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ASSOCIATION

# Recognition Awards 2013 - 2015 Salem, Oregon





## The AVA Recognition Awards Program

Recognition awards are presented to honor individuals, clubs and organizations for services which have supported or advanced the ideals and aspirations of volkssporting. Recognition Awards presented at the AVA 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention include the following:

#### **IW Honors**

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

#### Hall of Fame

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

#### **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 extraordinary, unequaled exemplary service to the AVA. Personal contributions must have been made at an exemplary level 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.

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

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

#### **Meritorious Service Award**

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

#### **Certificate of Service**

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

#### **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.

Thank you to those who took the time to recognize and nominate these outstanding volkssport volunteers. Congratulations to each recipient.



# International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) Honors.

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

#### **Don Vartanian - Posthumously**

Indianapolis, IN

Don with his brother and father were among those who began the American Volkssport Association. Don helped in drafting the first AVA constitution and bylaws. He served two terms as AVA Treasurer, during this time he received the Distinguished Service Award. In 2013 he received the Hall of Fame award. Don helped found the Michigan Pathfinders in Michigan and the Wandering Knights in Pennsylvania. While Stationed overseas during Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield he set up the first Volksmarches in Saudi Arabia. His exceptional service at the local, state and national level, along with organizing events all over the world is outstanding. He is an exceptional leader and his love and dedication of our sport was unwavering. Don passed from this life March 9, 2015. He will be missed.

Ginny Drumm Cincinnati, OH

Virginia has been involved in Volkssporting for over 30 years. She is a Lifetime Associate member of American Volkssport Assocation. She has been Queen City Skywalkers: president 1993 – present. Ginny is a member of Queen City Skywalkers, Bulls Run Ramblers, Wandering Wheels, Derby City Walkers. and the Indy 'G' Walkers. In 2002 after the Executive Director position was vacent, the AVA present requested her help until a new Executive Director could be found. Virginia answered the call and **relocated to Universal City** to oversee and manage the activities at AVA Headquarters Columbus Wellness Walkers Secretary/ Treasurer: 2008 – 2013. Wandering Wheels Secretary/Treasurer 2003 –2009, Ohio Wander Freunde President July 2002-2004 Mid America Regional director: 1997 to 2001 and 2005 to 2009. Am erican Volkssport Association Vice President: 2003 to 2005. Ginny Received the Distinguished Achievement Award in 2011 and the Hall of Fame award 2015. She is an enthusiastic supporter of Volksmarching.

Wayne Holloway Rescue, CA

Wayne has been an active member of the Placer Pacers in Auburn, CA for over 20 years. He served as Vice President in 1996 and President in 1996-1998. In 2000 Wayne started the concept of Friendship walks in California. Several clubs across the nation have picked up the practice, and the concept drew international recognition, with two articles in the IVV World Report. Wayne served as Pacific Regional director 2005-2007, 2007-2009, 22/08/12-2013, 2013 -2015, AVA Vice President in 2009-2011, Receid the Disting uished Achievement in 2009 and the Hall of Fame award in 2015 His contribution on the NEC include his help for clubs module and Pathway to excellence Program. The modules replace the outdated material that was on the web. California walkers cannot think of a better role model for Fun, Fitness and Friendship!

# **Hall of Fame**

This is the highest award presented by the American Volkssport Association. It recognizes exceptional contributions to the AVA and the promotion of volkssporting in the United States.

	Member	Inducted
No. I	Rev. Mr. Kenn Knopp (Deceased)	1985
No. 2	Carol Coffee, PhD	1989
No. 3	Col. Thomas D. Boyd (Deceased)	1995
No. 4	Wendy A. Bumgardner	2005
No. 5	Lynn F. Clark	2005
No. 6	Nancy C. Stenger	2007
No. 7	John H. Ferguson (Deceased)	2007
No. 8	Col. Heinz H. Johnson	2009
No. 9	Shirley A. Lindberg	2009
No. 10	Dr. David N. Toth, MD	2009
No 11	Ben F. Wilkes (Posthumously)	2009
No. 12	Preston L. Johnson, JD	2011
No. 13	Joan M. Lampart	2011
No. 14	Curtis D. Myron	2011
No. 15	Donald N. Vartanian (Deceased)	2013

#### 2015 Hall of Fame Inductees

Virginia K. Drumm Cincinnati, Ohio

For exceptional leadership and dedication to the American Volkssport Association. Her involvement at club, regional and national levels over the last 30 years has contributed to the advancement and promotion of Volkssport events across the country.

Wayne Holloway Rescue, California

For over 20 years of dedicated service promoting the American Volkssport Association, including contributions at the local, state, regional, national and international levels. His mentoring of others has helped prepare clubs and members for future success.

Willis "Sam" Korff Clatskanie, Oregon

For 30 years of significant service to the American Volkssport Association at club, state, regional, and national levels, to include his work which lead to development of the AVA Trail Master Certification Program.

Paul A. Lamb Bisbee, Arizona

For distinguishing himself by serving in a volunteer capacity as official Parliamentarian for AVA Conventions since 1997 and for providing dedicated and selfless service in the promotion of the American Volkssport Association at the club, state, regional and national levels since 1985.

Dennis Michele Fairview, North Carolina

For over 17 years of service to the American Volkssport Association as various club officers, special program originator, state association president, regional director, committee chairman and Association President. His dedicated service at all levels has been toward improving Volkssporting and to increase number of clubs and participants.

Ellen Ott San Antonio, Texas

For 25 years of service to the American Volkssport Association at club, state, regional and national levels, including creation of several special programs as fundraisers for volkssport organizations and local speaking engagements to promote Volkssport activities

Robert C. Wright Leesburg, Virginia

For 40 years of service to Volkssporting at the club, state, regional, national and international levels. The guides and information columns he has written have provided much-needed information and guidance to those interested in Volkssport around the world.

## Recipients of the 2015 AVA President's Award

The AVA President's Award recognizes people for their exemplary contributions and service to the American Volkssport Association. Some people contribute their unique talents; some people contribute countless hours as volunteers; others contribute professional services. All-in-all their personal efforts make a positive impact on the day-to-day operation of the AVA. However, many times these contributions are just accepted as routine and not recognized.

It is a distinct pleasure for me to recognize these very special people for service which I consider to be "above and beyond" the norm. They richly deserve this recognition:

**David Bonewitz** 

Joanne Forinash

**Bonnie Johnson** 

Mike Lanpher

**Alice Lawrence** 

**Larry Middleton** 

# **Distinguished Achievement Award**

#### Martha L. Korff

For 28 years of service to the American Volkssport Association at the club, state, regional and national levels in promoting Volkssport activities and mission. Her continuous service demonstrates her dedication and commitment to Volkssport.

#### Judy L. Michele

For 15 years of service to the American Volkssport Association at the club, state, and national levels in promoting Volkssport activities and mission. Her service demonstrates her commitment and dedication to Volkssport.

#### **Robert Morrison**

For 12 years of service to the American Volkssport Association at the club, state, and national levels. His service has included specific duties such as being Association Treasurer and many other activities to promote the growth of Volkssport activities.

#### **Holly Pelking**

For dedicated service in support of the American Volkssport Association at the club, state, regional, and national levels since 1988; and for distinguishing herself while serving as Association Vice President and demonstrating her leadership qualities and professionalism in leading the recruiting effort for and Executive Director.

## William Radigan Jr.

Posthumously awarded for 10 years of service to the American Volkssport Association in many different capacities at the local level in addition to being a tireless and valuable volunteer at the Association's National Headquarters.

#### **Douglas S. Reynolds**

For 17 years of service to the American Volkssport Association at the club, regional, and national levels, supporting clubs and promoting Volkssport across the country.

#### Karen Seay

For 23 years of service to the American Volkssport Association in various capacities and levels and providing inspirational leadership to the Falcon Wanderers Volkssport Club and advocacy for Volkssport in general.

#### **Leonard Wojtysiak**

For 19 years of service to the American Volkssport Association at the local, state, regional, and national levels, providing leadership, guidance and mentoring of clubs and new walkers.

#### **Meritorious Service Award**

# **Atlantic Region**

Barbara Bell Chesapeake, VA

In recognition of significant service to the American Volkssport Association and to the Gator Volksmarsch Club. Thank you for serving as the Club's Secretary and working our traditional events. Barbara's dedication and efforts have contributed to the success of the Gators.

Diane Berard Hampton, VA

This posthumous award is for exceptional and significant serviced to the American Volkssport Association. Diane served with distinction with the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia as two term President, Treasurer, and Point of Contact for the Fort Eustis, YMCA, Christopher Newport, and Noland Trails yearly events. The Virginia Tidewater Area will sorrowfully miss this dedicated volksmarcher.

#### Margaret (Peggy) Bercher

Woodbridge, VA

For outstanding record keeping and support as Secretary of the Wood and Dale Wanderers.

Peggy Bowers Chesapeake, VA

For Exceptional service and for the promotion of Volkssporting. Peggy is recognized for her endeavors by the Gators Volksmarsch Club. Her professionalism and performance at our walks as Co-Merchandise Chair and as a valuable member of our club's board is exceptional. She is an example for other Volksmarchers to emulate.

Don Bradford Virginia Beach, VA

Don is recognized for exceptional service and dedication to Volkssporting by the Gator Volksmarsch Club. His leadership and assistance as President, Vice-President, POC for the Suffolk YRE, and for numerous hours working the start/finish table and checkpoints at walks has been superior. He is an example for other Volksmarchers to emulate.

Barbara Briggum Virginia Beach, VA

In recognition of significant service to the Gators Volksmarsch Club and the American Volkssport Association. Barbara's work on our Club's newsletter has been extremely noteworthy. She is an extremely valuable and respected Volksmarcher in the Tidewater Area of Virginia. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Event Planner was exemplary. He is an example for other Volksmarchers to emulate.

George Conrad Red Lion, PA

For over twenty years of service to the York White Rose Wanderers. George has served as President and Trailmaster. He is the POC for our York Heritage Rail Trail YRE. He has laid out the trails for many of our traditional events and has been POC. He sets up and maintains all of our checkpoints for all of our walks. We greatly appreciate George's twenty-four years of dedication.

John Dye Columbia, MD

For exceptional service as President of the Columbia Volksmarch Club (AVA 264) for four-teen years. He has also served as the club's newsletter editor and worked as the Trailmaster for numerous traditional and year round events. John has worked for many years to keep the Spirit of Walking alive in Maryland.

Karen Dye Columbia, MD

For exceptional service as Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator for the Columbia Volksmarch Club (AVA 264). She volunteers at almost all of the club events and has been an event organizer for the club. She regular attends and contributes at club meetings. Karen has worked for many years to keep the Spirit of Walking alive in Maryland.

Ken Eberhart Virginia Beach, VA

Ken is recognized for his years of vital service to the Gators Volksmarsch Club, the Virginia Vagabonds, the Virginia Volkssport Association and to the clubs of Virginia. His praiseworthy dedication to the AVA includes service as the Gator's President and Treasurer, the Vagabonds' Vice President and two term Treasurer of the VVA.

Pat Eby Camp Hill, PA

Pat has been the POC for the Camp Hill YRE for the past 2 years. Pat has single handed taken over the Hershey Walkfest this past year and has been the POC and person in charge for the Walkfest when it was happening. Pat has put on many walks in the past 10 years. She is the club's Newsletter Editor.

Alice Echardt Harrisburg, PA

Alice has been the Volunteer Coordinator for the Susquehanna Rovers for 10+ years. She has been the POC for the Harrisburg YRE for as many years. Alice has also volunteered to create walking trails for many of our traditional walks. Alice also has planned and been the person in charge for many traditional events over the past 10+ years.

Jim Farley Belair, MD

Jim has been super active in the Baltimore Walking Club since joining six years ago. He walks all walks and has been POC for 1 YRE and 5 traditional events. He has wonderful ideas for walks and is very enthusiastic about walking. He is always smiling and cheerful.

Pat Graeber Schwenksville, PA

Pat has done an excellent job as the Liberty Bell Wanderers' Trailmaster. She constantly looks for ways to improve our nineteen year round walks. She is proactive in seeking out options for new traditional events and is always prompt and efficient when creating the walks and completing the sanctioning process.

Ed Grant Virginia Beach, VA

Ed has devoted many years of volunteer work with the Gators Volksmarch Club. He has served as Treasurer and is always willing to work at a traditional event. Ed is the extraordinary Volksmarcher that keeps our sport alive and that every club hopes to have as a member.

Joan Grant Virginia Beach, VA

In recognition of over 35 years of service to the Gators Volksmarsch Club. Joan always has unselfishly and willingly given her time and talents to promote volkssporting. She served as Secretary and Pre-Registration Chair and her efforts insured that the Gators remain one of the oldest clubs in AVA.

Lynne Haffner Laurel, MD

For providing over 20 years of meritorious service to the AVA, Atlantic Region and Freestate Happy Wanderers. She has served as a past president of Freestate, YRE POC for several years and is a frequent regular event organizer including 2014 and 2015 events. Her volunteer spirit also includes working at events for multiple cubs in Pennsylvania. Lynne even combines community service with volkssports by organizing a food donation for a local women's shelter in conjunction with an annual New Years regular event. Lynne's contributions reflect great credit upon herself and the AVA.

Dan Horne Chesapeake, VA

Dan is an exceptionally dedicated and tireless worker advocating volksmarching in the Gator Volksmarsch Club. This extraordinary member is recognized for his superb service as our President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and 20 years as Membership Chair. Dan is one of the leaders in advancing Volkssporting in the Tidewater Area of Virginia.

Dayle Horne Chesapeake, VA

Dayle distinguished herself by providing superior service to the Gators Volksmarsch Club. She served as the Sunshine Chair, established the Greenbrier YRE and continues as its POC, assists in publishing the newsletter, and assisting in all areas of our traditional events. We are privileged to have member such as Dayle.

Charlie Hornsby Virginia Beach, VA

In recognition of over 30 years of service to the Gators Volksmarsch Club. Charlie always has unselfishly and willingly given his time and talents to promote volkssporting. He served as club President and his efforts in our formation years insured the gators are now one of the oldest clubs in AVA.

Nancy Ickes Etters, PA

For exceptional service to the York White Rose Wanderers as the Newspaper Editor and Webmaster. She adapted the club newsletter for electronic mailing and maintains and updates the club website. She also creates all of the brochures for the traditional events sponsored by the club.

Tom Jackson Biglerville, PA

In recognition by the Atlantic Region Director for the countless hours you have given to the Keystone State Volkssport Association, both as a volunteer and an officer. Your walking trails and KSVA Challenge Programs have been appreciated by many throughout the years.

Don Koch Baltimore, MD

Don agreed to be Vice President of the Baltimore Walking Club in 2003 and has served faithfully since then. He does an excellent job running the meetings in the President's absence. He walks AVA walks on weekends and during the week and often travels to different parts of the country doing AVA walks. He is the POC for the Towson YRE and was POC for several traditional events since 2010.

Frank Kupres Kingsville, MD

Frank has been a member and officer of the Baltimore Walking Club since its founding. He has been Treasurer since 2008 and has never missed a deadline. The Treasurer of the Maryland Volkssport Association has used Frank's forms for submitting figures as an example for all other clubs in the state.

Bill Lowell Smithfield, VA

For exceptional and noteworthy service to the American Volkssport Association Bill served as the President of the Virginia Volkssport Association, Vice President of the Peninsula Pathfinders, and Assistant Trailmaster for the Virginia Vagabonds. He is the first Volksmarcher in the Atlantic Region to be certified as an AVA Trailmaster.

Janet Nelson Ambler, PA

Janet is half of the first couple of the Liberty Bell Wanderers. They are the glue that has held LBW together. They are the single most important reason that the Liberty Bell Wanderers have been able to make it to our 30th Anniversary as a vibrant and thriving club.

Ron Nelson Ambler, PA

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Susan Osborn Aberdeen, MD

Susan has been a loyal supporter of the Baltimore Walking Club for many years. She keeps us all informed of what is happening in all levels of AVA. She is POC for the Aberdeen YRE and chaired two traditional events.

Nancy Parkton Hatboro, PA

Nancy has done an excellent job as the LBW Secretary for years. Her skills as a school teacher are obvious as she assembles all information discussed at our club meetings and accurately disseminates it in our monthly newsletter.

Dave Peters Baltimore, MD

Dave has been a member of the Baltimore Walking Club since 1998. He has been the newsletter editor for the club since 2003. He attends and works at all Baltimore Walking Club walks and serves as POC for the NCR Trail walks and bike event.

Lee Peters Baltimore, MD

Lee has been a faithful member and contributor to the Baltimore Walking Club since joining in 1998. She has served as Secretary since 2000. She brings delicious goodies for consumption at each meeting which all attendees look forward to. She sends emails to all members regarding club, state, and regional events.

William (Bill) Pile Woodbridge, VA

In recognition of outstanding leadership as President of the Wood and Dale Wanderers for many years and for efforts to improve the club's technological capability.

Sandra Pittman Virginia Beach, VA

As an enthusiastic walker, Sandra has always been involved with club events. She is the POC for the First Landing YRE and has spent numerous hours working every service area at our walks. Her service to the AVA in the Tidewater Area is deemed immeasurable.

Hans Ponse Woodbridge, VA

For outstanding bookkeeping as Treasurer of the Wood and Dale Wanderers and for developing fun, varied, and educational trails as Trailmaster.

Carol Rautenstrauch Horsham, PA

Carl did an amazing job serving as Liberty Bell Wanderers' Trip Coordinator for the past six years when she directed twelve different bus trips. The profit derived from these trips is a major reason that LBW is in the solid financial position that we find ourselves.

Doris Simon Philadelphia, PA

Doris has served flawlessly as the Liberty Bell Wanderers' Treasurer for years. She has been meticulous when submitting our IRS financial reports. She has managed to always keep the clubs comfortably in the black by making sound recommendations regarding our spending and income.

Clyde Stephens Chesapeake, VA

The Gator Volksmarsch Club recognizes this exceptionally dedicated volkssporter for his diligent service as President for two terms, Secretary, and Awards Chair. Clyde established and is still the POC for the Dismal Swamp YRE bike and the Arboretum YRE. His service to the AVA I the Tidewater Are is deemed immeasurable.

Thomas Sunde Camden, DE

For his very active service to the First State Webfooters club in Dover, Delaware, over the last twenty years. Tom has served as President of the club for many of those years, most recently completing four two-year terms on 31 October 2014. Tom also participates in every traditional event. He is always the first to arrive at the events and the last to leave. During the last year, Tom's friendly and welcoming response to inquiries has resulted in ten new members joining the club.

Elaine Thompson Chesapeake, VA

Elaine is recognized for her dedicated service and outstanding leadership as the Gators Volksmarsch Club Treasurer, Secretary, and Co-Merchandise Chair. She has volunteered numerous hours working volksmarch events. Her friendly attitude and warm smile made her a Volkssporting Ambassador and a friend to all.

Annette Tollett Hampton, VA

For exceptional and significant service to the American Volkssport Association. Annette is the Virginia Volkssport Association President for the third term and is the Trailmaster for the Virginia Volkssport Association and the Peninsula Pathfinders. She served as AVA Treasurer for three times. In 2013 she received the AVA President's Award and became an AVA Trailmaster.

Sam Tollett Hampton, VA

For exceptional and significant service to the American Volkssport Association. For the last 20 years Sam has served as President of an AVA Club. He is the past Director, Atlantic Region (two terms). Sam is an AVA Trailmaster and has received the AVA President's Award and the AVA Ted Ballman Youth Award.

Joe Turlo Norfolk, VA

Joe is recognized for his significant contributions and extraordinary service to the Gator Volksmarsch Club as a Trailmaster, for designing and purchasing numerous event awards, for being an enthusiastic ambassador for Volkmarching and always willing to volunteer. Joe is a valuable club member.

Brenda Weirich Manchester, PA

For exceptional service to the York White Rose Wanderers as she served two years as Vice President and another two years as President. She was also the Point of Contact for the volksmarch at Rocky Ridge Park and led a club bus trip.

Marilynn Willoughby Ellicott City, MD

For exceptional service to the Columbia Volksmarch Club (AVA 264) for fourteen years. Over all those years, she has walked alongside and assisted her husband as they developed trails for many traditional and Year events. She walks a lot of events yearly, regularly attends and contributes at club meetings, and is a frequent volunteer worker at Start / Finish points.

Tony Willoughby Ellicott City , MD

For exceptional service to the Columbia Volksmarch Club (AVA 264) for fourteen years. He has been an outstanding Trailmaster for more than five years, contributing to the club's five traditional events and six Year Round Events yearly. Tony walks a lot of events, regularly attends and contributes at club meetings, and has served terms as Treasurer and as Volunteer Coordinator.

Bill Zimmerman Norfolk, VA

Bill's exemplary service as Trailmaster and Vice President is unparalleled. He developed a long standing traditional yearly event starting at his home and he has established numerous trails for the Gators and the Virginia Vagabonds. Bill is a very energetic and valuable member of the Gators Volksmarsch Club.

# **Mid-America Region**

James Blessing Carmel, IN

For outstanding contributions to the American Volkssport Association while serving as a member of the Indy "G" Walkers and establishing a statewide website to promote walking and biking events to new participants. His unwavering dedication, exceptional work ethic and love of our sport have improved the quality and participation of Volkssporting events in Indiana and the Mid America Region.

Sue Ann Blessing Carmel, IN

For outstanding contributions to the American Volkssport Association while serving as a member of the Indy "G" Walkers and establishing successful walk programs with the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana. Her unwavering dedication, exceptional work ethic and love of our sport have improved the equality and participation of volkssporting events in Indiana and the Mid America region.

Linda Gates Bedford, IN

For outstanding contributions to the American Volkssporting and the Bedford Hiking Club with 25 years of continuous service. During this time, Linda served as President, Vice President and Treasurer of the club. She has shown exceptional leadership, dedication to duty, and meticulous record keeping for Volkssporting events.

Billie ED Harris Louisville, KY

Billie Ed Harris has served as treasurer for the Derby City Walkers since the club started in 1991. She has efficiently handled the after-action reports for special events and quarterly reports of year-round walks. Billie Ed also has maintained the club's membership lists and performed many correspondence tasks.

Jan Henderson Brooklyn, OH

Jan has been a member for 11 years providing outstanding service for over 8 years coordinating the Bay Village 2014 event insuring trail instructions were clear including reserving start point. Since receiving her Certificate of Service in 2013. She has continued in her role as Publicity co-chair to have articles published. She was worked the checkpoint and start point inmost all the events. Despite the fact she has trouble doing the walks she has continued her outstanding support of the club and its activities.

Jason Jordon Garfield Heights, OH

Jason has providing 12 years of significant service. Being the valley Vagabond's webmaster for last 12 years he has maintained the website up to date providing an invaluable service that no one else in the club can do. Without him, our club would not have a website.

Debra Ann Kruep Belleville, IL

Debra Kruep has distinguished herself for the Meritorious Service Award by providing leadership and guidance to the members of the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club. Through her selfless service she helped revitalize the club and make it the most active one in Illinois. A true leader, Debra talks the walk and walks the talk.

### **Suzanne McCarthy**

Olmstead Falls, OH

Suzanne along with her husband Tim coordinated the 30th anniversary for the club and are now coordinating the 35th anniversary. Both received Certificate of Service in 2011 and have continued service to the club.

**Timothy McCarthy** 

Olmstead Falls, OH

Tim along with his wife Suzanne coordinated the 30th anniversary for the club and are now coordinating the 35th anniversary. Both received Certificate of Service in 2011 and have continued service to the club.

Carol Miller Louisville KY

Carol Miller has been active on the committee that has planned several Mid-America regional conferences. Carol and her husband, Robert organized the Mid-America regional conference that was held in Louisville, KY in November 2013. /this was her second conference since she helped organize the 2006 regional conference in Jeffersonville, IN.

Robert Miller Louisville KY

Robert Miller has been active on the committee that has planned several Mid-America regional conferences. Robert and his wife Carol organized the Mid-America regional conference that was held in Louisville, KY in November 2013. This was his second conference the 2006 regional conference in Jeffersonville, IN.

Bea Shaefer Columbus, OH

Bea provided 10 years of outstanding service to Valley Vagabonds. Bea and been a member of our club since June 2004 and volunteered at events all thru those years. She has been a strong supporter of not only our club but the Columbus and Dayton clubs. Bea originally joined the German club in 1994.

Carolyn Yarnell Avon, OH

Carolyn for last 20 years has been the most outstanding volunteer for Valley Vagabond. Since 2008 she has not only served a Secretary for the club, but also as Trailmaster. She continues to be backbone of our club in ensuring that all events are successful by her constant review of AVA standards and trail details. She is coordinator of the Oberlin seasonal. in 2005 received the Certificate of Service and in 2011 Meritorious. Her dedication to the Valley Vagabonds has made it a success.

# **North Central Region**

Sue Bergman New Hope, MN

For her supportive work on the annual event booklet for the Twin Cities Volkssport club for the past seven years.

Larry Boehm Omaha, NE

In recognition of the significant contributions towards the promotion of Volkssporting in the Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers Volkssport Club and the American Volkssport Association.

Mel Bohn Omaha, NE

In recognition of the significant contributions towards the promotion of Volkssporting in the Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers Volkssport Club and the American Volkssport Association.

Kevin Carlson St Paul, MN

For serving as the POC of one of the most popular walks for the Twin Cities Volkssport club; the YRE at the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN.

Peter Cartwright Bloomington, MN

For being an active member of the NorthStar Trail Travelers and serving on the board since 2005. He has served as vice president and president for the last 6 years.

Russell W. Crane Madison, WI

For his eighteen years of continuous support and tireless services to the Madison Area Volkssport Association as treasurer, webmaster, developer of brochures & event directions and countless other activities.

Gary DeVore St Paul, MN

For serving as Treasurer of the Twin Cities Volkssport club for four years and POC of several seasonal events. He has worked tirelessly for Twin Cities Volkssport and the American Volkssport Association.

Ruth DeVore St Paul, MN

For serving as POC for many of the Twin Cities Volkssport seasonal events, ranging from "up north" in Duluth and Two Harbors to those in St Paul.

Bruce E. Dewey Middleton, WI

For his outstanding contributions to the improvement of Volkssport activities in the State of Wisconsin while serving as a Board Member and Volunteer within the Dairyland Walkers.

June Doyle Marshall, WI

For her many valuable years of service, exceptional creativity and continued support of the Madison Area Volkssport Association.

Tom Doyle Marshall, WI

For his 19 years of continuous and outstanding service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association.

Karen Elverud Rapid City, SD

For her outstanding contributions to the Black Hills Volkssport Association and her great enthusiasm to get everyone involved. She stepped up when needed to serve as president of the club.

James Goeltz Council Bluffs, IA

In recognition of the significant contributions towards the promotion of Volkssporting in the Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers Volkssport Club and the American Volkssport Association.

Don Husnik Birchwood, MN

For serving as treasurer of the NorthStar Trail Travelers for the past six years. He has helped maintain the club's financial health by monitoring and analyzing income and expenses.

Diane Johannesen Sundance, WY

For her outstanding contributions to the incentive program of the Black Hills Volkssport Association causing enthusiasm among club members to do more walks. She travels eighty miles to attend club meetings.

Barbara John Windsor Heights, IA

For her enthusiastic and tireless contributions in the promotion of Volkssporting while serving as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Director of the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association.

Ken Johnson Maplewood, MN

For serving as President of Twin Cities Volkssport club for four years and as POC for seasonal and traditional events throughout the years.

Kristi Kenyon Cross Plains, WI

For seven years of outstanding contributions to make walking more creative, interesting and fun, thereby increasing membership. She has served as Treasurer of the Madison Area Volkssport Association for four years.

Gwen Kraemer Plain. WI

For her many years of service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association and the American Volkssport Association. She served as Vice President for three years and represented our club as delegate to two AVA conventions.

Mary Liebig Windsor, WI

For her fourteen years of outstanding contributions to make walking more interesting and thereby increasing membership and member participation. She is currently Secretary of the Madison Area Volkssport Association.

Jayne Liebsch Maple Grove, MN

For enthusiastically supporting the Twin Cities Volkssport club in all their activities by being a POC for a seasonal walk and ski events, for helping at registrations and recruiting new members.

Tom McCrill Middleton, WI

For his many years of service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association. He served as President for five years and now chairs the nominating committee and website redesign team.

Barb McGregor New Hope, MN

For her wonderfully creative work on the annual event booklet for the Twin Cities Volkssport club for seven years.

Jeanne Miller Bennington, NE

In recognition of the significant contributions towards the promotion of Volkssporting in the Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers Volkssport Club and the American Volkssport Association.

Stanley Miller Stillwater, MN

For enthusiastic, longtime support of the Twin Cities Volkssport club by being a POC for the well-loved Stillwater, MN seasonal walk, planning and organizing several traditional events and stepping up to help where needed with re-labeling coupons.

Lee Moisant Minneapolis, MN

For serving as Vice President of the Twin Cities Volkssport club for four years and POC of several seasonal events.

Beth Montgomery Edina, MN

For tirelessly supporting the Twin Cities Volkssport club by being the POC for our annual Mall of America event for five years and volunteering at other events.

Karen Reger Madison, WI

For her many years of service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association as Publicity Volunteer, Secretary, Historian, Walk Box Coordinator and chair of the 2014 North Central Region Rendezvous.

Eugene Schutte White Bear Lake, MN

For serving as President of Twin Cities Volkssport club for five years and continuing to serve as a board member, contributing much time and effort in growing the membership and in spearheading and sustaining the Looney Perks program.

Kerri Seeman Arden Hills, MN

For serving as Secretary for the Twin Cities Volkssport Club and for the continuing work of keeping the website active and up-to-date.

Paul Stachour Bloomington, MN

For serving as Treasurer for the Twin Cities Volkssport club for three years and keeping all things financial running smoothly. He had worked long and hard at developing new walks in our area and around the state for the County walks and trying to get the word out about volkssporting through the local papers and health fair events.

Don Suloff Middleton, WI

For volunteering his time and talents to the Madison Area Volkssport Association as our Trailmaster for the past ten years. He plans and coordinates all special events for the year and serves as Walk Box Coordinator for two YREs. He serves on the Board of Directors where his leadership and knowledge of AVA is highly respected.

Reta A. Thovson Hill City, SD

For outstanding contributions to the Black Hills Volkssport Association as point of contact for Hot Springs, SD year-round event since 1995 and five other year-round events since 2009. She is a great promoter of selling New Walker Packets at Crazy Horse Volksmarch.

Linda Valen Oakdale, MN

For serving on the board of the Northstar Trail Travelers since 2007 and being the club Secretary for six years. She is committed ti help keep club events the highest quality possible.

#### Jeanne Van Houweling

Des Moines, IA

For her dedicated and meticulous attention to detail in support of Volkssporting while serving as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Greater Des Moines, Volkssport Association.

Jerry Wilson Madison, WI

For his many years of service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association as President, Newsletter Publisher and Walk Coordinator.

# **Northeast Region**

#### Carolyn L. Adams

South Ryegate, VT

Her exceptional work, in part, reaching across state boundary to assist a club. Seacoast Striders (NH), becoming inactive, she volunteered to handle their administration, welcomed its members into her club, and saved critical walks in the Region, including a Capital Walk. A model for others to consider in similar situations.

Margo Craven Attleboro, MA

In charge, or behind the scenes, Margo is one reason for the success of Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Whether President, or Co-President, Assistant Trailmaster, Chair, or Co-Chair of Events, or serving at one of many positions at an event, Margo does the job efficiently, effectively, and with a smile.

Patricia Damiani

Sagamore Beach, MA

Thanks to Pat, walkers get to enjoy Cape Cod due to her seasonal events in Sandwich and Hyannis, as well as walks she has held in Vineyard Haven, Onset Village, and Buzzards Bay. She is also the dynamic force behind approximately 20 group walks a year. Way to Go, Pat!

Lea Darling Burnt Hills, NY

Her eleven years of club service was highlighted in her first year as President, when confronted by the tragic accident during an event that took three of our members from us, instantly. Her leadership style navigated the whole Club, and individuals needing extra special care, through this heartbreaking experience.

Verna L. DeVine Attleboro, MA

Verna has a ready smile to greet participants whether she is chairing an event or helping another member out at the Start/Finish, specialties table, or as Greeter. Also, Walk 'n Mass appreciates her creativity in providing unique, attractive awards for events she chairs or cochairs.

Jeanette Dose Exeter, NH

Efficiency, thoroughness, and wry humor are Jeanette's trademarks as she effectively supports Walk 'n Mass by preparing maps for walk events, volunteering at the Start/Finish tables, collecting and organizing the Club's activities for its history records, and preparing the Club Newsletter. Jeanette makes it happen!

Elizabeth M. Foley San Antonio, TX

Sincere appreciation and thanks to Betty for more than two decades of support to Walk 'n Mass as Treasurer, Walk Coordinator, catalyst and/or chair for over sixty events plus volunteering at the Start/Finish, preparing directions, and marking/clearing the trail for innumerable events. Volkssporting flourished with Betty at the ready.

Emilia Goyette Portsmouth, RI

In addition to serving as Chair/Co-Chair of our popular seasonal walk in Bristol, Rhode Island, Emilia has volunteered at over 50 events, as well as been an integral member of the team for 15 years in ensuring the success of our Attleboro event. Thank YOU, Emilia, for your enthusiastic support.

Betty Green Central Valley, NY

Betty has been Secretary of Volkssport Club at West Point for several years. She developed and implemented an Incentive Card Award for walkers of our Traditional and Year Round Events, been Point of Contact for one of our YREs, established multiple starting locations for YREs, and is Newsletter Editor.

Michael Green Central Valley, NY

Mike has been our Webmaster for many years. His efforts were noted as 1<sub>st</sub> Place in AVA Website Publicity Award in 2009-11. He is a member of AVA Information Technology Committee, has made many contributions to running events, maintains our records electronically, and uses advanced methodology for our informational items.

Nellie Georgelos Johnstown, NY

Nellie, a friendly, helpful, club member, has been the only Point of Contact for our Johnstown Seasonal walk for all nine years. For five years she also was ESCV's contact with AVA for sanctioning all eighteen of our weekly Summer Guided walks. Nellie is a volunteer of highest degree.

Beate Hait Holliston, MA

Whether it is as President, Walk Coordinator, Event PoC, Specialties Chair, or serving in any of numerous positions to ensure a successful walk, Beate does it well! She is an invaluable source of ideas and well thought out recommendations to promote Club viability. Thank YOU, Beate, for all you do!

Monica Hait Holliston, MA

Not to worry with Monica at the helm. Whether serving at the Start/Finish, greeting newcomers, editing the Newsletter, or designing the brochure, Monica brings expertise and in-depth knowledge of AVA requirements to each and every job. She always goes the extra kilometer!

Lillian Julian Watervliet, NY

Lillian, club member for over 15 years, has been a constant supporter of many activities. During a period when leadership was most needed, she stepped up becoming Co-President for a two-year period, as well as continuing her responsibilities as PoC for walks and social events.

Joan Kimmel Poughkeepsie, NY

Awarded to our current club Vice President, and former President, Joan Kimmel for 15 years of outstanding continuing service to the Volkssport Club at West Point and the hobby of Volkssporting in general.

Edward F. Koch Niskayuna, NY

Ed, and wife Emmy, near Charter Members of ESCV, 27 years ago, with only six members left, ready to fold, helped propel a Wednesday Walk Program that saved ESCV that now enjoys over 300 members. His constant shepherding over those years helps us maintain our robust weekly seasonal programs.

Karen Kolaczyk Marlboro, NY

Karen either knows or finds out where and when to publicize events which translates to new walkers at Walk 'n Mass events. Hosting events, supporting others at the events, making table prizes, and suggesting new ways to attract participants are all welcome strengths she brings to the Club.

#### Barbara Kolapakka

Saratoga Springs, NY

Barbara developed and administered the 2004's AVA Special Program "American Revolution Walks". For our Empire State Capital Volkssporters Club, she served as President, Vice President, Year Round/Seasonal Chair, PoC, and walk developer for numerous favorite club walks/snowshoeing, and co-chaired our 25th Anniversary Planning Committee She exemplifies what AVA promotes.

Agnes Laviolette Hudson, MA

In recognition of Agnes for her timely distribution of the club newsletter, Co-Chairing of the popular Boston event, and frequent support at the Start/Finish and Check Point tables. Agnes enthusiastically embraces volkssports and shares her enjoyment with all.

Ernest Laviolette Hudson, MA

In recognition of Ernie for serving as Co-Chair for three Boston walks, ensuring timely distribution of Club newsletter and frequently manning the Start/Finish tables at Walk 'n Mass events. Ernie is an avid volksmarcher and a key player in making sure Walk 'n Mass events are a success.

Chris Lipson Bedford, MA

With appreciation to Chris for her expertise in organizing the refreshments for meetings and Club social events, for making arrangements to have guest speakers or instructors join us at club meetings, and for making sure members receive cards acknowledging personal times of joy and sorrow.

Chuck Lipson Bedford, MA

In recognition of Chuck's attention to keeping the Club membership list current, sending out timely renewal reminders, and pitching in wherever needed at Club events, especially in conjunction with the Club's popular soup and pie socials.

Terry McFarland East Amherst, NY

Terry has been a major player in both Niagara Frontier and Niagara Escarpment clubs, and was instrumental in startup of Seaways Trails club. When Escarpment and Seaway Trails clubs became deactivated, it was Terry's idea to take over their walks. Her efforts have made these exceptional walks available for Volkssporters.

Linda F. Morzillo Saratoga Springs, NY

We are pleased to sponsor Linda for this Award for her invaluable hours spent developing unique Traditional and Guided Wednesday walks. Over twenty years of voluntarism, her expertise, and thoroughness shows in her trail directions, our ESCV newsletter, & TAW, in addition to being our two-term President.

#### Jacqueline W. Reynolds

Rensselaer, NY

She is a skilled walk developer, having creating over a dozen for ESCV and our Volks South snow-bird site in FL, as well as managing well over a 100 walks. Jackie's gift of listening, her welcoming demeanor has earned her unofficial title of "Ms. AVA Ambassador of the Northeast Region".

Eileen Skinner Clifton Park, NY

Eileen, ESCV, revitalized and acts as webmaster for Northeast Regional Director's website, in cooperation with Mike Green, West Point club, who manages the electronic calendar portion. Together their NERD site provides to our clubs, essential, updated information for the Regional clubs' planning, plus information for those visiting to do events.

Dorothy Socie Niagara Falls, NY

For her outstanding contribution to the establishment and growth of volkssporting in Erie, Niagara, Monroe counties of Western New York, and as a founding member of the Niagara Escarpment club for which she was its President for 21 years.

Mary Sorell Watervliet, NY

Mary has been a member of our ESCV club for 15 years, and Co-President for two terms 2003-2005. She was a PoC of the Catskill Walk & Spring Picnic 2014, Waterford Peebles Island walk in 2013, walk development on two Watervliet walks, and helped on many walks at the Start Point.

Carol Sorenson Moreau, NY

In Carol's 14 years as an ESCV member, she emerged as one of our foremost creators of Seasonal/Traditional walks. She created walks and was PoC for Whitehall, Fort Edward (twice), Glen Falls, and Tawasentha Park, plus the PoC for the Albany/Colonie Crossing seasonal walk for seven years.

Barbara Stafford Clarence, NY

Continuing initiatives of her home club, Niagara Frontier VC, working with her colleague, Terry McFarland, Barbara reached across club boundaries to rescue walks and members that would have been lost to the Region when Seaway Trails and Niagara Escarpment clubs became inactive. She is supporting establishing new clubs in area.

Antonia M. Walsh Scotia, NY

ESCV honor Antonia for her quiet, friendly unassuming style in carrying out her many volunteer services in various capacities. Most notable is her bringing to fruition and maintaining for over six years Year Round Event in Scotia, and all that is demanded. ESCV thanks her these many contributions.

Dolores Vaz Pawtucket, RI

Volunteers like Dolores are the best! She has served as Co-Chair of our Seasonal Events in Providence and Bristol, Rhode Island, plus volunteered for all the various tasks necessary to ensure successful walks in over 50 Walk 'n Mass events. Thanks for your dedication and ready support.

# **Northwest Region**

Dorothy L. Baltes Camas, WA

For her service to clubs in New Mexico, Washington and Oregon; her six years of efficient and accurate performance as Secretary for two clubs; support for numerous events; recruitment of dozens of new walkers and promotion of volkssporting through published articles in local papers and the TAW.

Thomas Baltes Camas, WA

For his past service to clubs in New Mexico, Washington and Oregon. As Treasurer and President of the New Mexico club he was the POC for 17 YREs throughout the state. As President of Vancouver USA Volkssporters and Treasurer of All Weather Walkers he outstandingly leads both clubs in their many activities.

Barbara Baker Vancouver, WA

Of the Vancouver USA Volkssporters for her immeasurable contributions to the success of volkssporting in the Northwest Region over an extended period. She has provided dedicated service as a member of four clubs and as Registrar for the Northwest Regional Conference.

Dick Baker Vancouver, WA

For service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Assn, chairman of The Northwest Pathfinder Committee, President of Rose City Roamers, and Asst. Trailmaster for the 2015 AVA Convention Committee.

Maryann Brown Waldport, OR

For her exceptional service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Assn as President, for service as the Vice Chair of the 2015 AVA Convention Committee, Volunteers chair and work on the Web committee; and for excellent performance and organization as Co- Chair for the 2014 Northwest Regional Conference.

Bettie Lou Cline Milwaukie, OR

For exceptional service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Assn on the Steering Committee, as President of Valley Volkswalkers, and as Equipment Committee Chair for the 2015 AVA Convention Committee.

Liz Connors Vancouver, WA

Of the All Weather Walkers for being one of the most dedicated and dependable leaders of the club. She has served in our most demanding position, Treasurer, as chair for several Traditional Events and as support for several other events.

Karen Highfield Gresham, OR

For service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Assn as Secretary, for service to Valley Volkswalkers and to the 2015 AVA Convention Committee.

Joan Larson Portland, OR

For exemplary service as the nine year Treasurer of the Rose City Roamers and for one year for the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association. She was lead for the Highway Clean-up Program for two years. She always completes her duties in a very accurate and timely manner.

Sharon Moats Renton, WA

For service as Registrar and Chair of the Registration Committee for the 2015 AVA Convention Committee.

Dar Parrow Portland, OR

For service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Assn as Publicity Chair, for her long years of service to the Cedar Milers and as Publicity Chair for the 2015 AVA Convention Committee.

Romana Paynter Vancouver, WA

For extended service to the Vancouver USA Volkssporters in a variety of roles including Reporter, Treasurer, event chairperson and her many efforts providing great publicity for club activities and events.

Pat Russell Leavenworth, WA

For her leadership creating and sustaining the Bavarian Volkssport Association for its nearly 20 years of existence.

Walker Paynter Vancouver, WA

Of the Vancouver USA Volkssporters for his exceptional leadership to the club as President for five years. His supervision of club activities has resulted in numerous highly successful Traditional and Year Round events. In addition he serves as Area Coordinator for the Evergreen State Volkssport Association.

Duane Russell Leavenworth, WA

For his leadership creating and sustaining the Bavarian Volkssport Association for its nearly 20 years of existence.

Perky Sweet Olympia, WA

For her excellent performance cultivating contacts and promoting volkssport events through publicity in various print media.

Joe Titone Vancouver, WA

For being a motivating force as President of the All Weather Walkers and as leader of their weekend walking program. He has provided exceptional service to more than six area clubs as webmaster posting walk schedules and leading the 5km walks.

Susan Treacy Portland, OR

Susan Treacy has been the Rose City Roamers webmaster for over 10 years and has completely revised it to make it more informative and easier to use. She has served as the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association Treasurer for 2 years and is currently the Rose City Roamers Treasurer. She performed outstandingly as the co-registrar for the 2014 NW Regional Conference.

Rozy Weatherby Albany, OR

For service to Oregon Trail State Volkssport Assn by helping to keep the Willamette Wanderers and the Corvallis Cruisers alive as well as service as Bus Coordinator for the 2015 AVA Convention Committee.

Nancy Wittenberg Puyallup, OR

For her extraordinary contributions working towards the growth of the American Volkssport Association while serving as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster of the Daffodil Valley Volkssport; Association as well as trailmaster of numerous traditional and year-round events.

Karen Wusstig Jefferson, OR

For service as Vice President, Albany Fitwalkers and service as Web Master for the 2015 AVA Convention Committee, and service on the Socials Committee and Silent Auction Committee.

# **Pacific Region**

Joanne Bowen Davis, CA

A dedicated member of the Davis Dynamos, Joanne is always ready to take on the extra jobs that make a club work. From developing new walks, arranging for baked goods for special events, designing the club banner and helping design a new club logo, improving the year round events brochure, to performing the job of club treasurer with efficiency, she is there.

Kathy Bundy Wildomar, CA

Always spreading the word about our sport, Kathy has taken the initiative to host a Meet Up Group that has introduced Volkssporting to younger, enthusiastic walkers. She uses her positions as Publicity Chairman for the Low Desert Roadrunners and as the Southern Vice President for California Volkssport Association to further her outreach efforts and demonstrate her leadership skills.

John Cappello Cherry Valley, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the California Volkssport Association, the Green Valley Gaiters, and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California and support of local, state and national Volkssporting leadership. Your work as the Southern Vice President of the California Volkssport Association and support of the Director is deeply appreciated.

Sherry Colvin Dana Point, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Laguna Turf 'N Surf Walkers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in Southern California by holding positions of leadership and hours of work in attending to club business and hosting walking events for fellow American Volkssporters and international visitors.

## Paula (Qeldas) Crist-Pickett

Santa Rosa, AZ

Her enthusiasm and motivation knows no bounds when it comes to promoting Volkssporting. At every level, club, state, regional, and national, she has used her artistic and seamstress talents to the develop story boards, posters, flyers, and to sew hat bands, bandanas and hats to publicize our sport and to raise money and entertain. Ever with a new idea, she's a keeper.

Don Deal Petaluma, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Rose Enriquez Sonoma, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Suzi Glass San Jose, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the California Volkssport Association, the South Bay Striders, and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by editing the Association's newsletter, *The COMPASS*, and managing year round walking events for fellow South Bay Striders and International Volkssporters.

Linda Gunn Sebastopol, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advance of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

John Hardeman Sonoma, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Brenda Harris Boulder City, NV

In recognition of dedicated service to the Las Vegas High Rollers & Strollers and the American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Shirley Hightower Santa Rosa, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Philip Jones Twain Harte, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to Volkssporting in California as President of the California Volkssport Association and the Sierra Gold Striders, and for your diligence in the promotion of the American Volkssport Association and its programs. Your support of the Regional Director is especially appreciated and has earned everlasting gratitude.

Linda Jurin Santa Rosa, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Henry A. Korejwo Henderson, NV

In recognition of dedicated service to the Las Vegas High Rollers & Strollers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in Nevada by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow High Rollers & Strollers and Volkssporters everywhere.

Jay LaCroix Meadow Vista, CA

Jay has demonstrated his enthusiasm for our sport from working checkpoints to being the president of a club and president of the California Volkssport Association. Along the way, he has served on sundry club, state and national committees, most recently, the Pathway to Excellence committee. His support of the Regional Director has earned everlasting gratitude.

Marilyn Nasi Santa Rosa, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Barbara L. Nuss Sacramento, CA

Barbara has been the President of the Sacramento Walking Sticks during a period of significant growth, to one of the nation's largest, for which she was instrumental through her ceaseless publicity efforts, Walk Alerts (over 3,000 email addresses), friendly nature, and her love of the sport. Her contributions to Volkssporting are immeasurable. Thank you, Barbara!

Don Raimondi Santa Rosa, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Kathryn Raimondi Santa Rosa, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Iva Riggle Sebastopol, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

#### **Howard "Bud" Simmons**

Vacaville, CA

A dedicated member of the Vaca Valley Volks, Bud is always ready to take on the extra jobs that make a club work. From serving as the club President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, to developing new walks and serving as Point of Contact for at least one Traditional event a years, and working club events from set up to take down, he is always there.

Jill Simmons Vacaville, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the California Volkssport Association, the Vaca Valley Volks, and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California as the Association's Treasurer and by holding positions of club leadership and hours of service in planning and holding walking events for fellow Vaca Valley Volks and visiting Volkssporters from around the World.

Sheila Steinberg Meadow Vista, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the California Volkssport Association, the Placer Pacers, and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by managing subscriptions to the Association's newsletter, *The COMPASS*, and support of local, state and national Volkssporting leadership.

Jack Stoob Arcata, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Sheryl Snow Santa Rosa, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the Sonoma County Stompers and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California by holding positions of leadership and hours of dedicated assistance in planning and holding walking events for fellow Sonoma County Stompers and Volkssporters throughout California.

Joan Sykes Stockton, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to the California Volkssport Association, the Delta Tule Trekkers, and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in California and support of local, state and national Volkssporting leadership. Your work as the Central Vice President of the California Volkssport Association and guiding member of the Regional Awards Committee and support of the Director is deeply appreciated.

Chris Zegelin San Jose, CA

In recognition of dedicated service to Regional, National, and International Volkssporting by unselfish donation of uncounted hours to the development of online registration ("Walk Box") for Volkssport events, and improvements of internal IT Systems. Your concern for bringing Volkssporting into the 21st Century is truly exceptional and sincerely appreciated.

# **South Central Region**

Andrew Blanton Olathe, KS

is a member that works to become not just a member, but a valuable member. He monitors the Special Programs in his club and most enjoys stamping books at the finish line and does a very precise job. He set up a new club website for his Clay-Platte Trackers Walking club to all pertinent sites and keeps it updated. The enthusiastic way that he has grasped our sport is to be admired.

#### Melissa (Missy) McBride

Grandview, MO

is a valued member of her club. At a younger age, she has revitalized her club bringing in new walkers and fresh ideas. She has served as President of her club two (2) terms where she took over the job of creating her club brochures and setting up a Clay-Platte Trackers Face Book account.

Doris Conyers Joplin, MO

served as on of the co-chairs of the South Central Regional Roundup held September 2014. On the reasons for the great success of this event was the extra individual effort she demonstrated to writs and receive a grant to provide the club adequate funds necessary to stage this event. She has served five years as president of the Dogwood Trailblazers Walking Club and is presently the Trail Master. She has also served on an AVA Committee.

Paul Swaim Bella Vista, AR

has demonstrated for many years that he is an avid walking enthusiast. He is an accomplished Trail Master and coupled with his excellent map making ability sets out the route with a map that is easy to read and serviceable to the participant. His willingness to contribute his time and energy to the Ozark Hill Hikers and Dogwood Trailblazer clubs is much appreciated.

Linda Swaim Bella Vista, AR

has a broad range of talents and abilities. Her most extraordinary attribute is that she is always willing to assist clubs in whatever way she can. One specific talent is her ability to assist clubs in the establishment of club websites. She volunteers her time and ability to assist other clubs in this most important avenue, not just the Dogwood Trailblazers, so that they also can communicate with members and non members alike. In addition her skill as a "playwright" provided very unique entertainment for the South Central Regional Roundup which promoted AVA participation.

Carolyn Wolfe Neosho, MI

is the "back bone" of the Dogwood Trailblazer Walking Club. As a charter member, she has served in every office required at one time or another including eleven years as president. She most recently served as co-chair for the South Central Regional Roundup held September 2014 and was active in all phases of planning for the event which was a great success.

# **Southeast Region**

Rosemary Barna Longwood, FL

for exceptionally meritorious service to the Mid Florida Millers walking club, and AVA, by serving as club President, club secretary, route and volunteer coordinator, and as18th Biennial Convention home club hostess.

Bill Ellis Orange City, FL

For outstanding meritorious service to the American Volkssport Association from 2000 through 2015 at all levels from club President and Vice President to dedicated volunteer at the 2013 Biennial Convention. An avid walker and ambassador for Volkssporting, Bill Ellis truly embodies AVA's moto of "Fun, Fitness, and Friendship!"

Sally Hobling Ormond Beach, FL

During eight years of outstanding service as The Happy Wanderer's Treasurer and as a frequent volunteer at the event start table or finish table, Sally has provided significant contributions to the purpose and mission of the club and the AVA. Throughout those years her attention to detail, cheerful attitude, and readiness to work provided an exemplary model in club activities.

# **Southwest Region**

Randy Baker Windcrest, TX

Upon returning to San Antonio Randy Baker has shared his technical skills by becoming the Roadrunner webmaster and for the last two years has produced all the club event brochures which number at least eight a year. He continually updates the website and maintains pertinent links. Randy also works most Roadrunner events at a checkpoint.

Helen Bateman Dallas, TX

For dedication, support and help in the development of 30 plus walks throughout Texas since 2010. Helen has lead the Dallas Trekkers Walking Club, founded the Texas County Walkers, served at the state level as Treasurer of the TVA and was Texas Events Chairman for the 2009 National Convention.

Tina Bohnert Comfort, TX

Tina is recognized for her over twenty years of dedicated service to the Volkssporting community and the Hill Country Volkssportverein Club of which she is currently the President. She and husband, John, each year sponsor two, two-day events where there are wonderful trails, delicious food and much fun and friendship.

John Bohnert Comfort, TX

For service as Trailmaster, President, Vice President, chief organizer, route patrol and whatever there needs to be done for the Hill Country Volkssportverein Club for over twenty 20 years. John is currently serving as Vice President of the Texas Volkssport Association.

Lesley Bowen Dallas, TX

Lesley is recognized for developing outstanding events for the Dallas Trekkers and the West Texas Trail Walkers, and for her determination and success in holding the West Texas Walks when the Government closed the Federal Park and Lodging in 2013.

Marlin Brendsel New Braunfels, TX

In recognition of his service as President of the NB-Marsch-und Wandergruppe Volkssport Club for over five years. Marlin is an active participant in the planning and organizing of the club's very successful two-day events each spring and fall.

Walter S. Byington Granbury, TX

Walter Byington, "Sonny" has been a pillar of the Hood County Hummers Walking Club for over 20 years. As president of the club for many of those years, he sponsored numerous successful walking events. He also actively supports other clubs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. His contributions are greatly appreciated.

Deborah Carter Mesquite, TX

In recognition of her services as President of the Dallas Trekkers and Vice President of the Texas County Walkers. As such, she developed strong, capable and reliable leadership which has allowed her to increase membership, and to initiate Fun Walks to meet the interest of the club members.

Margaret Cole Plano, TX

Maggie is recognized for providing sustained leadership and truly outstanding support for the Plano Walking Club. In addition to the challenges that come with being club president she coordinates scheduled group walks and is the Point of Contact for several of the club's Year Rounds.

Dianne Duke Mesquite, TX

For exemplary service to The Dallas Trekkers using social media to broaden Club exposure and increase club membership. She is currently serving as the club treasurer.

Phyllis Eagan San Antonio, TX

In recognition of more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Selma Pathfinders and in the advancement of the American Volkssport Association. She has developed events in new, historic and scenic locations in the Central and South Texas regions.

Eveline Evans Lorena, TX

For her amazing photographic ability to capture the sights and scenes of our walks within the Southwest Region and put them on the Walk List for all to enjoy. Her photos are presented in such a way that makes your feet want to slip on your shoes and go find where she just walked.

Patricia Gunter San Antonio, TX

In recognition for her over twenty years of service to Volkssporting. She is an all around participant in all aspects of club activities and the Texas Volkssport Association. She does many behind the scenes tasks and works at all Randolph Roadrunners events as well as for other clubs.

Bill Hamilton Houston, TX

For his dedication to Volkssporting in Texas and the US by taking the Presidency of the first club in the United States, the Volkssportverein Friedricksburg, soliciting new members, reviving the entire club, sponsoring a repeat of the first walk in the US and managing the club's six year rounds.

Sarah Hoover Albuquerque, NM

Sarah is to be recognized for her years of dedicated service as President of the Double Eagle Hike and Bike Club of Albuquerque, NM. She leads her club in sponsoring twelve year rounds throughout the central region of New Mexico.

Helen Hull Garland,TX

For service as President of the East Texas Trekkers, Vice President of the Dallas Trekkers, for actively coordinating the Events calendar for the North Texas Clubs, for coordinating the Tuesday YRE group walk schedule, and best saleswoman for walking and walking clubs.

Heinz Johnson San Antonio, TX

For his dedication to our sport by working at checkpoints to being president of a club and currently president of the Texas Volkssport Association. Along the way, he has served on many club, state and national committees, and as our National President. For a number of years he has coordinated the schedule of events for the Texas Volkssport Clubs of the Southwest.

Priscilla S. Johnson San Antonio, TX

For exemplary service to the AVA National President, AVA National Executive Council XVII, Texas Volkssport Association and the LoneStar Walkers Volkssport Club. She has made a significant contribution to American Volkssporing and she is unquestionably a genuine representative of the American Volkssport Association.

Gerald Kamicka Jr. San Antonio, TX

In recognition of dedicated service to the Texas Wanderers, The Texas Volkssport Association and to the advancement of American Volkssport Association by planning and holding walking events for fellow Texas Wanderers and Volkssporters everywhere.

Catherine Kellner Orchard, TX

In recognition of her service to Volkssporting in Texas and the Southwest Region. She has served as President of the Texas Volkssport Association and has served as the President of the Houston Happy Hikers for the past eight years. She is the key organizer and supporter of the clubs eight or nine Traditional events and nine Year Rounds each year.

Carol Obianwu Austin, TX

Carol is to be recognized for her years of dedicated service to the Colorado River Walkers, currently serving as the club president. Through her strong, loyal and dedicated leadership the club sponsors at least four, new and interesting traditional events and eight year rounds each year.

Vickie Pendergrass Tyler, TX

Vickie has served as treasurer of the East Texas Trekkers for the past six years. She is always available to work events, collect the money, and file the many reports required by AVA. Vickie works hard to keep the club out of trouble with the AVA and the IRS.

Alexander Rose Midland, TX

Alexander is to be recognized for her exemplary service for many years as the Treasurer of the Midland Walkabout Club. Through her strong and dedicated loyalty to Volkssporting, she was the driving force that kept the club an active volkssporting club.

Daralyn Schubert Huffman, TX

Daralyn Schubert has been a member of the Houston Happy Hikers for over 10 years. She was instrumental in planning, organizing and developing the San Jacinto Year Round and helps in maintaining the route and Walk Box. She organizes Traditional walks for the club and volunteers wherever needed at most walks.

Kenneth Schubert Huffman, TX

Kenneth Schubert has served as an active member of the Houston Happy Hikers for over 10 years. He and wife Daralyn planned, organized, developed and maintains the San Jacinto Year Round walk. Kenneth is very active in the organizing of the club's Traditional walks and works at check points and the start/finish at most of the Houston Happy Hikers events.

David Sheppard Mesquite, TX

For website maintenance, publication of monthly walk calendar and bi-monthly newsletter, creating event flyers, writing meticulous walk directions, and his patience and dedication to Volkssporting.

Gary Silkworth Euless, TX

Gary Silkworth has provided outstanding support to the Star Trekkers Walking Club for over 20 years. As president and walk director, he has sponsored numerous successful walking events, providing memorable awards for many of them. He also actively supports other clubs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. His contributions are greatly appreciated.

Kitty Simmons Richardson, TX

Kitty Simmons has been a member of the Plano Walking Club for twenty-four years. She is the oldest member of the group but one of the most energetic. She has always been the 'go to nurse' for questions or advice regarding health issues. She retired about a year ago and continues providing expertise advice when asked with a smile. Jerry Slayton Plano, TX

Jerry Slayton is one of the few early Plano Walking Club members with twenty-five years of service. Jerry is one of the most kindest and willing individuals and always goes out of his way to be helpful. When the club lost their parking spot for the club trailer, Jerry kept it on his own property for over two years.

Jerry Stovall Plano, TX

Jerry Stovall is the Plano Walking Club's longest member, with over twenty-five years. Even with many personal demands on his time he has continued to maintain his walk box as walk coordinator and has a sense of humor and a knack for making members laugh.

Mary Wheat Houston, TX

Mary Wheat has served as an active member of the Houston Happy Hikers and the American Volkssport Association for over ten years. She currently serves at the Treasurer for the Club and is an active participant in the planning, developing and organizing all their Traditional Walks. She is an advisor to the Board and Volunteers at every walk at the Start/Finish.

#### **Certificate of Service Award**

# **Atlantic Region**

#### **Certificate of Service - Basic Award**

Gayle Hendricks	Bethlehem	Veronica Howells	Warrington, PA
Tina Jenneray	Hatboro, PA	Joyce Krow	Port Royal, PA
Edna Little	Newport, PA	Rich Little	Newport, PA
Bill Rhoat	Ephrata	John Santamaria	Williamsburg, VA
Bev Vogelsong	Harrisburg, PA	Karen Yeutler	Lansdale, PA

# **Certificate of Service - 5 years**

Sue Adams	New Bloomfield, PA	Linda Blythe	Philadelphia, PA
LuAnn Bowers	Hanover, PA	Trish Bowra	Harrisburg, PA
Barbara Briggum	Virginia Beach, VA	Sue Buswell	Ellicott City, MD
Linda Cacccavo	Southhampton, PA	Joan Caperones	Silver Spring, MD
<b>Catherine Driscoll</b>	Chesapeake, VA	Gloria Gross	Dover, PA
Charlie Johnston	Duncannon, PA	Carolyn Locker	Jessup, MD
Marie Miller	East Berlin, PA	Pete Mueller	Richboro, PA
Sue Peck	Wellsville, PA	Richard Perkins	Severn, MD
Trudy Perkins	Severn, MD	Pamela Potter	Millersville, MD
Jennifer Quinn	Erdenheim, PA	Betty Richard	Chesapeake, VA
Bill Ridge	Harleysville, PA	Carol Roy	Chesapeake, VA
Ed Seibert	Millford, DE	Carol Smith	Ambler, PA
Jane Snurr	Mechanicsburg, PA	Mariellen Somerville	Columbia, MD
Elaine Thompson	Chesapeake, VA	Mary Watts	Harrisburg, PA
Sue Wheeler	Middletown, PA	Jo Anne Williams	Chesapeake, VA
Rose Yeich	Middletown, PA	Sue Yeich	Middletown, PA

## **Certificate of Service - 10 years**

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Paula Bargenstasse	<b>er</b> Harrisburg, PA	Richard Bergenstrasser	Harrisburg, PA
Derrick Bradford	Virginia Beach, VA	Don Bradford	Virginia Beach, VA
Lisa Bradford	Virginia Beach, Va	Dave Brown	Collegeville, PA
Ellen Buller	Chesapeake, VA	Roy Clugston	Duncannon, PA
Sis Clugston	Duncannon, VA	Joyce Diebert	Roslyn, PA
Eric Eriksen	Chesapeake, VA	Linda Eriksen	Chesapeake, VA
Alex Estrin	Columbia, MD	Judy Estrin	Columbia, MD
Betty Good	Abington, PA	Gloria Grabenstein	Harrisburg, PA
Carol Gralla	Columbia, MD	Mars Gralla	Columbia, MD
Barb Hanningan	Levittown, PA	Irvin Hite	Glenwood, MD
Janice Hite	Glenwood, MD	Rita Klahr	Virginia Beach, VA
Frank Kupres	Kingsville, MD	Marie Kupres	Kingsville, MD
Norm Labbe	Bel Air, MD	Daniel Leese	York, PA
Sandra Leese	York, PA	Bill Lowell	Smithfield, VA
Wanda Musse	Langhome, PA	Pat Boyle	York, PA
Heide Richards	Norfolk, VA	Daniel Robinette	Dover, PA
<b>Donna Robinette</b>	Dover, PA	Sharon Ryan	Virginia Beach, VA
Tim Ryan	Virginia Beach, VA	Renate Sabulsky	Midlothian, VA
Ken Schoener	Mifflin, PA	James Wallace	Ocean Pines, MD
Lee Wipplinger	Furlong, PA	Regina Zapotosky	Harrisburg, PA

Certificate of Service - 15 years

Mike Brooks Norfolk, VA Pat Crisfulla Philadelphia, PA Alma (Honey) Dallas Langhome, PA **Barbara Fisher** Hanover, PA Southampton, PA Al Kilburn Jeff Kline Norfolk, VA Ellie Kuntz Plymouth Meeting, PA **Dee McKnight** North Wales, PA Warminister, PA **Patty Miller** Jean Meyers Kutztown, PA Fred Reichert **Thom Perry** Accokeek, MD Audubon, PA **Bev Robinson** Warminister, PA **Sharon Smetzer** Hellertown, PA Glenside, PA Carol Talaga Joe Turlo Norfolk, VA **Phil Wilder** Laurel. MD **Mary Wolfe** Silver Spring, MD

Certificate of Service - 20 years

**Dave Berry** Hatboro, PA **Marty Brumback** White Plains, MD Pam Copenhaver Jim Copenhaver York, PA York, PA **Stacy Doyle Evalee Dumas** New Carrllton, MD Warwick, PA Leon Eisenschmid Southampton, PA Sue Filipovits York, PA **Eugene Geyer** New Oxford, PA Julianne Geyer New Oxford, PA **Lynne Haffner** Laurel, MD Joan Lampart Quakertown, PA Myron Lapham York, PA **Maurine Lapham** York, PA **Linda Mueller** Richboro, PA **Gary Pittman** Virginia Beach, VA Sandra Pittman Virginia Beach, VA Carol Taubenberger Warrington, PA **Brenda Weirich** Manchester, PA **Nevin Weirch** Manchester, PA **Heinz Weiler** Philadelphia, PA Robert Wolfe Silver Spring, MD **Chan Zucker** Virginia Beach, VA Bill Zimmerman Norfolk, VA

**Certificate of Service – 25 years** 

**Bill Brabant** Laurel. MD **Louise Clouser** Newport, PA **Barb Conrad** Red Lion, PA **George Conrad** Red Lion, PA **Bruce Daniel** Laurel, MD **Nancy Daniel** Laurel. MD Bill Hassell Ken Eberhart Virginia Beach, VA Pasadena, MD Pasadena, MD Chesapeake, VA Linda Hassell Dan Home **Dayle Horne** Chesapeake, VA **Charlie Homsby** Virginia Beach, VA Etters, PA Nancy Ickes Etters, PA Robert Ickes **Bob Lumbert** Severn. MD **Dennis Lynch** Laurel. MD Sandy Lynch Laurel. MD **Ton Mosely** Brookeville, MD Mike Quinlan Bowie. MD **Mary Simons** Norristown, PA **Clyde Stephens** Chesapeake, VA

Certificate of Service - 30 years

Gloria Reedy Dover, PA James Reedy Dover, PA Ingeborg Schwarz Warrington, PA York, PA York, PA

Pat Strausbaugh York, PA

Certificate of Service – 35 years

Ed GrantVirginia Beach, VAJoan GrantVirginia Beach, VAMarshall HansenSilver Spring, MDGeorge SatterthwaitFt. Washington, MDCharley SewardVirginia Beach, VALynn SewardVirginia Beach, VAKen WilsonBethesda, MD

# **Mid-America Region**

# **Certificate of Service**

Donna Brianas	Avon, OH	Trudy Duffman	O'Fallon, IL
Karla Gaynor	Evansville, IN	Jim Geiser	Evansville,IN
Vicky Helneck	Brooklyn, OH	Karen Jaeger	Evansville, IN
Dennis Pepper	Evansville, IN	Jean Templeton	Evansville, IN
Ralph Templeton	Evansville, IN		

# **North Central Region**

#### Certificate

Dave Brown	Omaha, NE	Julie Brown	Council Bluffs, IA
Mary Brown	Omaha, NE	Jim Deye	Minneapolis, MN
Lora Frame	Rapid City, SD	Shelia Goeltz	Council Bluffs, IA
<b>Bonnie Hamer</b>	Fort Atkinson, WI	Phyllis Hildreth	Fridley, MN
Marilyn Husnik	Birchwood, MN	Charlene Jensen	Fridley, MN
Jesse Johnson	Fridley, MN	Mary Jayne Jordan	Sundance, WY
Elizabeth Martin	Rapid City, SD	Lillian Nolan	Fond Du Lac, WI
Wally Swanson	Waterville, MN	Dee Whalen	Rose Creek, MN
Terry Wendt	Waunakee, WI	Doug Wiest	Madison, WI

# **Northeast Region**

#### Certificate

Mary Frink	Everett, MA	Barbara Popolizio	Clifton Park, NY
Michael Popolizio	Clifton Park, NY	Patricia Rush	Schenectady, NY
Mary Suchodolski	Cumberland, RI	Gail Vorbach	Coxsackie, NY
	ı	Bronze	
<b>Dorothy Basini</b>	New Windsor, NY	Phyllis Budka	Niskayuna, NY
Dennis Cottrell	Niskayuna, NY	Bernard Desroches	Latham, NY
Amy Gitchell	Glenville, NY	William Hughes	Watervliet, NY
Thomas Nisonger	Wappingers Falls, NY	Doris Rogers	New Windsor, NY
Tom Scuccimarra	Garrison, NY	Beth Snyder	Schenedtady, NY
		Silver	

Kathleen Brown	Green Island, NY	Charles Conway	Shirley, MA
Peggy Goetz	Valley Cottage, NY	<b>Bonnie Neggers</b>	West Medford, MA
Ann Smith	Broadalbin, NY	John Sowa	Scotia, NY

		Gold		
Carolyn L. Adams Cynthia, W. Gray	South Ryegate, VT Waterbury, VT		Marylou F. Green	Mechanicville, NY

#### **Gold Leaf**

Phyllis Boyd	Scotia, NY	Cora Lea Seats	Wallkill, NY
Dorothy Socie	Niagara Falls, NY		

# **Northwest Region**

Charlie Chevalier James Ohl	Certificate of Serv Eugene, OR Vancouver, WA	rice – 3 years Kathy Fairchild Jean Ohl	Springfield, OR Vancouver, WA
Debbie Esmond Bev Haven Rosemary Nelson Gail Sandgathe Jan Veeder	Certificate of Serve Portland, OR Jefferson, OR Springfield, OR Springfield, OR Longview, WA	rice – 5 years  Denise Esmond  Jann Mann  Margaret Pinkley  Pat Schauer  Jim Westcott	Portland, OR Eugene, OR Portland, OR Longview, WA Salem, OR
Sue Connolly Ruthann Couch Carol Fairbanks Sharon Medart Marilyn Sanders Gayle Senger Rebecca Shierman Darlene Thomasec Gene Williamson	Certificate of Servi Portland, OR Eugene, OR Eugene, OR Eugene, OR Graham, WA Buckley, WA Gresham, OR Seal Rock, OR Seal Rock, OR	ice – 10 years Chyrll Coscorrosa Colette Culver Holger Krentz Emma Jean Moeller Heidi Schurr Jim Senger Mary Siegenthaler Leah Townsend Linda Williamson	Puyallup, WA Eugene, OR Eugene, OR Ridgefield, WA Vancouver, WA Buckley, WA Orting, WA Vancouver, WA Seal Rock, OR
Regina Blake John Hacker Britt Lindstrom Cheryl Mockford Diane Wagner Elisabeth Wittenberg	Certificate of Serving Gresham, OR Portland, OR Eugene, OR Vancouver, WA Graham, WA Tacoma, WA	ice – 15 years Sandra Dunterman Marie Jewett John McDermott Carmella Swinney John Warhol	Puyallup, WA Medford, OR Stayton, OR Springfield, OR Puyallup, WA
Carolyn Mockford Sue Finlayson Dick Koonce Betty Torkelson	Certificate of Servi Vancouver, WA Yachats, OR Beaverton, OR Puyallup, WA	ice – 20 years Jim Finlayson Becky Forsythe Sally Ross	Yachats, OR Battle Ground, WA Springfield, OR
Sandra Bernsten Bill Buskirk Jill McLean John Singleton	Certificate of Servi Puyallup, WA Eugene, OR Vancouver, WA Tacoma, WA	ice – 25 years Jan Breneman Phoebe Harrison Kay Rice	Washougal, WA Albany, OR Fife, WA
Debbie Connell Walt Ottoson Marjorie Varner	Certificate of Servi Federal Way, WA Portland, OR Vancouver, WA	ice – 30 years Carol Ottoson Theola Swann Carol Walsh	Portland, OR Puyallup, WA Puyallup, WA

## **Pacific Region**

#### Certificate

Carol Addy
Kitty Bell
Nancy Calkins
Paula Elias
Ana Maria Garza
Paul Purohit
<b>Sheila Steinberg</b>
Jan Stoermer
Terry Way

Carmichael, CA Elk Grove, CA Elk Grove, CA Manteca, CA Sacramento, CA Davis, CA Meadow Vista, CA Manteca, CA Dublin, CA Beverly Bales
Joy Calkin
Rita Canales
Kris Ericson-Cano
John McLaughlin
Judy Rosendin
Tom Smith
Jeff Stoermer

Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA Manteca, CA Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA Manteca, CA Vacaville, CA Manteca, CA

#### **Bronze**

Nancy Alex
Sally Coones
Priscilla Fife
Sue Hickman
<b>Carole Soenke</b>
Chris Zegelin

Sacramento, CA Carmichael, CA Alameda, CA San Jose, CA Sacramento, CA San Jose, CA John Cappello Brenda Dougherty Phil Hickey Monica Moriarty Jim Tischer Cherry Valley, CA Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA Elk Grove, CA Woodland, CA

#### Silver

<b>Marion Burrowes</b>
Rose Enriquez
Joanne Evilsizer
Diana S, Fredlund
Jane Graham
Jennie Gordon
John Hardeman
Ron Haskell
Linda Jurin
Steve Hughart
Judy Mueller
Don Raimondi
Carol Romig
Judy Stroud
Cynthia Turbin
<b>Catherine Wieder</b>
Lois Will

Homewood, CA Sonoma, CA Santa Rosa, CA Sun City West, AZ Sacramento, CA Truckee, CA Sonoma, CA Pollack Pines, CA Santa Rosa, CA Sacramento, CA Stockton, CA Santa Rosa, CA Kailua, HI Roseville, CA Redding, CA Scott Bar, CA Rancho Cordova

**Loralie Cruz** Jim Evilsizer Leslie Flowers **Heidi Foster Carlos Gama** Linda Gunn **Bette Haskell** Sue Hickman **Gale Hughart** Myma Jackson **Tom Mueller** Janet Riley **Gail Samcoff** Warren Tellefson Karen Wall **Terry Wieder** 

Surprise, AZ Santa Rosa, CA San Jose, CA Fair Oaks, CA Atascadero, CA Santa Rosa, CA Pollack Pines, CA San Jose, CA Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA Stockton, CA Antelope, CA Sacramento, CA Auburn, CA Sacramento, CA Scott Bar, CA

#### Gold

Sue Deal Annette Fletcher Bev Jones Jay LaCroix Sue Obradovitz JoAnn Pelz Joan Sykes Petaluma, CA Lompoc, CA Twain Harte, CA Meadow Vista, CA Norca, CA Davis, CA Stockton, CA Yvonne Giambrome-Martin Santa Rosa, CA
John Fletcher Lompoc, CA
Phil Jones Twain Harte, CA
Joe Obradovitz Norco, CA
David Pelz Davis, CA
Dottie Schwieger Corona, CA
Jean Vik Corona, CA

#### **Gold Leaf**

Fred Bohmafalk Don Deal Suzanne Gooch Suzi Glass Shirley Hightower Tom Loppnow Bruce McDevitt Diane Morrison Marilyn Nasi Kathryn Raimondi James Yakas Helen Young	Fair Oaks, CA Petaluma, CA Santa Rosa, CA San Jose, CA Santa Rosa, CA Huntington Beach, CA Colfax, CA Carnelian Bay, CA Santa Rosa, CA Santa Rosa, CA Posthumous Santa Rosa, CA	Kathy Bundy Sherry Colvin John Glass Judy Gordon Marge Loppnow Tom Loppnow Betsy McDevitt Jim Morrison Barbara Nuss Iva Riggle Lui Yakas Ken Young	Wildomar, CA Dana Point, CA San Jose, CA Sparks, NV Huntington Beach, VA Huntington Beach, VA Colfax, CA Carnelian Bay, CA Sacramento, CA Sebastopol, CA San Franciso, CA Santa Rosa, CA
Myrna Jackson	Sacramento, CA	Gail Samcoff	Sacramento, CA

# **Rocky Mountain Region**

Violet Sykora	Colorado Springs, CO	Rita Ann Jones	Colorado Springs, CO
Marcia Mohn	Colorado Springs, CO	Jeanette Augenstein	Colorado Springs, CO

#### **Bronze**

Laura Dornbrack Colorado Springs, CO

#### Gold

Jan Converse Colorado Springs, CO

#### **Gold Leaf**

Curt Converse	Colorado Springs, CO	Russ Bechtold	Colorado Springs, CO
Flo Bechtold	Colorado Springs, CO	Kevin Ross	Colorado Springs, CO
Kevin Ross	Colorado Springs, CO	Linda Nyman	Colorado Springs, CO
Michael Nelson	Black Forest, CO	Robert Shute	Colorado Springs, CO
Elizabeth Shute	Colorado Springs, CO		

# **Southeast Region**

## Certificate of Service - 3 to 5 years

Sharon Axelrod	Orlando, FL	Eileen Jennings	Merryville, TN
Kathy Nash	Maryville, TN	Mary Ross	Orlando, FL
Kathy Swartz	Friendsville, TN	Ned Swartz	Friendsville, TN

#### Certificate of Service - 5 to 10 years

Rosemary Barna	Orlando, FL	Mindy Bonewitz	Louisville, TN
Peter Fournier	Leesburg, FL	Jerrie Mitchell	Clinton, TN
Joe Mitchell	Clinton, TN	Tammy Muhs	Orlando, FL
Linda Nelson	Maryville, TN	Sharon Predham	Leesburg, FL

Certificate of Service – 10 to 15 years

Gail Brooks Orlando, FL Jackie Walchuck Orlando, FL

Certificate of Service – 15 to 20 years

Ladd DuncanLake Mary, FLJoan LanpherWinter Srpings, FLLetta ZookHaines City, FL

Certificate of Service – Over 20 years

JoAnne Cross Winter Springs, FL Fred Sheets Palm Bay, FL William Woolgar Casselberry, FL

**Southwest Region** 

**Certificate of Service – 3+ years** 

Donna HallMesquite, TXLinda McDonaldRichardson, TXTwila RogersHouston, TXMyrna VerneuilAransas Pass, TXLinda WeselohCedar Creek, TX

Bronze Certificate of Service – 5+ years

**Bruce Bartlett Rosemary Creamer** Granbury, TX New Ulm, TX Huntsville, TX Bill Pohlchuck **Charlene Foerster** Houston, TX **Brownie Roberts** San Angelo, TX **Patricia Roberts** San Antonio, TX College Station, TX Patricia Salzmann Mary Seagrove El Paso, TX San Antonio, TX **Andy Thomas Charles Winkelspecht** San Angelo, TX

Silver Certificate of Service – 10+ years

Mission, TX

**Delores Bentke** Virgil Altwein Kerrville, TX Houston, TX Linda Fields Austin, TX Susan Fine Hobbs, NM **Robert Mantz** Raton, NM **Yvonne Matingly** Houston, TX Marilyn Nash Oak Leaf, TX **Judy Perry** Kerrville, TX **Barbara Piersol** San Marcos, TX **Patrick Powers** Kerrville, TX Michael Shav Houston, TX **Audrey Vertucci** San Antonio, TX **Rob Yavnoccone** Houston, TX

Gold Certificate of Service – 15+ years

Martin CallahanSan Antonio, TXLinda GoodmanUniversal City, TXAnthony PaulsonSchertz, TXNancy PaulsonSchertz, TXJack RogersMidland, TXRobert TheisKerrville, TXGary WhitfordIrving, TX

Certificate of Dedicated Service—20+ years

Rose Forester San Antonio, TX

**Del Zander** 

#### **Certificate of Appreciation**

#### **Atlantic Region**

Perrydell Farm Dairy YMCA of Gettysburg & Adamds County York, PA Gettysburg, PA

Belleville, IL

Evansville, IN

Indianapolis, IN

Collinsville, IL

Indianapolis, IN

Henderson, KY

Noblesville, IN

Edwardsville, IL

Evansville, IN

Cleveland, OH

Smithton, IL

O'Fallon, IL

Belleville, IL

Chagrin Falls, OH

Maryville, IL

Carmel, IN

## Mid-America Region

Belleville News-Democrat Carmel Cyclery Church Of Our Redeemer Collinsville Maryville Troy (CMT) YMCA Crown Hill Cemetery **Einstein Brothers** Mike Grassman, Worlds largest Catsup Bottle Inc. Indiana department of Natural Resources (DNR) John James Audubon State park O'Fallon IL YMCA Staff Riverview Hospital St. Elizabeth's Hospital/Switchboard Staff Susan Carr director, Edwardsville Public Library Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve Winking Lizzard Women of the church - St. John's United Church of Christ

# North Central Region

Ann Bean bed & Breakfast Stillwater, MN **Boondocks Store** Deadwood, SD Caribou Coffee Minneapolis, MN Country Inn & Suites Bloomington, MN Country Inn Two Harbors, MN Days Inn Lead, SD Kathy's Dairy Home Coon Rapids, MN Lynn's Dakotamart Custer. SD Mark Crawford, Manager Lake Maria State Park Monticello, MN Quality Inn Hill City, SD Hot Springs, SD Super 8 St Paul, MN SuperAmerica Station SuperAmerica Station St Paul, MN Zumbrota Public Library Zumbrota, MN

## **Northeast Region**

Battleship Cove Gift Shop Leo Bourque Bright Star Diner Fall River, MA Lunenburg, MA Central Valley, NY Caroga Lake Town Offices
Cold Spring Depot Restaurant
DeCicco's Family Market

Father Thomas Chevalier & Congregation of St. Matthew's Church

Fort Montgomery NYS Historic Park Visitors Center

Gateway Diner Ginger Betty's Bakery Heritage House Hotel Johnstown City Hall Valerie A. Kirley

Lighthouse Fitness Center

Nyack Hospital Quincy Visitor Center

Saratoga National Historical Park

Brigid A. Stiller The Bakery

Wellesley Free Library Yankee Clipper Diner Cold Spring, NY
Cornwall, NY
Voorheesville, NY
Fort Montgomery, NY
Highland, NY
Quincy, MA
Hyannis, MA
Johnstown, NY
Naugatuck, CT
Plymouth, MA
Nyack, NY
Quincy, MA
Stillwater, NY
Lebanon, NH
New Paltz, NY

Wellesley, MA

Beacon, NY

Caroga Lake, NY

#### **Northwest Region**

Albany Fitwalkers,

Albertson's Grocery Store All Weather Walkers, Arrow Lumber & Hardware Arrow Lumber & Hardware Arrow Lumber & Hardware

Cathlamet Market Cedar Milers Chuck's Seafood

Columbia Memorial Hospital Columbia River Volkssport Club

Columbia Sportswear Factory Outlet - Sellwood Plaza

Competitive Edge Cornerstone Café

Cozy Cove Beach Front Resort Inn

**East County Windwalkers** 

**Emily Carton** 

Eugene Springfield Mossbacks Foot Traffic – Sellwood Store

Fred Meyer Store – Interstate Street

Gracie's Sea Hag Restaurant

Hallmark Resort Hampton Inn Holiday Inn Express

**IGA Store** 

Log House Museum Lyle Mercantile

McDonald's Restaurant – Airport Way

McDonald's Restaurant

Albany, OR Lake Oswego, OR Vancouver, WA Buckley, WA Eatonville, WA Orting, WA Cathlamet, WA Aloha, OR Charleston, OR Astoria, OR Portland, OR Portland, OR Puyallup, WA Rainier, OR Lincoln City, OR Gresham, OR Kalama, WA Springfield, OR Portland, OR Portland, OR Depoe Bay, OR

Lyle, WA Portland, OR Lake Oswego, OR

Moses Lake, WA

Newport, OR

Tukwila, WA

Winlock, WA

Seattle, WA

Middlefield Village Golf Course

Motel 6

Mt St Helens Motel Providence Down Manor

Providence Portland Medical Center

Ray's Food Place Ray's Food Place Rose City Roamers Safe Store Self Storage

Safeway Store

Safeway Store – Main Street

Safeway Store Safeway Store San Dune Inn

Sherwood Merrywalkers Silver Sands Motel

Starbucks Store - Fremont Store

Suncadia Lodge

The Merk

The Red Lion Hotel - Jantzen Beach

The Red Lion Hotel The Sportsman Tolovana Inn

Turnaround Trekkers Valley River Inn Valley Volkssporters

Vancouver USA Volkssporters Walgreen Drugs – Parkland Walking Adventures Wilky's Bait & Groceries

Willamette Wanderers

World Forestry Center Museum

Cottage Grove, OR

Seaside, OR
Castle Rock, WA
Hood River, OR
Portland, OR
Bandon, OR
Port Orford, OR
Portland, OR
Lakewood, WA
Clatskanie, OR

Clatskanie, OR Puyallup, WA St. Helens, OR Yelm, WA

Yelm, WA Manzanita, OR Sherwood, OR Garibaldi, OR Portland, OR Roslyn, WA

Longview, WA Portland, OR Kelso, WA Florence, OR

Cannon Beach, OR
Clatskanie, OR
Eugene, OR
Milwaukie, OR
Vancouver, WA
Tacoma, WA

Vancouver, WA Hammond, OR Salem, OR Portland, OR

# **Pacific Region**

24 Hour Fitness

Adrian Badger - Steeltown Coffee & Tea

Bella Bru Café Big Lots

Bitz-ee Mama's Restaurant

Bob's Restaurant Carrows Restaurant Cheers T-Shirt Shop

Circle K

Common Grounds Coffee

Convention & Tourism Authority

Copper Queen Hotel

Fair Oaks Coffee House and Deli

Fleet Feet Sports
Fleet Feet Sports Fair
Fleet Feet Sports

Sacramento, CA Pittsburg, CA Carmichael, CA Sacramento, CA Glendale, AZ

Glendale, AZ Etna, CA Placerville, CA Sedona, AZ Tombstone, AZ

Davis, CA

Virginia City, NV Bisbee, AZ Fair Oaks, CA Davis, CA Oaks, CA Roseville, CA Hardman House Inn

Highlands Center for Natural History

Karen's Bakery & Café
La Bou Restaurant West
Land Bark Pet Supplies
Les Baux Bakery & Bistro
Lexington Hotel & Suites
McDonald's Restaurant

Lincoln Family Downtown YMCA Mulligan's at Encanto Park National Automobile Museum New Balance Shoe Store

Nugget Market Quality Inn Quality Inn

Quality Inn & Suites

Round Table Pizza - Elm Avenue

SAS Shoe Store

Shell Gas Station Super Stop

SpringHill Suites

Starbucks (Bond Road)
Starbucks (Golden Centre)
Starbucks (65th Street)
Starbucks (Arden Way)
Starbucks (Howe Avenue)
Starbucks (Watt Avenue)
Sun City Visitors Center
Turquoise Valley Golf & RV

**UPS Store** 

West Yost Associates Zamora Mini Mart

Carson City, NV Prescott, AZ Folsom, CA Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA Fountain Hills, AZ Elk Grove, CA Phoenix, AZ Phoenix. AZ Reno. NV Roseville, CA Woodland, CA Sierra Vista, AZ Wickenburg, AZ Lake Havasu City, AZ

Auburn, CA
Citrus Heights, CA
Benson, AZ
Prescott, AZ
Elk Grove, CA
Gold River, CA
Sacramento, CA
Sacramento, CA
Sacramento, CA
Sacramento, CA
Sun City, AZ
Naco, AZ

Sacramento, CA Davis, CA Zamora, CA

# **Rocky Mountain Region**

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Albertson Supermarket AlbertsonSupermarket Alta Convenience Store

Arkansas River Inn and Suites

Bear River State Park Boone Mountain Sports Boulder University Inn Carson Nature Center

Castlewood Canyon State Park Cheyenne Mountain State Park Claim Jumper General Store

Cliff Wigfield

Colorado Welcome Center Courtyard by Marriott

Colorado Springs, CO Colorado Springs, CO Colorado Springs, CO

Colorado Springs, CO Loveland, CO

Colorado Springs, CO Canon City, CO

Evanston, UT
Evergreen, CO
Boulder, CO
Littleton, CO
Franktown, CO
Colorado Springs, CO

Victor, CO Arvada, CO Trinidad, CO Denver, CO Criterium Bicycles

Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites

Dale Boone

Daniel F. Norgail

Dave Johnston

Daz Bog Coffee

Daz Bog Coffee Downtown YMCA

**Durango Community Recreation Center** 

Fort Bridger State Historic Site

Fort Buena Ventura Fort Collins Club

Frisco Information Center

Garden of the Gods Trading Post

**General Nutrition Center** 

Georgetown Gateway Visitor Center

General Nutrition Center Gold King Mountain Inn

Golden Chamber of Commerce

Gunther Toody Holiday Inn Express

Jayne Welton Jorgenson Restaurant Karen Seav

Katherine Svoboda Kempton Hotel

King Sooper's Grocery Store

Linda Wolff Miles

Loaf 'N Jug Loaf 'N Jug Loaf 'N Jug

Loaf 'N Jug Loaf 'N Jug #61 Lois Peterson

Louisville Recreation Center

Lynette Reagan

Morrison Nature Center

Motel 6
Myra Tams
Niwot Market
Red Lion Hotel
Rheinlander Bakery
Richard Perry

Rocky Mountain National Park

Roxborough State Park

Safeway Sherry Sayers Shiloh Inn Hotel

Short Stop Gas & Convenience Sink's Canyon State Park Smith's Food and Drug Colorado Springs, CO

Salt Lake City, UT

Pueblo, CO Syracuse, UT Evergreen, CO

Castle Pines, CO Castle Rock, CO

Colorado Springs, CO

Durango, CO Fort Bridger, WY Ogden, UT

Fort Collins, CO Frisco, CO

Colorado Springs, CO Woodland Park, CO

Georgetown, CO Denver, CO

Cripple Creek, CO

Golden, CO Arvada, CO Miles City, MT Virginia City, MT

Helena, MT

Colorado Springs, CO

Aurora, CO Terry, MT

Colorado Springs, CO

City, MT

Colorado Springs, CO Fountain, CO Manitou Springs, CO

Pueblo, CO

Colorado Springs, CO

Buffalo, WY Louisville, CO Colorado Springs, CO

Aurora, CO
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Arvada, CO
Fort Collins, CO
Estes Park, CO
Littleton, CO
Monument, CO
Woodland Park, CO
Salt Lake City, UT
Miles City, MT

Lander, WY

Brigham City, UT

Snow Canyon State Park
Sonnenalp Resort

State Historic Site Stonehouse Inn Super 8 Motel Super 8 Motel

The Walking Company

Thermopolis Hot Springs State Park Travelodge of Colorado Springs Travelodge of Colorado Springs

Valdoro Mountain Lodge

Windsor Community Rec Center Wrangler Western Wear Store

Ivins, UT Vail, CO

South Pass City, WY Virginia City, MT Buffalo, WY Salida, CO Denver, CO Thermopolis, WY Colorado Springs, CO Colorado Springs, CO Breckenridge, CO Windsor, CO

Cheyenne, WY

## **Southeast Region**

7 - Eleven Store American Museum of Science & Energy

Another Breakfast Egg Café Back Door Tavern Beardall Senior Center

B.P.O.E.

Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant

Croaby YMCA Earth Fare

Fort Loudoun State Historic Area

Hoskins Drug Store Knoxville Visitors Center Marks Street Senior Center

Martin Britton Mimi's Café

Nantahalla Outdoor Center

Pirates Cove Adventure Golf Lake

Quality Inn

Rogersville Food City Sea Dog Brewing Company Starbucks Starbucks

The Market at Washington & High

Towsend Visitors Center Walgreens Pharmacy

Brooksville, FL Oak Ridge, TN Winter Park, FL Knoxville, TN Orlando, FL Winter Park, FL Maitland, FL Winter Park, FL Knoxville, TN Vonore, TN Clinton, TN Knoxville, TN Orlando, FL Charlotte, NC Knoxville, IN Gatlinburg, TN Buena Vista, FL Alcoa, TN Rogersville, TN Orlando, FL Altamonte Springs, FL Marysville, TN Townsend, TN

## **Southwest Region**

Alan R. Baca Center

Barney Smith-Toilet Seat Museum

Clay Baulch

Big Bend Ranch State Park

Broadway Daily Bread – Alamo Heights Broadway Daily Bread- DeZavala

Beethoven Mannerchor Halle and Garten

Round Rock, TX San Antonio, TX Quemado, TX Terlingua, TX San Antonio, TX San Antonio, TX San Antonio, TX

Maitland, FL

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Corner Bakery in the Alamo Quarry Castroville Chamber of Commerce

City of ShoreAcres

Comfort Inn and Suites - Texas Hill Country

Corpus Christi Bayfront Hotel

**Thesese Daniels** 

Del Webb – Hill Country Retreat

Drury Inn and Suites - I 10 W and 1604

Jimmie Eisen

El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel

**Enchanted Rock State Natural Area** 

**Extended Stay America** 

Brian Fisher Carlen Forinash

Faust Hotel and Brewing Company

Georgetown Visitors Center

**Gonzales County Historical Commission** 

Bill Hamilton

Paul Harris – Tyler State Park

Jackie Hattenbach

**Heights Recreation Center** 

Marilyn Henderson High Country Lodge

Holiday Inn -Durango Street Howard's Convenience Store

Helen Hull

Inn of the Hills Hotel

Charlotte Kohl Richard Krauss

La Taza Coffee House

LBJ State Park Suzanne Markgraf Mable Matsumoto Mike Hernandez

McDonald's Restaurant

Lana Marie Paris Carolyn Petersen

Pflugerville Recreation Center

Rio Cibolo Ranch Patricia Roberts

Rodeway Inn - I 10 West

Sally Gavlik

Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce

Gary Silkworth JoAnn Slaven Tom Staley

Taco Cabana Restaurant Chain

Tarpon Inn

**Tanger Outlet Center** 

Texas Parks: Wildlife Palmetto State Park

Quichi, TX San Antonio, TX

Castroville, TX ShoreAcres, TX Boerne, TX

Corpus Christi, TX

Plano, TX

San Antonio, TX San Antonio, TX San Antonio, TX

San Antonio, TX Fredericksburg, TX

Austin, TX
Ingram, TX
San Antonio, TX
New Braunfels, TX
Georgetown, TX
Gonzales, TX
Houston, TX
Tyler, TX
Rockport, TX

Alto, NM

San Antonio, TX Shiner, TX Garland, T X Kerrville, TX San Antonio, TX McAllen, TX San Antonio, TX Stonewall, TX

Richardson, TX

San Antonio, TX

Garden Ridge, TX San Antonio, TX McAllen, TX San Antonio. TX

Houston, TX Midland, TX Pflugerville, TX

Zuehl, TX Windcrest, TX San Antonio, TX McAllen, TX

Seguin, TX Euless, TX Plano, TX

Rockport, TX San Antonio, TX Port Aransas, TX

San Marcos, TX

Ottine, TX

The Filling Station Diner and Café
The Lighthouse Inn on Aransas Bay
The San Antonio Loafers
Twin Lakes Family YMCA
Universal City Library
Waxahachie Police Department
Bill Wigton

Navasota, TX
Fulton, TX
San Antonio, TX
Cedar Park, TX
Universal City, TX
Waxahachie, TX
Fort Worth, TX

#### **Trailmaster Certification**

#### **Atlantic Region**

Reginia Overhold U.S. Freedom Walk Festival Club Arlington, VA

#### Mid-America Region

Cliff Terr Indy "G" Walkers Indianapolis, IN Don Vartanian Michigan Pathfinders Indianapolis, IN Jackie McCombs Queen City Sky Walkers Cincinnati, OH Illinois Trekkers Trudy Duffman Scott AFB. IL Bill Badger Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB, IL Linda Badger Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB, IL Leonard Woitysiak Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB, IL Deloras Wotitysiak Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB. IL Debra Kruep Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB, IL Mark Kruep Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB, IL Lois LaFleur Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB, IL Tom Stucky Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB, IL Cindy Stucky Illinois Trekkers Scott AFB, IL

# **North Central Region**

Charles Head Central Minnesota Volkssports St Cloud, MN Central Minnesota Volkssports Lois Head St Cloud, MN Bonnie Johnson Lake Country Wanderers Fridley, MN Phyllis Olson Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association Urbandale, IA **Butch Spaulding** Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers Council Bluffs, IA Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers Sandy Spaulding Council Bluffs, IA Don Suloff Madison Area Volkssport Association Middleton, WI Norma Wessel Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association Urbandale, IA

# **Northwest Region**

Maryann Brown Yachats Coastal Gems Yachats, OR Diane Hildebrand Interlaken Trailblazers Redmond, WA Martha Korff **Border Crossers** Clatskanie, OR **Border Crossers** Kay Lockwood Clatskanie, OR **Sharon Moats** Interlaken Trailblazers Redmond, WA Dar Parrow Cedar Milers Aloha, OR

Carol Reed Jan Veeder Carolyn Warhol Robert Williams Nancy Wittenberg Mike Zewe Cedar Milers

Border Crossers

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Asso.

Kitsap Volkssporters

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Asso.

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Asso.

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Asso.

Puyallup, WA

Puyallup, WA

Redmond, WA

#### **Pacific Region**

Carolyn Barton
Fred Barton
Nancy (Wendy) Breen
Sherry Colvin
Don Deal
John Glass
Myrna Jackson
Paul Lamb
David Pelz
Carol Romig
Dennis Romig
Ron Tribbett

Tucson Volkssport Klub Tucson, AZ Tucson Volkssport Klub Tucson, AZ Thunder Mountain Trekkers Sierra Vista, AZ Laguna Turf 'N Surf Walkers Dana Point, CA Sonoma County Stompers Petaluma, CA South Bay Striders San Jose, CA **Davis Dynamos** Sacramento, CA Thunder Mountain Trekkers Bisbee, AZ Davis Dynamos Davis, CA Menehune Marchers Mililani, HI Menehune Marchers Mililani, HI Davis Dynamos Dixon, CA

## **Southwest Region**

Clay Baulch Helen Bateman John Bohnert Leslie Bowen Sonny Byington **Deborah Carter** Margaret Cole Phyllis A. Eagan Susan Fine Brian E. Fisher Linda Goodman Patricia Gunter Bill Hamilton Helen Hull Gerald Kamicka, Jr. Karl Kittinger Carol Obianwu Ellen Ott Barbara Piersol **David Sheppard** Gary Silkworth Jerry Slayton

**Gary Whitford** 

Whatever of Texas Sport Club **Texas County Walkers** Hill County Volkssportverein West Texas Trail Walkers **Hood County Hummers** Dallas Trekkers Plano Walking Club Selma Pathfinders **Tarrant County Walkers** Kerrville Trailblazers **Texas Wanderers** Randolph Roadrunners Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg East Texas Trekkers **Texas Wanderers** Trotting Texas Turtles Copperas Colorado River Walkers Randolph Roadrunners San Marcos River Walkers **Dallas Trekkers** Star Trekkers of Irving Plano Walking Club Star Trekkers of Irving

Quemado, TX Dallas, TX Comfort, TX Dallas, TX Granbury, TX Mesquite, TX Plano, TX San Antonio, TX Hobbs, NM Ingram, TX Universal City, TX San Antonio, TX Houston, TX Garland, TX Universal City, TX Cove, TX Austin, TX San Antonio, TX San Marcos, TX Mesquite, TX Euless, TX Plano, TX Irving, TX

#### **2015 AVA Publicity Contest Winners**

#### **Photography - People**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joan Lanpher, Mid Florida Milers Walking Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jerri Mitchell, East Tennessee Wanderers

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jan Weeks, Asheville Amblers

### **Photography - Things**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mike Lanpher, Mid Florida Milers Walking Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sharon Streitt, Kitsap Volkssporters

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Norma Wessel, Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association

#### **Photography - Places**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sharon Streitt, Kitsap Volkssporters 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jan Weeks, Asheville Amblers

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mike Lanpher, Mid Florida Milers Walking Club

#### **Traditional Events Brochure**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Madison Area Volkssport Association

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: The Upstate Pathfinders 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Liberty Bell Wanderers

#### YRE/Seasonal Event Brochure

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Walk'n Mass Volkssport Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Eugene– Springfield Mossback Volkssport Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mid Florida Milers Walking Club

#### Club Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mid Florida Milers Walking Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Green Valley Gaiters 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Vaca Valley Volks

#### **Club Website**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: East Tennessee Wanderers

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Empire State Capital Volkssporters

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dogwood Trailblazers

#### Club Logo

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Black Hills Volkssport Association

# **Event(s), Community Engagement and Publicity**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Randolph Roadrunners Volkssport Club

#### **AVA Committees**

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Don Deal: Cities in Song
Colleen Hailey: America's Baseball
Millie Haupt: Honoring Our Flag

Lois Head: Alternative Capitals, Animal Safari, Food for Thought, You'll Never Walk

Alone, Strolling Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Struttin' Down Main St.

Debbie Kruep: Walking America's Murals

Edna Little: Grist Mills

Martha Myron: Walking America's Trails
Ellen Ott: Walking the Old Spanish Trail
Stephanie Pollard: Celebrating Golden Cinemas

Sharon Snyder: Lakes and Reservoirs, National Register of Historic Places NHRP

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Rensslaer, NY

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