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The AVA Recognition Awards Program

Recognition awards are presented to honor individuals, clubs, and organizations for service deeds and accomplishments that have advanced the ideals and aspirations of Volkssporting. Recognition Awards presented at the AVA 15th Biennial Convention include the following:

IVV Honors

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

Hall of Fame

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

President's Award

The AVA President bestows this award upon individuals, clubs, or groups who through their exemplary display of Volkssporting spirit are worthy of national recognition.

Distinguished Achievement Award

The Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes individuals who have given at least eight years of exemplary service to the AVA at several stages of service, including the national level.

Meritorious Service Award

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

Trailblazer Award

The AVA Trailblazer Award recognizes AVA Member Clubs that have made significant contributions to the development, maintenance, or improvement of walking trails or to the support of trail related issues.

Ted Ballman Memorial Youth Award

The Ted Ballman Memorial Award recognizes the efforts of an individual or organization that has been instrumental in the creation, worked to enhance, or promote Volkssporting programs for youth.

Certificate of Service Award

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

Certificate of Appreciation Award

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

This publication is dedicated to those who took the time to recognize and nominate these outstanding volkssport volunteers. Congratulations to each recipient. Your dedication and enthusiasm to support and promote AVA programs is the Spirit of Walking.

IVV Honors

Heinz Johnson

San Antonio, TX

Heinz Johnson, one of America's pioneer volkssporters, has made historic contributions to American volkssporting. He founded the US Air Force Global events, which reach walkers around the world, and was also instrumental in the growth of volkssporting in the U.S. He founded the Randolph Roadrunners, co-originated the Texas 10, and originated the slogan "Everyone's a winner!" While in military service in Germany he attended Presidium meetings, established a volkssporting fitness day, and coordinated events held at military bases on the same weekend.

Curt Myron

Oak Harbor, WA

Curt Myron has brought expertise and ambition to volkssporting at all levels. He has been instrumental in the Northwest Tulip Trekkers club and helped it become one of the most active clubs in the Pacific Northwest. He has used his expertise to do the same for the Northwest Region, at the national level, and the international level. Curt has represented AVA at the IVV Congress of Delegates' meeting and presented a workshop on Marketing with the AVA President

Martha Myron

Oak Harbor, WA

Martha Myron brings dedication and leadership to volkssporting through her work with the Northwest Tulip Trekkers and by supporting her husband in his many activities. She has represented AVA at the IVV Congress of Delegates' meeting.

Hall of Fame Awards

Nancy Stenger

Centreville, VA

Nancy's credentials speak for themselves. She has done many tasks behind the scenes and always says yes, when asked. One of her goals in life is to see that AVA succeeds and she does her utmost to make it happen.

John Ferguson

Dallas, TX

John Ferguson has distinguished himself in AVA with more than fourteen years of service. As a walker and leader for multiple Texas clubs, and as a Director at the national level, he has inspired and directed many to achieve their best. He has shown commitment to making AVA succeed and to bringing ideas and people together to make it happen.

AVA President's Awards

Carl Cordes

Orlando, FL

Carl Cordes, whom some of you know as "The Voice", has used his expertise in broadcasting to lend a professional sound to the AVA's 1-800 phone listing of events since 1997. His efforts have freed the staff from a monthly job that they found to be time consuming and very frustrating. Headquarters sends him the event listing and never has to worry about it being updated. It is always there, ready for our customers.

Dorman Batson

Federal Way, WA

Dorman Batson has shared his artistic talent with AVA in many ways. In Washington State he designs many event awards, and when he was asked if he could help at the National level he agreed. For several years now he has designed the AVA National Physical Fitness and Sports Month Patch and the National Volkssporting Month Patch. The quality of his work is such that Jackie has never had to do anything more than send a copy of the artwork to the patch vendor. There is no question that without his help, AVA would not be able to offer these exceptional awards for participants to earn.

Bob Wright

Leesburg, VA

AVA had a training need to share information about how we should operate under our non-profit status. Bob Wright is passionate about volkssporting and a keen business person. He agreed to research the questions we are presented, taking that information and then writing a column for each issue of Checkpoint. This has been a huge help in educating the clubs on the IRS issues they face.

Victor Shaff

Florissant, OH

While serving on the NEC, Victor became involved with the Japanese Walk Across America in 2001. He was a true ambassador in working with the Japanese young people and worked diligently to make their cross-country experience one that Americans and AVA in particular can be proud of. While a few years beyond that memorable event, our appreciation for all Victor did needs to be expressed.

Victor also developed the first AVA Special Event Program – National Heritage. So many enjoyed learning more about our American heritage because of this program. It also opened the possibilities for many new special event programs that we enjoy today.

Patrice Lucero

Newcastle, CA

Pat has been an outstanding ambassador, dynamic leader and worker at every level of the American Volkssport Association. She has been president of the Sacramento Walking Sticks and twice president of the Placer Pacers, and has served at other elected positions in those clubs. She has been President of the California Volkssport Association and its Secretary. Pat has been the editor of the State

Association's quarterly publication, *The Compass*, for almost 15 years. She has provided support and advice, and been a confidant to just about every director the Pacific Region has had, including the current one. She has contributed more than her fair share to national committees, including Credentialing, Nominating, and Publicity, and was the secretary and chairperson of the registration committee for this, the 2007 convention. Her unbridled enthusiasm for our sport is contagious. She makes herself available to help anyone at any level at anytime without hesitation or consideration of her own time. Her dedication and commitment truly makes her one of the stars in volkssporting across the nation.

Jack Maxcy (posthumously)

Federal Way, WA

I fondly called Jack Maxcy Mr. Ambassador. That's what he was for volkssporting. After an early retirement, he dedicated many years of his life to AVA by serving in local, state and national positions. Always his genuine interest in people and in the promotion of volkssporting came through. His out-going personality made everyone a friend. He was always there to help any and every club, but his competitive nature meant he made sure his club presented outstanding events. His goal was to have all club members work the yearly premier event, and he made it fun. Never shy, he earned our respect and set a fine example of how to make life good.

Dick Haberkorn (posthumously)

Overland Park, KS

Dick was not just an avid volkssporter, but an avid volunteer. He spent many hours volunteering in his community. His special project was the AVA. As a retired Exxon-Mobile employee he was a devoted volunteer in their matching program. For every 64 hours Dick volunteered, AVA received \$500.00. Some years AVA received close to 5,000.00 from Dick's efforts showing just how many hours he spent on AVA's behalf. Dick was quiet about his generosity but never quiet about his love for Volkssporting. Sadly, Dick died in October of 2006. The volkssporting community will be forever grateful for his efforts, enthusiasm, and talent.

Distinguished Achievement Awards

Thomas Baerwald

Alexandria, VA

In recognition for his many years of significant contributions and extraordinary service to volkssporting. Thomas Baerwald is hereby awarded the American Volkssport Association Distinguished Achievement Award.

John Baird

Colorado Springs, CO

John Baird has been an active member of the National Executive Council as the Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Region, and the long-time chair of the AVA By-laws Committee. He has been an ambassador for volkssporting and an advocate of fitness. He is an encourager to all walkers and has greatly impacted the AVA.

Curt Converse

Colorado Springs, CO

Curt Converse provided extraordinary AVA support. His list of service as 2003 AVA Convention Co-chairperson, Falcon Wanderers' President, event coordinator, brochure publisher, and event volunteer has provided incontestable evidence of his dedication to volkssporting. His efforts definitively promoted volkssporting throughout the nation.

Becky Forsythe

Battle Ground, WA

Becky has served AVA in many capacities, both in Oregon and Washington, and nationally. She is creative in her outreach for AVA and has taught college courses in volkssporting so students get physical education credit for event participation. She also works in promoting AVA through sponsoring the Portland Marathon event.

Fernando Lopez

Centreville, VA

Fernando "Fred" Lopez provided outstanding service as a local worker, President of the Virginia Volkssport Association and Treasurer of the International US Freedom Walk Festival.

Cecilia Miner

Woodbridge, VA

Cecilia Miner distinguished herself through dedicated service as a local and state officer, regional worker, and innovative commitment to improvement to the AVA Youth Program and through the US Freedom Walk Festival.

Elizabeth Shute

Colorado Springs, CO

Elizabeth Shute provided extraordinary AVA support. Her 14-year list of service as 2003 AVA Convention Co-chairperson, Falcon Wanderers' President, event coordinator, awards designer and event volunteer has provided incontestable evidence of dedication to volkssporting. Her efforts definitely promoted volkssporting throughout the nation.

Mary Jane Wendt

Rapid City, SD

Mary Jane is quiet about her accomplishments, but she is appreciated as she continues to serve the Black Hills Volkssporting Association after many years. She has served as a Regional Director and has designed patches and t-shirts, worked many events and served her club well. She has special skill in communicating with others to get the work done and to provide guidelines for future work.

Carolyn Wolfe

Neosho, MO

The Distinguished Achievement Award is awarded to Carolyn Wolfe. She has been dedicated in promoting the activities of her local organization and AVA interests on a regional and national level. Her enthusiasm toward the AVA has been an influence and inspiration to everyone she has encountered.

Trailblazer Award

Asheville Amblers

Asheville, NC

The Asheville Amblers, by developing and maintaining volkssport events in three states, have expanded volkssporting. Working with North Carolina Arboretum and private and civic organizations, they have been instrumental in developing safe, fun walking and biking experiences. They have provided countless man-hours and money to assist these organizations.

Black Hills Volkssport Association

Rapid City, SD

The Black Hills Volkssport Association has worked on the development, building, and maintenance of the Crazy Horse Volksmarch trail for the past 20 years. Although the destination is the same, the arm of Crazy Horse, the Black Hills Volkssport Association works to develop a new trail each year.

East Texas Trekkers

Tyler, TX

The East Texas Trekkers re-established the trails at Daingerfield State Park (5 miles). They also do all the maintenance of trails at Tyler State Park (16 miles) and Lake Bob Sandlin State Park (5 miles), along with grooming the trails at several other state parks they have walked.

The Evergreen Wanderers

Tacoma, WA

The Evergreen Wanderers volunteers were instrumental in the overall heavy maintenance of the Federation Forest State Park. They have provided personnel to remove fallen trees on the walking trails and bridges. They have responded immediately when called upon to support the maintenance to keep the park accessible to volkssporters and visitors. This dedication has been on-going for the last eight years.

Falcon Wanderers Volkssport Association

Colorado Springs, CO

The Falcon Wanderers have been members of Trails and Open Space Coalition of the Pikes Peak Region from 1995 to the present. The club has cleaned up portions of the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail in conjunction with the City of Colorado Springs Park and Recreation Department from 2005 to the present.

Turnaround Trekkers

Seaside, OR

For helping to build and maintain so many walking trails on the Oregon coast, thus relieving the state government of some responsibility and keeping primitive walking alive in Oregon.

Ted Ballman Memorial Youth Award

US Freedom Walk Festival Club

Merrifield, VA

The US Freedom Walk Festival Club distinguished itself with five years of commitment to extending the reach of AVA to youth, especially high school and college age, through partnerships with the Surgeon General and national organizations.

Christopher Patrick Becker (Posthumous)

Tampa, FL

Christopher Patrick Becker's achievement of volkssporting goals while combating cancer inspired the Suncoast Sandpipers to reach out to youngsters whose lives could be brightened by the AVA. Three "Gold Ribbon" walks for childhood cancer awareness drew classmates and young survivors to their first volkssport event. Chris left an indelible mark on those who walked with him.

Meritorious Service Award

Atlantic Region

Charlene Agne-Traub

Burke, VA

In recognition for her outstanding service and support to volkssporting as the Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Year Round Event Coordinator of the Northern Virginia Volkssporters.

Virginia Armacost

Fairfax, VA

For five years of service as a member of the start point/greeting committee. She was instrumental in the success of the US Freedom Walk Festival and its acceptance as the 23d IML event in the world.

Jerry Baugher

Mount Airy, MD

An active volkssporter for more than 18 years, Jerry has served as President of the Piedmont Pacers for four years, bringing the club through some difficult times. An avid walker and promoter of physical fitness, a willing worker, an energetic, enthusiastic advocate of volkssporting, he is an inspiration to all.

Betty Canoles

Chester, VA

Recognition of exceptional service in the support and promotion of volkssporting is given to Betty Canoles. Since joining Lee Lepus Volksverband in 1997, Betty has been instrumental in the successful completion of two events. She has been the club representative at several Virginia Volkssport Association meetings and has served as LLV Delegate and Alternate Delegate at several AVA Conventions. Betty has served as club secretary since 2002 and is a lifetime member of AVA.

Jim Cofield

Prince George, VA

Whatever is required for the success of an event, Jim is always there. His devotion to the sport of volkssporting is appreciated and he is hereby recognized for his significant contributions toward the promotion and advancement of Lee Lepus Volksverband, the Virginia Volkssport Association and the American Volkssport Association.

Patrick Deely

Princeton, NJ

Patrick has been webmaster for Princeton Area Walkers (PAWS) for five years. He is responsible for the design, layout and printing of brochures, including the PAWS annual booklet of year round events. Patrick encouraged family participation and his children have progressed over the years from sitting in a stroller to walking on their own.

Patricia Eby

Camp Hill, PA

Pat is recognized for her service as an avid volkssporter for many years, all of them as a member of the Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club. She has ably served as treasurer for the Susquehanna Rovers, as president of the Keystone State Volkssport Association, and is currently completing her fourth year as president of the Rovers. Pat is an advocate of the AVA for the exercise and social aspects of volksmarching.

James Geith

Fairfax, VA

Jim is recognized for five years of service as a member of the checkpoint and start/finish committee for the US Freedom Walk Festival. He was instrumental in the success of the US Freedom Walk Festival and its acceptance as the 23d IML event in the world.

Dawn Gurtner

Alexandria, VA

Dawn is recognized for five years of service as a member of the trail committee for the US Freedom Walk Festival. She was instrumental in the success of the US Freedom Walk Festival and its acceptance as the 23d IML event in the world.

Gloria Grabenstein

Harrisburg, PA

Gloria is to be honored for her service as an avid volkssporter for many years, all of them as a member of the Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club. She has been Secretary for 6 years, then Treasurer for more than 7 years and the only member of the club Publicity Committee for many years.

Dr. Marc Lemmerman

Merrifield, VA

For five years of service as the International Vice President for the US Freedom Festival Club. He was instrumental in the success of the US Freedom Walk Festival and its acceptance as the 23d IML event in the world.

Helen L. Lewis

Westminster, MD

In recognition of her contributions to promote volkssporting in Maryland and for services as past President of the Piedmont Pacers in 1993, 1994, and 1998, and as Club Secretary in 1992 and her continued active support of club meetings and faithful volunteer at events.

Lawrence Lisle

Alexandria, VA

For five years of service as a member of the checkpoint committee for the US Freedom Festival Club. He was instrumental in the success of the US Freedom Walk Festival and its acceptance as the 23d IML event in the world.

Mary Lowe

Warrenton, VA

In recognition for her outstanding service and support to volkssporting as the Secretary and Newsletter Editor of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

Dave Peters

Baltimore, MD

Dave is one of those members that we, as officers, love to have. Although never seeking office since joining the club in 1998, he is always willing to step in to do what needs to be done. That has included being chairperson of the club's BaltoBucks program, the NCR trail program, all of the club's electronic mailing, and the electronic publishing of the club's newsletter. Along with his wife Lee, his activities included inventorying and organizing the club's storage area and files, being POC for 5 club events, scheduling the club's group walks and editing the BWC newsletter.

Lee Peters

Baltimore, MD

Lee served notably as secretary of BWC for 6 years. In addition to being a diligent club secretary, Lee has always been willing to step in to do what needs to be done since joining the club in 1998. Lee's contributions to the club have included assisting with all of the club's electronic mailing, the electronic publishing of the club's newsletter, inventorying and organizing the club's storage area and files, being POC for 5 club events, scheduling the club's group walks and editing the BWC newsletter.

Barry Plott

Fairfax, VA

In recognition for his outstanding service and support to volkssporting as the treasurer and a trail master of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

Roger Polhemus

Chester, VA

In recognition for exceptional service, support and unwavering promotion of volkssporting. Roger's devotion to his club and volkssporting serves as an inspiration to all. He is recognized for his significant contributions toward the promotion and advancement of Lee Lepus Volksverband, the Virginia Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association.

Bonnie Recore

Fairfax, VA

In recognition for her outstanding service and support to volkssporting as the Year Round Event Coordinator of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

Gloria Reedy

Dover, PA

She has been one of the most active members of the York White Rose Wanderers, having served as club secretary for longer than can be remembered. She coordinates volunteers for the club events, handles public relations, and follows up each walk with an appropriate thank you to each worker. She has been responsible for planning several of the club's walks. Gloria's cheerful face greets each walker at the registration table, welcoming new walkers and greeting old friends. At events you can count on her to be first to arrive (often bearing donuts for groggy workers) and the last to leave. In 2004, Gloria received one of the first Atlantic Region Director's awards for her years of service.

Ken Switzer

Colonial Heights, VA

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

Gary Traub

Burke, VA

In recognition for his outstanding service and support to volkssporting as a Trailmaster of the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers.

Phill Wilder

Laurel, MD

He reinstated the "Discover Maryland" program as the "Rediscover Maryland" program for the Maryland Volkssport Association. Phill eagerly took on this program. Without Phill, the "Rediscover Maryland" program would not have been possible. Without Phill, Freestate Happy Wanderers would not be as active a club. Phill is a great asset to our sport.

Regina Zapotosky

Harrisburg, PA

Regina is to be honored for her service as an avid volkssporter for many years, all of them as a member of the Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club. She has been our Secretary for more than 7 years. Because of her volunteering with our club, she has earned two citations from her employer that included monetary grants for our club.

Mid-America Region

Randy Adams

Englewood, OH

In appreciation of his support of volkssporting in Ohio and the Mid-America Region, having served as president of the Ohio Volkssporting Association and president of Trail Trolls and having been a key organizer of two highly successful OH-MICH-IANA Events.

Linda Blanton

Xenia, OH

AVA appreciates the outstanding service and support to volkssporting through her ten years of coordinating the OVA Journal, ten years as president of the Xenia club and four years as OVA treasurer. Her selfless devotion and hard work has helped make Ohio one of the top volkssporting states.

Marilyn Harness

Chillicothe, OH

In recognition of her untiring devotion as the driving force of volkssporting in Southwestern Ohio and Treasurer of the Ohio Volkssport Association.

Bea Schaefer

Columbus, OH

AVA appreciates the numerous contributions that she has made to many clubs in assisting at their volkssport events including setting up a year-round in German Village. Her selfless attitude of helping numerous Ohio clubs when needed has provided outstanding service and support to volkssporting.

Deva Simon

Strongsville, OH

In appreciation of her tireless dedication to the sport of volksmarching. Her guidance and leadership have made the Valley Vagabonds a major contributor to volksmarching in Ohio. We admire and applaud her ability to involve everyone within our ever-increasing membership.

Jan Weeks

Euclid, OH

AVA appreciates her outstanding service and support to volkssporting through her more than four years as Valley Vagabond treasurer, setting up numerous year-rounds, maintaining several year-rounds, acting as Trailmaster for four events, representing the sport at several exhibits and acting as focal point for numerous club activities.

North Central Region

Bonnie Christensen

Des Moines, IA

For years of dedication and service to the American Volkssport Association and the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association.

Jay Glanzer

Rapid City, SD

For his work as Trailmaster for the Crazy Horse Event and his work looking for new adventures on the walking trail.

Beth Hendricks

Rapid City, SD

For her dedication to the growth of walking and for her work as Registration Chairman for the Crazy Horse 2-day Event.

Barb John

Windsor Heights, IA

For dedicated and tireless service to the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association and the advancement of Volkssporting.

Doug Kapaun

Rapid City, SD

For 20 years of dedicated service and for his design work with the Crazy Horse Monument Walk Awards.

Cheryl Kjar

Pierre, SD

For the 20 years of dedicated service and tireless work as Chairperson for the Finish Tent at the Crazy Horse Monument Walk.

Jim Kjar

Pierre, SD

For the 20 years of dedicated service and tireless work in various capacities wherever and whenever there is a need.

Phyllis Olson

Urbandale, IA

For dedicated and tireless service to the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association and the advancement of Volkssporting.

Ardith Ortgies

Des Moines, IA

For years of dedication and service to the American Volkssport Association and the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association.

Norma Wessel

Urbandale, IA

For dedicated and tireless service to the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association and the advancement of Volkssporting.

Northeast Region

Margo Craven

Attleboro, MA

When someone is needed to accept responsibility, Margo Craven is that person. She not only continues to head up a satellite organization, but has been re-elected as President of Walk 'n Mass with the only caveat being that people support her by continuing to seek out new trails and put on enjoyable walks.

Herman Day

Middleton, NH

Herman Day has been active in Volkssporting for over ten years in his primary club, The Seacoast Striders, as well as a member of the Southern Maine Volkssport Association, Walk 'n Mass and the Twin State Volkssport Association. He has been a tireless dedicated volunteer during his entire membership. He is the kind of person who is quietly there to do whatever is necessary, without fanfare. The Seacoast Striders are noted for their remarkable trail marking, all Herman's doing. As equipment manager, he is first to arrive and last to leave every event.

Verna L. DeVine

Attleboro, MA

Verna is not content just being a super co-Secretary of the Walk 'n Mass Club. She also is seen at virtually all the club events as she competently works the Start/Finish, helps newcomers understand what folkssporting is all about, or chairs seasonal events. Verna is one of our most supportive members

Elizabeth M. Foley

Sudbury, MA

Betty is the definition of a volunteer. In addition to the financial and walk coordinator responsibilities that she has held for over a dozen years, she is also the one who makes sure we allow enough time to process event approvals, to turn in timely reports, and to remind us we are a walking club so we need more events. She is ever on the look out for new areas and people who can find attractive, historical or challenging walks.

Barbara Stafford

Clarence, NY

Barbara Stafford has been a member of AVA for over nine years. She is an active member in the Niagara Frontier Volkssport Club and the Niagara Escarpment Volkssport Club. She has been president of NFVA for nine years and holds meetings at her home and on the trail, and feeds us goodies too. Barb always has great ideas for group walks. She is cheerful and kind and helps anyone who needs it.

Northwest Region

Dick Baker

Vancouver, WA

Dick Baker is an unsung hero of folkssporting in Oregon and Washington. He is everywhere doing

everything. Whenever something needs to be done, Dick sees it and takes action. He heads the “Wednesday Walkers “ which is a tremendous tool for promoting volkssporting to new walkers and providing fun and friendship to those that have been walking for a while.

Samuel Bess

Everett, WA

Sam Bess has been an active volkssporter for the past 14 years. This meritorious award is bestowed to recognize his efforts in establishing the Sound Steppers Volkssport Club of Edmonds, Washington. This new club already has 30 members and is sponsoring quality weekend events.

Bill Buskirk

Eugene, OR

Bill shows his volunteer spirit based on years of volkswalking through his publicity work, web site communications, and energetic work on events marking and stripping trail. He sets a splendid example of active participation.

Fran Carson

Renton, WA

Fran Carson is presented this Meritorious Award for her many AVA supporting activities, which are numerous. She is currently the volkssport representative for the Washington Health Foundation.

Lena Davis

Portland, OR

Lena Davis is presented this Meritorious Service Award for her many AVA supporting activities for the past 18 years. She has chaired events and prepared YRE’s and has helped many cubs. She is an active board member of the Rose City Roamers, is a habitual trail master (walk routes seem to be on her mind constantly), and she served as club treasurer for many years. She was very active in the planning of the 1995 AVA convention. Lena sets a great example to other walkers and is an encourager to new walkers as well as those who have been around for while.

Pat Ellison

Sumner, WA

Pat Ellison is recognized with this meritorious award for her willingness to step forward and fill the vacancy of president for ESVA. She has committed thousands of hours over the years, to the work and success of the AVA, preferring to work behind the scenes.

Fred Fisher

Anacortes, WA

Fred Fisher is a key player in the success of the NW Tulip Trekkers, helping the club grow to its current membership of over 150. He has hosted events, served as trailmeister since 2003 and is currently area coordinator for the Evergreen State Volkssport Association.

Sharon Fisher

Anacortes, WA

Sharon Fisher is creative and seeks to improve every event of the NW Tulip Trekkers. She has

been instrumental in the steady increase in club growth. She and her husband Fred chair the Whidbey Island Walkfest. She is a wonderful resource for new volkssporters.

Ford Forster

Dayton, OR

Ford Forster has been actively involved at the local and state levels of volkssporting for the past 13 years. He was president of OTSVA from 1998 – 2002, as well as trail master for the McMinnville Mastrackers from 1993 through 2003. He is an inspiration to fellow volkssporters and a great ambassador for Volkswalking.

Bob Forsythe

Battle Ground, WA

As President of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association, Bob is a role model and leader for all volkssporters and an inspiration through his hard work and dedication. At the NW Regional Conference held in Seaside, Oregon in 2006, he acted as Master of Ceremonies at the dinner, and served the walkers at the Seaside to Tillamook Head event. He serves OTSVA tirelessly through many publicity efforts, most notably as editor of the NW Walking Magazine, and through his work on the Steering Committee

Juliann Fritchman

Boise, ID

Juliann Fritchman is presented this Meritorious Service Award for her many AVA supporting activities for the past 23 years. She is currently the president of the Treasure Valley Volkssporters. She has been responsible for two NW Regional Conferences.

Millie Haupt

Yakima, WA

Millie Haupt is recognized with this meritorious award for her work starting the Ellensburg Wind Walkers Volkssport Club. Millie serves in many capacities, both locally and at the state level. She is the point of contact for the national Pony Express Challenge

Jane Jensen Holmes

Seattle, WA

Jane Jensen-Holmes is bestowed the AVA Meritorious award for her innovative ideas to promote volkssporting in the Northwest. She was the creator of the Washington State Challenge program, and introduced the Extreme Walking Program. She is a leader that has developed promotional materials and a club website that is drawing new members to the 4+ Foolhardy Folks. Her enthusiasm for walking is contagious. She also writes and has published promotional articles for many local and national publications.

Joe Kelly

Tualatin, OR

Joe Kelly is presented this Meritorious Service Award for his many AVA supporting activities for the past eight years. He has is currently publicity chair for OTSVA . He represents the AVA promoting

volkssporting at health fairs more than once a month for the past two years. He has served as president of the Columbia River Volkssport club, and trail master for the Columbia River Gorge events and the International discovery walks.

Karen Kelly

Tualatin, OR

Karen Kelly is presented this Meritorious Service Award for her many AVA supporting activities for the past eight years. She and Joe are a team. Every committee and responsibility he takes on for the AVA also involves Karen. She represents the AVA promoting volkssporting at health fairs more than once a month for the past two years. In addition she has served many contributing roles for the Columbia River Volkssport Club, including assistant trail master, secretary and most recently, treasurer.

Martha Korff

Clatskanie, OR

Martha Korff is recognized for her many contributions to volkssporting over the past 21 years. She has taken the leadership role, organizing social events for OTSVA such as The More the Merrier after walk gatherings. She is a willing worker, committed to the growth of the AVA and OTSVA through specialty sales at Oregon walks.

Sam Korff

Clatskanie, OR

Sam Korff chaired the committee that organized and presented the NW Regional Conference, at Seaside, Oregon in 2006. He is a willing worker that is constantly looking for a place to serve the AVA. Most recently he has agreed to take leadership responsibilities for the Border Crossers Volkssport Club of Longview, Washington.

Shirley Lindberg

Renton, WA

Shirley Lindberg is recognized for her work, gaining exposure and publicity to thousands of walkers by sanctioning the Seattle Marathon.

Arlene Miller

La Center, WA.

Arlene Miller has helped staff events of many smaller clubs in Oregon and Washington. She is a willing worker and has contributed to the AVA behind the scenes for years. She continues to be available whenever the need arises.

George Minter

Medford, OR

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Curt Myron

Oak Harbor, WA

Curt Myron is bestowed this meritorious award for his local publicity of volkssporting and his work bringing the AVA recognition locally at the Whidbey Island half marathon and the Seafair Marathon.

Martha Myron

Oak Harbor, WA

Martha Myron has been one of the core members of the NW Tulip Trekkers since joining the club. She works creatively and tirelessly behind the scenes for the IVV, AVA, ESVA and the NW Tulip Trekkers. She is a skilled organizer, an effective promoter and a strong advocate for volkssporting.

Burt Paynter

Vancouver, WA

Burt Painter is presented this Meritorious Award for chairing the International Discovery Walks since 2003. He is an active and hard working member of the Vancouver USA Volkssporters Club.

Romana Paynter

Vancouver, WA

Romana Paynter has chaired the International Discovery Walks Volunteer committee since 2003, coordinating 180 volunteers per year. She started and administered the Wednesday walking group from 2000 to 2003. Her enthusiasm for walking and winning attitude is a positive example to all.

Sally Ross

Springfield, OR

Sally Ross is the epitome of what the state association has and needs. Sally can always be counted on to get the job done. She volunteers when needed and is most satisfied when the organization progresses through her actions.

Sharon Shockley

West Linn, OR

This is a reward reserved for those who have given so much to our sport, and Sharon has been doing this for many years. She is an unsung hero of volkssporting in Oregon, an ambassador for volkssporting wherever she goes, and an avid participant. She serves OTSVA through her service as a club president for two clubs, for her work on the OTSVA Steering Committee and the Publicity Committee. Her work on the Walk Oregon Challenge Committee brought reorganization and revitalization to that program and many are enthusiastic about walking all the Oregon Counties and earning the patch she designed.

Bill Stockman

Sand Point, ID

Bill Stockman and his wife Jeri founded the Selkirk Striders in 1991. He has trained many trail masters in trail development and marking. He has been a positive voice in club development and special events in wilderness areas. Bill is always ready to work at any walk he attends.

Jeri Stockman

Sand Point, ID

Jeri Stockman has been involved in volkssporting since 1988. She founded the Selkirk Striders in 1991. She is the publicity and unofficial informational director for North Eastern Idaho and Eastern Washington and maintains an active email list and sends out information to the walkers as it is available.

Carol Walsh

Puyallup, WA

Carol Walsh uses every opportunity to promote Volkssports. She and her husband Larry acquired and organized a booth at the Washington State Fair, bringing AVA exposure to over a million people. Her enthusiasm makes her a leader in selling new walker packets. She is a knowledgeable treasurer for the ESVA.

Larry Walsh

Puyallup, WA

Larry Walsh uses every opportunity to promote Volkssports. He and his wife Carol have been seen many times volunteering at event checkpoints promoting volkssporting to passersby. He is the muscle behind the booth at the Washington State Fair: setting up, taking down, hauling, goodie bags, and brochures. His enthusiasm for volkssporting makes him a leader in recruiting new walkers to volkssporting.

Ron Weaver

Bellingham, WA

Ron is a real go-getter when it comes to publicity. He has acquired a sizeable publicity grant for promotion of tourism through walking in Bellingham, Washington. He is an active member of the NW Tulip Trekkers.

George Withers

Spokane, WA

George Withers is presented his Meritorious Award for his many AVA supporting activities for the past 20 years. He has served in many capacities for the Lilac City Volkssport Association, the Selkirk Striders and the ESVA. His promotional work with the Bloomsday Event in Spokane has made it possible for Volkssporting to be promoted to thousands.

Pacific Region

Dori Blasé

Irvine, CA

In recognition and appreciation of Dori's ten years of dedicated service to Southern California Volkssporting, the American Volkssport Association, and the Laguna Turf & Surf Walkers. A solid leader and the only Treasurer the club has had, she has kept the club solvent and in the position to donate \$1000 to the AVA 2007 Biennial Convention. Dori is a dependable event worker, even in torrential rains, and is a walkmeister and promoter of volkssporting. She keeps the fun in Fun Fitness Friendship.

Eileen Byrne

Davis, CA

In deepest appreciation and recognition of her faithful service to keep the Davis Dynamos alive and active by serving at one time or another as secretary, treasurer, de facto president, and often "all and everything" over the past 20 years. She has been a constant inspiration, and from the bottom of our hearts, we thank her.

Shirley Castro

Reno, NV

In recognition and deep appreciation of Shirley's twenty years of dedicated service to volkssporting, the Menehune Marchers, and the Sierra Nevada Striders. While she claims to be low key and not wanting to be noticed, this "just a worker" who hates being a leader, has stepped up to serve as president of the Menehunes when that club was "in a mess" and now as president of the Sierra Nevada Striders to "keep it going." We are truly blessed to have volkssporters like Shirley Castro.

Barbara Currie

Reno, NV

In recognition of Barbara's outstanding work for the Tahoe Trail Trekkers and Sierra Nevada Striders. She was president of Tahoe Trail Trekkers in 1990. In 1992, she founded Sierra Nevada Striders, and was president until 1999. She was walkmeister for the Year Round walks in Tahoma, Incline, and a bike event in Homewood, Lake Tahoe, and two walks and a bike in Reno. Barbara's contribution to volkssporting has been an inspiration to all who know her.

Steve d'Adolf

Poway, CA

In recognition and appreciation of Steve's sustained leadership and contribution to the San Diego Rockhoppers, and for instilling the spirit of volkssporting to all whom he interacts. A member of the Rockhoppers for over 24 years, he has been the club's newsletter editor since joining, has created and maintains the club web site, and has been the club president for the past two years. Steve's extraordinary and unselfish support of volkssporting truly reflects an attitude of Fun, Fitness, and Friendship.

Robert (Bob) Gary

Sun City, AZ

Bob Gary has served to develop, promote, and implement volkssporting events and support the

growth of clubs in the Phoenix, Arizona area since 1986. Without Bob's dedication, volkssporting in this major metropolitan area would have withered and blown away like a tumbleweed in the desert. Thanks to Bob's dedicated work, the club now has six YREs in the Phoenix area and holds 2 – 3 regular events annually.

Trudy Gleason

Manhattan Beach, CA

In appreciation of her eight years of dedicated service to volkssporting and the Hollywood Star Trekkers. Trudy has been club Secretary since 2002, is Point of Contact for and maintains two Year Round Walks, works at events when needed, and has been an event Trailmaster. She created and maintains the club web site and designed and produces the club membership cards. Trudy is a dedicated volkssporter who has successfully recruited new club members.

Myrna Jackson

Sacramento, CA

In recognition and deep appreciation for her outstanding efforts in promoting volkssporting, the Sacramento Walking Sticks and the American Volkssport Association and its goals. Myrna has been the sustaining force for many of the twenty-plus years that the Sacramento Walking Sticks have been in existence. Without her, the "Sticks" would not exist.

Elizabeth Mitchell

Surprise, AZ

In recognition and appreciation for her outstanding service and support to volkssporting. Liz has been volksmarching for over 30 years and during that time has founded and supported two AVA clubs in San Jose, California (South Bay Striders) and Surprise, Arizona (Saguaro Sun Striders), both of which are still active clubs. She also supports volkssporting through her service on AVA committees and with her company's financial contributions to the clubs holding events.

Joe Morse

Cerritos, CA

Joe is a dedicated volkssporter, a dependable worker who provides outstanding service to the Hollywood Star Trekkers and the American Volkssport Association. During his eight years service to the club, he has been Vice President for the past five years, has worked every event both days for the past five years starting at 7:30 until close of the event, and has been a trailmaster for at least two events each year. Joe grills a great bratwurst.

John Oszajca

North Las Vegas, NV

In recognition and appreciation of John's seven years of dedicated service to volkssporting, the American Volkssport Association, the Menhune Marchers Volkssport Club, and the Las Vegas High Rollers & Strollers Volkssport Club. As president of the Menhune Marchers from 2003-2005, John instituted a program of almost monthly Regular Walks and a weekly walk program, the Hui Hele. He printed interesting historical facts for each walk, and designed the club's t-shirt. Upon moving to the

mainland, he joined the High Rollers and Strollers, was elected Vice President and became President in an emergency, providing a steady, guiding hand.

Holly Pelking

San Jose, CA

Holly is recognized for her untiring support of volkssporting in America. She has consistently stepped forward when called up to meet any challenge. From organizing the Hoosier Hikers in South Bend, Indiana and upon relocating to California, becoming Vice President and President of the South Bay Striders, and Vice President of the California Volkssport Association, to serving as trailmeister for two of the 2007 AVA Convention's most important events, Holly has served where needed most. Her enthusiasm reflects the best in Fun, Fitness, and Friendship motivating all who meet her.

Terry Puuhou

Kailua, HI

Terry has performed exceptional meritorious service in support of volksmarching in Hawaii from 1994 through 2006. She served as the President of the Menehune Marchers Volksmarching Club 1994 through 1995, and as Club Treasurer from 2000 to present. Terry Puuhou's contribution in these and many other capacities constitutes the foundation for the club's continuing existence. Such dedication to the club, and the health and well-being of others, reflects great credit upon her, the American Volkssport Association, and the sport of volkssporting.

Smith Reeves

Las Vegas, NV

Smitty is the member every club wants. Always willing to "do what is necessary" for the good of the club, he has held the offices of Secretary, Vice President, and President. He has originated walks and served the thankless task as editor of the club newsletter for over five years.

Bob Rothrock

Laguna Niguel, CA

In recognition and appreciation of Bob's ten years of dedicated service to Southern California, volkssporting, the American Volkssport Association, and the Laguna Turf & Surf Walkers. As the only president the club has had, it can truly be said that his leadership has made the club what it is today. Bob is more than just a leader of a club, it was his words that were used to justify and gain IVV approval of Small Distance Routes for Year Round Events. Ensuring his stature as a leader in American volkssporting, Bob joined in manning the AVA booth at the AARP convention in Anaheim. Bob Rothrock is the quintessential volkssporter.

Willis Sexton (Posthumous)

Marina, CA

In recognition of the outstanding work that Willis performed for the Monterey Peninsula Walking Club and California volkssporting from 1985 until his death on April 6, 2005. Willis was one of the architects of Wander Fest in 1992. In addition to that large undertaking, he designed many of the other outstanding walks, and served as President of the Monterey Peninsula Walking Club from 1995 to 1998.

Jill Simmons

Vacaville, CA

In sincerest and deep appreciation for Jill's contribution to and support of the American Volkssport Association, the California Volkssport Association, the Vaca Valley Volks, and sundry other clubs for the past 20 years. At one time or another, Jill has escaped from behind the scenes to fill every possible club officer position to Treasurer of the CVA, and in between scouting trails as walkmeister, registering walkers, and stamping books at start/finish tables, punching start cards at checkpoints and anything else that needs to be done. Jill Simmons is the quintessential volkssporter, the personification of Fun Fitness Friendship.

Avis Sloan

Davis, CA

In recognition and appreciation for Avis Sloan's 20 years of dedicated service to volkssporting, the American Volkssport Association, the Sutter Strutters Volkssport Club, and the Davis Dynamos Volkssport Club. Avis has been the sustaining and guiding force in challenged volkssport clubs, extending the longevity of the Sutter Strutters and revitalizing the Davis Dynamos with her dynamic leadership and can-do attitude. Her performance over the years has earned the respect and admiration of all who know her.

Gloria Stemler

Galt, CA

In recognition and appreciation of her service as president during a critical period for the Delta Tule Trekkers from 1996 to 1998, and for more than 18 years dedicated to volkssporting, establishing the Galt Year Round walk in 1997, maintaining the start point, and for willingness to be available when help is needed at events.

Joan Sykes

Stockton, CA

In recognition and appreciation of Joan Sykes for instilling the spirit of volkssporting to all with whom she interacts. The Delta Tule Trekkers Volkssport Club is on solid ground through her commitment, technical skill, financial stewardship, and enthusiastic outreach. Joan's extraordinary and unselfish support of nearby clubs, the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association truly reflects an attitude of Fun, Fitness, and Friendship.

Charlie Thorne

Perris, CA

In appreciation of his ability to find innovative walk locations and for being Trailmaster for five years. Charlie has designed nine walks in very interesting places. He is a great asset to volksmarching.

Gale Thorne

Perris, CA

In recognition for her superb design of our history albums. She keeps the books interesting with pictures and original labels for each walk. She is a willing worker and participant at our events.

Jean Vik

Corona, CA

For outstanding contribution to the American Volkssport Association, the California Volkssport Association, and the Low Desert Roadrunners Volkssport Club for the past 17 years. Jean has been club Secretary for 9 years, club Treasurer for 8 years, and Membership Chairman for 12 years. She has also served as California Volkssport Association Secretary for three years and as Vice President – South for five years. Jean Vik is the quintessential volkssporter, the personification of Fun Fitness Friendship.

Rocky Mountain Region**Flo Bechtold**

Colorado Springs, CO

Flo has provided extraordinary AVA support since 1989. As Sales Chairperson, Membership Secretary, award designer/producer, 2003 AVA Convention volunteer and volkssporting club member, she tirelessly worked to promote volkssporting events. It is through her efforts that volkssporting has excelled in her communities and regions.

Russel Bechtold

Colorado Springs, CO

Russel has provided extraordinary AVA support since 1989. As Sales Chairman, Membership Secretary, award designer/producer, 2003 AVA Convention volunteer, 2nd Vice President, and volkssporting club member, he tirelessly worked to promote volkssporting events. It is through his efforts that volkssporting has excelled in his communities and regions.

Dale Boone

Colorado Springs, CO

Dale Boone has provided significant AVA support. He was a dedicated 2003 AVA Convention volunteer and has been a tireless event volunteer hosting three YRE events in the Pueblo area for many years. His trail designs gained him praise by event participants. His efforts promoted volkssporting in the clubs and region.

Jan Converse

Colorado Springs, CO

Jan Converse has provided outstanding AVA support. Her list of service as a dedicated volunteer on three 2003 AVA Convention Committees, Falcon Wanderers' 2nd Vice President, and club event volunteer has provided incontestable evidence of her dedication to volkssporting. Her efforts promoted volkssporting throughout the club and region.

Connie Dueker

Colorado Springs, CO

Connie Dueker provided outstanding AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. As Membership Officer, she maintained a meticulous monthly club membership roster for ten years that ensured exact pre-registration, club membership renewal, and newsletter mailing information. Additionally, she was a dedicated Trailmeister and event coordinator. Her efforts promoted regional volkssporting.

Pat Gray

Cascade, CO

Pat Gray has provided extraordinary service to the AVA. She performed superlative service from the National to the local levels of volkssporting. Throughout her AVA involvement, she consistently provided sound advice and unsurpassed dedication to duties. Her outstanding participation incontestably promoted volkssporting throughout the nation.

Claudia Johnston

Evergreen, CO

In recognition of Claudia's 27 plus years of dedication to volksmarching. She is a "behind the scenes" marvel--the "go-to" person for award designs, event brochures, or special creative touches for any club activity in addition to many years as newsletter editor for both the Rocky Mountain Wanderers and Colorado High Country Hikers, and as a member of the RMW "Trailmeister Trio".

Dave Johnston

Evergreen, CO

In recognition of Dave's 27 plus years of dedication to volksmarching at all levels of the AVA. His proactive development of new volkssporting programs has resulted in renewed interest in volkssporting. His efforts have stimulated membership growth and increased participation in winter programs. Dave continues to serve as the regional nomination committee chairperson.

Radek Lopusnik

Colorado Springs, CO

In recognition of outstanding support to Volkssporting Colorado for over five years. Radek is the Trailmeister for the Colorado High Country Hikers and has been the march coordinator for numerous walks for both the Colorado High Country Hikers and the Rocky Mountain Wanderers. Radek is extremely dedicated to Volkssporting and performed as a guide for nine Coloradoans who attended the IVV Olympiad in Pilzen, Czech Republic in 2005. He works every walk he attends, normally sweeping the trails at the end of the day.

Jim McGahan

Colorado Springs, CO

Jim McGahan was instrumental in helping the Cheyenne High Plains Wanderers to be the third state to undertake the Walking the Lincoln Highway volksmarch. His original designs for each of Wyoming's six patches, and his suggestions and willingness to share information have helped to make this series of volksmarches across Wyoming a reality.

Terry Malleck

Longmont, CO

In recognition of Terry Malleck's outstanding contribution as Webmeister for the Colorado High Country Hikers. Terry brought together his technical and creative expertise to develop an outstanding webpage that truly reflects the nature of the club's events by showing the beautiful scenic trails the club emphasizes in its events.

Linda Nyman

Colorado Springs, CO

Linda Nyman has provided outstanding AVA support. She has consistently produced a nationally recognized club newsletter for 12 years that informed the Colorado Front Range volkssporters of upcoming events and club information. She was a dedicated 2003 AVA Convention volunteer. Her support promoted volkssporting in the club and region

Karen Seay

Colorado Springs, CO

Karen Seay provided outstanding AVA support to the Falcon Wanderers. As President, she managed the Falcon Wanderers' publicity, event operations, and finances ensuring the ability of the club to promote volkssporting through many event types and locations. Her efforts have greatly promoted volkssporting throughout the community, state, and region.

Robert Shute

Colorado Springs, CO

Robert has provided extraordinary AVA support. His 14 years of service as Trailmeister, event coordinator, award designer, and event volunteer has provided incontestable evidence of his dedication to volkssporting. His efforts definitely promoted volkssporting throughout the local and regional communities.

Nancy Stephens

Puyallup, WA

Nancy has been Treasurer for 10 years of her club. She attends every event, keeping track of the club's inventory and finances. The club's annual reports are always accurate and timely. She supports her husband's participation by traveling with him on scouting trips to remote areas, waiting hours while he finds routes for AVA events.

Gerry Strvker

Colorado Springs, CO

Gerry Stryker has provided outstanding AVA support in the Falcon Wanderers. As Treasurer, he maintained meticulous control of duties, participation fees, payables, and receivables. His fiscal suggestions and ideas ensured efficient use of club monies and helped maintain successful club operations. His efforts promoted volkssporting in the club and region.

South Central Region**Barbara Anderson**

Kansas City, MO

Barbara is a charter member of the Clay Platte Trekkers. She has been vice president and is now in her fifth years of service as treasurer.

Barbara Buehrer

Kansas City, MO

Barbara is a charter member of the Clay Platte Trekkers. Since the formation of the club in 1992,

Barbara and her husband have worked tirelessly to get the club started and keep it growing. She has held several offices and chaired committees.

Pat Romano

Maryland Heights, MO

Pat started volksmarching in Germany in the late 1970s. She and her husband started clubs in the St Louis area. She has been secretary of the Missouri Millers for over 20 years.

Southeast Region

Delores (Dee) Addison

Birmingham, AL

Dee has been instrumental in the continued success of volkssporting in the state of Alabama. Her tireless efforts while serving in various officer capacities with the Capital City Wanderers, AVA0261, have helped to significantly increase participation in Alabama events.

Helen Addison

McCalla, AL

Helen has been the driving force behind the emergence of volkssporting in the state of Alabama. Through her dedication and hard work in the Capital City Wanderers, recognition of the AVA has spread throughout the entire state and into organizations such as the Girl Scouts and the Alabama Sports Festival.

Joe Aycock

Melbourne, FL

Joe has served in almost every officer position in the Patrick Pacers Volkssport Club over the past ten years, and he has excelled in his performance in each and every one. Through his dedicated singular efforts, he was able to hold the Patrick Pacers together until the decision was made to go inactive. He has stepped in to the Happy Wanderers Walking Club, and continued his outstanding help to volkssporting in the great state of Florida.

Claire Conant

Clearwater, FL

Claire's service as Vice President, year round event monitor, and new member program manager is hereby recognized. Her one-on-one coordination with community and park managers resulted in outstanding events at a variety of both first-time locations and well-known venues, equally enjoyed by volkssport veterans and those new to the pastime.

Sandra (Sandy) Dennis

Port Orange, FL

Sandy has served as the volunteer coordinator, food manager, and special decorations coordinator for the Happy Wanderers Walking Club, AVA0717. She has also worked in numerous worker slots at events. No one could ask for a more talented, organized, and energetic person to serve as a worker at an event. Without her contributions, the club's events would not have been so successful.

Alice Lawrence

Indian Rocks Beach, FL

Alice has demonstrated over the past ten years her outstanding creativity and leadership acumen in her service as president of the Suncoast Sandpipers. She has significantly increased the membership of her club and the participation in the club's many events. She has served as Vice President and Central Area Coordinator of the Florida Volkssport Association in the most commendable manner.

James Lawrence

Indian Rocks Beach, FL

The Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club's financial stability is directly attributable to Jim's outstanding performance as Treasurer. Despite turbulent effects of hurricanes on schedules and participants, quality events continued and all fiscal obligations were met. Jim's accomplished administration of the web site ensured timely, attractive and legible communication on club activities.

Beverly (Bev) MacNeill

Lehigh Acres, FL

Bev has spent at least the last ten years contributing her time and talent to further the cause of volkssporting in the Southeast Region and the State of Florida. She founded, edited, and published Footloose, a Southeast Region newsletter. She has admirably served as South Area Coordinator, Secretary, and Vice President of the Florida Volkssport Association and served in every possible officer position of the Meandering Manatees Volkssport Club, AVA0755.

Dennis Michele

Fairview, NC

Dennis has been an avid volkssporter since he began in October 1996. He has mostly ably served as a club president, state association president, Regional Director, and NEC member. In all his positions, he has given unselfishly of his time and efforts to promote and further volkssporting.

Ralph Money

Largo, FL

Ralph's continuously loyal support of Suncoast Sandpipers' activities is hereby recognized. His Largo-Belleair YRE management is perfect, oversight of club finances is meticulous, and performance in the Florida State Parks Program is award winning.

Douglas Reynolds

St Petersburg, FL

Doug's innovative contributions to the successful operations of the Empire State Capitol Volkssport Club and the Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club are matchless. His inspired Volkssouth programs in Florida linked the clubs in the true spirit of fun, fitness, and friendship to the greater benefit of the American Volkssport Association.

Wilma Scofield

Pensacola, FL

Wilma is recognized for extraordinary service achievements throughout fifteen years with Pensacola Volksmarch Club. She has held numerous offices, offered her home for storage and

entertainment, volunteered timelessly at club events, mapped the favorite trails, organized trips to support Southeast Regional events, and continuously demonstrated her love for the American Volkssport Association.

John Sewell

Savannah, GA

John's continued exemplary service to the Happy Wanderers Walking Club, AVA0717, is hereby recognized. John has served as the point of contact for three popular year round events and has contributed greatly by acting as an ambassador of the club in his remote location in Savanna, Georgia, far from the home base of the Happy Wanderers. John has demonstrated an outstanding ability to get the job done. His efforts have led to wide-spread publicity in the Savannah media outlets and thoroughly enhanced participation in the club's mega-event Savanna Weekends the past six years.

Pat Skaggs

Pensacola, FL

This award recognizes Pensacola Volksmarch Club's goodwill ambassador, Pat Skaggs. Since 1986, Pat has been the Energizer Bunny that just keeps walking and contributing to volkssporting every step of the way. A perfect role model for the American Volkssport Association, this long-term membership chairperson recently broke club membership records and made her 12th Presidents' Day weekend the best ever.

Letty Zook

Haines City, FL

With management of the Walk Florida State Parks programs for the Florida Volkssport Association, Letty invites volkssporters onto trails in nineteen of the nation's best parks. By attracting walkers with popular incentives, she increases trail utility, supplements park income and promotes a common sense of purpose between volkssporting and park organizations.

Southwest Region

Phyllis Eagan

San Antonio, TX

For determined efforts to plan and hold interesting AVA events at varied locations which show the diverse nature of the Texas culture, terrain, and environment.

Ellen Ott

San Antonio, TX

For continual efforts to stimulate interest and support for AVA and volkssporting events with innovative programs and partnerships across Texas and the USA.

Certificate of Service Awards

Atlantic Region

Erwin Bedarf	Arlington, VA	Cheryl Eavy	Arlington, VA
Delores Grenier	Arlington, VA	Elsie Howard	Baltimore, MD
Anna Miner	Woodbridge, VA	Regina Overholt	Arlington, VA
Matt Pernick	Oakton, VA	James Quinn	Arlington, VA
Dan Roy	Burke, VA	Donna Roy	Burke, VA
Judy Stickle	Laurel, MD	Rick Stickle	Laurel, MD
Jaimie Wilder	Laurel, MD	Francine York	Alexandria, VA

Mid-America Region

Carolyn Armacost	Indianapolis, IN	Chris Bickel	Fort Wayne, IN
Glen Bickel	Fort Wayne, IN	Charles Botula III	Belleville, IN
Leon (Gus) Brandes	Rittman, OH	Wilma Fuelling	Fort Wayne, IN
Dave Getz	Fort Wayne, IN	Richard Gundelach	Euclid, OH
Jason Jordan	Cleveland, OH	Richard Kolofer	Fairview Park, OH
Kim Senf Paras	Lakewood, OH	Bev Renbarger	Fort Wayne, IN
Colleen Theusch	North Olmsted, OH	Willa Thompson	Spencerville, IN
Michael Travis	Mascoutah, IL	D. Jack Weber	Naperville, IL
Liz Winslay	Auburn, IN		

North Central Region

Don Corrigan	Des Moines, IA	Eugene Ganske	Northfield, MN
Roberta Ganske	Northfield, MN	Phyllis Hildreth	Fridley, MN
Pat Jordan	Boone, IA	Jane Kempf	Mound, MN
Jane Legaard	Minneapolis, MN	Kenneth Legaard	Minneapolis, MN
Mary Jo Lippold	Des Moines, IA	Marge Oehlke	Springfield, MN
Peggy Welter	Madrid, IA	Dee Whalen	Rose Creek, MN
David Wharff	Mitchellville, IA	Gene Schutte	Great Bear Lake, MN
Joye Schutte	Great Bear Lake, MN		

Northeast Region

Don Bolin	Shrewsbury, MA	Emily Goyette	Portsmouth, RI
Paul Graveline	Andover, MA	Beate Hait	Holliston, MA
Phil Hait	Holliston, MA	Agnes Laviolette	Hudson, MA
Carol Leiter	Wayland, MA	Chris Lipson	Bedford, MA
Chuck Lipson	Bedford, MA	Joan Melcher	Brunswick, ME
Roland Melcher	Brunswick, ME	Dan Meltzer	Sudbury, MA
Polly Meltzer	Sudbury, MA	Dave Robertson	Danvers, MA
Susan Robertson	Danvers, MA	Richard Rossi	Topsfield, MA
Myrtle Walker	Westminster, MA	Sidney Walker	Westminster, MA

Northwest Region

Nancy Allen	Brush Prairie, WA	Barbara Baker	Vancouver, WA
Dorothy Barr	Burien, WA	Dorman Batson	Federal Way, WA
Jan Beals	Eugene, OR	Leola Beck	Roseburg, OR
Marge Bergeron	Lake Oswego, OR	Sue Black	Bellevue, WA
Regina Blake	Gresham, OR	Earl Bowen	Vancouver, WA
Jan Breneman	Vancouver, WA	Mary Brillhart	Salem, OR
Debbie Brown	Astoria, OR	Gary Brown	Salem, OR
Wendy Bumgardner	Tualatin, OR	Bill Buskirk	Eugene, OR
Lynn Buskirk	Eugene, OR	Donna Byes	Seaside, OR
Alice Carroll	Portland, OR	Jim Carroll	Portland, OR
Fran Carson	Renton, WA	Larry Charneski	Spokane, WA
Janet Clow	Salem, OR	Jenny Cole	Renton, WA
Margaret Cole	Bellevue, WA	Liz Conners	Vancouver, WA
Lena Davis	Portland, OR	Sheila Day	Banks, OR
Sharon Ducy	Gresham, OR	Nita Eggers	Albany, OR
Anita Elder	Seattle, WA	Pat Ellison	Sumner, WA
Clark Elwell	Corvallis, OR	Carol Fairbanks	Eugene, OR
Bobbi Ferg	Leavenworth, WA	Fred Fisher	Anacortes, WA
Sharon Fisher	Anacortes, WA	Glenn Fordyce	Boise, ID
Joanne Fordyce	Boise, ID	Margaret Forster	Dayton, OR
Lillian Fullerton	Vancouver, WA	Jean Gerard	Bellevue, WA
Eric Glosenger	St Helens, OR	John Hacker	Portland, OR
Betty Hammond	Phoenix, OR	Jackie Hawkins	Merlin, OR
Dick Hawes	Portland, OR	Nancy Hawes	Portland, OR

Northwest Region continued

Irene Hayden	Vancouver, WA	Diane Ilg	Estacada, OR
George Ilg	Estacada, OR	Marie Jewett	Medford, OR
Ron Jewett	Medford, OR	Alisa Johnson	Federal Way, WA
Dina Johnson	Federal Way, WA	J. Karly Johnson	Bellevue, WA
Liz Johnson	Federal Way, WA	Preston Johnson	Federal Way, WA
Sharon Klein	Sherwood, OR	Noreen Kirk	Portland, OR
Martha Korff	Clatskanie, OR	Sam Korff	Clatskanie, OR
Roberta Krause	Kirkland, WA	Victor Kring	Milton, WA
Janet Lanfant	Sequim, WA	Sue Legler	Shedd, OR
Paul Lewis	Gresham, OR	Britt Lindstrom	Eugene, OR
Cheryl Lowe	Grants Pass, OR	Dave Madsen	Seattle, WA
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Jill McLean	Vancouver, WA	Debbie Minger	Tacoma, WA
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Nancy Stephens	Puyallup, WA	William Stewart	Aberdeen, WA
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Oscar Swinney	Springfield, OR	Kelly Troeh	Portland, OR
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Barbara Webber	Wilsonville, OR	Cora Wegner	Portland, OR
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Jim Bohanon	Colfax, CA	Phil Braverman	San Jose, CA
Charlene Brazil	Tucson, AZ	Marc Brazil	Tucson, AZ
Linda Bresse	Pinole, CA	Tom Bresse	Pinole, CA
Mary Brooks	Long Beach, CA	Kathy Bundy	Wildomar, CA
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Glenda Butterfield	Fresno, CA	Loretta Carmickle	Green Valley, AZ
Maureen Carr	Stockton, CA	Robert Carr	Stockton, CA
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Carol Doring	Sacramento, CA	Robert Dubois	Vacaville, CA
Merle Dvorak	Sherman Oaks, CA	Bob Dykes	San Diego, CA
Molly Earle	Tucson, AZ	Richard Fletcher	Camino, CA
Diana Fredlund	Sun City West, AZ	John Garrett	Tucson, AZ
Bob Gebo	Moreno Valley, CA	Bruce Grier	Mesa, AZ
Mary Harmon	El Dorado, CA	Bette Haskell	Pollock Pines, CA
Ron Haskell	Pollock Pines, CA	Grace Holloway	Rescue, CA
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Joan Holzborn	Simi Valley, CA	Carmela Jacobsen	Modesto, CA
Tim Jenkins	Fairfield, CA	Luanne Johnson	Benicia, CA
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Roxie Jones	Rancho Cordova, CA	Al Korejwo	Henderson, NV
Susan Korejwo	Henderson, NV	Ellen Korlann	Salinas, CA
John Kostelny	Tucson, AZ	Noreen Kruse	Gresham, OR
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Ken McGowen	Tucson, AZ	Scottie McGowen	Tucson, AZ
Jack Mount	Tucson, AZ	Pat Mount	Tucson, AZ
Robert Murray	Auburn, CA	Roberta Murray	Auburn, CA
Marilyn Nasi	Santa Rosa, CA	Barbara Nuss	Sacramento, CA
Joe Obradovitz	Norco, CA	Sue Obradovitz	Norco, CA
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Ellen Reeves	Las Vegas, NV	Gail Samcoff	Sacramento, CA
Lynn Schaller	Scottsdale, AZ	MableSchmitt	San Juan Capistrano, CA
Dottie Schwieger	Corona, CA	Gail Sherman	Sun City West, AZ
Bud Simmons	Vacaville, CA	Don Sloan	Davis, CA
Charles Stemler	Galt, CA	Judy Stroud	Roseville, CA
Peggy Swayne	Davis, CA	Al Taggert	Dixon, CA
Jan Timmons	Auburn, CA	Oscar Timmons	Auburn, CA
Beverly Travers	Fullerton, CA	Marge Tye	Vacaville, CA
Patricia Voss	Stockton, CA	Penny Watson	Newcastle, CA
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Ken Wight	Las Vegas, NV	Cathy Williams	Meadow Vista, CA
Dorothy Williamson	Modesto, CA	Craig Worth	Pittsburgh, CA
Jane Worth	Pittsburgh, CA	Clydie Wright	Ventura, CA
James Wright	Ventura, CA	Wilma Wright	Stockton, CA
James Yakas	San Francisco, CA	Luiselle Yakas	San Francisco, CA

Rocky Mountain Region

Carol Barrons	Lu Benning
Jean Berres	Penny Brown
Terry Cherne	Peg Fletcher
Lucinda Harsh	David Higgins
Emmy Higgins	Deb Hillard
Annette Kester	Jack Kester
David Land	Martha Minahan
Nancy Montville	B. J. Ondo

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Cliff Wigfield

Betty Schipper
Kaye Widger
Harry Woodcock

South Central Region

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Terri Wise Rock Hill, MO

Southeast Region

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Arlene Aycock Melbourne, FL
Carolyn Booth Largo, FL
Karen Duhlstine Port Orange, FL
Ron Duteau Port Orange, FL
Mary Hagemann Tampa, FL
Sally Hobling Ormond Beach, FL
Shirley Laird Palm Coast, FL
Jack Thiele Dade City, FL

Russell Anderson Port Orange, FL
Annette Baisden Pensacola, FL
Judy Cunningham Tampa, FL
Marilyn Duteau Port Orange, FL
Dolores Giamichael Ponce Inlet, FL
Joan Jarrett San Antonio, FL
Gerald Laird Palm Coast, FL
Larry Middleton Edgewater, FL
Darla Wetzel Clearwater, FL

Southwest Region

Gordon Albritton San Antonio, TX
T. L. Bates Albuquerque, NM
Roy Boller San Antonio, TX
Tina Bohnert Comfort, TX
Barbara Brice Fort Worth, TX
Rae Byington Granbury, TX
Paul Campanelli Fort Worth, TX
Frank Chappell San Antonio, TX
Lawrence R. Cook San Antonio, TX
Karen Cormier Laporte, TX
Ed Cottrill Fort Worth, TX
Rosemary Creamer New Ulm, TX
Phyllis Eagan San Antonio, TX
Jimmie Eisen San Antonio, TX

Helen Bateman Dallas, TX
Mary Boller San Antonio, TX
John Bohnert Comfort, TX
Lesley Bowen Dallas, TX
Reid Brice Fort Worth, TX
Sonny Byington Granbury, TX
James Carlo Dallas, TX
Maggie Cole Plano, TX
Mary Cook Ft Worth, TX
Anna Cottrill Fort Worth, TX
Bob Creamer New Ulm, TX
Suzanne Dailey Tyler, TX
Bunker Ehlert San Antonio, TX
Carolyn Ernst Grapevine, TX

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John Ferguson	Dallas, TX	Linda Fields	Austin, TX
Susan Fine	Fort Worth, TX	Bruce Fitch	Richardson, TX
Claudia Fitch	Richardson, TX	Rose Foerster	San Antonio, TX
Carlen Forinash	San Antonio, TX	Joanne Forinash	San Antonio, TX
JoAnn Fries	Austin, TX	Kathleen Goldfarb	Dickinson, TX
Linda Goodman	Universal City, TX	Pat Gunter	San Antonio, TX
Helgard Hollis	New Braunfels, TX	Andy Howard	Houston, TX
Gerald Kamicka	Universal City, TX	Cathy Kelcher	Dallas, TX
Catherine Kellner	Orchid, TX	Ken King	Flower Mound, TX
Beverly Kittinger	Copperas Cove, TX	Karl Kittinger	Copperas Cove, TX
Marguerite Madden	Weatherford, TX	Robert Mantz	Raton, NM
John E. Mathis	San Antonio, TX	Mabel Matsumoto	San Antonio, TX
Beverly Maurer	Arlington, TX	David Mauser	Tyler, TX
Dan Meeks	Fort Worth, TX	Terri Meeks	Fort Worth, TX
Barbara Mikeska	Spring, TX	David Mikeska	Spring, TX
Totsy Miller	San Antonio, TX	Bernice Myers	Fort Worth, TX
Don Myers	Fort Worth, TX	Marilyn Nash	Oak Leaf, TX
Joyce O'Rear	Fredericksburg, TX	Ellen Ott	San Antonio, TX
Nancy Paulson	Schertz, TX	Tony Paulson	Schertz, TX
Vickie Pendergrass	Longview, TX	Ardyce Pfansteil	Granbury, TX
Johnny N. Pierson	San Antonio, TX	Doyle Piland	Las Cruces, NM
Patrick Powers	Houston, TX	Carole Quarles	Plano, TX
Linda Risinger	Kingswood, TX	Chuck Samus	Wichita Falls, TX
Elaine Samus	Wichita Falls, TX	Daralyn Schubert	Huffman, TX
Kenneth Schubert	Huffman, TX	Chris Scott	Abilene, TX
Elaine Scott	Abilene, TX	Kitty Simmons	Plano, TX
Jerry Slayton	Plano, TX	Garry Speir	Comfort, TX
Daveenya Stone	Weatherford, TX	Jerry Stovall	Plano, TX
David Toth	San Antonio, TX	Audrey Vertucii	San Antonio, TX
Elaine Ward	Ridge, TX	Gary Whitford	Irving, TX
Janica Wood	Tyler, TX	Charles Wortz	Austin, TX

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Atlantic Region

Café International	Washington, DC
Caribou Coffee	Rockville, MD
Lake Forest Mall	Gaithersburg, MD
Silver Diner	Gaithersburg, MD
Upper Montgomery County YMCA	Montgomery Village, MD

Mid-America Region

Belleville Parks and Recreation	Belleville, IL
Friends of Lakewood Public Library	Lakewood, OH
GCS Federal Credit Union	Granite City, IL
Geiger's Clothing and Sports	Lakewood, OH
Hardee's Restaurant	Glen Carbon, IL
Markko Vineyard	Conneaut, OH
Potato Creek State Park	North Liberty, OH
Potawatomi Wildlife Park	Tippecanoe, IN
The Jamison Inn	South Bend, IN
The Winona Mercantile	Winona Lake, IN

Pacific Region

Albertson's Market	Huntington Beach, CA
Aurora Park Cottages	Calistoga, CA
Best Western Bonanza Inn	Yuba City, CA
Best Western Jamaica Inn	Marina Del Rey, CA
Best Western Mardi Gras Inn	Las Vegas, NV
Best Western Sandman Motel	Sacramento, CA
Best Western Sonoma Valley Inn	Sonoma, CA
Best Western Sunrise Hotel	Redondo Beach, CA
Boulder Dam Historic Hotel	Boulder City, NV
Castle Medical Center	Kailua, HI
Clyde de Burro	Auburn, CA
Colusa Riverside Inn	Colusa, CA

Pacific Region continued

Davis Senior Center	Davis, CA
Depot Park Museum	Sonoma, CA
Diggers Deli	Vacaville, CA
Encino Golf Course Coffee Shop	Encino, CA
First Street Café	Benicia, CA
Fleet Feet Sports	Davis, CA
Fleet Feet Sports	Fair Oaks, CA
Fleet Feet Sports	Roseville, CA
Flour Garden Bakery	Auburn, CA
Flour Garden Bakery	Grass Valley, CA
General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo	Sonoma, CA
George Webber	Sonoma, CA
Ghirardelli Square	San Francisco, CA
Green Horizon Chevron	Henderson, NV
Hacienda Hotel and Casino	Boulder City, NV
Hawaii NP Art Center	Hawaii NP, HI
Holiday Inn Express	Las Vegas, NV
Jack Elkin	Auburn, CA
Kona Seaside Hotel	Kailua Kona, HI
La Casa Bodega Deli and General Store	Monterey, CA
Laie Inn	Laie, HI
Longs Drug Store	Port Hueneme, CA
Longs Drug Store	Santa Rosa, CA
Lucha's Comfort Footwear	South Pasadena, CA
McDonald's Hamburgers	Galt, CA
McDonald's Hamburgers	Lodi, CA
McDonald's Hamburgers	Stockton, CA
McDonald's Restaurant of Manoa Market	Honolulu, HI
Mercy Genera Hospital	Sacramento, CA
Natomas Bike Shop	Sacramento, CA
New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel	Honolulu, HI
Nuuanu YMCA	Honolulu, HI
Parks and Recreation Center	Foster City, CA
Plantation Coffee Roasters and Café	Elk Grove, CA
Plumas County Visitors Bureau	Quincy, CA
Outside Inn	Las Vegas, NV

Pacific Region continued

Quality Inn	Oakdale, CA
Round Table Pizza	Auburn, CA
Sam's Café	Santa Rosa, CA
Sea Port Marina Hotel	Long Beach, CA
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Auburn, CA
Starbuck's Coffee	Rancho Cordova, CA
Starbuck's Coffee (Arden)	Sacramento, CA
Sun City Visitor Center	Sun City, AZ
Sun City West Visitor Center	Sun City West, AZ
Susanville Railroad Depot	Susanville, CA
The GNC Store	Simi Valley, CA
The UPS Store	Sacramento, CA
The Walking Company	Walnut Creek, CA
Vaca Valley Hospital	Vacaville, CA
Vagabond Inn	Ventura, CA
Walgreen Drug Store	Modesto, CA
Weimar Institute	Weimar, CA
Zamora Mini Mart	Zamora, CA

Southeast Region

Halifax Regional Medical Center	Daytona Beach, FL
Silver Beach Club	Daytona Beach, FL
Cassen Park Bait Shop	Ormond Beach, FL
Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Gift Shop	Ponce Inlet, FL
Port Orange YMCA	Port Orange, FL
Shrine Gift Shop	St Augustine, FL
Whistle Stop Café	Savannah, GA
Rossi's Pizzeria	Orlando, FL
Spike's Athletic Shoe Store	Bally Hill, FL
Volusia County Library, Deland	Deland, FL
Blueberry Muffin Restaurant	Indiatlantic, FL
Courtyard by Marriott in Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach FL

Southwest Region

Broadway Daily Bread Company, DeZavala Road

San Antonio, TX

Broadway Daily Bread Company, Broadway

San Antonio, TX

Lighthouse Coffee and Café

San Antonio, TX

REI

Dallas, TX

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