

**AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT
ASSOCIATION**

**Recognition
Awards
2001**

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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 2001 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 renew The Spirit of Walking.

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

MARY FERNANDEZ

Southwest Region

Home Town: San Antonio, Texas

Club Memberships: Texas Wanderers
West Texas Trail Trekkers

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition for her many outstanding services and contributions to the Texas Wanderers and to Volkssporting at the state and national levels. Since 1997, Mary has served as Editor and Publisher of the Club's bimonthly newsletter, "Tex's Trail Talk". This publication received national recognition with its number 1 and 2 ranking at the 1997 and 1999 AVA Biennial Conventions.

FRANCES N. HICE

Northwest Region

Home Town: Salem, Oregon

Club Memberships: Albany Fitwalkers
Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association
Willamette Wanderers
Walking Connection

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Frances is a charter member of the Albany Fitwalkers. She has been volkswalking since 1988. Over the years she has held the office of President and was Secretary for a long time in her local club. She is also a member of the Willamette Wanderers and the Walking Connection. In 1995 she was elected to the position of Co-Vice-President of Events for the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. In 1997 she changed positions in the State Organization to become Vice-President of Publicity. She has been chair and co-chair of a variety of volkssport activities at the regional and state levels.

JOSEPH PIFFAT*Northeast Region*

Hometown: Danvers, Massachusetts

Club Memberships: Two Town Walking Club
Twin State Volkssport Association
Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club
Empire State Capital Volkssporters
Seacoast Striders
Club Volksmarche Nord-Sud de Loretteville

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 700 Distance: 9,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Dr. Joseph Piffat is an ambassador for our sport around the world and a worthy recipient of the AVA Distinguished Achievement Award. If you attend an event in the Northeast, odds are you will see Joe Piffat. He and Barbara are volunteers at almost every event they attend. Together, they greet walkers at checkpoints, register them at the start point, mark the trail, or help clean up as sweeps. Most importantly, they can be counted on to help not only the clubs they belong to, but also make the difference for a small club that struggles to get enough volunteers to put on an event. In addition to his vast experience and willingness to help, perhaps Joe's greatest asset is his easy going personality that puts everyone at ease and makes him approachable for anyone with a problem or concern. He was very helpful during the transition in regional leadership and continues to be a source of valuable advice and support.

CHARLEY SEWARD*Atlantic Region*

Home Town: Virginia Beach, VA

Club Memberships: Gator Volksmarsch Club**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 825 Distance: 9,400km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition of over twenty years of outstanding service to volkssporting in Virginia. Charley has served as a State Officer, Club President and Trailmaster. As Trailmaster for twelve years, he planned, measured, marked and provided directions for over 75 trails. He established the Smithfield New Year's Walks, our most popular walks. He maintains two walking and two biking YRE's that continue to grow. He's genuinely a volkssporting advocate!

ANNETTE TOLLETT*Atlantic Region*

Home Town: Hampton, Virginia

Club Memberships: Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 2010 Distance: 26,400km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Ms. Tollett has served as Treasurer of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia for 15 years (1985-2000). She single handedly established year round events for the Peninsula Pathfinders and Explorer Post 49. She has worked at the start/finish for almost all of the weekend events that the club has sponsored since 1986. She single handedly established two year round events for the Virginia Volkssport Association on the other side of the state from where she lived. She established and conducted a 1995 walking event program for the Virginia Volkssport Association consisting of 17 one-day events in different counties. During 1995, she planned and organized four single day events for Explorer Post 49. She has spent numerous hours at the National Headquarters helping to resolve accounting problems. She served as AVA National Treasurer from 1995-1999. During 1998 she hosted AVA Treasurer events in 30 states raising over \$4,000 for the AVA.

Meritorious Service Awards

SHIRLEY BOYD

Atlantic Region

Hometown: Hampton, Virginia

Club Memberships: Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 1,050 Distance: 15,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Currently serving as President of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia. Has served as Vice-President for five years (trails director), Membership Chairman, Club Historian, Social Committee, Nominating Committee and provided overall event support. Established YREs at Fort Monroe and serves as administrator of this Year Round Event.

DAN HORNE

Atlantic Region

Home Town: Chesapeake, Virginia

Club Memberships: Gator Volksmarsch Club
The Bad Pennies

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition of over ten years of outstanding leadership and dedication to volkssporting. Dan has served as President, Secretary, Membership Chairman, Newsletter Editor and Volunteer. In addition, he currently maintains an online walklist, keeping a growing number of volkssporters informed on upcoming local events and meetings. Due to his efforts, a volksmarsch is held in conjunction with the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Fun Day attracting over 130 walkers this years. He loves our sport!

BARRY PLOTT

Atlantic Region

Home Town: Fairfax, Virginia

Club Memberships: Northern Virginia Volksmarchers

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Barry has served the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1994 to June 2000, as Treasurer and then, President, as well as, Newsletter Editor. He has strengthened this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by putting on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before. He has exposed many more walkers to Volkssporting.

WIL CLARK

Mid-America Region

Home Town: Fairview Heights, Illinois

Club Memberships: Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 250 Distance: 3,500km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Wil Clark is commended for his 20+ years of active involvement in the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club. During 16 of these years, Wil was active as a club official. He was responsible for the initial computerization of club membership, mailing lists, and financial records. His early

efforts include obtaining 501(c)(3) status prior to the umbrella coverage obtained by the AVA. Wil developed and implemented an incentive award program for club members.

MARILYN HARNESS

Mid-America Region

Home Town: Chillicothe, Ohio

Club Memberships: Southern Ohio Trekkers
Ohio Volkssport Association

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 800 Distance: 8,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Marilyn currently serves as President of Southern Ohio Trekkers. She has served as S.W. Area Coordinator and Treasurer for the Ohio Volkssport Association. She is an active walker and an avid supporter of volkssporting in the state of Ohio.

JUDY HAWKINS

Mid-America Region

Home Town: Franklin, Ohio

Club Memberships: Bull Run Ramblers
Ohio Volkssport Association
Wandering Wheels

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 850 Distance: 10,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition for many years of significant service to volkssporting. She has been treasurer, sales person, club's web site designer/webmaster and co-Trailmaster for the Bull Run Ramblers. She has been the Secretary of Ohio Volkssport Association and served on the 1999 Hueston Woods Convention Event Committee and worked most 1999 Convention events.

LARRY YEGERLEHNER

Mid-America Region

Home Town: Fairborn, Ohio

Club Memberships: Fairborn Art Association Sweetcorn Festival
Volkssporting Club
Ohio Wander Freunde
Wandering Wheels

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 1,000 Distance: 10,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition of Larry's many years of dedicated service in his many roles of supporting volkssporting. He has served as President, Vice-President and Trailmaster at one time or another for Ohio Wander Freunde. He has served as President, Treasurer and Trailmaster for Fairborn Art Assn. Sweetcorn Festival Volkssporting Club. Larry is an active member throughout Ohio and an avid supporter of volkssporting.

HERB ZIMMERMAN

Mid-America Region

Home Town: Louisville, Kentucky

Club Memberships: Derby City Walkers

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition of significant contributions as club President from 1992-2000 and Trailmaster for many events. He also publishes and sends a newsletter to club members.

SHARON HOFSTAD

North Central Region

Home Town: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Club Memberships: Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club
Nebraska Wander Freunde Trailblazers

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Serves as the designer for displays, brochures, awards and trail signs for the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club. Served as Vice-President, Secretary, Publicity Chairman and Calendar 2000 Chairman organizing one day events.

BONNIE JOHNSON

North Central Region

Home Town: Fridley, Minnesota

Club Memberships: Twin Cities Volkssports
Minnesota Volkssports Association

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 950 Distance: 9,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Bonnie has been very active in the volkssporting program for over ten years in many capacities. She is an avid walker and has served the Twin-Cities Volkssports program as Secretary and is now the President. Bonnie has planned many events and is also now on the Committee of Minnesota Volkssports Association. She very much deserves this recognition for her years of dedicated service to our organization.

EUNICE McGEE

North Central Region

Home Town: Colton, South Dakota

Club Memberships: Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 350 Distance: 3,500km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Served as Secretary of the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club for three years and as the Point of Contact for the Dell Rapids, SD, seasonal walk for the last eight years. Serves as the Chairman for Calendar 2001 Walks to be held in South Dakota county seats.

ELLEN PETERS

North Central Region

Home Town: Lennox, South Dakota

Club Memberships: Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club
Tri-State Trekkers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 800

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Served as Vice-President of the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club and edited a very informative newsletter. Helps out at National events as well as the Crazy Horse Walk and local club events, including the Dakota Dozen.

DOUGLAS WOOD

North Central Region

Home Town: Edina, Minnesota

Club Memberships: Twin Cities Volkssports

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Doug served as President of Twin Cities Volkssports for four years and has been very active as past-president for the past two years. He takes charge over the Mall of America Walk each February as well as one other walk each year or every other year at another mall. He is a willing worker and dedicated to volkssporting.

MARGO CRAVEN

Northeast Region

Home Town: Attleboro, Massachusetts

Club Memberships: Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Margo chairs monthly meetings of the Attleboro satellite branch and organizes at least two walks a year in southern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. She actively seeks all publicity opportunities to enhance volksmarching in her area, willingly mentors others to sponsor excellent events, encourages members of the Attleboro satellite branch to lend a hand, and puts together car pools to lessen the burden of distance driving and promote sociability.

ELIZABETH M. FOLEY

Northeast Region

Home Town: Sudbury, Massachusetts

Club Memberships: Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 550 Distance: 5,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Betty, Chairman/Co-Chairman of over twenty events, Treasurer since 1990, and Walk Coordinator and Supplies Chairperson for 8+ years, gets the job done. Whether it is identifying a need for a membership chairperson or a monthly meeting room, chairing the four summer evening events or finding someone else, providing guidance to new event chairpersons or explaining volkssporting to newcomers, she jumps in and accomplishes the feat with facility, knowledge and aplomb.

BEATE HAIT

Northeast Region

Home Town: Holliston, Massachusetts

Club Memberships: Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 275

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Beate was unanimously voted back in as co-President. She makes sure members are informed of AVA issues, expertly and attractively designs our walk brochures and solicits input for promoting volkssporting. By actively seeking and encouraging Girl Scout participation, she

has developed a program with the local Girl Scout leaders. Her volksmarch patch quilts and bookmarks with the year's events are just two examples of ideas she has implemented to publicize volkssporting.

WILLIAM JENKINS

Northeast Region

Home Town: South Hamilton, Massachusetts

Club Memberships: Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club
Two Town Walking Club
Seacoast Striders

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Bill has served as the Northeast Regional Director, President of the Walk 'n Mass Club and President as well as Newsletter Editor of the Two Town Walking Club. He is currently Two Town's Treasurer. As one of the early members of Walk 'n Mass, his enthusiasm and dependability to be where needed to ensure a successful event spread awareness of volkssporting and promoted club growth. He continues to regularly support several local clubs.

DON MELTZER

Northeast Region

Home Town: Sudbury, Massachusetts

Club Memberships: Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club
Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club
Two Town Walking Club
Southern Maine Volkssport Club
Seacoast Striders
Twin State Volkssport Club
Empire State Capital Volkssporters

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: As Chairman/co-Chairman of multiple seasonal and regular events, former co-President, member of the Finance Committee for five years and continuing editor of the Club's often-touted **Footnotes** newsletter, Don has set the pace for participation and leadership. He has been a key player in planning our Club's event in conjunction with the annual Tri-State events and has established walks in distant locations to ensure our goals of a walk in every county.

POLLY MELTZER

Northeast Region

Home Town: Sudbury, Massachusetts

Club Memberships: Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club
Two Town Walking Club
Southern Maine Volkssport Club
Seacoast Striders
Twin State Volkssport Club
Empire State Capital Volkssporters
Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Polly's essence is her enthusiasm to have each event a social affair and a memorable experience for each individual. While serving as co-President for two years, a food committee, a volunteer-seeking committee, and sunshine committee were formed. She played a key role in a very ambitious five-event weekend and has again volunteered to help plan the increasingly popular Tri-State weekend events. She also designed and made the awards for two events.

BILL BUSKIRK

Northwest Region

Home Town: Eugene, Oregon

Club Memberships: Eugene-Springfield Mossback Volkssport Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 900 Distance: 10,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Having started his volkswalking career while teaching in Germany, Bill has always been a very active member of the Eugene-Springfield Mossback Club. Bill has been Vice-President and President of the Mossback Club and is currently serving his fourth year as Publicity Chair. Bill has been AVA Convention alternate delegate and has served on the OTSVA Scheduling Committee. At Mossback event, Bill is frequently the one out early in the morning checking the trail markings.

MICHAEL CASHNER

Northwest Region

Home Town: Beaverton, Oregon

Club Memberships: Columbia River Volkssport Club
Rose City Roamers

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In July, 1999, Mike was elected to the position of Treasurer of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. During the

last year, Mike has upgraded the financial record keeping system. Through his efforts, the State Association has clear records available in a business like manner for review. Complete reports are published monthly. He has established an ongoing record of Oregon's Year-Round-Event participation and the fees received by the State. The State Association has benefitted from his financial expertise.

SHEILA DAY

Northwest Region

Home Town: Banks, Oregon

Club Memberships: Tualatin Valley Volks

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Sheila has unselfishly given her time and resources to accomplish whatever possible for volkssporting. She organized a club, has held club offices, organized walks and other activities, served as Award Chair for the state organization, assisted with AVA Conventions, etc., etc. The most noteworthy was her efforts in making the 1998 NW Regional Conference a success by designing event awards, Conference logo and t-shirts to use as fund raisers to finance the Conference.

MARGARET FORSTER

Northwest Region

Home Town: Dayton, Oregon

Club Memberships: Mac Trackers Volkssport Club

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: For the past eight years, Margaret has cheerfully been the "Store Keeper" of the state organization in Oregon. Her quiet demeanor and warm smile welcome each and every person who stops by to make a purchase or to see what is new. She puts the special in specialties and is a fantastic ambassador for volkssporting in the state.

DICK KOONCE

Northwest Region

Home Town: Beaverton, Oregon

Club Memberships: Columbia River Volkssport Club

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Under Dick's leadership, the Columbia River Volkssport Club hosts the very successful "Columbia River Biennial Classic." These events attract approximately 1500 participants over a four-day period. The

walks are all scenic with several of them on mountain trails leading to picturesque waterfalls and scenic viewpoints. The wonderful scenery as well as the social activities make for a fun-filled, long weekend.

SALLY ROSS

Northwest Region

Home Town: Springfield, Oregon

Club Memberships: Eugene-Springfield Mossback Volkssport Club
Yachats Coastal Gems

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Sally is one of volkssporting's most willing workers and has served in many areas, such as President, Secretary, helping other clubs and hosting fun and exciting events. She has served on state-wide committees, helped out with state and AVA Convention events, has developed routes and recruited new members. She is always willing to do what she can to promote volkssporting and to make it a fun experience for all.

JO HEFNER

Pacific Region

Home Town: Vacaville, California

Club Memberships: Vaca Valley Volks
Monterey Peninsula Walking Club

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 1,311 Distance: 15,381km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Jo has been a member of the Vaca Valley Volks since 1994 and the Monterey Peninsula Walking Club since 1997. She has served as Trailmaster, Secretary and Treasurer. She designed and maintains the websites for both Vaca Valley Volks and the California Volkssport Association. Was editor of the *Compass* from 1999-2000. Jo willingly assists any California club in building a club website.

DOREN HOLZBORN

Pacific Region

Home Town: Granada Hills, California

Club Memberships: Hollywood Star Trekkers

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Since 1995, he has served as Vice President of the Hollywood Star Trekkers as well as Editor of their newsletter.

Works the Start/Finish area every day of every event and publishes all event brochures and publicity flyers.

JOAN HOLZBORN

Pacific Region

Home Town: Granada Hills, California

Club Memberships: Hollywood Star Trekkers

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Since 1995, Joan has served as Secretary and Membership Chairman for the club. She also is Assistant Editor for the newsletter. She works the Start/Finish every day of every event and has designed and crafted our annual Christmas event award for the last five years.

ROBERTA MURRAY

Pacific Region

Home Town: Auburn, California

Club Memberships: Placer Pacers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 375 Distance: 3,500km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Roberta has been a member of the Placer Pacers since 1991. She has served as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. She is currently in charge of specialties. She has organized numerous events and acts as Point of Contact for some YREs. She chaired the 2000 California Volkssport Association Nominating Committee and has served on numerous Placer Pacer Committees. Roberta has always been willing to assist the local clubs in any way.

JOHN BAIRD

Rocky Mountain Region

Home Town: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Club Memberships: High Plains Drifters
Falcon Wanderers

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: John has been indispensable as the Secretary and Treasurer of the High Plains Drifters. He has been the mainstay for club operations and his dedication to volkssporting is the sole reason the club continues its active status. He administered all of the YRE, seasonal and regular event start/finish boxes. He is the "rock" upon which the club depends for scheduling meetings, generating meeting agenda, prioritizing requirements, setting deadlines and providing advice. The High Plains Drifters' success is completely

due to his consummate, detail-oriented, management style.

KEITH BAWDON
Home Town: Roy, Utah

Rocky Mountain Region

Club Memberships: Golden Spike Striders
Footloose

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Keith has served his club in various offices since 1994. His knowledge of the AVA is a selling point in recruiting new walkers. He coordinates both YRE and weekend events with ease and is a consummate walker. Keith is an inspiration to everyone he meets.

CURTIS CONVERSE
Home Town: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Rocky Mountain Region

Club Memberships: Falcon Wanderers

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Curt is a tireless worker for AVA and the Falcon Wanderers. He has served in various offices, currently guiding the club as President. Curt is also Alternate Chair of the 2003 Convention Committee using his organizational skills to our benefit. Curt is one of the "rocks" of the Rocky Mountain Region.

JOSEPH LEVESQUE
Home Town: Northglenn, Colorado

Rocky Mountain Region

Club Memberships: Rocky Mountain Wanderers
Falcon Wanderers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 100 Distance: 1,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Joseph has served the Rocky Mountain Wanderers as Vice President and Trailmeister for four years and is in his second year of a two year term as club President. He has coordinated many events and maintains several year round/seasonal events. He is also Chair of the Site Committee for the 2003 Convention. Joseph is liked by everyone and as such has been very successful in recruiting new members and volunteer workers for events.

BOB SHUTE**Rocky Mountain Region****Home Town:** Colorado Springs, Colorado**Club Memberships:** Falcon Wanderers
Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers
Rocky Mountain Wanderers**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 1100 Distance: 13,000km**Contributions Leading to 2001 Award:** In recognition of exceptional service in the support and promotion of volkssporting. Bob has distinguished himself with years of outstanding service as a club officer, event coordinator, volunteer and volkssporter. His selfless devotion and positive attitude are an inspiration to all who come in contact with him.**BARBARA BUEHRER****South Central Region****Home Town:** West Excelsior Springs, Missouri**Club Memberships:** Clay Platte Trackers**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 550 Distance: 7,500km**Contributions Leading to 2001 Award:** In recognition of leadership and inspirations to keep our club an interesting and fun group. Barbara has served as Vice President, President and Chair of numerous committees. She was instrumental in using the old interurban railroad trail as two event walks and design of the t-shirts for them. She initiated our birthday walks and Dutch Treat lunches.**AL HEBERLEIN****South Central Region****Home Town:** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**Club Memberships:** Wandergruppe Walking Club, Inc.
Prairie Dog Plodders**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 500+ Distance: 3,500km+**Contributions Leading to 2001 Award:** Recognized for consistently outstanding service to American Volkssport Association through 17 years of exemplary leadership in several critical offices in Wandergruppe Walking Club. During his tenure as President and Trailmaster, the club developed from hosting two regular

events to over 12 plus five YREs. He was also instrumental in directing the club's efforts in the "Walk Oklahoma" program with specially designed t-shirts. Al's superb leadership assures the highest quality for all club activities.

CAROLYN WOLFE

South Central Region

Home Town: Neosho, Missouri

Club Memberships: Dogwood Trailblazers Volkssport Club

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In 2000, the South Central Region had its first Regional Roundup, hosted by the Dogwood Trailblazers. Carolyn, Club President, became Chairperson of the Roundup Committee and became a dynamo. She developed the game plan, organized and monitored all sub-committees, coordinated all accommodations, entertainment and events and made sure that all aspects of the three day Roundup ran smoothly and properly. The fact that it was bot a Volkssport as well as a financial success is a tribute to her management and personality style.

CAROLIN BOOTH

Southeast Region

Home Town: Largo, Florida

Club Memberships: Meandering Manatees Volkssport Club
Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club
Florida Volkssport Association

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 275 Distance: 3,500km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition of enthusiastic, unflagging volkssporting support. Her accomplishments as Secretary of the Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club were crucial to its earning five consecutive AVA Star Awards. As Walk Florida State Parks program monitor, she trekked the state to ensure flourishing operations of fifteen volkswalks. Her dedication contributed directly to the Florida Volkssport Association's financial independence and enhances the goals of American Volkssporting.

LARRY C. BROWN

Southeast Region

Home Town: Landis, North Carolina

Club Memberships: Rowan Roamers

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

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: For continued and unselfish support to

grass root club operations and leadership, state leadership and National Convention auctioneer endeavors. Your spirit to go the "extra mile" to make Volkssporting memorable is acknowledged by all you have touched in your decade of service to the ideals of Volkssporting. Your caring and concerned assistance has brought us closer as a family.

CHARLES G. CHRISTAL

Southwest Region

Home Town: Houston, Texas

Club Memberships: Houston Happy Hikers
Friendswood Fun Walkers
West Texas Trail Walkers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 99 Distance: 1,150km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition of his services as President of the Houston Happy Hikers, both in strengthening his own club and promoting Volkssporting throughout Southeast Texas through innovative use of the internet, print media and personal contacts with potential walkers.

JIMMIE EISEN

Southwest Region

Home Town: San Antonio, Texas

Club Memberships: The Texas Wanderers
The West Texas Trailwalkers
The Selma Pathfinders
The Sam Ramblers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 875 Distance: 10,500km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Jimmie has been an avid volkssporter since 1980. She belongs to four clubs and contributes significantly to improve quality and performance of each organization. Her tasking has included club Historian, preparation of articles for news releases and Secretary for over five years. She maintains a YRE by restocking essential forms and supplies. She has volunteered twice weekly for AVA Headquarters, providing secretarial support for over six years. She attends all meetings and volunteers for all events.

LINDA GOODMAN

Southwest Region

Home Town: Universal City, Texas

Club Memberships: Texas Wanderers
West Texas Trail Walkers
Randolph Roadrunners

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 1,000 Distance: 10,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: In recognition of and appreciation for her ten years of exemplary service to volkssporting. Her dedication and untiring efforts were instrumental to the success of the Texas Wanderers.

GUNHILT MONEY

Southwest Region

Home Town: Irving, Texas

Club Memberships: Star Trekkers

IVV Achievement Awards Obtained: Events: 475 Distance: 7,500km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Gunhilt Money has provided leadership, support and expertise to the Star Trekkers since 1991. She helped write the bylaws, served as Membership Director from 1991 through 1994, was co-President in 1995-1997 and President in 1998. She continues to serve the club by managing club equipment, serving as walk director, coordinating activities with the City of Irving, acting as mentor for new members and working at club events. Gunhilt serves as a tireless ambassador for volksmarching.

ARDYCE PFANSTIEL

Southwest Region

Home Town: Granbury, Texas

Club Memberships: Hood County Hummers
Tarrant County Walkers

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: For your many years of exemplary service to Volkssporting. Through your continued perseverance and dedication since the club's inception in July, 1991, the Hood County Hummers remain a club in good standing. As the backbone of the club, Ardyce continues to remind us of the importance of holding quality events. She upholds the highest standards of Volkssporting.

SARAH SIX**Home Town:** San Antonio, Texas*Southwest Region***Club Memberships:** Sam Ramblers**IVV Achievement Awards Obtained:** Events: 800 Distance: 8,000km

Contributions Leading to 2001 Award: Sarah has been one of the busiest members of our club since joining 16 years ago. By her outstanding examples of devotion to people and the sport, she stimulates others to join and share comradery and workload. She spent four years as a contributing Vice-President and one of our finest, industrious Presidents for the next two years. She knows volkssporting in detail and serves as friend, counselor, trail director, instructor and other positions where needed.

Certificates of Service

ATLANTIC REGION**CHARLENE AGNE-TRAUB - Burke, Virginia**

Nominated for service as the corresponding secretary for the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. Through her efforts as part of this club, she has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

JOYCE ANDREWS - Manassas, Virginia

Joyce served as Winchester YRE Chairperson for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. Through her efforts as part of this club, she has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

THOMAS J. ANDREWS - Manassas, Virginia

Thomas served as Vice President of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. Through his efforts as part of this club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs,

by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

THOMAS BAERWALD - Alexandria, Virginia

Tom served as Event Coordinator since June 1999 and Brochure Chairperson since March 2000 for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers. Through his efforts as part of this club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

BUTCH BARROWS - Glen Burnie, Maryland

For your continuing support of the Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club events by maintaining checkpoints at all of the Freestate events.

CHARLENE BARROWS - Glen Burnie, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club events and social activities.

ARTHUR BATTEN - Hampton, Virginia

In recognition of his idea for Tidewater Trek 2000 and for being past Editor of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia newsletter for years. He is a willing worker who provides enthusiasm required for our success and continued growth.

RICHARD BELAND - Poquoson, Virginia

Dick has diligently supported the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia. He promotes Volkssporting to new walkers. He works most of our walks and provides enthusiasm to all walkers. Routinely promotes Volkssporting within the community.

ROBIN BLANDFORD - Lovettsville, Virginia

Robin served as Treasurer for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. Through her efforts as part of this club, she has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

BILL CAMPBELL - Ellicott City, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club's events and social activities.

LISA CAMPBELL - Ellicott City, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club's events and social activities.

JACKIE COCO - Abingdon, Maryland

To honor you for your continued high enthusiasm as a volunteer at all our club events and the organizer of our social activities.

NATHAN COLTER - Newport News, Virginia

Nat is a willing worker. He has served as President for two years providing outstanding support for the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia. Promotes Volkssporting to all walkers. Established and maintains a year round event at Ft. Eustis. Assists with trail marking and maintenance.

STEVE DUMAS - New Carrollton, Maryland

For your continuing support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your volunteer spirit for our club events.

SUE FILIPOVITS - Laurel, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club events and social activities.

CHUCK FULLERTON - Odenton, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club events and social activities.

DALE GOTTSCHALK - Arlington, Virginia

Dale served as Recording Secretary for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. Through his efforts as part of this club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

ED HAFFNER - Laurel, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit at our club's walks.

DAVID HARTMAN - Hampton, Virginia

For many years of significant service to the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia; two years as club President, one year as Secretary, two year Program Chairman and outstanding publicity work. In addition, he can always be counted on to work at events and serves as administrator of a year round.

BILL HASSELL - Pasadena, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club events and social activities.

LOUISE HAYDU - Laurel, Maryland

For the excellent newsletter that you publish for the Freestate Happy Wanderers month after month and for keeping Freestate's membership data in a format we can understand.

MARY HEATH - New Carrollton, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club events and social activities.

RUTH E. MCCOY - Columbia, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club events and social activities.

ROBERT MCLEAN - Springfield, Virginia

Robert served as Sales Chairperson for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. Through his efforts as part of this club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

TOMMY MOSELY - Brookeville, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your continuing volunteer spirit for our club events and social activities.

KAREN PLOTT - Fairfax, Virginia

Karen served as Walk Event Coordinator for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. Through her efforts as part of this club, she has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

MARILYN POLLOW - Alexandria, Virginia

Marilyn served as Award Chairperson and Brochure Chairperson for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. Through her efforts as part of this club, she has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

CAROL QUINLAN - Bowie, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club and your

continuing volunteer spirit for our club events and social activities.

MIKE QUINLAN - Bowie, Maryland

To honor you for your enthusiasm and new ideas you freely contribute to our club events.

JAMES R. SIMONSEN - Newport News, Virginia

Bob has served as Vice President (Trails Director and Equipment Manager) and Secretary of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia. He has given many years of outstanding service to Volkssporting.

CLYDE STEPHENS - Chesapeake, Virginia

In recognition of four years of leadership and devotion to Volkssporting, specifically, the Gator Volksmarsch Club. As club President, Clyde ensured the timely and accurate submittal of all correspondence. He presided at 48+ board and general club meetings. Clyde established the NSGA walk which has become an annual event. Clyde Stephens leads by deed and example.

PATRICIA STRAUSBAUGH - York, Pennsylvania

Pat has been an avid volksmarmer in the York White Rose Wanderers club for more than twelve years. As Membership Chairman, she has managed to keep a membership of over 200 for the past five years. Pat does the newsletter mailings, is an active participant in every local walk, supports other clubs in the area, arranges and manages community gatherings where Volksmarching is highlighted. She transports people to meetings and urges people to be participants in Volkssports.

SAM TOLLETT - Hampton, Virginia

Sam is President of the Walking Scouts and has many years of dedicated service in his many roles of promoting and supporting Volkssporting. He has provided the concession at the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia, Gator Volksmarsch and MAWA clubs.

BARBARA WASHBURN - Newport News, Virginia

Serves as Secretary for the past two years for Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia. Assistance at club checkpoints and finish table, designing of awards and the Social Committee. Barbara is always a very willing volunteer.

ARTHUR WHITTAKER, SR. - Hampton, Virginia

Art has made significant contributions as the club's web site designer/webmaster and also maintains a club homepage on the web that includes a constantly up-to-date list of events. Coordinates all checkpoint workers for events and also serves as Membership Chairman for the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia. Routinely assists with any club duty.

MOLLY WINKLER - Severna Park, Maryland

For your support of Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club by getting us "on line", preparing a web page to promote our club and it's events.

CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

For service to the Virginia Volkssport Association by providing a start/finish for the Charlottesville Year Round since 1995.

JONES LANG LaSALLE AMERICAS, INC. - Washington D.C.

Nominated for exceptional service to the Virginia Volkssport Association since December 1997. Over these four years, their support has enabled the VVA to host quality events that have averaged over 500 participants each year. These events have enabled the VVA to donate generously to the AVA and a local home for disadvantaged children.

LEXINGTON VISITOR CENTER - Lexington, Virginia

For service to the Virginia Volkssport Association by providing a start/finish for the Lexington Year Round since 1995.

ROANOKE VALLEY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU - Roanoke, Virginia

For service to the Virginia Volkssport Association by providing a start/finish for the Roanoke Year Round since 1995.

WINCHESTER-FREDERICK COUNTY VISITOR CENTER - Winchester, Virginia

For service to the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers and the Virginia Volkssport Association by providing a start/finish for the Winchester Year Round since 1994.

MID-AMERICA REGION

PAUL BLANTON - Xenia, Ohio

In recognition of Paul's dedicated support and helpfulness to the clubs in the state of Ohio. Paul helps mark trails and works events for several clubs in Ohio. He is responsible for mailing out the OVA Journal. He maintains several YREs and his carpentry skills have been put to use several times for the clubs.

SYLVIA EBERT - Louisville, Kentucky

In recognition of significant contributions towards the advancement of the American Volkssport Association programs.

BETH FILINA - North Olmsted, Ohio

In recognition of Beth's dedicated service to Volkssporting in Ohio. She has served for many years as Northeast area coordinator for Ohio Volkssport Association. She has served as President and Vice President of the Valley Vagabonds. She and her club are strong supporters of the Girl Scouts.

PHYLLIS GOLEC - Fairview Heights, Illinois

Phyllis is commended for outstanding chairing of the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Committee and for coordinating the club's popular New Year's Eve walk. Since becoming a club member, she has served on the Awards Committee, been club Secretary and Secretary of the Illinois Volkssport Association. She was instrumental in reviving the "Purple Shoe" Award presented to club members injured at events. Always quick to offer her assistance, Phyllis is truly an asset to the club.

THELMA GORIS - Richmond, Indiana

In recognition of her many years of dedicated service to Volkssporting. She currently serves as President of Wandering Wheels, where she lays out trips and plays travel agent. She served as Secretary of the 1999 Convention. She is an avid volkssporter and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

ROBERT HAWKINS - Franklin, Ohio

In recognition of Bob's many years of dedicated service toward Volkssporting. Bob has been President of Bull Run Ramblers and he currently serves as Trailmaster. He still gives advice to the running of the club. He was also a valuable member of the 1999 Hueston Wood Convention Event.

JEAN HUGHES - Edwardsville, Illinois

Recognized for her dedicated effort and cooperative spirit in bringing together the Friends of LeClaire and the Illinois Trekkers for their annual Parkfest and Volksmarch. As event coordinator, she plans all the many details overseeing their accomplishment by instilling in her assistants the same dedication and cooperative spirit, thus ensuring a very successful event.

ANDREW KNOPIK - Fairmont City, Illinois

Recognized for a great job of orchestrating the Cahokia Mounds kickoff festivities and for serving as point of contact for the Cahokia Mounds year round event for many years. Andy has also helped mark trails for many Illinois Trekkers events.

He is especially praised for his talent as brewmaster of Russian tea, a favorite of people walking the annual night walk at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

SANDI LATIMER - Columbus, Ohio

In recognition of outstanding service to central Ohio. Her tireless pursuit of promoting Volkssporting throughout the State of Ohio. She was the originator of the Bicentennial project that helps celebrate the Ohio Bicentennial by walking all 88 counties.

JERRY McCORMICK - Hamilton, Ohio

Jerry serves as Trailmaster of the Miami Indian Trekkers. With his help in increasing the number of events and YREs, Miami Indian Trekkers have become one of the dominant clubs in Ohio.

PAT McCORMICK - Hamilton, Ohio

Pat, as the current President of the Miami Indian Trekkers, has lead her club in a significant increase in the number of events held yearly. Her club has made their events more than just a walk. She has also written several articles for her club and for the 1999 Convention that was published in The American Wanderer and the local newspapers.

HELGA SLADE - Beavercreek, Ohio

In recognition of Helga's dedicated support of Volkssporting in the state of Ohio. She has served as President of the Purple Penguins and Secretary of the Ohio Wander Freunde for a number of years. She has also served as Southwest area coordinator of Ohio Volkssport Association, promoting Volkssporting and sending event information over the walklist for her area. She is a good worker across the state.

CAROL STALEY - Maryville, Illinois

Carol is a great asset to the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club, actively promoting Volkssporting and fitness, encouraging new walkers by her positive approach to the sport. She diligently works at our events and faithfully attends club meetings. She has gained a deep respect from fellow members for her dedication and quiet, but friendly manner.

GARY STALEY - Maryville, Illinois

Gary is commended for using his computer expertise to build, design and maintain a web site for the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club, promoting club events and Volkssporting in general. He has helped the club working in many different event areas wherever needed. Due to his coordination efforts, the Illinois Trekkers' Glen Carbon YRE has become very popular among walkers.

PEARL THARP - Granite City, Illinois

Pearl is recognized for diligently and enthusiastically promoting Volkssporting throughout the 50 United States, inspiring people she comes in contact with to take up the sport. For 18+ years as an Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club member, she has been "behind the scenes" taking care of many details necessary to make events happen. Pearl is an inspiration to all who know her and deeply admired for her dedication to service.

RALPH THARP - Granite City, Illinois

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JEFF WRIGHT - Fairview Heights, Illinois

Jeff is commended for being a loyal member of the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club and a walking advertisement for AVA, proudly displaying his jacket and patches wherever he goes. Jeff can always be counted upon to work at events. He goes out of his way to pick up and take to events a fellow volkssporter who has no means of transportation. He exemplifies the sheer joy of walking and camaraderie that AVA promotes.

LEONARD WOJTYSIAK - O'Fallon, Illinois

Leonard has been a great asset to the Illinois Trekkers, serving as Treasurer for three years, keeping records in top shape. His contributions to the B-State Jubilee Volksfest the last three years and service as an event coordinator for the 20th Anniversary Celebration helped make both events special and successful. He has served as Trailmaster for many of the club's events. His friendly manner makes everybody he comes in contact with feel welcome.

CAROL YEGERLEHNER - Fairborn, Ohio

Carol has served for many years as an officer of the FAA Sweetcorn Festival Volkssport Club and has given many hours of service to Ohio Wander Freunde. Carol has a positive attitude and is a strong supporter of Volkssporting.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

LOIS JORGENSON - Abercrombie, North Dakota

Lois Jorgenson (posthumous) started the Koda Manipe Volkssport Club in Wahpeton, ND in 1987, serving as President. She organized several walks, including the present YRE in Wahpeton and the seasonal at Fort Ransom State Park. An active member of the Fargo Red River Volkssport Club and State

Chairperson of the first ND Prairie Rose State Games Volksmarch, Lois also helped initiate the unique Tri-State Walk.

DARWIN LAY - Apple Valley, Minnesota

Darwin has been a very active supporter of the Volkssporting program for many years and has held the office of Vice-President of T.C.V. Volkssporting Club. He is now the President of the Minnesota Sneakers club and has planned and held many events in both clubs. He has many events and YREs to his credit. He is a hard worker with unlimited enthusiasm for our Volkssporting program. Darwin fully deserves this honor for his enthusiastic work over many years of active service.

JEAN NIFFENEGGER - Des Moines, Iowa

Jean, with her husband Jim, has been our club's Personal Incentive Committee for over ten years. Walkers keep records of their non-AVA event walking distances and the Niffeneggers record these distances and award appropriate patches when the indicated levels are reached. They have said that this is the best way they can contribute to the club and many members take advantage of the service they provide.

JIM NIFFENEGGER - Des Moines, Iowa

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PAUL STACHOUR - Bloomington, Minnesota

Paul is our webmaster for Twin Cities Volkssports. He has been involved in providing info on all our events and YRE/Seasonals on the internet for the past nine years. Paul is very quick to volunteer for help on events and in nurturing new walkers as well as marking trails and initiating a walk each year.

EVELYN STECHER - Des Moines, Iowa

Evelyn is a charter member of our club. She was a tireless worker in the beginning and is credited as being the force which held the club together and insured the success of the group. Evelyn has been President and Vice-President. She continues to help at the checkpoint whenever possible.

JOHN STECHER - Des Moines, Iowa

John is a charter member of our club. He co-ordinates the trails and checkpoint committees, working to teach the new group the requirements necessary to stage a successful event. He also made directional arrows and other aids to ensure a safe walk. He continues to help at the checkpoint whenever possible.

NORTHEAST REGION

BEN ANDREOZZI - Newburyport, Massachusetts

Ben serves as Secretary for the Two Town Walking Club, currently runs the Newburyport walk which he helped design and is an active volunteer who helps with many of the club's events.

CLARICE ANDREOZZI - Newburyport, Massachusetts

Clarice is an active volunteer in the Two Town Walking Club. She helped design the walk in Newburyport and is a volunteer for many of the club events and activities.

DIANA CAMPBELL - South Hamilton, Massachusetts

Diana serves as co-President of the Two Town Walking Club, is in charge of the Hamilton bike seasonal and always volunteers to do the "sweep" at club events.

JIM CAMPBELL - South Hamilton, Massachusetts

Jim has served many years as Vice-President of the Two Town Walking Club. He is currently co-President of the club. Jim always volunteers to do the "sweep" at club events.

CLAUDIA CAUCHON - Newmarket, New Hampshire

Claudia provided outstanding leadership as Vice-President (1997-1998) and as President (1998-2000) of the Seacoast Striders.

HERMAN DAY

Awarded for teamwork and cooperation during yearlong planning for the annual Tri-State events. Your committee involvement and leadership made it possible for folksporters to enjoy lighthouse theme walks in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts over Columbus Day weekend 2000. Attention to detail, unparalleled organization and dedication by the Tri-State Committee members resulted in events that epitomize the best that our sport has to offer.

VALERIE DAY

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VERNA L. DeVINE - Attleboro, Massachusetts

Verna has served as the head person at the start/finish table each time the Attleboro

group sponsors a walk. Her dependable and congenial manner and willingness to help whenever and wherever help is needed has been greatly appreciated by all. Also, she has been co-sponsor and sponsor of walks as well as generously volunteering at other clubs' events.

JEANETTE DOSE - North Billerica, Massachusetts

Pleasant surprises abound to the benefit of Volkssporting with Jeannette nearby whether it is chairing seasonal or regular events, efficiently registering attendees, volunteering for trail clearing work parties or, most recently, capturing people's pastimes with musical selections most closely attuned to their hobbies or volkssport volunteer efforts.

ARLENE GIROUARD - Roslindale, Massachusetts

Not only has Arlene been the club Secretary for the past four years, she has also chaired walks, served on the Nominating Committee, is in charge of Specialties, and, most recently, has assumed duties as a member of the Telephone Committee to line up volunteers for events. In spite of all these activities, she still finds time to volunteer at other people's events as well.

JEANNINE GIROUARD - Westminster, Massachusetts

In addition to taking on any and all of the myriad of duties one assumes to ensure successful events, Jeannine has served capably as the club Historian for five years and now is one of our most valued artists, offering event chairmen help in determining and designing awards.

CHUCK HUTCHINS - Candia, New Hampshire

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FRAN HUTCHINS - Candia, New Hampshire

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ROBERT McDOUGALL - Glastonbury, Connecticut

Awarded for development and implementation of the "Walk the Eight Connecticut Counties" program. This program is designed as an educational experience about

Connecticut, as well as a time for fun and fitness for all individuals who participate.

CHRIS MELLEN - Tyngsboro, Massachusetts

As former co-President, Chairman/co-Chairman of at least eight events, POC for group walks and dinners as well as bus trips, picnic organizer and often cook and a member of the three-member County Walks Committee, Chris has provided and continues to provide many opportunities for people to enjoy volksmarching and camaraderie. He has been instrumental in planning and organizing walks to accomplish our ambitious county program.

AL MOULTON - Stratham, New Hampshire

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BONNIE MOULTON - Stratham, New Hampshire

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BARBARA PIFFAT - Danvers, Massachusetts

For outstanding contributions to Volkssporting in the Northeast Region by providing volunteer services to four clubs (Two Town Walking Club, Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club, Seacoast Striders and Twin State Volkssport Assn.) that include checkpoints, start/finish, registration, greeter and trail marking, providing refreshments at events and meetings and recruiting individuals to become volkssporters.

DICK ROSSI - Topsfield, Massachusetts

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JOYCE TOOMRE - West Newton, Massachusetts

Joyce jumps in and leads the way. By working with city officials, she enabled our club to be a part of a community effort to walk and be healthy; by identifying some peoples' preferences to walk with others, she was instrumental in setting up weekly summer evening strolls of seasonal events; and by taking on e-mail responsibilities, she keeps many people, members and other clubs, informed of events on a weekly basis. A great club representative!

NORTHWEST REGION

WENDY BUMGARDNER - Tualatin, Oregon

Wendy recognized an opportunity to get information to new (and seasoned) walkers by sending out weekly email announcements of upcoming events. She asked hosts to put sign-up sheets at their events to collect addresses. In just six months the list has grown to 515 names. The effort was widened and now contains lists for several other states. This wonderful service is almost cost-free.

BETTY BUTLER - Eugene, Oregon

Betty is a charter member of the Eugene-Springfield Mossback Club. She has served as Secretary and is currently in her third term as Treasurer. At Mossback events, Betty is there first thing in the morning to set up and operate registration. After her heart surgery, Betty used volkswalking as an integral part of her rehab program. She continues to use volkswalking to keep her heart fit.

EARL COFFEY - Silverton, Oregon

Earl is a great resource for his club, the Silverton Walk Abouts. He has served as President and Vice-President several times over the years. His tireless effort on behalf of volkswalking has helped to make our walks a success. He has a special touch in convincing property owners to allow walks on their property. During the walks you will see Earl constantly checking the trail and the checkpoints. Earl has been a vital part of our sport for over ten years.

SANDY CRAMER - Albany, Oregon

Sandy, a non-walker, is one of the Albany Fitwalkers' most willing workers. She publishes a monthly newsletter, always works a table at the club events and is willing to do whatever she can to help out. Even though she can't do the walks, she is truly a loyal friend of volkssporting.

SUE FINLAYSON - Yachats, Oregon

Sue is the member of the Yachats Coastal Gems who completes the "behind the scenes" tasks before deadline--like filing the various report forms. Sue served several terms as Secretary and is now serving her third term as Treasurer of Yachats Coastal Gems.

FORD FORSTER - Dayton, Oregon

Ford and Margaret work in conjunction with the city and schools to make the Amity Daffodil Festival successful every year. The walks, the plant sale, and buffet lunch are very well attended. This is a good example of what can be accomplished when volkssport clubs work with other organizations and the results are phenomenal. Ford is to be commended for an ongoing "job well done".

LILLIAN FULLERTON - Vancouver, Washington

Lillian has been a mainstay of volkssporting in Vancouver, Washington, serving as Treasurer and President of the Vancouver USA Volkssporters. Lillian is ever present at every event promoting the sport.

PHOEBE HARRISON - Albany, Oregon

Phoebe is the backbone of the Albany Fitwalkers and is dedicated to keeping the spirit of volkssporting alive within the membership. She has served in offices for the club and has developed routes, located start points and worked every aspect of putting on events. Phoebe is a true friend of volkssporting.

DIANE ILG - Woodburn, Oregon

Diane, together with her husband, George, assumed leadership of a club that had for years sponsored a Tulip Festival walk at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm. Declining participation bothered them. They worked with the Wooden Shoe to widely publicize the event and the numbers have grown to give this event the largest participation of any single event in Oregon. This walk attracts many new walkers and they recognize this as a way to revitalize volkssporting in the state.

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DWIGHT MEEKS - Newport, Oregon

Before Dwight and Sheila became full-time "Volks Gypsies" (RV'rs), they were both very active members of the Yachats Coastal Gems. Now as "Volks Gypsies", they are ambassadors of volkssporting all over the country. They were instrumental in organizing other RV'rs into a "Volks Gypsy Club" and plan rendezvous throughout the year to participate in volkssport events.

SHEILA MEEKS - Newport, Oregon

Before Dwight and Sheila became full-time "Volks Gypsies" (RV'rs), they were both very active members of the Yachats Coastal Gems. Now as "Volks Gypsies", they are ambassadors of volkssporting all over the country. They were instrumental in organizing other RV'rs into a "Volks Gypsy Club" and plan rendezvous throughout the year to participate in volkssport events.

ELIZABETH MITCHELL - Tigard, Oregon

Elizabeth volunteered to help Wendy input names and maintain the list of email addresses for weekly announcements of upcoming events. In just six months, the list grew to 515 names. She now maintains lists for several states and this wonderful service is almost cost-free.

DR. ALLAN POLLOCK - Forest Grove, Oregon

Dr. Pollack was one of the first club members of the Webfoot Walkers. The club started in 1984 as the first volkssport club in Oregon. Over the years, Allan worked at a variety of club positions, including President and Trailmaster. He was always willing to go out and scout new trails. He and his wife hosted many club meetings at their home. His hobby of woodworking came in handy numerous times, as he created signs and other items for the club's use.

DR. ALBERT "DICK" REINKE - Portland, Oregon

Dr. Reinke started the first volkssport club in the State of Oregon. With the support of the Forest Grove Lions Club, the first walk in Oregon was held in September, 1984. All of the beautiful volkssport awards he earned while stationed in Europe were displayed in Dr. Reinke's home. Often walk checkpoints were placed in his basement museum so that other walkers could enjoy them also. When he moved to a smaller home, he donated the awards and their specially built cabinets to the AVA Museum at Fredericksburg, Texas.

PAM SADLER - Roseburg, Oregon

As the Secretary of Oregon's State Association, 1997-1999, Pam kept accurate and timely minutes. The Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association could depend on her to perform all duties expected, even though Pam usually had a 50 to 150 mile drive to each meeting. Pam started volkswalking in 1989 and has been active in

three different clubs over the years.

JOYCE SETTLES - Philomath, Oregon

Joyce is a dedicated volkssporter. She has held offices in the Corvallis Cruiser club. She has worked at developing routes, marking trails and has worked at the various tables at the start/finish area. Joyce is a willing worker and will do whatever is necessary to make an event successful. She is truly a friend of volkssporting.

DONNA SILVER - Corvallis, Oregon

Donna is a dedicated volkssporter. She has served in offices in both the Albany Fitwalkers and the Corvallis Cruisers clubs. She has worked at developing routes, marking trails, and has worked at the various tables at the start/finish area. Donna is a willing worker who will do whatever necessary to make an event successful. She is truly a friend of volkssporting.

OSCAR and CARMELLA SWINNEY - Springfield, Oregon

Since completing their first volkswalk in May of 1998, Oscar and Carmella "hit the ground running" as promoters of volkssporting. Every contact they have with someone includes a "pitch" for volkswalking. They have made formal volkssport presentations to local civic groups. Oscar is serving his second term as YRE Coordinator for Eugene-Springfield Mossback Club. Carmella and Oscar both assist with Mossback activities and events--their specialty is hospitality.

ELAINE TODD - Newport, Oregon

Elaine is serving her third term as President of the Yachats Coastal Gems. She has concentrated heavily on promoting and creating more visibility of volkswalking on the Central Oregon coast. Some of the avenues she has used are organizing the club members to march in the summer parades held in Newport, Waldport and Yachats. Elaine also organized and publicized short walks held in the early evening before our club meetings.

LARRY and SHARON TODD - Silverton, Oregon

Larry and Sharon and their seven year old grandchildren, Katelyn Meithof and Bo Todd participated in the AVA Master Program in 1999. Walking with their grandparents, Katelyn and Bo completed 12 volkswalks and earned the rating of AVA Volkssporter. Sharon and Larry earned the rating of AVA Master Volkssporters and are commended for involving the youngsters in this new program and setting an example for others to follow.

GEORGE VARTANIAN

George has spent many hours on auditing and by-laws committees for several clubs in Oregon and Washington. He has been a strong work force and support for the registration process for the International Walkfest's Discovery Walk Festival in Vancouver, Washington.

PACIFIC REGION**MERLE DVORAK** - Sherman Oaks, California

For dedicated service to the Hollywood Star Trekkers and support of Volkssporting in California.

DON HADD - Oxnard, California

For outstanding service to volkssmarching on California's Central Coast, as President and Trailmaster of the Channel Islands Volksmarchers.

SHERRI O'HARE - Ajo, Arizona

Nominated for continued service to volkssports by maintaining a YRE startpoint at a location far removed from the Phoenix area thus allowing these YREs to continue to be available.

JIM REIMAN - Ajo, Arizona

Nominated for continued service to volkssports by maintaining a YRE startpoint at a location far removed from the Phoenix area thus allowing these YREs to continue to be available.

DONNA and ED RITCHIE - Santa Maria, California

For dedicated service to volkssports on the California Central Coast, with both the Big Valley Vagabonds and the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders.

ROBERT ROTHROCK - Laguna Niguel, California

In appreciation for all your time and effort in starting and maintaining a successful new club for walkers in Orange County.

WILLIAM L. UTTENWEILER - Santa Maria, California

For dedicated service to volkssmarching with both the Texas Wanderers, San Antonio, TX and the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders, Santa Maria, CA.

CLYDIE and JAMES WRIGHT - Ventura, California

For outstanding service to volkssmarching on California's Central Coast as Trailmaster, start/finish worker and Newsletter Editor for the Channel Islands Volksmarchers.

MEZONA BEST WESTERN MOTEL - Mesa, Arizona

Nominated for long term support of volkssporting by providing an excellent startpoint for YRE25, the first YRE in the Phoenix area. The Motel also provides a special commercial rate for volkssporters who stay with them.

NORTON HOUSE, PHOENIX PARKS RECREATION & LIBRARY DEPARTMENT - Phoenix, Arizona

Nominated for long time service to volkssporters by providing weeklong startpoints for two YREs in the Downtown Phoenix area.

TYKES WORLD TOYS and PLAYCENTER - Tempe, Arizona

Tykes World Toys and Playcenter provides an ideal YRE startpoint and has done so for a number of years. It is located in a large shopping mall with excellent parking, a restroom and manned by friendly, helpful people; with food and refreshments available nearby.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

HARRY ADAMS

Harry began volksmarching while visiting his daughter in Germany. He and his son-in-law would walk two or three walks both Saturday and Sunday. Not realizing that there would be volksmarches in Wyoming, he did not buy the books. When coming to Wyoming and seeing in the newspaper that they had a club in Cheyenne, he became a member of the club and ended up being the President for eight years.

KEN BEYER - Cheyenne, Wyoming

Ken is the area webmaster expert, having assisted many clubs in the region develop a web site. He is also co-Chair for the Wyoming portion of the Trans-America Walk. Ken is always willing to assist in any way possible and is a definite asset to our region and the AVA. He is a willing volunteer on the 2003 Convention Committee, assisting the webmaster.

SONJA CARLSON-FORNSTROM - Pine Bluffs, Wyoming

Sonja, the Recreation Director for the Town of Pine Bluffs, has been a supporter of the volksmarch program. She assisted the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers in starting the seasonal walk in Pine Bluffs in the early 90's. She keeps the trail on the Bluffs in good condition as well as keeping the start point supplied with trail directions.

JAN CONVERSE - Colorado Springs, Colorado

Jan has served her club faithfully in various capacities since 1991. She is willing to work in the trenches to get the job done. Her cheerful demeanor and friendliness has been an inspiration to new walkers as well as the seasoned walkers. Jan's contributions to AVA are invaluable.

JANE DARLING - Colorado Springs, Colorado

Jane has been an inspiration to all volkssporters, both young and old. She has worked many positions at weekend events as well as event coordinator for several year round and seasonal events. For many years she has provided guidance and inspiration to all she has come in contact with. She is a wonderful example of the volkssporting spirit and a credit to the many clubs she belongs to and supports.

CONNIE DUFFY - Colorado Springs, Colorado

In recognition of Connie's outstanding and exemplary service to the Falcon Wanderers over the last eight years as the club's database manager. She has distinguished herself with years of dedicated service not only as the database manager but as an event coordinator, club officer, willing volunteer and active volkssporter. Connie makes a difference when it comes to the advancement of volkssporting.

MABLE HOCKETT - Clancy, Montana

Mable and her husband started the Helena Hikers club in 1995 and serve as its officers. She participated in her first volksmarch 11 years ago and is still an avid walker. She maintains the popular Capital event in Helena, Montana. Mable's enthusiasm for the AVA is contagious.

BONNIE "CB" HATT - Cheyenne, Wyoming

Bonnie was one of the founding members of the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers back in 1981. She made and laminated pink colored feet to be used to mark the trails. Though a birth defect prevents her from walking now, she is an ambassador for the volksmarch program. She loves to be a checkpoint person and people enjoy seeing a smiling face at the checkpoint.

CAROLYN LAI - Magna, Utah

Carolyn's talents are many. She has served as President of Footloose since 1994, as editor and travel planner for their bus trips. Carolyn is currently serving as Coordinator of the Utah portion of the Trans-America Walk. Her enthusiasm for AVA is endless.

MARTI LeFAIVRE - Parker, Colorado

In recognition of service as club President 1997-1999 and currently serving as Board member as Past President. She has been March Coordinator for the Georgetown year round walk since 1998 and has coordinated six events. Seldom

is there a volksmarch event when Marti is not working in some capacity. Her positive attitude, selflessness and friendly manner have encouraged others to volunteer and participate with a certain sense of contentment.

RAY LeFAIVRE - Parker, Colorado

In recognition of his significant contributions to the Rocky Mountain Wanderers by computerizing the club's financial and membership records.

BOBBY MARCUM - Laramie, Wyoming

Bobby is one of the mainstays of the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. He has chaired many walks and laid out trails for other walks as well. Bobby is the liaison between the CHPW and the US Forest Service. The forest is a wonderful place to have events and with the ever increasing restrictions it is increasingly important to maintain a good working relationship with them.

MARY LOU MARCUM - Laramie, Wyoming

Mary Lou has been the Secretary for the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers for several terms. She and her husband and sons have chaired many events. As an avid environmentalist, she endeavored to instill those values in CHPW members and walk participants. A walk area is always left cleaner than when we arrived.

RICHARD MERMIS - Aurora, Colorado

In recognition for being known as the "Go-to Guy" of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers. Always available for any club task that needs to be accomplished to include but not limited to March Coordinator, club Secretary and currently, Publicity Chairman.

KATHRYN MILLER - Boulder, Colorado

In recognition of her service as March Coordinator for the Boulder year round walks. Kathryn has worked in this capacity for five years. She introduced a second year round walk in the year 2000 and continues to coordinate in an expedient and outstanding manner.

LEWIS and VIRGINIA MONEYPENNY - Fountain, Colorado

In recognition of many years of outstanding support and dedicated service to the Falcon Wanderers Volkssport Club. Lewis and Virginia, regular volunteer each month to man, all day, a checkpoint for our monthly weekend volksmarch. These highly active club members can always be counted upon to volunteer their services to support and promote the spirit of volkssporting.

MIKE NELSON - Black Forest, Colorado

Mike has been active in Falcon Wanderers for years. He has served as Trailmeister and volunteers for their events. In 1995 he founded the Black Forest Volksmarch Club and served as its President. The Black Forest Club and Mike prefer to

coordinate trail events with the trail up Pikes Peak being a favorite. Mike is also the Workshop Chair for the 2003 Convention Committee. He goes the extra mile to make all walks "events".

BILL NORTON - Denver, Colorado

In recognition for maintaining the high quality standards of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers newsletter, for improving its content by adding new special features such as the club bulletin board and for his suggestion to increase walker participation in Colorado by his idea for the club's Y2K Millennium Award. Two hundred kilometers in the year 2000.

LINDA NYMAN - Colorado Springs, Colorado

In recognition of Linda's outstanding, dedicated service to the Falcon Wanderers over the last nine years as the club's newsletter editor. Linda has distinguished herself with years of outstanding service not only as the newsletter editor but as an event coordinator, willing volunteer and active volkssporter. Her selfless devotion and positive attitude are an inspiration to all.

ARLENE OGASAWARA - Cheyenne, Wyoming

Arlene has served the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers in various capacities over the years, currently as Secretary and Editor of the newsletter. She advises those on her extensive e-mail address list of matters of importance throughout the region. She is serving as co-chair of the Wyoming portion of the Trans-America Walk. Arlene has coordinated many events and her willingness to assist in any position makes her a valuable asset to her club and the AVA.

NANCY REISDORFF - Aurora, Colorado

Nancy Reisdorff served one year as Secretary pro-tem and another two as elected Secretary. She has been a member of Rocky Mountain Wanderers since 1991 and is the coordinator for the three Denver year round walks. She has also coordinated several events and helped others coordinate walks. Nancy displays enthusiasm in all aspects of club activities. This enthusiasm combined with her perseverance and dedication is an inspiration to all.

NANCY SCRIBNER - Cheyenne, Wyoming

Nancy is the only charter member of the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers which was chartered in 1982. She is responsible for setting up the bookkeeping system that is used to this day. Nancy was instrumental in writing the original By-Laws and Constitution of the club. Although medical restrictions keep her from doing as many walks as she would like, she is a loyal supporter of area volkssporters.

KAREN SEAY - Colorado Springs, Colorado

In recognition of Karen's noteworthy contributions to the Falcon Wanderers. She has distinguished herself with over eight years of dedicated service as a club officer,

weekend event coordinator, seasonal/year round event coordinator, willing volunteer and active volkssporter. Karen is also the Chair for the Events Committee for the 2003 AVA Convention.

JACK SHAUL - Cheyenne, Wyoming

Jack is one of the Trailmeisters for the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. He has walked all 50 states. Now, Jack walks with two canes. Whenever possible, he provides a 5km trail and is especially cognizant of walking conditions on that trail. Jack is a very pleasant and happy person and always has a smile for those around him. As long as we have people of Jack's caliber, the sport of volksmarching will survive.

GERALD STRYKER - Colorado Springs, Colorado

In recognition of Gerry's dedicated service to the Falcon Wanderers over the last three years as the club's Treasurer and event coordinator for numerous weekend events.

BICYCLE STATION - Cheyenne, Wyoming

The Bicycle Station is the start point for the year round bike and the "Stepping Out" year round walk. They have bicycles for rent so travelers can stop and complete the year round bike. The Bicycle Station is very community minded and participate in a lot of fund raising bicycle events.

BILL LINK, BROWN'S SHOE FIT COMPANY - Cheyenne, Wyoming

Bill Link, Manager of Brown's Shoe Fit Company, is an avid supporter of the volksmarch program. He is always willing to come to our meetings and talk to us about the proper shoes and socks to wear.

THE OWL INN - Cheyenne, Wyoming

The Owl Inn has been the checkpoint for the Cheyenne Historic walk (the Capital walk) since its inception. For the last five years, the A Award has been a series of owls patterned after the Owl Inn's Logo. Most of the waitresses wear these awards as pins on their uniforms. This has been good promotion for the walk.

TRAVELODGE - Laramie, Wyoming

The Travelodge Motel is the start point for the Laramie walk. The management is very congenial and enthusiastic in greeting participants. Very good ambassadors for the sport of volkssporting.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

HARRISON BILLY - St. Louis, Missouri

Harrison has been club Treasurer for as long as anyone can remember. He has been actively involved in the development of St. Louis Area walks that highlight local history and architecture. His van is the depository of all walk material and he coordinates this on all walks and works behind the scenes in all club activities. The popularity of this club's events is a tribute to Harrison's involvement and efforts.

DOROTHY BROWN - Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dorothy, for many years, has served as Event Coordinator and unofficial "whip" for the Oklahoma State wide Labor Day, 3 day, 6 club, 12 event Extravaganza. The fact that this event for many years has been such a success is a tribute to her management and personality style. She is retiring from this position this year and the event will miss her.

BONNIE COX - Neosho, Missouri

Bonnie was club President of the Dogwood Trailblazers for the years 1997-1998. She is a very active volkssporter and under her leadership, the club grew and prospered. She was also an active member of the Great South Central Regional Roundup Committee and provided invaluable help in this very successful event. She has also walked all 50 states and is the current Vice President of the club.

NADINE GILCHRIST - Norman, Oklahoma

Nadine has made a great contribution to volkssports as coordinator of the YRE event at Norman, OK from the Thunderbird Lodge. She was the proposer of the YRE in 1991 and the official start was January, 1992. She was responsible for the initial trail and the present trail. Until January 1 of this year she was responsible for the registration and funds collected. Over the years, she also proposed the design for patches. She and husband Larry also coordinated a number of regular walks for July 4 and winter walks.

FRED GOESSEL - Hazelwood, Missouri

Fred has been a member of St. Louis-Stuttgart Volksmarch Club since it started 14 years ago. For most of that time, he has designed and developed all the club patches. These beautiful patches are in demand in the St. Louis area and it is a tribute to Fred's artistic and design abilities that this club is one of the few in the St. Louis area that still offers patches to its walkers.

INGE GOESSI - Hazelwood, Missouri

Inge has been club Secretary for many years and is actively involved in all aspects of the club's events and social functions. She usually marks the trail for all events and also mans the registration/start table. After each event, she assists in cleaning the trail. She was one of the original founders of the club 14 years ago. The

popularity of this club's events is a tribute to Inge's involvement and efforts.

JEAN F. HUBINGER - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Jean has single-handedly done more for public awareness of Volkssports than anyone else in Oklahoma. Through her efforts as both Membership Chairman and Publicity Chairman, she has done a superb job of publishing information advertising the club and its activities. She routinely has articles appear in *The American Wanderer*, ensures maximum publicity for every walk the club sponsors by contact with the local media. Jean sets the standard of excellence for Volksmarchers everywhere.

PIERCE ROSS KIDDIE - Newcastle, Oklahoma

Ross has provided visibility, enthusiasm and excitement to club events in his role as Registration Chairman since 1995; Treasurer since 1994; and Coordinator of the Newcastle and Chickasha events since 1996. He has also spent countless hours coordinating special activities of the club, including walks scheduled as a part of the "Walk Oklahoma" program. His unflinching good humor and tireless energy have contributed immeasurably to the club's reputation for achievement in support of American Volkssports.

CONNIE KOERIN - Leavenworth, Kansas

Connie has, for the past three years, been the Western Missouri Event Coordinator and has been coordinating event dates and data for the clubs in Western Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma to prevent event conflicts. In 2000 she also co-chaired a special event on Veterans' Day to help raise money to restore the Liberty Monument, a World War I Monument in Kansas City.

DAVID LANAHAN - Florissant, Missouri

David is the web master for the St. Louis area. He has developed and maintains a Greater St. Louis Area Volkssport web site which covers the events and activities of the seven area clubs. He also developed and periodically updates a Walk St. Louis Area brochure which lists all the events and YREs with contacts. He is also an active member of the Trans-America Walk 2001 Coordination Committee.

LINDA LUCAS - Florissant, Missouri

Linda is one of those "power behind the throne" Volkssporters that does a lot of work without a lot of recognition. She is active at all her club events and is currently their Bulletin Editor. She assists in the development and coordination of all club walks, swims and other activities.

MIKE McCLINTOCK - Dellwood, Missouri

Mike has been President of the Missouri Marching Mules for the past three years. He also provides active support and helps whenever other area clubs ask for him, specifically on the Bi-State Volksfest Jubilee Annual Picnic and Walk and on the

Spirit of St. Louis Marathon Family Fun Weekend.

VERNON W. MEYER - Del City, Oklahoma

Recognized for superior service through his personal initiative and imaginative leadership. Vernon has served as club Vice-President since 1995 and Logistics Chairman since 1988. He personally designed and built a trailer to haul supplies necessary to conduct events. From 1985-1991, he was Trails Chairman during which time the club developed trails for the State's "Grand Prix" program. A tireless worker, he exemplifies the highest standards of sportsmanship and team effort.

JEANIE MOORE - Sulphur, Oklahoma

Jeanie has been the driving force for the YREs and the regular events at Sulphur since late 1989. The first Sulphur YRE kick-off was in May, 1990. She designed the patches, laid out the trail and wrote the instructions, coordinated the walk with the National Park Service and has continued coordinating the YRE and yearly regular events for eleven full years. Her resignation as coordinator of the Sulphur YRE effective January 1, 2001, will leave a fond remembrance of her years served.

FAY MUMPHREY - Denham Springs, Louisiana

For the past three years, Faye has been the driving force in promoting Volkssporting in the Baton Rouge area. As Baton Rouge is the state Capitol, Faye developed and initiated two year round events in this city. She also has, on numerous occasions, acted as "official greeter" to volkssport tour groups coming into Baton Rouge.

FLO PAINTER - Bridgeton, Missouri

In 1998, Flo Painter took over as President of the Missouri Milers Volkssport Club, a club that was in poor financial and membership condition. In two years she developed and transformed this club to its present position as an active and financially solvent club. In 2000, this club, under Flo's leadership, hosted a major volksmarch event at the Spirit of St. Louis Marathon Family Fun Weekend. Flo can also be counted upon to provide help and enthusiasm at the annual Bi-State Volkssport Jubilee Picnic and Volkssport Event.

JERRY PRIEST - Riverside, Missouri

Jerry has been part of a committed team for the past five years as a Trailmaster for the Clay Platte Trackers. He and his partner have mapped out and planned events and year rounds, marked the trails before events, supported area clubs by attending their walks and delivering brochures early at our sister walks. They have both committed to not only their jobs as Trailmasters, but to the whole spectrum of AVA by the general support they give. The trails these two blaze have been perfected after many walkins before they are submitted for approval.

JOHN SEIFERT - Edmond, Oklahoma

John has been both Vice-President and President of the Frontier Walkers and actively supports numerous special events. He designed, activated and maintains the Wandergruppe Club web page; an invaluable tool in expanding interest and involvement in volkssports for all internet users. An extremely involved member since 1995, John is a "can-do" guy who exemplifies the enviable combination of dynamic leadership and technological expertise we need for the new millenium.

KATHIE SHREVES - Columbia, Missouri

Kathie is a volkssporter who lives in an area where no club exists. Nevertheless, she has been an active walker and a deligent supporter of a YRE in her area. Without her efforts and hard work, there would be no YRE in Columbia, Missouri. She maintains a relationship with the start point people, services and maintains the start box and is an excellent POC.

GEORGE and SHARON SNYDER - Lawton, Oklahoma

Both George and Sharon are officers in their club. They have been particularly helpful in their efforts in designing, developing and establishing the Great South Central Region Booth at the 1999 and 2001 Bi-Annual Convention. They develop the decoration concept, designed and created much of the display work and also spent quite a bit of their time manning the booth. The many nice comments received about the booth are a tribute to their creative and hard working efforts.

FRANK SOBER - Tulsa, Oklahoma

Frank has been Secretary and bulletin Editor for many years and his bulletin "Walking Friends" is one of the best and most informative club bulletins in Oklahoma. Frank's abilities and enthusiasm are well reflected in his bulletin and in his club activities.

TERRI TYLER - Topeka, Kansas

Terri has been President of the Sunflower Sod Stompers of Topeka for many years. She is also the club tour coordinator and has lead club tours to many events and scenic volksmarches. She also provided invaluable assistance in the 2000 Great South Central First Annual Regional Roundup by hosting all the swim events.

VIRGINIA WALLACE - Kansas City, Missouri

Virginia has been part of a committed team for the past five years as a Trailmaster for the Clay Platte Trackers. She and her partner have mapped out and planned events and year rounds, marked the trails before events, supported area clubs by attending their walks and delivering brochures early at our sister walks. They have both committed to not only their jobs as Trailmasters, but to the whole spectrum of AVA by the general support they give. The trails these two blaze have been perfected after many walkins before they are submitted for approval.

SUE WEBB - Afton, Missouri

Sue is a past President of the Missouri Marching Mules Volkssport Club, a position she held for many years. She is currently the bulletin Editor of "Mule Talk", the club newsletter which is one of the best bulletins in the Great South Central Region. She has been bulletin Editor for as long as any club members can remember. Sue has always been available to provide help and enthusiasm at the Annual Bi-State Volkfest Jubilee and Picnic and Volkssport Event.

BRIAN WINTERS - New Orleans, Louisiana

Brian has been club President for at least four years and has done an excellent job developing and coordinating all the club activities. Brian is also POC for the New Orleans YRE, an event that would not exist if it was not for Brian's efforts.

SOUTHEAST REGION

JOE E. AYCOCK - Cocoa Beach, Florida

Joe, as an active member of the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club for the past nine years and serving as the club Treasurer for the past five years, contributes to the success of Patrick Pacers volkssporting with numerous hours of volunteered time and dedicated service.

RONALD C. BARNETT - Merritt Island, Florida

In recognition of your volunteered time, effort and involvement in the events offered by the Patrick Pacers, we acknowledge your enthusiasm and invaluable service to the American Volkssport Association. Your steadfast inspirational service as club President and newsletter Editor are attributes of strong dedication to the Patrick Pacers.

WARREN A. BARNETT - Merritt Island, Florida

Warren contributes his time and effort to the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club with is service as Director at-Large; maintaining two of their YREs and his volunteering of time in support of club events and activities.

PAT GRAEBER - Raleigh, North Carolina

In recognition of your volunteered time, effort and involvement in the events offered by the Triangle Trailblazers, we acknowledge your support and invaluable service. Your steadfast service as club Secretary and newsletter Editor are attributes of strong dedication to the Triangle Trailblazers.

JOAN JARRETT - San Antonio, Florida

Due to outstanding contributions to the AVA, Joan Jarrett is awarded the Certificate of Service. During this period, she planned and directed hometown volkssports that were a synergy of volkssporting ideals, community spirit and organizational esprit de corps. Her efficient management of Suncoast Sandpiper Volkssport Club and Florida Volkssport Association YREs ensured enjoyable and financially sound activities.

MICHAEL LANPHER - Winter Springs, Florida

In recognition of your volunteered time, effort and involvement in the events offered by the Mid-Florida Milers, we acknowledge your support and invaluable service. Your steadfast service as club Trailmaster is an attribute of strong dedication to the Mid-Florida Milers.

ALICE LAWRENCE - Indian Shores, Florida

In recognition of your volunteered time, effort and involvement in the events offered by the Suncoast Sandpipers, we acknowledge your support and invaluable service. Your steadfast service as club President is an attribute of strong dedication to the Suncoast Sandpipers.

DENNIS MICHELE - Fairview, North Carolina

In recognition of your volunteered time, effort and involvement in the events offered by the Asheville Amblers, we acknowledge your support and invaluable service. Your steadfast service as club President is an attribute of strong dedication to the Asheville Amblers.

FREDRICK S. SHEETS - Palm Bay, Florida

Fred's volunteered time, effort and involvement in the events offered by the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club is invaluable and contributes significantly to their enjoyment. As Vice-President, Fred also lends overall service and dedication to the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club.

MARVIN STOKES - South Daytona, Florida

Marvin "your positive reviewer" Stokes highlights the joy, fun, fellowship and adventure of volkssporting with his creative and entertaining stories of the volkssporting events that he participates in throughout the state of Florida. Writing his overview and insights of these events share the "spirit of walking" - the excitement, the opportunities to experience and the pleasure of participating in volkssporting events.

MOLLY TAYLOR - Raleigh, North Carolina

In recognition of your volunteered time, effort and involvement in the events offered by the Triangle Trailblazers, we acknowledge your enthusiasm and invaluable service. Your steadfast service as club Treasurer, co-Trailmaster and

club President are attributes of strong dedication to the Triangle Trailblazers.

JACK THIELE - Dade City, Florida

In recognition of unflinching, enthusiastic and expert contributions to the American Volkssport Association, Jack is awarded the AVA Certificate of Service. As the most accomplished Trailmaster in the Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club, he provided the volkssport community seven superb events in beautiful Florida settings. He willingly donated his time, talents and resources to conduct safely and profitably the YREs of his club and the Florida Volkssport Association.

SOUTHWEST REGION

MARTIN CALLAHAN - San Antonio, Texas

Nominated for his service to the South Central Texas volkssporting clubs in providing quality articles to *The American Wanderer* promoting volkssporting.

JOHN FERGUSON - Dallas, Texas

In recognition of and appreciation for his years of dedicated service to four volkssport clubs and his state association. John has led by example with effort that makes many events possible. His volunteer work has brought North Texas clubs closer together. It is through people such as John that volkssporting will never fade away. His infectious good humor makes walking events fun.

BRUCE FITCH - Richardson, Texas

In recognition of his leadership of the Dallas Trekkers by increasing the club's activity. After discovering area walkers' wish for more events, he and his wife, Claudia, took the initiative and added a series of walks. Their summer series proved that Texas walkers will participate even in the worst summer heat. Bruce made a large contribution to the club's attaining the Silver Star status in three consecutive years.

BETH FORSEN - San Antonio, Texas

Beth joined our organization in 1984 and has been a most dependable member ever since. She has volunteered services for most positions during events and has marked trails, manned checkpoints and cleaned the trails at the end of the day's event. She has been Historian for the past six years and our Secretary for at least four years. She has assisted in our newsletter and always looks for ways to improve our club.

ALICE GILLESPIE - Friendswood, Texas

Nominated for serving as President, Treasurer and YRE Coordinator during the years 1995-2000.

JOHN A. GONZALEZ - San Antonio, Texas

Nominated for support at club events and assisting in the establishment of Texas Wanderers support of a local food bank.

LUCILLE JORDAN - San Antonio, Texas

Lucille has consistently performed outstanding service to volkssporting clubs and events since becoming involved over 16 years ago. She currently provides active support to three separate organizations that plan and conduct walking, swimming and bike events for a relatively large group of participants. She has been our Treasurer for a total of ten years. She has always been thorough and accurate to the penny. She attends all meetings and volunteers to work at all events.

GERALD KAMICKA - Universal City, Texas

Nominated for service as Vice-President of the Texas Wanderers and his contributions as a volunteer at the AVA National Office.

VIRGINIA LEONARD - Wake Forest, North Carolina

Nominated for founding the Friendswood Fun Walkers and for serving as President and Trailmaster for that club.

DOROTHY "DOT" MEYERS - Jackson, Michigan

In recognition of 18 years of service to the Dallas Trekkers and volkssporting. She held four offices, kept the club solvent through marketing and set an example of determination by becoming a 50 State Walker despite injuries from a plane crash and being a diabetic.

RUDY MEYERS - Jackson, Michigan

In recognition of and appreciation for 18 years of service to the Dallas Trekkers and volkssporting. Rudy helped the club survive, made "Rudy Dogs" a North Texas volkssporter's delicacy and made walking fun.

JOHNNY PIERSON - San Antonio, Texas

Nominated for service as Assistant Trailmaster for the Texas Wanderers since joining the club in 1997. Johnny is also an active volunteer at the AVA National Office.

JAN ROBERTS - San Antonio, Texas

Jan's accomplishments as a Membership Secretary of the Texas Wanderers were instrumental to the club's earning of AVA Star Awards for three consecutive years. She actively promotes volkssporting to new walkers.

RAMON RUBIO - San Antonio, Texas

Nominated for service to the Texas Wanderers, volunteering at events and support of the preparation and distribution of the club newsletter.

SARAH RUBIO - San Antonio, Texas

Nominated for her dedicated service as the Secretary of the Texas Wanderers.

Certificate of Service (Committees)

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John Baird
Ed Jones

AWARDS RECOGNITION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ruth Cade
Boyd Morgan
Fred Lopez

BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gerald Kamicka
Mary Fernandez
Anna Cottrill
Becky Lindig

2001 CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cherie Alderson
Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association
Dorman Batson
Bill Byrd
Catherine Byrd
Capital Volkssport Club
Cedar River Rovers
Glenda Chambers
Edla Deppman
Cheryl Dines
Sandy Dunterman

Pat Ellison
Emerald City Wanderers
Evergreen Wanderers
Federal Way Lions Volkssport Club
Four Plus Foolhardy Folks
FS Family Wanderers
Rick Gamble
Rozalyn Helton
Conde Holt
Hopkins Telephone Pioneers
Interlaken Trailblazers
Ruth Kalies
Sally Joe Kimbel
Shirley Lindberg
Connie Line
Mary Mantzarinis
Jack Maxey
Betty McEachran
Kay McQueen
Jackie Myers
Northwest Striders Volkssport Club
PEO Pathfinders
Ginny Potter
Randy Potter
Dick Richards
Myrna Roberts
Dorothy Steedle
Marcia Stein
Margaret Stewart
Susan Toepel
Carol D. Walsh
Larry Walsh
Carolyn Warhol
John Warhol
Patty Yothers

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Dottie Baars
Chris Franzen
Ron Hamner
Keith Kochenour
Victor Shaff
Sandra Ward

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Russell Bechtold
Ron Hamner
Marjorie Roberson Lynskey
Nancy Stenger
Annette Tollett

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Marv Blevins
David Lanahan
Andy Lucas
Hal Witter

SPECIAL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kay Hartman
Shirley Lindberg

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Elaine Brayton
Richard A. Gamble
Alice Lawrence
Ed Low
Leslie Penton
Robert C. Wright

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. David Toth

Trailblazers Awards

THE CHEYENNE HIGH PLAINS WANDERERS - Rocky Mountain Region

The Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers have co-sponsored the inaugural volksmarches for new clubs in Greeley and Ft. Collins, Colorado and Casper, Wyoming. They have ran the Global volksmarches on F.E. Warren APB and have supported the efforts to bring the 2003 AVA Convention to the Rocky Mountain Region. One of their members designed web pages for most of the clubs along the frontrange. They adopted a segment of the Cheyenne Greenway and sponsored volksmarches to support local charities.

DOGWOOD TRAILBLAZERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB - South Central Region

The Dogwood Trailblazers Volkssport Club over the years have been one of the most active clubs in the Great South Central Region. It has taken over other club's events and YREs when these clubs disbanded. In 2000, they hosted the first Regional Round Up in the South Central Region. This was an 18 month, total club effort with many club members involved in the various events, accomodations, entertainment, program, financial, awards, etc. sub-committees. The fact that this event was both a volkssport and a financial success is a tribute to this club's enthusiasm and teamwork.

SEACOAST STRIDERS - Northeast Region

Awarded for teamwork and club cooperation during yearlong planning for the annual Tri-State events. Your club volunteers made it possible for volkssporters to enjoy theme walks in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts over Columbus Day weekend for the past four years. Attention to detail, unparalleled organization and dedication by committee members resulted in events that epitomize the best that our sport has to offer.

SOUTHERN MAINE VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION - Northeast Region

Awarded for teamwork and club cooperation during yearlong planning for the annual Tri-State events. Your club volunteers made it possible for volkssporters to enjoy theme walks in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts over Columbus Day weekend for the past four years.

TWO TOWN WALKING CLUB - Northeast Region

Awarded for teamwork and club cooperation during yearlong planning for the annual Tri-State events. Your club volunteers made it possible for volkssporters to enjoy theme walks in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts over Columbus Day weekend for the past four years.

THE VIRGINIA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION - Atlantic Region

The Virginia Volkssport Association (VVA) is awarded the American Volkssport Association's Trailblazer Award for its five-year program to walk all the Virginia counties. Beginning in 1995 and ending in 1999, the VVA sanctioned and conducted 75 walks in 68 of Virginia's 101 counties; 61 of which had never been walked in before. Without the dedication of a small group of individuals, volkssporters would not have had the chance to enjoy the scenery and hospitality of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

WALK 'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB - Northeast Region

Awarded for teamwork and club cooperation during yearlong planning for the annual Tri-State events. Your club volunteers made it possible for volkssporters to enjoy theme walks in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts over Columbus Day weekend for the past four years.

WANDERGRUPPE WALKING CLUB, INC. - South Central Region

This club has distinguished itself through significant contributions to trail development within the state of Oklahoma. In the past 12 years, the club expanded its events from two to more than fifteen each year. Following the President's lead, hardworking, dedicated members have identified, marked and coordinated walking events across many Oklahoma scenic counties. Through the club's efforts associated with the "Walk Oklahoma" program, volkssports have risen to a new level in the 5-state region.