall event support and work as trailmaster and award designer for the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers.

**TOMMY MOSELY** - Brookeville, MD

Nominated for outstanding work to ensure remarkable trails for many Atlantic Region clubs.

**LEN MOYER** - Amelia, VA

Nominated for ongoing support of promoting a walking event in each of the counties in Virginia.

**LARRY NIEMOELLER** - Gaithersburg, MD

Nominated for service as assistant treasurer and chairperson of preregistration for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers and service as vice-president of the Walter Reed Wandervogels.

**DANN PICKENS** - Burke, VA

Nominated for service as vice-president and membership chair of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

**ROGER POLHEMUS**

Nominated for work as trailmaster for the Lee Lepus Volksverband.

**MIMI POLLOW** - Alexandria, VA

Nominated for service as president, awards chair, brochure chair and Webpage Webmaster for the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

**CAROL QUINLAN** - Bowie, MD

Nominated for organizing events and developing brochures for the Freestate Happy Wanderers, including the distribution and scheduling.

**MIKE QUINLAN** - Bowie, MD

Nominated for organizing events and developing brochures for the Freestate Happy Wanderers, including the distribution and scheduling.

**PAUL REDMER** - Kensington, MD

Nominated for point-of-contact work for the Freestate Happy Wanderers' Wheaton YRE.

**JOSEPH D. RICHARD** - Frederica, DE

Nominated for service as president of the First State Webfooters Walking Club.

**PATRICIA ROBBINS** - Hampton, VA

Nominated for service as secretary of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia.

**MABLE SCHMITT** - Vienna, VA

Nominated for service as historian of the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club.

**JAMES R. SIMONSEN** - Newport News, VA

Nominated for work as trails director and equipment manager of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia.

**KEVIN SHAW** - Gaithersburg, MD

Nominated for service as secretary and E-mail correspondent for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**BETTY STRAWDERMAN** - Woodridge, VA

Nominated for service as treasurer of The Bad Pennies.

**GERRY STRYKER** - Reston, VA

Nominated for service as trailmaster and serving as president for the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

**SHERRY THENS** - Beltsville, MD

Nominated for work as a social committee member of the Freestate Happy Wanderers club.

**FRED TUCKER** - Palmyra, VA

Nominated for role as administrator of the FUMA Volksmarchers and previous service as president.

**ROGER "TURK" TURCZYNSKI** - Severn, MD

Nominated for service as treasurer of the Freestate Happy Wanderers.

**TINA VON SCHWEINITZ** - Germantown, MD

Nominated for service as vice-president and serving as membership and specialty sales chairperson for the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers.

**KENNETH R. WILSON** - Bethesda, MD

Nominated for service as treasurer of the Washington D.C. Area Volksmarching Club and the Maryland Volkssport Association. Also, recognized for work as National AVA Historian and writer of the **AVA Treasurer's Handbook**.

### ***MID-AMERICA REGION***

**CELIA ASKUE** - Belleville, IL

Nominated for service as the club secretary and event coordinator for annual Wellness walk conducted through Scott AFB Wellness Center.

**BULLS RUN RAMBLERS** - Carlisle, OH

Nominated for support of volkssporting in Ohio.

**VICKIE DANIEL** - Middletown, OH

Nominated for service as treasurer and chair of club events for the Bulls Run Ramblers.

**JUDY HAWKINS** - Franklin, OH

Nominated for enthusiasm in promoting volkssporting to people in southwest Ohio.

**ROBERT HAWKINS** - Franklin, OH

Nominated for enthusiasm in promoting volkssporting in southwest Ohio.

**VIRGINIA HAYES** - Collinsville, IL

Nominated for promoting and supporting the efforts of the Illinois Trekkers.

**HISTORIC PATH WALKERS** - Ionia, MI

Nominated for support of volkssporting in Michigan.

**ILLINOIS TREKKERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB** - Scott AFB, IL

Nominated for work in promoting volkssporting in Illinois.

**NORMA JONES** - Belleville, IL

Nominated for promoting volkssporting and sponsoring trips for walkers to travel to different regions of the country.

**EDGAR KAYSER** - Granite City, IL

Nominated for work as a walk coordinator for the Illinois Trekkers and promoter of the volkssport program.

**ROSE KAYSER** - Granite City, IL

Nominated for work at club events, including sales table, pre-registration and awards, and for coordinating walks in Illinois.

**ANDREW KNOPIK** - Fairmont City, IL

Nominated for service on the Illinois Trekkers Board of Directors and work as an event coordinator.

**HELEN KNOPIK** - Fairmont City, IL

Nominated for work as an event coordinator for the Illinois Trekkers Volkssports Club.

**WALTER LAWRENCE** - Springfield, OH

Nominated for role as "The Volkssport Artist" for Ohio, designing awards for clubs throughout the state.

**DON LECLERE** - Kettering, OH

Nominated for service as the vice-president and overall supporter of the Ohio Wander Freunde.

**CAROL MILLER** - Louisville, KY

Nominated for exemplary contributions to her club.

**ROBERT MILLER** - Louisville, KY

Nominated for exemplary contributions to his club.

**JIM MORRIS** - Mascoutah, IL

Nominated for service as treasurer, event and newsletter coordinator for the Illinois Trekkers.

**OHIO WANDER FREUNDE** - Fairborn, OH

Nominated for dedication to promoting volkssporting and supporting the community, including contributing four \$1000 scholarships to Wright State University.

**ALICE PARLE** - Fairview Heights, IL

Nominated for work as event coordinator, including checkpoint and start/finish table assistance, for the Illinois Trekkers.



**RICHARD PARLE** - Fairview Heights, IL

Nominated for service as a Board of Directors member for the Illinois Trekkers and for work as an event coordinator.

**WEWALKITS VOLKSMARCHING CLUB** - Oak Lawn, IL

Nominated for support of volkssporting in Illinois, sponsoring the largest walks in the region in conjunction with the Girl Scouts.

**CLARENCE WRIGHT** - Indianapolis, IN

Nominated for serving as president of the Indiana Volkssport Association and for supporting volkssporting throughout the Mid-America region.

### ***NORTH CENTRAL REGION***

**MARIBETH ANDERSON** - Spring Grove, MN

Nominated for serving as president of Syttende Mai Komiteens Folkemarsj Stiftelse. Has served as POC for their seasonal and the two day walk held in conjunction with the Norwegian Constitution Day (May 17, the Syttende Mai Fest.) An event similar to the Fourth of July.

**BEN BENDERSON** - Fremont, NE

Nominated for service as treasurer of the Fremont Volkssport Club and promoter of the John C. Fremont Days.

**MARY BENDERSON** - Fremont, NE

Nominated for service as president of the Fremont Volkssport Club and promoter of the John C. Fremont Days.

**TOM DOYLE** - Marshall, WI

Nominated for founding and supporting the activities of the Madison Area Volkssport Association.

**CHUCK HEND** - St. Cloud, MN

Nominated for service as vice-president to the Central Minnesota Volkssports Club, including promoting and fund raising for club activities.

**GAIL MICHALOV** - Rapid City, SD

Nominated for work as co-specialties chairperson, co-membership chairperson and Mt. Rushmore point-of-contact for the Black Hills Volkssport Association.

**RANDY MICHALOV** - Rapid City, SD

Nominated for service as secretary, trailmaster and co-specialties chairperson for the Black Hills Volkssport Association.

**JOHN NELSON** - Mankato, MN

Nominated for enthusiasm in promoting and working at volkssport events for the Riverbend Striders.

**DON SCOBY** - Fargo, ND

Nominated for service as treasurer, event coordinator and trailmaster for the Red River Volkssport Association.

**GLENNA SCOBY** - Fargo, ND

Nominated for service as secretary and event coordinator for the Red River Volkssport Association.

**PAUL STACHOUR** - Bloomington, MN

Nominated for work as event coordinator and point-of-contact for Twin Cities Volksmarchers' events. Also, recognized for service as publicity chairman for the MVA.

**ROBIN SWANSON** - Waterville, MN

Nominated for promoting and coordinating walks for the Riverbend Striders.

**WALLY SWANSON** - Waterville, MN

Nominated for promoting and coordinating walks for the Riverbend Striders.

### ***NORTHEAST REGION***

**LINDA EBERSPACHER** - Northwood, NH

Nominated for service as a liaison between Two Town Walking Club and its sister Canadian club.

**HENRIETTA "HAPPY" JACKSON** - Portland, ME

Nominated for dedicating many hours of service to the Southern Maine Volkssport Association, including maintaining inventory, designing brochures and assisting with treasurer duties.

**KENNETH N. JACKSON JR.** - Portland, ME

Nominated for supporting and encouraging the membership of the Southern Maine Volkssport Association.

**JUDITH A. KENNEDY** - Lee, NH

Nominated for serving as president, vice-president and hospitality committee chair for the Seacoast Striders.

**HELENE LABRIE** - Utica, NY

Nominated for service as president and founder of the Mohawk Valley Pathfinders.

**ALAN MOULTON** - Stratham, NH

Nominated for service as president and for serving as vice-president of the Seacoast Striders.

**DONNA L. ROBITAILLE** - Chicopee, MA

Nominated for promoting and developing year-round events for the Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club.

**CARROLL TIERNAN** - Scarborough, ME

Nominated for service on the Southern Maine Volkssport Association's Board of Directors and editor of the club newsletter and for serving as president.

**DALE R. VARGO** - Watertown, NY

Nominated for service as president for the North Country Wanderers.

**ANN WALSH** - Poughkeepsie, NY

Nominated for service as president of the New York State Volkssport Association.

**CAROL WEST** - Wethersfield, CT

Nominated for role as vice-president of the Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club, producing a club newsletter, promoting volkssporting and managing year-round events.

**MERRILY WIELAND** - East Burke, VT

Nominated for service as president and founder of the Kingdom Kickers.

### ***NORTHWEST REGION***

**TERESA BOES** - Corvallis, OR

Nominated for service as Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association and for serving as secretary of the Corvallis Cruisers and the Walking Connection and vice-president for the Albany Fitwalkers.

**MARGARET J. FORSTER** - Dayton, OR

Nominated for service as president and founder of the Mack Trackers and for serving as secretary.

**DAN FRIESEN** - Vancouver, WA

Nominated for supporting volkssporting through his activities in planning tours for walkers.

**GEORGE FRIESEN** - Vancouver, WA

Nominated for providing tours specifically designed for the interests of volksmarchers.

**FRANCIS HICE** - Jefferson, OR

Nominated for service as secretary and event coordinator for the Albany Fitwalkers and for serving as vice-president for awards/trailmaster for the Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association.

**NORMAN M. LIEB** - Portland, OR  
Nominated for work in various roles for the East County Windwalkers, including promoting volkssporting to new walkers.

**MARGE LUSBY** - Portland, OR  
Nominated for role as an ambassador for volkssporting in the Pacific Northwest.

**PATSY REINARD** - Sedro Woolley, WA  
Nominated for promoting volksmarching and developing trails for the Skagit Tulip Trekkers.

### ***PACIFIC REGION***

**PAT CONANT** - Auburn, CA  
Nominated for serving as secretary and treasurer and auditor of the Placer Pacers.

**ROGER CONANT** - Auburn, CA  
Nominated for serving as second checkpoint chairperson, ensuring proper checkpoint setup and staffing.

**MARILLYN RATLIFF** - Newcastle, CA  
Nominated for supporting Placer Pacer activities, including assisting with specialties, event coordination and committee work.

**PEGGY SWAYNE** - Rocklin, CA  
Nominated for working various roles, including event coordinator and award designer, for the Placer Pacers and Sutter Strutters.

### ***ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION***

**KEITH BAWDON** - Roy, UT  
Nominated for service as secretary of the Golden Spike Striders.

**BEST WESTERN ROYAL GORGE MOTEL** - Canon City, CO  
Nominated for support of the volkssporting program, providing a start point for one of the Falcon Wanderers year-round events.

**ELAINE CALL** - Salt Lake City, UT  
Nominated for supporting event coordination activities in Utah.

**MOUNTAIN CHALET** - Colorado Springs, CO  
Nominated for support of the volkssport program, providing a start point for one of the Falcon Wanderers year-round events.

**CONNIE DUFFY** - Colorado Springs, CO  
Nominated for role as data base specialist and event coordinator for the Falcon Wanderers.

**GATOR'S TRAVELYN MOTEL - Pine Bluffs, WY**

Nominated for support of the volkssport program, providing a start/finish point for the Pine Bluffs event.

**GREG SMITH / BROWN'S SHOE FIT CO. - Cheyenne, WY**

Nominated for support of the volkssporting program, assisting walkers and extending operating hours for volkssporters.

**JOHN HALL - Ogden, UT**

Nominated for service as treasurer of the Gadabouts club and for service to the Golden Spike Striders.

**HELGA'S GERMAN DELICATESSEN - Aurora, CO**

Nominated for support of the volkssport program, providing the start/finish point for one of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers' events.

**MARY HUMPHREY - Glenwood, IA**

Nominated for serving as treasurer and 2nd vice-president for the Rocky Mountain Wanderers.

**JOY JEFFS - North Ogden, UT**

Nominated for service as president and event sponsor for the Golden Spike Striders.

**LARRY'S SHOES - Cherry Creek North, Denver, CO**

Nominated for support of the volkssport program, providing the start/finish point for three Rocky Mountain Wanderers' year-round events.

**LINDA NYMAN - Colorado Springs, CO**

Nominated for work in typing the translation of IVV Rules provided by Paul Hoffman.

**JOYCE PAYNE - Salt Lake City, UT**

Nominated for supporting the Footloose Volkssport Club with event coordination.

**JANET SESSIONS - Riverdale, UT**

Nominated for service as treasurer and March for Parks coordinator for the Golden Spike Striders.

**MIKE TAMS - Ogden, UT**

Nominated for leadership and organization techniques, including a computer membership mailing list, for the Gadabouts.

**CAROLYN TURBIVILLE - Cheyenne, WY**

Nominated for service as secretary for the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. Also, as a member of "Therapy Dogs," has devoted significant time to making walks accessible for four-footed friends

**WRANGLER INC.** - Cheyenne, WY

Nominated for support of the volkssport program, providing a starting point for one of the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers' events.

### ***SOUTH CENTRAL REGION***

**JOYCE BASS** - Ferguson, MO

Nominated for outstanding work in coordinating the AVA event in Hannibal, MO.

**RALPH BASS** - Ferguson, MO

Nominated for outstanding work in coordinating the AVA event in Hannibal, MO.

**FAYE BLEIGH** - Hannibal, MO

Nominated for role as director of Hannibal Visitors' Bureau, opening doors for the AVA in establishing a year-round trail.

**TYRON DIXON** - Lawton, OK

Nominated for service as a co-coordinator for the Prairie Dog Plodders, marking trails and operating checkpoints.

**URSULA H. DIXON** - Lawton, OK

Nominated for role as coordinator for the Prairie Dog Plodders, organizing three walks a year.

**NADINE GILCHRIST** - Norman, OK

Nominated for role as coordinator for Wandergruppe Walking Club year-round events.

**ALBERT (AL) S. HEBERLEIN** - Oklahoma City, OK

Nominated for service as president of the Wandergruppe Walking Club, promoting volkssporting throughout the area.

**NORMA HEBERLEIN** - Oklahoma City, OK

Nominated for service as secretary of the Wandergruppe Walking Club, keeping a current inventory of supplies, awards and pins.

**DAN L. KESLER** - Oklahoma City, OK

Nominated for role as Internet coordinator for the Wandergruppe Walking Club and continuous promotion of volkssporting.

**ROSS KIDDIE** - Newcastle, OK

Nominated for service as treasurer of the Wandergruppe Walking Club, promoting volkssporting throughout the state.

**SHEILA KIDDIE** - Newcastle, OK

Nominated for support of club activities for the Wandergruppe Walking Club, including coordinating walks.

**MEREDITH LONG** - Oklahoma City, OK

Nominated for service as treasurer and for serving other officer positions for Frontier Walkers, Inc.

**TOM ROMANO** - Maryland Heights, MO

Nominated for supporting and helping form volkssport clubs in Missouri.

**GAIL SEARS** - Hot Springs, AR

Nominated for role in establishing a year-round event in Hot Springs.

**GEORGE SNYDER** - Lawton, OK

Nominated for promoting volkssporting to new walkers and working tirelessly on the AVA event in Hannibal, MO.

**SHARON SNYDER** - Lawton, OK

Nominated for service as president of the Missouri State Organization.

**JOHN WICKHAM** - Derby, KS

Nominated for service as president of the Wichita Skywalkers and for initiating the AVA Santa Fe Trail Anniversary celebration.

### ***SOUTHEAST REGION***

**STEVE ALM** - Cocoa Beach, FL

Nominated for serving as club secretary for the Patrick Pacers for seven years. Designed and donated several portable, stand alone and highly visible signs to direct volkssporters to start points and checkpoints.

**JUDITH ANTTILA** - Melbourne, FL

Nominated for service to the Patrick Pacer Volkssport Club as director at-large and as vice-president. She has been the guiding force in developing and establishing the club's year round event at Turkey Creek Sanctuary in Palm Bay.

**ARLENE AYCOCK** - Cocoa Beach, FL

Nominated for service as volunteer coordinator for the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club. Guiding force in developing and establishing year round event in Cocoa Beach.

**JOE AYCOCK** - Cocoa Beach, FL

Nominated for serving as treasurer for the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club. Efficiently handled all aspects of the club's finances and kept members updated with coherent and timely status reports detailing club finances.

**JUDY BURNS** - Matthews, NC

Nominated for service as president and founder of the Metrolina Walkers.

**JOHN COMOLETTI** - Melbourne, FL

Nominated for dedicated and enthusiastic service to volkssporting and the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club, providing the start/finish location to the Melbourne YRE.

**KENNETH P. FOUTS** - Cocoa, FL

Nominated for service as director-at-large for the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club and for promotion of volkssport camaraderie.

**DORIS HAMMETT** - Waynesville, NC

Nominated for serving as secretary of the Greenway Walkers, including fund raising for the club's activities.

**ALICE A. LAWRENCE** - Indian Shores, FL

Nominated for service as president of the Suncoast Sandpipers, including work promoting volkssporting, coordinating events and designing awards.

**JAMES J. LAWRENCE** - Indian Shores, FL

Nominated for various roles in the Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club, including work as editor of newsletter, trail coordinator and award designer.

**JOHN LOWERY** - Salisbury, NC

Nominated for serving as event trail master and vice-president of the Rowan Roamers.

**REBECCA LOWERY** - Salisbury, NC

Nominated for service as secretary of the Rowan Roamers, including work as the point-of-contact for an annual event in North Carolina.

**RAYMOND MURPHY** - St. Petersburg, FL

Nominated for serving as president, vice-president and member-at-large for the Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club. Also, developed the Walk Across Florida series of events and promotes volkssporting through public speaking engagements.

**TIM PLOWMAN** - Waynesville, NC

Nominated for service as president and co-founder of the Greenway Walkers.

**DEBORAH A. REID** - Indian Harbor Beach, FL

Nominated for service as specialties manager and year-round coordinator for Indialantic event for the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club.

**WINSTON SEWELL (Posthumous)** - Waynesville, NC

Nominated for serving as president and trail master for the Greenway Walkers.

**CAMILLE THEOBOLD** - Cocoa Beach, FL

Nominated for service as publicity coordinator for the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club, including work writing volkssporting travelogues.



**RON WALLS** - Charlotte, NC

Nominated for role as trail master, designing 5km and 10km trails, for the Metrolina Walkers.

**MARY WOODCOCK** - Waynesville, NC

Nominated for serving as president and YRE coordinator for the Greenway Walkers.

### ***SOUTHWEST REGION***

**ED BRUETSCH** - San Antonio, TX

Nominated for service as vice-president of the Selma Pathfinders, including managing inventory and equipment.

**WILLIAM CANTREL** - Burkburnett, TX

Nominated for service to the Buffalo Chip Kickers, including work as trail master and club equipment manager.

**BOB CREAMER** - New Ulm, TX

Nominated for service as treasurer of the Texas Volkssport Association and for assistance at Friendswood Fun Walkers' events.

**PAUL ERNST** - Grapevine, TX

Nominated for long-time service as treasurer of the Tarrant County Walkers.

**JOE FOERSTER** - San Antonio, TX

Nominated for service on the audit and nominating committees for the Selma Pathfinders. Assists with club events and assembles and mails club newsletter.

**ROSE FOERSTER** - San Antonio, TX

Nominated for overall work coordinating events for the Selma Pathfinders and assisting with assembling and mailing the club newsletter.

**PAT GUNTER** - San Antonio, TX

Nominated for assisting with club events, including work as YRE coordinator.

**ANNE JENKINS** - Wichita Falls, TX

Nominated for serving as secretary and walk coordinator and for work at events for the Buffalo Chip Kickers Volksmarch Club.

**PAUL KING** - San Antonio, TX

Nominated for serving as treasurer and nominating audit committee member.

**MABEL MATSUMOTO** - San Antonio, TX

Nominated for service as secretary of the Texas Volkssport Association.

**STEPHEN RUFF** - San Antonio, TX

Nominated for service as award designer and brochure illustrator for various clubs through Texas.

# *Certificate of Service (Committees)*

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**John Baird** - Rocky Mountain  
**James Geith** - Atlantic  
**Ed Jones** - Mid-America  
**Joanne Forinash** - Southwest

## **AWARDS RECOGNITION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Sam Korff** - Northwest  
**Paul Lamb** - Pacific  
**Beverley MacNeill** - Southeast  
**Lynette Reagan** - Atlantic

## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**John Baird** - Rocky Mountain  
**Alan Bath** - Southwest  
**Jim Daniel** - Mid-America

## **1997 CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Virginia Armacost** - Atlantic  
**Leonor Atuesta-Hurst** - Southeast  
**Carl Baranski** - Atlantic  
**Betty Boyd** - Mid-America  
**Tom Boyd** - Mid-America  
**Larry C. Brown** - Southeast  
**Sandi Cahill** - Atlantic  
**Loretta Chasteen** - Southeast  
**Paul Chasteen** - Southeast  
**Ginny Drumm** - Mid-America  
**Lew Ernst** - Atlantic  
**Florida Volkssport Association** - Southeast  
**Dena Forster** - Atlantic  
**Stan Forster** - Atlantic  
**James W. Geith** - Atlantic  
**Ron Hamner** - Atlantic  
**Happy Wanderers, The** - Southeast  
**Billy G. Herring** - Southeast  
**Mona Hunter** - Southeast  
**Lucy Krupp** - Southeast

**Mary Anne Laningham - Southeast**  
**Fred Lopez - Atlantic**  
**Metrolina Walkers - Southeast**  
**Susan Muller - Southwest**  
**Mimi Pollow - Atlantic**  
**Karen Proctor - Southeast**  
**Rowan Roamers - Southeast**  
**Seneca Valley Sugarloafers - Atlantic**  
**Nancy Stenger - Atlantic**  
**Tarheel State Walkers - Southeast**  
**Sheila Taylor - Southeast**  
**Virginia Volkssport Association - Atlantic**  
**Walk 'N Mass - Northeast**  
**Emily Wilson - Southeast**

### ***COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE***

**Kenneth R. Wilson - Atlantic**

### ***CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

**Louise Clouser - Atlantic**  
**Martha Corey - South Central**  
**Anna Dela Fuente - Southeast**  
**Anna Foster - Atlantic**  
**Gloria Haberkorn - South Central**  
**Dotty Horstman - Mid-America**  
**Maxine Johnson - Southeast**  
**Patricia Lucero - Pacific**  
**Richard Lucero - Pacific**  
**Beverley Macneill - Southeast**  
**Leslie Penton - Atlantic**  
**Alene Plackemeir - South Central**  
**Arthur Plackemeir - South Central**  
**Lea Smith - Southeast**  
**Peggy Smith - Southeast**  
**Berta Wilkes - Pacific**

### ***NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

**Larry Bouterie - Atlantic**  
**Tom Boyd - Mid-America**  
**William Webb - Northeast**  
**Beryl Wolf - Northeast**

### ***NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

**Charlene Agne-Traub - Atlantic**  
**Fayne Bell - North Central**  
**Catharine Byrd - Northwest**  
**William Gruber - Mid-America**  
**Chuck Samus - Southwest**

***SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

**Dennis Lynch - Atlantic**  
**Nancy Mccabe - Atlantic**  
**Hal Witter - Pacific**

***STANDARDS AND EVALUATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

**Jo Anne Myers - Pacific**  
**Mimi Pollow - Atlantic**  
**John Shirtz - Pacific**  
**Pam Spier - Southwest**  
**Herb Zimmerman - Mid-America**

***STATE ORGANIZATION PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

**Rick Gamble - Northwest**  
**Cheryl Hunt - North Central**  
**David Hunt - North Central**  
**Bob McDougall - Northeast**  
**Debbie Miller - Northwest**  
**David Scull - Northeast**