



# RECOGNITION AWARDS

2003 - 2005



# The AVA Recognition Awards Program

Recognition awards are presented to honor individuals, clubs and organizations for services which have supported or advanced the ideals and aspirations of volkssporting. Recognition Awards presented at the AVA 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention include the following:

## **IW Honors**

The IVV may recognize individuals within the American Volkssport Association for services, deeds, and accomplishments concerning the international aspect of our organization.

### *IVV Service Pin with Certificate*

Bronze for at least eight years of service.

Silver for at least fifteen years of service.

## **Hall of Fame**

The AVA Hall of Fame Award honors an individual who has given at least ten years of service to AVA at the national, state and local level and has made exceptional contributions to volkssporting across several AVA regions.

## **President's Award**

The AVA President bestows this award upon individuals, clubs or groups who through their exemplary display of volkssporting spirit are worthy of national recognition.

## **Distinguished Achievement Award**

The Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes individuals who have given at least eight years of extraordinary, unequalled exemplary service to the AVA. Personal contributions must have been made at an exemplary level at several stages of service. The number of Distinguished Achievement Awards to be issued biennially is limited to twenty.

## **Trailblazer Award**

The AVA Trailblazer Award recognizes AVA Member Clubs that have made significant contributions to the development, maintenance or improvement of walking trails or to the support of trail related issues.

## **Ted Ballman Memorial for Youth Award**

The Ted Ballman Memorial Award recognizes the efforts of an individual or organization to create, enhance, or promote volkssporting programs for youth.

## **Meritorious Service Award**

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes individuals who have given at least five years of outstanding service to the AVA. No more than six Meritorious Service Awards may be presented biennially by each AVA Region.

## **Certificate of Service/Certificate of Appreciation Award**

The Certificate of Service/Appreciation Award recognizes individuals who have given at least three years of significant contributions to the AVA, appointed officials of the AVA, to members of all AVA committees, and to individuals and organizations outside the AVA for their service.

Thank you to those who took the time to recognize and nominate these outstanding volkssport volunteers. Congratulations to each recipient. Your dedication and enthusiasm to support and promote AVA programs is the Spirit of Walking.

## **IVV Honors**

**Robert Wright**

**Leesburg, VA**

For over fifteen years of service to the IVV in both Germany and the United States at the club, state, and national levels. Bob has been volkssporting for twenty-eight plus years, has fifteen years service at different levels in an official capacity and has eighteen different publications produced in addition to numerous TAW articles.

## **Hall of Fame Award**

**Wendy Bumgardner**

**Tualatin, OR**

Wendy is the precise role model for service to AVA. She has served with distinction as a National Officer for ten years. Her service on various AVA Committees has affected every region and will continue to do so long into the future. Wendy serves internationally with her work with the International Marching League, earning her recognition from the IVV as well as special recognition from two AVA presidents. She has received special recognition from the City of Vancouver for her services to that city as part of the Discovery Walks. She has implemented the policies she helped postulate by serving as a Club President for over ten years. Her service is unparalleled in the AVA.

**Lynn Clark**

**Houston, TX**

Lynn Clark is a long time volkssporter who has unselfishly given at all levels of the organization. Her involvement goes back to the middle 1980's when, through the Houston Happy Hikers, she used her enthusiasm to promote events in the greater Houston area. One great memory is the soup she made year after year for the after-Thanksgiving event. She served as HHH President when it was one of the largest clubs in AVA. Lynn went on to be first an AVA Vice-President and then President for four years. Now serving on the IVV Presidium, she represents IVV, and especially the English speaking countries. Lynn continues to be a resource to current officers and is always willing to give her historical perspectives. She continues to find ways to promote AVA and helps bring continuity to our organization.

## **AVA President's Award**

### **Clarence Wright**

**Indianapolis, IN**

Clarence (C.W.) has played a dynamic role for AVA at every level. Locally he is President of the Indy "G" Walkers and has promoted walking by putting on some of the best walks for all of us to enjoy. At state level he has been President of the Indiana Volkssport Association during which time he helped Indiana clubs improve their walk events. At regional level he has helped by providing ideas to improve our sport as well as volunteered help with regional events. At national level he was one of the "spark plugs" in the 1999 Muncie AVA Convention and personally assisted in assuring that every walk was a success by being the Trailmaster for the convention walks. His untiring enthusiasm and excitement for our sport is contagious when around him. He will help any person or club that asks without any hesitation or consideration of his personal time. This dedication to our sport makes him stand out among his walking peers across the nation!

### **Ron Barnett**

**FL**

Ron Barnett has made many outstanding contributions for the advancement of the American Volkssport Association programs over the past fourteen years. The sport has enjoyed a steady growth in Central Florida through his efforts to promote Volkssporting. He is devoted to Volkssporting, unselfishly avails himself in supporting the sport in the many aspects of the program. He willingly provides his expertise to others in promoting Volkssporting. He truly exhibits the spirit of Volkssporting and is a first-class ambassador of the American Volkssport Association.

### **Conde Holt**

**Redmond, WA**

Conde Holt has contributed to Volkssporting with her cheerful style of volunteering, helping at many events over the years. Lately she has been especially helpful to the Evergreen State Volkssport Association by maintaining their web page. But the real reason for this award is her help in getting a web site together for the AVA President. Thank you Conde!

### **Ron Drumm**

**Cincinnati, OH**

Over the last several years Ron Drumm has devoted his expertise and time to getting AVA sanction submissions on-line. The details were worked out closely with the entire Council and the computer vendor close to Headquarters. If Ron had been paid for his many, many hours of work we could not afford him. He brought his love of volkssporting and his knowledge, but more than that he brought his focus to make this huge task happen. Words cannot express our gratitude.

### **Nancy Stenger**

**Centreville, VA**

Nancy is a volunteer extraordinaire when it comes to AVA. She is honored for her capabilities when she has been given the reins unexpectedly, both for the President's role and as the 2005 Convention Chair. She works tirelessly to ensure that tasks are completed and the very best work product is given to AVA. She has given time on many committees, and especially to the AVA web site to keep it up to date. She is a star and I am proud to present this award to her.

# Distinguished Achievement Award

## Louise Clouser

## Atlantic Region

Hometown: Newport, PA

Club Membership: Susquehanna Rovers;  
Wood and Dale Wanderers;  
Keystone State Volkssport Association

Louise Clouser holds a very distinguished place in our volksmarching community. She has been enthusiastically contributing to volksmarching since 1984 as Secretary of the Wood and Dale Wanderers, President of the Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club and President and the current Secretary of the Keystone State Volkssport Association. She has helped to get several clubs started, has supported many more, coordinated the first year round event in Pennsylvania and has been a volunteer event coordinator and volksmarching mentor. In 2004 Louise coordinated her year round event, four regular events and opened her home for a club meeting and two potlucks. Extraordinary service from an extraordinary person.

## Emma Fosdick

## Rocky Mountain Region

Hometown: Cheyenne, WY

Club Membership: Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers

Emma has been a dedicated hard working member of volksmarching for over 20 years. Her experiences at the different levels of AVA make her the ideal person to go to for help. She is dedicated to the ideals of walking and participation, making her a fine example for people to follow.

## Thelma Goris

## Mid-America Region

Hometown: Richmond, IN

Club Membership: Wandering Wheels  
Texas Wanderers  
Trail Trolls  
Xenia Walking Club  
Queen City Skywalkers

In recognition of her many outstanding services and contributions to volkssporting at the local, state and national level and as the Secretary to the 1999 AVA National Convention Committee, President of the Ohio Volkssport Association from 2000 through 2004 and President of the Wandering Wheels Volkssport Club since 1998.

# Distinguished Achievement Award

## William Guion

## Atlantic Region

Hometown: Laurel, MD

Club Membership: Maryland Volkssport Association

William (Bill) Guion has made contributions to AVA at the club, state and national level using his data base manager skills. He has been the only web master for the Maryland Volkssport Association as well as the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers Club and has devoted untold, uncounted hours to keeping two internet home pages up to date and accurate for more than 5 years. In addition, he originated the web page for the AVA 2005 Convention and contributed behind the scenes in the development of electronic sanctioning. Bill has been a club officer and volunteer at too many club events to count. His random number generator has produced the winning number for many pairs of New Balance shoes.

## Noreen Kirk

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Portland, OR

Club Membership: Columbia River Volkssport Club  
Rose City Roamers

Noreen Kirk has been President of Rose City Roamers for ten years as well as a member of the Columbia River Volkssport Club, serving as CRVC Secretary. She revitalized Rose City Roamers, gaining 75 new members in a single year. She has served on various committees for the state association, all the while being President of one of Oregon's super clubs. She has been recognized with the prestigious Oregon Flame Award for Individual Excellence and once for Inspiration.

## Dick Koonce

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Beaverton, OR

Club Membership: Columbia River Volkssport Club

Dick Koonce has been the President for Columbia River Volkssport Club, sponsoring five Columbia Gorge extravaganzas. He has made us realize that participation can once again be in the thousands for events. He is the Chair of the Publicity Committee, helping Oregon to increase its participation. He has been recognized by the state and by the region for his contributions to volkssporting.

# Distinguished Achievement Award

## Sam Korff

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Clatskanie, OR

Club Membership: Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association  
Turnaround Trekkers

For promoting volkssporting at the local, state and national levels for over 18 years, including service as President/Vice-President of three volkssport clubs and two state organizations, director of two state publications and service on numerous national AVA committees. As President, Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association, Sam is a role model and leader for all volkssporters and an inspiration through his hard work and dedication.

## Shirley Lindberg

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Renton, WA

Club Membership: Interlaken Trailblazers Volkssport Club  
The Over the Hill Gang

For promoting volkssporting at the local, state, national and international level for over 15 years and for service as President and Vice-President of AVA, Treasurer of the Washington State Association and President/Vice President of the Interlaken Trailblazers Volkssport Club. In addition, Shirley has developed and coordinated five large quality events in Renton. She has also volunteered for many committees at all levels.

## Jesse Miller

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Vancouver, WA

Club Membership: Vancouver USA Volkssporters  
International Walkfest-Discovery Walks  
Treasure Valley Volkssporters  
Cedar Milers  
The Over the Hill Gang

Jesse Miller is awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award for his active involvement as Regional Director from 1999 – 2003. He was active with most of the clubs in the region and could be found assisting them whenever needed. He started a program with Portland Community College which required students to obtain their first event award to complete the course. He currently is serving as President of the Vancouver USA Volkssporters.

# Distinguished Achievement Award

## Curt Myron

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Oak Harbor, WA

Club Membership: Northwest Tulip Trekkers  
Bavarian Volkssport Association

For extraordinary service to volkssporting through his insightful surveys that measure the health of clubs and for the energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to the sport for his region and indeed for the sport throughout the nation. Curt has walked most every state in the United States, Canada and a number of countries in Europe. He has been one of the most instrumental persons in keeping the NW Tulip Trekkers together as a club and in becoming one of the most active clubs in the Pacific Northwest. What he did for the local club is now being done for the AVA.

## Charles "Chuck" Repik

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Lakewood, WA

Club Membership: Evergeen Wanderers

Chuck has attended and participated in the majority of the Regional, National and Canadian Conventions. He has put together informational boards and materials which are used by him and other club members to provide volkssport information at community/trade/college activity/health fairs. He has also manned the information table on several occasions at the Evergreen State Volkssport Association events. Chuck is continually promoting volkssport activities as he travels around the United States.

## Victor Shaff

## South Central Region

Hometown: Florissant, MO

Club Membership: Florissant Valley Walkers  
St Louis Stuttgart  
Missouri Milers  
Traveling Trekkers Volkssmarch Club

For outstanding service including four years as Regional Director and four years as Chairman of the Special Events Committee. Victor founded the National Heritage Special Event and coordinated the Japanese-American walk across America.



# Distinguished Achievement Award

## **Dorothy N. Socie**

## **Northeast Region**

Hometown: Niagara Falls, NY

Club Membership: Niagara Escarpment

For 11 years Dorothy has represented volkssporting at the Niagara Wellness Council, Buffalo State College and the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce. She maintains nine seasonal U.S. walks, two year round Canadian walks and three event walks. Dorothy has attended the International Marching League event in 1996 in Winston-Salem and the Olympiad in 1995 in Greece.

## **Thomas A. Spencer**

## **Southwest Region**

Hometown: Arlington, TX

Club Membership: Tarrant County Walkers  
West Texas Trail Walkers

For three decades Tom Spencer has been an international advocate for volkssporting by helping to establish the IPS-USA and attending the first two AVA conventions. While establishing two clubs and experiencing long tenure as president of both, Tom influenced the development of several other clubs. Tom continues to assist the West Texas Trail Walkers and Tarrant County Walkers.

## **William L. Uttenweiler**

## **Pacific Region**

Hometown: Santa Maria, CA

Club Membership: Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders

For over 13 years of outstanding service to volkssports as President of clubs in two different states, a State Association Webmaster, Nominating Committee Chair and AVA Marketing and Regional Nominating Committee member.

## **Herbert Webber**

## **Pacific Region**

Hometown: Auburn, CA

Club Membership: Placer Pacers

Herb is a charter member of the club. He has served as both Vice-President and President of the Placer Pacers as well as Vice-President/North and President of the California Volkssport Association. He has chaired numerous club events. Herb shares his expertise with others and is definitely an authority on IVV-AVA policy.

## **Trailblazer Award**

### **Columbia River Volkssport Club**

**Portland, OR**

For putting fun into volkssporting by hosting the bi-annual Gorge Extravaganza five times; for gaining national attention at the social events; and for maintaining some of the trails in the Columbia River Gorge.

### **Dallas Trekkers Walking Club**

**Dallas, TX**

To the Dallas Trekkers Walking Club for the planning and construction of walking trails in the Samuel Farm Park in Dallas, Texas.

### **Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association**

**Des Moines, IA**

Club members assist the rangers in trimming back the brush at the Lake Ahquabi State Park Trail. In addition, the club participates as a group in the Polk County Conservation Clean-up Day. In 2004 the club officially adopted a mile of a suburban multi-purpose trail. It is the club's responsibility to clean up the accumulated trash four times a year. An adoption sign identifying the club has been posted on the trail.

## **Ted Ballman Memorial Youth Award**

### **Commander Bob Rawls**

**Virginia Beach, VA**

For three years Commander Bob Rawls, as an instructor of the Navy Junior ROTC unit at Green Run High School, has led teams of over 30 high school students each to walk the "world class" distance of 20 kilometers each day of the ROA-US Freedom Walk Festival in Washington, DC. He has opened up the world of the AVA to his students, thanks to his motivation.

### **Molly Taylor**

**Raleigh, NC**

Since 2001, Molly has been the initiating/driving force in promoting volkssporting with the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council. With dedication and enthusiasm, Molly has organized, coordinated and followed through each "Walk Together". Because of her efforts, "Walk Togethers" are now an integral part of the Girl Scouts' yearly schedule.

# Meritorious Service Award

## Edward C. Branges

**Atlantic Region**

Hometown: Rockville, MD

Club Membership: Seneca Valley Sugarloafers

Ed Branges has been a most valuable member of the Sugarloafers for 15 years. He has set up and run most of the club Year Round Events which have won numerous top AVA National Awards over the past several years. His motto is "Make the Walker Happy" with nothing but quality events.

## James Fons

**Atlantic Region**

Hometown: Annapolis, MD

Club Membership: Annapolis Amblers

Jim Fons volunteered to be the first sanctions POC for the Maryland Volkssport Association (MVA) in December 2000 and since then has successfully guided the MVA clubs through the institution of electronic sanctioning for both weekend and YRE/seasonal events. During much of this period he also served as the President of the Annapolis Amblers, a position he held for 10 years under January 2003.

## Richard Long

**Atlantic Region**

Hometown: Laurel, MD

Club Membership: Chesapeake Bay County Wanderers  
Columbia Volksmarch Club

Rich Long is the club treasurer for two clubs and sets the example on how to do the job. He is the Editor of one of the club's monthly newsletters. He has been a club representative to the Maryland Volkssport Association where he has served on Nominating and Auditing Committees.

## Hazel Meegan

**Atlantic Region**

Hometown: Millsboro, DE

Club Membership: First State Webfooters

Hazel has been an active member of the "Webfooters" for 8 years. During that time she served as Vice President for 2 years and President for 4 years. Because of her inspirational leadership the club added a year round event in Dover and greatly improved the scheduled event program. Club pride and member participation has soared because of her motivating guidance.

# Meritorious Service Award

## Sharon Miller

## Atlantic Region

Hometown: Eters, PA

Club Membership: Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club

As an enthusiastic walker, Sharon Miller has always been involved with both helping and coordinating events. Although she has not held an official office with the Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club since joining in 1990, she was the "First Lady" of the club for four years requiring her to be heavily involved in all aspects of the organization. As the current President of the Keystone State Volkssport Association, she has been a true leader. She has re-established the KSVAs sponsoring events in areas of the state that the member clubs were not interested in hosting and the Walk the 67 Counties Program. She has also spearheaded a new approach for the clubs in Pennsylvania to help fund the AVA 2005 Convention Committee.

## Edison W. Tecco, Jr.

## Atlantic Region

Hometown: Westminster, MD

Club Membership: Piedmont Pacers

In recognition of the contributions to promote volkssporting in Maryland and the eleven years of dedicated service as an officer of the Piedmont Pacers Volksmarch Club from 1992 to 2005, serving three years as Vice President, three years as President and five years as Treasurer.

## Kay Hartman

## Mid-America Region

Hometown: Spencerville, IN

Club Membership: Auburn Duesey Walkers  
Three Rivers Strollers

In appreciation for the years of service with the Auburn Duesey Walkers and AVA Funds Development as well as the strong support of Indiana Volkssport Association and the Mid-America Region, including the 2002 Oh-Mich-Iana events.

# Meritorious Service Award

## Judy A. Hawkins

## Mid-America Region

Hometown: Franklin, OH

Club Membership: Bulls Run Ramblers  
Wandering Wheels  
Ohio Volkssport ASSocation

To recognize Judy Hawkins for her untiring support of volkssport activity in Ohio. Whatever the task, her adept abilities insure the success of every walk event. When needed, she is the first to "fill in". Ohio lacked events in six counties to complete a bicentennial Walk 88 Counties program. Judy and her husband, Bob, assumed responsibility, traveling hundreds of miles to stage events to complete the program.

## A. Robert Hawkins

## Mid-America Region

Hometown: Franklin, OH

Club Membership: Bulls Run Ramblers  
Ohio Volkssport ASSocation  
Wandering Wheels

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## Jerry McCormick

## Mid-America Region

Hometown: Hamilton, OH

Club Membership: Miami Indian Trekkers  
Wandering Wheels  
Valley Vagabonds

Jerry McCormick has been an integral part of the Ohio Volkssport Association for over 10 years. He worked on establishing an event walk for the Muncie Convention and worked on local events for over 10 years. He has held offices in the Miami Indian Trekkers, Wandering Wheels and at the state level. Jerry and his wife Pat are two active volkswalkers that have helped make Ohio a great volkswalking state and epitomize what true supporters of the sport are.

# Meritorious Service Award

## Pat McCormick

## Mid-America Region

Hometown: Hamilton, OH

Club Membership: Miami Indian Trekkers  
Wandering Wheels  
Valley Vagabonds

Pat McCormick has been an integral part of the Ohio Volkssport Association for over 10 years. She worked on establishing an event walk for the Muncie Convention and worked on local events for over 10 years. Pat has held offices in the Miami Indian Trekkers, Wandering Wheels and at the state level. Pat and her husband Jerry are two active volkswalkers that have helped make Ohio a great volkswalking state and epitomize what true supporters of the sport are.

## Gary Staley

## Mid-America Region

Hometown: Maryville, IL

Club Membership: Illinois Trekkers

Gary Staley is highly commended for his service to volkssporting for over 15 years. He enthusiastically accepted a major leadership role as the club financial manager. He maintains accurate and timely financial records for our \$10K annual operation. He improved the club's on-line presence and enhanced the event registration process.

## Ernie Miller

## North Central Region

Hometown: Sturgis, SD

Club Membership: Black Hills Volkssport Association  
Ft. Meade-Sturgis MV Club

This award is for all the time and effort given to the Sturgis-Ft Meade Club. A thank you for all the great trails and history you have shared for 25 years.

# Meritorious Service Award

## Ruth Cade

## Northeast Region

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Club Membership: Two Town Walking Club

In recognition of outstanding contributions as a member and volunteer for the Twin State Volkssport Association, the Texas Wanderers, the Empire State Capital Volkssporters, as a volunteer for at least four AVA National Conventions, as Secretary of the Twin State Volkssport Association for eight years, as event planner and as volkssporting ambassador around the world.

## Joan Kimmel

## Northeast Region

Hometown: Poughkeepsie, NY

Club Membership: West Point Volkssport Club

Joan, President of the West Point Club, is recognized as the driving force behind a small but active club. Volunteering her time and energy for many years, she has contributed to the success of not only her club but also her community.

## Bob McDougall

## Northeast Region

Hometown: Glastonbury, CT

Club Membership: Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club

Bob as President of the CV Club the past eight years has inspired his club to increase YRE group walks and membership. National election nominating member, AVA advocate in his travels around the country, and AVA stalwart, Bob is a dedicated volkss

## Charlotte Phillips

## Northeast Region

Hometown: Middlebury, VT

Club Membership: Twin State Volkssport Association  
Empire State Capital Volkssporters  
Texas Wanderers  
Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club

Charlotte, with over 1000 events and more than 12,000 kms, along with 50 states and 51 capitals and all Canadian provinces, is a walking adversary for AVA. She has been Chairperson for the Northeast Nominating Committee for three terms. In 1996 she became President and Treasurer of the Vermont Club and she has increased the number of YRE's and membership

# Meritorious Service Award

## Steve Thomas

## Northeast Region

Hometown: Windsor, NY

Club Membership: Finger Lakes Volkssport Club

Steve has been President of the Finger Lakes Club for 10 years promoting volkswalking wherever he travels. His many years of experience in Germany with the sport has been an asset to his club. He has spoken to many people in his area about the benefits of local and national AVA involvement.

## Dick Baker

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Vancouver, WA

Club Membership: Vancouver USA Volkssporters

Dick Baker is awarded the Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding leadership, enthusiasm in promoting volkswalking, ability to find innovative walk locations and his countless hours of volunteering, especially in the Northwest area.

## Bobbie Ferg

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Leavenworth, WA

Club Membership: Bavarian Volkssport Association

Bobbi has been instrumental in the success of her club, the WA Challenge Special Programs and the 2004 NW Regional Conference. Her commitment to the WA Challenge Program, Walking WA A to Z and Walking WA's 39 Counties have led to increased interest and participation by many volkssporters and has helped rekindle interest from several rural volkssport clubs in WA State. Her attention to detail and willingness to press unresolved issues to solution was a major factor in the success of the 2004 NW Regional Conference.



# Meritorious Service Award

## Julie Ferreira

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Lake Oswego, OR

Club Membership: Rose City Roamers

Julia designed Oregon's 1995 AVA Convention logo, many event walks, pins, patches, brochures and logos for the Columbia River Volkssport Club and Rose City Roamers. Served both clubs for 3 years as Newsletter Editor and Board Member. Chaired OTSVA's Walk Oregon Challenge Committee for 3 years and designed 21 WOC patches.

## Alicia Maxcy

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Federal Way, WA

Club Membership: The Over The Hill Gang

Alicia has been instrumental in all phases of The Over The Hill Gang. As co-founder of the club, she has consistently worked to ensure events of high quality. She pays attention to details. Having worked in all club positions but one, she is noted for doing an exceptional job. Of special significance is organizing the seasonal event in Juneau, Alaska.

## Pat Russell

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Leavenworth, WA

Club Membership: Bavarian Volkssport Association

Pat has been instrumental in the success of her club through holding club offices, as BVA Newsletter Editor and in providing support for all club events and socials. Pat is committed to the success of volkssports in Leavenworth and is instrumental in planning future events. She supported the club's efforts to hold the 2004 NW Regional Conference, providing counsel and support to the conference committee and assumed numerous tasks to support the event which was a financial success and well received by the volkssporting community.

## Larry Todd

## Northwest Region

Hometown: Silverton, OR

Club Membership: Silverton Walkabouts

Larry Todd is recognized for his service as President of the Silverton Walkabouts. He has held many positions in the club and is an AVA master volkssporter.

# Meritorious Service Award

## Mary LePire

## Pacific Region

Hometown: Las Vegas, NV

Club Membership: Las Vegas High Rollers & Strollers

Mary is awarded the Meritorious Service Award for her years of dedicated and exemplary service to volksmarching. Her involvement with the Las Vegas High Rollers & Strollers as its financial mentor has established a defined and orderly foundation for the future success of volksmarching in Las Vegas.

## Robert Murray

## Pacific Region

Hometown: Auburn, CA

Club Membership: Placer Pacers

An active supporter of volkssporting, Roberta has been the Secretary, Vice President and President of the club. She is the chair of the California's Golden Heritage Program. For the past 5 years, Roberta has been in charge of the club's specialties and staffs the booth at all of the club's events.

## Bob Simmons

## Pacific Region

Hometown: Vacaville, CA

Club Membership: Vaca Valley Volks

In recognition of Bud's long and devoted service promoting volkssporting He is a charter member/founding father of the Vaca Valley Volks and served as President in 1997-1998 and Treasurer from 2003-2004. He is an asset to his club, CVA, AVA and volkssporting.

## Carolyn Lai

## Rocky Mountain Region

Hometown: Magna, UT

Club Membership: Footloose Volkssport Club

In recognition of 15 years of service to the AVA programs. Carolyn has served as a club officer since 1991 and as club President of the Footloose Volkssport Club for the past 10 years. For several years she has organized trips for volkssporters to AVA Conventions and volkssporting events.

# Meritorious Service Award

## Charles Gilbert

## South Central Region

Hometown: Overland Park, KS

Club Membership: Heart of America Volkssport Club

In recognition of over 21 years of service to volkssporting in which Charles always has unselfishly and willingly given his time and talents to volkssporting, not only to his own club but to at least seven other clubs in the area. He has served three terms as club President and Assistant Trail Director for 19 years helping to lay out over 110 trails.

## Elaine Gilbert

## South Central Region

Hometown: Overland Park, KS

Club Membership: Heart of America Volkssport Club

In recognition of over 21 years of distinguished service to the spirit of volkssporting. Elaine has actively served as Club Trail Director for 19 continuous years, establishing trails for over 110 events and consistently assisting other clubs in the area. She has been credited with walking over 30,000k.

## Flo Painter

## South Central Region

Hometown: Bridgeton, MO

Club Membership: Missouri Milers

President of the Missouri Milers Volkssport Club as well as being point of contact for other clubs. In recent years, her failing health prevented Flo from walking but she continued to work at the start points and service six YREs, two of which were over a hundred miles from her home.

## Bobbie J. Pommer

## South Central Region

Hometown: Lee's Summit, MO

Club Membership: Pace Setters Volkssport Club

For service to Pace Setters Volkssport Club, as Charter Member and Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and current President. Served as Missouri Volkssport Association Secretary and MOVA Western Vice President. Coordinates Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri Clubs for annual date selection meetings. Speaks to various service clubs to promote volkssporting.

# Meritorious Service Award

## James J. Lawrence

## Southeast Region

Hometown: Indian Shores, FL

Club Membership: Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club

In recognition of continuously outstanding service. James has provided the essential logistics necessary for every Suncoast Sandpiper event and was key to the club's award winning publicity efforts. His masterful financial operations ensured unbroken fiscal support of AVA programs. His contributions are hereby recognized.

## Irene Methot

## Southeast Region

Hometown: South Daytona, FL

Club Membership: Happy Wanderers Volkssport Club

Irene's exemplary service as the Treasurer of the Happy Wanderers Volkssport Club for the period of June 1992 – June 2005 can only be referred to as perfection. Her meticulous attention to detail has enabled the club to maintain an unblemished record of quarterly and annual reports to AVA.

## Ralph Money

## Southeast Region

Hometown: Largo, FL

Club Membership: Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club

For outstanding service to AVA. Ralph is always a steadfast, skilled worker at the Suncoast Sandpiper events. He excelled as Club Photographer and Assistant Treasurer. Enthusiastically backing the state association's Parks Program, he participated in all walks and provided constant expert feedback. His efforts are hereby acknowledged.

## Henry (Hank) Rossi

## Southeast Region

Hometown: Orlando, FL

Club Membership: Happy Wanders Volkssport Club  
Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club  
Mid Florida Milers

Hank has dedicated twelve years to assisting in the development of the wonderful "Walk Florida's State Parks" Program, laid the foundation for the highly successful "Savannah-Enjoy More in 2004" multi-event weekend and mapped out the Sunday Group Walk Program for the Happy Wanderers Volkssport Club.

# Meritorious Service Award

## Lois J Shannon

## Southeast Region

Hometown: Daytona Beach Shores, FL

Club Membership: Happy Wanderers Volkssport Club  
Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club

Mid Florida Milers

Through her diligent and untiring efforts as President of the Happy Wanderers Volkssport Club for the past four years and her dedicated work on multiple club committees prior to her Presidency, the Happy Wanderers continue to have a positive influence on volkssporting and community service.

## Leticia (Letty) Zook

## Southeast Region

Hometown: Haines City, FL

Club Membership: Mid Florida Milers  
Happy Wanderers Volkssport Club

Suncoast Sandpipers

Unbelievably successful and exemplary performance as the State Coordinator for the "Walk Florida's State Parks" Program is the minimum that could be said about Letty. Her infectious enthusiasm has procured free park passes, statewide publicity and donated printing from the State and Nature Conservancy.

## John Ferguson

## Southwest Region

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Club Membership: Dallas Trekkers  
Tarrant County Walkers

Piano Walking Club  
West Texas Trail Walkers

For dedicated service as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Dallas Trekkers and the many other leadership positions John has filled for the Dallas Trekkers and the West Texas Trail Walkers. John is a motivator who makes things happen. His walk director class was useful to a number of clubs and required a tremendous amount of research and hard work.

## Bruce Fitch

## Southwest Region

Hometown: Richardson, TX

Club Membership: Dallas Trekkers

For several years, Bruce Fitch has been a driving force in making the Dallas Trekkers a highly successful and recognized club. His enthusiasm and dedication for promoting volkssporting programs are well known. In addition to having directed twenty-nine events, Bruce has maintained the award winning Trekker web site.

# Meritorious Service Award

## **Claudia Fitch**

**Southwest Region**

Hometown: Richardson, TX

Club Membership: Dallas Trekkers Piano Walking Club

In recognition for her superb newsletter and the thousands of hours she has given in support of volkssporting. Claudia looks for ways to promote our sport and then puts out the effort to make things happen.

## **Richard Timmermeyer**

**Southwest Region**

Hometown: Mineral Wells, TX

Club Membership: Tarrant County Walkers Holy Family Volkssport Club

Through his efforts and devotion to volkssporting, Richard has over the past four years put together events walking the Forts in North Texas and designed the awards. Richard also established two YRE's (Mineral Wells and Decatur) and functions as the director for these events. He has given much to volkssporting.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Atlantic Region

### **John Budzin**

**South River, NJ**

For the past 4 years, John Budzin has quietly created, marked and pre-walked countless trails for the Princeton Area Walkers. While you might say all Trailmasters do that, John has gone beyond the call of duty by supporting each and every event planned. He even visited the Trenton Police when we planned the 2003 Trenton Capitol Event. He is not one for the spotlight and we want to acknowledge his value to our club and the region by this award.

### **Debbie Choiniere**

**York, PA**

Debbie has served as club treasurer since 1992. As treasurer she takes care of all reports to the AVA in a prompt and timely manner. She has worked to promote volkssporting through the Girl Scouts and has worked all aspects of club events from trail layout to finish table.

### **Keith Choiniere**

**York, PA**

Keith has served as newsletter editor since 1992. In addition to his newsletter duties, he maintains the club archives. He works tirelessly to promote volkssporting, most recently by acquiring a billboard to advertise an upcoming event. He has laid out trails and worked events from start to finish.

### **Barbara Conrad**

**Red Lion, PA**

Barbara has served since 1991 in all areas during our events working wherever needed. She is responsible for ordering and sales of our club shirts and jackets. She and her husband have represented our club at conventions and have walked all 50 states. She works to promote volkssporting through local organizations.

### **George Conrad**

**Red Lion, PA**

George served as club president from November 1991-December 1993 and as Trailmaster through 2003. He and his wife Barbara have represented our club at conventions and have walked all 50 states. He has worked tirelessly to promote volkssporting through local health fairs and organizations.

### **Don Conway**

**Beltsville, MD**

Exemplary support for developing and finding new areas for Freestate within the State of Maryland.

### **Joyce Conway**

**Beltsville, MD**

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

### **Bruce Daniel**

**Laurel, MD**

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

### **Nancy Daniel**

**Laurel, MD**

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

### **Carl Frock, Jr**

**Finksburg, MD**

In recognition of your contributions to promote volkssporting in Maryland and your service as Past President of the Piedmont Pacers 1995-1997, Trailmaster and Point of Contact for 7 years of our Westminster YRE walk 1996-2002 and your continued active support of club meetings and activities.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Atlantic Region

### **Jean A Gibbs**

**Owings, MD**

In recognition of your three continuous years of service as President of the Piedmont Pacers Volksmarch Club 2002-2004 and your enthusiastic contributions to promote volkssporting in Maryland.

### **Dawn Gurtner**

**Arlington, VA**

For three years Dawn served as a key volunteer for the annual international US Freedom Walk Festival. The success of this event created a relationship with the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States and the Reserve Officers Association of the United States bringing greater recognition to the AVA at the national and international levels.

### **Elsie Howard**

**Suitland, MD**

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

### **Glenda Kamosa**

**Columbia, Md**

For supporting Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club's events and social activities in spirit.

### **Dr. Marc Lemmermann**

**Rinteln, Germany**

As the International Vice President of AVA 901, Dr Lemmermann won the support of the Verband der Reservisten der Deutschen Bundeswehr eV to sponsor German Reserve Forces to attend the annual ROA-US Freedom Walk Festival in Washington, DC for the first three years.

### **Susan Lukes**

**Washington DC**

As a staff member of the Reserve Officers Association, Susan convinced the ROA to host the annual international US Freedom Walk Festival in Washington DC for its first three years. She served as the first Vice President of AVA 901 to create and run that walking event.

### **Judith Lipski**

**Cumberland, MD**

Judy is the founding president of the Appalachian Trekkers, the first volkssport club in the far western reaches of Maryland. She has led a small group of dedicated volkssporters to success in sponsoring weekend events and establishing a new seasonal event.

### **Merritt (Skip) McGee**

**Bowie, MD**

Skip is the ideal volkssporting volunteer, the kind of individual who can make a volkssports club better in all endeavors. He is a positive force for the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers and the AVA, volunteering to handle various activities when jobs become open. Skip has been the POC for a number of YRE's for numerous years, the POC for regular events and he handles all of CBCW's events supplies.

### **Eugene Maier**

**Huntingdon Valley, PA**

Eugene has managed the annual Steuben Day Parade walk for many years, handling all planning for the event, served on the Executive Board and has been our representative to the KSVA. At walks he searches out new walkers, makes them feel welcome and explains volksmarching to them. He can always be counted on to volunteer to mark and clear trails, man checkpoints and start/finish tables and pitches in wherever needed.



# Certificate of Service Award

## Atlantic Region

### **Sharleyne A. Miner**

**Woodbridge, VA**

As a student of the C.D.Hylton High School's Center for International Studies and Languages, she has worked to have her fellow students serve as checkpoint workers at the international locations used by the ROA-US Freedom Walk Festival including the embassies of Germany and The Netherlands. She served for three years as the event's Youth Coordinator.

### **Helen Missfeldt**

**Ambler, PA**

Helen has been a dedicated and hard working member for over 10 years. She readily volunteers to serve wherever needed. She has served as club secretary and also sales coordinator for many years. She volunteers to work at almost every walk. When we have food Helen volunteers to shop for the food, cook, bring food, bake desserts and usually works all day on both days of the event. She is a dedicated worker that can always be counted on to support the club.

### **Janet Nelson**

**Lower Gwynedd, PA**

Janet has been in charge of sales for several years and assists wherever possible at all club events. She comes to Liberty Bell functions first and is one of the last to leave. She is always on hand with a smile and ready to help.

### **Ron Nelson**

**Lower Gwynedd, PA**

Ron has initiated special programs both in the Liberty Bell Wanderers and surrounding clubs to promote volkssporting and Thursday morning walks, "How many miles have you walked this month?" Ron has attempted to get new clubs started in surrounding counties. He is a goodwill ambassador.

### **Regina Overholt**

**Arlington, VA**

For three years Regina served as Trailmaster for the annual international ROA-US Freedom Walk Festival. The success of this event created a relationship with the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States and the Reserve Officers Association of the United States bringing greater recognition to the AVA at the national and international levels.

### **Debra Peak**

**Odenton, MD**

In recognition of Debra Peak's consistently stepping forward to achieve the high ideals of volkssporting and for the advancement of the Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers and the AVA, making these two entities a positive experience for all event participants. Deb is the POC for YRE's and has just developed a new YRE for 2005. She has also been the POC for regular events. She has made a significant difference.

### **Maureen Penta**

**Long Branch, NJ**

Maureen took over as president from co-president when the situation arose and handled all her new responsibilities very efficiently. Her unselfish dedication, enthusiasm and devotion of her time and efforts has been an inspiration to our membership. Under her leadership she has made many valuable contributions to our club.

### **Thomas Perry**

**Accokeek, MD**

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

# Certificate of Service Award

## Atlantic Region

### **James Pullum**

**Woodbridge, MD**

For three years Jim served as a Trailmaster for the annual international ROA-US Freedom Walk Festival. The success of this event created a relationship with the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States and the Reserve Officers Association of the United States bringing greater recognition to the AVA at the national and international levels.

### **Robert Schmick**

**Severna Park, MD**

Bob is well known in Maryland as the "Wurst Chef" because he provides the German sausages at weekend events for three clubs: Annapolis Amblers, Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers and Baltimore Walking Club. Bob also organizes and leads group walks on almost every weekend that have attracted at least 15 new volkssporting participants since 2001.

### **Clark Shaffer**

**New Oxford, PA**

Clark has been active in volkssporting since 1994 and has walked all 50 states. He laid out and maintains (since 1999) the three Gettysburg Battlefield YRE's. He has worked all aspects of walks, including trail marking, start/finish and checkpoints. Clark organized the 2004 Atlantic Region Conference in Gettysburg.

### **Susan Shaffer**

**New Oxford, PA**

Susan served as club vice president (1996-1997) and president (1998-1999) and has served as vice president of the KSVa since 1998. She organized the March for Parks benefiting York County Parks for six years. Most recently, she worked with her husband, Clark, on the 2004 Atlantic Region Conference in Gettysburg.

### **Linwood Van Horn**

**Westminster, MD**

In recognition of eight consecutive years of dedicated service as an officer of the Piedmont Pacers Volksmarch Club (1998-2005), and your willingness to assist wherever help is needed.

### **James Wallace**

**Ocean Pines, MD**

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

### **Lorraine Weaver**

**Leonardtwn, MD**

For the continuing spirit for Freestate's club events and social activities.

### **Phill Wilder**

**Laurel, MD**

Phill Wilder joined the Freestate Happy Wanderers in 2001 and immediately started volunteering. His daughter is being home schooled and Phill has taken volkssporting to another level by teaching history to her as they walk the many year round events offered thru the AVA.

### **Tony Willoughby**

**Ellicott City, MD**

Tony has been a mainstay of the Columbia Volksmarch Club for more than a decade. He has served as volunteer coordinator, treasurer and the state audit committee. Currently he is Trailmaster and YRE point of contact. Tony's attention to details has contributed to the success of the club.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Atlantic Region

**Bob Wolfe****Burtonsville, MD**

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

## Mid-America Region

**David Bradley****Champaign, IL**

David has devoted a tremendous amount of time to Windy City Walkers in guidance, driving up from Champaign for all the events in addition to monthly planning meetings being held over the past two years. He led us step by step in organizing any event: sanctioning, brochures and bringing with him members of the Ridgewalkers to help. David Bradley has been a true mentor.

**Bob Buzolich****South Bend, IN**

President for several terms of Hoosier Hikers and 3 terms as INVA Treasurer. He is the only one to sponsor a cross-country ski event in Indiana. Writes the club newsletter and promotes events in the Mid-America Region. Responsible for 3 YRE's.

**Margaret Dalle-Ave****Bloomington, IN**

In appreciation of many years of service to your club and as president of the Bloomington Flying Fish. Also for your support of INVA and AVA.

**Jackie Felton****Kokomo, IN**

In appreciation of your many years of volunteering for the club plus INVA events and for your promotion of AVA and all Special Programs.

**John Felton****Kokomo, IN**

In appreciation of your many years of volunteering at events, the promotion of AVA Special Programs, your trail work and the educational aspects of volkssporting.

**Charles Frisinger****Indiana**

In appreciation of your willingness to assist the Hoosier Hikers and INVA with events including a new year round event in Warsaw/Winona Lake and for the promotion of volkssporting to all.

**Maurice Hartman****Spencerville, IN**

In appreciation of your years of service to the Auburn Duesey Walkers, as vice-president of INVA and your promotion of the INVA State Parks and DNR events.

**Ray Howell****Shelbyville, IN**

In appreciation for your many years of service to the Blue River Walking Club and for your support of INVA and AVA.

**Darlene Kraemer****Belleville, IL**

Darlene is commended for her outstanding service to volkssporting. She explores new opportunities for future events and is a willing volunteer to take on any event tasks. Beginning in 2003, Darlene co-chaired our New Year's Eve event. Her friendly attitude makes her an asset to volkssporting.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Mid-America Region

### **Jack McKeon**

**Albers, IL**

Jack has been an avid participant in volkssporting since 1991. For the past two years he effectively and diligently co-chaired the seasonal and annual events at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine. His attention to detail is evident in his financial and attendance records.

### **Shirley McKeon**

**Albers, IL**

Shirley is commended for her outstanding service to the club and to volkssporting. Her meticulous approach to organization portrays a professional image to volkssporting and to all potential participants. With her husband, she co-chaired an annual event and two seasonal events at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine.

### **David Miltenberger**

**Middletown, OH**

David is tireless in his dedication to the volksmarching movement and would do anything within his power to set up walks and carry them out.

### **Rowena Mount**

**Bedford, IN**

In appreciation of your many years of work with the Bedford Hiking Club as President and for other offices held, as well as Trailmaster for many events and your devotion to the promotion of AVA.

### **Linda Neu**

**Evansville, IN**

In appreciation of your support of the River City Ramblers and as vice president of the club, support of the Mid America Region as well as AVA and INVA. A strong volunteer at all levels.

### **Stanley Neu**

**Evansville, IN**

In appreciation of your work with the River City Ramblers, as club treasurer, your promotion of events in the Southwest part of Indiana and for your volunteering at all levels.

### **Barbara Newberry**

**Indiana**

In appreciation for your devotion to volkssporting, the many volunteer hours at events and the promotion of the Trans-America walk in 2001. Your hospitality with the Japanese teams was exceptional.

### **Susan Tapia**

**Lafayette, IN**

In appreciation of your many years of service with the Wabash Wanderers, your support at INVA events and as a strong supporter of AVA.

### **Wanda Teasley**

**Shelbyville, IN**

In appreciation of club events, your support of AVA and for serving several terms as BRWC President.

### **Cliff Terry**

**Indiana**

In appreciation of your many years of service to the Indy G Walkers, the INVA, your support of all aspects of AVA and the promotion of events,

### **Bill Thorne**

**Indiana**

In appreciation for your willingness to assist clubs with working checkpoints, sweeping many trails and helping wherever needed over a period of many years.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Mid-America Region

### **Phil Turtle**

**Muncie, IN**

In appreciation of your many years of service to the White River Ramblers, INVA, the 1999 Muncie Convention as well as your inspiration to all who participate in volkssporting.

### **Jane White**

**Crawfordsville, IN**

In appreciation of your service to the Wabash Wanderers as President, a volunteer at all levels as well as your support of AVA and INVA.

### **Delores Wojtysiak**

**O'Fallon, IL**

Delores is praiseworthy for her outstanding enthusiasm and devotion to volkssporting. She proposed, organized and hosted the first Watershed event in 2002 that flourished into a favorite annual event. She also undertook and excels as our club's award program administrator providing a great incentive for club involvement.

### **Carolyn Yarnell**

**Fairview Park, OH**

Carolyn is a true volkssporter who not only supports walking events all over the United States but volunteers to help the Valley Vagabonds activities. Since 1997, she has worked almost every Valley Vagabond event at the start/finish table, maintains the Downtown Cleveland year-round and provides Pantene color information on club awards.

## North Central Region

### **Bonnie Christensen**

**Des Moines, IA**

As a charter member, Bonnie has been actively involved in all activities of the club for 20 years. She is the club spokesperson to groups and the media, membership committee chair, editor of the monthly club newsletter, coordinator of the Wednesday night walks and coordinator of the biennial overseas club trip. She has walked in all fifty states and has received the Europa Cup Award.

### **Alice Fagley**

**Brooklyn Center, MN**

Alice has been an active member since 1998 and was a board member of NorthStar Trail Travelers for four years. She is committed to the club and a willing and reliable volunteer. She takes responsibility for volunteering to run errands, mail newsletters and serve in any capacity needed at the time.

### **Allan Fagley**

**Brooklyn Center, MN**

Allan has been an active member since 1998 and was a board member of NorthStar Trail Travelers for four years. He is committed to the club and is a willing and reliable volunteer. He takes responsibility for volunteering to run errands, mail newsletters and serve in any capacity needed at the time.

# Certificate of Service Award

## North Central Region

### **Bruce Gravelle**

**W St Paul, MN**

Bruce is an active, reliable volunteer and a member of the NorthStar Trail Travelers. He has taken responsibility for trails, food, club database, registration, treasury and any other duties needed to be done to promote the club events and the sport of volkssporting. Their young family adds a refreshing change to events and meetings.

### **Sue Gravelle**

**W St Paul, MN**

Sue is an active, reliable volunteer and a member of the NorthStar Trail Travelers. She has taken responsibility for trails, food, club database, registration, treasury and any other duties needed to be done to promote the club events and the sport of volkssporting. Their young family adds a refreshing change to events and meetings.

### **Ralph Hackert**

**Ft Meade, SD**

This award is for all your time and effort to the Sturgis-Ft Meade Club. Thank you for all the great trails and history you have shared for 25 years.

### **John Hamper**

**Little Canada, MN**

John is the Twin Cities Volkssport Club spokesperson and a walking ambassador. He is the Hampy Wanderer and has written a book as such. He has appeared on news stories about volksmarching such as WCCO's Minnesota Bound. John likes to spend time socializing, spreading the word about volksmarching and regaling with a song at the events.

### **Charlene Jensen**

**Fridley, MN**

Charlene is one of the NorthStar Trail Travelers' most reliable and committed volunteers. She is always willing to run errands, handle registration, do mailings and serve as club secretary. She has been an active volksmarcher since 1983 and since her retirement has dedicated her volunteer time to NSTT. She is an advocate for quality events and considers NSTT worthy of her time and talents.

### **Rich Jones**

**Minneapolis, MN**

Rich has become a reliable and dependable "behind the scenes" volunteer for NorthStar Trail Travelers. He is always willing and ready to assist in any way with trails, cooking and registration at events and hauling event supplies. He never says no when asked to take on a task that needs to be done for an event. He is an important asset to NSTT.

### **Robert M Kruger**

**Mayville, ND**

Bob Kruger for many years has been active in volkssporting. In the early days of the Red River Volkssport Association, he marked trails, helped work events and wrote the newsletter. He is a joy to work with and always willing to work at all the Dakota Dozen Events. He is currently serving as Chair to the Regional Nominating Committee.

### **Ray Lucan**

**Rapid City, SD**

This award is given for all the time and effort given to BHVA. This includes, but is not limited to, working the gate at the Crazy Horse Volksmarch, hosting the Badlands Volksmarch and doing many "unusual" jobs for the club.

# Certificate of Service Award

## North Central Region

### **J C McGee**

**Colton, SD**

In recognition of over 15 years of service to the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club. J C has willingly and cheerfully assisted at numerous walks. He devoted countless hours to assure the success of seven Dakota Dozen Events.

### **Barbara McGregor**

**Crystal, MN**

Barb is the Twin Cities Volkssport Club computer guru. She is responsible for creating our club newsletter, events booklet and website. She is very conscientious and investigates the best sources to implement our website. Barb monitors it carefully and updates frequently. When not attached to the computer, she can be found on the trail with binoculars dangling from her neck, seeking a rare bird for her list.

### **Bonnie Miller**

**Rapid City, SD**

This award is given for all your time and effort to BHVA. This includes but is not limited to being the Chairperson for the Crazy Horse Volksmarch, hosting the Badlands Volksmarch and holding various official positions.

### **Sharlene Mitchell**

**Rapid City, SD**

This award is given for all your time and effort to BHVA. This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining the web page, filing all electronic sanction requests, running our incentive program, holding various offices, being a POC and keeping track of our e-mail.

### **Phyllis Olson**

**Urbandale, IA**

Phyllis is recognized for serving her third year as a dedicated President of Greater Des Moines Volkssport Assoc. She coordinates numerous events including Big Creek Seasonal, is instrumental in gaining Girl Scout participation, designs brochures and the yearly event booklets, promotes Iowa walks for AARP, State Fair promotion and coordinated Iowa's Lincoln Highway Program. Phyllis is active in the Special Programs A-Z, Route 66, Lincoln Hwy, Heritage, College Campus and 50 States.

### **Ardith Ortgies**

**Des Moines, IA**

Ardith has been an active member since the origin of the club in 1985. Holding the club office of Historian is just a minor part of her activities. Writing the monthly club newsletter, coordinating the Wednesday night walks, maintaining the computerized club membership list and coordinating the biennial overseas club trip are a few more of her routine activities. She has walked all 50 states and has received the Europa Cup Award.

### **Roger Pickett**

**Brookings, SD**

In recognition of 22 years of service to the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club. Roger was instrumental in the success of the Dakota Dozen Events by providing logistical support and serving as Trailmaster for several walks.

### **Martha Stellmach**

**Andover, MN**

Martha has served the State of Minnesota Association as President of MVA and TCV. Martha uses her resources to ferret out a variety of awards for events enabling us to offer something different. She worked hard to make events happen, taking care of details necessary for a successful event. Her cheerful demeanor welcomes walkers to our events.

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## North Central Region

### **Rob Stellmach**

**Andover, MN**

Rob has put in countless hours doing the prep work for events. He is on the phone tracking down the correct city official or store managers, meets with site officials to study maps determining the best course for an event and he does the initial walk through on some trail directions. He is an above and beyond kind of guy.

### **Norma Wessel**

**Urbandale, IA**

In recognition of doing Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association promotion, working on numerous events and trails, coordinates Big Creek Seasonal, works on Girl Scout participation, active in setting up Iowa Lincoln Highway Program, works on yearly event booklet and is active in Special Programs A-Z, Route 66, Lincoln Highway, Campus, Heritage and 50 States.

## Northeast Region

### **Charles Boddy**

**Lawrence, MA**

While most people like to learn by helping out other chairmen, Charles, on his own, unhesitatingly laid out routes in Lawrence, Methuen and Lowed, found start points and provided walkers in the area three diverse, super walks. His knowledge and interest in the areas are reflected in his well-organized events.

### **Marion Burns**

**Slingerlands, NY**

Marion Burns' bus trips to Vermont have added great variety to our walking program. Her trips have also made our events successful. Further, she adds local attractions to her trips to making it an educational, shopping and sightseeing experience. She does an outstanding job of planning all the details.

### **Doris Cason**

**Dover, NH**

In appreciation of diligently maintaining the Portsmouth Year Round Walk Box, we acknowledge Doris's service. For nine years she cheerfully greeted visiting bus tours with information and snacks. She was a member of the "Sweep Team" who collected the markings at the end of the walk. Doris promotes volkssporting.

### **Marie Conlon**

**Lee, NH**

As Hospitality Chairman, Marie faithfully prepares the meeting place. She arranges for monthly refreshments and is in charge of acquiring the beverages for the social functions of the club. Marie is a willing volunteer at club events.

### **Peggy Goetz**

**Nyack, NY**

Peggy has been in charge of our Nyack Walk. This was the third year it was held and in addition, she got the badges for our club members and welcomes new members with a personalized badge.

### **Catherine Harriman**

**Woodstock, NY**

Catherine "Cat" Harriman is a willing worker who is always suggesting ideas to improve walks and is the POC for the Woodstock Walk. She attends National Conventions as she enjoys walking different places, meeting new people and learning new ideas for walks from the workshops.



# Certificate of Service Award

## Northeast Region

### **Emily Koch**

**Schenectady, NY**

In recognition of exceptional service in the support and promotion of volkssporting, Emily has been Membership Chairperson for more than ten years. She has been responsible for guiding new walkers with their event/distance log books. Emily has also supported AVA by attending the biennial meetings and participating in programs. For several years she was a point of contact.

### **Ernest LaViolette**

**Hudson, MA**

Although preferring a behind-the-scenes role, Ernie accepted the role of Co-President and competently ensured the club's continued success in putting on many enjoyable events throughout the state. Whether doing his volunteer work at the hospital or participating in club events, he leaves no stone unturned to promote volksmarching to all around him.

### **Theresa McFarland**

**East Amherst, NY**

Terry has been a most valuable member helping with ideas for mapping routes and helping to organize and run events. Her ability to do the computer entries keeps our information up to date.

### **Dana Moran**

**Dover, NH**

In appreciation of Dana's efforts as Secretary and Newsletter Publisher, we acknowledge her invaluable service to the club. Dana attends all meetings and is a dedicated volunteer.

### **William Mountford**

**Deerfield, NH**

Through the years, Bill has been an active member of the club. As the POC of many interesting (usually off the road) walks, he has taken walkers to various picturesque natural spots. You can count on Bill to arrive early at the start to set up and help out wherever needed.

### **Ruth Murray**

**Loudon, NH**

In recognition of her contribution to the Seacoast Striders as POC of our state's Capitol Walk in Concord, NH, we acknowledge Ruth's service and continued support.

### **Elinor Ober**

**Walpole, MA**

To provide some relief to the Trail Master, Ellie volunteered to measure walks in the southern part of the state and Rhode Island. Her attention to details has ensured more enjoyable walks. In addition, her walk in March 2003 followed by home made soups, breads and desserts was a much talked about, delicious event.

### **Nancy Patrick**

**Poughkeepsie, NY**

Nancy has been the secretary, does publicity for our events, maintains the walk box at the Visitor Center at West Point as well as the post office box at West Point and has recently updated some walk instructions.

### **Kathi Rice**

**Hingham, MA**

Undaunted by the complexity of hosting multiple events, Kathi chaired three events in one weekend. Whether participants chose the woods, shore or town walks, all enjoyed the New England fall days and well marked trails. Kathi can be counted on for organizing walks in unexplored areas.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Northeast Region

### **Andrew Schmidt**

**Poughkeepsie, NY**

Andrew has done a bang up job as Treasurer. He not only keeps us financially fit but sends out notices (both e-mail and snail mail) when we have events coming up. He also has POC'd some super walks. He was in contact with the mayor's office in Poughkeepsie and got a day proclaimed as Volkssport Day in Poughkeepsie.

### **Dawn Thompson**

**Bellingham, MA**

No sooner did Dawn, a member of the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island Council, learn about volksmarching, than she jumped into and completed the AVA Master Program, led the competition for designing the 2004 Girl Scout Patch for volksmarches and chaired two walks. Dawn's infectious enthusiasm is responsible for introducing Girl Scouts to club events.

### **Margaret Withol**

**Natick, MA**

Whether day or seasonal events, Peg is an expert at laying out trails and providing extra information on the area's history or points of interest. By mid-summer, she is already planning routes for the following year to make sure walkers will have new areas to see and enjoy.

## Northwest Region

### **Jean Abel**

**Beaverton, OR**

Jean is the Treasurer of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. She manages the association's funds and always presents a clear, concise and understandable report to the steering committee and to the member clubs. Her work with Columbia River Volkssport Club is what got her noticed by the state association. She is what a treasurer should be.

### **Barbara Baker**

**Vancouver, WA**

Barbara is currently actively involved as Historian with the Vancouver USA Volkssporters. She has served as Co-Chair for many events and YRE's for the Vancouver USA Volkssporters and continues to help with walking events for this club, other clubs and health fair outreach for volkssporting in the area.

### **Jan Beals**

**Eugene, OR**

Jan "hit the trail running" when she decided volkswalking was for her. Volkswalking was a perfect fit for Jan's exercise and weight-loss program. She also became an active Mossback Club member, accepting the responsibility for YRE Coordinator beginning in 2003. She was commended by the NW Regional Director for her "creative formatting" of the Mossback 2005 YRE's.

### **Leola Beck**

**Roseburg, OR**

Leola is recognized for her service as President of Umpqua Valley Walkers. During her time as president, her club received the Oregon Flame Award for club excellence.

### **Marge Bergeron**

**Lake Oswego, OR**

Marge has held many positions in local clubs for 17 years as well as the State Association. She received the Oregon Flame Award for enthusiasm. She served as OTSVA Secretary for 3 terms, Secretary of Walking Connection 3 terms and Secretary of Valley Volkswalkers for 4 terms. This is the person every club should have working at the new walker/information table.

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## Northwest Region

### **Earl Bowen**

**La Center, WA**

Earl has active involvement currently as Vice President with the All Weather Walkers. He has served as Chair for many events and YRE's for the All Weather Walkers and continues to help with events by other clubs in the area.

### **Jan Breneman**

**Washougal, WA**

Jan is actively involved with the All Weather Walkers serving in many elective offices. She has served as Chair for many events and YRE's and helped on all other walks and activities, always in a cheerful and friendly manner.

### **Mary Brillhart**

**Salem, OR**

Mary has been a Club President, chaired a Statewide Committee, served as State Vice President and most recently serves on the State Steering Committee as an At-Large Member. She continues as a member of the Willamette Wanderers. Mary coordinates all of the new YRE's in Oregon, making sure that the new routes are safe and enjoyable.

### **Debbie Brown**

**Astoria, OR**

Debbie has been the Treasurer of the Turnaround Trekkers for over five years. Her extraordinary efforts on the club's behalf have earned her recognition by the OTSVA Treasurer as one of the best in the state.

### **Betty Butler**

**Eugene, OR**

Betty is the only charter member of the Mossback Club who is still an active participant. She served many years as both Secretary and Treasurer. Due to a progressive heart condition, Betty is no longer able to volkswalk but she continues to be an active club member. At Mossback events, Betty is still one of the first members there to set up and operate registration.

### **Donna Byes**

**Seaside, OR**

Donna is recognized for her many years of service as Secretary of Turnaround Trekkers. She was the co-recipient of an Oregon Flame Award for Inspiration.

### **Liz Conners**

**Vancouver, WA**

Liz is actively involved with the All Weather Walkers, serving in elective offices since 2000, currently as President. She has served as Chair for many events and YRE's and helped other clubs in the area, all with much energy.

### **Charlotte Copeland**

**Monmouth, OR**

Charlotte, member of Willamette Wanderers, served as Vice-President and President. She was co-vice president for events for Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and served on several OTSVA committees. Charlotte volunteered at the Portland Marathon and Discovery Walks since their beginning. She has been club delegate at AVA Conventions.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Northwest Region

### **Sheila Day**

**Banks, OR**

Sheila is recognized for her service as President of Tualatin Valley Volks. She has served on State Association Committees but is best known as an ambassador for walking.

### **J Michael Devitt**

**Anchorage, AK**

Mike has worked tirelessly in support of volkssporting for the past five years. In 1999, he founded the Anchorage Volkssports Club, the only club in the State of Alaska. Since 1999, Mike has served as the club President, maintaining the highest standards in providing excellent events to club members as well as visitors.

### **Sharon Ducey**

**Oreham, OR**

Sharon is recognized for her service as Co-President of East County Windwalkers.

### **Gib Edwards**

**Wenatchee, WA**

Gib has been instrumental in the success of the Bavarian Volkssport Association, as well as the 2004 Northwest Regional Conference. His contributions to the Conference Committee through planning walk routes and a willingness to "do what had to be done" helped assure that the Regional Conference was well-received by volkssporters and a financial success.

### **Clark Elwell**

**Corvallis, OR**

Clark is recognized for his service as President of the Corvallis Cruisers.

### **Melissa Evans**

**McMinnville, OR**

For service as President of MacTrackers.

### **John Filbert**

**Waldport, OR**

Upon joining Yachats Coastal Gems, John immediately became an active participating member. John designs and monitors the club website. He maintains the club membership list and serves as Secretary. He emails regular club communications, including the meeting's minutes. He has also served as Historian and Membership Chair.

### **Sue Finlayson**

**Yachats, OR**

Sue has been club Treasurer for the past six years and continues to be the member who makes sure all of the club reports and forms are submitted promptly and accurately. She also has served several terms as Secretary and has planned, set up and worked most of our special events.

### **Becky Forsythe**

**Battle Ground, WA**

Becky is the Vice President of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. Her distinctive service has earned her recognition from her state and her region. She does everything - Chair of one state committee and serves on three others. Her innovative ideas have helped Oregon keep its participation growing. She is in charge of the Education Out-Reach Program, getting college students credit for volkswalking.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Northwest Region

### **Bob Forsythe**

**Battle Ground, WA**

Bob serves on the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association Steering Committee and as the OTSVA Publication Committee Chair. He must coordinate between the Advertising Clubs, the Steering Committee, the Publication Committee and the Magazine Editor. His tireless efforts have created the best possible state publication.

### **Will Glessner**

**Portland, OR**

For superior service while serving as Editor, Northwest Walking.

### **Dick Gordon**

**Seal Rock, OR**

Dick started with Yachats Coastal Gems as an active walker and participant in club activities. When his heart condition interfered with active walking, Dick continued to be an active club participant. Dick shares the responsibility for planning, sanctioning and orchestrating club events.

### **Phoebe Harrison**

**Albany, OR**

Phoebe, a member of Albany Fitwalkers, has been Secretary, Treasurer and President for many years. She is an ambassador for volkssporting, has developed many event trails, participates in wellness fairs, walks with people new to volkssporting, helped with the 1995 Oregon AVA Convention and is willing to help other clubs.

### **Millie Haupt**

**Yakima, WA**

For continued commitment to volkssports through club leadership and leadership of the Washington Challenge Committee. As President of the Yakima Valley Sun Striders, Millie has assured that a variety of AVA events are available in southeastern Washington State by assuming the responsibility for continuing year-round events formerly conducted by clubs that dissolved. As a charter member and Chair of Washington Challenge Committee, Millie has provided greater benefits to volkssporters through interesting and challenging state-wide events which have led to more events in rural Washington.

### **Joan Heins**

**Vancouver, WA**

Joan is actively involved with the All Weather Walkers and International Discovery Walks. She has served as Chair for many events and YRE's for the All Weather Walkers and is a Trail Master for Discovery Walks.

### **Frances Hice**

**Salem, OR**

Frances is another whose presence is seen everywhere. She served with distinction as the OTSVA Secretary and is serving on the OTSVA Steering Committee. She was the liaison between the Portland Marathon and OTSVA to ensure that the marathon could be a volkssport event.

### **Diane Ilg**

**Estacada, OR**

Diane and her husband, George, are recognized for their service to the community of Monitor, Oregon and for being the Co-Presidents of the Monitor Petal Trekkers. They are a husband and wife team that sponsor events that are fun for everyone.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Northwest Region

### **George Ilg**

**Estacada, OR**

George and his wife, Diane, are recognized for their service to the community of Monitor, Oregon and for being the Co-Presidents of the Monitor Petal Trekkers. They are a husband and wife team that sponsor events that are fun for everyone.

### **Nancy Johnson**

**Bend, OR**

Nancy has served as Treasurer of the Cedar Milers for the past five years. Her dedication to volkswalking and the Cedar Milers is greatly appreciated and makes it possible for the Cedar Milers to be successful.

### **Joe Kelly**

**Tualatin, OR**

Joe is recognized for his service as President of Columbia River Volkssport Club. He has served as OTSVA Nominating Committee Chair and has twice received the Oregon Flame Award for enthusiasm. He serves on the OTSVA Publicity Committee and presided over the 2004 Gorge Extravaganza.

### **Sharon Klein**

**Sherwood, OR**

Sharon is recognized for service as President of the Sherwood Merrywalkers as well as for her work with the OTSVA Publicity Committee. She coordinates volunteers to work at health fairs to help increase volkssport participation.

### **Bob Kunzmann**

**Woodinville, WA**

Bob has helped the Interlaken Trailblazers grow and prosper. With his enthusiasm, club membership has escalated. He sells New Walker Packets at a swift pace and has developed new trails for club events. Speaking at Senior Centers, Health Fairs or corporate gatherings, he promotes volkssporting.

### **Arline LaMear**

**Astoria, OR**

Arline is recognized for her many contributions to the Turnaround Trekkers. She served a term as Treasurer and is the serving Vice President of the club.

### **Don Lindberg**

**Renton, WA**

For supporting volkssporting at the local level, state level and national level and for service to AVA and local volkssport clubs for 15 years. He had a major position in helping with the 2001 AVA Convention. Don has volunteered for many AVA activities.

### **Britt Lindstrom**

**Eugene, OR**

Former "city girl" opera singer Britt quickly discovered she really enjoyed the outdoor experience and exploring new places offered by volkswalking. Britt became an active Mossback member creating new walk routes, assisting with events and becoming a club's very efficient Treasurer.

### **J T Lunsford**

**Milwaukie, OR**

J T has been an outstanding Treasurer of Valley Volkswalkers for four years. His records are of very high quality, understandable to all and current at all times. Outstanding volunteer in every way.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Northwest Region

### **JoAnn McAllister**

**Sequim, WA**

For showing commitment and perseverance to volkssporting, in assuming responsibility for saving a neighbor club, this award recognizes JoAnn and her long-term efforts to rebuild a sound and financially viable volkssport club. JoAnn not only helped save the club, she helped revitalize and expand the membership, in the process showing others how it can be done.

### **Victor McAllister**

**Sequim, WA**

For being an inspiration to all volkssporters and showing what is possible, this award recognizes Victor and his long-term efforts to keep a neighbor club from dying. He not only helped save the club but he helped revitalize, expand the membership and acted as a mentor to the new club.

### **Don Menicosy**

**Portland, OR**

Don has been instrumental in the success of the Cedar Milers. His endless dedication to volkssporting and the Cedar Milers is greatly appreciated. The Cedar Milers thank Don for his support and enthusiasm.

### **Ruth Menicosy**

**Portland, OR**

Ruth has been an important part of Cedar Milers for many years and has diligently served as Secretary for the past three years. The Cedar Milers are very grateful to Ruth for her dedication, enthusiasm and organization skills. She is instrumental in the success of the Cedar Milers and the sport of volkswalking.

### **George Minter**

**Medford, OR**

George and his wife Pauline have given over 12 years to the Rogue Valley Walkers. Their efforts to keep this small club active has helped keep volkswalking alive in southwestern Oregon. Their events still draw many people from the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area.

### **Pauline Minter**

**Medford, OR**

Pauline and her husband George have given over 12 years to the Rogue Valley Walkers. Their efforts to keep this small club active has helped keep volkswalking alive in southwestern Oregon. Their events still draw many people from the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area.

### **Martha Myron**

**Oak Harbor, WA**

Martha has walked most every state in the United States, Canada and a number of countries in Europe. She has been the second most instrumental person in keeping the NW Tulip Trekkers together as a club and in becoming one of the most active clubs in the Pacific Northwest. The woman behind the man.

### **Geraldine (Geri) Odell**

**Spokane, WA**

Geri and husband Dick received their first AVA award stamp in 1985 in Spokane, WA. As school administrators, they became interested in walking through school wellness programs. Together they have walked 50 states, 20 countries, and 6 Canadian Provinces for achievement awards.

### **Richard Odell**

**Spokane, WA**

Dick and his wife Geri received their first AVA award stamp in 1985 in Spokane, WA. As school administrators, they became interested in walking through school wellness programs. Together they have walked 50 states, 20 countries, and 6 Canadian Provinces for achievement awards.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Northwest Region

### **Susan Olson**

**Gresham, OR**

Susan has done a great job as Treasurer of East County Windwalkers. She has revised and improved reports and forms and has filed all reports timely. She has been Trailmaster of walks for 2003 and 2004 and has had two successful and well-organized walks. Susan has been in volkssports for two years.

### **Mary Osterberg**

**Portland, OR**

Mary and her husband Pete developed and maintain the website for Valley Volkswalkers Club. They have spent many hours doing this and have done so for four years.

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### **Marjorie Oughton**

**Keizer, OR**

Marjorie is the serving Secretary of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. She has been serving with distinction on the OTSVA Steering Committee and has been a club President, responsible for implementing the policies she has helped to create.

### **Ken Parks**

**Yachats, OR**

Ken and his wife Mary are recognized for their service as Co-Presidents of the Yachats Coastal Gems. They are in the process of revitalizing the club by getting new members for their club. Their events are always fun.

### **Mary Emma Parks**

**Yachats, OR**

Mary and her husband Ken are recognized for their service as Co-Presidents of the Yachats Coastal Gems. They are in the process of revitalizing the club by getting new members for their club. Their events are always fun.

### **Marty Parsons**

**Tigard, OR**

Currently Marty is Secretary of Valley Volkswalkers Club. She has served in this capacity for four terms. She volunteers for the walks and has done this many years since joining the club. Marty's suggestions for club improvement and activities are beneficial.

### **Burt Paynter**

**Vancouver, WA**

Burt is actively involved currently as Vice President with the Vancouver USA Volkssporters and as Chair of the International Discovery Walks. He has served as Chair for many events and YRE's for the Vancouver USA Volkssporters and continues to help with events by other clubs in the area.

### **Romana Paynter**

**Vancouver, WA**

Romana is actively involved currently as Treasurer with the Vancouver USA Volkssporters and as a Volunteer Coordinator of the International Discovery Walks. She has served as Co-Chair for many events and YRE's for the Vancouver USA Volkssporters and continues to help with events by other clubs in the area.



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## Northwest Region

### **Sally Ross**

**Springfield, OR**

Sally is President of Eugene-Springfield Mossbacks and serves with distinction on the OTSVA Steering Committee. She serves on the OTSVA Training Committee which ensures training for club officers and event volunteers. Her club was recognized with the Oregon Flame Award for club excellence.

### **Micky Scholl**

**St Helens, OR**

Micky is recognized for her service as President of Rivercity Strollers.

### **Colleen Seed**

**Beaverton, OR**

Colleen has been a member of Cedar Milers since it was established. She has served many times as President and Vice President. Her dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to help is greatly appreciated and makes it possible for the Cedar Milers to be successful. Thank you for all your hard work.

### **Sharon Shockley**

**West Linn, OR**

Sharon's contributions to volkssporting have been under-appreciated for many years. She chairs a Statewide Committee and was President of Ponderosa Pathfinders. She serves on the Steering Committee and has been an integral part of volkssporting in Oregon for many years.

### **Dorothy Steedle**

**Seattle, WA**

This award recognizes Dorothy's service both within the AVA volkssporting family as a state officer and club leader and within the Washington Health Community as an organizer of events to support fun, fellowship and fitness in Washington State. Dorothy's commitment and perseverance have created a valuable link between AVA and the State Health Community.

### **Fran Swanson**

**Portland, OR**

Fran is recognized for her service as President of the Cedar Milers.

### **Carmella Swinney**

**Springfield, OR**

Carmella and husband, Oscar, are the Mossback's most active volkswalk promoters wherever they go. They have made formal presentations to civic groups and promote volkswalking everywhere they travel following the Oregon Duck football team and volkswalking. Currently they coordinate events for the Mossbacks and Carmella always makes sure there are homemade goodies at the start/finish and checkpoint.

### **Oscar Swinney**

**Springfield, OR**

Oscar and his wife, Carmella, are the Mossback's most active volkswalk promoters wherever they go. They have made formal presentations to civic groups and promote volkswalking everywhere they travel following the Oregon Duck football team and volkswalking. Currently they coordinate events for the Mossbacks and Carmella always makes sure there are homemade goodies at the start/finish and checkpoint.

### **Judy Taylor**

**Yachats, OR**

Judy has served as an active promoter of the Yachats Coastal Gems and volkswalking in the central Oregon coast communities for many years. She has served as Secretary, Vice President and Publicity Chair. Judy is one of our "Founding Members" so she has been a member since 1991.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Northwest Region

### **Joe Titone**

**Vancouver, WA**

Joe developed and maintains web sites for two clubs. He has over 1000 volkswalk pictures on club web sites. Joe developed and runs the Weekly Walks, organized YRE's when no other events are scheduled, is a computer consultant to several clubs, documents existing/new route directions and creates color maps. He also creates online newsletters, brochures and ads.

### **Kelly Troeh**

**Gresham, OR**

Kelly is doing a great job as Secretary of East County Windwalkers. Her articles to NWM are very good as are her meeting minutes. Kelly was Trailmaster of her first walk in 2004 and is already planning another walk for 2005. She will be Co-President in 2005 and willingly takes on all new challenges and adventures.

### **Judy Underland**

**Leavenworth, WA**

Judy has been instrumental in the success of her club and the 2004 Northwest Regional Conference. Her commitment, attention to detail and willingness to press unresolved issue to solution was a major factor in the financial success and enjoyment of the volkssporting community at the 2004 Northwest Regional Conference.

### **Rozy Weatherby**

**Albany, OR**

For service as the President of Albany Fitwalkers.

### **Barbara Webber**

**Wilsonville, OR**

Barbara is recognized for her service as President of Valley Volkswalkers.

### **Cora Wegner**

**Gresham, OR**

Cora is recognized for her service as Co-President of East County Windwalkers.

### **Leo White**

**Albany, OR**

Leo has been Vice President of Albany Fitwalkers since 1996. Leo "spreads the word" about volkssporting, participates in every aspect of putting on events, secures advertisers for the newsletter and business sponsors for the club and is known state-wide for getting food from sponsors to provide at events.

### **Stan Wolf**

**Kirkland, WA**

For recognition in promoting volkssporting at Senior Centers, Rotary Clubs, City Council Meetings, Museums, Libraries and for service as Treasurer of Interlaken Trailblazers Volkssport Club, Area Coordinator of the Washington State Organization and for developing and coordinating two quality events in Kirkland and two year round walks.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Pacific Region

### **Pat d'Adolf**

**Carlsbad, CA**

For 20 years of dedication to the sport of volkssporting and the contribution to fellow volkssporters throughout the Pacific Region.

### **Steve d'Adolf**

**Carlsbad, CA**

For 20 years of dedication to the sport of volkssporting and the contribution to fellow volkssporters throughout the Pacific Region.

### **Barbara Ahlman**

**Santa Barbara, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders and as POC for both the Carpinteria and Santa Barbara year round volksmarches.

### **A J Bohanon**

**Colfax, CA**

A J has been an active, supportive member of the club since June of 1999. She has held the position of Vice President and currently is the Membership Chair. A J can be counted on to help out whenever there is a need and frequently helps both days of a weekend event.

### **Jim Bohanon**

**Colfax, CA**

Jim has been an active supportive member of the club since June of 1999. He can be counted on to help out when there is a need and frequently helps both days of a weekend event.

### **Linda Bressemer**

**Pinole, CA**

In recognition of Linda and husband, Tom, for outstanding service to the Vaca Valley Volks and California Volkssporting. They have been active in every part of Vaca Valley Volks activities and supported walks sanctioned by clubs all over California. They are often the first to volunteer and can always be counted on.

### **Tom Bressemer**

**Pinole, CA**

In recognition of Tom and wife, Linda, for outstanding service to the Vaca Valley Volks and California Volkssporting. They have been active in every part of Vaca Valley Volks activities and supported walks sanctioned by clubs all over California. They are often the first to volunteer and can always be counted on.

### **Bruce Buel**

**Los Osos, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as founder and point of contact for the year round volksmarch in Los Osos, CA.

### **Susan Buel**

**Los Osos, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as founder and point of contact for the year round volksmarch in Los Osos, CA.

### **Glenda Butterfield**

**Fresno, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports in Central California as the final President of the Big Valley Vagabonds (2001-2003) and as POC for the CCPP for year round volksmarches in Mariposa, Merced and Fresno, CA.

### **Pat Conant**

**Auburn, CA**

Pat continues to be an active supporter of the Placer Pacers. She held the offices of Treasurer or Secretary a total of eight years and can be depended upon to fill in at either position when necessary. In addition, Pat volunteers at the club's events whenever needed.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Pacific Region

### **Roger Conant**

**Auburn, CA**

Roger continues to support Volkssporting by his active participation in the Placer Pacers. He chairs events, volunteers whenever needed to work events, hauls equipment and does any of the many tasks that are necessary to keep club activities running smoothly.

### **Marilyn Escher**

**Carlsbad, CA**

In recognition of distinguished and dedicated service to the volkssporting community and its members since 1995 as walk coordinator and as club treasurer.

### **Tom Escher**

**Carlsbad, CA**

For distinguished and continuous contributions to Volkssporting throughout the Southern California area and for his dedicated effort in bringing quality walking events to AVA members since 1995.

### **Annette Fletcher**

**Lompoc, CA**

For outstanding continuing service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as club President and year round and regular Event Coordinator.

### **John Fletcher**

**Lompoc, CA**

For outstanding continuing service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as club Vice President and year round and regular Event Coordinator and Trailblazer.

### **Charles Hess**

**Fairfield, CA**

In recognition of Charles's long time exceptional service to volkssporting. He is always available to do whatever is necessary to make an event successful. He has served as trail master, marked trails, worked starting points and checkpoints for countless walks. His enthusiasm and good humor is an inspiration for all California walkers.

### **Grace Holloway**

**Rescue, CA**

An active, supportive member of the club since February of 1994, Grace can be counted on to help out when needed. In addition, Grace has been an Assistant Editor of The COMPASS, the California Volkssport Association publication, for the past eight years.

### **Luanne Johnson**

**Benicia, CA**

In recognition of Luanne's exceptional service to the Vaca Valley Volks and the California Volkssport Association. From the day that she joined the club, Luanne was active as Editor of our newsletter and Secretary of the club. She also served as Secretary of the California State Association.

### **Larry M. H. Lee**

**Santa Maria, CA**

For continuing outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as point of contact for the year round volksmarch in Santa Maria, CA.

### **Joseph LePire**

**Las Vegas, NV**

For his outstanding leadership in the Las Vegas High Rollers & Strollers. During his four-plus years as Vice President and President of this club, he has turned a struggling organization into a club of merit with a secure future.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Pacific Region

### **George Linsteadt**

**Auburn, CA**

George has been an active member of the club since 1992. He has been an officer as well as chairing events and staffing club events as needed.

### **Rod Marks**

**Paso Robles, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast in his role as founding member of the SLO Soles and his salesmanship as a member of the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders.

### **Susan Marks**

**Paso Robles, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast in her role as founding member of the SLO Soles and her salesmanship as a member of the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders.

### **Donna McVay**

**Vacaville, CA**

In recognition of the devotion that Donna and husband, Fred, have shown to volkssporting and the Vaca Valley Volks. They can always be depended upon to do what ever is asked of them. Donna was Secretary 2003-2004.

### **Fred McVay**

**Vacaville, CA**

In the recognition of the devotion that Fred and wife, Donna, have shown to volkssporting and the Vaca Valley Volks. They can always be depended upon to do what ever is asked of them. Fred stepped up as Web Master when we needed help.

### **Hal Persson**

**Lemoore, CA**

For outstanding continuing service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as point of contact for the year round volksmarch in Lemoore, CA.

### **Mary Ptacek**

**Henderson, NV**

Mary Ptacek (Tater Tour's Leader) works long hours organizing and leading volksmarch groups. Besides picking the best walks, she inspires enthusiasm for volksmarching. She always high-lights positives which bring out the bright side of people. The result is many people return to join her tours and new people become volksmarchers.

### **David Schuessler**

**Lompoc, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as POC for the year round walk and Global XXI, XXII and XIV Volksmarches at Vandenberg AFB, CA.

### **Jim Scofield**

**Visalia, CA**

For continuing outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as POC for the year round volksmarch in Visalia, CA.

### **Mary Scofield**

**Visalia, CA**

For continuing outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as POC for the year round volksmarch in Visalia, CA.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Pacific Region

### **Gisela Steiner**

**Truckee, CA**

Gisela is the backbone of the Trekkers. She takes on the behind-the-scene jobs that helps the club run smoothly. She is the guiding hand, the book of knowledge and the voice of wisdom that keeps us on track. We are very grateful to have Gisela as a member.

### **Tony Steiner**

**Truckee, CA**

Tony is the heart of the Trekkers. He always gives his time and talents unselfishly whenever asked. He's the encouraging word, the gentle push and the inspiration that keeps us working a little harder. We are very honored to have Tony as a member.

### **Penny Watson**

**Newcastle, CA**

Penny has been an active, involved member of the club since January 1991. She arranged for our Blood Bank account. Penny can be counted on to help with trail marking and staffing events. She participates in all of the club activities.

### **Lillian Webber**

**Auburn, CA**

Lillian has been an active supporter of the club since it was founded in 1990. She has held both Secretary and Treasurer positions and has filled in when necessary. Lillian can be counted on to work multiple shifts at the club events.

## Rocky Mountain Region

### **John Baird**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

John provides outstanding AVA support. For eight years as club Secretary he ensured that club topics and decisions were recorded, thereby guaranteeing consistent club requirement execution. As Treasurer he kept meticulous records and wisely invested club monies guaranteeing successful event operations. His efforts promoted volkssporting throughout the club and region.

### **Flo Bechtold**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Flo has provided extraordinary AVA support since 1989. As Sales Chairperson, Membership Secretary, Award Designer/producer, 2003 AVA Convention Volunteer and volkssporting member she tirelessly worked to promote volkssporting events. It is through her efforts that volkssporting has excelled in her community and region.

### **Russell Bechtold**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Russell has provided extraordinary AVA support since 1989. As Sales Chairman, Membership Secretary, Award Designer/producer, 2003 AVA Convention Volunteer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and volkssporting club member he has tirelessly worked to promote volkssporting events. It is through his efforts that volkssporting has excelled in his community and region.

### **Keith Becker**

**Lakewood, CO**

For exemplary service to volkssporting through your support of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers and Colorado High Country Hikers. As Newsletter Editor for RMW, you produce a high quality and timely publication. Your logistical support to both clubs is highly valued.

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## Rocky Mountain Region

### **Wendy Becker**

**Lakewood, CO**

For your enthusiastic and energetic service as Event Coordinator and club Secretary for both the Rocky Mountain Wanderers and Colorado High Country Hikers.

### **Ken Beyer**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Ken has provided significant AVA support. As Webmeister his timely maintenance of regional websites ensured volkssporters were reliably aware of upcoming events. His knowledge of web and sales ordering technology set the standard for future AVA Conventions.

### **Dale Boone**

**Pueblo, CO**

Dale provided significant AVA support. He was a dedicated 2003 Convention Volunteer and as Columbine Country Cruisers President he successfully began a program for completing events in all Colorado Counties. Additionally, he tirelessly designed trails and coordinated Falcon Wanderers' events. His efforts promoted volkssporting in clubs and the region.

### **Penny Brown**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Penny has provided excellent AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. As Member-at-Large, she purchased club supplies, collected year-round and seasonal event quarterly monies, participation forms, and accomplished essential tasks to ensure event success. Her efforts have helped promote volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Curt Converse**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Curt provided extraordinary AVA support. His list of service as 2003 AVA Convention Co-Chairperson, Falcon Wanderers' President, Event Coordinator, Brochure Publisher and event volunteer has provided incontestable evidence of his dedication to volkssporting. His efforts definitely promoted volkssporting throughout the nation.

### **Jan Converse**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Jan provided outstanding AVA support. Her list of service as a dedicated volunteer on three 2003 AVA Convention Committees, Falcon Wanderers' 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and club event volunteer has provided incontestable evidence of her dedication to volkssporting. Her efforts promoted volkssporting throughout the club, region and nation.

### **Carol Cross**

**Glen Haven, CO**

For many years of dedicated service to volkssporting, including serving as March Coordinator for the Loveland year round event, event coordinator during the Rocky Mountain Wanderer's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and as club President of the Northern Front Range Wanderers.

### **Connie Dueker**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Connie provided outstanding service to AVA supporting the Falcon Wanderers. As Membership Officer, she maintained a meticulous monthly club membership roster for 10 years that ensured exact pre-registration, club membership renewal and newsletter mailing information. Additionally, she was a dedicated Trailmeister and event coordinator. Her efforts promoted regional volkssporting.

### **Pat Gray**

**Cascade, CO**

Pat has provided extraordinary service to the AVA. She performed superlative service at the national and local levels of volkssporting. Throughout her AVA involvement, at all levels, she consistently provided sound advice and unsurpassed dedication to duties. Her extraordinary participation incontestably promoted volkssporting throughout the nation.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Rocky Mountain Region

### **Mike Green**

**Lakewood, CO**

For long-time devotion to volkssporting and service to the Rocky Mountain Wanderers as event coordinator, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and President through the years.

### **Sinne Gregory**

**Arvada, CO**

For service to volkssporting as Archivist for the Rocky Mountain Wanderers and frequent event volunteer for Rocky Mountain Wanderers and Colorado High Country Hikers.

### **Deb Hillard**

**Divide, CO**

Deb provided significant AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. She was a dedicated 2003 AVA Convention volunteer and as club event coordinator, she tirelessly designed trails, scheduled start/finish locations, coordinated event support and maintained community involvement. Her efforts promoted volkssporting in the clubs and regions.

### **Annette Kester**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Annette has provided significant AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, she meticulously coordinated club newsletter mailings and event promotions. As event coordinator, she tirelessly designed trails, scheduled start/finish locations, coordinated event support and maintained community involvement. Her efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Jack Kester**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Jack provided significant AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. As President he meticulously managed club operations including publicity, event scheduling and club finances. As event coordinator, he tirelessly designed trails, scheduled start/finish locations, coordinated event support and maintained community involvement. His efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Peggy King**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Peggy provided significant AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. Her cost-free land donation allowed the club to maintain a storage shed. Her steadfast generosity has allowed the club to store essential volkssporting supplies and materials for 10 years. Her efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Donna Logan**

**Cheyenne, WY**

Donna was instrumental in the formation of the Casper Pathfinders and served as Treasurer and Secretary. She helped with walks and designed awards. Since moving to Cheyenne in 2003, she has supported the CHPW by attending meetings and helping with walks. Donna is a cheerful, dependable worker and an active participant at meetings.

### **Radek Lopusnik**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

For tireless advocacy of volkssporting, your willingness to always improve your club's and your service as Officer, Trailmeister and Membership Chairperson.

### **Cecelia Lutz**

**Boulder, CO**

For your continued years of service as Treasurer for the Rocky Mountain Wanderers and service as March Coordinator.



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## Rocky Mountain Region

### **Paula Malleck**

**Longmont, CO**

In recognition of Paula's outstanding support of the Colorado High Country Hikers while serving as Vice President, serving as March Coordinator for the Larimer Square Oktoberfest Volksmarch and 3 of the clubs seasonal events. Paula is especially recognized for her efforts in organizing our first National Heritage event in Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO.

### **Richard Mermis**

**Aurora, CO**

For your continued service to the Rocky Mountain Wanderers as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Event Coordinator and frequent event volunteer.

### **Lewis Money penny**

**Fountain, CO**

Lewis has provided outstanding AVA support. His consistent service as checkpoint volunteer for ten years has incontestably contributed to successful event operations. Additionally, he has tirelessly supported events and volunteered at start/finish locations throughout the club's regional activities. His efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and the region.

### **Virginia Money penny**

**Fountain, CO**

Virginia has provided outstanding AVA support. Her consistent service as checkpoint volunteer for ten years has incontestably contributed to successful event operations. Additionally, she has tirelessly supported events and volunteered as start/finish locations throughout the club's regional activities. Her efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and the region.

### **Nancy Montville**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Nancy has provided significant AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. As event coordinator, she tirelessly designed trails, scheduled start/finish locations, coordinated event support and maintained community involvement. Her efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Linda Nyman**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Linda has provided outstanding AVA support. She has consistently produced a nationally recognized club newsletter for 10 years that informed the Colorado Front Range volkssporters of upcoming events and club information. She was a dedicated 2003 AVA Convention volunteer. Her support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Gigi Owens**

**Wheat Ridge, CO**

For your service to volkssporting as event coordinator and year round March coordinator.

### **Florence Paradise**

**Fountain, CO**

Florence provided significant AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. Her cost-free land donation allowed the club to maintain a storage shed. Her steadfast generosity has allowed the club to store essential volkssporting supplies and materials for ten years. Her efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Nancy Reisdorff**

**Aurora, CO**

For your many years of service to volkssporting as March Coordinator for multiple year-round events.

### **Carol Rickauer**

**Frisco, CO**

For your service to volkssporting as March Coordinator for multiple year-round/seasonal events and community outreach activities.

# Certificate of Service Award

## Rocky Mountain Region

### **Fred Rickauer**

**Frisco, CO**

For your service to volkssporting as March Coordinator for multiple year-round/seasonal events and community outreach activities.

### **Kevin Ross**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Kevin has provided extraordinary AVA support. He has performed superlative service as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2003 AVA Convention Trails Committee Co-Chairperson, Webmeister, Event Coordinator, Trail Designer and start/finish volunteer since 1986. His extraordinary participation has incontestably promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Robert Shute**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Robert has provided extraordinary AVA support. His 12 years of service as Trailmeister, Event Coordinator, Award Designer and event volunteer has provided incontestable evidence of his dedication to volkssporting. His efforts definitely promoted volkssporting throughout the nation.

### **Elizabeth Shute**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Elizabeth provided extraordinary AVA support. Her twelve-year list of service as 2003 AVA Convention Co-Chairperson, Falcon Wanderers' President, Event Coordinator, awards designer and events' volunteer has provided incontestable evidence of dedication to volkssporting. Her efforts definitely promoted volkssporting throughout the nation.

### **Theresa Stratman**

**Arvada, CO**

For your service to volkssporting as March Coordinator for the Arvada year-round event and frequent volunteer for both the Rocky Mountain Wanderers and Colorado High Country Hikers.

### **Gerry Stryker**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Gerry has provided outstanding AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. As Treasurer he maintained meticulous control of dues, participation fees, payables and receivables. His fiscal suggestions and ideas ensured efficient use of club monies and helped maintain successful club operations. His efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Kaye Widger**

**Penrose, CO**

Kaye provided outstanding AVA support. She was a dedicated 2003 Convention volunteer and as the Falcon Wanderers' Secretary, maintained meticulous meeting minutes and has been a tireless event coordinator. As Sales Chairperson, she consistently ensured sales inventory was available for events. Her efforts promoted volkssporting throughout the region.

### **Harry Woodcock**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Harry provided significant AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. He consistently and dependably notified event volunteers of their position and time ensuring that all volunteers were available at the correct time and place to support event operations.

### **Margaret Woodcock**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Margaret provided significant AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. She consistently and dependably notified event volunteers of their position and time ensuring that all volunteers were available at the correct time and place to support event operations. Her efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

# Certificate of Service Award

## South Central Region

### **Ed Burke**

Designer of the Clay-Platte Trackers of Kansas City web page.

**Kansas City, MO**

### **Phyllis Gall**

Secretary of Clay-Platte Trackers of Kansas City and a promoter of volkssporting.

**Kansas City, MO**

### **Connie Koerin**

Connie is a friend of volkssporting by belonging to multiple clubs, serving as an officer and trail master for the Kansas Jaywalkers. She coordinates walk events in conjunction with other festivities to introduce and promote volkssporting and has coordinated event date selection meetings for Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri. She is an ambassador for volkssporting by sponsoring information booths at service activities.

**Leavenworth, KS**

### **Jeannie Richey**

In recognition of significant accomplishments and contributions to volkssporting.

**Broken Arrow, OK**

## Southeast Region

### **Clyde Bridewell**

Clyde has provided outstanding service to the Happy Wanderers in the capacity of Member at Large, Deputy Event Coordinator of "Savannah - Enjoy More in 2004" multi-event weekend and as the Co-chairperson of the Club Operations Manual used as a model for volkssport club operations.

**Ponce Inlet, FL**

### **Patricia Bridewell**

Irish has provided outstanding service to the Happy Wanderers as Secretary, Deputy Event Coordinator of "Savannah - Enjoy More in 2004" multi-event weekend and as the Co-chairperson of the Club Operations Manual used as a model for volkssport club operations.

**Ponce Inlet, FL**

### **Clare Conant**

In appreciation of her dedication to AVA. Clare Conant is an invaluable asset at club activities. She has taken on responsibilities as club officer, YRE monitor and walk director with skill and creativity. She is highly deserving of recognition.

**Clearwater, FL**

### **Ken Hogwood**

Outstanding community service is the name of the game for Ken as he initiated a coupon book program for the highly successful multi-event weekend "Savannah - Enjoy More in 2004". This book gave tremendous exposure to AVA and its activities with more than 24 merchants and 500 volkssporters participating in this cooperative program.

**Port Orange, FL**

### **James Leitch**

As the Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator, Jim has demonstrated outstanding initiative in providing support to the club in the absence of the president and has managed the assignments of volunteer workers in such an exemplary and innovative manner as to never experiencing a lack of event workers.

**Port Orange, FL**

# Certificate of Service Award

## Southeast Region

### **Lorene Rossi**

**Orlando, FL**

Using her marvelous artistic talents, Lori has been responsible for the design of two of the Happy Wanderers Volkssport Club's YRE awards, the club logo and several T-shirts. Her service on several event committees with special emphasis on the Event Greeter position has been outstanding.

## Southwest Region

### **Helen Bateman**

**Dallas, TX**

Helen's hard work as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Trailmaster have been an inspiration for the entire Dallas Trekkers organization. She volunteers for the difficult jobs and is always there when a job needs to be done.

### **Lesley Bowen**

**Dallas, TX**

During her more than fifteen years as a Dallas Trekker, Lesley has always been willing to use her many talents in support of our sport. Whether it is designing a club brochure or serving as a club officer, she is truly a shining star of our organization.

### **Jim Carlo**

**Dallas, TX**

When something needs to get done, Jim is there. His contagious enthusiasm and skills he brings to his leadership position as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Dallas Trekkers is truly commendable.

### **Margaret Cole**

**Plano, TX**

Maggie is a dedicated leader of the volkssport movement in the Plano area and has served the Plano Walking Club with honor.

### **Becky Lindig**

**Fredericksburg, TX**

Becky is a dedicated volkssporter who has stepped forward and assisted in an outstanding manner when and where needed.

### **Jerry Stovall**

**Plano, TX**

Jerry is a dedicated volunteer who has stepped forward and assisted when and where needed.

### **Janica Wood**

**Tyler, TX**

Jan has served as a model of volkssporting spirit for a new club and has shown dedication to make volkssporting a part of East Texas.

# Certificate of Appreciation

## Mid-America Region

### **Columbus Visitors Center**

**Columbus, IN**

The Columbus Visitor Center has provided our club with a start/finish point for our Architectural Walk year round event for 5 years. The staff is well trained and are helpful and courteous to volksmarchers who participate in this event.

### **Downtown Branch of the YMCA of Greater Louisville**

**Louisville, KY**

For graciously permitting the Derby City Walkers to keep their year-round box inside the safe and easily accessible branch for 10 years as of 1/1/2005. The YMCA staff has always been helpful and courteous to volksmarchers.

### **Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill**

**Harrodsburg, KY**

All the staff at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill have been completely supportive, helpful, gone over and above the call of duty in hosting our YRE and have lived up to the amenity of the Shakers, "We make you kindly welcome."

### **Tipton Lakes Athletic Club**

**Columbus, IN**

The Tipton Lakes Athletic Club has provided the start/finish point for the Columbus Wellness Walkers year round event since 1992. Their staff is well trained and they are always courteous and helpful to everyone doing our event.

## Northeast Region

### **Capitol Plaza Inn**

**Montpelier, VT**

The Capitol Plaza Hotel has hosted the Montpelier walk start finish for eight years. The hotel is to be commended for having extremely pleasant clerks who willingly get the "walk box" for walkers and workers.

### **Middlebury Inn**

**Middlebury, VT**

The Middlebury Inn has hosted the start/finish for the Middlebury Walk for nine years. The staff is always very pleasant and cooperative with walkers as they register and the POC when we check the "walk box".

### **Wyndham Inn**

**Burlington, VT**

The Wyndham Inn has graciously hosted the start/finish for the Burlington walk for seven years. The staff is always courteous, pleasant and hospitable to walkers and workers.

## Northwest Region

### **Cutsforth's Thriftway**

**Canby, OR**

This family owned business has helped Valley Volkswalkers since 1985 when the club was first formed. Allowing us to use meeting rooms, have start points, check points and use restrooms all at no cost to the club, thus promoting volkssporting in Oregon.

# Certificate of Appreciation

## Pacific Region

### **Albertson's Market**

**Huntington Beach, CA**

On behalf of all the hundreds of AVA members for so courteously hosting the Huntington Beach, CA year round event since 2000.

### **Best Western Hotel**

**Visalia, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders and the Big Valley Vagabonds as the start/finish point for the year round volksmarch in Visalia, CA.

### **Best Western Jamaica Bay Inn**

**Marina del Rey, CA**

On behalf of the thousands of AVA members who have enjoyed the wonderful walking event that has been hosted by the Best Western Jamaica Bay Inn at Marina Del Rey, CA for the past 10 years.

### **Best Western Sunrise Hotel**

**Redondo Beach, CA**

In recognition by hundreds of AVA members who have enjoyed the courtesy and kindness of the Best Western Sunrise Hotel for hosting the Redondo Beach, CA year round event for the past 10 years.

### **Best Western Vineyard Inn**

**Lemoore, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders and the Big Valley Vagabonds as the start/finish point for the year round volksmarch in Lemoore, CA.

### **Best Western Way Station Hotel**

**Mariposa, CA**

For outstanding continuing service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders and the Big Valley Vagabonds as start/finish for the Mariposa year round volksmarch.

### **Comfort Inn**

**Santa Maria, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the start/finish point for the year round volksmarch in Santa Maria, CA.

### **Cottage Inn by the Sea**

**Pismo Beach, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the start/finish point for the Pismo Beach year round volksmarch.

### **Country Inn by the Sea**

**Santa Barbara, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the gracious hosts and start/finish point for the year round volksmarch in Santa Barbara, CA.

### **Digger's Deli**

**Vacaville, CA**

For the outstanding support to the Vaca Valley Volks in hosting both scheduled walks and the Vacaville North YRE since 2000.

### **Dr. J's Bicychiatry**

**Buellton, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the start/finish point for the year round walking and bicycling events in Buellton, CA.

# Certificate of Appreciation

## Pacific Region

### **Encino Golf Course Coffee Shop**

**Encino, CA**

In recognition of the membership of the AVA for hosting the Encino, CA year round event for the past three and a half years.

### **First Street Café**

**Benicia, CA**

For the outstanding support since 1999 of the Benicia year round event.

### **Fleet Feet Sports Store**

**Roseville, CA**

For supporting volkssporting by hosting the Roseville Bea Griffin Memorial year round walk for several years, including the current year.

### **Holiday Inn Express Suites**

**Carpinteria, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the start/finish point for the year round volksmarch in Carpinteria, CA.

### **IHOP Restaurant**

**Fresno, CA**

For continuing outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast, the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders and the Big Valley Vagabonds as the start/finish point for the Fresno Downtown YRE.

### **Longs Drug Store**

**Port Hueneme, CA**

In recognition by the membership of the AVA to Long's Drug Store for hosting the Port Hueneme, CA, year round event for the past three and a half years.

### **Lucha's Comfort Footwear**

**South Pasadena, CA**

In recognition by the membership of the AVA for hosting the South Pasadena, CA year round event for the past three and a half years.

### **Mercy Medical Center**

**Merced, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders & the Big Valley Vagabonds as start/finish point for the YRE volksmarch in Merced, CA.

### **Mill Valley Community Center**

**Mill Valley, CA**

For the generous support since 1993 of the Mill Valley YRE and the Sausalito YRE.

### **Natomas Bike Shop**

**Sacramento, CA**

For supporting volkssporting by hosting the Sacramento Natomas YRE since its inception in 1999.

### **North Bay Medical Center**

**Fairfield, CA**

For the generous support in hosting the Fairfield year round event since 1994.

### **Roseville Antique Mall**

**Roseville, CA**

For supporting volkssporting by hosting the Roseville Peggy Plummer Memorial YRE since 1997.

### **San Joaquin Suite Hotel**

**Fresno, CA**

For continuing outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast, the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders & the Big Valley Vagabonds as the start/finish point for the Fresno Fig Garden YRE.

# Certificate of Appreciation

## Pacific Region

### **Sea Pines Lodge**

**Los Osos, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the start/finish point for the year round volksmarch in Los Osos, CA.

### **Solvang Shoe Store**

**Solvang, CA**

For continuing outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the gracious hosts and start/finish point for the year round volksmarch in Solvang, CA.

### **South Bay Family YMCA**

**Chula Vista, CA**

In recognition of the contribution that the South Bay Family YMCA has made to the physical fitness of the members of the AVA and the sport of volkssporting for the San Diego community as well as the national and international family of IVV members.

### **South Side Coffee Company**

**Lompoc, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the start/finish point for the year round volksmarch in Lompoc, CA.

### **Vaca Valley Hospital**

**Vacaville, CA**

For the generous support of the Vaca Valley Volks since 1992 in allowing us to use their conference room for monthly business meetings and their lobby as a start/finish for the Vacaville South YRE walk and bike.

### **Vagabond Inn**

**Ventura, CA**

In recognition by the membership of the AVA for hosting the Ventura, CA year round event for the past five and a half years.

### **Visitor Center-So<sup>1</sup> Security Forces Squadron**

**Vandenberg AFB, CA**

For outstanding service to volkssports on the Central California Coast and to the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders as the start/finish point for the Vandenberg AFB year round volksmarch.

### **Walking Company**

**Walnut Creek, CA**

For support for over a decade in hosting the Walnut Creek YRE.

### **Weimar Institute**

**Weimar, CA**

For supporting volkssporting by hosting the Weimar Institute year round walk since its inception in 1995.

## Rocky Mountain Region

### **Bear Creek Nature Center**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Bear Creek Nature Center has provided significant AVA support in Colorado Springs. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Bear Creek Canon Park event. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Best Western Royal Gorge Motel**

**Canon City, CO**

Best Western Royal Gorge Motel has provided significant AVA support in Canon City. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Arkansas River event. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.



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## **Rocky Mountain Region**

### **Brown's Shoe Fit Company**

**Cheyenne, WY**

Brown's Shoe Fit Company has supported volksmarching for seventeen years by serving as the start/finish point for a year round walk in Cheyenne. They have put on informational presentations at CHPW meetings and are always friendly and helpful to everyone. The store also serves as the start/finish for a year round event at Frontier Mall.

### **Canon City Parks & Recreation Department**

**Canon City, CO**

Canon City Parks and Recreation Dept has provided significant AVA support. Their accommodation to Volkssporters during the 2003 AVA Convention and club events has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Convention and Falcon Wanderer's volkssporting events. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Criterion Bicycles**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Criterion Bicycles has provided significant AVA support in Colorado Springs. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of Falcon Wanderers' events. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **El Paso County Parks & Community Resources**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

El Paso County Parks and Community Resources has provided significant AVA support in Colorado Springs. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of Falcon Wanderers' volkssporting events. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Garden of the Gods Trading Post**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Garden of the Gods Trading Post has provided significant AVA support in Manitou Springs. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Garden of the Gods volkssporting event. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Gator's Travelyn Motel**

**Pine Bluffs, WY**

Gator's Travelyn Motel has been supportive of volksmarching for more than 15 years, serving as the start/finish point for a seasonal walk, May through December, organized by the CHPW. The people at the motel are always helpful, courteous and take ownership of the event.

### **Georgetown Community Information Center**

**Georgetown, CO**

For your many years of service to volkssporting as the start/finish point for seasonal events for both Rocky Mountain Wanderers and Colorado High Country Hikers.

### **Golden Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center**

**Golden, CO**

For many years of service to volkssporting as the start/finish point for the Golden year round event.

### **Loaf and Jug**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Loaf and Jug has provided significant AVA support in Colorado Springs. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' U.S. Air Force Academy and Black Forest Fox Run Park volkssporting events. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

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## Rocky Mountain Region

### **Loaf and Jug**

**Manitou Springs, CO**

Loaf and Jug has provided significant AVA support in Manitou Springs. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Manitou Springs volkssporting event. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Loaf and Jug**

**Pueblo, CO**

Loaf and Jug has provided significant AVA support in Pueblo. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Downtown Pueblo volkssporting event. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Loaf and Jug**

**Fountain, CO**

Loaf and Jug has provided significant AVA support in Fountain. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Fountain Creek volkssporting event. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Pueblo Greenway and Nature Center**

**Pueblo, CO**

Pueblo Greenway and Nature Center has provided significant AVA support in Pueblo. Their accommodation to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **7-11**

**Pueblo, CO**

7-11 has provided significant AVA support in Pueblo. Their accommodations to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Pueblo Greenway events. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **7-11**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

7-11 has provided significant AVA support in Colorado Springs. Their accommodations to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Bear Creek Canon Park volkssporting event. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **7-11**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

7-11 has provided significant AVA support in Colorado Springs. Their accommodations to volkssporters has been unflagging and certainly ensured the success of the Falcon Wanderers' Prospect Lake volkssporting event. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

### **Sonnenalp Resort**

**Vail, CO**

For your many years of service to volkssporting as the start/finish point for the Vail seasonal event.

### **Travelodge**

**Laramie, WY**

The Travelodge in Laramie has supported volksmarching by serving as the start/finish for a year round event for eight years. They are friendly and helpful and very proud of their volksmarch connection.

### **Wrangler Western Wear Store**

**Cheyenne, WY**

The Wrangler has served as the starting point for a YRE, organized by the CHPW for 19 years. It supports volksmarching by welcoming individual walkers as well as those who come by the bus load. The people are friendly and eager to help.

# Certificate of Appreciation

## Rocky Mountain Region

### Young Marines (W.H.Marcotte Co)

### Colorado Springs, CO

Young Marines has provided significant AVA support in Colorado Springs. Their assistance at volkssporting events has been valuable and certainly ensured the success of Falcon Wanderers' events. Their support promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

# Certificate of Service

## AVA Committees

### National Nominating Committee

#### Chair: Dan Peters

Atlantic & Southeast

North Central & Northeast

Northwest & Pacific

Rocky Mountain & Southwest

South Central & Mid-America

Member-at-Large

Jim Geith

Jim McGahan

Sam Korff

Dottie Baars

Dave Lanahan

Daryl Pulley

### Nominating Committee – Regional

#### Chairs:

Atlantic Region

Mid-America Region

North Central Region

Northeast Region

Northwest Region

Pacific Region

Rocky Mountain Region

South Central Region

Southeast Region

Southwest Region

Ron Bowers

Wayne Fieldhouse

Bob Kruger

Charlotte Phillips

Millie Haupt

Herman Husbands

David Johnston

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## AVA Committees

### **Audit Committee**

#### **Chair: Jim Geith**

Liaison: Dennis Michele  
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### **Awards Recognition Committee**

#### **Chair: Bonnie Johnson**

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### **By-laws Committee**

#### **Chair: John Baird**

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#### **Chair: Ed Tod**

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### **Partnership Committee**

#### **Chair: Jackie Wilson**

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### **Publicity Committee**

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### **Special Events Committee**

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# Certificate of Service

## AVA Committees

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Past Chair: Leslie Penton  
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### 2007 Convention Committee

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# **Certificates of Service**

## **National Executive Council XIII**

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