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The American Volkssport Association Recognition Awards Program

Recognition Awards are presented to honor individuals, clubs, and organizations for service, deeds, and accomplishments that have advanced the ideals and aspirations of Volkssporting. Recognition Awards presented at the American Volkssport Association 17th Biennial Convention include the following:

IVV Honors Award

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

Hall of Fame Award

The 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.

AVA 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 exemplary service to the AVA at several stages of service, including the national level.

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.

Meritorious Service Award

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes individuals who have given at least five years of outstanding service to the AVA.

Certificate of Service Award

The Certificate of Service Award recognizes individuals who have given at least three years of significant service to the AVA, appointed officials of the AVA, and members of all AVA committees.

Certificate of Appreciation Award

The Certificate of Appreciation Award recognizes individuals, organizations, and businesses for service to AVA on a regional, state, or club level.

This brochure is dedicated to
those who took the time
and made the effort to
recognize and nominate
these outstanding Volkssport volunteers.

Congratulations to each recipient.
Your dedication and enthusiasm
in support and promotion of
American Volkssport Association programs
is reflected in each nomination.

IVV Honors Award

Thomas A. Spencer

Arlington, TX

Tom Spencer has promoted Volkssporting and international friendship with over thirty years of dedicated service in the United States and Europe. He laid the foundation for the Volkssporting program in the United States, starting two clubs in Texas (1979 & 1981). He is a member of a club in Germany, and promotes friendship with visits.

Hall of Fame Award

Preston Johnson

Federal Way, WA

Preston Johnson has been an influence in American Volkssporting for over thirty years. He helped create clubs in the Northwest and helped create two state associations. He is a Volkssport pioneer who helped create some of the finest standards in the nation. Volkssporting in America and especially in the Northwest Region will be indebted to his drive and creativity for our sport.

Joan Lampart

Quakertown, PA

Joan Lampart has been Vice President of AVA, Regional Director of the Atlantic Region and President of the Keystone State Volkssport Association and inaugural Chair of the Special Events Program. Her willingness to work long hard hours on behalf of the organization have made her an invaluable member of the team. Her passion for the sport makes her an excellent ambassador for the sport.

Curtis D. Myron

Oak Harbor, WA

Curt Myron has distinguished himself through dedicated and selfless service in the promotion of the ideals of the American Volkssport Association at the Club, State, Regional and National levels. From serving as Trailmaster, Club President, State Association President, Regional Director, AVA Treasurer and President, AVA representative to the IVV, and the development committee for an Americas Continental Association, he has served faithfully and with distinction at every level.

AVA President's Award

David Toth

San Antonio, TX

David has been actively engaged in Volkssporting for over 35 years. He was extremely active during the early days of the AVA culminating in service as AVA President. Taking over the thankless job of AVA Historian, he has done a magnificent job in updating the history, biographies, and bibliography of our sport. He is an inspiration and example of a true Volkssporter.

Distinguished Achievement Award

Dottie Baars

Cheyenne, WY

During the past 15 years Dottie has made significant contributions to the clubs in the Rocky Mountain Region. She served as President of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers and later as the Director for the Rocky Mountain Region. After moving to Cheyenne Wyoming she continues to help the Volksmarch community today.

Jim Carlo

Dallas, TX

In gratitude for your sense of order and direction that brought much needed guidance to the Dallas Trekkers Walking Club, AVA-0034; the West Texas Trail Walkers, AVA-0060; and the 2009 AVA Biennial Convention.

Bonnie Christensen

Des Moines, IA

For exemplary service to Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association and the 2011 AVA Convention.

Francis Demolli

Albuquerque, NM

Frank's development of the Florida State Park walks, leadership of multiple clubs in two regions, and innovative award programs have set the standard for excellence in Volkssporting. His exceptional skill at local recruiting and work on a National Membership Development Committee have helped in the search for solutions to increasing membership.

Virginia Drumm

Cincinnati, OH

Ginny is recognized for her enthusiasm and commitment to the advancement and promotion of Volkssporting. She has served four terms as Mid America Regional director and has served as AVA Vice President. She has served in many capacities at the local, regional and national levels. She has been a real asset to Volkssporting.

Patricia Eby

Camp Hill, PA

Pat has been an enthusiastic Volkssporter since her first walk in 1991. She has served as treasurer and president of the Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club and president of the Keystone State Volkssport Association. Pat has planned and carried out events, produced brochures, club newsletters, compiled the PA Year Round Event Booklet and participated in wellness presentations.

Phil Hait

Lighthouse Point, FL

Phil has performed magnificently as Northeast Regional Director and as Chair of the Special Programs Committee. This program, which has proven to be very popular with AVA members across all regions, was receiving special notice by the auditors until he and the Financial Director wrote the policy and corrected auditing deficiencies.

Bonnie Johnson

Fridley, MN

Bonnie has provided excellent leadership for four terms as Regional Director. She keeps clubs updated on issues. Her extensive knowledge of policies has been valuable in serving North Central Region clubs and she treats all clubs equally. She is the first to volunteer when needed and sets the standard for others to get actively involved.

Karl Kittinger

Copperas Cove, TX

Karl has served as the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Trotting Texas Turtles, AVA-0205, since it was chartered in 1984. He served as the President of the Texas Volkssport Association for many years and he has been a Walk Director and Trail Master for most of the events sponsored by the Trotting Texas Turtles. Karl has provided exceptional guidance for the club and he continues to serve the club as one of its officers.

Chris Mellen

Tyngsboro, MA

As a volunteer Chris has performed a valuable duty for the AVA. He has painstakingly reviewed each and every entry for the starting point for several years now providing corrections and suggestions for these entries to the appropriate officers. Chris has served in a variety of positions at a variety of levels and for many years. His passion for the sport, his knowledge, and experience sets the standard for service to Volkssporting in America.

Dennis A. Michele

Fairview, NC

Dennis Michele has been an avid Volkssporter since he began in October 1996. He has most ably served as a Club President, State Association President, Regional Director and NEC member. He is an accomplished Trailmaster. In all his positions, he has given unselfishly of his time and efforts to promote and further Volkssporting and has been uniquely successful in these efforts.

Martha Myron

Oak Harbor, WA

Martha is a tireless, enthusiastic worker and a superb organizer for the cause of Volkssport. She is recognized for her organizational skills in creating quality AVA events and for representing AVA as a national delegate to five IVV Congresses of Delegates since 2006. She continues as director and organizer of the Whidbey Walking Festival, a destination event in northwest Washington State, all while serving her club as newsletter editor, membership and publicity Point of Contact. She is an inspiration to all of us and a role model for all Volkssporters.

Phyllis Olson

Urbandale, IA

For tireless service to both Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association and the 2011 AVA Convention in so many capacities.

Ardith Ortgies

Des Moines, IA

For tireless service to both Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association and the 2011 AVA Convention in so many capacities.

Susan Pinneke

West Des Moines, IA

Susan has vigorously led the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association in hosting the 2011 AVA Convention, and has spent countless hours in the planning and coordination of the convention and in keeping everyone on track with regular convention planning meetings. She is known nationally as the convention mascot, "Suzy Belle", creating an excitement about attending the convention in Iowa. Rounding out her résumé, Susan has created and coordinates the Valley Junction Year Round Event and actively participates in the club's meetings and traditional events. She is an inspiration to all of us and a role model for all Volkssporters.

Jack Rogers

Midland, TX

Jack Rogers has passionately dedicated over 24 years blazing new trails for Volkssporting throughout Texas. His involvement in his community as a volunteer is noteworthy of recognition.

Sally Ross

Springfield, OR

Sally is a tireless worker for Volkssporting in Oregon and the Northwest Region. She is the President of two clubs, has served nine years on the Steering Committee of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association, and serves on the AVA Training Committee. Her service to our sport makes her an enthusiastic ambassador to everyone she meets.

Ed Tod

Florissant, MO

Ed Tod came to AVA in 1981 as a member of the Missouri Milers club in St. Louis where he served as Vice-President. He was elected to Regional Director for the South Central Region in Executive Council XIII and XIV, and one term as AVA Treasurer in Executive Council XV.

Nancy Wittenberg

Puyallup, WA

Nancy has provided immense service to AVA. She has served in so many positions at so many levels that her value is incalculable. She has served at the club, state, and national levels with such distinction that many use her as an example of what service to Volkssporting should be.

Trailblazer Award

Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers

Odenton, MD

The Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers originated many walking trails over 20 years in state and local parks in Maryland, as well as in towns. The club worked closely with park officials to obtain permissions and clear trails to provide the safest and most enjoyable "walk in the woods" possible.

Happy Wanderers

Port Orange, FL

For the Happy Wanderers, by blazing trails in Florida by maintaining an annual Walk Around Florida event for the past 21 years. The more than 60 routes and multiple locales expanded Volkssporting and AVA efforts in Florida by bringing Volkssports to new areas.

Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club

Winter Park, FL

For the Mid-Florida Milers Club, by blazing trails in Florida by maintaining an annual Walk Around Florida event for the past 21 years. The more than 60 routes and multiple locales expanded Volkssporting and AVA efforts in Florida by bringing Volkssports to new areas.

Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club

Largo, FL

For the Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club, by blazing trails in Florida by maintaining an annual Walk Around Florida event for the past 21 years. The more than 60 routes and multiple locales expanded Volkssporting and AVA efforts in Florida by bringing Volkssports to new areas.

Meritorious Service Award

Atlantic Region

Steve Arnett

Gambrills, MD

For outstanding service as Vice President and Secretary to the Chesapeake Bay County Wanderers and as President and Secretary to the Washington DC Areas Volksmarch Club. Steve's knowledge of all facets of Volksmarching and his superior management skills combined ensured healthy clubs and well attended clubs events.

Rolland M. (Ron) Berard

Newport News, VA

Ron has been active in Volksmarching for over 20 years. Every club he has joined he volunteers to work the events. He has served as an officer in various clubs for over six years. Ron served as President of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia (2006 to 2009) and Treasurer since January 2010.

Ron Bowers

Odenton, MD

Ron's dedicated and loyal support in promoting the goals and principles of Volksmarching epitomizes all that is good in our sport. For serving in numerous positions for the Chesapeake Bay County Wanderers for serving as Atlantic Region Director, for being a consummate volunteer and a Volkssport enthusiast. Ron has enhanced walking in Maryland for all Volksmarchers.

Michael Brown

Stafford, VA

In recognition of more than fifteen years of significant service to the Germanna Volkssport Association and in the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Michael's dedicated and loyal support in promoting the goals and principles of Volksmarching epitomizes all that is good in our sport.

Betty Canoles

Chester, VA

Betty has been an active member of Lee Lepus Volksverband for 13 years, serving as secretary for the past eight years. She has found interesting locations to have events, coordinating with start points and determining the walk route. Betty is always willing to work at any task given and is a valuable member of our club.

James D. (Jim) Cofield

Prince George, VA

Jim is Trail Master for the Lee Lepus Volksverband, laying out and measuring trails. He always is willing to do whatever is asked of him. As one of the original members of Lee Lepus Volksverband, he can always be counted on for any job. Jim is a valuable member of the club.

Kay Collie

Fredericksburg, VA

In recognition of significant service to the American Volkssport Association and the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers. Thank you for serving as the Club's Treasurer and Membership Chair. Kay's dedication and efforts have contributed to the success of our club.

Patricia Eby

Camp Hill, PA

In recognition of the countless hours you have given to the Evergreen State Volkssport Association, both as a leader and officer and as a willing worker behind the scenes working on The Pathfinder. Your years of service making walks happen by working at events and blazing trails have been appreciated by many throughout the past twenty years.

Monica Gowin

Prince George, VA

Monica has served as the Treasurer of Lee Lepus Volksverband since 2001, attending all walk events and working the start table. She has also been instrumental in updating and maintaining our three YREs in Richmond, VA, ensuring that distances are correct and walk directions are clear and concise.

Mary Ann Gries

Richmond, VA

Mary Ann is responsible for maintaining two start boxes for Lee Lepus YREs. In addition, she maintains and updates all three YRE trails in Richmond, keeping in mind not only the special events in effect right now but special events due to begin in the following year. Mary Ann is now a Lifetime Member.

William (Bill) Guion

Laurel, MD

In recognition of more than twenty years of significant service to the Chesapeake Bay County Wanderers and the American Volkssport Association. Bill's work on our website and newsletter has been extremely noteworthy. He is an extremely valuable and respected Volksmarcher.

Julie Guyer

Hanover, PA

Julie distinguished herself by providing years of service to the York White Rose Wanderers. She is our Vice President and is the POC for the Littlestown YRE. She leads a group walk on a YRE every Tuesday. She was in charge of the Spring Grove event and assisted in establishing trails and coordinating start points for the "Western PA" Weekend.

Joan Lampart

Quakertown, PA

Joan is recognized for her many years of momentous service to the Keystone State Volkssport Association and to the clubs of Pennsylvania. Her laudable service to the American Volkssport Association includes service as the American Volkssport Association Vice President and the Atlantic Region Director.

Gary E. Lofswold

Newport News, VA

Gary is recognized for his service to the American Volkssport Association. He has volunteered many hours as Trail Master and Vice President of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia. He is instrumental in developing over fifty trails.

Merritt Magee

Bowie, MD

Merritt distinguished himself by providing superior service to the Maryland Volkssport Association. He is the Point of Contact for all five C&O Canal Year Round Events and the Year Round Events in Frostburg and New Germany State Park. He is the Keystone State Volkssport Association POC for the three Seasonal Events on the Great Allegheny Passage.

Harvey Miller

Locust Grove, MD

In recognition of more than twenty years of significant service to the Germanna Volkssport Association in Virginia and in the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs. Harvey has served the club in numerous leadership and support positions

Maureen Miller

Richmond, VA

Maureen has been an active member of Lee Lepus Volksverband for the past nine years. She volunteers her time at every traditional event to include working checkpoints. Maureen has been working to ensure the three Richmond, VA, YREs are always up to date, ensuring distances are correct and walk directions are clear and concise.

Cecila (Celia) Miner

Woodbridge, VA

Multiple contributions to state and club levels of service. Celia was the US FreedomWalk Festival Club Secretary for nine years. She is noted for her attention to details. Her ability to bring all the last minute items to our attention ensures quality events. Celia assists in any area that she is needed from checkpoint to trail marking.

Timothy Miner

Woodbridge, VA

Tim is the President of the United States Freedom Walk Festival Club which works with the International Marching League (IML) and provides opportunities for world travelers to participate in AVA marathons and other distance events in the Atlantic Region. Tim's dedicated and loyal support in promoting the goals and principles of Volksmarching epitomizes all that is good in our sport.

Regina Overholt

Arlington, VA

Multiple contributions to the success of the US Freedom Walk Festival. In 2009, handled pre-registration for our three-day event. During the event weekend, helped mark all 10 weekend trails. For 2010, Regina not only handled the pre-registration, but was also our Trail Master of new trails. Regina has a love for being the great navigator of setting our trails!

Susan Osborn

Baltimore, MD

The Maryland Volkssport Association recognizes this exceptionally dedicated volkssporter for her ongoing support to all the clubs in Maryland and in Atlantic Region. Susan has publicized volkssporting by ensuring event brochures are at walks and countless locations for over twenty years. Her service to AVA is immeasurable.

Carol Quinlan

Bowie, MD

In recognition for exceptional service and for the promotion of Volkssporting, Carol is recognized for her endeavors by the Chesapeake Bay County Wanderers. Her performance as Trailmaster, Event Coordinator, and Brochure Producer and Distributor is exemplary. She is an example for other Volksmarchers to emulate.

Mike Quinlan

Bowie, MD

In recognition for exceptional service and for the promotion of Volkssporting Mike is recognized for his endeavors by the Chesapeake Bay County Wanderers. His performance as President, Trailmaster, Event Coordinator, Brochure Producer and Distributor is exemplary. He is an example for other Volksmarchers to emulate.

Robert (Bob) Schmick

Severna Park, MD

In recognition of service as President of the Maryland Volkssport Association. Bob has served laudably the Annapolis Amblers and the Chesapeake Bay County Wanderers in various leadership and support roles.

Robert (Bob) Schmidt

Hampton, VA

The Atlantic Region Director recognizes this exceptionally dedicated Volkssporter for his superior performance as the Maryland Volkssport Association President. Bob has served at the club, state and national level. His service to AVA is immeasurable.

Dee Schrum

Chesterfield, VA

In recognition of more than thirty years of exemplary service and stupendous leadership to the Lee Lepus Volksverband as President and Secretary and sustained dedication to the Virginia Volkssport Association where she is currently serving as Vice President. Dee sets the standard for unwavering service to the American Volkssport Association.

Susan Shaffer

New Oxford, PA

Susan Shaffer is commended for over 15 years of outstanding contributions. She was the president of the Keystone State Volkssport Association in Pennsylvania, its treasurer and its historian. Susan was the co-chair of the Atlantic Region Conference in Gettysburg. From planning, through execution, Susan has always been there helping AVA at the club, state and region level.

Peter Sniffen

Fredericksburg, VA

In recognition of more than twenty years of significant service to the Germanna Volkssport Association in Virginia and in the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs. Thank you for serving the club in numerous leadership and support positions.

Nancy Stenger

Hastings, NE

Multiple contributions at national, regional, state and club level of service. Nancy is a vital asset to the US Freedom Walk Festival. Always willing to contribute her time and knowledge to the better of the USFWF. Nancy is always eager to help for the success of the club in any area that needs her.

Pat Strausbaugh

York, PA

Pat is one of the original members who founded the York White Rose Wanderers twenty-six years ago. Pat is the Membership Chairman. She has been in charge of Club Sales for many years. Pat runs the sales table at all the Volksmarches and helps manage the club in numerous ways.

Annette H. Tollett

Hampton, VA

The Atlantic Region Director recognizes this exceptionally dedicated volkssporter for her superior performance as the Virginia Volkssport Association President. Annette has service at the club, state and national level. Her service to AVA is immeasurable.

L. Sam Tollett

Hampton, VA

In recognition for exceptional service and for the promotion of Volkssporting. Sam is recognized for his endeavors as the President of the Virginia Vagabonds. He designed and produced the Virginia Counties and the Virginia Cities books. He is an example for other Volksmarchers to emulate.

Roger Vines

Fredericksburg, VA

In recognition of significant service to the Germanna Volkssport Association and in the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Thank you for serving as the Point-of-contact for numerous club walks and for service to the club.

Arthur (Art) Whittaker, Sr.

Hampton, VA

For recognition of exceptional service and the promotion of Volkssporting in the Tidewater Area of Virginia. Art is recognized for all his accomplishments by the Virginia Vagabonds. His performance as Assistant Trailmaster and Website Coordinator have been exemplary. It is a honor to have this hard working Volksmarcher in our club.

Elaine Whittaker

Hampton, VA

For recognition of exceptional service to the Virginia Vagabonds serving the Tidewater Area of Virginia. Elaine's performance as Assistant Trailmaster and her friendly attitude to all walkers while working the start or finish table at our events has been exemplary. It is a honor to have this hard working Volksmarcher in our club.

Robin Williams

Newport News, VA

Robin is an active member attending club meetings, volunteering to work at club walks and Chairing the 2008 Holiday Party Committee. Since 2007, she has been the Secretary of the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia. Additionally, she has sponsored several traditional walking events and has helped develop over thirty trails.

Robert C. (Bob) Wright

Leesburg, VA

Bob Wright distinguished himself through exceptional service to the AVA over three decades at club, state, and national levels. His contributions to Volkssports are unmatched. His commitment to strengthening clubs, improving events, and increasing event participation through multiple channels has helped lead the AVA into the future.

Bill Zimmerman

Norfolk, VA

Bill's dedicated and loyal support in promoting the goals and principles of Volksmarching epitomizes all that is good in our sport. Thank you for serving in numerous positions for the Virginia Vagabonds and the Gator Volksmarsch Club. Bill has enhanced walking in the Tidewater Area of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mid-America Region

Miriam Bailey

Carlisle, OH

Miriam is a very important member of our club. She is the club Secretary for many years, attends all meetings, recording such and helping in any way she can. She is also responsible for creating our club table flyers and also Journal pages to publish the information about our walks. The past few years she has also put together a booklet listing all our Year Round walks in one place to hand out to the walking public. She also maintains a booklet advertising our upcoming walking weekend.

Elizabeth Behrendt

Findlay, OH

Elizabeth is recognized for her dedicated service and outstanding leadership as Blanchard Valley Volkssporters' President. She has served as Ohio Volkssport Association North West area Coordinator, and is on the journal committee. She has also served OVA by being the Point of Contact for the Chester and Fremont Year Round Event.

Robert A. Buzolich

South Bend, IN

Serving as Treasurer of the Indiana Volkssport Association, and President of the Hoosier Hikers, Bob has continuously promoted volkssports in Indiana. He led his club in sponsoring a series of events in northern Indiana and helped establish a Lincoln Highway series of year round events for 2011.

John L. Felton

Kokomo, IN

John has been the workhorse of Indiana Volkssport events. He devoted many years of volunteer work with the Wabash Wanderers, Indy "G" Walkers, Goodtime Trailblazers and the Indiana Volkssport Association. He served on the trail marking crew for several clubs and was willing to work the long hours during the event at a checkpoint, finish table, or at the end, "sweeping the trail." He is the willing worker that keeps our sport alive.

Wilma J. Fuelling

Fort Wayne, IN

Wilma Fuelling has devoted over thirty years of service to the Three Rivers Strollers Volkssport Club, serving as its current Vice President. She was instrumental in starting the annual Pickle Festival walk in St. Joe, Indiana. Her organizational ability in getting dozens of corporate and local sponsors to donate prizes is outstanding and has made Volksmarching a truly fun sport for all.

Dawn Gruber

Fairborn, OH

Dawn is recognized for her dedicated service and outstanding leadership as Ohio Wander Freunde president and Purple Penguins vice president. She has worked hard to advance and promote Volkssporting for many years.

Joyce Gruber

Enon, OH

Joyce is recognized for her dedication and promotion of Volkssporting. She has served as Ohio Wander Freunde treasurer, Purple Penguins treasurer and Ohio Volkssport Association as secretary. She is a strong supporter of Volkssporting in Ohio.

Sandra Latimer

Columbus, OH

Sandi is recognized for being an advocate for the AVA and its programs for over 15 years. She has served as Olentangy Owls president for five years. She has served Ohio Volkssport Association as Central area Coordinator, Publicity Committee and a Point of Contact for OVA's Year Round Event.

Linda Neu

Evansville, IN

Serving as Secretary of the Indiana Volkssport Association, and President of the River City Ramblers, Linda has continuously promoted volkssports in Indiana. She led her club in sponsoring and hosting a Mid-America Conference in Evansville in March 2009, which included three walks and one swim event.

Deva Simon

Strongsville, OH

Deva is recognized for her dedicated service and outstanding leadership as Valley Vagabonds' President. She has served as Ohio Volkssport Association's North East Area Coordinator for six years; she has also served OVA by being the Point of Contact for the Canton Year Round Event for the past five years.

Helga Slade

Beavercreek, OH

Helga is recognized for her dedication and promotion of Volkssporting for over 30 years. She has served as Purple Penguin president, Ohio Wander Freunde secretary and vice president. She has served Ohio Volkssport Association as South West area coordinator, nomination committees and filled in as needed.

Willa J. Thompson

Spencerville, IN

Willa is recognized for her devoted 30 years of service to the Three Rivers Strollers and more than 15 years of service to the Auburn Duesey Walkers. She has volunteered hundreds of hours working Volksmarch events in northern Indiana. Willa was instrumental in establishing the St. Joe Pickle Festival walk promoting its success for the past nine years.

William R. Thorne

Marion, IN

The Indiana Volkssport Association recognizes the more than 15 years of service that Bill Thorne has given to the Volkssport clubs of Indiana. As a member of the Goodtime Trailblazers, Bill worked on the trail marking crew and often stayed around to work as sweeper of the trail. He regularly supported the Hoosier Hikers, Marion Fussgangers, Three Rivers Strollers and the Auburn Duesey Walkers in whatever events they had. His warm smile made him a welcomed sight and a friend to all.

Carolyn Yarnell

Avon, OH

Since 1992, Carolyn has supported the sport thru not only her walking over 1000 events but also working club's pre-walk and events plus in 2008 becoming club secretary. Her dedication to the club in making it a success is outstanding.

North Central Region

Marge Ashley

Rapid City, SD

Marge has been an active member of the Black Hills Volkssport Association for over 15 years. She served as co-chairman for Black Hills Journey 10/10/10, a multi-event over the Columbus Day weekend. She has enthusiastically accepted the leadership role as our Point of Contact for specialties sales at Crazy Horse. This year's sales earned the club over \$2,500.

Tom Doyle

Marshall, WI

Tom is a member of the Madison Dairyland Walkers and provides much service to that club in many capacities. Tom and his wife, June are the chairs of the Convention Silent Auction. Even though he doesn't live in Des Moines, he has been on board and eager to be involved with the convention from the beginning.. He signed on as a volunteer with the 2009 silent auction committee to learn the ropes and they have made this project their own. In addition to the silent auction, Tom has worked on pre-walking the convention walks to provide feedback to help make a trouble free walking experience for all who walk at the 2011 AVA Convention.

Deb Gaskins

Des Moines, IA

Deb has served as President of the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association for the past three years and was vice president for the year prior. She does an excellent job, getting more people involved and out walking. She is a big promoter and has great ideas that make Volkswalking fun. Deb has been involved in the convention from the beginning, always enthusiastic and willing to help. She is responsible for the convention walk in Des Moines and liaison between the convention committee and GDMVA. Additionally, she is working on the social activities with the social committee.

Bruce Gravelle

West St Paul, MN

Bruce has been an active member of North Star Trail Travelers since 2000 and has served on the board since 2002. He served as treasurer for six years, developing systems for reconciling events and keeping a close tab on club budget and finances. He has scouted trails for events every year and served as contact person. Bruce has developed and streamlined the food buying process for NSTT's participant picnics to make the best profit possible without over charging the walkers. He is a constant advocate for NSTT events and looks for new ways to sell the program with other organizations.

Chuck Head

St Cloud, MN

Chuck had served as Secretary of the Minnesota Volkssport Association. He has also served as Vice President and President for the Central Minnesota Volkssport Club. He is currently serving the AVA as Chair of the Sponsorship/Partnership Committee. Chuck is also successful in obtaining awards for the club at the AVA Conventions and in the aid to the NEC approval for a new sponsor, Brazos Walking Sticks, opening up a Social Media never attempted before for the AVA with their marketing firm.

Lois Head

St Cloud, MN

Lois had served as Secretary to the Minnesota Volkssport Association and Secretary for the MVA Re-organization Committee for its last year. She currently serves as President of the Central Minnesota Volkssport Club and served as Treasurer of the club in the past, introducing Quicken Bookkeeping Software, making it easier to control costs and balancing the books. Lois has created two new Special Event Programs for the AVA, Artistic Heritage and America's Gardens, generating revenue for the AVA.

Kevin Heim

Des Moines, IA

Kevin, along with his wife Rhonda, have been very active in the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association over the years, helping organize events and providing excellent home cooked food for the walkers. Kevin has been in from the beginning on the convention project, helping to shape the convention and has taken a role as registration chair but also helps in other aspects of the convention. He is part of the behind the scene crew that is helping to make the 2011 AVA Convention excellent.

Rhonda Heim

Des Moines, IA

Rhonda along with her husband, Kevin, has been very active in the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association over the years. Rhonda is a past president, has organized events and often providing excellent, home cooked food for the walkers. The ribs are the best around. Rhonda was the first to propose the Des Moines club host a convention. She has taken a role as registration chair but also helping in other aspects of the convention. She is part of the behind the scene crew to help make the 2011 AVA Convention excellent.

Charlene Jensen

Fridley, MN

Charlene has been Volksmarching for over 25 years and has been an active member of North Star Trail Travelers since 2001. She has served on the NSTT board and served as secretary. She is the first person most walkers see when coming to an NSTT event as she staffs the initial registration hour at every event. She can be counted on for any behind the scenes help needed and attends every event volunteering when needed for whatever needs to be done.

Barbara John

Windsor Heights, IA

Barbara has been an active member of the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association for 25 years. She has held officer positions for a number of these years and is responsible for at least one event each year and a frequent volunteer and always willing to help at other events. Barbara has been involved with the 2011 AVA Convention from the beginning, working to plan and promote the event. She is always willing to lend a hand when one is needed and has accepted the role as convention treasurer. With her organizational skills and attention to detail, we will have the cleanest books of any convention.

Kenneth Legaard

Bloomington, MN

Kenneth has been an active member of the Twin Cities Volkssports and a devoted proponent of AVA for over seven years. During that time, he has been the Point of Contact for up to nine events each year and has acted as a mentor for new POCs. His words of wisdom are often heard at TCV board meetings and along with his wife, Jane, he helped support the development of a proposal for a new Special Event Program.

Wanda Moranti

Rapid City, SD

Wanda has been an active member of the Black Hills Volkssport Association for the past 18 years. She has served as the Point of Contact for the Crazy Horse Event which host over 10,000 walkers each year. Wanda served as co-chairman for the Black Hills Journey 10/10/10, a multi event over Columbus Day weekend.

Corinne Nelson

Urbandale, IA

Corinne has been the program director for the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association for over three years. Along with Dee Willemssen, she has brought excellent speakers to our monthly meetings. Corinne also sponsors our skywalk event each year. She has collaborated with the Madison Dairyland Walkers for a walking weekend, handling the Iowa events for that weekend. She is a frequent event volunteer. In addition, Corinne has been involved in the convention planning from the beginning. She is part of the executive council, program director and liaison for the convention for both the Council Bluffs and Quad Cities events. She has worked with local walkers to develop the walks and the local Convention Visitor Bureau for the start point, hotel and entertainment options. Corinne has provided her vocal talents to both our convention presentations and her many other talents to making the 2011 convention happen.

Susan Nielsen

St Cloud, MN

Susan is the founding member of the Central Minnesota Volkssports Club and has been President of the club, serving presently as Vice-President. She has served as Secretary of the Minnesota Volkssport Association and has served on the Wheels, Wings and Water Festival Committee. Susan helped increase club membership from 30 to 50 family units in her tenure as President. She has also been Point of Contact on several Moon Light Walks on Full Moon evenings in February and March. Susan promotes AVA Volkssporting at every opportunity.

Eugene Schutte

White Bear Lake, MN

Eugene has served as an officer of Twin Cities Volkssports for five years, four of them as President. During his tenure, he instituted policies to increase both the membership in the club and the participation rate in events. This included the Looney Perks Program to provide an incentive for members to do more Year Round and Seasonal events, incentives for members to sign up new members, and the initiative to combine TCV membership with purchase of AVA new walker packets. TCV now has over 100 members and conducts over 40 events each year.

Donna Seline

Minneapolis, MN

Donna is a willing promoter of Volkssporting with many hours of research done on trails not to mention the many tasks out front and behind the scenes to make a successful quality walk. She has challenged the continuance of the Minnesota State Park Volkssports after termination by the Department of Natural Resources and continues to promote and host State Park Walks for the club each year. Donna also has a viable business with publishing and editing *The American Wanderer*.

Butch Spaulding

Council Bluffs, IA

Butch is President of the Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers, providing hours of service to that club. He has also planned both the Council Bluff and Loess Hills walks for the convention. He has arranged for the start/finish point and helped make all local arrangements. The Loess Hills walks proved to be a challenge for a number of reasons, one being Iowa's weather. Tornadoes and floods changed the route and location of the walk at least once. Butch has also acted as a guide many times on the route to perfect it and thanks to him, the opening day of Convention 2011 will make a great first impression.

Paul Stachour

Bloomington, MN

Paul and his family have been staunch supporters of Volkssporting in Minnesota State Parks since the early days when the Department of Natural Resources was running the program. When the North Star Trail Travelers took over the club charter, they joined and became very active members, helping wherever needed. Paul and Fran joined the board in 2003 and Paul served on the board for six years. He has been active in scouting parks for future events, scouting, marking and re-enforcing trail markings at events. He can be counted on for any task needing to be done and is always a willing volunteer, not only at NSTT events but with other clubs as well.

Betty (Sam) Vaughn

Brookings, SD

Betty, better known as "Sam", has been an invaluable asset to the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club. Sam has served as trail master for numerous events setting up trails in the far reaches of our walking area. This past year she has coordinated with the Honor Flight Organization and sponsored a walk that raised enough voluntary contributions to send a World War II veteran on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC. The event drew a good number of local participants who came to walk and donate to a worthy cause. Sam has served as the Point of Contact for at least one walk during each of the past ten years. All of her trails are well marked and the trail directions complete and easy to follow. Her walks are not only for exercise but for fun and companionship. She has served on numerous committees during her years as a club member. Sam is currently serving as club treasurer and doing an outstanding job. When something needs to be done "ask Sam" and it will get done.

Peggy Watts

Ames, IA

Peggy has served as a program director and vice president for the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association. She has hosted several walks over the years. Peggy is doing a fantastic job as Trail Master for the 2011 AVA Convention. She has been involved with the convention from the beginning, helping to shape the program we have today. She willingly agreed to take on the responsibility as trail master, spending many hours making sure each walk was the best it could be, directions were clear and accurate, and that the start/finish would run smoothly. With her dedication and hard work, a better person for the job could not have been found.. She is also responsible for one convention walk, Whiterock Conservancy and serves on the fund raising committee, putting in untold hours into the convention.

Norma Wessel

Urbandale, IA

For tireless service to both Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association and the 2011 AVA Convention in many capacities.

Northeast Region

Don Bolin

Shrewsbury, MA

Don Bolin is deserving of the Meritorious Award for his ever-willing service and leadership to the Southern Maine Volkssporting Association, serving as the coordinator of numerous walks, volunteering at even more events, designing our web-site and serving as web-master, and publishing our annual "We're Walking in Maine" booklet. Don previously was Vice President of Walk 'N Mass Volkssport Club.

Marion Burns

Slingerlands, NY

In May 1999 Marion founded Travelwalk, a non-profit travel group and chartered AVA Club, to provide affordable group trips to AVA walks. Since then Marion has taken her travelers to walks all over the US and has given them not only the opportunity to walk in places they might not be able to go on their own, but has fostered many lifelong friendships among her travelers. At the same time her travelers help support many clubs whose walks are included on the itineraries.

Bernie Geren

Ballston Spa, NY

Bernie has served as Empire State Capital Volkssporters club President and Vice President. He also chaired the Walk Development Committee for two years and is currently Wednesday Walks Coordinator responsible for the club's spring and summer program of 18 traditional events. He also provides meeting space in his business for club committees and stores the walk equipment as well.

Beate Hait

Holliston, MA

Whether it is a willingness to stay on as Co-President for 10 of the past 16 years for Walk 'n Mass, research new specialties, or provide ideas of ways to encourage more participation, Bea is the one who is at the forefront to ensure the Club maximizes opportunities to promote the club and sport. She currently has over 800 hours of club volunteer time.

Monica Hait

Holliston, MA

A team of one can accomplish the job...if it is Monica Hait, that is. Unflappable Monica can handle anything requested whether it is the Start/Finish, Check Point, selling specialties or trail work. Starting as a youngster she has volunteered at over 50 events for 268 volunteer hours. She added club event brochure production to her list of activities two years ago and has generated flawless products.

Henrietta (Happy) Jackson - *Posthumous*

Portland, ME

Happy is deserving of the Meritorious Award for her over 23 years of dedication to the sport. Her contagious smile is a lift to the tired walkers at the Finish table. Her over 500 volunteer hours include too many assignments to adequately list.

Ken Jackson

Portland, ME

Ken is deserving of the Meritorious Award for his over 23 years of dedication to Volkswalking and guidance to the Southern Maine Volkssporting Association. He rarely misses a monthly meeting and has served as a valuable mentor for newcomers.

Elaine Johnson

Portland, ME

For 20 years, Elaine has had a meaningful presence at Southern Maine club events doing many of the un-noticed tasks that go into having a successful event. Her club level volunteer hours exceed 500 which only scratch the surface of what she has done. Elaine is the club liaison to the other region clubs and regularly shows up at other events in the northeast.

Sandy Johnson

Gorham, ME

Since joining Southern Main Volkssport Association in 2001, Sandy has been the club treasurer, membership/sunshine committee chair, executive board member and liaison to the NERD for the club.

Wally Johnson

Gorham, ME

Since joining Southern Main Volkssport Association in 2001, Wally has served four years as club treasurer, Point of Contact for numerous traditional and year round events, newsletter committee and member of the club executive board.

Denise Macaronas

South Portland, ME

For 20 years Denise has made life easier for club members and walkers in southern Maine. She has been club President, Point of Contact for many traditional and Year Round Events, and has created bonds with local organizations to introduce Volkssporting as a life activity.

Don Meltzer

Sudbury, MA

For nearly 20 years, Don has been an avid Volksmarcher and representative of our sport. He has been Co-President of Walk 'n Mass and was the newsletter editor for 12 years. Don has been Point of Contact for numerous events and has amassed over 800 volunteer hours. Don's involvement means a top notch result every time.

Polly Meltzer

Sudbury, MA

Polly is an ever-present source of enthusiasm and support. She has served the club as Co-President, Secretary, Equipment Manager and Point of Contact for many traditional and Year Round Events. Polly has been a mentor for many younger newcomers to the club and is a major contributor of her time with over 900 volunteer hours. Her annual contribution to the "soup" walk is a welcome treat!

Farrell Patrick

Fort Montgomery, NY

For 22 years Farrell has been a major inspiration to the organization. He has been President, Vice President, activities coordinator for the club socials, and has been the go between with the Rotary Club. He is the club liaison with the US Military Academy Morale Welfare Recreation and Security which is vital for the success of the club and the many walkers from around the world that come to participate in the West Point walk.

Nancy Patrick

Fort Montgomery, NY

Nancy is the current President of the Volkssport Club of West Point in addition to serving as Point of Contact for numerous events. Always on the watch for new trails and ways to incorporate Special Events to keep things interesting certainly keeps her busy. She has also been an important cog in the West Point Community Fair, making sure that the club has a prominent role.

Susan Robertson

Danvers, MA

In six of the eight years since Sue joined Walk 'n Mass, she has been an elected official as either a Secretary or Co-President. She also started what appears to be an extremely popular annual event – a pot luck luncheon following a traditional event. In the short time since joining the club, Sue has achieved over 200 volunteer hours.

Carroll Tiernan

Scarborough, ME

Three terms as club President, three terms as Vice President, club Treasurer is just the start of an impressive role in Carroll's involvement in the Southern Maine Volkssport Association. Since 2002 she has been the Point of Contact for three traditional events every year! This recognition is long overdue.

Northwest Region

Dick Baker

Vancouver, WA

In recognition of his noteworthy service as Chairman of The Northwest Pathfinder Committee.

Jan Beals

Eugene, OR

In recognition of four noteworthy years of service as Secretary of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association.

Maryann Brown

Waldport, OR

For exceptional service to Oregon Trail Volkssport Association and AVA as a member of the Steering Committee and as Vice President of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association.

Bill Buskirk

Eugene, OR

Is recognized for his service as President and Vice President of the Eugene-Springfield Mossbacks and for his service as a member of a committee which promotes safe walking and biking areas in the community.

Emily Carlton

Kalama, WA

For exceptional service as Treasurer of Longview Border Crossers for many years and for service to Volkssporting in Washington.

Bettie Lou Cline

Milwaukie, OR

For exceptional service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and AVA as a member of the Steering Committee and as Chair of the Training Committee.

J. Michael Devitt

Anchorage, AK

In recognition of his noteworthy service as Chairman of the Northwest Regional Conference Committee for 2010 in Anchorage, Alaska

Clyde Faulk

Anchorage, AK

For outstanding service to Volkssporting in Alaska for over 10 years. He has served in a variety of leadership positions, sharing his experience and enthusiasm so others can enjoy our sport. He can be found at nearly every club event, lending a helping hand to make the event a success.

Raye Faulk

Anchorage, AK

For outstanding service to Volkssporting in Alaska for over 10 years. Raye is a charter member and mainstay of the Anchorage Volkssport Club. She is always a willing worker, and can be found at nearly every club event, lending a helping hand and sharing her experience and enthusiasm to help others enjoy Volkssporting activities

Ed Hainline

Happy Valley, OR

For exceptional service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and AVA as a member of the Steering Committee and as Chair of the Awards Committee.

Allan Heritage

Spokane, WA

His tireless work is critical to the club's continued development. He is the go to person for the Lilac City Volkssport Association. His constant work emphasizes everything positive about the American Volkssport Association.

Karen Highfield

Gresham, OR

For exceptional service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and AVA as a member of the Steering Committee and as Secretary for Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association.

Carolyn Koonce

Beaverton, OR

In recognition of over 20 years of exceptional service to the Columbia River Volkssport Club and the AVA. She has served many officer terms of the club, chaired walking events but most importantly as Operations Director for the Columbia River Gorge events making sure all of the details get done for this outstanding event

Martha Korff

Clatskanie, OR

For exceptional service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and AVA as a member of the member of the Steering Committee and as Chair of the Walk Oregon Challenge Committee, OTSVA Specialties, and Event Chair for the OTSVA remote events.

Roger Kriebaum

Steilacoom, WA

In recognition of over 30 years as an active Volkssporter and 26 years as a technical advisor to the Evergreen Wanderers. His expertise and knowledge was instrumental in the initial activation of the first Volkssport club in the Northwest and the successful development of Volkssporting in the State of Washington.

Charles Layton

Gig Harbor, WA

Is recognized for his many Evergreen Wanderers supporting activities in the past 11 years. His background and knowledge in IRS operations has been key to the club Treasurer position. He is a very dedicated volunteer and club officer.

Britt Lindstrom

Eugene, OR

In recognition of four noteworthy years of service as Treasurer of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association.

Bob Morrison

Lacey, WA

In recognition of his noteworthy service as President of Evergreen State Volkssport Association and his forward thinking in the production of a color brochure for use in Washington.

Rose Marie Neumann

Tacoma, WA

In recognition for exceptional service in the support and promotion of Volkssporting. She was instrumental in the successful activation and operation of the Evergreen Wanderers website. Rose Marie is one of the originators of the ladies week day walking group. She is a very avid walker and volunteer.

Dar Parrow

Beaverton, OR

For exceptional service to Oregon Trail Volkssport Association and AVA as a member of the Steering Committee and as Chair of the Publicity Committee.

Nancy Stephens

Puyallup, WA

In recognition of her noteworthy service of over 13 years service as Treasurer of Four Plus Foolhardy Folks. She serves with distinction and courage in the face of great adversity earning her the admiration of all who know her

Carmella Swinney

Springfield, OR

Is recognized for her Trailmaster service for Eugene-Springfield Mossbacks and her work with club email correspondence. She was also a member of the "Putting Fun in Your Club" 2009 Convention presentation.

Oscar Swinney

Springfield, OR

Is recognized for his Event Coordinator service for Eugene-Springfield Mossbacks and his work as Trailmaster for the club and for his work with the Chamber of Commerce to promote Volkssporting in the community.

Susan Treacy

Portland, OR

For exceptional service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and AVA as a member of the Steering Committee and as Treasurer of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association.

Jerry Williams

Tacoma, WA

In recognition and appreciation of his 26 years of dedicated service and support to the Evergreen Wanderers and the Evergreen State Volkssport Association. As Vice President and state representative, he has distinguished himself with untiring support and dedication to the Volkssport Association.

Donna Withers

Spokane, WA

Her attention to detail, total devotion to Lilac City Volkssport Association, and tireless volunteering has allowed the club to maintain 25 years in good standing. Her work with and development of Trailmaster Packets make her a very sought and valuable member of the club.

Nancy Wittenberg

Puyallup, WA

In recognition of her noteworthy service as Vice President of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association, as Chair of the AVA Youth Committee, and her work with revising the ESVA Website.

Pacific Region

Heidi Foster

Fair Oaks, CA

Heidi continues to devote countless hours of her time to promote Volkssporting in the Sacramento area. She is currently the secretary of the Sacramento Walking Sticks as well as the Point of Contact for the popular Folsom Year Round Event which she created. She has designed three walks and one bike route that will be used for the Sticks' 2011 YREs in Roseville from the New Balance Store. Heidi volunteered to be the coordinator for the Sticks' Christmas Party 2010 and for the 2011 California Volkssport Convention out of Folsom. Heidi has been our T-shirt coordinator for years.

Suzi Glass

San Jose, CA

Suzi has performed outstanding service to Volkssporting. In addition to being the Vice President of the South Bay Striders, she is the editor of the COMPASS. The COMPASS is the Magazine for the California Volkssport Association, advertising traditional walks and seasonal/year-round events for its subscribers. She has done an amazing job of putting out this publication quarterly. Suzi has devoted many hours of selfless time into this publication so that California Volkssporters know what events are happening on any given day. We are grateful for her service.

Jane Graham

Sacramento, CA

Jane has been a wonderful helper with the Sacramento Walking Sticks. She is the Point of Contact and designed the routes for the Curtis Park, Sacramento-River and Miller Park, Sacramento-Land Park routes. She has also designed the Walnut Grove/Locke route. She has chalked and marked numerous routes and can be counted on to register people and lead them on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening group walks.

Gale Hughart

Sacramento, CA

Gale has and will do anything she can to help promote Volkssporting in the Sacramento region. She has been President and is currently Vice-President of the Sacramento Walking Sticks. She was editor of the *No Sweat Gazette* newsletter for numerous years. She is the Club's graphic artist and has designed fliers, brochures, 'A' awards and redesigned the Sticks' logo several times. She has chalked and marked trails and helped on the 2007 AVA National Convention.

Steve Hughart

Sacramento, CA

Steve has been instrumental in the growth of Volkssporting in northern California and the Sacramento Walking Sticks. He developed and maintained web sites for the National AVA Convention in 2007, the Sticks and the California Volkssport Association. He has designed walk routes, was editor of the COMPASS for one year, has served as the Sticks' Vice-President, President and is currently their Treasurer. He has led walks, worked the registration tables, and been the Point of Contact for several Year Round Events as well designed various brochures, articles and innovative Sticks paraphernalia. He loves Volkssporting and it shows.

Myrna Jackson

Sacramento, CA

Myrna has 20 years of volunteering service to Volkssporting in the Sacramento region. She continues to be the Point of Contact for the Arden Park walk/bike and the Sierra Oaks Year Round Event. She designed walk routes for the popular New Year's Eve/Day events, the sanctioned event at Rancho Seco as well as the Pi Day routes and the Historic 25th anniversary route.

Jean Lucas

Davis, CA

Jean has been nominated for this award by two clubs. Jean is an outstanding example of what a volunteer is for Volkssporting. She is Vice-President of the Davis Dynamos and a member of the Sacramento Walking Sticks. Jean was the Point of Contact for the Zamora Year Round Event for many years, and is the Point of contact for the Davis, Southeast YRE. Jean has designed and developed several outstanding walk routes over the years. She spreads the word about our sport to anyone who will listen and is always bringing someone new out to the walks.

Audrey Morton

Norco, CA

Audrey is recognized for her exceptional service to the Low Desert Roadrunners and the California and American Volkssporting Associations. She has been Secretary and worked at many club events. She has been Trail Master for a variety of events with special programs. She worked tirelessly at the California Volkssport Association Convention in Idyllwild in May 2010. She is a true asset to Volkssporting in California.

Mary Ptacek

Henderson, NV

Mary has provided unwavering support of AVA and the sport of walking throughout the USA primarily with her Tater Tours Group. Always positive and quick to volunteer, be it as trailmaster for our club, by supporting our regional events (Tri-State, China Ranch) or by making sure her national tours include the local clubs and their Year Round Event or garner their support to sanction new events that enhance her walks (National Parks). Nationally she has helped so many walkers in achieving their Walking 50 States and 51 Capitols as well as many of the other Special Programs, all in the best spirit of AVA. Mary also helps support AVA financially by being an advertiser and helps our club by being sure to guide her tours thru Las Vegas. Mary is the Spirit of AVA, just walk with her and see what I mean.

Janet Riley

Antelope, CA

Janet is a willing and cheerful volunteer for anything the Sacramento Walking Sticks need help with. She has served as Secretary for the club and is currently the Sunshine Committee. For several years Janet has sent out a birthday greeting to every Sticks member; as the club has grown to over 500 members it is even more remarkable that she is able to send these greetings out in a timely and friendly manner. Janet served as our Health Fair Coordinator for several years and has also helped at numerous events on the registration/checkpoint tables. She is welcoming, friendly and supportive of Volkssporting.

Gail Samcoff

Sacramento, CA

Gail has served the Sacramento Walking Sticks for 20 years in all types of ways. She has been on the Board in every position and even was the newsletter editor at one point. For many years she was the only member who input the Electronic Sanction Requests into the computer system and then took on the record keeping for the Year Round Events. She has been the Point of Contact for several Year Round Events over the years and is currently the club's historian.

Rene Tatum Spain

Greensboro, NC

Rene was a great volunteer for the Sacramento Walking Sticks. She led a successful morning walk twice a week for quite some time and she ran the successful Silent Auction at the 2007 AVA National Convention in Sacramento. She was also the Point of Contact for two Year Round Events in Sacramento--the American River and Ashton Park walks. Her last endeavor before relocating to North Carolina was to secure a site for the Sticks' 25th Anniversary weekend event in Folsom.

Lui Yakas

San Francisco, CA

The Bay Bandits Volkssport Club was in trouble. It has been a hard road for them, but Lui came forward and organized the few members they have, and has been building the club ever since. She organizes every event and puts on several each year, no matter what the challenge.

Rocky Mountain Region

Lois Brick

Centennial, CO

Lois is the Rocky Mountain Wanderers Second Vice President and the single Point of Contact for our Year Round Events. She has volunteered for more than 20 years. We appreciate all that she does for our Club and our sport. We are lucky to have her as part of our family.

Ann Grotness

Eaton, CO

Ann has served as Secretary for the Rocky Mountain Wanderers from 2005 to 2011. She is a strong supporter of Volkssport and shares this love with all she meets. We greatly appreciate her participation and thank her for her service to our club.

Paula Malleck

Longmont, CO

Paula is the backbone and glue of the Colorado High Country Hikers. She has served as our Vice President for over five years. Paula assists in all aspects of club activities. She organizes club meetings, works the Start/Finish, provides publicity for our club and marks and cleans trails.

Terry Malleck

Longmont, CO

Terry has brought the Colorado High Country Hikers into the computer age by becoming our Webmaster and Computer Guru. His webpage is outstanding. Terry's computer skills have resulted in significantly reduced mailing costs and have improved communications with the officers, committees and members.

Hugh Metcalf

Fort Collins, CO

Hugh exemplifies the spirit of the AVA. He is selfless in his devotion to the Northern Front Range Wanderers and its mission. His tireless efforts to spread the word about Volkssports and to ensure the club's success is an example for us all.

South Central Region

Teresa Arnold

Broken Arrow, OK

Teresa Arnold has performed outstanding service to AVA and the Tulsa Walking Club. During the 10 years that Teresa has been a member, she has served six terms as Vice-President and three terms as President. She recently served as the 2010 South Central Regional Roundup/Tulsa Walking Club's 25th Anniversary Event Committee Chairperson. Teresa is a lifetime member of AVA, served as a delegate to the 2009 AVA Convention and was also the South Central Nominating Chair of the National Nominating Committee. She also serves as a member of the Special Event Programs National Committee.

Dorris Bender

Tulsa, OK

Dorris Bender is a charter member of the Clay-Platte Trackers of Kansas City, Missouri since the beginning in 1992. Through the years she has helped at walking events, taken care of Year Round Events, helped with social committees and held the office of secretary for the past eight years.

Harrison Billy

St Louis, MO

Harrison Billy is president of the St. Louis-Stuttgart Volksmarch Club in St. Louis, MO. He is a real gentleman to deal with and quietly takes care of business without a lot of fanfare. His leadership has provided many good Year Round and Traditional Events for the St. Louis and Southern Illinois Volkssporters.

Barbara Buehrer

Kansas City, MO

Barbara Buehrer is a charter member in the Clay-Platte Trackers Club which started in 1992. She has served as president five times and does whatever is required of her as an active member including being the club's Walk and Social event Coordinator. She has served also as chair of the Plaza Christmas Walk event five years and this past December the club was host to over 200 walkers for this great event. In addition, she has served as the Delegate to the AVA convention. Barbara is most deserving of this award.

Tom Cabot

Hermann, MO

Tom Cabot is president of the Hermann Volkssport Association in Hermann, MO. This picturesque community is home to the oldest club in the state of Missouri and has been guided during that time by Tom. In addition, Tom's commercial enterprise known as Hermann Works has provided an outlet for all Volkssport clubs to purchase their awards.

Doris Conyers

Joplin, MO

Doris Conyers has served as president of the Dogwood Trailblazers Walking Club in Joplin, MO five years. She has performed admirably in other support functions for the club. During her term in 2009, The Dogwood Trailblazers Walking Club provided one of the pre-convention walks for the Texas Convention. The walk was very well attended and her excellent organizational skills provided for a very successful walk. One of the unique things that she accomplished in her role as President was to attain a grant from the Joplin Convention Bureau to off set the expenses of the walk to the club. She is most deserving of this award.

Doug Evett

Bella Vista, AR

Doug Evett serving as President of the Ozark Hill Hikers club in its infancy, has provided excellent leadership to the new and only club in the state of Arkansas. His rich background in Texas Volkssporting has added to his ability to lead the new club in its desire to offer great Year Round and Traditional events for all Volkssporters. He has kept the image of the club in the community's line of sight and attracted many new members.

Joe Fountain

Oklahoma City, OK

Joe Fountain is President of the Wandergruppe Walking Club in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In the last four years as President he presided over the transition of events from a club that ceased to operate also in the city with no disruption of events for Volkssporters. His effort to merge the memberships is noteworthy and most appreciated by the Region. In addition his efforts to conduct the Weight Watcher Walk this year which was a great success will bring future benefit to the club.

Phyllis Gall

Kansas City, MO

Phyllis Gall has served many positions in the club and now as President is once again providing leadership and service to the Clay-Platte Trackers. The club has been successful in reaching out to various groups in the community in an effort to attract them to AVA activities. Her effort in providing the Plaza Christmas Walk each year is much appreciated by the Region

Jim Gant

Joplin, MO

Jim Gant has been a member of the Dogwood Trailblazers walking club for over fifteen years and found as President of the club the past year another opportunity to serve the community, in this instance his walking club. He is a tireless volunteer at many community events and has used these contacts to raise the image of the club in the community this past year.

Jules Hollingshead

Golden City, MO

Jules Hollingshead has contributed over fifteen years of service to AVA activity in the state of Missouri. First as the President of the Heart of America Club in Kansas City, MO which is no longer operating, and as Trailmaster for the Dogwood Trailblazers Walking Club in Joplin, MO. In addition, Jules has used his computer skills to make unique contributions to the club in assisting them to offer a more modern brochure with maps. He is also a thinker and one that has proven through the years should be listened to when discussing AVA club matters. He has served as Dogwood Trailblazers delegate to three conventions.

Twila Hollingshead

Golden City, MO

Twila Hollingshead is a gifted quilt maker who has used her skill to assist the Dogwood Trailblazers Walking Club by providing products of her skill to be used for silent auction items at three AVA Conventions. One of her projects was used after being purchased at an AVA Convention as a fund raiser that contributed to the start of a new AVA club in the state of Arkansas. She has given of her talent and time unselfishly and thus is most deserving of this honor.

June Holmes

Tulsa, OK

In recognition and appreciation of her long time service to the Tulsa Walking Club and AVA, and for spear-heading the annual Relay for Life club participation in honor of those members who have survived cancer and also in memory of those club members who have succumbed. June is a founding member of the Tulsa Walking Club and has served as the Point of Contact for a Year Round Event.

Lawrence Lehman

Branson, MO

Larry Lehman has brought to the South Central Region his walking club, the Global Adventurers from a rich tradition of Volkssporting in the state of Washington. Although new to the area Larry was not shy and volunteered without any delay to establish a Year Round Event and provide the walk start at his home in Branson, MO. His vision and leadership is appreciated by our region Volkssporters.

Andy Lucas

Florissant, MO

Andy Lucas has provided many years of service to the Florissant Valley Walkers as president and anything else that needed to be done. His traditional events have been a draw for many years in the St. Louis area as well as Southern Illinois Volkssporters.

Kenneth G. Miles

Tulsa, OK

Since 1971, Kenneth Miles has dedicated countless hours of service to the IVV and the AVA. He has personally organized six clubs and obtained tax exemption for four of them. He has planned and conducted hundreds of walks, bicycle, and swim events in Germany and the United States. His love for Volkssports is exemplified by the fact that he has continued to enthusiastically serve even after having experienced and partially overcame a debilitating stroke in 2003. His exemplary service and leadership is a beacon to all Volkssporters.

Rhonda Minson

Tulsa, OK

Rhonda Minson is President of the Tulsa Walking Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma. During her tenure as President of the club she has continued a long tradition of a very active club. In addition to her normal busy activities this past year she guided the club through the club's 25th Birthday Celebration and the South Central Regional Roundup with most excellent results.

Janie Otto

Slidell, LA

Janie Otto has worked tirelessly to assist her walking club despite the natural disaster suffered by the region and her effort has kept their club on the map to continue to provide two walks in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is to be commended for this effort and is most appreciated by the Region.

Barbara Porche

Baton Rouge, LA

Barbara Porche's long service to the Baton Rouge Striders Association is most appreciated by the Region. The walks that they provide with her leadership are of excellent quality.

Barbara Ramsay

Belton, MO

Barbara Ramsay accepted the presidency of her walking club, the Pace Setters Volkssport Club earlier this year upon the death of a long serving president. With no preparation for the responsibilities forced on her in this most unfortunate situation, she has clearly met the challenge. With the able assistance of her husband Chris they did their first event this spring and it was excellent.

Col. Shirley Schepler

Tulsa, OK

In recognition and appreciation of her long time service to the Tulsa Walking Club and AVA by providing leadership as a two term club president. In addition, her knowledge of parliamentary law is invaluable to the club. Shirley is also a founding member of the Tulsa Walking Club.

George Snyder

Lawton, OK

George and Sharon Snyder are a team that brings excellence to their menu of YREs and Traditional Events for southwestern Oklahoma and for Volkssporters throughout the state. Their concern and love of our sport is most appreciated by the whole region. The club just celebrated 25 years of service and we are all looking for many more activities from the Holy Family Walkers of Lawton, Oklahoma.

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Ed Tod

Florissant, MO

Ed was a member of the Missouri Milers Club in the St. Louis, Mo area where he served his club as Vice-President and later joined the St. Louis-Stuttgart club when the Missouri Milers ceased to function. He served two terms as the South Central Regional Director. When term limited as Regional Director he went on to be elected as the National Treasurer for American Volkssport Association one term. Ed spent six years serving the best interests of the AVA and the South Central Region is most appreciative of his unselfish efforts in their behalf and find him most deserving of this honor.

Terri Tyler

Topeka, KS

Terri Tyler is the longtime president of the Topeka Sod Stompers Walking Club. Her leadership has provided traveling event trips in addition to many excellent YRE events and traditional events for the region.

John Wickham

Derby, KS

John Wickham's leadership of the Wichita Skywalker Walking Club in Wichita, Kansas has provided many good walking opportunities for AVA members down through the years. His effort in providing a pre-convention walk for the Texas Convention was most appreciated by the Region.

Jan Wood

Tyler, TX

Jan Wood served as president of the East Texas Trekkers for five years. During that time, she developed walks in towns, state parks, and wherever else she could find good sites. She coordinated for her club several Special Event Programs, among them "Walking Europe in the USA", "Walking Courthouses", and "Walking State Parks." As part of the 2009 Texas Convention, Jan developed post convention walks in Bossier City, LA and Hope, Arkansas where her watermelon checkpoint was most appreciated and a pleasant surprise to walkers. Both walks were well attended and most appreciated by the South Central Regional Director.

Lucy Yother

Leavenworth, KS

Lucy Yother is an avid AVA walker and Lifetime Member with over 1600 Events, 21,000 Km, and one Olympiad. Whenever there is a need in her club she is there to fill the position of responsibility. She is a great traveler and attends AVA events throughout the country and abroad.

Southeast Region

Katherine E. Bargar

Orlando, FL

For exceptional service from 2004 to 2011 and as editor of and exceptional preparation of 21 newsletters. She won honorable mention in 2009. Her management and participation of the Orlando Year Round Event routes increased participation. She enhanced Volkssporting for the Mid Florida Milers and visitors to Florida.

Elizabeth Beaver

Pensacola, FL

Serving as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer over the years, Elizabeth has been a most faithful and dedicated member of the Pensacola Volksmarch Club. She has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities, is always available with a helping hand and has continuously demonstrated her devotion and support of Volkssporting.

Gail V. Brooks

Orlando, FL

Gail is recognized for exceptional meritorious service from 2004 to 2011 for outstanding management as Club Vice President and President increasing club membership and participation. Gail volunteered at all 75 walks the past three years and maintained the Winter Park Year Round Event route. She contributed significantly to Volkssporting in central Florida.

Jo-Anne Cross

Winter Springs, FL

For meritorious service in support of the Mid Florida Milers in official positions and as an eager volunteer at walking events. Her service as Vice President and Secretary were essential to club growth and club activities. Jo-Anne's support of Volkssports in Florida and the USA has benefited AVA.

Joan P. Lanpher

Winter Springs, FL

For meritorious service in support of the Mid Florida Milers Walking Club in official positions and as an eager volunteer at walking events. Her service as Secretary as the club grew was essential and her volunteer efforts were an outstanding assistance to the club.

Gloria Merwarth

Fernandino Beach, FL

For being the instrumental driver in the 1989 formation, successful initiation, and growth of Mid Florida Milers. In 1992 she successfully supported and conducted the walks for 3,000 attendees at the Prevention Magazine convention, providing national exposure for AVA. Her 21 year service to volkssports provided significant contributions.

Mark Merwarth

Fernandino Beach, FL

For the business acumen and significant management experience in the 1989 formation, successful initiation, and growth of Mid Florida Milers. He provided significant support for the walks for 3,000 attendees at the Prevention Magazine convention, providing national exposure for AVA. His 21 years of service to Volkssporting was superb.

Barbara Nicholson

Winter Park, FL

For significant achievements in the formation and initial, successful, growth of Mid Florida Milers. Serving as Secretary in 1992 - 1993, she successfully managed and conducted the walks for 3,000 attendees at the Prevention Magazine convention, providing national exposure for AVA. Her significant service to volkssports through 2002 was extraordinary.

Robert Nicholson

Winter Park, FL

For significant achievements in the formation and initial, successful, growth of Mid Florida Milers. Serving as President in 1992 - 1993, he successfully managed and conducted the walks for 3,000 attendees at the Prevention Magazine convention, providing national exposure for AVA. His significant service to volkssports through 2002 was extraordinary.

James M. Plummer

Ft Myers, FL

For meritorious service in support of Mid Florida Milers for eight years in many roles as treasurer, organizer, volunteer and motivator. His enthusiasm for Volkssporting was infectious and he developed this in those he worked with as treasurer and volunteer. Jim has been an asset to the AVA.

Patricia A. Skaggs

Pensacola, FL

Active in the Pensacola Volksmarch Club for over 24 years, Pat has serves as Secretary, chaired membership, hospitality and nominating committees, set up walks and given presentations to potential walkers about Volksmarching. She is always available with a helping hand and is a great asset to the Volkssporting community.

Bonnie Theall

Dunedin, FL

Bonnie has provided outstanding service to the Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club. As monitor for the Tarpon Springs Year Round Events since 2005, she has ensured safe, financially sound and enjoyable walks. Her enthusiastic participation in all facets of Volkssporting embodies the AVA goal of moving together toward a healthier America.

Jacqueline M. Walchuck

Winter Springs, FL

For meritorious service in support of Mid Florida Milers for 11 years as web maven and eager volunteer at walking events. Jackie was instrumental in starting up the midfloridamilers.org site, a now critical part of information distribution. Timely and accurate maintenance has enhanced club operations and advertised AVA to Orlando.

Polly F. Wonson

Milton, FL

Polly has been an active member of the Pensacola Volksmarch Club for the past 17 years. She has been Co-President, coordinator of three walks, and historian. She is always available with a helping hand and continuously demonstrates her devotion and support of the AVA community. She is a great asset to Volkssporting.

Richard E. Wonson

Milton, FL

Dick has been an avid supporter of AVA and Volkssporting since 1985 and an active member of the Pensacola Volksmarch Club since 1993. He has led the club as President and coordinator for three walks. He is always available with a "can-do" attitude and has shown extraordinary service to our club and AVA.

Southwest Region

Helen Bateman

Dallas, TX

In recognition of active leadership, dedication to Volkssporting, and embodiment of Fun, Fitness and Friendship.

Anna Cottrill

Fort Worth, TX

In recognition of her exemplary service to the Director, Southwest Region by Chairing the 2011 Southwest Region Awards and Recognition Committee, the 2011 Southwest Region Director Election Committee and the Texas Volkssport Association Reorganization Study Group 2010.

Ed Cottrill

Fort Worth, TX

For outstanding service to the Director, Southwest Region by assisting the Chair of the 2011 Southwest Region Awards and Recognition Committee and the 2011 Southwest Region Director Election Committee.

Diane M. Duesterhoeft

San Antonio, TX

In recognition for being the catalyst and originator of an annual Traditional Walk at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Her resourcefulness and innovativeness in resolving a multitude of arrangements with university officials were absolutely distinctive achievements and she is commended for her superb efforts.

Dianne Duke

Dallas, TX

For service as Dallas Trekkers Second Vice President, Walk Director and volunteer.

Phyllis Eagan

San Antonio, TX

In recognition of her exceptional and untiring efforts to continually locate unusual locations for Traditional Walks. Most of these sites have a heavy historic church influence or unique landmark status to add an extra element to a walking event.

Joanne Forinash

San Antonio, TX

Joanne continues to show enthusiasm and unwavering support of Volkssporting by chairing the Randolph Roadrunners Sales Committee, updating the display board she made for the AVA Special Events Program and coordinating an annual Traditional Christmas Walk. No one is prouder to be a Volkssporter than Joanne.

Helen Hull

Garland, TX

Helen is commended for her excellent service to several Volkssport clubs as well as serving as an unofficial ambassador. She also serves as the Chair of the Volkssport Clubs of North Texas (VCNORTX) for planning annual event calendars.

Pat Kempf

San Antonio, TX

Pat Kempf is commended for her service to the Texas Wanderers as a continuing contributor to the club newsletter. Pat has written insightful and informative articles about various nature topics for six issues a year for nine years.

Beverly Kittinger

Copperas Cove, TX

Beverly has served as a Club President, Vice President or Treasurer for the past 20+ years for the Trotting Texas Turtles AVA-0205. The club would not be active if it were not for her hard work and devotion to Volkssporting. She has given many years to keeping the club active and viable.

Marilyn Nash

Oak Leaf, TX

For service to the Dallas Trekkers as walk volunteer and officer.

Ellen Ott

San Antonio, TX

In recognition of continually being in the forefront of promoting walking in the San Antonio area, 24/7. She is a sterling "ambassador extraordinary" and never misses an opportunity to market Volkssporting. Her efforts reap dividends as new people and organizations are introduced to Volkssporting.

Anthony (Tony) Paulson

Schertz, TX

Tony gives an inordinate amount of time and energy to Volkssporting. He coordinates three Year Round Events as well as coordinates two Traditional Walks annually. Last year he developed two new Year Round Events. He maintains the Randolph Roadrunners equipment and supplies and is a loyal supporter of all club events.

Beverly Peters

Garland, TX

For service as longtime walk director and newsletter editor for the Dallas Trekkers Walking Club.

Carole Quarles

Richardson, TX

Carole's smile is always ready as she greets walkers. Assisting at events is only a part of her service. She and her husband were editors of the Plano Walking Club Newsletter for over 10 years. She serves as Secretary and is Trail Master in maintaining one of the club's Year Round Events.

Darrell Quarles

Richardson, TX

Darrell has given 20 years of service to the Plano Walking Club. He has been a Trail Master and he continues to work at club events. Along with his wife, he helps maintain one of the clubs Year Round Events. His dedication to Volkssporting is seen in his continuing service.

William Radigan

Helotes, TX

In recognition of providing exemplary service to the LoneSt*r Walkers of San Antonio, Texas through superb assistance in planning, organizing and conducting meaningful and well organized Volkssport events. He selfishly devotes his time, energy and talents to making "things" work and he clearly shows superior competence as a Volkssport leader.

Jack Rogers

Midland, TX

Jack Rogers has passionately dedicated over 24 years of blazing new trails for Volkssporting throughout Texas. His involvement in his community as a volunteer is highly noteworthy of recognition.

J. Robert Rountree

Dallas, TX

For service to the Dallas Trekkers Walking Club as Treasurer, Events Walk Director, all-around volunteer, and "brats" griller.

David Sheppard

Mesquite, TX

For service to the Dallas Trekkers Walking Club and the AVA 16th Biennial Convention Committee in Dallas, Texas.

Don Simmons

Richardson, TX

Don has been a tireless worker for the Plano Walking Club by helping to make all events successful. He has served as Trail Master and continues to maintain one of the clubs Year Round Events. Just ask for help and Don is ready to go.

Kitty Simmons

Richardson, TX

Kitty has been a very hard worker for the Plano Walking Club. She is always ready to step up and work at events, serve as an officer and in maintaining a Year Round Event. She more than deserves recognition for her 20 years of service.

Jerry Slayton

Plano, TX

Jerry Slayton is one of the most kind and willing club members as he was always going out of his way to be helpful. The club trailer was parked free on a prior club member's lot for years. Jerry was always the one to go hook-up the trailer to his automobile and be the first at the event site so supplies were readily available for the Event Staff.

Jerry Stovall

Plano, TX

Jerry Stovall has been a member of the Plano Walking Club longer than any other member. He is basically quiet with a dry sense of humor. He has a knack for making members laugh and it never fails within five minutes of walking to ask if it is "time for breakfast and coffee".

Richard (Rick) White

Kirby, TX

Rick White provides an exemplary effort to make any walk highly successful. He improved and now coordinates five Year Round Events for the Trinity Trekkers including all aspects of their 2010 Founder's Day Walk. Rick can be found working diligently for any club with spirited enthusiasm and quality assistance.

Certificate of Service Award

Atlantic Region

Certificate

Pat Astill, Poolesville, MD
Lonnie Bess, Suffolk, VA
Janet Brown, Derwood, MD
Claudette Chandonia, Washington, DC
Ray Dixon, Arlington, VA
Helga Foxwell, Newport News, VA
Cheryl G. Lauria, Newport News, VA
Gary E. Lofswold, Newport News, VA
Joy Miller, Arlington, VA
Lee Powell, Rockville, MD
Donna Robinette, Dover, PA
Dave Sealing, Fulton, MD
Pat Wujek, Timonium, MD
Pat Yokum, York, PA

Neva Beierle, Hampton, VA
Margaret (Peggy) Bowers, Chesapeake, VA
John Carolus, Annapolis, MD
Gary Cleland, Fredericksburg, VA
Gordy Foxwell, Newport News, VA
Lorraine Jackson, Biglerville, PA
Roccie L. Lauria, IV, Newport News, VA
Beverly McDonald, Newport News, VA
Mary Parker, Hampton, VA
Dan Robinette, Dover, PA
Renate Sabulsky, Midlothian, VA
Robin Williams, Newport News, VA
Don Yokum, York, PA

Bronze

Alison Andrews, Laytonsville, MD
Barbara Bell, Chesapeake, VA
Pat Boyle, York, PA
Kernan Chaisson, Rockville, MD
Cheryl Eavey, Arlington, VA
Gordy Foxwell, Newport News, VA
Antoinette Franke, Fredericksburg, VA
Delores Grenier, Arlington, VA
Maria Inocencio, Gaithersburg, MD
Beth Kellas, Fredericksburg, VA
Roccie L. Lauria, IV, Newport News, VA
Sandy Leese, York, PA
Gary E. Lofswold, Newport News, VA
Betty Jo McCoy, York, PA
Beverly McDonald, Newport News, VA
Caren Meyer, Fredericksburg, VA
Nadine Mildice, Rockville, MD
Maureen Miller, Richmond, VA
Alex Niwenizin, Rockville, MD
Jay Oakley, Leesburg, VA
Ward Parr, Rockville, MD

Erwin Bedarf, Arlington, VA
Jim Boyle, York, PA
Laura Burton, Williamsburg, VA
Kay Collie, Fredericksburg, VA
Maribeth Evans, Silver Spring, MD
Helga Foxwell, Newport News, VA
Vivian Gleason, Sterling, VA
Mary Ann Gries, Richmond, VA
Betsy Jedlicka, York, PA
Bob Kellas, Fredericksburg, VA
Dan Leese, York, PA
Barbara Lippincott, Chesapeake, VA
Mary Lowe, Warrington, VA
John McCoy, York, PA
Jim McDonald, Laurel, MD
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Lester Miller, Etters, PA
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George Reynolds, Chesterfield, VA
Dan Roy, Burke, VA
Gloria Rudacille, York, PA
Helen Sander, Fredericksburg, VA
Tina Soule, Gaithersburg, MD
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Klaus Waibel, Silver Spring, MD
Dianne Wildgrube, Culpepper, VA
Robin Williams, Newport News, VA

Lois Rose, Partlow, VA
Donna Roy, Burke, VA
Ray Rudacille, York, PA
Judy Sholes, Gaithersburg, MD
Angie Souder, Arlington, VA
Rick Stickle, Laurel, MD
Sharon Vines, Fredericksburg, VA
Barbara Washburn, Chesapeake, VA
Wayne Wildgrube, Culpepper, VA
Francine York, Alexandria, VA

Silver

George Ambrose, York, PA
Louise Clouser, Newport, PA
Donald (Don) Conway, Beltsville, MD
Jim Copenhaver, York, PA
Heather Coxon, Derwood, MD
John Creaven, Leesburg, VA
Barbara Fisher, Hanover, PA
Shirley Fleming, York, PA
Dennis Ford, Linthicum, MD
Gene Geyer, Hanover, PA
Elaine Hadidiacos, Rockville, MD
Robert Ickes, Etters, PA
Susie Julius, Mount Wolf, PA
Jean Lawrence, Laurel, MD
Russell Lloyd, Locust Grove, VA
Kristin Mayer, Fort Belvoir, VA
Perry Morse, York, PA
Peg Norelius, Ellicott City, MD
Barbara (Barb) Peiffer, Dove, PA
Irene Reed, Richmond, VA
Bob Schmick, Severna Park, MD
Susan Shaffer, New Oxford, PA
Dolores Tippet, Linthicum Heights, MD
Richard Truax, York, PA
Janet West, Fredericksburg, VA
Suzanne Wright, Leesburg, VA
Sue Yun, Bethesda, MD

Betty Canoles, Chester, VA
Jackie Coco, Abindon, MD
Joyce Conway, Beltsville, MD
Pam Copenhaver, York, PA
Claudia Creaven, Leesburg, VA
Ted Deppner, Takoma Park, MD
Howard Fleming, York, PA
Carol Ford, Linthicum, MD
Gerry Germond, Midlothian, VA
Julie Geyer, Hanover, PA
Nancy Ickes, Etters, PA
Barry Julius, Mount Wolf, PA
Jack Lawrence, Laurel, MD
Hester Lehnert, Burtonsville, MD
Skip Magee, Bowie, MD
Cecila (Celia) Miner, Woodbridge, VA
Evie Naranjo, Rockville, MD
Debra (Deb) Peak, Odenton, MD
Maureen Penta, Long Branch, NJ
Patricia Robbins, Hampton, VA
Clark Shaffer, New Oxford, PA
Inez Thomas, Mount Airy, MD
Shirley Traux, York, PA
Mary Waldron, Kensington, MD
Phill Wilder, Laurel, MD
Earl Young, Arlington, VA

Gold

Charlene Agne-Traub, Burke, VA
Virginia (Gin) Armacost, Fairfax, VA
Jerry Baugher, Mount Airy, MD
Deborah Brown, Stafford, VA
Curt Burton, Williamsburg, VA
Keith Choiniere, York, PA
Adele Degnan, Annapolis, MD
John Dye, Columbia, MD
Bill Gross, York, PA
Lynne Haffner, Laurel, MD
James (Jim) Hathaway, Gaithersburg, MD
Susan (Sue) Kenyon, Lutherville, MD
Connie Lapham, York, PA
Karen Maes, Saint Albans, WV
Diane Messer, Annapolis, MD
Beverly Molnar, State College, PA
Jone Parr, Rockville, MD
Carolyn Petruzzelli, Wheaton, MD
Barry Plott, Fairfax, VA
Mike Quinlan, Bowie, MD
Mildred (Millie) Smith, Hanover, PA
Gary L. Traub, Burke, VA
Nevin Weirich, Manchester, PA
Robert (Bob) Wolfe, Burtonsville, MD

Phil Allamong, Lancaster, PA
Charles Baecket, Lebanon, PA
Dick Beland, York Co., VA
Michael Brown, Stafford, VA
Debbie Choiniere, York, PA
Ruth Davis-Morse, York, PA
Evalee Dumas, New Carrollton, MD
Faye Foote, Silver Spring, MD
Joyce Gross, York, PA
David Hartman, Hampton, VA
Frances Humelsine, Chambersburg, PA
Byron Lapham, York, PA
Maurine Lapham, York, PA
Robert (Bob) McLean, Fairfax Station, VA
Cecila (Celia) Miner, Woodbridge, VA
Ronald Nelson, Ambler, PA
Matthew (Matt) Penrick, Oakton, VA
William Pile, Woodbridge, VA
Karen Plott, Fairfax, VA
James (Bob) Simonsen, Newport News, VA
Carolyn Thurber, Derwood, MD
Brenda Weirich, Manchester, PA
Bill Wenrich, Herndon, VA

Gold with Leaf

Patricia Arnett, Gambrillis, MD
Tom Baerwald, Alexandria, MD
Sandy Bear, Dover, PA
Ron Bowers, Odenton, MD
Edward (Ed) Branges, Rockville, MD
Barbara Conrad, Red Lion, PA
Bruce Daniel, Laurel, MD
Nina Dominguez, Pasadena, MD
Risca Edlin, Petersburg, VA
James (Jim) Fons, Annapolis, MD
Chuck Fullerton, Odenton, MD
William (Bill) Guion, Canton, GA
William (Bill) Hassell, Pasadena, MD
Jackie Johnson, Gaithersburg, MD
Francis (Fran) Looper, Severn, MD
Fernando (Fred) Lopez, Gainesville, VA

Steve Arnett, Gambrillis, MD
Dick Bear, Dover, PA
Myrna Bowers, Odenton, MD
Bill Brabant, Laurel, MD
James D. (Jim) Cofield, Prince George, VA
George Conrad, Red Lion, PA
Nancy Daniel, Laurel, MD
Patricia Eby, Camp Hill, PA
Diane Evans, Arlington, VA
Neil Friedman, Odenton, MD
James (Jim) Geith, Fairfax, VA
Linda Hassell, Pasadena, MD
Salva Holloman, Beltsville, MD
Richard (Rich) Long, Laurel, MD
Ron Looper, Severn, MD
Robert (Bob) Lumbert, Severn, MD

Dennis Lynch, Laurel, MD
Dorothy (Dot) Marshall, Silver Spring, MD
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Mike Quinlan, Bowie, MD
Jim Reedy, Dover, PA
Paul Sabol, Greenbelt, MD
Joe Shaw, York, PA
Peter Sniffin, Fredericksburg, VA
Joseph (Joe) Strausbaugh, York, PA
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Molly Moyer, Amelia, VA
Dick Paronto, Odenton, MD
Carol Quinlan, Bowie, MD
Gloria Reedy, Dover, PA
Ingrid Rockett, Wyoming, DE
Vasily (Val) Serpikov, Hamilton, NJ
Jean Sniffin, Fredericksburg, VA
Nancy Stenger, Hastings, NE
Patricia (Pat) Strausbaugh, York, PA
Ken Switzer, Colonial Heights, VA

Gold with Leaf (30)

Dee Schrum, Chesterfield, VA

Mid-America Region

Bronze

Rebecca Cooper, Lima, OH
Vicki L. Daniel, Middletown, OH
Suzanne McCarthy, Olmsted Falls, OH
Joann Moritz, Canton, OH
Eloise Plavney, Parma, OH
Bob Schmiermund, Wickliffe, OH
Lyle A. Weinbrandt, Kettering, OH

James R. Daniel, Middletown, OH
Marguerite N. Krien, Kettering, OH
Tim McCarthy, Olmsted Falls, OH
Cedric Plavney, Parma, OH
Betty Schmiermund, Wickliffe, OH
Barbara D. Weinbrandt, Kettering, OH

Silver

Kenneth Gelsanliter, Ashland, OH

Gold

Joseph Githens, Dayton, OH

Gold with Leaf (25)

Joan Henderson, Springfield, OH
Henry Slade, Beaver Creek, OH,

Lowell Norton, Springfield, OH

North Central Region

Certificate

Joan Ackerman, Des Moines, IA
Peter Cartwright, Bloomington, MN
Peggy Doane, Altoona, IA
Gilbert Engel, Niagara, WI
Gordon Greger, Des Moines, IA
Darlene Hanson, Cottage Grove, MN
Jan Haugen, Ames, IA
Rita Horner, Bismarck, ND
Verna Lohse, Comstock, MN
James McGahan, Grand Island, NE
Barb McGregor, New Hope, MN
Lee Moisant, Minneapolis, MN
Gladys Olson, Fargo, ND
Penelope Pugh, Clive, IA
Frank Roehl, St. Cloud, MN
Kerri Seemann, Arden Hills, MN
Eric Shumate, Des Moines, IA
Linda Valen, Oakdale, MN
Peggy Watts, Ames, IA
Gloria Wolden, Fargo, ND

Wayne Beyer, Wahpeton, ND
Russell Crane, Madison, WI
Janet Dunn, Des Moines, IA
Krista Fouquette, Foley, MN
Burnell Hanson, Cottage Grove, MN
Catherine Harrison, Pine City, MN
Sharon Haugen, Ames, IA
Donald Husnik, Birchwood, MN
Linda Lundgren, Des Moines, IA
Martha McGahan, Grand Island, NE
Stanley Miller, Stillwater, MN
Beth Montgomery, Edina, MN
Ben Pugh, Clive, IA
Rose Quackenbush, Lincoln, NE
Rosemary Roehl, St. Cloud, MN
Judy Sehrt, St. Cloud, MN
Louise Swope, Niagara, WI
Jeanne Van Houweling, Des Moines, IA
Dee Willemsen, Windsor Heights, IA

Northeast Region

Certificate

Dean Cilley, Yarmouth, ME
Linda Darling, Buxton, ME
Sandy Hall, Plainville, MA
Alan Johnson, South Portland, ME
Joseph Padula, Clifton Park, NY
Carole Plowman, Old Orchard Be., ME
Joan Vorbach, W. Middletown, NY

Patricia Damiani, Sagamore Beach, MA
Paul Graveline, Andover, MA
Joanne Izbicki, Lexington, MA
Kathy LeRoux, Albany, NY
Ann Plichta, Fall River, MA
Sondra Taylor, Westbrook, ME

Northwest Region

Certificate

Sharon Andor, Coupeville, WA
Mary Blacker, Federal Way, WA
George Christensen, Poulsbo, WA
Mary Allen Clark, Port Angeles, WA
Georgina Colon, Bellingham, WA
Sue Cook, Rochester, WA
Debbie Edmond, Portland, OR
Lisa Foster, Portland, OR
Ed Hainline, Happy Valley, OR
Susan Hoskins, Salem, OR
Pat Jewett, Portland, OR
Russ Kruse, Yakima, WA
Terri Mason, Springfield, OR
Shann McKeever, Sea-Tac, WA
Lucille Messner, Portland, OR
Rosemary Nelson, Springfield, OR
Madge Norton, Port Orchard, WA
Chris Overby, Bellingham, WA
Evelyn Piper, University Place, WA
Leah Riedel, Battle Ground, WA
Mary Roy, Winlock, WA
Pat Russell, Leavenworth, WA
Sharon Streitt, Poulsbo, WA
Darlene Thomasec, Eugene, OR
Jim Weatherby, Albany, OR

Harry Ashburn, Veneta, OR
Maryann Brown, Waldport, OR
Beverly Clark, Port Ludlow, WA
Bettie Lou Cline, Milwaukie, OR
Norm Colon, Bellingham, WA
Colleen Dinkel, Vancouver, WA
Norm Fleck, Portland, OR
Carol Grassman, Bremerton, WA
Mary Ann Hawke, Tigard, OR
Marie Jewett, Medford, OR
Nancy Krotec, Poulsbo, WA
Jane Leider, Sherwood, OR
Starr McKee, Beaver Creek, OR
Kay Messing, Bainbridge Island, WA
Jean Moeller, Ridgefield, WA
Barbara Niss, Portland, OR
David Olszyk, Olympia, WA
Paul Overby, Bellingham, WA
Nancy Regan, Federal Way, WA
George Robison, Gig Harbor, WA
Duane Russell, Leavenworth, WA
Heidi Schurr, Vancouver, WA
Mary Taylor, Port Orford, OR
Bonnie Tucker, Olympia, WA
Carole Williams, Everett, WA

Bronze

Michelle Adamson, Maple Falls, WA
Marlys Ashburn, Veneta, OR
Regina Blake, Gresham, OR
Jim Buchholz, Coeur d'Alene, ID
Sue Connolly, Portland, OR
Judy DeBenedetti, Clackamas, OR
Mike Dessert, Coupeville, WA
Judy Dewing, Bellingham, WA
Frank Dudfield, Surrey, BC
Lisa Foster, Portland, OR
Jan Hagemeister, Albany, OR
Karen Highfield, Gresham, OR

Carolyn Affolter, Vancouver, WA
Tamara Belts, Bellingham, WA
Lynn Blazek, Ellensburg, WA
Fran Carson, Renton, WA
Terri Czapinski, Woodinville, WA
Marilyn Dessert, Coupeville, WA
John Dewing, Bellingham, WA
Brenda Dudfield, Surrey, BC
Linda Ellingboe, Seattle, WA
Lou Glosenger, St Helens, OR
Dottie Hardy, Eugene, OR
Diane Hildebrand, Seattle, WA

Rita Hopmans, Surrey, BC
Joan Larson, Portland, OR
Angela Manley, Portland, OR
Sharon Medart, Eugene, OR
Sharon Moats, Renton, WA
Jim Probert, Tracyton, WA
Margaret Quick, Bellingham, WA
Sandi Severtsen, Shoreline, WA
Mike Spink, Mount Vernon, WA
Joe Titone, Vancouver, WA
Rozy Weatherby, Albany, OR
Gene Williamson, Seal Rock, OR

Dina Johnson, Federal Way, WA
Moya Lehman, Portland, OR
Phoebe McArthur, Springfield, OR
Stephen Miller, Mill Creek, WA
Cheryl Mockford, Vancouver, WA
Rhonda Probert, Tracyton, WA
Hope Rolland, Vancouver, WA
Anne Spink, Mount Vernon, WA
Tom Stabile, Bellingham, WA
Susan Treacy, Portland, OR
Don Whitt, Sammamish, WA

Silver

Barbara Baker, Vancouver, WA
Fred Fisher, Anacortes, WA
Dan Friesen, Vancouver, WA
Eric Glosenger, St Helens, OR
Joan Heins, Vancouver, WA
Karen Hinderman, Bellingham, WA
John Huber, Coeur d'Alene, ID
Ruth Kalies, Kent, WA
Chuck Layton, Gig Harbor, WA
Ken Parks, Yachats, OR
Burt Paynter, Vancouver, WA
George Stapleton, La Conner, WA
Larry Walsh, Puyallup, WA
Stan Wolf, Kirkland, WA

Michele Druschel, Vancouver, WA
Sharon Fisher, Anacortes, WA
Juliann Fritchman, Boise, ID
John Hacker, Portland, OR
Gary Hinderman, Bellingham, WA
Matthew Hinderman, Bellingham, WA
Lynn Ince, Stanwood, WA
Bob Kunzmann, Woodinville, WA
Britt Lindstrom, Springfield, OR
Mary Emma Parks, Yachats, OR
Romana Paynter, Vancouver, WA
Margaret Stapleton, La Conner, WA
Jean White, Florence, OR

Gold

Geraldine Brassfield, Tumwater, WA
Sue Finlayson, Yachats, OR
Alice McKay, Vancouver, WA
Bonnie Mitchell, Tigard, OR
Jim Neher, Mount Vernon, WA
Daryl Pulley, Portland, OR
Nancy Vartanian, Ridgefield, WA

Jim Finlayson, Yachats, OR
Sharon Klein, Sherwood, OR
Jill McLean, Vancouver, WA
Helen Neher, Mount Vernon, WA
Rose Marie Neumann, Tacoma, WA
George Vartanian, Ridgefield, WA

Gold with Leaf

Jean Abel, Beaverton, OR
Lena Davis, Portland, OR
Rosemarie Hirsch, Gig Harbor, WA
Carolyn Koonce, Beaverton, OR
Shirley Lindberg, Renton, WA
Pat Miller, Vancouver, WA
Marjorie Varner, Vancouver, WA

Catharine Byrd, Vancouver, WA
Lillian Fullerton, Vancouver, WA
Noreen Kirk, Portland, OR
Dick Koonce, Beaverton, OR
Marge Lusby, Portland, OR
Heather Rosenwinkel, Portland, OR
Tom Waite, Tacoma, WA

Gold with Leaf (25 Years)

Tom Caparella, Tacoma, WA
Robert Hren, Tacoma, WA
Carol Walsh, Puyallup, WA
Mary Wick, Gig Harbor, WA

Sandy Dunning, Tacoma, WA
Phyllis Stuart, Canby, OR
Jerry Wick, Gig Harbor, WA
Jerry Williams, Dupont, WA

Gold with Leaf (30 Years)

Roger Kriebaum, Steilacoom, WA

Charles Repik, Lakewood, WA

Pacific Region

Certificate

Nancy Alex, Sacramento, CA
Fred Bohmfalk, Fair Oaks, CA
Jean Davis, Carmichael, CA
Charlie Fowble, Elk Grove, CA
Sue Hickman, Jose, CA
Diane Lovitt, Sun City West, AZ
Mary Louise McMonegal, Quincy, CA
Ronnie Morris, Elk Grove, CA
Margery A. Oehlke, Sun City, AZ
Catherine Wieder, Scott Bar, CA
Lois Will, Rancho Cordova, CA

Shelley Anderson, Hayward, CA
Sally Coones, Carmichael, CA
Leslie Flowers, San Jose, CA
Diana Fredlund, Sun City West, AZ
Steve Lavezzo, Sacramento, CA
John Lovitt, Sun City West, AZ
Martha Morris, Elk Grove, CA
Jean Neumann, Norco, CA
Cynthia Turbin, Redding, CA
Terry Wieder, Scott Bar, CA

Rocky Mountain Region

Certificate

Diana Boyles, Highlands Ranch, CO
Carol Kerlin, Ivins, UT
Donna McWhirter, Colorado Springs, CO
Frank Pratt, Jr., Buffalo, WY
Susan Theune, Buffalo, WY
Bob Townsend, Atlantic City, WY

Laura Dornback, Colorado Springs, CO
David McWhirter, Colorado Springs, CO
Lois Petersen, Buffalo, WY
Bob Theune, Buffalo, WY
Barbara Townsend, Atlantic City, WY

Bronze

Carol Barrons, Silverthorne, CO
Chris Dueker, Colorado Springs, CO
Jere Hagen, Colorado Springs, CO
Russ Kester, Colorado Springs, CO
Karen Pinell, Colorado Springs, CO
Kaye Widger, Penrose, CO

Bruce Cary, Colorado Springs, CO
Ann Grotness, Eaton, CO
Floyd Hatch, Centennial, CO
Carol Kinate, Colorado Springs, CO
Carol Rickauer, Frisco, CO

Silver

Flo Bechtold, Colorado Springs, CO
Jean Berres, Arvada, CO
Bev Fox, Arvada, CO
Deb Hillard, Colorado Springs, CO
Kelcey Land, Evergreen, CO
Karrie Thomison, Colorado Springs, CO

Russ Bechtold, Colorado Springs, CO
Penny Brown, Colorado Springs, CO
Sinne Gregory, Arvada, CO
David Land, Evergreen, CO
Theresa Stratman, Arvada, CO

Gold

Terry Cherne, Colorado Springs, CO
Connie Dueker, Colorado Springs, CO

Curt Converse, Colorado Springs, CO
Karen Seay, Colorado Springs, CO

Gold with Leaf

Myra Tams, Ogden, UT

South Central Region

Certificate

Ronda Chandler, Broken Arrow, OK
Lester Clutter, Tulsa, OK
Rhonda Minson, Tulsa, OK

Taylor Chandler, Broken Arrow, OK
Cheryl Hiatt, Tulsa, OK
Adelle Stults, Tulsa, OK

Southeast Region

Certificate

Rosemary S. Barna, Orlando, FL
Letty L. Zook, Haines City, FL

Jeanette V. Dolny, Oviedo, FL
Robert I. Zook, Haines City, FL

Southwest Region

Certificate

Randy Baker, San Antonio, TX
Charlene Foerster, Huntsville, TX
Dean Isaac, Houston, TX
Bobbi Kowalski, Spring, TX
Carol Pontello, Spring, TX
Carol Shaner, San Antonio, TX
Larry Stover, Spring, TX

Joan Claybourn, Irving, TX
Paula Henderson, Fort Worth, TX
William Joyce, Houston, TX
Elaine LeGrand, Houston, TX
Pat Roberts, Windcrest, TX
Bonnie Stover, Spring, TX

Bronze

Deborah Carter, Mesquite, TX
Audrey Vertucci, San Antonio, TX

Priscilla Johnson, San Antonio, TX

Silver

Suzanne Markgraf, Garden Ridge, TX
Ross Wheeler, Allen, TX

Nancy Paulson, Schertz, TX

Gold

Larry Cook, San Antonio, TX
Pat Gunter, San Antonio, TX

Carlen Forinash, San Antonio, TX

Gold with Leaf

John Bohnert, Comfort, TX
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Tina Bohnert, Comfort, TX

Gold with Leaf (35 Years)

Heinz Johnson, San Antonio, TX

Certificate of Appreciation

Atlantic Region

Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland
Beaverdam Park
Caramelo Bakery
Caribou Coffee
Clarion Hotel
Colonial National Park Glasshouse
Denny's Restaurant
Gettysburg YMCA
Hampton Roads American Legion Post 31
Jamestown Glass House
Legend Brewery
McDonalds
McDonalds
Newport News Park
Newport News Park Campground
Oasis Restaurant
Pocahontas State Park
Seneca Creek State Park
Silver Diner at Lakeforest Mall
Spenser's Store
Starbucks Coffee
Virginia Historical Society
Walter Reed Hospital

Rockville, MD
Gloucester Co., VA
Bethesda, MD
Rockville, MD
Williamsburg, VA
Williamsburg, VA
Gaithersburg, MD
Gettysburg, PA
Hampton, VA
James City Co., VA
Richmond, VA
Washington, DC
Chester, WV
Newport News, VA
Newport News, VA
Hampton, VA
Chesterfield, VA
Gaithersburg, MD
Gaithersburg, MD
Chesterfield, VA
Bethesda, MD
Richmond, VA
Gloucester Co., VA

Mid-America Region

Ashland Public Library
Brumback Library
Holiday Inn Express
William McKinley Museum and National Memorial
Oberlin Inn
The Village Restaurant

Ashland, OH
Van Wert, OH
Bucyrus, OH
Canton, OH
Oberlin, OH
Upper Sandusky, OH

North Central Region

Austin Auto Truck Plaza
Coon Rapids Regional Dam Park
Guest House Inn and Suites
Millennium Hotel
Super America on Grand and Cleveland
Super America on Grand and Milton

Austin, MN
Coon Rapids, MN
Rochester, MN
Minneapolis, MN
St Paul, MN
St Paul, MN

Northeast Region

Attleboro Industrial Museum	Attleboro, MA
Clarion Hotel	Portland, ME
Jay's Cards and Gifts	Bennington, VT
Mr. Thane Kelley – US Army DMWR	West Point, NY
Natick Outdoor Store	Natick, MA
National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette	Attleboro, MA
The Park Restaurant	Highland Falls, NY
Rite Aid Pharmacy	Concord, MA
Sip 'n Dip Donut Shop	Bristol, RI
Stop and Shop Supermarket	Sandwich, MA
The Delamater Inn	Rhinebeck, NY
The Eveready Diner	Hyde Park, NY
The US Military Academy Visitors Center	West Point, NY
Roger Williams Nat. Memorial Visitor Center	Providence, RI
Williams Inn	Williamstown, MA

Northwest Region

Albertsons	Mercer Island, WA
Albertsons	Tigard, OR
Bellevue Parks Dept	Bellevue, WA
Best Western Columbia River Inn	Cascade Locks, OR
Best Western Pony Soldier Inn	Gresham, OR
Buffalo Gap Saloon and Eatery	Portland, OR
Chateau Ste Michelle Winery	Woodinville, WA
City of Cascade Locks	Cascade Locks, OR
City of Renton	Renton, WA
CJ's Evergreen General Store	Bremerton, WA
Clover Island Inn	Kennewick, WA
Columbia Athletic Club	Juanita, WA
Columbia Sportswear Factory Outlet	Portland, OR
Comfort Inn	Zillah, WA
Common Ground Coffee	Renton, WA
Courtsports	Springfield, OR
Devers Eye Clinic	Portland, OR
Drifters Galley	Kingston, WA
Fairmount Italian Restaurant	Port Angeles, WA
Fisheries Supply Company	Seattle, WA
Fit Right NW	Portland, OR
Foot Traffic	Lake Oswego, OR
Foot Traffic	Portland, OR
Fraiche Cup	Bremerton, WA
Fred Meyer	Wood Village, OR

Fred Meyer, Gateway	Portland, OR
Garrison Grafixx	Aloha, OR
Hallmark Inn	Newport, OR
Hansville Grocery	Hansville, WA
Harrison Medical Center	Silverdale, WA
Highland Safeway	Gresham, OR
Holiday Inn Express	Roseburg, OR
Holiday Inn Express	Troutdale, OR
Homestreet Bank	Newcastle, WA
Hot Shots Java	Poulsbo, WA
Island Fitness	Bainbridge Island, WA
Jackson Bottom Wetlands	Hillsboro, OR
Kennedy School	Portland, OR
Larson's Restaurant	Bremerton, WA
La Quinta Inn	Kirkland, WA
La Quinta Inn	Walla Walla, WA
Legacy Mt Hood Medical Center	Gresham, OR
McDonalds Airport Way	Portland, OR
McMenamins Tavern and Pool	Portland, OR
Middlefield Golf Course	Cottage Grove, OR
Myhre's Restaurant	Port Orchard, WA
Nordland General Store	Nordland, WA
Northwest Trek	Eatonville, WA
Edge Podge Art Gallery	Sherwood, OR
Olympic Outdoor Center	Port Gamble, WA
O'Reilly/Schucks Auto Supply	Bothell, WA
Overleaf Lodge	Yachats, OR
Oxford Inn	Yakima, WA
Powerhouse Grill	Yakima, WA
Providence Down Manor	Hood River, OR
QFC	Bellevue, WA
QFC	Sequim, WA
QFC	Woodinville, WA
R and H Market	Silverdale, WA
Ray's Food Place	Bandon, OR
Ray's Food Place	Port Orford, OR
Ray's Food Place	Waldport, OR
Red Apple Market	Redmond, WA
Redhook Ale Brewery	Woodinville, WA
Red Lion Hotel	Port Angeles, WA
Red Lion – Jantzen Beach	Portland, OR
REI, Bridgeport	Tigard, OR
REI, Portland	Portland, OR
Remlinger Farms	Carnation, WA
Sleep Inn	Pasco, WA

South Bay Market
Southlake Clinic
Subway Restaurant
Sunny Farms Country Store
Swains Outdoor
The Forks Outfitters
The Log Cabin Resort
The Olympic Game Farm
The Sportsman
Valley River Inn
Valley Tavern
Tina Veldkamp
Wild Birds Unlimited
Winchester Bay Market
World Forestry Center
YMCA

Olympia, WA
Renton, WA
Port Townsend, WA
Sequim, WA
Port Townsend, WA
Forks, WA
Port Angeles, WA
Sequim, WA
Florence, OR
Eugene, OR
Port Hadlock, WA
Anchorage, AK
Gardiner, WA
Winchester Bay, OR
Portland, OR
Sherwood, OR

Pacific Region

Bashas' Grocery
Bella Bru Café
Big Lots
Bitz-ee Mama's Restaurant
Bob's Restaurant
Circle K
CVS Drugs
Fleet Feet Sports
Karen's Bakery and Café
Land Bark Pet Supplies
Lincoln Family Downtown YMCA
Mercy General Hospital
Mulligan's at Encanto Park
Plumas County Visitors Bureau
Plumas Pines Resort Store
Safeway
Safeway
SAS Shoe Store
Starbucks (Arden Way)
Starbucks (Bond Rd)
Starbucks (Golden Centre)
Starbucks (Howe Ave)
Starbucks (Laguna Blvd)
Starbucks (65th St)
Starbucks (Watt Ave)
Starbucks Coffee

Wickenburg, AZ
Carmichael, CA
Sacramento, CA
Glendale, AZ
Etna, CA
Village of Oak Creek, AZ
Surprise, AZ
Fair Oaks, CA
Folsom, CA
Sacramento, CA
Phoenix, AZ
Sacramento, CA
Phoenix, AZ
Quincy, CA
Canyon Dam, CA
Peoria, AZ
Scottsdale, AZ
Citrus Heights, CA
Sacramento, CA
Elk Grove, CA
Rancho Cordova, CA
Sacramento, CA
Elk Grove, CA
Sacramento, CA
Sacramento, CA
Scottsdale, AZ

Sun City Visitors' Center
Tallman Hotel
UPS Store
Walgreen's
West Yost Associates
Zamora Mini Mart

Sun City, AZ
Upper Lake, CA
Sacramento, CA
Surprise, AZ
Davis, CA
Zamora, CA

Rocky Mountain Region

7-11 #13079
7-11 #13082
7-11 #15068
Albertson's Food Center
Arkansas River Inn
Bear Creek Nature Center
Bear River State Park
Bicycle Station
Boone Mountain Sports
Brown's Shoe Fit
Criterium Bicycle
El Paso County Parks
Gold Run Nordic Center
Hot Springs State Park
Johnson County Tourism Assn.
Lifthouse Condominium
Ray and Kay Littler Trust
Loaf 'N Jug
Loaf 'N Jug
Loaf 'N Jug #56
Loaf 'N Jug #61
Tom Ludwig
Miners Delight Inn
Montauk Restaurant
Packey Walker
Park and Recreation
Quality Inn and Suites
Anne Redden
Rocky Mountain National Park
Virginia Ronne
Bryan Rooney
Roxbrough State Park
Stonehouse Inn B and B
Super 8 Motel
Tennessee Pass Nordic Center
Trading Post
Tuacahn Gift Gallery

Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Salida, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Evanston, WY
Cheyenne, WY
Evergreen, CO
Cheyenne, WY
Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Breckenridge, CO
Thermopolis, WY
Buffalo, WY
Vail, CO
Buffalo, WY
Pueblo, CO
Fountain, CO
Manitou Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Vail, CO
Atlantic City, WY
Vail, CO
Vail, CO
Canon City, CO
Silverthorne, CO
Vail, CO
Estes Park, CO
Ellensburg, WA
Vail, CO
Littleton, CO
Virginia City, MT
Buffalo, WY
Leadville, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Ivans, UT

South Central Region

New Balance of Tulsa

Tulsa, OK

Southeast Region

Best Western Shenandoah Inn
Crosby YMCA of Winter Park
Fort McPherson/Gillem Army Lodging
Holiday Inn Express Fayetteville
Orlando Regional Medical Center
Pirates Cove Adventure Golf of Lake Buena Vista
Starbucks of Celebration
Tanger Outlet Center
Walgreens of Maitland

Newnan, GA
Winter Park, FL
Fort McPherson, GA
Fayetteville, GA
Orlando, FL
Lake Buena Vista, FL
Celebration, FL
Locust Grove, GA
Maitland, FL

Southwest Region

Clay Baulch
Beethoven Mannerchor Halle und Garten
Broadway Daily Bread on Broadway
Broadway Daily Bread on DeZavala
Martin Callahan
Bill Cooper
Anna Cottrill
Del Webb Hill Country Resort
Doctors Hospital
Phyllis Eagan
Jimmie Eisen
El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel
Eveline Evans
Brian Fisher
Carlen Forinash
Joanne Forinash
Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post
Linda Goodman
Bob Hicks
Holiday Inn Express
Sheriff Hopper and Loving County Offices
Helen Hull
Jek's Pit Stop
Priscilla Johnson

San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
Leon Valley, TX
Fort Worth, TX
San Antonio, TX
Dallas, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
Lorena, TX
Ingram, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
Fredericksburg, TX
Universal City, TX
Midland, TX
Boerne, TX
Mentone, TX
Garland, TX
Fredericksburg, TX
San Antonio, TX

Charlotte Kahl	San Antonio, TX
Gerald Kamicka	Universal City, TX
Karl Kittinger	Copperas Cove, TX
Laredo Fire Station #4	Laredo, TX
LBJ State Park	Stonewall, TX
Charles (Chuck) Lear	Peachtree City, GA
The Lighthouse Coffee and Café	San Antonio, TX
Mable Matsumoto	San Antonio, TX
Victor McAllister	Omaha, NE
McDonalds Restaurant	Dallas, TX
Quality Inn Motel	Fredericksburg, TX
Rio Cibolo Ranch	Zuehl, TX
San Antonio Loafers	San Antonio, TX
SAS Shoemakers	San Antonio, TX
Barney Smith	Alamo Heights, TX
Starbucks Coffee Shop	Dallas, TX
Taco Cabana	Universal City, TX
Tanger Outlet Center	San Marcos, TX
Texas Taco Cabana LP	San Antonio, TX
Tin Star Ranch	Fredericksburg, TX
Sam Tollett	Hampton, VA
Cathy Turman	San Antonio, TX
Universal City Library	Universal City, TX
Al Uviette	Leon Valley, TX
Elaine Ward	Garden Ridge, TX
Waxahachie Police Department	Waxahachie, TX
West of Pecos Museum	Pecos, TX
Gary Whitford	Irving, TX
Whole Foods Market	Richardson, TX
Jacklyn Wilson	Universal City, TX
Janica P. Wood	Tyler, TX
Carol Woodfin	Port Aransas, TX
Charles Wortz	Austin, TX

Publicity Contest Awards

Annual Publicity Program

1st Place: NorthStar Trail Travelers, Donna Seline

Club Newsletters

1st Place: Tulsa Walking Club
2nd Place: Asheville Amblers
3rd Place: Susquehanna Rovers
Honorable Mention: Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association
Tarrant County Walkers

Community Relations Program

1st Place: Randolph Roadrunners Volkssport Club
2nd Place: Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club

Logo/Mascot

1st Place: Sonoma County Stompers
2nd Place: Treasure Valley Volkssports
3rd Place: Texas County Walkers
Honorable Mention: Central Minnesota Volkssport

Photography – People

1st Place: Sonoma County Stompers, Vaughn Pickett
I Can't Believe I Walked the Whole Thing!
2nd Place: Valley Vagabonds, Deva Simon
E. "Al" Simon Walking
3rd Place: Valley Vagabonds, Jan Weeks
On the Trail to Lake Erie
Honorable Mention: Greater Des Moines Volkssport Assn., Norma Wessell
Ring Around the Rosie

Photography – Places

1st Place: Kitsap Volkssporters, John Streitt
Columbia Gorge Walk Festival - Dry Creek Falls
2nd Place: Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club, Mike Lanpher
Green Springs
3rd Place: Kitsap Volkssporters, Sharon Streitt
Lake Sacajawea - Bridge to Japanese Island
Honorable Mention: Valley Vagabonds, Deva Simon
Reflections of Building

Publicity Contest Awards

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Photography – Things

- 1st Place:** Northstar Trail Travelers, Donna Seline
Bottom's Up
- 2nd Place:** Kitsap Volkssporters, Sharon Streitt
Sunlit Ferns along Trail
- 3rd Place:** Liberty Bell Wanderers, Ron Nelson
Old Mill - St. David, PA
- Honorable Mention:** Kitsap Volkssporters, Sharon Streitt
Reed Canyon Squirrel

Single Event Publicity

- 1st Place:** Walk 'N Mass Volkssport Club
- 2nd Place:** Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association
- 3rd Place:** NorthStar Travelers

Traditional Event Brochure

- 1st Place:** Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association
All 2010 Traditional Events
- 2nd Place:** NW Tulip Trekkers
2010 Whidbey Walking Festival
- 3rd Place:** Walk Seward Club
2010 July 4th Walk
- Honorable Mention:** Falcon Wanderers
2010 Christmas Walk

Websites

- 1st Place:** Volkssport Club of West Point
<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/>
- 2nd Place:** Columbia River Volkssport Club
<http://www.walking4fun.org/>
- 3rd Place:** Dogwood Trailblazers
<http://www.ava.org/clubs/DogwoodTrailblazers/index.htm>
- Honorable Mention:** East Texas Trekkers
<http://www.walktx.org/EastTexasTrekkers/>

Year Round/Seasonal Event Brochure

- 1st Place:** Falcon Wanderers
- 2nd Place:** Lilac City Volkssport Association
- 3rd Place:** St. Louis-Stuttgart Volksmarch Club
- Honorable Mention:** Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club

Certificate of Service Award

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