



*Fun, Fitness, Friendship*

**America's Walking Club**

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Dear Holly,

Welcome to America's Walking Club!

Congratulations to you on completing your first ten events. Our commitment to Fun, Fitness and Friendship offers many interesting adventures to explore. **AVA.org**, directs you to those adventures in your local community and far beyond to other club's events. You are welcome at any event *across the U.S.A. and around the world* as we are a national organization which belongs to the **International Volkssport Verband (IVV)**. (Roughly translated as "sports for all people"). Read about the history of IVV created by one of our clubs in Cincinnati here:

<http://germaniasociety.com/2016/10/volksmarch-history/>

In addition to membership in your local club, I encourage you to join the national organization, **America's Walking Club**, and become an Associate Member. The national organization's headquarters in Universal City, Texas, is the support to over 200 local clubs and includes a searchable database of over 2,500 events. The national organization provides indispensable administrative guidance for your local club and the **International Achievement Program** where you just earned a pin, a patch and a certificate for completing your first ten events!

The best way to know when and where unique events are about to happen across the country is to read **The American Wanderer (TAW)**, which is another of the wonderful benefits of Associate membership. Facebook is another way clubs can publicize their events and you can share photos and ask questions there:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AmericanVolkssportAssociation/>

I encourage you to ask questions, lots of questions as you hear abbreviations you never heard before. There will be plenty of folks happy to give you information about our organization. Be Healthy, Be Happy, I'll see you on the trail.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Bonewitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Bonewitz" clearly legible.

David Bonewitz, AVA President