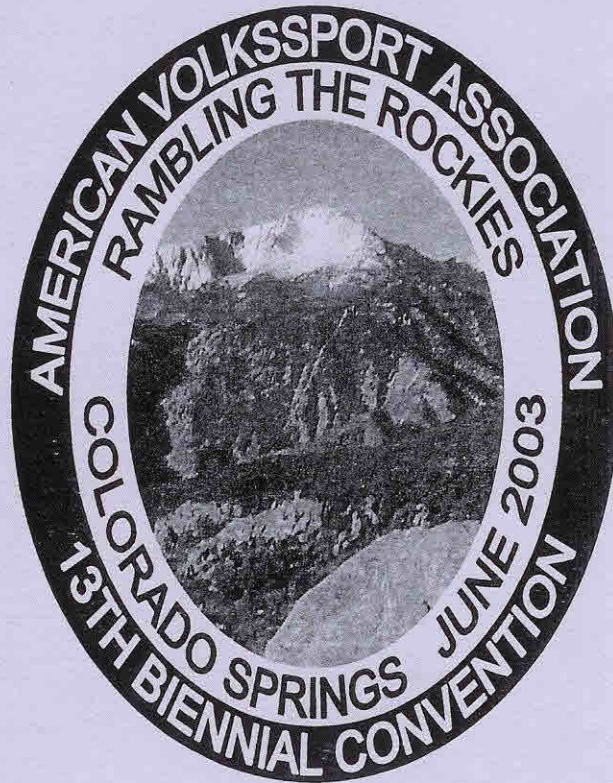


American Volkssport Association Recognition Awards Program



Presented at the
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The AVA Recognition Awards Program

The AVA Recognition Awards Program was established to honor individuals, clubs and organizations, both within and outside the AVA, for services which have supported or advanced the ideals and aspirations of volkssporting in the United States.

Recognition Awards presented at the AVA 13th Biennial Convention include the following:

IVV Honors

The IVV may recognize individuals within the American Volkssport Association for services, deeds, and accomplishments. These must have advanced the ideals and aspirations of volkssporting in the United States or internationally.

IVY Service Pin with Certificate

Bronze for at least eight years of service.

Silver for at least fifteen years of service.

Ted Ballman Memorial Award for Youth Volkssports

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

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. The number of Distinguished Achievement Awards to be issued biennially is limited to twenty.

Meritorious Service Award

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

Certificate of Service Award

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

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.

On behalf of the AVA Recognition Awards Committee and Executive Council XII, I want to thank those who took the time to recognize and nominate these outstanding volkssport volunteers who receive awards at this convention. Congratulations to each recipient of a 2003 AVA Recognition Award. We all appreciate your dedication and enthusiasm to support and promote AVA programs.

Patty Proulx, AVA Recognition Awards Chair

IVV HONORS

James Geith

Fairfax, Virginia

IVV Merit Pin – Bronze Level

For over eight years of service to the American Volkssport Association at local, state and national levels. Eight years president of the Peninsula Pathfinders, eight years as officer in the Virginia Volkssport Association, AVA National Treasurer EC XI, Chair AVA Audit Committee and member for over six years, Volunteer Coordinator for 1997 AVA Convention, Member 1991 Convention Committee, received AVA Distinguished Achievement Award 1995, Volunteer Coordinator for the AVA 2005 Convention Committee.

William Jenkins

South Hamilton, Massachusetts

IVV Merit Pin – Bronze Level

For over eight years service to volkssporting at the local, state and national level. First AVA Northeast Region Director 1989-93. Treasurer AVA 573. Past President AVA 573 and 269. Member AVA Tours Committee 87-89, Chair AVA Recognition Awards Committee, member Outyears Convention Committee 93-95, participant at IVV Olympiads. Recipient of all AVA Award levels.

Joseph Piffat

Danvers, Massachusetts

IVV Merit Pin – Bronze Level

For over eight years service to volkssporting at the local, state and national level. AVA Northeast Region Director 1995-99, Chair AVA Special Fund Raising Committee, Evaluation of the AVA Five Year Plan Committee 95-97, President AVA 573 1992-2000, represents AVA on Massachusetts Cardiovascular Advisory Council. Received AVA Distinguished Achievement Award 2001, Europa Cup earned 1999, Fifty US State Award 2000, Ten Canadian Province Award 2000.

Elaine Ward

Garden Ridge, Texas

IVV Merit Pin – Bronze Level

Nominated for ten years service as Volunteer Manager of the AVA National Headquarters. She has trained and leads a team of seven volunteers two days a week to support the administrative work load which could not be accomplished without their assistance. As the Volunteer Manager she insures that the work is done efficiently and with utmost attention to detail. Her dedication to service has benefited the AVA. Recipient of all levels of AVA Awards.

Lynwood Ward

Garden Ridge, Texas

IVV Merit Pin – Silver Level

Elected AVA Southwest Regional Director in 1999 replacing an incumbent who resigned, subsequently elected to service on Executive Council XI and XII, President Texas Wanderers, Chair Texas Ten, President of the Texas Volkssport Association (94-98), AVA Convention Committee for Austin, Texas (91-93), Chair AVA By-Laws Committee, Co-Chair AVA Strategic Planning Committee, active in developing a partnership with AARP using Texas as the test state as well as working with the Texas Department of Aging, AVA Headquarters volunteer, active leadership roles since 1988.

Ted Ballman Memorial Award for Youth Volkssports

Timothy H. Miner

Woodbridge, Virginia

Tim Miner is the AVA National Youth Coordinator who set the standard for those that will serve the AVA in this position in the future. The survival and growth of the AVA Youth Program is due entirely to his hard work and follow through. Tim worked closely with Wendy DeGiglio to foster a relationship between the AVA Youth Program and the Girl Scouts of the USA, which led to the first Memorandum of Understanding between the AVA and a national youth organization. Both Tim and Ted shared the vision to create programs that encourage, motivate and reward our youth for involvement in a lifetime of volkssporting experiences. Tim Miner is a worthy recipient of this award honoring our late President, Theodore F. Ballman, under whose leadership the AVA created its Youth Program.

AVA President's Award

Wendy Bumgardner

Tualatin, Oregon

Wendy is recognized for her dedication to volkssporting through her efforts in publicizing and marketing volkssporting to the public at large through electronic media and by developing and maintaining AVA's website.

Ginny Drumm

Cincinnati, Ohio

Ginny is recognized for her passion for volkssporting and our organization in her willingness to relocate for an indefinite period of time to oversee and manage the activities at AVA Headquarters.

Fred Lopez

Centreville, Virginia

Fred is recognized as Mr. Grump. He grumbles a lot, but he gets the job done. He worked tirelessly during the 1991 and 1997 AVA Biennial Conventions. He has been an officer at various times for the Virginia Volkssport Association for eight years. He has been a very active member of the AVA Recognition Awards Committee for six years and compiled the Award Record Books to assist Regional Directors in the selection process. He has been the sounding board for AVA President Stenger.

Jim McGahan

Grand Island, Nebraska

Jim is recognized for his enthusiasm to the Spirit of Volkssporting in that he believes in the fun, fitness and fellowship as shown by his efforts to collaborate and work with clubs to promote volkssporting across Nebraska.

Doyle Piland

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Doyle is recognized for tireless efforts in assisting clubs, and in some cases beating up on them, to promote volkssporting events across the country through the use of the AVA website. He has been the glue to keep the site up to date with event data provided to him by AVA Headquarters. He has made common sense decisions regarding the depiction of the information provided to the public.

Donna Seline

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Donna is recognized for her caring and tireless efforts toward remodeling *The American Wanderer* to present our activities in a balanced, informative and professional looking publication for our volkssporting community.

Distinguished Achievement Award

Dorman Batson

Northwest Region

Hometown: Federal Way, Washington
Club Memberships: 4+ Foolhardy Folks SeaTac
Emerald City Wanderers Third Planet Volkssport
IVV Achievement Events km

Citation: In one capacity or another, Dorman has served volkssporting for twenty years. Currently serving a second term as Washington state president, he tirelessly shares his artistic talent and gives his time to several clubs. He served as the 2001 Convention Chair and designed the unique totem pole award. His heart for volkssporting shines through and he is one of Washington states most valuable contributors to volkssport.

Bill Byrd

Northwest Region

Hometown: Vancouver, Washington
Club Memberships: Vancouver USA Volkssport International Walkfest
IVV Achievement Events km

Citation: Bill has given so much to volkssporting through the Vancouver USA Volkssporters and also the Discovery Walks. He works year round with the city to develop and promote events that promote the many community trails. Each year the efforts are expanded. Local businesses, local government and the schools all work together with the volkssport community for the annual festival. Last year workshops were offered the walkers. Invitation and coordination to the international community bring many foreigners.

Catharine Byrd

Northwest Region

Hometown: Vancouver, Washington
Club Memberships: Vancouver USA Volkssport International Walkfest
IVV Achievement Events km

Citation: Catharine Byrd has given so much to volkssporting through the Vancouver USA Volkssporters and also the Discovery Walks. She works year round with the city to develop and promote events that promote the community trails. Each year the efforts are expanded. Local business, local government and the schools all work together with the volkssport community for the annual festival. Last year workshops were offered for the walkers. Invitation and coordination to the international community bring many foreigners. Catharine organizes over 100 volunteers for the event.

Evard (Ed) Cottrill

Southwest Region

Hometown: Ft. Worth, Texas
Club Memberships: Tarrant County Walkers Hood County Hummers
Texas Wanderers
IVV Achievement 550 Events 5500 km

Citation: Ed Cottrill's enthusiasm and commitment to the advancement of volkssporting are exemplary. A dedicated participant and volunteer, he has served in all walk positions and worked at all Tarrant County walkers events since 1993; a remarkable record. He has served as TCW and 2nd Vice President for a decade, been instrumental in forming new clubs, promoted volkssporting throughout the community and served the local, state and national organizations. Ed Cottrill exemplifies the fellowship of volkssporters.

Distinguished Achievement Award

Pat Ellison

Northwest Region

Hometown: Puyallup, Washington
Club Memberships: Daffodil Valley Volkssport ESVA
IVV Achievement: Events Km

Citation: Pat has been a staunch supporter of volkssporting in Washington state. She has served as club president to the Daffodil Volkssport Club, but it is her continued service to ESVA for the many hours of service that she really deserves credit. Currently serving as State Treasurer, she has also served as Vice President in the past. She serves on the Pathfinder committee and served as treasurer for the 2001 Convention Committee. For many, many years she has gotten the Pathfinders to the post office, a burdensome task in more ways than one.

Rick Gamble

Northwest Region

Hometown: Renton, Washington
Club Memberships: NW Striders
IVV Achievement: Events km

Citation: Rick served two terms as Washington State's President. His organizational skills and caring attitude served the volkssport community well. He was responsible for the State's webpage as well as the 2001 Convention webpage. His efforts to provide complete and up to date information benefited the entire volkssport community. When Rick was asked if he could help with the AVA webpage events listing he generously gave of his time in spite of a heavy work schedule.

Jo Hefner

(Awarded Posthumously)

Pacific Region

Hometown: Vacaville, California
Club Memberships: Monterey Peninsula Walking Club Vaca Valley Volks
IVV Achievement: 1600 Events 18,000 km

Citation: In recognition of Jo's untiring work in supporting the Pacific region, the California Volkssport Association and the Vaca Valley Volks Club in many capacities. Her extraordinary service is best seen in her work producing the California Volkssport Association's web site and quarterly publication, The Compass.

Daniel Horne

Atlantic Region

Hometown: Chesapeake, Virginia
Club Memberships: Gator Volksmarch Club Bad Pennies
IVV Achievement: 450 Events 4,500 km

Citation: Dan Home is a truly dedicated member of the Gator Volksmarch Club since joining the club eighteen years ago. His dedication is evidenced by his sixteen years of club leadership. He has been elected to President, Secretary and is currently our Treasurer. He has served on countless committees. He recently chaired the committee that revised our outdated Constitution and Bylaws. Don is a recent recipient of the AVA "Catch the Spirit" recruiting award. He's earned this honor!

Distinguished Achievement Award

Karl Kittinger

Southwest Region

Hometown: Copperas Cove, Texas
Club Memberships: Texas Trotting Turtles Texas Wanderers
WV Achievement: Events km

Citation: Karl Kittinger demonstrates industriousness, conscientiousness, and diligence in being an active volkssporter having served as President, Vic President and Treasurer of the Texas Trotting Turtles. He has worked harmoniously and effectively with others while serving as 1st Vice President of the Texas Volkssporting Association and presently (along with his Club position) serving as Texas Volkssporting Association President. His willingness cooperation, and exertion of special efforts reflect great credit upon him and the volkssporting community.

Paul Lamb

Pacific Region

Hometown: Bisbee, Arizona
Club Memberships: Washington DC Area Volkssport Club The Bad Pennies
Santa Fe Trailblazers Volkssport Club Thunder Mountain Trekkers
IVV Achievement: 1300 Events 17, 500 km

Citation: For service to the AVA at local, state, regional and national levels, to include service as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of various clubs in both the Atlantic and Pacific regions. For service as Parliamentarian at the 2003 AVA Convention. For service on the 1991 Baltimore AVA Convention Committee as the Convention Trailmaster. For his involvement in forming and serving as the Trailmaster of the Bad Pennies, who had a founding purpose of promoting and helping create new volksmarch clubs in areas not currently served by existing clubs. For his three years of service to the AVA as the writer of a Question and Answer Column in the American Wanderer. And, for his constant and reliable support of the Thunder Mountain Trekkers as a regular worker at their weekend events, plus managing and servicing four of the Thunder Mountain Trekkers' year round events.

Tom Loppnow

Pacific Region

Hometown: Huntington Beach, California
Club Memberships: Hollywood Star Trekkers Low Desert Roadrunners
IVV Achievement: Events km

Citation: For outstanding contributions to volksmarching in America as a member, volunteer and officer of the Hollywood Star Trekkers, as a Regional Vice President of the California Volkssport Association, and as Pacific Region Director of the American Volkssport Association.

Distinguished Achievement Award

Jack Nemceff

Pacific Region

Hometown: Yucaipa, California
Club Memberships: Ohio WanderFreunde, Inc. Low Desert Road Runners
Green Valley Gaitors Volkssport Club, Inc.
WV Achievement: Events km

Citation: Jack L. Nemceff is recognized as the quintessential volkssporter who serves as both a visionary and a yeoman for the sport. Since his first volkswalk in Germany in 1974, Jack helped found 8 U.S. volkssport clubs, has continually served as a club officer, and has organized countless events. Moreover, he has consistently been among the first to co-sponsor events with nationally recognized organizations. Jack's volkssport accomplishments also include his participation in the first International Peoples' Sports (IPS-USA) Convention in Glen Helen, Ohio in June 1979. During the IPS-USA meeting, composed of 19 U.S. volkssport clubs and IVV representatives, the organization was renamed, the American Volkssport Association (AVA). After the formation of the AVA, Jack envisioned and helped to bring about the prestigious alliance between volkssporting and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. As part of his early efforts on behalf of volkssport, he attended the first President's Council conference in Washington, D.C. in 1980.

Dan Peters

North Central Region

Hometown: Lennox, South Dakota
Club Memberships: Prairie Wanderers Tri-State Trekkers
IVV Achievement: 1000 Events 10,500 km

Citation: In recognition of Dan's dedication, years of service and leadership in volkssports at the local, state and national level. Dan served on Executive Council as NorthCentral Regional Director for EC X and XI, 1997-2001, Nomination, Audit, Standards and Evaluation, Bylaws and Publicity Committees as well as updating the AVA Events Handbook and AVA Policy Manual. As Regional Director he traveled throughout the region promoting volkssporting and working with groups and organizations in starting new clubs. He has been POC for the last four Dakota Dozen events as well as some regular events. Dan has written several articles for the Wanderer, publicized volkssports on TV, radio and newspaper interviews. Dan has walked all 50 states, 50 capitals. He is a member of the Prairie Wanderers, Tri State Trekkers and AVA Associate Member. He has participated in 1000 events and walked 10.500 k's. He continues to stay involved and promote volkssporting.

Dee Schrum

Atlantic Region

Hometown: Chesterfield, Virginia
Club Memberships: Lee Lupus Volksverband
IVV Achievement: Events km

Citation: Dee Schrum is one of the co-founders of the Lee Lupus Volksverband (AVA-27, VA-02) in 1978. Since then, she has served as the club's secretary for 3 years (1981 to 1983) and as president for the last 20 years. She is the only charter member remaining in the club after 25 years. During the past 25 years she has, in addition to co-founding the Lee Lepus Verband, assisted in the formation of the Chester Kiwanis and Hill Volksmarch clubs. In 1979 and early 1980 she planned and executed the 1st volksmarch marathon held in the US. It is due to her efforts that volksmarching is alive and well in central Virginia.

Distinguished Achievement Award

Donna Seline

North Central Region

Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Club Memberships: North Star Trail Travelers
IVV Achievement: (prefers not to disclose)

Citation: In recognition of Donna's leadership and dedication to the volkssport program since 1972. Donna experienced volksmarching in Germany, returned to Minnesota and was the founding president of the Minnesota Volksmarch Association and also founding secretary of the Twin City Volksmarch Club. She has assisted in the club formation of clubs in Northfield, Rochester, Albert Lea, Minnesota as well as the Riverbend Striders in Mankato and the Minnesota Volksmarch State Park Club. Her vision and leadership led the reorganization committee of the State Park Club when the DNR dropped the program in 1997.

Garry Speir

Southwest Region

Hometown: Sugar Land, Texas
Club Memberships: Hill Country Volkssportsverein West Texas Trail Walkers
IVV Achievement: 800 Events 10,000 km

Citation: Since 1979, Garry Speir has been an active and effective spokesman for Volkssporting in the Southwest Region. Garry served as a Regional Vice President when there were only four regions in AVA. Numerous AVA and TVA committees and local clubs have benefited from his distinguished assistance. For over twenty continuous years, Garry has guided on or more AVA Clubs as an elected officer.

Jean Vik

Pacific Region

Hometown: Corona, California
Club Memberships: Low Desert Roadrunners Hollywood Star Trekkers
IVV Achievement: 1300 events 14,000 km

Citation: In recognition of outstanding contributions towards the advancement of the American Volkssport Association Programs.

Meritorious Service Award

Gin Armacost

Atlantic Region

Hometown: Fairfax, Virginia
Club Memberships: Pentagon Pacesetters
IVV Achievement: 1150+ events km

Citation: For service as treasurer of the Virginia Volkssport Association from 1 January 2000 to the present and for service to several Virginia clubs, including the Pentagon Pacesetters, Boy Scout Troop 118 and the Peninsula Pathfinders since the mid-1990's. Gin has given of her time and knowledge to assist Boy Scout Troop 118 in holding their events and administering the start table for the inaugural US Freedom Walk Festival events.

Pat Mead

Atlantic Region

Hometown: Roanoke, Virginia
Club Memberships: Peninsula Pathfinders
IVV Achievement: 450+ events 4,500+ km

Citation: For service as secretary for the Virginia Volkssport Association from 1996 to 1999 and as the vice president of the Virginia Volkssport Association from January 2000 to present. As POC for the Roanoke YRE since 1997 and for working to open up south central Virginia to volkssporting by working to establish YRE's in Bedford and Douthat State Park.

Karen Birt

Mid America Region

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
Club Memberships: Valley Vagabonds
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: Karen Birt has been the Valley Vagabonds Treasurer since Fall of 1991 and active club member since club's inception. She took over this position upon the death of her father, who was the club's original Treasurer. Through her efforts, the club's website has received several national recognition awards. Her devotion to the sport and club is shown by stepping in when all the club's officers passed away in the fall of 1991. When other clubs would have folded, she insured that club continued. Over the years she has always worked every event, setting up many events, insuring that the Treasurer's duties met the national guideline, and providing guidance to new officers.

Beth Filina

Mid America Region

Hometown: North Olmstead, Ohio
Club Memberships: Valley Vagabonds
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: Beth Filina, a club member since 1984 and outstanding Valley Vagabond President for the past ten years, has made this club a viable and energetic organization. With her leadership, the club has expanded the events from two a year to four events, plus two picnic/guided YRE walks and established year-rounds at five different locations over four counties. Through being an excellent trail master, the club's event walks are planned a year in advance with her original award designs. She has published the club newsletter for the last 8 years, maintained a large database to notify volkswalkers of our events, and increase volkssport awareness by newspaper articles. To meet OVA Bicentennial goals she scheduled walks in 9 counties.

Meritorious Service Award

Rita Eldridge

North Central Region

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska
Club Memberships: Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers Lincoln Volkssport Club
Mid-Nebraska Trail Seekers Tri-State Trekkers
Greater DesMoines Volkssport Assoc.
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: Rita Eldridge is recognized as the driving force for the Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers, volunteering her time and energy for over 22 years. Rita has contributed immeasurably to the success of not only her club, but to many in the area. She has acted as an unofficial ambassador of Volksmarching throughout the country and across the sea leading us all along the trails. Happy Trails to You.

Lynne Grabowska

North Central Region

Hometown: Brookings, South Dakota
Club Memberships: Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club
IVV Achievement: 75+events 750+ km

Citation: Served as club treasurer extraordinaire for three years and worked at the registration desk of two Dakota Dozens. She is the chair of the club's 2003 one-day events and participated in all of the club's community clean-up projects.

Audrey von Holt

North Central Region

Earl von Holt

Hometown: North Mankato, Minnesota
Club Memberships: Riverbend Striders
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: Audrey and Earl von Holt started volksmarching in 1984 when they joined the Riverbend Striders in Mankato, Minnesota. Both have designed awards, organized and marked trails, designed brochures and worked at events. They enjoyed working checkpoints where they had time to meet and talk to people. Their club has supported the NorthStar Trail Travelers' mission to offer events in different state parks by cosponsoring events each year.

David Hunt

North Central Region

Hometown: New Hope, Minnesota
Club Memberships: NorthStar Trail Travelers
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: David Hunt served as Board Chair of the NorthStar Trail Travelers from 1997-2002. President of the Minnesota Volkssport Association from 1989-93, and on various AVA committees. He was co-founder of Central Minnesota Volkssports and served as vice president from 1991-96. He was instrumental in the reorganization of the Minnesota State Park club resulting in the formation of the NorthStar Trail Travelers.

Meritorious Service Award

Susan Nielsen

North Central Region

Hometown: St. Cloud, Minnesota
Club Memberships: Central Minnesota Volkssporters
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: Sue Nielsen was involved in the reorganization of the Volkssport program in Minnesota State Parks that resulted in formation of the NorthStar Trail Travelers (NSTT). She served four years as Central Minnesota Volkssport Club President and in that position cosponsored events in the state parks to support the NSTT mission of having events in different parks each year. She has also served four years as Secretary of the Minnesota Volkssport Association.

Eunice Solem

North Central Region

Hometown: Clear Lake, South Dakota
Club Memberships: Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club
IVV Achievement: 300+ events 3,000+ km

Citation: Served as Seasonal Walk POC for 10 years, was one of the trailmasters for Dakota Dozen II which required six walking trails, served on the committee for the club's 2001 one-day walks, hosted the National Month Walk potlucks while a member of the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club beginning in 1989.

Sylvia Allen

Northeast Region

Hometown: Westbrook, Maine
Club Memberships: Southern Maine Volkssport Association Wandering Maine-iacs
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: Sylvia has been a tireless worker for many years. She has worked events, chaired events and chaired several committees. She has been a valuable source of information, advice and support for volkssporting activities in Maine. Always ready when asked, she has become a popular volkssport personality in the Northeast.

Claudia Cauchon

Northeast Region

Hometown: Newmarket, New Hampshire
Club Memberships: Southern Maine Volkssport Association Seacoast Striders
Twin State Volkssport Association
NV Achievement: events km

Citation: Claudia is the glue that holds the Seacoast Striders Club together. She has served as Vice President, and is currently serving as President, Membership Chairman, Equipment Manager and Web Master. She has coordinated many quality walks and gives generously of her time and energy.

Meritorious Service Award

Alan Moulton

Northeast Region

Hometown: Stratham, New Hampshire
Club Memberships: Southern Maine Volkssport Association Seacoast Striders
Twin State Volkssport Association Walk 'n Mass
IVV Achievement: 900+ events 10,000+ km

Citation: Al, the heart and soul of the Seacoast Striders, has served in numerous capacities, including Vice President, President, Trail Master and Tri State Registrar and Treasurer. He is currently serving as club Treasurer. Al is co-founder of the annual Tri State Weekends, and has been walk coordinator for numerous regular, seasonal and year round walks. Al leads by example and deserves this recognition for his many years of dedication and service.

Eileen Skinner

Northeast Region

Hometown: Clifton Park, New York
Club Memberships: Empire State Capital Volkssporters
Twin State Volkssport Association
Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club
IVV Achievement: 550+ events 6500+ km

Citation: Eileen Skinner is a leader in her club who emphasizes building a club out of separated individuals. She does this by conducting volunteer training sessions and organizing socials with events. She serves as web master for two clubs. Her ESCV page has won two AVA seals of approval. She served three years as Trail Master for the seventeen twice a day Wednesday walks. Designed "A" awards for YRE/SEA events. Prepares event's brochure book and a bookmark.

John Tibbetts

Northeast Region

Hometown: Westbrook, Maine
Club Memberships: Southern Maine Volkssport Association
WV Achievement: events km

Citation: John is an unselfish supporter of volkssporting activities. He has traveled far and wide carrying our trinkets to sell at events to help support our club. His dry sense of humor and keen eye have helped keep the balance of SMVA.

Carol West

Northeast Region

Hometown: Wethersfield, Connecticut
Club Memberships: Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: Carol has provided exemplary service to the Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club, AVA #784 serving as editor for our annual event brochure for the past four years. As Trail Master for the Watch Hill Rhode Island Traditional Event she coordinated it as a collaborative effort with Walk hMass Volkssport Club. In 2002 she was instrumental in establishing the first seasonal Volksski in Connecticut.

Meritorious Service Award

James Gorman

Northwest Region

Hometown: Longview, Washington
Club Memberships: Longview Border Crossers
WV Achievement: 2500 events 45,000 km

Citation: He has been the leader of the Longview Border Crossers since its beginning in 1990. He has served as a Washington Area Coordinator and State Trail Master. He also was deeply involved in the Portland Convention in 1995. As leader of the Border Crossers, he sponsored events in Longview and Kelso and Cathlamet. His club sponsored YRE walks in Longview and Kelso as well as YRE Bike events in Longview and Wooland.

Noreen Kirk

Northwest Region

Hometown: Portland, Oregon
Club Memberships: Rose City Roamers
IVV Achievement: 2500 events 40,000 km

Citation: She is the serving President of Rose City Roamers and serves on the Oregon State Volkssport Association Nominating Committee, Recognition Committee, and the Walk Oregon Challenge Committee. She led her club in its phenomenal growth — over 75 new members in the past year alone.

Arlene Miller

Northwest Region

Hometown: La Center, Washington
Club Memberships: Vancouver USA Volkssports Club
Cedar Milers Volkssport Club
IVV Achievement: 1300+ events 13,000+ km

Citation: You are awarded this Meritorious Service Award in recognition of your outstanding contribution to the AVA by serving as the Discovery Walks Registrar and as past president of the Cedar Milers and Vancouver USA Volkssport Clubs. You put in countless hours establishing a comprehensive and efficient registration process for the International Marching League's Discovery Walks while at the same time putting in many overtime hours on your regular job.

Carol Ottoson

Northwest Region

Walt Ottoson

Hometown: Portland, Oregon
Club Memberships: Rose City Roamers
IVV Achievement: 1900 events Carol 20,000 km
1400 events Walt 15,000 km

Citation: Carol and Walt truly exemplify the Spirit of Walking! Both are Rose City Roamers charter members, have served as RCR presidents, and have helped in some capacity at every club event since 1987. Carol is also keeper of the club albums and premier club photographer. Together they have walked in all 50 states (3 times!) and capitals, Canadian Provinces and Capitals, and all AVA Special Event programs. Every February club meeting they present a slide show of that year's volkssporting adventures.

Meritorious Service Award

Merle Dvorak

Pacific Region

Hometown: Sherman Oaks, California
Club Memberships: Hollywood Star Trekkers
IVV Achievement: 500 events 5000 km

Citation: For outstanding support of volksmarching as an officer of the Hollywood Star Trekkers and the California Volkssport Association.

Wayne Holloway

Pacific Region

Hometown: Rescue, California
Club Memberships: Placer Pacers
IVV Achievement: 860+ events km

Citation: In recognition of Wayne Holloway's continued dedicated service to the Placer Pacers. He has served as both Vice-President and President, Footprints editor, event chairperson several times, member of the California's Golden Heritage special event committee, Chair of the Placer Pacer Friendship Walks committee, and has recently assumed responsibility for maintaining the club's website.

Don Ratliff

Pacific Region

Hometown: Newcastle, California
Club Memberships: Placer Pacers
IVV Achievement: 450 events 4000 km

Citation: In recognition of Don Ratliff's continued dedicated service to the Placer Pacers Volkssport Club. Don has served as President, Vice-President, Historian, Volunteer Workers Chairman, and chaired several events. Don also served as North Vice-President of the California Volkssport Association from May 1994-May 1998.

Joe Sutter

(Awarded Posthumously)

Pacific Region

Hometown: Vacaville, California
Club Memberships: Vaca Valley Yolks Club
IVV Achievement: events km

Citation: In recognition of Joe's outstanding contribution to Volkssporting. As Northern Vice-president of the California Volkssporting Association he played a major role in the year long planning, organization and execution of the California portion of the Japanese Trans-America Walk 2001. His service as Vice-President and President of the Vaca Valley Yolks Club continues to inspire it's members as well as all California Volkssporters.

William L. Uttenweiler

Pacific Region

Hometown: Santa Maria, California
Club Memberships: Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders Channel Islands Yolks.
IVY Achievement: 525 events 6,500 km

Citation: For dedicated service to volksmarching with both the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders, Santa Maria, CA, and the Texas Wanderers, San Antonio, TX.

Meritorious Service Award

Lois Wilson

Pacific Region

Hometown: Cherry Valley, California
Club Memberships: Green Valley Gaiters Volkssport Club
IVV Achievement: 387 events 4500 km

Citation: Lois Wilson is recognized for her extraordinary service to volkssporting during the years 1992-2002. Lois began her service as Club Secretary in 1992-93. Between 1993 and 2002, she organized and served as trailmaster for two ongoing year-round events. In 1998 and 1999, she organized two volkssporter bus tours, and served as trail master for 19 events in 20 California counties in order to provide participants an opportunity to complete their 58 county walks within the state.

John Baird

Rocky Mountain Region

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Club Memberships: Black Forest Volkssport Club Falcon Wanderers
IVV Achievement: 1937 events 28,909 km

Citation: In recognition for exceptional service in the support and promotion of volkssporting. John has distinguished himself as a club officer, event coordinator, volunteer and volkssporter. His selfless devotion and attitude are a benefit to all who come in contact with him.

Curt Converse

Rocky Mountain Region

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Club Memberships: Falcon Wanderers
IVV Achievement: 800 events 9,000 km

Citation: Curt has been a mainstay of the Falcon Wanderers Volkssport Club. He has served as President for 5 years and for the past two years has served as the AVA 2003 Convention Committee Co-Chairman. His tireless devotion to both the club and volkssporting is an inspiration to all club members.

Claudia Johnston

Rocky Mountain Region

Hometown: Evergreen, Colorado
Club Memberships: Rocky Mountain Wanderers Falcon Wanderers
High Country Hikers
IVV Achievement: 350 events 3500 km

Citation: Claudia Johnston began volksmarching in Germany in 1974. Since then she had dedicated a great deal of her life to volkssporting. In 1979 she helped found the Rocky Mountain Wanderers with her husband Dave. From that point on she has worked tirelessly to support volksmarching in Colorado.

Meritorious Service Award

Dave Johnston

Rocky Mountain Region

Hometown: Evergreen, Colorado
Club Memberships: Rocky Mountain Wanderers Falcon Wanderers
High Country Hikers
WV Achievement: 350 events 4000 km

Citation: Dave Johnston began volksmarching in Germany in 1974 while serving as a Lt. Colonel in the US Army. After founding an American club in Bad Kreuznach in 1976 Dave became forever dedicated to volkssporting. In 1979 he became founder and President of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers, the first club in Colorado. Since then Dave has been the heart and soul of volkssporting in Colorado. He has coordinated countless events including the first ski wandering in the United States and the first walk entirely above 10,000 feet. In 1999 Dave founded the Colorado High Country Hikers and continues to serve the Rocky Mountain Wanderers as Vice President. Dave's contributions and dedication to volkssporting are truly exemplary and worthy of high recognition.

Becky Shute

Rocky Mountain Region

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Club Memberships: Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers Falcon Wanderers
Rocky Mountain Wanderers Santa Fe Trailblazers
IVV Achievement: 1250 events 14,000 km

Citation: In recognition for exceptional service in the support and promotion of volkssporting. Becky has distinguished herself with years of outstanding service, including two terms as President of the Falcon Wanderers and currently as Co-Chair of the 2003 AVA Convention Committee. She is a tireless worker and an asset to this club and the AVA. Her sense of humor and attitude are an inspiration to us all.

Bob Shute

Rocky Mountain Region

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Club Memberships: Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers Falcon Wanderers
Rocky Mountain Wanderers Santa Fe Trailblazers
IVV Achievement: 1250 events 14,000 km

Citation: In recognition for exceptional service in the support and promotion of volkssporting. Bob has distinguished himself with years of outstanding service as a club officer, event coordinator, volunteer, and volkssporter. His selfless devotion and positive attitude are an inspiration to all who come in contact with him.

Robert E. Pugh

South Central Region

Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Club Memberships: Green Country Wander Freunde Tulsa Walking Club
WV Achievement: 750 events 11.000 km

Citation: As a charter member of the Tulsa Walking Club, Bob has been key to its growth and success. Having served the club in many capacities including President and Trailmaster, he proudly wears his coat with patches and pins proclaiming walks in 50 states, the 77 counties of Oklahoma and 10 countries. He is instrumental in keeping the Oklahoma Labor Day weekend multi-event program successful. He serves his community through a variety of volunteer services.

Meritorious Service Award

Linda Elms

Southwest Region

Tom Elms

Hometown: Cibilo, Texas
Club Memberships: Randolph Roadrunners Volkssport Club
WV Achievement: events km

Citation: The husband and wife team of Linda and Tom Elms have consistently served in all aspects of running the Randolph Roadrunners since April 1991. When not serving as event coordinators, Linda and Tom have volunteered at nearly all club events. Linda served as club President from January 1997 thru December 2002. Currently, Tom serves the club as e-mail monitor and secretary; Linda serves as publicity chair.

Suzanne Markgraf

Southwest Region

Hometown: Garden Ridge, Texas
Club Memberships: Randolph Roadrunners Volkssport Club TVA
WV Achievement: 375+ events km

Citation: Since joining the Randolph Roadrunners in 1992 Suzanne Markgraf has capably served the club as treasurer for four and a half years, as President for two years and as an event coordinator and worker for numerous events. Suzanne has also served as treasurer of the Texas Volkssport Association from August 1999 to the present. She has worked several of their events and has been a definite asset to the organization.

Dan Meeks

Southwest Region

Hometown: Ft. Worth, Texas
Club Memberships: Tarrant County Walkers, Inc.
IVV Achievement: 175 events 2000 km

Citation: Dan's volkssporting has lead him to not only be an active member of the Tarrant County Walkers, Inc. but to help the local community by sponsoring events for their benefit by raising money and food for the local food bank. He has served several years on the Board of Directors and as President of the club. He has sponsored several events and has designed several of the clubs awards, especially the one to celebrate the clubs "20" anniversary award.

Terri Meeks

Southwest Region

Hometown: Ft. Worth, Texas
Club Memberships: Tarrant County Walkers, Inc.
WV Achievement: events km

Citation: Terri has served in numerous capacities for many years. She served several years as Secretary of the Tarrant County Walkers, Inc., President of the club and is now the Chairperson of the clubs Board of Directors. She is a dedicated walker and has served from start to finish points and also as a Walk Director several times.

Meritorious Service Award

Pamella Speir

Southwest Region

Hometown: Sugar Land, Texas

Club Memberships: Hill Country Volkssortverein West Texas Trail Walkers

IVV Achievement: 800 events 9,000 km

Citation: Pamella Speir has been a dynamic supporter of Volkssporting since 1979. Her warm and friendly manner has made many difficult tasks very pleasant for fellow Volkssporters. Pam has served as a club president and on several committees for both AVA and TVA. She efficiently managed the membership specialties program of the West Texas Trail Walkers for several years. Pam Speir has been, and continues to be, a willing, cooperative worker at every WTTW event.

Certificate of Service Award

Certificate of Service Award - Atlantic Region

Charlene Agne-Traub

Burke, Virginia

Charlene Agne-Traub served as Corresponding Secretary for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2002. Through her efforts as part of this club, she has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

Thomas J. Andrew

Bristow, Virginia

Thomas Andrew serves as Vice President for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. And then as President through June 2002. Through his efforts as part of this club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

Thomas Baerwald

Alexandria, Virginia

Tom Baerwald served as Event Coordinator since June 1999, Brochure and Awards Chairperson for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers. Through his efforts as part of this club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region. Tom is very active in our club and in the Atlantic region.

Betty Canoles

Chester, Virginia

In recognition of her significant contributions toward the advancement of Lee Lupus Volksverband, the Virginia Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association.

Elsbeth Holt

Fairfax, Virginia

Elsbeth Holt served as 2ⁿ^d Vice President for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 2000 through June 2002. Through her efforts as part of this club, she has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

Certificate of Service Award - Atlantic Region

Robert bolt

Fairfax, Virginia

Bob Holt served as 1st Vice President for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 2000 through June 2002. Through his efforts as part of this club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

Robert McLean

Springfield, Virginia

Robert McLean served as Sales Chairperson for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2002. Through his efforts as part of his club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region than ever before.

Len Moyer

Amelia, Virginia

In recognition of his significant contributions toward the advancement of Lee Lupus Volksverband, the Virginia Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association.

Peg Norelius

Peg Norelius has served as the Freestate Happy Wanderers Treasurer for two years. She does an excellent job with the Club's finances and keeps Freestate current with our financial responsibilities to AVA. Peg has volunteered for five years and some of her duties have been a POC for events such as our "Sweet 16" our Club's Birthday event and she designs and produces our scheduled event brochures and the YRE brochure. She is an asset to our club and helps in all areas where she is needed.

Barry Plott

Fairfax, Virginia

Barry Plott had served as club officer for the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1994 to June 2000, as Treasurer and then, President, as well as, Newsletter editor. He again volunteered for club Vice President beginning June 2002. Barry is always volunteering to help with club activities, coordinating many weekend walk events, continuing the tradition of quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region.

Roger Polhemus

Chester, Virginia

In recognition of his significant contributions toward the advancement of Lee Lupus Volksverband, the Virginia Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association.

Marilyn Pollow

Alexandria, Virginia

Marilyn Pollow served as Award and Brochure Chairperson for Northern Virginia Volksmarchers from June 1996 through June 2000. And then served as club Treasurer until June 2002. Through his efforts as part of his club, he has helped strengthen this club's presence in a region that includes many other clubs, by helping to put on more quality walk events with multiple sanctions/trails in more unique areas of the Northern Virginia and Washington DC region.

Certificate of Service Award - Mid-America Region

Belleville Tourism

Belleville, Illinois

Belleville Tourism has supported volkssporting in the Belleville area by greatly assisting the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club funding the major event costs of printing and postage for several events held in conjunction with Belleville promotional celebrations. They have included club southwestern Illinois events in their annual event guide and other promotional literature. Their support has been instrumental in acquainting many with the joys of volkssporting.

Rita Block

Worthington, Ohio

For your many hours making the ceramic Twelve Days of Christmas bells and the three piece crackpot series that were awards for Buckeye Wander Freunde walks in November.

Eckert's Orchards, Inc.

Belleville, Illinois

For the past 20 years, Eckert's Orchards, Inc. have opened their orchards to volksmarchers participating in the Illinois Trekkers annual fall walk. Through their support providing facilities, locally prepared refreshments, trails and advertising they have been a welcome walking sponsoring host.

Rosemary Hacker

St. Louis, Missouri

Rosemary Hacker is commended for her outstanding enthusiasm and devotion to volkssporting and the promotion of the sport. Since becoming a member of the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club she has volunteered to take on significant tasks, which include developing the club's STAR award applications, individual award nominations; accepting the position of club secretary; and always willingly participating in club events.

Shirley Martin

Belleville, Illinois

Shirley Martin is commended for her outstanding enthusiasm and service to the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club and the world of volkssporting. She has aggressively sought out and successfully completed challenges in many areas of our club's operations. Her activities include holding club office, coordinating events, being the club photographer, doing club special events, and running trail management, among others. She is a tremendous asset to our club, AVA, and volkssporting in general.

Pizza Hut

Chester, Illinois

Pizza Hut has actively supported volkssporting in southern Illinois by financial and facility support to the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club's annual Popeye Festival Walk. Their assistance has been instrumental in helping the club host repeatedly successful events over fifty miles from our home base. The support of Pizza Hut in Chester is greatly appreciated.

Red Dot Construction & Equipment Rental, Inc.

Chester, Illinois

Red Dot Construction and Equipment Rental, Inc. has supported volkssporting in southwestern Illinois by financially supporting the Illinois Trekker's Volkssport Club's annual Popeye Festival Walk. Their assistance has been instrumental in helping the club host repeatedly successful events over fifty miles from our home base. The support of Red Dot is greatly appreciated.

Treasured Memories

Chester, Illinois

Treasured Memories has supported volkssporting in southwestern Illinois by financially supporting the Illinois Trekker's Volkssport Club's annual Popeye Festival Walk. Their assistance has been instrumental in helping the club host repeatedly successful events over fifty miles from our home base. The support of Treasured Memories is greatly appreciated.

Certificate of Service Award - North Central Region

Rodney E. Bell

Brookings, South Dakota

Rod has been the club's right-hand man these last three years giving of his time and energy to make our activities successful. He has driven many miles delivering and picking up the club members who were completing the club's community service project — collecting trash along 1-29 under the Adopt-A-Highway Program. For six Dakota Dozens he was the Bike Master which entailed fixing flats, raising and lowering seats, and keeping the bicyclists on the right trail.

Melanie Ditrich

Sartell, Minnesota

Melanie Ditrich was involved in the reorganization of the Volkssport program in Minnesota State Parks that resulted in the formation of the NorthStar Trail Travelers (NSTT). She has been instrumental in the cooperative effort of Central Minnesota Volkssports to sponsor events with NSTT enabling them to hold more events in state parks each year. She has served as President of the Central Minnesota Volkssport Club for four years.

Pat Eggert

Caledonia, Minnesota

Pat Eggert and her husband, Bob, were instrumental in the reorganization off the State Park Volkssports Club into the NorthStar Trail Travelers. Pat has been active in Volkssports for 15 years and has been a faithful participant in events, support of clubs and assistance in sponsoring events in southeastern MN. She has kept the popular Syttende Mai event in Spring Grove, MN running for the last 4 years.

Beverly Hull

West Des Moines, Iowa

Presented in recognition of service as President of Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association from July 1996 to June 1999; Coordinator of Des Moines Two Rivers YRE from 2000 to present; Coordinating annual Three Mall Walk each January first; and as current Treasurer of Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association.

Barbara John

Des Moines, Iowa

Presented in recognition of service as Outstanding Treasurer of Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association from January 1998 to June 2002.

Louise Opheim

Stuart, Iowa

Presented in recognition of service as Chair of the Membership Committee of the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association since 1997.

Wayne Opheim

Stuart, Iowa

Presented in recognition of service on the Membership Committee of the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association since 1997. Coordinated several events outside of the Des Moines area.

Lora Plain

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Rob Plain

Rob and Lora Plain have been actively involved in the reorganization of the State Park Volkssports program resulting in the formation of the NorthStar Trail Travelers. Both have been active board members for five years and Rob served one year as treasurer. They attended the biweekly reorganization meetings that transferred the Volkssport program from State Park Volkssports to NSTT. They are tireless workers who can always be depended on to help make events successful.

Delores Van Horn

Urbandale, Iowa

Presented in recognition of service as Chair of the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association Mailings Committee since 1989. Assisted with annual Urbandale Event since 1988.

Edward Van Horn

Urbandale, Iowa

Presented in recognition of service as President of the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association from July 1999 to June 2000; Coordinator of the annual Urbandale Event since 1988; and service on the Mailings Committee since 1989.

Certificate of Service Award - Northeast Region

Winnie Balz

Schenectady, New York

In recognition of and with appreciation for your leadership service to Empire State Capital Volkssporters.

Ernie Belforti

Morrisville, Vermont

Ernest Belforti started walking in 1998. Since then he developed the Stowe trail for an event and a seasonal, a very successful part of the Twin State Volkssporting program. He volunteered to serve as Trailmaster for a seasonal that had been closed, and will be Trailmaster for events in 2003 and 2004. While still working he does all our events and plans his travel trips around walking the states and capitols.

Janis Belforti

Morrisville, Vermont

Janis Belforti started walking in 1998. She is co-point of contact for the Stowe walk, one of the clubs most successful events. In addition to the normal bookkeeping of a walk, construction affecting seasonal events require frequent changes to the directions. She has supported the club by preparing the newsletter when the editor was on travel. While still working, she has done all our events since 1999, and walked many states and capitols on their trips.

Karen Campbell

South Hamilton, Massachusetts

Karen is an active volunteer in the Two Town Walking Club. She has been in charge of Membership for the past several years and in that capacity responds to inquiries concerning club membership and volkssporting. She keeps membership records up to date and produces mailing labels for the club newsletter. Karen is an active participant at club meetings and is a volunteer to help at club events and activities.

Jeanette Dose

North Billerica, Massachusetts

A volksmarcher since 1974, Jeanette is an experienced volunteer who readily shares her expertise teaching others the hidden nuances of a successful and memorable walk experience. As Trailmaster, she has provided guidance and tutelage to event POCs which resulted in more accurate route directions, greater safety awareness, and enthusiasm to research new routes; as Historian she has made readily accessible a compilation of historical date and accomplishments from Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club's seventeen year history.

Lucy Healey

Clifton Park, New York

In recognition of your continued service as Treasurer for Empire State Capital Volkssporters and your support of volkssporting in New York.

Kenneth Holt

Reading, Massachusetts

Ken has taken on the challenge of publicity for Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. With members from all over Massachusetts and events held in all counties, he prepares appropriate releases whether it is advance notice of events or special festivities such as the awarding of people who have completed walks in all fifty states. People are coming to Club events because they have seen it in their local paper.

Jean Jackman

Taunton, Massachusetts

It doesn't matter if the event is in the town next door or many miles distant, Jean is ready to help out wherever needed. Whether it is to sign people up quickly so they can get on the trail, visit a bit as people come through the check point, greet and explain to newcomers what volksmarching is all about, or efficiently stamp the books and handout the awards, Jean competently completes the job at hand.

Joan Kimmel

Poughkeepsie, New York

In recognition of your leadership as President of the Volkssport Club of West Point and for promoting volkssporting events in New York.

Certificate of Service Award - Northeast Region

Jean Laplant

Rutland, Vermont

Jean Laplant walked from 1983 to 2001, and she was a sterling example of what a volksmarcher is: a person who shows up for every walk in her club, does the seasonals, and works checkpoints, or what ever is needed. She also encouraged the leaders, with her words and letters, to keep the club alive. She enjoyed walking and was very sorry when she became unable to walk.

Kenneth Laplant

Rutland, Vermont

Kenneth Laplant is one of the individuals who founded Vermont's Twin State Volkssporting Association. As long as he could walk, until 1995, he served as Trail Master — really finding unusual and pretty spots with a covered bridge to walk. Ken kept the club alive during our very lean years. For over 15 years he has willingly worked at the finish table providing walkers with the history and tales of events about the area.

Patricia Major

Monument Beach, Massachusetts

Pat capably chaired both walk and bike seasonal events her first year as a member of Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Since then, she has chaired eleven additional seasonal events and two day events as well as supported other club events. By virtue of her seasonal events, she has enabled volksmarchers to enjoy some of the quaint and beautiful towns in Cape Cod and along the canal.

Chris Mellen

Tyngsboro, Massachusetts

If you want it done, Chris can and will do it. As president for two years, a member of the finance committee, a group walk chairman who schedules walks to make sure there is an event every month, bus tour coordinator to other states, and chairman of a dozen walks in many parts of the state over the past nine years, Chris has played a significant role in spreading the word about volksmarching.

Pauline Mellen

Tyngsboro, Massachusetts

In addition to generously donating her time to others to ensure their events are a success, Pauline has co-chaired five walk events in nearby neighborhoods as well as three other events many miles distant which caused additional coordination and planning. Also, she is very much a helper behind the scenes of the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club's well organized bus trips to New York and Vermont.

Thomas Narcavage

West Medford, Massachusetts

Since his first meeting, Tom has stepped forward to help POCs of events in whatever capacity needed. After just four years in the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club, he took on the co-chairmanship of a walk which, as part of the highly acclaimed Tri-State events, was no small task. Since that event, he has co-chaired events in Belchertown and Monson which enabled our club to meet its goal of a walk in every county at least every two years.

Bonnie Neggers

West Medford, Massachusetts

Whatever is needed to ensure the success of a walk, Bonnie is there to help. In addition she was responsible for planning a walk in conjunction with our Tri-State Weekend events and in ensuring walks were held in Hampshire and Hampden counties to fulfill our County Walk Program. This past year, she also took on the job of e-mail POC and reminds large numbers of people regarding upcoming events.

Luiza Penachio

Portland, Connecticut

Luiza has served as membership coordinator for the Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club, AVA 784, and is also trail master of the Mystic Year Round Event.

Leslie Penton

Danbury, Connecticut

Leslie has provided exemplary service to the Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club, AVA 784 as web master for our web site, which has maintained a gold medal rating for the past four years.

Certificate of Service Award - Northeast Region

Clara Petrosky

Wareham, Massachusetts

Clara celebrated her move by chairing a walk with a check point at her new home in a community Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club had never walked. This is typical of Clara's boundless enthusiasm and unstinting willingness to either chair an event or assume responsibility for ensuring well-run events by serving at the Start/Finish table, removing trail markers at the close of a walk, or sharing her enjoyment of life as she warmly welcomes people.

Kathryn Piffat

Boston, Massachusetts

In 2001 Kathryn planned the Danversport trail for the 2002 Danvers YRE, and serves as POC for that event. She planned and developed the trail for the Danvers historical walk held on June 29, 2002 as part of the Family Festival. This involved working with the Danvers 250th Anniversary Committee and the Family Festival Committee to coordinate the volkssport event with other events held in the town on that day. Kathryn has volunteered in several capacities to staff events for five clubs including all events sponsored by the Two Town Walking Club.

Judy Polczer

Jackson Heights, New York

Judy Polczer has walked for 11 years. In her quiet way she has helped make events successful by manning orderly and neat start tables, stamping books carefully, helping to develop and mark trails, and performing inventory control of supplies. She does all these things for two different clubs and helps at least one other club. When asked why she helps so much with little recognition, she replies "I do it for the fun of it."

Helen Purcell

Watertown, Massachusetts

Helen has ensured volksmarchers get to see different areas in and near Boston by chairing walks in five different communities. Also, she is a frequent and willing volunteer both at Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club events in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and in meeting members of bus tours to get them registered quickly and on their way. In honor of those who had walked in fifty states, she helped plan a special celebration at the Club's annual picnic.

Mary Saratoga

Danvers, Massachusetts

Mary is a charter member of the Two Town Walking Club. She is the POC for the Beverly YRE. Mary is an active participant in all club meetings and volunteers to staff all of the club events despite a busy work schedule.

David Skinner

Clifton Park, New York

In recognition of and with appreciation for your leadership service to Empire State Capital Volkssport Club and support of volkssporting in New York.

Dorothy Socie

Niagara Falls, New York

In recognition of your leadership as President of the Niagara Escarpment Volkssport Association and promoting volkssporting events in New York.

Barbara Stafford

Williamsville, New York

In recognition of your leadership as President of the Niagara Frontier Volkssport Club and promoting volkssporting events in New York.

Linda Therriault

West Hartford, Connecticut

Linda has provided exemplary service to the Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club, AVA 784, serving as Vice-President, she has been Trail Master for the Bethlehem traditional and the West Hartford Year Round, as well as the first ever Volksswim sanctioned in Connecticut. She also coordinated our first ever evening group walk, the August Amble. Linda also coordinated the creation, distribution and promotion of name tags for the club membership.

Steven K. Thomas

Windsor, New York

In recognition of your leadership as President of the Finger Lakes Volkssport Club and promoting volkssporting events in New York.

Certificate of Service Award - Northeast Region

Marjorie Watson

Georgetown, Massachusetts

Marjorie is an active volunteer in the Two Town Walking Club. She is the liaison to the Girl Scouts of the Spar and Spindle Council, and involved them in the walking event in Maudslay State Park in 2002. She is planning an event with them in 2003. She temporarily serves as POC for YRE's when the POC is absent from the area. She is an active participant in club meetings and has acted as club secretary when that person is unable to attend. She has prepared the YRE booklet and several walk brochures for the club. She volunteers to staff all Two Town Walking Club events and some of the events of the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.

Lee West

Wethersfield, Connecticut

Lee has served as treasurer of the Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club, AVA 784, for the past five years and has served as trail master for year round events in Hartford and Old Saybrook as well as traditional events in Guilford and Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

Bernie Williamson

Derby, Connecticut

Bernie has provided exemplary service to the Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club, AVA 784, serving as newsletter editor and Trail Master for the Milford Traditional Event and the Milford Year Round Event.

Certificate of Service Award - Northwest Region

Dick Baker

Vancouver, Washington

Dick has been a committee member involved with getting an incentive program in Washington State and walking Washington counties. He served as an area coordinator for the state association and promotes volkssport in his community. Recently, he was involved in getting 1500 4th graders out for a special history walk through Fort Vancouver.

Marge Bergeron

Wilsonville, Oregon

She is often described as "Miss Enthusiasm." She has served as the Secretary of Valley Volkswalkers for at least ten years. She has maintained a list of those volunteers willing to work outside their own geographic area.

Eleanor Borgardt

Kent, Washington

Eleanor has served as president of the NW Striders. She also serves as 1st VP for the Washington State Association and oversees the state office and the Pathfinder publication. The Pathfinder takes many hours of volunteer time per issue and she has spent time typing and seeing the job gets done event is she has to do it.

Mary Brillhart

Salem, Oregon

She has served as the President of the Willamette Wanderers. In this regard, she set the standard for her replacements. She has been the co-chair and the chair of the OTSVA Events Committee, responsible for coordinating YRE's and scheduled event dates.

Wendy Bumgardner

Tualatin, Oregon

She has been President of VA Walk and Run Club and sponsored three consecutive 18-hour walks. She serves with distinction on the Vancouver IML Committee as well as on the OTSVA Publication Committee and the OTSVA Web Committee.

Mike Cashner

Beaverton, Oregon

He is the serving treasurer of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and a member of the Steering Committee. He was a vital part of the State Association's re-organization as well as a vital player in the establishment of a new state magazine. He still serves as the POC for subscriptions and is on the Publication Committee.

Certificate of Service Award - Northwest Region

Sheila Day Banks, Oregon
She has been President of Tualatin Valley Volks for at least ten years. She continues to serve on the OTSVA Nominating Committee. She served by herself on the OTSVA Awards Committee for 3 years.

Boyd Decker Vancouver, Washington

Delores Decker

Boyd and Delores Decker are awarded this Certificate of Service for their dedicated service to the NW area volkssporting communities. They have served as club officers in both Oregon and Washington and are always willing to help those clubs that need another worker. They are well known for their outgoing personalities and outreach to new walkers especially in the Portland and Vancouver metropolitan area.

Clark Elwell Corvallis, Oregon

For service as President of Corvallis Cruisers.

Julia Ferreira Lake Oswego, Oregon

She is the head of the Walk Oregon Challenge Committee. She administers the program as well as designs its awards. In this capacity, she has re-awakened interest in traveling to various locations in Oregon to complete each type of award.

Dale Ferrington Gresham, Oregon

For service as President of East County Windwalkers as well as on OTSVA Recognition Committee.

Jim Finlayson Yachats, Oregon

He is the President of the Yachats Coastal Gems. He assures event quality on the central Oregon coast.

Ford Forster Dayton, Oregon

Served two four year terms as the President of Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association. He led the reorganization of OTSVA and the establishment of the Steering Committee. He presided over the growth of volkssporting in Oregon at a time when volkssport participation was declining nationwide.

Margaret Forster Dayton, Oregon

She has been President of the MacTrackers for four years and has been in charge of OTSVA Specialties, selling items for an OTSVA profit.

Becky Forsythe Battle Ground, Washington

She is the serving Vice President of Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association, chairs the OTSVA Training Committee and serves on the Steering Committee. She is the President of YB Normal Club. Her club has sponsored events throughout the state and she was a vital part of the Portland Convention in 1995.

Bob Forsythe Battle Ground, Washington

He serves as Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association Chair of the Publication Committee and serves on the Steering Committee. He has been instrumental in getting the state publication, Northwest Walking, into its position of one of the best walking publications in the west.

Will Glessner Beaverton, Oregon

He is the editor of Northwest Walking and in this capacity, serves on the OTSVA Publication Committee. He also serves as OTSVA Vice President. He and his club, The Cedar Milers, sponsored a 15-hour walk in May 2002. His diligent efforts are well-noted in the northwest.

Phoebe Harrison Albany, Oregon

For serving as President of Albany Fitwalkers.

Certificate of Service Award - Northwest Region

Millie Haupt

Yakima, Washington

Millie is a dedicated volkssporter who wanted to get walkers in Washington motivated to do more events. As a committee member for the incentive program — A to Z, she has helped to do that. She coordinates the special books. The program benefits the state organization.

Dick Hawes

Gresham, Oregon

For serving as President of East County Windwalkers.

Frances Hice

Salem, Oregon

She is the serving Secretary of Oregon Trails State Volkssporting Association and serves on the Steering Committee. She serves on the AVA Recognition Committee. She has been a mainstay of volkssport participation in the Portland Marathon, by coordination of workers at the marathon expo as well as workers at the finish table.

Jane Holmes

Seattle, Washington

Jane brought her enthusiasm and talent to volkssporting and got involved in developing two incentive programs in Washington state. The Walk Washington A to Z and Walking Washington Counties have been well received. Efforts include publicity through a brochure and promotional signs along with a well produced web page.

George Ilg

Estacada, Oregon

For work as President of Monitor Petal Trekkers.

Naomi T. Kihn

Vancouver, Washington

Naomi Kihn is awarded this Certificate of Service for her (1) walking accomplishments, (2) willingness to chair and work volksswalking events, (3) willingness to be a club officer, (4) Outreach to others, and (5) ability to make walking fun for AVA participants.

Dick Koonce

Beaverton, Oregon

For service as President of Columbia River Volkssport Club. He served as the chair of the OTSVA Publication Committee which established NW Walking. Chair of at least four gorge extravaganzas.

Sam Korff

Clatskanie, Oregon

He is the serving President of the Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association as well as head of the Steering Committee and the Recognition Committee. Has served on three AVA Committees and was instrumental in the founding of the state publication for two states. Has been the President of three clubs and State Vice President in California. He is presently the President of Turnaround Trekkers after being its Vice President for seven years.

Kay McQueen

Bellevue, Washington

Kay McQueen has been the president for Cedar River Rovers for many years. She continues to do what she can to hold the small club together. She is also a devoted supporter of ESVA and volkssporting in Washington. She serves as secretary for ESVA.

Renette Meltbeke

Sherwood, Oregon

She is the driving force behind the Sherwood Merrywalkers. The club was inactive and she brought it back from extinction. It is again a viable club working within guidelines that should keep it operating.

George Minter

Medford, Oregon

Pauline Minter

They are co-presidents of the Rogue Valley Walkers. Although far from the major population centers of Oregon, they keep interest in walking in southern Oregon.

Certificate of Service Award - Northwest Region

Curt Myron

Oak Harbor, Washington

Curt conducted a survey to study the health of volkssport in Washington State — what's right and how we can improve. Curt has been a committee member responsible for getting an incentive program up and running in Washington State — A to Z. He has served as president for the NW Tulip Trekkers and was responsible for club growth. Annually the club hosts a social where other clubs are invited from around the state and Canada. He also organized a successful community event where he was seen walking with the mayor and promoting our sport.

Marj Oughton

Keizer, Oregon

She is a member of the Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association Steering Committee. She has been the President of Willamette Wanderers and continues to work with that club to provide quality events in the Salem area.

Bob Parsons

Springfield, Oregon

For his work as President of the Lake Oswego Puddle Jumpers and for 8 years of service as the liaison with the Portland Marathon. The Portland Marathon and the Mayor's Walk as volkssport events are through his tireless efforts.

Phil Politte

Roseburg, Oregon

He serves with distinction as the President of Umpqua Valley Walkers

Daryl Pulley

Portland, Oregon

Daryl supports clubs all over the region by participating in events (some many miles away) and as a worker. Daryl is always available to assist the Regional Director when asked. A member of six clubs, he has generously given his time and legal advice. He is always ready to answer questions and solve problems.

Red Lion Inn at the Quay

Vancouver, Washington

In appreciation of the generosity of the Red Lion Inn at the Quay afforded to Vancouver USA Volkssporters and the Discovery Walk Festival.

Sally Ross

Springfield, Oregon

She is serving member of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association Steering Committee. She is a vital part of the Eugene Mossbacks Club and part of the Yachats Coastal Gems. She has been a consistent advocate for volkssports nationwide as well as in Oregon.

Micky Scholl

St. Helens, Oregon

For service as President of Rivercity Strollers.

Sharon Shockley

West Linn, Oregon

She has regenerated interest in walking in eastern Oregon, recently sponsoring events that drew Portland walkers.

Dorothy Steedle

Seattle, Washington

Dorothy has given much to volkssport serving as club president to the F.S. Family Wanderers, as 2nd Vice President for the State Association and as a 2001 Convention Chair in charge of workshops. She coordinates Washington's largest event at Northwest Trek, helped coordinate a 2001 convention event and has served as specialty sales chair for ESVAs.

Fran Swanson

Portland, Oregon

For service as President of Cedar Milers.

Certificate of Service Award - Northwest Region

Joe Titone Vancouver, Washington

When Joe moved to Vancouver, he immediately discovered volkswalking. He joined two clubs, Rose City Roamers and All Weather Walkers. He was always taking photographs — while walking events, checking/scouting routes, working start/finish tables, stripping trails. As vice-president of RCR he developed their web-site, not in its third year, while simultaneously serving AWW as web consultant.

Larry Todd Silverton, Oregon

He has been the President of the Silverton Walkabouts for four years. In this regard, he has helped his club sponsor high quality events. He has also served as the Treasurer and Secretary of the Walkabouts.

Betty VanZandt Vancouver, Washington

In recognition of the contributions she has made to Vancouver USA Volkssporters and the annual Discovery Walk Festival.

Barbara Webber Wilsonville, Oregon

For service as President of the Valley Volkswalkers for at least ten years.

Leo White Albany, Oregon

Leo White has been an enthusiastic walker since 1993. He has solicited financial sponsors, consistently obtaining goodies for every Fitwalkers event. He is a dependable worker who marks and/or strips trails plus working at the event all day. He has been Vice President for 8 years, eager to do whatever he can to sponsor quality events.

Certificate of Service – Pacific Region

Joe Anderson Sierra Vista, Arizona

For continuing support of volkssporting events throughout Europe and the United States since 1982. For constant, reliable support of the Thunder Mountain Trekkers' weekend events since 1994, despite being severely limited for nearly four years by knee problems. For supporting volkssporting events as a participant throughout the western United States since 1992. And, for technical support of the Thunder Mountain Trekker's year round event in Tombstone and the Sierra Vista Bike route, which he created.

M. Susan Archer Long Beach, California

For outstanding support to volksmarching in Los Angeles and Orange counties, California.

Best Western Hotel Mariposa, California

For supporting the Mariposa YRE from 1996 to 2002.

Best Western Jamaica Bay Marina Del Ray, California

For a decade of hosting the Marina Del Ray Year Round Event.

Best Western Sunrise Redondo Beach, California

For a decade of hosting the Redondo Beach, CA, Year Round Events.

Best Western Visalia Inn Visalia, California

For supporting Visalia YRE from 1995 to 2002.

Annette Fletcher Lompoc, California

For dedicated service to volksmarching with both the California Camel Clompers of Marysville, CA, and the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders of Lompoc/Santa Maria, CA.

Certificate of Service — Pacific Region

John Fletcher Lompoc, California
For dedicated service to volksmarching with both the California Camel Clompers of Marysville, CA, and the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders of Lompoc/Santa Maria, CA.

Trudy Gleason Manhattan Beach, California
For outstanding service to volksmarching in Los Angeles and Orange counties, CA.

Don Hadd Oxnard, California
For outstanding service to volksmarching on California's Central Coast as President and Trailmaster of the Channel Islands Volksmarchers.

Holiday Inn Express San Luis Obispo, California
For supporting the San Luis Obispo YRE from 1993 to 2002.

IHOP Restaurant Fresno, California
For supporting the Fresno (Downtown) YRE from 1993 to 2002.

Lawrence M. H. Lee Santa Maria, California
For service to volkssports in Texas and California with the Texas Wanderers, the Selma Pathfinders, and the Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders.

Marjorie Loppnow Huntington Beach, California
For outstanding volunteer service to volksmarching in California, the Pacific region, and beyond.

Mercy Hospital Merced, California
For supporting the Merced YRE from 1994 to 2002.

Dennis M. Mitchell Sierra Vista, Arizona
For constant, reliable support of the Thunder Mountain Trekkers and the club's various events since joining them in 1994. For support of the many clubs in the Pacific region by participating in events in Arizona, California and Nevada. For service as the Second Vice President/Trailmaster of the Thunder Trekkers since 1997, which includes laying out new trails each year, leading worker pre-walks, marking these trails, and monitoring the trail(s) throughout each weekend event.

Sarah Moran Redlands, California
Sarah Moran is recognized for her creative skills and services as a volkssport club president for three years. During her tenure at the helm, she introduced exciting new promotional and social approaches to attract and introduce volkssporting to the public. One of the most popular and successful activities she incorporated into the club activities, is an annual new member progressive walking dinner. Sarah also partnered new volkssport events with organizations such as trails and health groups.

Joe Morse Cerritos, California
For outstanding support to volksmarching in Los Angeles and Orange counties, CA.

Le Ora Mudge Redlands, California
Le Ora Mudge is recognized for ten years of continual service to volkssport. During this period, she serves as club secretary, public relations committee member, publicist, and trail master. Le Ora is further recognized for her community services as an advocate of the healthy benefits of volkssporting.

Robert "Bud" Murray Auburn, California
In recognition of Robert Murray's dedicated service to the Placer Pacers. He has served as "Check Point Chairman" and has served on various committees and volunteered at numerous events sponsored by the Placer Pacers.

Certificate of Service — Pacific Region

Gerald T. Myers Redlands, California

Gerald T. Myers is recognized for his continuous and invaluable services to volkssporting during the past 14 years. He served at the club level as: a member of an incorporation committee, newsletter editor, membership secretary, audit chairman, trail master, vice president, and president. Additionally, he has served as a state association Select Committee Member, state convention events committee member, and auditor for the state volkssport association financials.

Delores Nemceff Yucaipa, California

Delores 'Dee' Nemceff is recognized for her outstanding services during the past 17 years on behalf of volkssporting. Dee is founding member of a local club and has served as club President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additionally, she has served as a Trail Master for events, and as a member of the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee and the State Convention Host Club Committee. Dee is deeply appreciated for her continual service to volkssporting and for her unmatched volunteer spirit.

Hal Persson Lemoore, California

For supporting volksmarching the California's Central Valley, as an active member of the Big Valley Vagabonds and as founder of the Lemoore CA year round event.

Marillyn Ratliff Newcastle, California

In recognition of Marillyn Ratliff's continued dedication to the Placer Pacers and Volkssporting as a whole. Marillyn has contributed to the efficient operation of the club by serving as Awards Chairman, Event Chairman, California's Golden Heritage program committee member, and volunteering her services whenever needed.

Michael Renner Vandenberg AFB, California

For outstanding support of USAF Global and Central Coast Peregrine Pathfinders on Vandenberg AFB.

San Joaquin Hotel Fresno, California

For supporting the Fresno (Fig Garden) YRE from 1993 to 2002.

Solvang Shoe Store Solvang, California

For outstanding service to volksmarching in "the Danish Capital of the USA" Solvang, California, from 1999 to 2003.

Jan Timmons Auburn, California

In recognition of Jan Timmons' dedicated service to the Placer Pacers. Jan has served as an officer, event chairman and volunteer at Placer Pacer events.

Oscar Timmons Auburn, California

In recognition of Oscar Timmons' dedicated service to the Placer Pacers. Oscar has served as an event chairman, committee chairman and volunteer at Placer Pacer events.

Clydie Wright Ventura, California

For outstanding service to volksmarching on California's Central Coast, as Trailmaster, Start/Finish worker, and Newsletter Editor for the Channel Islands Volksmarchers.

James Wright Ventura, California

For outstanding service to volksmarching on California's Central Coast, as Trailmaster, Start/Finish worker, and Newsletter Editor for the Channel Islands Volksmarchers.

Certificate of Service — Rocky Mountain Region

Duane Chavez Cheyenne, Wyoming
In recognition of Duane's support of the local club. He has served as Club Vice President and has been trail master for several years. He is always at events willing to do whatever there is a need for.

Jan Converse Colorado Springs, Colorado
Over the last 5 years Jan has served as 2nd VP for the Falcon Wanderers. She has been an inspiration to the other club officers. This past two years she has served on the 2003 Convention Committee, helping with the input and editing of the convention newsletter, working on the contract for the convention awards along with helping with the designs and has also served as the Corporate Sponsor Chair.

Connie Duffy Colorado Springs, Colorado
In recognition of Connie's outstanding service to the Falcon Wanderers over the last ten years as the club's database manager. She has distinguished herself with years of dedicated service not only as the database manager, but as an event coordinator, club officer, willing volunteer, and active volkssporter. Connie makes a difference when it comes to the advancement of volkssporting.

Gerry Everson Cheyenne, Wyoming
Gerry is recognized for her dedication to the local club, The Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. She is Vice President of the club and Chairman of the Year Round Walk in Cheyenne.

Emma Fosdick Cheyenne, Wyoming
This award is given in recognition of the support she has given the Volksmarch Program. She started AVA 501, The Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites Volksmarch Club, for the purpose of hosting volksmarches in the Wyoming State Parks. Her efforts resulted in the sanctioning of the second Year Round Walk in the United States.

Betty Green Cheyenne, Wyoming
Betty is always available and ready for any job. Her service to the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers is above reproach. You can always find her on the Start-Finish or check points at all events. She is full of new ideas and willing to help put them together.

Cecelia Lutz Boulder, Colorado
In recognition for maintaining the high quality standards of the position of treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers. Cecelia has shown a positive attitude as both treasurer and a regular volunteer at volkssport events.

Bobby Marcum Cheyenne, Wyoming
Bobby is a constant supporter of the local club, The Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. He has chaired many walks, laying out his own trails, brochures and awards. He is the liaison between the club and the US Forest Service. Bobby and his computer are best friends and he is preparing the Year Round Brochure for the club for 2003.

Mary Lou Marcum Cheyenne, Wyoming
She is recognized for her continuing support to the local club, The Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. She served as Secretary of the club and chairman of several walks. She is an avid environmentalist with a great love for our country. She ensured that walkers used appropriate receptacles for trash and animal litter. She has many talents and uses some of them for designing awards.

Richard Mermis Aurora, Colorado
Richard has served as Secretary and Vice President of the Rocky Mountain Wanderers. He has coordinated many events and is always a member of the volunteer workforce at each club event. He is currently serving on the Nominating Committee for the Rocky Mountain region. Richard is a very enthusiastic member of the volkssport community.

Certificate of Service — Rocky Mountain Region

Martha Minihan

Morrison, Colorado

Martha Minihan has served as Trailmeister for one year. During this period she has worked tirelessly to improve and add to the Rocky Mountain Wanderers year round and seasonal events. In addition to this she has volunteered at almost every weekend event and can always be counted on to help the club.

Lewis Money Penny

Fountain, Colorado

Virginia Money Penny

In recognition of Lewis and Virginia's many years of outstanding support and dedicated service to the Falcon Wanderers Volkssport Club. Lewis and his wife, Virginia, have volunteered each month to man, all day, a checkpoint for monthly weekend walks. These very active club members can always be counted on to volunteer their time to support and promote the spirit of volkssporting and their Club.

Linda Nyman

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Linda's dedicated service to the Falcon Wanderers over the past 11 years as the club's newsletter editor, she has distinguished herself also as event coordinator, a willing volunteer, and active volkssporter. Her devotion and positive attitude is an inspiration to all who know and work with her.

Arlene Ogasawara

Cheyenne, Wyoming

This citation is given in recognition of her work as editor of the local volksmarch newsletter that has received national recognition. She worked with the city and arranged for the club to clean a section of the greenway. She designs and prints all of the brochures for the local club.

Sue Poe

Pine, Colorado

She began volksmarching in 1998 and has been an inspiration ever since. Her contagious smile and positive attitude are a joy to her fellow volkssporters. As both Trailmeister and webmaster she has devoted tremendous time and energy to the Rocky Mountain Wanderers. Sue also serves as Secretary of the Colorado High Country Hikers.

Bruno Rech

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Bruno is being recognized for his support of the local volksmarching club, The Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. Bruno is seen as a friendly face at the check point or a welcome greeter at the start table. Without members like Bruno our club would not exist.

Ellen Rech

Cheyenne, Wyoming

This Certificate of Service is given in the recognition of Ellen's support of the local volksmarch club, The Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. She has been a member of the club for eight years and in that time has done much to promote the sport. She is constantly trying to encourage her friends and neighbors to join her.

Carol Rickauer

Frisco, Colorado

In recognition of her service as Co-Coordinator for the Frisco and Copper Mountain Year Round Events. Carol is always a joy to be around and has been a great supporter of volksmarching.

Fred Rickauer

Frisco, Colorado

In recognition of his service as Co-Coordinator for the Frisco and Copper Mountain Year Round Events. Fred has worked hard and shown great enthusiasm as a march coordinator and regular volunteer.

James B. Roehr

Cheyenne, Wyoming

This citation given in recognition of James's continued support of Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers. He is the current Secretary serving his second year in this position. His minutes are accurate and concise. He is a constant volunteer at Club events.

Certificate of Service — Rocky Mountain Region

Gerald Stryker

Colorado Springs, Colorado

In recognition of Gerry's dedicated service to the Falcon Wanderers over the last five years as the clubs treasurer and event coordinator for numerous weekend events.

Myra Tams

Ogden, Utah

Myra Tams has been involved in volkssporting since 1987. She continues to enthusiastically provide fun interesting activities in different locations throughout our state. She single handedly plans for the events, prepares all the publicity and flyers, makes the maps, marks the trail and continues to bring new walkers into the program. Her enthusiasm is contagious. There is no limit to what she will do to help promote volkssporting.

Ed Warsaw

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Ed is an active supporter of the local club. He lets them use his office building The Serendipity Building, as a meeting place. He is a poet and often writes on the spur of the moment to entertain us.

Sylvia Warsaw

Cheyenne, Wyoming

This award is given in recognition of Sylvia's support of the local volksmarch club. When our club sponsored a walk for the Salvation Army she garnered the most pledges.

Harry Woodcock

Colorado Springs, Colorado

In recognition of Harry's outstanding dedicated service to the Falcon Wanderers over the last 8 years notifying walk volunteers when and where they are to be at the times they have volunteered to work, and also as a willing volunteer and active volkssporter. His positive attitude is a plus.

Certificate of Service — Southwest Region

Sonny Byington

Granbury, Texas

Sonny stepped up to the plate several years ago to help rebuild the small Hood County Hummers of Granbury. He has served as president and walk director. He increased the number of walkers to their Year Round by changing the walk instruction, which he attempts to do every year. He has recruited several hard workers and increased the number of members. The Hood County Hummers would greatly appreciate the AVA honoring him with a Service Award.

Paul Campanelli

Ft. Worth, Texas

The Tarrant County Walkers, Inc. proudly nominate Paul for his outstanding service to both the club, community and volkssporting. He has served the club and other clubs in many ways by being available whenever requested to do so. His love of volkssporting in indisputable walking, biking and working for club events have made him a walking advertisement for the sport.

Arthur Clough

Kerrville, Texas

In appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions rendered to the Kerrville Trailblazers during the three years served as President of the club. Your caring attitude for the well-being of the club, as well as your support of the AVA activities and goals, provided high levels of leadership and fellowship. Since then you have continued to inspire and motivate other club members to continue these attributes for the benefit of all.

Beverly Eversole

Red Oak, Texas

Beverly Eversole has done a superb job as the Dallas Trekkers Membership Coordinator. A tireless volunteer for over four years, she can always be counted on for help. When the decision was made to discontinue two year round events south of Dallas, she took the initiative to put together two new walks to replace them. She worked with officials of two different cities to establish important contacts in the cities of Duncanville and Waxahachie

Certificate of Service – Southwest Region

O. Noel Fields

Albuquerque, New Mexico

For service which helped the Stuttgart American Wandering Club become a respected member of the DVV. For his devoted service to the Thunder Mountain Trekkers from 1996-2001 as Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairman and Secretary. For his support of the Santa Fe Trailblazers and the Albuquerque AVA Amigos from his home in New Mexico. And, for his support of volkssporting in Arizona, Nevada and California by organizing trips to year round and weekend events in these states.

Claudia Fitch

Richardson, Texas

For over twelve years Claudia Fitch has made significant contributions to the Dallas Trekkers and volkssporting. She has helped direct over twenty events, leads weekly group walks and edits the clubs bi-monthly newsletter. When the club fell on hard times several years ago, she directed a series of community walk events that brought in much needed money and resulted in the sale of over 125 New Walker Packages and the establishment of important community contacts.

Cathy Keleher

Dallas, Texas

Cathy Keleher takes the initiative to make things happen for the Dallas Trekkers, and has done so for over four years. She established a year round event in Richardson so she could lead community group walks. She has done a superb job as our point person for communication with members and volunteer coordination.

Beverly Kittinger

Copperas Cove, Texas

Beverly Kittinger is recognized as an active volkssporter for many years, having served as President and Treasurer of the Texas Trotting Turtles. She is an important contributor to the success of volkssporting doing much of the "behind the scenes grunt" work. Her hard work and attention to detail greatly enhances her duties as Club President. Her positive, friendly attitude and courteous manner is indicative of the caliber of personnel that support the volkssport community.

Jim Ross

Garland, Texas

For more than fifteen years Jim Ross has been one of the leaders that helped make the Dallas Trekkers the club it is today. He served a term as club president and as long-time Year Round Event coordinator. He has directed numerous walks including a series of walks in Mesquite, Texas. Jim recently helped organize weekly group walks in Dallas and served on the club's nominating committee.

Elaine P. Samus

Wichita Falls, Texas

Elaine has served as co-ordinator for the Route 66 program. She serves as Vice President for Buffalo Chipkickers. She is past chairperson for AVA Portland Convention.

Robert N. Theis

Kerrville, Texas

Robert has served as Vice President for the Texas Volkssport Association and had performed various duties with the Kerrville Trailblazers. Robert has been the Trailmaster for many walking events and always provides outstanding trails.

Richard Timmermeyer

Mineral Wells, Texas

The Tarrant County Walkers would appreciate the AVA recognizing Richard's outstanding contribution to our club and to volkssporting as Second Vice President and event coordinator for the past four years. Richard has begun a series of Texas Fort Walks as a November event, providing education as well as the availability of collecting counties across Texas.

Jan Wahrer

Frankfort, Kentucky

Jan Wahrer has been a tireless, enthusiastic ambassador and leader for Volkssporting for over twenty years. Widely respected as Ms. Volkssporting in North Texas, her willingness to plan, execute, and assist with events throughout the region is legendary. Jan has inspired many to follow her spirit of cooperation and leadership between clubs.

Certificate of Service — Southwest Region

Melinda Wasson

Kerrville, Texas

In appreciation and gratitude for the significant service rendered to the Kerrville Trailblazers Club during the six years served as Editor of the Club Newsletter. The efficiency and planning exhibited in the performance of your duties enabled the club to be informed of all the club news and activities in a timely manner.

Certificate of Service AVA Committees

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Certificates of Service — Executive Council XII

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Trailblazer Award

NorthStar Trail Travelers

Minneapolis, Minnesota

NorthStar Trail Travelers (NSTT) has reorganized and revitalized the Volkssport program in Minnesota State Parks using innovative ideas for trails, events and awards. They have offered events in five to seven different parks each year for the last five years. The adventure of visiting new parks as well as the use of two or three loop trails, group camping, unique awards, special activities and food has created a festive social atmosphere increasing attendance at event.

The Over the Hill Gang

Federal Way, Washington

Since its formation over ten years ago this club has practiced sound business and as a result they are a strong club both for volkssporting and also for the community. They sponsor one of the best attended events in the state and work with the Dupont community, always donating back to its parks or museum, both which benefit the walkers. One other annual event is held to help NW Trek to develop trails and benches in its park. The state's largest event is there every year and the Over the Hill Gang event is a way to thank you for the Trek's support of volkssporting. And the third area of accomplishment is the Girl Scouts and the walk-togethers that are held. Many girls and their families learn about volkssports through this program.