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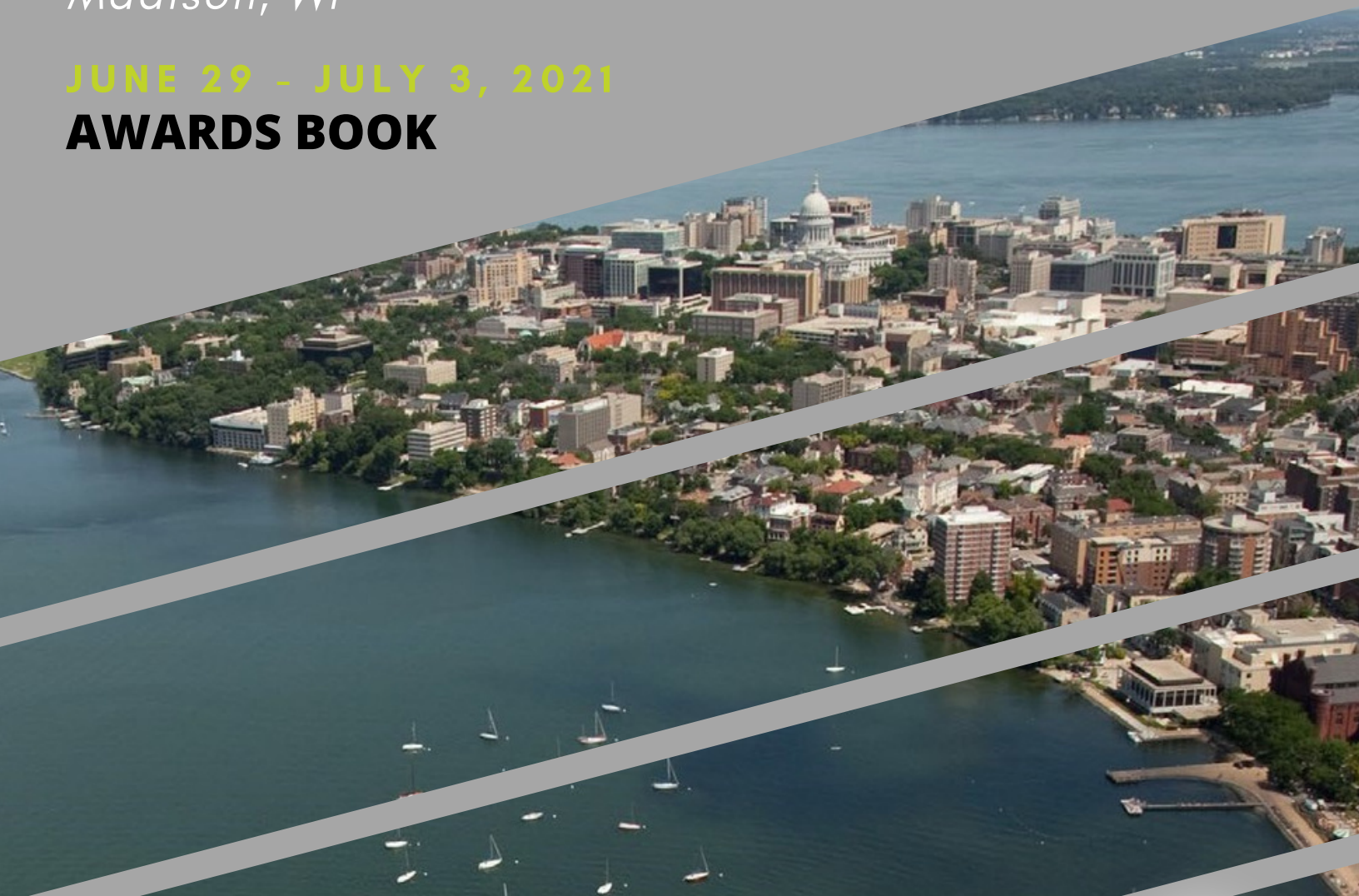
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# 2021 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

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**JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2021**

**AWARDS BOOK**



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## THANK YOU!

The people, clubs, and organizations recognized and honored on the following pages have given time, talent and effort to help AVA: America's Walking Club achieve its Vision and Mission.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS!

Special thanks to those who took the time to nominate these Outstanding Volkssport Volunteers.

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 **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 Biennial Convention include the following:

**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 volksmarching 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.

**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.

**Distinguished Achievement Award**

The Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes individuals who have given at least eight years of extraordinary, unequalled, and exemplary service to the AVA. Personal contributions must have been made at an exemplary level at several stages of service, including the national level.

**The Meritorious Service Award**

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



**Commendable Service**

The Commendable Service Award recognizes individuals who have given a significant amount of service, regardless of the amount of time they have been a member.

**Certificate of Appreciation**

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.**

 **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.

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Inducted</b>
No. 1	Rev Mr. Kenn Knopp	1985
No. 2	Carol Coffee, Ph.D.	1989
No. 3	Co. Thomas D. Boyde	1995
No. 4	Wendy A. Baumgardner	2005
No. 5	Lynn F. Clark	2005
No. 6	Nancy Stenger	2007
No. 7	John H. Ferguson	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	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	2013

No. 16	Virginia K. Drumm	2015
No. 17	Wayne Holloway	2015
No. 18	Willis "Sam" Korff	2015
No. 19	Paul Lamb	2015
No. 20	Dennis Michele	2015
No. 21	Ellen Ott	2015
No. 22	Robert C. Wright	2015
No. 23	Phyllis Olson	2017
No. 24	Donna Seline	2017
No. 25	Annette H. Tollett	2017
No. 26	Joanne Forinash	2019
No. 27	Bonita (Bonnie) R. Johnson	2019
No. 28	Holly Pelking	2019
No. 29	Lynette Reagan	2019
No. 26	Frederick S. Sheets	2019

 **2021 Hall of Fame Inductees** 

**DUNCAN BRANTLEY**

**McDonough, GA**


For a lifetime of service to America's Walking Club, spanning 4 decades. Duncan Brantley of the Georgia Walkers has been a club, regional and AVA leader and an unparalleled ambassador for volkssporting in the United States. Duncan's enthusiasm, kindness and leadership have exemplified the AVA motto of Fun, Fitness and Friendship.

 **Ted Ballman Memorial Youth Award** 

**ROBERT T. COOPER**

**Clyde, NC**

In recognition of his tireless efforts to teach youngsters about the health and social benefits of walking. His founding of the Cardinals Walk Club at Clyde Elementary School in 2017 and work with the local Girl Scout Council are an outstanding contribution to the AVA and the local community.

 **2021 AVA President's Award Recipients** 

The AVA President's/Board Chair's Award recognizes people for their exemplary contributions and service to the AVA: America's Walking Club. Some people contribute their unique talents; some people contribute countless hours as volunteers; others contribute professional services; others make significant and unique financial commitments. 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.

**Jan Van Vlack**

**The Villages, FL**

Jan has worked tirelessly for 4 years to make the AVA Virtual Online Programs (VOPs) a success. She has played a role in the design of each of our four VOPs and then has served as the "Help Desk" to answer questions and solve problems for the participants. She works directly with WalkerTracker on the walk routes, photos, etc. ensuring that our programs run smoothly. Working with WalkerTracker on implementation, Jan then serves as AVA's liaison and consultant on this program. Jan's commitment and hard work (over 1,000 hours annually) has been critical to exposing our club members to the world of virtual programs.

**Darrell Neily**

**Adelphi, MD**

Darrell has done a tremendous amount of work supporting the users of the Online Start Box (OSB). With over 600 events now supported by the OSB, as the customer support person, Darrell has reviewed and approved every walk direction uploaded by clubs. This often has required multiple emails in order to get the final product to be of consistent high quality. In addition, Darrell has become the "answer man" as he serves as the Help Desk for my.ava.org. Darrell's dedication and hard work has been critical to AVA's move into the digital world.

**Tim Miner****Woodbridge, VA**

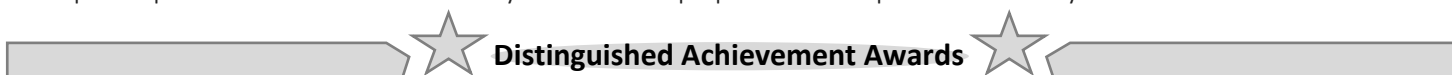
Tim has expanded the development of strategic partnerships by focusing Special Programs on these partnerships to obtain critical exposure of AVA to other national organizations. With a focus on branding and national exposure, Tim proposed and led the Week of Walking initiative. As evidence of his success in partnerships, Tim succeeded in getting Virginia to adopt a new slogan, "Virginia is for Walking Lovers," providing exposure for the Virginia Volkssport Association and AVA. Within Virginia Tim has established a place for volkssporting in the Sports Tourism market. Tim has also committed his time and effort to conducting a monthly webinar that facilitates "face-to-face" information exchanges enhancing the ability of AVA to grow.

**Mike Green****Souderton, PA**

Mike has gone above and beyond with IT support helping to streamline internal financial reporting processes and providing training for employees and members of the AVA Board. On a regular basis, he helps pull statistical data and reports from the ESR. He has made software improvements to the ESR making it run smoother and more efficiently, and providing our Regional Directors with improved access to data needed to support their region's clubs. Mike has taken extra time and effort to support the National Office staff which has had a significant positive result for all of AVA. Mike has been a major factor in our ability to partner with Element3 Health with critical software modifications for data sharing and customer interaction. Without Mike's dedication and hard work, this very significant partnership would likely not have been a success.

**Olympic Peninsula Explorers Volkssport Club****Sequim, WA**

The club is recognized for their exceptional service maintaining a stretch of the Olympic Discovery Trail and financial support of the Peninsula Trails Coalition and Olympic Discovery Trail. Additionally, the club partnered with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and Native Connections Action Group to develop Volkssport events that chronicled the history of the S'Klallam people and the European settlers as they worked to co-exist.

**Barbara Baker****Vancouver, WA**

Barbara delivered exceptional support to multiple clubs, two state associations, the northwest region and AVA for nearly 20 years. She has been an exemplary recruiter and mentor to hundreds of new members. Her dedicated efforts in planning, executing and documenting hundreds of events set her apart as a distinguished Volkssporting leader.

**Lea Darling****Burnt Hills, NY**

In recognition of 19 years of exemplary service and dedication to ESCV and AVA, by devoting countless hours in a variety of positions, including your role as past club president, community outreach speaker, walk developer, POC and co-chair of the 2019 AVA National Convention.

**Heinz Johnson****San Antonio, TX**

For exemplary contributions to the American Volkssport Association while serving as the President of the Texas Volkssport Association and President of the Lone Star Walkers Volkssport Club. His outstanding leadership, inventive ideas, unwavering dedication, and extraordinary achievements have improved the quality of Volkssports in Texas.

**Teresa Kennedy****Schenectady, NY**

In recognition of 19 years of exemplary service and dedication to ESCV and AVA, by devoting countless hours in a variety of positions, including your role as past club president, community outreach speaker, walk developer, POC and co-chair of the 2019 AVA National Convention.

**Michael Lanpher****Winter Springs, FL**

For Distinguished Service to America's Walking Club over more than 25 years as Trailmaster of the Mid-Florida Milers and repeated contributions at the regional and national level. Mike's leadership, Trailmaster expertise and exceptional organizational skills have sustained volkssporting in central Florida, epitomizing AVA's motto of "Fun, Fitness and Friendship."

**Alice Lawrence****Indian Shores, FL**

For Distinguished Service to America's Walking Club over more than 25 years as President of the Suncoast Sandpipers and repeated contributions at the regional and national level. Alice's passion for people and leadership in creating the best volkssporting events over three decades epitomizes the AVA motto of "Fun, Fitness & Friendship."

**Sharon Moats****Enumclaw, WA**

Sharon Moats distinguished herself in the performance of outstanding service to several clubs in the Northwest Region, the Evergreen State Volkssport Association and the American Volkssport Association. Her service in three state officer positions over eight years contributed significantly to the vibrance of Volkssporting in the Northwest. A great trainer, superb event organizer and dedicated leader.

**Eileen Skinner****Clifton Park, NY**

In recognition of thirty years of extraordinary service and dedication to ESCV and AVA, as Webmaster, POC, Community Outreach Speaker, Booklet Publisher, Incentive Program Developer, 2019 Convention Webmaster and AVA IT Committee, to name a few of your many contributions.

**Chris Zegelin****San Jose, CA**

For his work on the new AVA website, my.ava.org. He helped update the system giving it a new look, more features for club event management and took the Online Start Box concept nationwide.



## ATLANTIC REGION



Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, D. C., West Virginia

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

**Darrell Neily****Adelphi, MD**

For Meritorious Service to the Maryland Volkssport Association as Club Treasurer since 2015. Since 2018, Darrell has also provided invaluable customer support for the Online Start Box and now the my.ava.org website. He has helped many clubs put their events on the OSB and continues to review all OSB event PDFs.

### COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS

**Susan Capp****Havre de Grace**

### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Au Bon Pain, 30th St Station  
C & C Café  
Central Bucks YMCA  
Clarion Inn New Hope  
Comfort Suites University  
East Berlin Community Center  
Glass House Inn  
Hampton Inn  
Hotel Bethlehem

Philadelphia, PA  
Perkasie, PA  
Doylestown, PA  
New Hope, PA  
Bethlehem, PA  
East Berlin, PA  
Erie, PA  
Meadville, PA  
Bethlehem, PA

Lansdale Area Family YMCA  
Perrydell Farm Dairy  
Quality Inn Morrisville  
Redner's Warehouse Markets  
The West Newton Bike Shop  
Valley Forge Visitor Center  
Well Fed  
Wyndham Historic District Hotel  
Yesteryear Antique Center

Lansdale, PA  
York, PA  
Morrisville, PA  
Collegeville, PA  
West Newton, PA  
Valley Forge, PA  
Skiplack, PA  
Philadelphia, PA  
Hanover, PA

### TRAILMASTER CERTIFICATION

**Sandy Croushore****Williamsburg, VA**

## MID-AMERICA REGION



Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

**William Badger****Edwardsville, IL**

For outstanding support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Gateway Milers in Illinois and Missouri during five years of membership. Through his efforts as the Club's first President, William demonstrated qualities of leadership that contributed to the success of the Gateway Milers and reflects honorably upon the Club and the AVA.

**Donna Baker****Avon, OH**

For exemplary, dedicated and outstanding support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio during many years of membership. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events and as Club Treasurer, Donna has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Karen Birt****Cleveland, OH**

For dedicated and outstanding support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio as a charter member of the Club. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events, Karen has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Gus Brandes****Rittman, OH**

In recognition of more than twenty years of significant service to the Gemutlich Wanderers, Ohio Volkssport Association and Volkssporting activities in the Mid-America Region.

**Justine Brandes****Rittman, OH**

In recognition of more than twenty five years of significant service to the Gemutlich Wanderers, Ohio Volkssport Association and Volkssporting activities in the Mid-America Region.

**Nancy Burkholder****Wooster, OH**

For outstanding support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds and Gemutlich Wanderers in Northeast Ohio during more than seven years of membership. Nancy's planning and organization of events and as Gemutlich Wanderer treasurer have demonstrated leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds, Gemutlich Wanderers and the AVA.

**Beth Filina****Olmsted, OH**

For dedicated support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio as a Charter member of the Club. Through her efforts planning and organizing events and as Club President, Beth has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Carol Gundelach****Painesville, OH**

For exemplary, dedicated and outstanding support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio during eleven years of membership. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events, Carol has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Richard Gundelach****Painesville, OH**

For exemplary support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio during nineteen years of membership. Through his efforts in the planning and organization of events and as Club Vice President, Richard has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Eric Halverson****Kent, OH**

For exemplary support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio during sixteen years of membership. Through his efforts in the planning and organization of events, Eric has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Vicky Heineck****Brooklyn, OH**

For exemplary, dedicated, and outstanding support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio during eleven years of membership. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events, Vicky has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Jan Henderson****Westlake, OH**

For outstanding support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio during sixteen years of membership. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events, Jan has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Susan Hodgson****Belleville, IL**

For exemplary and dedicated support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Lebanon Cedar Cruisers and the Illinois Trekkers in Illinois and Missouri during many years of membership. Susan has demonstrated superior qualities of leadership as president of the Lebanon Cedar Cruisers and Secretary of the Illinois Trekkers.

**Luanne Johnson****Orrville, OH**

For exemplary, dedicated, and outstanding support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio eleven years of membership. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events, Luanne has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the American Volkssport Association.

**Jason Jodon****Apollo, PA**

For exemplary support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio during more than fifteen years of membership. Through his efforts planning and organizing events and serving as the Club's IT person, Jason has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**Debra Kruep****Belleville, IL**

For outstanding dedicated support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Gateway Milers in Illinois and Missouri during five years of membership. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events and other activities, Debra has demonstrated qualities of leadership and inspiration that reflect honorably upon the Gateway Milers and the AVA.

**Rosalie Maul****O'Fallon, IL**

For exemplary support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Gateway Milers in Illinois and Missouri during five years of membership. Rosalie's efforts sanctioning Club events and coordination of the March to the Arch Walk Event has demonstrated outstanding leadership contributing to the success of the Gateway Milers and the AVA.

**Joann Moritz****Canton, OH**

In recognition of more than ten years of significant service to the Gemutlich Wanderers, Ohio Volkssport Association and Volkssporting activities in the Mid-America Region.

**Diane Prost****Fairview Heights, IL**

For exemplary and dedicated support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Illinois Trekkers in Illinois and Missouri. As a prior Club President and current chairperson of the Club's Event Committee during over five years in the Illinois Trekkers, Diane has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Illinois Trekkers and the AVA.

**Beatrice Schaefer****Columbus, OH**

For outstanding support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio during sixteen years of membership. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events, Beatrice has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the American Volkssport Association.

**Cindy Stucky****Saint Louis, MO**

For exemplary support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Gateway Milers in Illinois and Missouri during five years of membership. Through her attention to detail in planning and organization of the Club's finances at the start, Cindy has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Gateway Milers and the AVA.

**Thomas Stucky****Saint Louis, MO**

For outstanding support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Gateway Milers in Illinois and Missouri during five years of membership. Thomas contributed to our success through the development, creation and maintenance of the Club's website and Facebook page. His demonstrated qualities of leadership reflect honorably upon the Gateway Milers and the AVA.

**Jim Watt****Wooster, OH**

In recognition of more than thirty years of significant service to the Gemulich Wanderers, Ohio Volkssport Association and Volkssporting activities in the Mid-America Region.

**Dolores "Dee" Wojtysiak****O'Fallon, IL**

For exemplary and dedicated support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Illinois Trekkers in Illinois and Missouri during five years as Club Secretary. Through her efforts in the maintenance and organization of the Club's financial records, "Dee" has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Illinois Trekkers and the AVA.

**Carolyn Yarnell****Avon, OH**

For exemplary, dedicated support of Volkssporting activities hosted by the Valley Vagabonds in Northeast Ohio as a fifteen-year member. Through her efforts in the planning and organization of events and as the Club Secretary/Trailmaster, Carolyn has demonstrated qualities of leadership that reflect honorably upon the Valley Vagabonds and the AVA.

**COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS****Henry Baker****Avon, OH****Cynthia Lee****Youngstown, OH****Connie Bost****Springfield, OH****Gil Melda****Parma, OH****Karen DeMonge****Hamilton, OH****Clare Petrich****Chesterland, OH****Gene DeZort****Bedford Heights, OH****Edward Pfadt****Waterford, OH****Kathy Halverson****Kent, OH****Mikki White****Dayton, OH****CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION****Balance Coffee & Tea****Belleville, IL****Mansfield/Richland County Public Library****Mansfield, OH****Casey's General Store****Glen Carbon, IL****Marko Vineyards, Owner Arnie Esterer****Conneaut, OH****Collins-Maryville-Troy YMCA****Maryville, IL****National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows****Belleville, IL****CVS Pharmacy****Berea, OH****Renaissance Hotel****Cleveland, OH****Dave's Cposmic Subs****Cleveland Heights, OH****Rite-Aid Pharmacy****Orrville, OH****East Belleville YMCA****Belleville, IL****Schnucks Customer Service****O'Fallon, IL****Edwardsville YMCA at the Esic Center****Edwardsville, IL****The Café on the Abbey****Columbia, IL****Einstein Brothers****Chagrin Falls, OH****Walgreens Store #4832****Fairview Heights, IL****Lakewood Public Library****Lakewood, OH****Wayne County Public Library****Wooster, OH****Little City Grill****Kent, OH****MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS****Peggy Doane****Altoona, IA**

Peggy is an avid supporter of Volkssporting, serving in many capacities over many years including Point of Contact for two YRE's, two traditional events, as well as maintaining the club's email distribution lists.

**Ann Drobot****Omaha, NE**

For over 20 years Ann Drobot significantly contributed to the strengthening, growth and development of the Nebraska Wander Freunde Trailblazers club as meeting Program Speaker Chair. Additionally, she has volunteered time and talent to walk start, checkpoint and finish; and in kitchens when walks included food and beverages.



**Carol Fraas****Waverly, NE**

Carol made significant contributions to Volkssports serving as secretary and as treasurer of the Lincoln Volkssport Club. She spent numerous hours administering club financial records, filing timely and accurate reports to AVA, managing club bank accounts and contributed her time and talent in trail marking as needed.

**Gary Lee Frantz****Omaha, NE**

Lee has actively promoted AVA and NWFT. He became Certified Trailmaster, assisting with trails and POC for multiple events. As club president he guided our club through some extreme events such as the Eclipse Events of 2017, flooding during our county events in 2018, and the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020.

**Beth Hendricks****Rapid City, SD**

Beth has done so much for the BHVA: as club President, membership chairwoman, POC for Crazy Horse, recruits' workers for events, and BHVA bus trips. She sponsors annual traditional event and is the POC for YREs. She sponsored a special program and tried a "remote" in the Badlands.

**Phyllis Hildreth****Fridley, MN**

Phyllis has done an exceptional job as Secretary/Treasurer for the Lake Country Wanderers Volkssport Club for 11 years. Phyllis helps at all the traditional events and sends out all the emails for club events, walk alerts for the Tuesday Walk-n-Lunch Bunch walks, as well as maintain the financials for the club.

**Diane Johannesen****Sundance, WY**

Diane has served on BHVA Board. She helped create the "Walk Wonderful Wyoming" and designed the patch and T-shirt. She is POC for several walks in 3 states. She is responsible for starting an incentive program. And Diane's huge contribution is the work she devotes to the Crazy Horse Volksmarch.

**Ken Johnson****Maplewood, MN**

Ken has been a member of TCV since 2003. As the club president reached out to local communities to get volkssporting into local events. In addition to working to expand the club's membership, he is the POC for several events including the OSB and willing to assist anyone set up a trail.

**Mary Jane Jordan****Sundance, WY**

Mary Jane teaches computer science in high school and in 2013 established our website – BHVA.org. She continues to keep it updated. She helped organize "Walk Wonderful Wyoming. Each year she is the POC for several walks including a traditional event. She is also a post board member of the BHVA.

**Ken Kjar****Rapid City, SD**

Ken created the abbreviated listing of events as a special handout for walkers at the Crazy Horse VM He is a constant helper at the Crazy Horse "finish" tent with info for prospective new members. He manages the capital walk in Pierre and has been the POC for several traditional events.

**Stanley Miller****Stillwater, MN**

Stan has been a member of TCV since 1999. He has been the POC for the Stillwater seasonal walk for 22 years, keeping records, making reports, and revamping and innovating the route to keep things interesting and fresh for the walkers who bravely trek the hills of Stillwater, Minnesota yearly.

**Lee Moisant****Minneapolis, MN**

Lee was president of the TCV club from 2014-2018. He oversaw the successful regional multi event weekend in 2018 - planning, organization and execution of the weekend events. Lee has served POC for two Minneapolis seasonal events and countless traditional events over the years, carrying out those duties with excellence.

**Beth Montgomery****Edina, MN**

Beth Montgomery has been an active NorthStar Trail Travelers for 15 years. Besides serving on the board for two years, she volunteered to maintain our club's database helps with event registration and cooking. She has always given selflessly of her time assisting our club.

**Corinne Nelson****Urbandale, IA**

For meritorious service to Iowa's Walking Club. Corinne has served as Point of Contact for the Skywalk each February for fourteen years. She has served as secretary for two years and numerous other club services over the years.

**Ardith Ortgies****Des Moines, IA**

Ardith is a charter member of the GDMVA and has served tirelessly in many capacities over 30 plus years, most recently as historian and editor of the club's newsletter. Her meticulous historic record of the club is unparalleled.

**Susan Pinneke****West Des Moines, IA**

Susan has been a long-time ambassador and wonderful cheerleader for Iowa's Walking Club, serving in many capacities club President, VP, Treasurer and Deputy Regional Director. Her efforts supporting the 20 walks in 20 Iowa Parks in 2020 challenge program helped insure its success. Susan restarted weekday walks to attract new walkers.

**Rose Quakenbush****Lincoln, NE**

Rose Quakenbush's made significant contributions to the strengthening, growth, and development of Volkswalking. Rose has been President of the LVC for over 30 years. She has contributed her time and talent at numerous traditional walks by working start and finish locations, checkpoints and helping with club community and social activities.

**Bill Spielman****Lincoln, NE**

Bill Spielman's made significant contributions to the strengthening, growth, and development of Volkswalking. Bill served over 25-years on the board of the LVC and assisted in the development of numerous traditional and year round walks. Bill specifically contributed years of service to LVC's Volkswalk at the Nebraska Cornhusker State Games.

**Sandy Spielman****Lincoln, NE**

Sandy has been Vice-President LVC for over 10-years, developed numerous club traditional and year round walks, created walk maps and instructions, and measured a significant number of the club's walk routes. Sandy specifically contributed years of management to LVC's Volkswalk at the Nebraska Cornhusker State Games.

**Irene Ward****Sundance, WY**

Irene has created a spectacular BHVA event book for the last five years. She spends many hours putting it together. Last year's book alone included info on 16 BHVA traditional events and 30 BHVA YRE/seasonal events. She designed a patch that can be earned on an incentive program.

**Peggy Watts****Ames, IA**

Peggy invested significant time and effort in our 2020 challenge program – 20 walks in 20 Iowa State Parks. She coordinated with NWFT and the DNR prescreening parks, recruiting POCs, and mentoring them in trail creation. She worked with others raising funds and a myriad of duties required implement this program successfully.

**COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS**

**Pat Brinker**  
**Stan Fraas**  
**Jan Haugen**  
**Sharon Haugen**  
**Linda Lundgren**  
**Jesse Johnson**

**Rock Island, IL**  
**Lincoln, NE**  
**Ames, IA**  
**Ames, IA**  
**Des Moines, IA**  
**Fridley, MN**

**Mike Montgomery**  
**Bev Prem**  
**Nancy Pugh**  
**Diana Ronk**  
**Steve Urbatsch**  
**Susan Urbatsch**

**Edina, MN**  
**Iowa City, IA**  
**Cedar Rapids, IA**  
**Des Moines, IA**  
**Mason City, IA**  
**Mason City, IA**

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

**Alex Johnson Hotel**  
**Holiday Inn Express & Suites**

**Rapid City, SD**  
**Gretna, NE**

**Matt Scott**  
**Whiterock Conservancy**

**Ankeny, IA**  
**Coon Rapids, IA**

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS****Mary Fink****Everett, MA**

There is no job too small for Mary! Whether it is serving as President, volunteering at events, heading up the streamer-making group for the needed Convention streamers, creating centerpieces for the soup walk, or baking cookies shaped like Massachusetts, Mary takes charge and leads the way.

**Larry Godshalk****Glenville, NY**

In recognition of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters as membership chair and Online Start Box mentor, as well as countless hours of patient assistance as transportation chair and master builder helping guarantee the success of the 2019 AVA National Convention. Your support of club activities is greatly appreciated.

**Beate Hait****Holliston, MA**

Top-notch organization, planning ahead, spot-on ideas for themes for walks and ways to celebrate club milestones are the skill sets Bea employs in her roles of Walk Coordinator and Specialties Chairman as well as other club activities. Thanks to Bea, we are an active club with a variety of events.

**Monica Hait****Holliston, MA**

If computer skills, grammatical prowess, attention to detail and creativity are needed, Monica is the "go-to" person. She has produced newsletters and brochures that have won AVA awards based on her expertise. Questions about an event or Club activity? Monica has the answer. Everything runs smoothly when Monica is there.

**Barbara Kolapakka****Saratoga Springs, NY**

In recognition of years of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters and the advancement of AVA Programs in New York by holding a variety of leadership positions, planning new walks, mentoring new officers and dedicating countless hours helping make the 2019 AVA National Convention a success.

**Warren Lavery****Albany, NY**

In recognition of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters and the American Volkssport Association as club treasurer for the past six years. Your careful attention to detail and cheerful personality are much appreciated by all ESCVers.

**Arden Lawand****Schenectady, NY**

In recognition of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters and the American Volkssport Association for your amazing creativity as our club's graphic designer and newsletter editor. Your incredible ability to capture the true spirit of volkssporting (Fun, Fitness and Friendship) in all your designs is greatly appreciated.

**Chris Lipson****Bedford, MA**

To provide members and friends the opportunity to relax and catch up with each other, Chris "sets the table" by ensuring an abundance and variety of food at the Club's five yearly social functions. She also follows up members' memorable occasions with appropriate cards. Thank you, Chris for reaching out.

**Chuck Lipson****Bedford, MA**

While Membership Chairman for 22 years, Chuck made sure the Club membership list was current and accurate. At events, he can be found at the Start, Finish, Check Point or involved in any of the myriad of duties revolving around the Club's social events. Need it done? Chuck is there.

**Linda Morzillo****Saratoga Springs, NY**

In recognition for your many years of service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters as an officer, a walk developer, a POC, photographer, newsletter contributor and most importantly as club Trail Master. Your efforts and support of volkssporting is admired and deeply appreciated.

**Ann Plichta****Fall River, MA**

Ann provides outstanding support to all event POCs with her knowledge of how to make events safe. Her write-ups of the events to be held provide participants with an accurate description of the route, a depth of history and details of not-to-miss sights. Ann is invaluable to Walk 'n Mass.

**Karen Plichta****Fall River, MA**

Karen's accuracy and attention to detail keep the books balanced and membership informed. She provides good counsel and anticipates expenses and submits checks as well as required financial forms on a timely basis. In addition, she is invaluable volunteering wherever needed at almost every event. Thank you, Karen!

**Laverne Stiles****Saratoga Springs, NY**

For long and exceptional service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters as a developer and POC for more than twenty unique traditional and YRE events. Your interesting routes, often in conjunction with a community event, have well enhanced the spirit of Volkswalking in the Capital District.

**Elizabeth Walsh****Cohoes, NY**

In recognition of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters and advancement of the AVA programs in New York, and for many hours spent sanctioning and coordinating twenty-six Year-Round/Seasonal walks and bikes. Your foresight in partnering with MeetUp to attract new members is also deeply appreciated.

**Marv Weiss****Scotia, NY**

In recognition of your countless hours of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters by creating clear and beautiful maps for our many events. Your computer talents used to format all silent auction documents and to tabulate the results is admired and greatly appreciated.

**Vera Weiss****Scotia, NY**

In recognition of your dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters for the many wonderful walks you have created, your mentorship of new POCs, your hundreds of hours volunteering and raising funds for the 2019 AVA National convention and for the kind care you provide to ill or bereaved club members.

**Christine Yost****Scotia, NY**

In recognition of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters for your diligence in promotion of AVA and its programs. Your leadership as an officer and planner for traditional events, the new weekly Pop-Up Walk Program, and skill organizing a national force of volunteers for the 2019 AVA convention is truly appreciated.

## COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS

**Marion Averill****Barbara Bilins****Kathleen Brown****Suzann Burke****Deborah D'Arcangelis****Tad Darling****Linda Dunn****Donna Farber****Bernie Geren****Terry Gitnick****Menands, NY****Fort Johnson, NY****Green Island, NY****Glenville, NY****Colonie, NY****Burnt Hills, NY****Clifton Park, NY****Albany, NY****Mechanicville, NY****Cohoes, NY****Dawn Harlow****Keith Harlow****William Howe****Genevieve Ireton****Lillian Julian****Beverly Lange****Thomas Narcavage****Bonnie Negggers****Barbara Nigro****Beth Snyder****Blackstone, MA****Blackstone, MA****Chelmsford, MA****Queensbury, NY****Watervliet, NY****Ashland, MA****West Medford, MA****West Medford, MA****Schenectady, NY****Schenectady, NY**

Jan Golden  
Paul Graveline  
Susan Grey

Clifton Park, NY  
Andover, MA  
Glenville, NY

Mary Sorell  
Carol Sorensen  
Patty Wing

Watervliet, NY  
Fort Edward, NY  
Fishkill, NY

## CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Heritage House

Hyannis, MA

Stop & Shop

Franklin, MA



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

### Dick Baker

For long and distinguished leadership in the Portland and Vancouver area as Rose City Roamers President, Wednesday walk leader, newsletter editor, club treasurer, Trailmaster and much more. Your contributions in recognition programs, regional nominating committee and other state-level programs demonstrate your lasting impact on the region.

Vancouver, WA

### Ed Hainline

For exemplary service to the northwest region as the CRVC President, OTSVA Vice-President and contributing member of multiple clubs. Your many years of dedication have greatly aided in adoption of new technologies, led to club membership growth, ensured top performers were recognized and kept exceptional walks available when other clubs closed.

Happy Valley, OR

### Pat Jewett

For your commitment to program publicity through duties as OTSVA Publicity Chairperson, National Publicity Committee member, and extensive writing on walking in the Group Works platform and your personal website. Your contributions have educated and given strong voice to our program within our walking community and well beyond.

Portland, OR

### Sharon Moats

For exemplary leadership of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association, support of AVA's Training Committee and meticulous work as Interlaken Trailblazers' Treasurer. Sharon was an inspirational leader of the 2018 Regional Conference, two Winthrop Barn Roundups, and a great problem solver, educator and mentor who energized the region.

Enumclaw, WA

### Don Reed

For exemplary service as OTSVA Secretary, Albany Fitwalkers' Trailmaster and President, contributing member of several other clubs and for your support during several club closures. Your enthusiasm and dedication have led to club membership growth and continuity of our program from central Oregon to the coast.

Albany, OR

## COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS

Joe Blazek  
Lynn Blazek  
Jane Clark  
Louise Dix  
Jan Epperson  
Cathy Greutert  
Barb Lynn  
Karen McGehee  
Mike Nagan

Ellensburg, WA  
Ellensburg, WA  
Seattle, WA  
Gresham, OR  
Albany, OR  
Seattle, WA  
Mt Vernon, WA  
Jefferson, OR  
Seattle, WA

Burt Paynter  
Bob Payton  
Sue Payton  
Margaret Quick  
Holly Spaulding  
Tom Stabile  
Dennis Standridge  
Carolyn Warhol

Vancouver, WA  
Coupeville, WA  
Coupeville, WA  
Bellingham, WA  
Lacey, WA  
Bellingham, WA  
Nine Mine Falls, WA  
Puyallup, WA

## CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Arrow Lumber & Hardware  
Best Western Inn at Horse Heaven  
Cedars Inn  
Chelan Shell Foodmart  
Clover Island Inn  
Days Inn

Eatonville, WA  
Prosser, WA  
East Wenatchee, WA  
Chelan, WA  
Kennewick, WA  
Ritzville, WA

Grand Coulee Dam Visitor Center  
Quality Inn  
Sleep Inn Hotel  
Subway Store  
Wenatchee Safeway  
The SPAR

Grand Coulee, WA  
Ila Walla, WA  
Pasco, WA  
Quincy, WA  
Wenatchee, WA  
Tacoma, WA

## TRAILMASTER CERTIFICATION

Tom Stabile

Bellingham, WA

**PACIFIC REGION**
  
 Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS**

**Ellen Reeves** **Las Vegas, NV**  
 Ellen Reeves is an outstanding example of leadership and club involvement. She started and maintained the club website for many years and actively helped to revise club walk directions and maps. Moreover, she provided the impetus to develop club online meetings, even before they became a fact of life.

**Smith Reeves** **Las Vegas, NV**  
 Smith Reeves is an outstanding leader and member of the club, serving repeatedly as President, Vice President and Secretary. He started and maintained many of the club Year Round and Traditional Events. His reasoned judgement and extensive knowledge of Volkssporting have helped sustain the club over the last 20 years.

**COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS**

<b>Pat Nakatsuka</b>	<b>Concord, CA</b>	<b>Debbie Thomas</b>	<b>Cottonwood, CA</b>
<b>Jo Ann Pelz</b>	<b>Davis, CA</b>	<b>Cynthia Turbin</b>	<b>Redding, CA</b>

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

<b>Best Western Sandman Boulder Dam Hotel</b>	<b>Sacramento, CA Boulder City, NV</b>	<b>National Automobile Museum Presidio Visitors Center San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park Visitor Center</b>	<b>Reno, NV San Francisco, CA</b>
<b>Café au Lait</b>	<b>Alameda, CA</b>	<b>Seal Rock Inn</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA</b>
<b>Diggers Deli First Street Café</b>	<b>Vacaville, CA Benicia, CA</b>	<b>Starbucks #05792 Starbucks #06790</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA Las Vegas, NV</b>
<b>Frank Sayers Green Horizon Chevron</b>	<b>Scottsdale, AZ Henderson, NV</b>	<b>Steeltown Coffee Tay Tah Café</b>	<b>Las Vegas, NV Pittsburg, CA</b>
<b>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites Tahoe-Truckee Hardman House Hotel</b>	<b>Truckee, CA Carson City, NV</b>	<b>The Village at Squaw Valley Tahoe House Bakery &amp; Gourmet</b>	<b>Albany, CA Olympic Valley, CA</b>
<b>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites Las Vegas Airport South</b>	<b>Las Vegas, NV</b>		<b>Tahoe City, CA</b>

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION**
  
 Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS**

**Chris Dueker** **Colorado Springs, CO**  
 For his outstanding contributions to the growth of Volkssports in the Rocky Mountain region through his efforts as the Falcon Wanderers' Webmaster.

**Annette Kester** **Colorado Springs, CO**  
 For exceptional volunteer service to the Falcon Wanderers as a coordinator of three year-round events, coordinator of numerous traditional events, and as club vice president and publicity officer.

**Daniel Norgail** **Ogden, UT**  
 As a founding member and President of the Golden Spike Striders for over 33 years, Daniel has made outstanding contributions promoting AVA: America's Walking Club and organizing many volksmarch events throughout the state of Utah.

**Linda Nyman** **Colorado Springs, CO**  
 Linda distinguished herself by serving as the Falcon Wanderers' newsletter editor for 25 years from 1991 to 2016, in addition to serving concurrently as the Trailmaster from 2010 to 2013. Linda has shown tremendous dedication and steadfastness to AVA for many years and is a huge asset to this organization.

**Richard Perry** **Fort Collins, CO**  
 As a founding member and President of the Northern Front Range Wanderers for over 24 years, Richard has made outstanding contributions promoting AVA by organizing many volksmarch events throughout Northern Colorado, to include outstanding walks in Rocky Mountain National Park and the towns of Estes Park, Fort Collins, Windsor, and Loveland.

**Jane Welton****Virgin City, MT**

As a founding member and President of the Madison County Volkssport Club for over 30 years, Jayne has made outstanding contributions promoting AVA: America's Walking Club by maintaining the capital walk in Helena for over 30 years, as well as organizing many volksmarch events throughout the state of Montana.

**Myra Tams****Ogden, UT**

As a founding member and President of Gadabout walking club for over 29 years, Myra has made outstanding contributions promoting AVA: America's Walking Club by organizing many volksmarch events in and around Salt Lake City, to include maintaining the capital walk, and several national parks walks throughout the state of Utah.

**COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS**

Florence Bechtold  
Russel Bechtold  
Valerie Heady

Colorado Springs , CO  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Fort Collins , CO

Margaret (Meg) McDevitt  
Karen Seay  
Beverly Watry

Fountain, CO  
Colorado Springs , CO  
Elbert , CO

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

7-11	Colorado Springs, CO	In N Out Conoco	Canon City, CO
Alta Store (Conoco)	Colorado Springs, CO	King Soopers Grocery Store	Colorado Springs, CO
Boulder University Inn	Boulder, CO	Loaf'N Jug	Colorado Springs, CO
Breckenridge Welcome Center	Breckenridge, CO	Loaf'N Jug	Fountain, CO
Carson Nature Center	Littleton, CO	Loaf'N Jug	Pueblo, CO
Castlewood Canyon State Park Visitor Center	Franktown, CO	Louisville Recreation Center	Louisville, CO
Cheyenne Mountain State Park Visitor's Center	Colorado Springs, CO	Loyal Duke Lodge	Salida, CO
Courtyard by Marriott	Denver, CO	Morrison Nature Center	Aurora, CO
Criterion Bicycles	Colorado Springs, CO	Niwot Market	Niwot, CO
Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites	Salt Lake City, UT	Radisson Hotel	Aurora, CO
Downtown YMCA	Colorado Springs, CO	Rock House Ice Cream Parlor	Palmer Lake, CO
Durango Community Recreation Center	Durango, CO	Safeway Store	Monument, CO
Fort Collins Senior Center	Fort Collins, CO	Safeway Supermarket	Loveland, CO
Frisco Information Center	Frisco, CO	Sheridan Inn	Sheridan, WY
Garden of the Gods Trading Post	Manitou Springs, CO	Sinks Canyon State Park Visitors Center	Lander, WY
Genesis Health Club	Fort Collins, CO	Sonnenalp Resort	Vail, CO
Georgetown Gateway Visitors Center	Georgetown, CO	Super 8 Motel	Buffalo, WY
Golden Chamber of Commerce	Golden, CO	Travelodge of Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs, CO
Hot Springs State Park Bath House	Thermopolis, WY	Wrangler Western Wear Store	Cheyenne, WY
Hunter Bay Coffee	Avada, CO		

**TRAILMASTER CERTIFICATION****Russ Kester****Colorado Springs, CO****Linda Nyman****Colorado Springs, CO****SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS****Patricia "Pat" Golden****Bella Vista, AR**

For many years of dedicated and outstanding support of the Ozark Hill Hikers. Pat took the lead on revitalizing and growing her club as President, Publicity Chair and Newsletter Editor and host of 2020 South Central Regional Roundup. Pat demonstrated qualities of leadership significantly benefitting the Ozark Hill Hikers and the AVA.

**Terri Tyler****Topeka, KS**

For 36 years of exceptional, dedicated support of the Sunflower Sod Stompers as Club President, Trailmaster, Publicity Coordinator and Treasurer. Terri established the Walking Kansas Counties program. Her leadership as President and host of the 2008 and 2018 South Central Regional Roundups significantly benefitted the Sunflower Sod Stompers and the AVA.

**Tom Alyea****Kansas City, MO**

For outstanding support of the Clay-Platte Trackers of Kansas City for five years as Club President and two years as Treasurer. Tom established the Walking the Counties of Missouri program and the Walking Tour of Missouri and Kansas encouraging four local clubs to walk each other's YREs and Seasonal events..

**Lawrence "Larry" Lehman****Branson, MO**

For many years of outstanding support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Global Adventures in Missouri. As President and Treasurer of the Global Adventures and two years as the National Treasurer, Larry has demonstrated qualities of leadership that have significantly benefitted the Global Adventures and the American Volkssport Association.

**Barbara "Barb" Ramsey****Belton, MO**

For exceptional and dedicated support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Pace Setters Volkssport Club for over 12 years as Club President, Vice President, Treasurer and Trailmaster and assisting the Walking the Counties of Missouri walk program. Barb's leadership has significantly benefitted the Pace Setters Volkssport Club and the AVA.

**DeAnne Brown****Maryland Heights, MO**

For exceptional, dedicated, and outstanding support of volkssporting activities hosted by the St Louis-Stuttgart Volksmarch Club as Club President, assisting the Walking the Counties of Missouri program and Publicity Coordinator. DeAnne set up and maintains the club's Facebook page and website, always seeking new avenues to promote volkssporting.

**Glen Conyers****Joplin, MO**

For many years in multiple capacities with the Dogwood Trailblazers in Missouri. Glen has been a valuable asset in the support of new clubs in Missouri and Arkansas. As the South Central Regional Director for eight years Glen's leadership has significantly benefitted the Dogwood Trailblazers and the American Volkssport Association.

**Suzette "Suzi" Bentley****Lawton, OK**

For exceptional service in multiple capacities with the Lawton Walkers. As President and filling in anywhere needed (start and finish tables, welcoming new walkers, creating directions, designing patches), Suzi has demonstrated qualities of leadership that have significantly benefitted the Lawton Walkers and the American Volkssport Association.

**Rhonda Shockey****Tulsa, OK**

For exceptional service, dedicated, and outstanding support of volkssporting activities hosted by the Tulsa Walking Club in Oklahoma. As President and Vice President, and involvement in the 2010 South Central Regional Roundup, Rhonda's demonstrated leadership has significantly benefitted the Tulsa Walking Club and AVA.

**Joe Fountain****Oklahoma City, OK**

For exceptional service, dedicated, and outstanding support of the Wandergruppe Walking Club in Oklahoma. Through his efforts as President (16 years) and service as the POC for several YREs, Joe has demonstrated qualities of leadership that have significantly benefitted the Wandergruppe Walking Club, American Volkssport Association and Volkssporting.

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

<b>Atchison Santa Fe Depot Visitor Center and Museum</b>	<b>Atchison, KS</b>	<b>Petro Deli Conoco Station</b>	<b>Lansing, KS</b>
<b>Eldridge Hotel</b>	<b>Lawrence, KS</b>	<b>Promenade Mall</b>	<b>Tulsa, OK</b>
<b>Fairfield Inn and Suites</b>	<b>Tulsa, OK</b>	<b>Ramada Inn</b>	<b>Topeka, KS</b>
<b>Fiesta Mart-Sinclair</b>	<b>Tulsa, OK</b>	<b>Riverfront Community Center</b>	<b>Leavenworth, KS</b>
<b>Hilton Garden Inn</b>	<b>Kansas City, KS</b>	<b>Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Visitor Center</b>	<b>String City, KS</b>
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	<b>Abilene, KS</b>	<b>Tandy Family YMCA</b>	<b>Tulsa, OK</b>
<b>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites</b>	<b>Bartlesville, OK</b>	<b>Walgreen's of Utica Square</b>	<b>Tulsa, OK</b>
<b>Liberty Community Center</b>	<b>Liberty, MO</b>	<b>Watkins Mill Historic Site Visitors Center</b>	<b>Lawson, MO</b>

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS****Sharon Axelrod****Winter Park, FL**

For meritorious service as club Secretary for the Mid-Florida Milers (AVA-0629) since 2012. Sharon has faithfully kept the minutes and handled all the club's correspondence for many years. She staffs information tables at walks, providing valuable information for new walkers. Sharon's many contributions have significantly benefitted the AVA and Volkssporting.

**Rosemary Barna****Orlando, FL**

As President of AVA-0629 the Mid-Florida Milers for eight years Rosemary has maintained an active schedule of traditional events and YREs while hosting two Walk Around Florida multi-event weekends. She was instrumental in hosting the 2013 AVA Biennial Convention as well as the club's 25th and 30th Anniversary celebrations.

**Michelle Devlin**

**Indian Shores, FL**

For outstanding contributions to the American Volkssport Association as walk director, Volkssport photographer, Tampa year-round event monitor and Club Schedule committee member. Her skill in developing and supporting successful events and generating favorable publicity has enhanced Volkssport goals at club and national levels.

**Robin Kelly**

**Indian Shores, FL**

For outstanding contributions to the American Volkssport Association as club photographer and Vice President. Her eye-catching photographs furthered club and national publicity efforts to promote Volkssports. As Vice President, her actions modernized club regulations and reinvented event planning, with goals of more event activity and higher participation.

**David McCarthy**

**Port Orange, FL**

For meritorious service as webmaster for the Happy Wanderers (AVA-0717) since 2015. David's award-winning website has led the way in America's Walking Club. During the 2020 pandemic, he completely updated the site with a new modern look and many new features. David's online efforts have greatly benefited the club and volksmarching in Florida!

**Sharon Predham**

**Orlando, FL**

For meritorious service as Treasurer of AVA-0629 the Mid-Florida Milers for the last 10 years. Sharon maintains superb records of all events, develops annual statistics and provides financial data at all meetings. She has passed 4 audits and personally attends 93% of the club's events. Sharon's contributions significantly improved volkssporting in Florida!

**COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS**

**Dan Barnett**  
**Marcia Kepper**

**Merritt Island, FL**  
**Casselberry, FL**

**Michael Kepper**  
**Jennifer Thomas**

**Casselberry, FL**  
**Davenport, FL**



**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS**

**Walter "Sonny" Byington**

**Grandbury, TX**

Walter "Sonny" Byington has held leadership positions (including President) in the Hood County Hummers Walking Club almost since its inception 25 years ago. As Trailmaster, for the past 5 years, he organizes a club walk through e-mails every Saturday morning. This contributes to our high number of yearly walkers.

**Martin Callahan**

**San Antonio, TX**

Martin is an incredibly talented photographer and writer. For many years, he has attended all the local walks and took pictures, which several clubs use in their flyers and newsletters. He also provides most of the Southwest region's articles in The American Wanderer (TAW), the AVA national publication.

**Diane Duke**

**Dallas, TX**

For upgrading the Dallas Trekkers Walking Club financial software, faithfully managing the Club's finances, and attracting new members through dedication to outreach on social media.

**Evlina Evans**

**Waco, TX**

For enthusiastically promoting walking in Texas, posting event photographs on the internet, maintaining the Texas County Walkers website and being POC for the Dallas Trekkers YRE in Waco.

**Pat Gunter**

**San Antonio, TX**

Pat has served the Volkssporting Community for over thirty years in many capacities to include treasurer for the Randolph Roadrunners, coordinator for three YRE's, and publishes the flyer for the Club's 12 YRE's. Pat is secretary for the Selma Pathfinders and volunteers at the AVA office.

**Robert Haseloff**

**Sequin, TX**

In recognition of exception and dedicated service while serving as the point-of contact for the Seguin Historic Year Round Event in Seguin and the creation of very outstanding walk routes.

**John Ives**

**San Antonio, TX**

John Ives has been an integral part of the Volkssport community for over eight years. He is Vice President of the Randolph Roadrunner's and coordinates four year-round events. He helps establish new walk routes and annually coordinates a traditional event. John helped with the AVA office move.

**Susan Ives**

**San Antonio, TX**

Susan is a founding member of the Texas Trail Roundup. She is a talented graphic artist supporting local clubs with beautifully and professionally designed flyers, brochures, and logos. Susan created the TTR website and updates it every year. She is also the liaison with our local software firm.



**Emily Kinney**

Ms. Emily Kinney has held leadership positions (including President) in the Hood County Hummers Walking Club since its inception 25 years ago. As our publicity chairperson, for the last 10 years, Emily coordinates our public relations (advertising) activity. This contributes to a high number of yearly walkers.

**Grandbury, TX****Ruben Knappe**

For many years Reuben has served as Treasurer of the San Antonio (Selma) Pathfinders Club. His dedicated and steadfast monitoring of annual club reports insured the club remained compliant with all reporting requirements. He served the club at state level meetings when the president was unavailable.

**San Antonio, TX****Herbert Laing**

Recognition for outstanding professionalism should be given to Herbert J Laing for caring for an accident victim at the Texas Trail Roundup in 2020. Herb organized and worked the command center for the Texas Trail Roundup. He also works at Randolph Roadrunner events and volunteers at the AVA.

**Windcrest, TX****Ellen Ott**

Ellen is the President of the Randolph Roadrunners, the largest club in the Southwest region. She encourages new walkers, develops new walks, finds sponsors, and provides steady and unfaltering support to other clubs in the southwest region. Ellen envisioned and was instrumental in creating a new International Walking League event in San Antonio.

**San Antonio, TX****Mike Schwencke**

Mike provides outstanding support as the Selma Pathfinders President. Under his leadership the club offers new and popular Traditional walks. His club also picked up 3 coastal YRE events. Club membership is growing steadily. Mike is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Texas Trail Roundup, and a founding member. He provides year-round assistance to the TTR. Mike's support is invaluable.

**San Antonio, TX****Kathy Schwencke**

Kathy provides outstanding support to the Texas Trail Roundup as the TTR Treasurer. The financial audits are always clean, and she provides clear and concise financial advice to the Club Officers. She is a founding member of the Texas Trail Roundup and provides year-round support to the TTR. Kathy's support is invaluable.

**San Antonio, TX****COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS**

Nellie Aguirre	Austin , TX	Marilyn Nash	Waxahachie, TX
Bob Alton	San Antonio, TX	Bill Pohlchuck	Houston, TX
Susan Alton	San Antonio, TX	David Prewitt	Universal City, TX
Delores Bentke	Houston, TX	David Ramsey	Houston, TX
Jean & Hal Bogardus	Austin , TX	Maggie Riggs	San Antonio, TX
Rosemary Creamer	New Ulm, TX	Bob Roundtree	Dallas, TX
Marian DeVaul	New Braunfels, TX	Sharon Roy	Mesquite, TX
Debbie Doyle	Seabrook, TX	Samanta Sanchez	San Antonio, TX
Diane Duesterhoeft	San Antonio, TX	Michael Shay	Houston, TX
Doug Eide	Cedar Park, TX	Gary Silkworth	Eules, TX
Robin J. Fennell	San Antonio, TX	Heidi Silkworth	Eules, TX
Charlene Forester	Huntsville, TX	Caryl Swann	San Antonio, TX
Erin Grosso	New Braunfels, TX	Andy Thomas	San Antonio, TX
Mackey Harper	DeSoto, TX	Jim Tree	San Antonio, TX
Wayne Henry	San Antonio, TX	Jill Troyer	New Braunfels, TX
Andy Howard	Magnolia, TX	Audrey Vertucci	San Antonio, TX
Tina Howard	Magnolia, TX	Mary Wheat	Houston, TX
Janet Johnson	Richmond, TX	Dietrich Wilhelmi	Houston, TX
Catherine Kellner	Houston, TX	Judy Wilhelmi	Houston, TX
Donnie King	Kerrville, TX	Karen Winkle	Live Oak, TX
Stephanie Knight	Austin , TX	Ruthi Worsham	Carrollton, TX
Michael Marke	San Antonio, TX	Mary Zeitler	Austin , TX
Yvonne Mattingly	Houston, TX		

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

Beethoven Maennerchor Halle Und Garten	San Antonio, TX	Hotel Galvez	Galveston, TX
Bentsen Rio Grande State Park	Mission, TX	MCM Elegante' Hotel	Odessa, TX
Boerne Parks and Recreation Department	Boerne, TX	Monahans State Park	Monahans, TX
Casa de Palmas Hotel	McAllen, TX	Quinta Mazatlan World Birding Center	McAllen, TX
CEFCO #20	Belton, TX	RunOn!, Dallas	Dallas, TX
Comfort Inn & Suites: Texas Hill Country	Boerne, TX	Sammy's Mini Mart	Waxahachie, TX
Corner Bakery Café	San Antonio, TX	San Marcos Tanger Outlets	San Marcos, TX
Daily Bread: Broadway	San Antonio, TX	Schertz Recreation Center	Shertz, TX

Daily Bread: De Zavala  
 Double Tree Hotel,  
 Drury Inn & Suites  
 Drury Inn & Suites North  
 Emerald Beach Hotel  
 Extended Stay America - Town Lake  
 Heights Recreation Center  
 Hillview Inn

San Antonio, TX  
 Midland, TX  
 San Antonio, TX  
 San Antonio, TX  
 Corpus Christi, TX  
 Austin, TX  
 Richardson, TX  
 San Antonio, TX

Sequin Library  
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