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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 16th 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.

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 Youth 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.

Meritorious Service Award

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes individuals who have given at least five years of

outstanding service to the AVA.

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

This brochure 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”.

Hall of Fame Award

Heinz Johnson

San Antonio, TX

Heinz is one of the pioneers of Volkssporting in America. Not only has he been a leader in the United States, but he has been a Volkssport leader in Europe as well. He is one of the reasons that Volkssporting in America has succeeded. He has worked tirelessly for over twenty-five years to make this success possible. His contributions to Volkssporting are unparalleled.

Shirley Lindberg

Renton, WA

Shirley Lindberg has raised the standard by which others will be measured for service to the AVA. She has served with distinction and extreme dedication at every level from local to international for over 19 years. From working a Checkpoint Station to leading the Association as President, she has demonstrated a superior competence and “I’ve been there” understanding. Shirley epitomizes all that is good and worthy in the AVA. She is the true ambassador of Fun, Fitness, and Friendship.

David Toth

San Antonio, TX

David served as first President of the AVA in 1979. Since then he has served on Executive Council, I, II, III, and IV. He was the inspiration behind the Disney World of Volkssport weekends in both Florida and California (2006 and 2007). He is chair of the AVA History Committee for the past six years. He revived the Trinity Trekkers Volkssport Club.

Ben Wilkes (Posthumous)

Clearlake, CA

Ben Wilkes is one of our honored pioneers of Volkssporting in the nation and California. At various points, he was Pacific Region Director, President of California Volkssport Association, and President of Golden Bear Paw Prints – often all at the same time. This pioneering spirit gave California their great start as a state Association and set the model for the AVA’s Regional Director concept.

AVA President's Award

Clarence Wright

Indianapolis, IN

For setting a positive example through enthusiastic support and coordination of local support for convention booths and promotion of Volkssport at the Girl Scouts of the USA National Convention and American College of Sports Medicine booths, held in Indianapolis in 2008.

John McClellan

Ft Leonard Wood, MO

For setting a positive example through leadership and coordination of local support for AVA's AARP Convention booth, and for attention to detail in drafting a thorough report and analysis of AVA's convention appearance. John's insights led to improvements in AVA's ability to market itself to the American public.

Ron Weaver

Bellingham, WA

For foresight and attention to detail in adapting the use of grants to enhance club activities and events. His efforts produced \$14,000 in grant income for his club, which was used for effective event advertising at local, state and national levels.

Jane Jensen Holmes

Carlsbad, CA

For foresight and leadership in creating AVA's first virtual website club and pilot program for online event registration for year-round and seasonal Volkssport events. Her club's website, which is filled with wonderful graphics and photos, is attention-grabbing and an effective example for us to copy.

Barbara Nuss

Sacramento, CA

For creativity and perseverance in creating group walks. She recognized the need and readily accepted the opportunity to establish a summer mid-week walking program in the Greater Sacramento, California area. Her Hot Walkin' Nights spawned the year-round program called TWITTs, or Twice a Week Internet Two Timers.

Sam Korff

Clatskanie, OR

For foresight and sound management skills in blending two state publications into the NW Pathfinder magazine while continuing a tradition of publicity through distribution of event information.

Don Conway

Beltsville, MD

For recognizing opportunities to utilize event checkpoints to increase the fun at events; to entertain and educate walkers with educational exhibits for Black Heritage and health fairs, adding drawings and refreshments to create positive publicity for the Freestate Happy Wanderers and Volkssporting.

Phill Wilder

Laurel, MD

For recognizing opportunities to utilize event checkpoints to increase the fun at events; to entertain and educate walkers with educational exhibits for Black Heritage and health fairs, adding drawings and refreshments to create positive publicity for the Freestate Happy Wanderers and Volkssporting.

Chuck Garrison

Auburn, WA

For creating publicity opportunities for Volkssport through outstanding participation in the Washington State Governor's Cup and the Washington Health Foundation.

Becky Friedrichs

Westside, IA

For foresight and leadership in creating the Rambling Rockets, a thriving Volkssport club in the Ar-We-Va School of Westside, Iowa. Becky consistently promotes walking and wellness to students, their parents and the community.

Black Hills Volkssport Club

South Dakota

John Moranti, President

For creation of the Volkssport Incentive Program (VIP) which challenged participants to complete ten events from the South Dakota Calendar Events brochure, and for holding the most sanctioned traditional Volkssport events in the United States in 2008, both of which add fun to Volkssporting and promote friendship for participants.

Empire State Capitol Volkssporters

New York

Bernie Green, President

For sustained achievement in serving their neighborhood with weekly traditional Volkssport walks. The Empire State Capitol Volkssporters held 27 traditional events, mostly weekly guided walks – and they have done so for eighteen years.

Distinguished Achievement Award

Dick Baker

Vancouver, WA

Dick Baker is what every Volkssporter should aspire to be. He takes action on what needs to be done without direction from anyone. He represents both Oregon and Washington in critical matters resulting in a closer Association between the two states. He is everywhere doing everything.

Lester Frantzen

Fredericksburg, TX

As a member of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce during the time when plans were being formulated for a special 200th Birthday Celebration of the USA, Lester heard Kenn Knopp's idea of a Volkssporting event and helped to spearhead the endeavor. He has served in local and national offices.

Betty Green

Cheyenne, WY

Betty has served the AVA for 30 years. She has been walker, worker, and event coordinator in clubs from Texas to Wyoming. She and her husband ran a club in Texas for five years and the Wyoming State Parks Club for 11 years. She has always been an outstanding ambassador for our sport.

Ronald Green

Cheyenne, WY

Ronald has served the AVA for 30 years. He has been walker, worker, and event coordinator in clubs from Texas to Wyoming. He and his wife ran a club in Texas for five years and the Wyoming State Parks Club for 11 years. He is an outstanding ambassador for our sport.

Wayne Holloway

Rescue, CA

Wayne Holloway is an inspirational leader. He sets the example in every position he has held, from club president to Regional Director. He seeks consensus, but is willing to make difficult decisions when necessary. Volkssport leaders at all levels can learn from him.

Joan Lampart

Quakerstown, PA

Joan is recognized for her many years of significant contributions and extraordinary service to the American Volkssport Association and its participants. She is genuinely interested in people and the promotion of Volkssporting and is always willing to help. Joan has been and continues to be an advocate for Volkssporting.

Loren Little

Winston-Salem, NC

Loren has provided us with over a decade of his time, experience, and knowledge. Through his guidance as president at local and state level, service at national level, event planning, trailblazing skills, and bus tour coordinator, he has made North Carolina one of the premier states to Volkssport in. His efforts promoted Volkssporting throughout the region and nation.

Ellen Ott

San Antonio, TX

Ellen served two terms as First Vice President of the Texas Volkssport Association. During this time, she represented the TVA as Convention Coordinator, and special PR programs. She is presently working with the 2009 Convention Committee. Ellen is a hard worker, always coming up with new ways to make the sport interesting. Ellen's hard work makes her a great advocate for the sport.

Patty Proulx

Jaffrey, NH

In recognition of Patty's years of dedication to Volkssporting and in appreciation for her many contributions to the sport.

Jill Simmons

Vacaville, CA

Jill is the quintessential Volkssport volunteer who sets the standard for service. She has served with distinction at every level from local to national for over 20 years. From Trailmeister for the Vaca Valley Volks and club and State Association officer, to Treasurer and Trailmeister for the 2007 Biennial Convention, she has consistently demonstrated superior competence and unwavering dedication. Jill epitomizes dedicated service to the AVA and is an inspiration.

Annette Tollett

Hampton, VA

Annette Tollett is a staunch advocate for the AVA and its programs since 1979. She was the AVA National Treasurer, served on two national committees, organized the first Atlantic Region Conference, is the President of the Virginia Volkssport Association, and served four clubs as treasurer or trails director. She has personally laid out over 200 volksmarch trails.

Beryl Wolf (Posthumous)

Portland, ME

This award is in recognition of her many years of service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters, Patrick Pacers, and Southern Maine Volkssport Club. As a former Northeast Region Director, Beryl was involved as club representative to AVA conventions and as a year-round event point of contact for many events in multiple states.

Trailblazer Award

Placer Pacers

Auburn, CA

The Placer Pacers Volkssport Club is commended and recognized for over 15 years service to AVA and the public by maintaining and constructing trails on public and private lands and contributing monetarily to purchase of lands for recreational trails and construction of new trails.

Meritorious Service Award

Atlantic Region

Andrew Armano

Newport News, VA

Andrew Armano is an advocate for the AVA and its National Special Events Program. He is the Assistant Trailmaster for the Virginia Vagabonds and is the Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia trailmaster and past club Vice President. He has personally laid out 15 walking trails and measured 60 other trails.

Tom Jackson

Gettysburg, PA

Tom has been an active member of the York White Rose Wanderers for over 8 years. He has served as club Vice President for two years and assumed the position of President in 2009. Tom was responsible for the club's very successful Haunted Gettysburg weekend, undertaking all aspects of the event.

Betty Jo McCoy

York, PA

Betty Jo has been an active member of the York White Rose Wanderers for over 8 years. She has served as club Vice President for two years and President for two years. She was a very innovative president with fresh ideas. She and her husband arrange and coordinate the club's bus trips.

John McCoy

York, PA

John has been an active member of the York White Rose Wanderers for over eight years. He has been club Trailmaster for six years and Newsletter Editor for four years. He has been the point of contact for several walks and has laid out many trails. He and his wife arrange and coordinate the club's bus trips.

Chuck Merkel

Sykesville, MD

In recognition of 20 years of significant contributions and extraordinary service to Volkssporting as an outstanding Trailmaster, advertiser, point of contact for several year round events, and enthusiastic ambassador and willing volunteer.

Sam Tollett

Hampton, VA

Sam is a staunch believer in the AVA and in its national programs, especially the youth programs. He has been the President and Treasurer of three different clubs for a total of sixteen years. These clubs have held over 200 events. His work with youth was recognized by the AVA.

Mid-America Region**Kay Black**

Swanton, OH

For outstanding support of club activities. She is instrumental in developing events/routes and working the start/finish areas. Kay has been a superior member for 15 years and is active at all club events and point of contact for two year-round events for over seven years.

Janet Brewer

Fairborn, OH

Janet has been a dedicated member of the Ohio Wander Freunde for 25 years and has done an outstanding job as the social chairperson for those many years. She is always willing to volunteer her time to work club events and has earned the title of "Cake Lady" for the tasty and picturesque cakes she bakes.

Patricia Brinker

Rock Island, IL

Patricia is to be honored for her service as an avid Volkssporter for many years, all of them as a member of the Mississippi River Ramblers. She served as the club Secretary for 10 years.

Carol Bussell

Columbus, IN

In recognition of all that Carol has done for Volkssporting – serving the Columbus Wellness Walkers as Vice President and serving the Illinois Volkssport Association as President, Secretary, and member-at-large. Carol was instrumental in the organization and success of the first Mid-America Region Weekend.

Craig Gauger

Maumee, OH

For outstanding support of club activities. Craig is instrumental in developing events/routes and working the start/finish/information area. He has been a superior member for 12 years and is active at all club events. He developed 3 annual multi-event Labor Day Weekends of previously unwalked SE Ohio counties. Served as club Vice President and President.

Faith Gauger

Maumee, OH

For outstanding support of all club activities. Faith has served as club President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Instrumental in developing events/routes and working the start/finish/information areas. She has been a superior member for 20 years and is active at all club events. Faith has been a point of contact for two year-round events for over 15 years.

George Grilley

Moline, IL

George is honored for his 16 years as the Treasurer of the Mississippi River Ramblers.

Bob Hawkins

Franklin, OH

Bob is recognized for his many years of service in Bulls Run Ramblers, Wandering Wheels, and Ohio Volkssport Association. Whatever is required for a successful event, Bob is there to make it happen. He has served as President of Ohio Volkssport Association and held various offices in Bulls Run Ramblers for over 10 years.

Judy Hawkins

Franklin, OH

Judy is recognized for her many years of service in Bulls Run Ramblers, Wandering Wheels, and Ohio Volkssport Association. Whatever is required for a successful event, Judy is there to make it happen. She has served as Secretary of Ohio Volkssport Association for seven years and as Treasurer of Bulls Run Ramblers for over 10 years.

Billy G. Herring

Trenton, IL

Billy is commended for 27 years of active involvement in Volkssporting at the club, state, and national levels. From planning and organizing club events to chairing the 4th and 10th AVA Biennial Conventions, he is a true Volkssport advocate.

Jim Jones

Belleville, IL

With appreciation for all Jim has done for Volkssporting as founder and President of the Traveling Trekkers and president of the Illinois Volkssport Association.

Vivian Lijewski

Toledo, OH

For outstanding support of all club activities. Vivian has been instrumental in developing events/routes and working the start/finish/information areas. She has been a superior member for 15 years and is active at all club events. Vivian has been a point of contact for two year-round events for over seven years.

David Miltenberger

Middletown, OH

David is recognized for his service as an avid Volkssporter for many years and for his service as Vice President of the Ohio Volkssport Association. His venturesome spirit lends to his willingness to serve as Trailmaster for several clubs. Through his selfless attitude in helping Ohio clubs, he has provided outstanding service in support of Volkssporting in Ohio.

Margy Nash

Davenport, IA

Margy is honored for her 13 years as the President of the Mississippi River Ramblers.

Wanda Parrish

New Carlisle, OH

Wanda has been a dedicated member of Ohio Wander Freunde for over 20 years. She has done an outstanding job for 15+ years as OWF Awards Chairperson. She manages all club awards and records and is always willing to volunteer to work at club events.

George Schauer

Dayton, OH

George has been a dedicated member of Ohio Wander Freunde for over 20 years. He has done an outstanding job for the past six years as point of contact for OWF's Englewood YRE, keeping meticulous records and managing the trail.

Virginia Schreiber

Toledo, OH

For outstanding support of all club activities. Virginia served as club Vice President and Treasurer. She is instrumental in developing events/routes and working the start/finish/information areas. She is the glue that holds the club together. Vivian is a superior member for nine years and is active at all club events. She has been a point of contact for several year-round events for over 12 years.

Barbara Self

Beavercreek, OH

Barbara has been a dedicated member of Ohio Wander Freunde for over 20 years. She has done an outstanding job for the past eight years as OWF Secretary, keeping meticulous minutes and always volunteering to work the registration table at club events.

Ellsworth “Al” Simon

Strongsville, OH

In appreciation of the many years of service provided to the Valley Vagabonds. His constant involvement, enthusiasm and dedication have helped the club to become one of the most successful in Ohio.

Mikki White

Dayton, OH

Mikki has been a dedicated member of Ohio Wander Freunde for seven years. She has done an outstanding job for three years as OWF Treasurer and is once again in that position. She has chaired the December walk touring downtown Dayton for the past four years.

Leonard Wojtysiak

O’Fallon, IL

In appreciation for all Leonard has done for Volkssporting as director of the Mid-America Region and as President and Vice President of the Illinois Volkssport Association.

Carol Yegerlehner

Fairborn, OH

Carol has been a dedicated member of Ohio Wander Freunde for over 15 years. She has done an outstanding job for the past five years as OWF Trailmaster, finding new locations to walk and working with numerous organizations to ensure successful events with interesting trails.

North Central Region

Barbara Borde

Madison, WI

For her 13 years of dedicated service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association.

Russell Crane

Madison, WI

Russell Crane is recognized for exceptional service to his local walking club, the Madison Area Volkssport Association, and to the sport of recreational walking as a whole. His contributions have substantially exceeded those normally associated with volunteer service through innovative ideas and consistently dependable support of club activities.

Bruce Dewey

Middleton, WI

For his dedicated and tireless service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association and to the advancement of Volkssporting.

June Doyle

Marshall, WI

For her 13 years of dedicated and tireless service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association and to the advancement of Volkssporting.

Thomas Doyle

Marshall, WI

In recognition for his many years of significant contributions and extraordinary service to Volkssporting and to the club he helped found, the Madison Area Volkssport Association.

Chip Elverud

Rapid City, SD

For 17 years of outstanding contributions to Volkssporting. His leadership and organizational skills were instrumental in developing new programs and innovations.

Janet Gerjets

Brookings, SD

In recognition of over 12 years of outstanding service to the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club. She has willingly stepped forward to get the job done. She has devoted countless hours laying out trails, designing awards, and hosting events.

Bonnie Hamer

Ft Atkinson, WI

For her 13 years of dedicated and tireless service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association and the advancement of Volkssporting.

Bill Hofstad

Sioux Falls, SD

In recognition of over 15 years of outstanding service to the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club. He enthusiastically accepted the leadership role to promote and assure quality bike events.

LaVonne McCrill

Middleton, WI

For her six years of dedicated service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association and the advancement of Volkssporting.

Thomas McCrill

Middleton, WI

For his six years of dedicated service to the Madison Area Volkssport Association and for the advancement of Volkssporting.

Duane Neugebauer

Chamberlain, SD

In recognition of continuous outstanding service to the AVA. He works tirelessly from start to finish to assure quality events. His quality routes are innovative and of utmost interest to all who walk them.

Dee Parsons

Sioux Falls, SD

In recognition of outstanding contributions as a member of the Prairie Wanderers and Black Hills Volkssport Clubs. Her enthusiasm in promoting our sport, developing innovative walking trails, and her countless hours of volunteering are an inspiration to all.

Quent Parsons

Sioux Falls, SD

In recognition of over 14 years of outstanding service to Volkssporting. He has willingly given his time and talents to his club as well as others, and as Vice President, Web Master, and Newsletter Editor

Karen Reger

Madison, WI

Karen is recognized for exceptional service to her local walking club, the Madison Area Volkssport Association, and to the sport of recreational walking as a whole. Her contributions have substantially exceeded those normally associated with volunteer service through innovative ideas and consistently dependable support of club activities.

Northeast Region

Valerie Day (Posthumous)

Middleton, NH

Presented in recognition of over 15 years of outstanding service to Volkssporting in New Hampshire and New England. She was always there when needed. She was willing to do any task necessary to get the job done. Valerie's artistic talents were used to create many event awards and unique brochures.

Jeanette Dose

Billerica, MA

Jeanette is witty, artistic, and dedicated. Whether writing articles, helping determine a safe walk route, maintain the club history, or chair and assist at walks, she is expert at doing it all well.

Agnes Laviolette

Hudson, MA

Agnes is always ready. She has served as club Secretary, Newsletter Distributor, and point of contact for the club's three popular yearly events in Boston for four years and chaired five day events. Since 1999, she has been the one to count on to get the job done – no matter what.

Ernest Laviolette

Hudson, MA

Ernie continues to be a key player in the success of Walk 'n Mass. His roles as Co-President and Newsletter Distributor, supporter of over 70 events, and co-chair of the three Boston year events and 5 day events, have provided walkers country-wide with multiple walking opportunities.

Chris Lipson

Bedford, MA

Her unflagging work on the social side – picnics, guest speakers, holiday parties, ice cream and soup events has been critical to the club's success. As a result of these activities, members have formed lasting relationships and come to know and appreciate each other's talents and capabilities.

Chuck Lipson

Bedford, MA

Thanks to Chuck, Walk 'n Mass has an up to date membership list so members can be contacted for help on events, questions on locations, or follow-up to conversations started on the trail. Also much appreciated are the walks he has chaired and assistance provided in numerous events.

Marianne Marshall

Waltham, MA

From 1985 when she was the Founding Mother of Walk 'n Mass, Marianne has worked to make it an active 400 member club. Since 1994 she has been the Volunteer Awards Chairperson, developing a point system that rewards members for participation. She leads by example and is often sought for her Volkssport expertise.

Chris Mellen

Tyngsboro, MA

Chris has been active in AVA for 15 years. He has served as Club President, event point of contact, and Northeast Region Director. During the past five years, he has provided an invaluable service assisting with the proofing and correction of information being entered into the database so it will appear correctly in the Starting Point.

Andrew Schmidt

Poughkeepsie, NY

In recognition of Andrew's many contributions to the Volkssport Club of West Point. He gives freely of his many skills (Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, creating new trails) that foster enthusiasm and grow participation of our club events.

David Skinner (Posthumous)

Clifton Park, NY

He served as club President and Vice President, delegate to a national convention and on many club committees. He developed and led numerous walks over his 17 years in the club. Always willing to help with any activity, he was truly "Mr. Volkswalking" to those who knew him.

Eileen Skinner

Clifton Park, NY

In recognition of her many years of service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters in several roles, most notably for her decade of service as coordinator of the club's Wednesday walks program and as webmaster for the websites of ESCV and the Twin States Volkssport Association.

Margaret Wihtol

Natick, MA

Whether in her own back yard or at a distance, Peg lays out a walk of interest. Since 1995 she has put on 13 events – every one of them well-researched for applicability to AVA Special Programs, safety, and interest. Fortunately for Walk 'n Mass, Peg loves the challenge.

Northwest Region

Dick Baker

Vancouver, WA

In his position as Vice President of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association, Dick advocated for Oregon in the merger of Northwest Walking and The Pathfinder to create The Northwest Pathfinder. His experience with Evergreen State Volkssport Association was invaluable in the negotiations.

Jan Beals

Springfield, OR

For service on the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association Steering Committee as well as OTSVA Secretary and OTSVA Vice President.

Marge Bergeron

Wilsonville, OR

For many years service to Valley Volkswalkers and Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association.

Eleanor Borgardts

Kent, WA

Eleanor has been providing the highest quality service first to The Pathfinder and now to The Northwest Pathfinder.

Mary Brillhart

Salem, OR

For many years service to Willamette Wanderers and Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association.

Natalie Bumgardner

Seattle, WA

In recognition of leadership in the Seattle area, initiating club participation in the West Seattle Seafair parade, and for managing a table at the 24-hour relay representing and promoting volkswalking and for teaching Volkssporting at Discovery University.

Fran Carson

Renton, WA

Fran is presented this Meritorious Service Award for her work as Area Coordinator for the Evergreen State Volkssport Association and as a coordinator between the AVA and the Washington Health Foundation.

Glenda Chambers

Kent, WA

In recognition for friendly and faithful service to multiple Volkssport clubs for over 20 years, serving in leadership positions, supporting countless events at the local, state, and national level and projecting a positive and welcoming image to prospective walkers.

Sheila Day

Banks, OR

For many years service to Tualatin Valley Volks and Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association.

Bob Forsythe

Battle Ground, WA

For service as Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association President, producing Northwest Walking, Chairman of the OTSVA Steering Committee, and helping to merge Northwest Walking with The Pathfinder to create The Northwest Pathfinder.

Dr. Mary-Ann Humphrey-Keever

Portland, OR

In recognition for promoting Volkssporting as a lifestyle for fitness and discovery to the students at Portland Community College.

Ruth Kalies

Kent, WA

In recognition of friendly and faithful service to multiple Volkssport clubs for over 20 years, serving in leadership positions, supporting countless events at the local, state, and national level and projecting a positive and welcoming image to prospective walkers.

Joe Kelly

Tualatin, OR

For service as President of Columbia River Volkssport Club, sponsoring the bi-annual Columbia Gorge Extravaganza, for service as Chairman of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association Publicity Committee, and service on the OTSVA Steering Committee.

Karen Kelly

Tualatin, OR

For service as Secretary of Columbia River Volkssport Club, service to the Regional Director with the Regional Conference, work at health fairs across Oregon, and helping with the Columbia Gorge Extravaganza.

Martha Korff

Clatskanie, OR

For outstanding service while selling Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association specialties, for service as Walk Oregon Chairperson, and for service with The More The Merrier which supplies refreshments to volkswalkers.

Sam Korff

Clatskanie, OR

In his position as chairperson of the committee to merge the Northwest Walking Magazine and The Pathfinder, he found the way to lead OTSVA and ESVVA to an agreement to create The Northwest Pathfinder. The bi-state publication provides additional publicity for the clubs of the Northwest to recent walking event information to the general public and the avid volkswalker.

Larry Lehman

Renton, WA

In recognition of his exceptional service, support, and the promotion of Volkssporting, this Meritorious Service Award is given to Larry Lehman. Larry has transformed the Evergreen Wanderers newsletter into a very professional publication. He has obtained various sponsors to provide prizes to be awarded to Volkssport participants. Larry's enthusiasm for Volkssporting has spanned decades and reached far beyond the Northwest region. His efforts offering group tours has given many people opportunities to explore walking opportunities in places they would not have walked. This encourages growth.

Britt Lindstrom

Eugene, OR

For service as Treasurer of Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and Eugene-Springfield Mossbacks. She is a member of OTSVA Steering Committee and has audited the OTSVA records.

Arlene Miller

La Center, WA

Arlene helped bring back the Border Crossers by serving as the club's Secretary. Her help has been invaluable to the Regional Director by helping keep the region's calendar of events. She has been a member of a number of clubs in the Portland/Vancouver area serving in various capacities. She was also a member of the Wednesday Walkers.

George Minter

Medford, OR

For service as co-President of the Rogue Valley Walkers.

Pauline Minter

Medford, OR

For service as co-President of the Rogue Valley Walkers.

Curt Myron

Oak Harbor, WA

In his position as President of Evergreen State Volkssport Association, Curt was a key player in the merger of Northwest Walking and The Pathfinder to create The Northwest Pathfinder. His business sense was key to merging the two magazines.

Dar Parrow

Beaverton, OR

As President of the Cedar Milers, Dar has involved members in service, has sponsored quality events and has developed participation of local Girl Scout troops. She gave a training class at the Northwest Regional Conference and co-wrote an article about safety for The American Wanderer.

Sally Ross

Springfield, OR

For service as President of Eugene-Springfield Mossbacks as well as the Yachats Coastal Gems. She is a member of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association Steering Committee and is Chair of the OTSVA Training Committee.

Sharon Shockley

West Linn, OR

For service as a member of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association Steering Committee, OTSVA Vice President, President of Ponderosa Pathfinders, and Chair of the Walk Oregon Challenge Committee.

Diane Wagner

Graham, WA

In her position as First Vice President of Evergreen State Volkssport Association, Diane advocated for Washington in the recent merger of Northwest Walking with The Pathfinder to create The Northwest Pathfinder. Her experience with The Pathfinder, as well as providing scrutiny of the new magazine's procedures, made her an invaluable member of the team that has made the new magazine work.

Carolyn Warhol

Puyallup, WA

Carolyn is presented this Meritorious Service Award for her outstanding service as Secretary for the Evergreen State Volkssport Association from July 2001 to July 2008. She served on the ESVA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee from 2005 to the present time. Carolyn continues her involvement in committee work for the ESVA. She was Secretary for the 2001 National Convention and served as Silent Auction Chair for the convention.

Pacific Region

Fred Barton

Tucson, AZ

Given in appreciation of over 20 years of outstanding service to the Tucson Volkssport Klub, Arizona Volkssporting, and the American Volkssport Association. Fred's dedicated and loyal support in promoting the goals of Volkssporting epitomizes all that is good in the sport.

Wendy Breen

Sierra Vista, AZ

Wendy has provided outstanding service for over 16 years in support of the Thunder Mountain Trekkers as Treasurer and Secretary, Volkssporting in Southeastern Arizona, and the American Volkssport Association. Her dedication and volunteer spirit is recognized with deepest appreciation.

Roger Conant

Auburn, CA

Roger is a dedicated volunteer who takes full responsibility for any position he is afforded. His work as a Trailmeister and Chairman of the Parking Committee for the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention is a testament to his excellence. This token of recognition is presented in appreciation of over eighteen years of outstanding service to the Placer Pacers, California Volkssporting, and the American Volkssport Association.

Carol Doring

Sacramento, CA

Carol has provided outstanding service to the Sacramento Walking Sticks and the American Volkssport Association for more than fifteen years. She has been a tireless worker and Trailmeister, especially in providing the inaugural event of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention with a walk in Historic Folsom. Her dedication and loyalty is an inspiration to all who know her.

Merle Dvorak

Sherman Oaks, CA

Merle has provided almost 15 years of outstanding service to the Hollywood Star Trekkers, the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. She has been a club officer, Trailmeister, and mainstay in Southern California Volkssporting. An avid participant and volunteer, Volkssporting is stronger for her dedicated leadership.

Bob Gebo

Moreno Valley, CA

Bob has been a mainstay in California Volkssporting for over 20 years, providing outstanding service as an officer in sundry Southern California Volkssport clubs, as well as leadership positions in the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. He is the consummate volunteer and a true asset to Volkssporting.

Judy Gordon

Reno, NV

Judy has provided outstanding service as an officer and Trailmeister for the Sierra Nevada Striders and Tahoe Trail Trekkers for over 20 years. She provided significant enhancement to the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention working tirelessly on the Publicity Committee and as a trailmeister for the Squaw Valley walk. Always willing to work and share her expertise, AVA is richer for her wisdom and dedication.

Bette Haskell

Pollock Pines, CA

Bette has provided outstanding service to Volkssporting and the American Volkssport Association for over five years. She was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention, a member of the Awards and Events Subcommittees and Walkmeister of the Coloma walk. She also took on the daunting task of supervising the finish tables at all of the convention walks. If there is something that is needed, she has a unique ability to get it at least cost. She's a keeper.

Ron Haskell

Pollock Pines, CA

Ron Haskell has provided outstanding service to the Placer Pacers, Volkssporting in Northern California, and the American Volkssport Association for over five years. He was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention, a member of the Events Subcommittee, and Walkmeister of the Coloma walk. He volunteered to take on the daunting task of assisting in directing traffic and parking at all of the convention events. A tireless worker, Ron epitomizes a Volkssport volunteer.

Grace Holloway

Rescue, CA

Grace distinguished herself by providing over 15 years outstanding service to the Placer Pacers, California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. She has been Assistant Editor-Donations for the CVA's quarterly event publication for over 10 years, has served at club events and was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention, serving on the Events and Start Table Subcommittees. Her efficiency and dedication mark her as a truly exceptional Volkssport volunteer.

Wayne Holloway

Rescue, CA

Wayne has distinguished himself by more than 15 years of outstanding service to sundry Volkssport clubs, the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. He has organized and led a group walk program for over 12 years, filled officer positions at local and national levels, been a Walkmeister, worked events, and was the go-to person for the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention, chair of the Events Subcommittee and Walkmeister of the Angel Island Walk. He is an effective leader and motivator, an exceptional Volkssport volunteer.

Doren Holzborn

Simi Valley, CA

This award is presented in recognition of over 14 years of outstanding service to the Hollywood Star Trekkers, and the American Volkssport Association. He has served as club officer and committee chairman, and was a member of the team that represented AVA in the Association's first appearance at an AARP convention. Doren is a tireless and selfless volunteer, a true asset to Volkssporting.

Joan Holzborn

Simi Valley, CA

This token of recognition is given for over 14 years of outstanding service to the Volkssporting community of Southern California and the truly exceptional leadership provided to the Hollywood Star Trekkers. She has served in various club leadership positions from Secretary to President, and demonstrated her promotional expertise by representing the AVA in the Association's first appearance at an AARP convention. Joan is a selfless volunteer, and a truly exceptional Volkssporting asset.

Myrna Jackson

Sacramento, CA

Given in recognition and sincerest appreciation for over 20 years of outstanding service to Volkssporting. Myrna has a distinguished record as a Walkmeister, leader, and counselor of leaders. She was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee and Events Subcommittee, and Walkmeister for the Folsom walk. She is the consummate volunteer and Volkssport enthusiast.

Tim Jenkins

Fairfield, CA

Tim has distinguished himself by providing more than 20 years of outstanding and selfless service to the Vaca Valley Volks, the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. His dedicated service over the years and presence continues to inspire all who know him and enhances our sport immeasurably.

Beverly Jones

Twain Harte, CA

Bev has provided outstanding service to Volkssporting, the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association for over 6 years. She is an officer in the Sierra Gold Striders and treasurer of the CVA. She was a member of the hugely successful 2007 AVA Biennial Convention and co-chair of the Vendors/Exhibit Hall Subcommittee, itself a spectacular success. She has worked all positions at walk events, promoted events and been a Trailmeister. Bev is a dedicated volunteer and a Volkssporting treasure.

Phil Jones

Twain Harte, CA

This award is given in recognition of over 6 years of outstanding service in support and promotion of Volkssporting. He is a past club President; he has formed a new club, Sierra Gold Striders, in Twain Harte, bringing our sport to an underserved area of the state. He was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention and co-chair of the Vendors/Exhibit Hall Subcommittee where he put his business and marketing expertise to good use, making that aspect of the convention a spectacular success. Phil is a dedicated volunteer and an asset to Volkssporting.

Tom Loppnow

Huntington Beach, CA

Tom has distinguished himself by providing more than 20 years of outstanding and selfless service to the Hollywood Star Trekkers, the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. He has been a club President and a Region Director. His dedicated service over the years and his continued contribution enhances our sport immeasurably.

Pat Lucero

Newcastle, CA

In awe of Pat's unequalled contribution of truly outstanding service at all levels of Volkssporting in the United States, this token of recognition is humbly tendered. A founding member of the Placer Pacers, she has served in every elective office and volunteer position. She has been President of the California Volkssport Association, served on sundry committees at local, state, and national levels, was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention, and is the current AVA Secretary. Dedication is an understatement of Pat's commitment to Volkssporting.

Barbara Leilani Mateo-Kihano

Kaneohe, HI

Barbara has provided over 22 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the Menehune Marchers, Volkssporting in Hawaii, and the American Volkssport Association. The Menehune Marchers was her "baby," forming the club in 1987 and building it from a mere handful of members to over 100. She continues to find walk venues that take us where we've never been, promoting Volkssporting to old-timers and newcomers alike. She is a true asset to Volkssporting.

Betsy McDevitt

Colfax, CA

Betsy has provided over 18 years of outstanding service to the Tahoe Trail Trekkers, the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. She has been the club President, organized the highly successful 2005 CVA convention, and served on the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee, and the Events Subcommittee, and was a Trailmeister for the Lake Tahoe walk. Volkssporting is stronger for her dedicated leadership.

Bruce McDevitt

Colfax, CA

Bruce McDevitt's commitment to Volkssporting is plainly seen in his more than 18 years of outstanding service to the Tahoe Trail Trekkers, California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. He has served as Treasurer of the TTT and Vice President and President of the CVA. He was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee and Trailmeister of the magnificent Lake Tahoe walk. He volunteers willingly with humor and enthusiasm, making him an exceptional and most valuable leader and Volkssporter.

Diane Morrison

Carnelian Bay, CA

Diane has provided over 19 years of outstanding service to the Tahoe Trail Trekkers, Volkssporting in Northern California and Nevada, and the American Volkssport Association. She has served as club President, Walkmeister, and committee member. She served tirelessly on the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee as a member of the Events Subcommittee and as a Walkmeister of the Squaw Valley walk. Her commitment and enthusiasm are contagious, making her one of Volkssporting's truly exceptional assets.

Jim Morrison

Carnelian Bay, CA

Jim has provided over 19 years of outstanding service to the Tahoe Trail Trekkers, Volkssporting in Northern California and Nevada, and the American Volkssport Association. He has been a Newsletter Editor, club Treasurer and Walkmeister. He served tirelessly on the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee, chair of the Publicity Subcommittee, and as a walkmeister of the Squaw Valley walk. Volkssporting benefits from his level headed, steady attention to detail and most excellent people skills.

Roberta Murray

Auburn, CA

This award is presented in recognition and sincerest appreciate for over 18 years of outstanding service to the Placer Pacers and the American Volkssport Association. She has a distinguished record of service as a leader and counselor of leaders. She was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee and chair of the Specialties Subcommittee, which set a precedent with sale of “pre-convention” shirt and convention shirt that formed a complementary set. Her diligent oversight ensured delivery of quality products. Roberta is a truly remarkable volunteer and steadfast friend.

Marilyn Nasi

Santa Rosa, CA

This award is presented in appreciation of Marilyn’s more than 18 years of outstanding service to the Sonoma County Stompers, Volkssporting in Northern California and the American Volkssport Association. She has provided leadership and inspiration which has sustained the club over the years, is the club President, and was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention, member of the Events Subcommittee and Walkmeister for the Sonoma walk, judged by some to be the best convention walk because of her extraordinary effort to gain support from local businesses. She is a truly remarkable leader and dedicated Volkssporter.

Barbara Nuss

Sacramento, CA

Given in recognition of Barbara’s outstanding support of the American Volkssport Association goals and the countless hours spent and magnificent accomplishments she achieved in promoting Volkssporting through organizing and publicizing events, working to establish new clubs and growth programs, and providing extraordinarily competent and responsive management of the California Volkssport Association. Her enthusiasm for our sport is truly extraordinary, awesome indeed.

Sue Obradovitz

Norco, CA

Sue is presented this award in recognition of over 17 years of outstanding and sustained service to the Low Desert Roadrunners, Volkssporting in Southern California, the California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. Sue has been club President and tireless worker at club events. She is a true asset to Volkssporting in California.

Gilbert Okada (Posthumous)

Honolulu, HI

Gilbert provided outstanding service to Volkssporting in Hawaii for over 20 years, selflessly and cheerfully tending the club's year round and regular events, ensuring their availability for both resident and visiting Volkssporters. From planning, through execution and publicity, Gilbert was always there to lend a helping hand. The Menehune Marchers and Volkssporting has lost a treasure. Gilbert will be dearly missed.

Marsha Okada

Honolulu, HI

Marsha has provided outstanding service to Volkssporting in Hawaii for over twenty years. She has selflessly and cheerfully assured the availability of the club's over 10 year round events and nearly 100 regular events for both resident and visiting Volkssporters. From planning, through execution and publicity, she has been there to lend a helping hand at nearly every Menehune Marchers event.

Dave Pelz

Davis, CA

This award is presented in recognition of Dave's more than five years of outstanding service to the Davis Dynamos and the American Volkssport Association. He has provided leadership which has revitalized the club, is the club Treasurer, and was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee, member of the Events Subcommittee and co-chair of the Transportation Subcommittee where he worked countless hours to ensure busses were loaded on time and went where they were supposed to go. Throughout the nine days of the convention, Dave was the first volunteer on the job and the last to finish; a truly remarkable performance for a truly remarkable and dedicated Volkssporter.

JoAnn Pelz

Davis, CA

This award is given in recognition of JoAnn's more than five years of outstanding service to the Davis Dynamos, Volkssporting in California, and the American Volkssport Association. She has provided leadership and inspiration which has revitalized the club, is the current club president and member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee, member of the Events Subcommittee, and co-chair of the Transportation Subcommittee where she worked countless hours to ensure busses were loaded on time and went where they were supposed to go. Throughout the nine days of the convention, JoAnn was the first volunteer on the job and the last to finish; a truly remarkable performance for a truly remarkable and dedicated Volkssporter.

Don Ratliff

Newcastle, CA

Don is recognized for over 20 years of truly outstanding and dedicated service to the Placer Pacers, Volkssporting in Northern California, The California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association. He has served as an officer and committee member at every level, and was a chairman of the hugely successfully 2007 AVA Biennial Convention. Don is always there and can be counted on to work and lead.

Marilyn Ratliff

Newcastle, CA

Marilyn has provided outstanding service to the Placer Pacers, Volkssporting in California, and the American Volkssport Association for over 20 years. She selflessly and cheerfully provides her time and energy toward the continued success of our sport. She was a staunch advocate of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention coming to California, a member of the Convention Committee, and active contributor to sundry subcommittees. Marilyn is a most dependable volunteer and friend of Volkssporting.

Gail Samcoff

Sacramento, CA

Gail has provided over 18 years of outstanding service to the Sacramento Walking Sticks, Volkssporting in Northern California, and to the American Volkssport Association. She has served multiple times in multiple club officer positions and as a Walkmeister. She served admirably on the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention, and as a member of the Events Subcommittee. Gail is a truly dedicated Volkssporter and selfless volunteer.

Dottie Schwieger

Corona, CA

Dottie is commended for over 20 years of outstanding contributions toward the advancement of Volkssporting in Southern California through service to the Low Desert Roadrunners, and the American Volkssport Association. She was a member of the team that represented AVA in the Association's first appearance at an AARP convention. Dottie is a tireless and selfless volunteer, a true asset to Volkssporting.

Bud Simmons

Vacaville, CA

Bud is presented this award in recognition of his more than 20 years of truly outstanding service to Volkssporting. From club officer and Walkmeister for the Vaca Valley Volks, to Treasurer and Walkmeister for the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention, he has consistently demonstrated superior competence, uncompromising dedication and unerring counsel. Ever willing to volunteer, Bud sets the standard for unfaltering service and steadfastness.

Judy Stroud

Roseville, CA

Judy has provided outstanding service to the Placer Pacers, California Volkssport Association, and the American Volkssport Association for over seven years. She has been a club officer, is the current CVA Secretary and was a member of the 2007 AVA Biennial Convention Committee, and member of the Events Subcommittees. She volunteered to take on the daunting task of supervising the start tables and set-up at all of the convention walks. Judy is an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer and Volkssporting treasure.

Ken Wight

Las Vegas, NV

Ken is recognized for his outstanding contribution Volkssporting in Southern Nevada, the Las Vegas High Rollers and Strollers, and the American Volkssport Association. It was his strong leadership and organizational skills that held the LVHRS together through a difficult transition period. His avid and enthusiastic belief in walking as a sport and sense of humor kept the members motivated and the club prospered. His personality and skill makes visitors feel welcome; he is a true asset to Volkssporting.

Rocky Mountain Region**Arlene Ogasawara**

Cheyenne, WY

Arlene has served as club Secretary and is currently in her second consecutive term as President. Shortly after joining the CHPW in 1991, Arlene took over the club's newsletter and continues to put out a quality award winning publication. She was the impetus behind the 2007-2008 Wyoming Lincoln Highway program. She has been Trail Meister and chairperson for numerous events. Her enthusiasm, energy, and dedication inspire all who have worked with her.

South Central Region**Delores Comfort**

Joplin, MO

Delores is a charter member of the Dogwood Trailblazers. She served as the first club Treasurer, as Vice-President, Storekeeper, and year-round event point of contact. Delores made the club's logo flag carried in the AVA 1996 parade.

Jim Dillinger

Tulsa, OK

In recognition and appreciation for Jim's contribution to and in support of the American Volkssport Association, and the Tulsa Walking Club. Jim is a charter member of the Tulsa Walking Club, and his enthusiasm for walking is a positive example to all.

Pat (Fenix) Lagers

Joplin, MO

Pat was co-founder of the Dogwood Trailblazers. She actively promoted this new walking club by speaking to community groups and appearing on television. Over the years, she has served five years as club secretary.

Diana Mighells

Anderson, MO

Diana served as brochure editor and publisher for seven years. Dogwood Trailblazers event brochures met all guidelines with walk information presented clearly and accurately. She established and maintained a mailing list reaching all walkers participating in club events. Diana served as point of contact for Pea Ridge, AR year-round event.

Mickey Pugh

Tulsa, OK

In recognition and appreciation for her outstanding service and support to Volkssporting. As a charter member of the Tulsa Walking Club, Mickey has been an effective promoter of volksmarching for nearly 25 years. She gives unselfishly of her time to further the goals of the AVA.

Frank Reigel

Tulsa, OK

In recognition and appreciation for outstanding contribution to AVA and the Tulsa Walking Club. For 10 years, Frank has provided extraordinary AVA support to the Tulsa Walking Club as well as regional clubs. His outstanding leadership as an officer for five of those years, assisted the club in attaining growth and visibility through his creation of a club website.

Jan Renner

Elkhart, IN

Jan is recognized for her creative contributions in her nine years with the Tulsa Walking Club. Her dedication, determination, and compassion earns the respect and admiration of all who know her.

Jim Renner

Elkhart, IN

Jim's exemplary service to the Tulsa Walking Club is recognized. He has demonstrated an outstanding ability to get the job done in his four terms as president. He is an enthusiastic promoter for AVA and encourages everyone he meets to join up. His efforts promote volksmarching in the local and regional communities and surrounding states.

Retha Thomas

Joplin, MO

Retha served as Vice President of Dogwood Trailblazers for five years. During this time she also was Editor, Publisher, and distributor of the club newsletter, Trail Talk. Additionally, she continues as point of contact for the Joplin year-round event. She possesses a quick wit and is an enthusiastic walker.

Eddie Williams

Joplin, MO

Eddie has been a member of the Dogwood Trailblazers for 14 years. She served as club Treasurer for one year and one year as Assistant Trailmaster. She has always volunteered for the start/finish table at events. She also has worked local health fairs to spread the word of volksmarching.

Norma Wilson

Joplin, MO

During 14 years as a member of Dogwood Trailblazers, Norma served as club Secretary for two years and Trailmaster or Assistant Trailmaster for three years. She quickly volunteers for the start/finish table at events. She also worked local health fairs spreading the word about volksmarching.

Lew York

Tulsa, OK

In sincere and deep appreciation for Lew York's contribution to and support of the AVA, and the Tulsa Walking Club for nearly two decades. Lew is an unsung hero of volksmarching who serves in whatever capacity needed. His unwavering support is greatly admired and deserving of recognition.

Southeast Region

Donna Duncan

Lake Mary, FL

Donna is recognized for exceptionally meritorious service from 1998 to 2008 in a variety of important and responsible positions in Florida Volkssports. Her outstanding service as MFM Treasurer, MFM operations and route monitor for four year-round events has enhanced Volkssporting in Florida.

Ladd Duncan

Lake Mary, FL

Ladd is recognized for exceptionally meritorious service from 1998 to 2008 in a variety of important and responsible positions in Florida Volkssports. His outstanding service as FVA Treasurer, MFM operations, and route monitor for 4 year-round events has enhanced Volkssporting in Florida.

John McMahan

Orlando, FL

John is recognized for exceptionally meritorious service from 1994 to 2008 in a variety of important and responsible positions in Florida Volkssports. The McMahan "Team's" outstanding service as FVA representatives, MFM food service managers, and walk route setup enhanced Volkssporting in Florida.

Rena McMahan

Orlando, FL

Rena is recognized for exceptionally meritorious service from 1994 to 2008 in a variety of important and responsible positions in Florida Volkssports. The McMahan "Team's" outstanding service as FVA representatives, MFM food service managers, and walk route setup enhanced Volkssporting in Florida.

Judy Michele

Fairview, NC

Judy has been actively involved with the AVA from her first walk in 1996. She has served the Asheville Amblers Club as Co-President for one term and regular events coordinator for 8 years. She also coordinated the three-county event for the Tarheel State Volkssport Association.

Jan Varnon

Jacksonville, FL

Jan is recognized for exceptionally meritorious service from 1992 through 2007. Her work as Newspaper Editor, walk volunteer, and especially Club President were exceedingly meritorious in maintaining and creating membership. Her club management innovations opened walking opportunities in the 3 local counties by her outreach programs.

Robert Varnon

Jacksonville, FL

Robert is recognized for exceptionally meritorious service from 1992 through 2007. His work as Newspaper Editor, walk volunteer, and Club Treasurer were exceedingly meritorious in maintaining and creating membership. Robert's fiscal management assisted the club and provided the means to conduct great events.

William (Bill) Woolgar

Casselberry, FL

Bill is recognized for exceptionally meritorious service from 1992 to 2004 in a variety of important and responsible positions in Florida. His participation in establishing AVA walks in Florida Parks, operations support of club walks, and eight years as MFM Club President resulted in expanded walking opportunities in Orlando.

Southwest Region**Helen Bateman**

Dallas, TX

In recognition of her 11 years of dedicated service and outstanding leadership as a club President, Treasurer of the Texas Volkssport Association, member of the 16th AVA Biennial Convention Committee, walk director, and her extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Dallas Trekkers.

Barbara Bice

Ft Worth, TX

In recognition of her dedication, voluntary efforts, and leadership role as a club Secretary and board member, and her superior service to the Tarrant County Walkers.

Reid Bice

Ft Worth, TX

In recognition of his dedication, voluntary efforts and outstanding leadership role as a club President and Walk Director, and his exemplary service to the Tarrant County Walkers.

John Bohnert

Comfort, TX

In recognition of his exemplary and dedicated service to American Volkssporting and his superior leadership during 18 years as a club President and his creativity in developing unique prizes that are traditionally offered at all holiday events sponsored by the Hill Country Volkssportverein.

Tina Bohnert

Comfort, TX

In recognition of her 18 years of dedicated service to American Volkssporting and her outstanding leadership as a club Treasurer and her “driving force” behind the highly successful Hill Country Volkssportverein.

Lesley Bowen

Dallas, TX

For over 18 years of service as a volunteer to AVA clubs and the 2009 Convention Committee, providing wonderful walks, graphic designs, and leadership skills that foster clubs and their growth.

Martin Callahan

San Antonio, TX

In recognition of his dedicated service to American Volkssporting and his outstanding and extraordinary efforts to write articles and publicize Volkssport events throughout the Volkssport clubs of Southwest Texas area and expanding an awareness of Volkssporting to Volkssporters and the general public.

Paul Campanelli

Ft Worth, TX

In recognition of his outstanding leadership with his role of YRE Director and his dedicated service to American Volkssporting and the Tarrant County Walkers.

Jim Carlo

Dallas, TX

In recognition of his dedicated service and outstanding leadership as a club President, First Vice President, Walk Coordinator, and club and convention Webmaster, and his extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Dallas Trekkers.

Deborah Carter

Mesquite, TX

In recognition of her dedicated service and outstanding leadership as a club Second Vice President, Operations Director for the 16th AVA Biennial Convention Committee, and her extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Dallas Trekkers.

Arthur Clough

Kerrville, TX

In recognition of his 16 years of exemplary service to American Volkssporting and his outstanding leadership as a club President, Vice President, and executive board member of the Kerrville Trailblazers.

Lawrence “Larry” Cook

San Antonio, TX

In recognition of his 16 years of dedicated service and active support to American Volkssporting and his exceptional voluntary efforts and leadership as a walk coordinator and “behind the scenes” advisor to the President of the Randolph Roadrunners.

Anna Cottrill

Ft Worth, TX

Anna epitomizes the true spirit of volksmarching. Her long dedication to the sport, to Tarrant County Walkers, and to other clubs, locally and nationally, have helped promote volksmarching to its highest standards. Fun, Fitness, and Friendship are words she lives by.

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Elizabeth Crenweige

Fredericksburg, TX

In recognition of her 32 years of dedicated service and active support to American Volkssporting and her outstanding leadership as a club President, Walk Coordinator, and her voluntary efforts as a worker at local sanctioned Volkssport events and the Volkssportverein Fredericksburg.

Carolyn Ernst

Grapevine, TX

Carolyn has been an active member of Tarrant County Walkers for 22 years, serving as an officer on the board, Walk Director, and volunteer. No matter what job she is asked to do, she is there with a smile on her face, always promoting Volkssporting.

Paul Ernst

Grapevine, TX

Paul has been an active member of Tarrant County Walkers for 22 years, serving as an officer on the board, Walk Director, and volunteer. No matter what job he is asked to do, he is there with a smile on his face, always promoting Volkssporting.

Eveline Evans

Lorena, TX

In recognition of her dedicated service to American Volkssporting and her outstanding role in designing websites for 5 Texas Volkssport clubs, and maintaining and publishing event pictures for these 5 sites and developing and maintaining the official website for the Texas Wanderers.

Susan Fine

Ft Worth, TX

In recognition of her exemplary service and outstanding leadership as a club president, First Vice President, Year-round Event Coordinator, and her extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Tarrant County Walkers.

Carlen Forinash

San Antonio, TX

In recognition of his dedicated service to American Volkssporting and his exceptional voluntary efforts and leadership as a Walk Coordinator and the developer and point of contact for the highly successful "Old Spanish Trail" Special Program sponsored by the Randolph Roadrunners.

Joanne Forinash

San Antonio, TX

In recognition of her dedicated service to American Volkssporting and her outstanding leadership as the Chair of several club committees, the development of a display highlighting all of the AVA Special Programs, her voluntary efforts as a faithful worker at sanctioned Volkssport events throughout the Volkssport Clubs of Southwest Texas (VCSWTX) area, as well as those conducted by the Randolph Roadrunners.

Emma Franke

Fredericksburg, TX

In recognition of her 32 years of dedicated service to American Volkssporting and her voluntary efforts and leadership and the outstanding enthusiasm she always displays as a worker at sanctioned Volkssport events throughout the Volkssport Clubs of Southwest Texas (VCSWTX) area and the Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg.

Patricia Gunter

San Antonio, TX

In recognition of her 14 years of dedicated service to American Volkssporting and her outstanding leadership as a club Secretary and club Treasurer and the voluntary effort and leadership that she displays as a faithful worker at sanctioned Volkssport events throughout the Volkssport Clubs of Southwest Texas (VCSWTX) area as well as those conducted by the Randolph Roadrunners.

Cathy Kelcher

Dallas, TX

In recognition of her dedicated service and outstanding leadership as a Volunteer Coordinator and year-round event Walk Director and her valuable service to American Volkssporting and the Dallas Trekkers.

Kenn Knopp

Fredericksburg, TX

Kenn is often considered the “Father of Volkssporting” in the US. He helped organize and coordinate many of the first walking events including the very first in June 1976 in Fredericksburg, Texas. He also worked on establishing what is now “The American Wanderer,” and he established an early museum of Volkssporting.

Suzanne Markgraf

Garden Ridge, TX

In recognition of her 12 years of exemplary service and outstanding leadership as a club President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, Treasurer of the Texas Volkssport Association, Walk Coordinator, and her voluntary efforts as a faithful worker at club events and her extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Randolph Roadrunners.

Dan Meeks

Ft Worth, TX

Dan has given his time, energy, and expertise to Tarrant County Walkers for 20 years. His tenure has included being an officer on the board, including President, and he continues to help today on the board. When asked, he is glad to be walk director, take photos at various meetings and always promote the sport of Volkssporting.

Terri Meeks

Ft Worth, TX

Terri has given her time, energy, and expertise to Tarrant County Walkers for 20 years. Her tenure has included being an officer on the board, including President, and she continues to help today on the board. When asked, she is glad to be walk director, take photos at various meetings and always promote the sport of Volkssporting.

Nancy Paulson

Schertz, TX

In recognition of her exemplary service and outstanding leadership as a Club Membership Chairperson, Event Coordinator, her voluntary efforts as a worker at local sanctioned Volkssport events, and her extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Randolph Roadrunners.

Tony Paulson

Schertz, TX

In recognition of his 10 years of exemplary service and outstanding leadership as a club Treasurer, Event Coordinator, and Club Logistics Manager, his voluntary efforts as a worker at local sanctioned Volkssport events, and his extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Randolph Roadrunners.

Leslie Penton

Pearland, TX

In recognition of her 27 years of exemplary service and outstanding leadership as an AVA Regional Director, a club Vice President, Secretary of the Texas Volkssport Association, and her extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Houston Happy Hikers.

Jack Rogers

Midland, TX

In recognition of his 22 years of dedicated service to American Volkssporting and his outstanding leadership as the founder of two AVA clubs, a club Vice President, coordinator and organizer of numerous events in Texas, and his significant service to American Volkssporting and the Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club.

Carol Talpey

Kerrville, TX

In recognition of her 10 years of dedicated service and outstanding leadership as a club President, Historian and Event Coordinator, and her exemplary service to American Volkssporting and the Kerrville Trailblazers.

Andrew Thomas

San Antonio, TX

In recognition of his dedicated service to American Volkssporting and his outstanding role as Editor of "Tex's Trail Talk," the official newsletter of the Texas Wanderers.

Gary Whitford

Irving, TX

In recognition of his dedicated service and outstanding leadership as a club President, Treasurer of the Texas Volkssport Association, member of the 16th AVA Biennial Convention Committee, Walk Director, and Webmaster for the Texas Volkssport Association and his extraordinary service to American Volkssporting and the Star Trekkers of Irving.

Charles Wortz

Austin, TX

In recognition of his 20 years of exemplary dedicated service and outstanding leadership as a club President, club Vice President, club Treasurer, First Vice President and Secretary of the Texas Volkssport Association, member of the 16th Biennial Convention Committee, Walk Director, and the extraordinary service he has given to American Volkssporting and the West Texas Trail Walkers.

Certificate of Service Award

Atlantic Region

Jeffrey Kline Norfolk, VA
Laurie Kowaluk Marriottsville, MD
Arthur Whittaker Hampton, VA

Garrett Kowaluk Marriottsville, MD
Ocie Sigley Westminster, MD
Elaine Whittaker Hampton, VA

Mid-America Region

Mike Balogh Champaign, IL
Sharon Betts Trenton, IL
Betty Boyd Belleville, IL
Melinda Crouse Dayton, OH
Donna Dasho Florissant, MO
Barbara Grilley Moline, IL
Bruce Kirk Hazelwood, MO
Ralph Krippner Moline, IL
Mark Kruep Belleville, IL
Bob Miller Louisville, KY
Mike Perkins Middletown, OH
Derik Weeks Euclid, OH

Elizabeth Behrendt Findlay, OH
Susan Botula Belleville, IL
David Bradley Champaign, IL
Charles Dasho Florissant, MO
Roy Gray Mascoutah, IL
Dawn Gruber Fairborn, OH
Hilda Koluch Belleville, IL
Debra Kruep Belleville, IL
Shirley Martin Shiloh, IL
Bruce Paras Lakewood, OH
Shirley Renner Cahokia, IL

North Central Region

David Beisser Milwaukee, WI
Donna Campbell Brookings, SD
Rosemarie Elliott Madison, WI
Gary Lee Frantz Brookings, SD

Peggy Beisser Milwaukee, WI
Gary DeVore St Paul, MN
Victor Emmanuel Oregon, WI
Ken Johnson Maplewood, MN

Beth Levers	Cross Plains, WI	Bill Levers	Cross Plains, WI
Susan Pinneke	West Des Moines, IA	June Quesnell	Cottage Grove, WI
Paula Romeo	Oregon, WI	Mark Rugg	Rapid City, SD
Roth Vanderploeg	Madison, WI	Pam Wilson	Stoughton, WI

Five Year Pin

Mary Liebig	Windsor, WI	Ted Newell	Monona Grove, WI
Virginia Newell	Monona Grove, WI		

Ten Year Pin

Larry Gerjets	Brookings, SD
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Northeast Region

Pat Almeida	Fairhaven, MA	Rick Almeida	Fairhaven, MA
David Bagley	Hudson, MA	Dorothy Bagley	Hudson, MA
Diane Bucher	Marlborough, MA	Barbara Clapp	Acton, MA
Betty Green	Central Valley, NY	(Posthumous)	
Michael Green	Central Valley, NY	Kenneth Holt	Reading, MA
Margot Holtzman	Bedford, MA	Charles Kaiser	Brick, NJ
Pat Kaufhold	Somerset, NJ	Linda Kipnes	Hudson, NH
Valerie Kirley	Naugatuck, CT	Karen Kolaczyk	Marlborough, MA
Robert Letendre	Swansea, MA	Stephanie Letendre	Swansea, MA
John McClellan	Norwood, MA	Joy Peach	Lancaster, MA
Maureen Penta	Long Branch, NJ	Carol Raposa	Attleboro, MA
Jerry Raposa	Attleboro, MA	Thomas Scucimarra	Garrison, NY
Helen Tolbert	Brockton, MA	Judi Travis	Morganville, NJ
Don Twedt	Attleboro Falls, MA	Jean Twedt	Attleboro Falls, MA
Dolores Vaz	Pawtucket, RI	Helen Wilson	Hopkinton, MA

Northwest Region

Michelle Adamson	Maple Falls, WA	Marlys Ashburn	Veneta, OR
Tamara Belts	Bellingham, WA	Susan Berry	Lacey, WA

Reggie Blake	Gresham, OR	Sue Connolly	Portland, OR
Sandy Curtis	Mt Vernon, WA	Terri Czapinski	Woodinville, WA
Judy DeBenedetti	Happy Valley, OR	Marilyn Dessert	Coupeville, WA
Mike Dessert	Coupeville, WA	John Dewing	Bellingham, WA
Judy Dewing	Bellingham, WA	Brenda Dudfield	Surrey, BC
Frank Dudfield	Surrey, BC	Linda Ellingboe	Seattle, WA
Jan Hagemeister	Albany, OR	Dotty Hardy	Eugene, OR
Rich Hardy	Eugene, OR	Jerry Hickman	Bellingham, WA
Margie Hickman	Bellingham, WA	Karen Highfield	Gresham, OR
Rita Hopmans	Surrey, BC	Joan Larson	Portland, OR
Sharon Medart	Eugene, OR	Stephen Miller	Mill Creek, WA
Darlene Parrow	Beaverton, OR	Stephanie Pollard	Suquamish, WA
Margaret Quick	Bellingham, WA	Hope Rolland	Vancouver, WA
Marty Russell	Ferndale, WA	Kristin Sekora	Anacortes, WA
Sandi Severtsen	Shoreline, WA	Neil Smith	Edmonds, WA
Anne Spink	Mt Vernon, WA	Mike Spink	Mt Vernon, WA
Tom Stabile	Bellingham, WA	Annie Swett	Albany, OR
Tony Toftemark	Eugene, OR	Susan Treacy	Portland, OR
Claudia Brooks	Happy Valley, OR	Diane Hildebrand	Seattle, WA
Sharon Moats	Renton, WA	Rhonda Probert	Tracyton, WA

Five Year Pin

Dan Barrett	Bellingham, WA	Dorothy Barrett	Bellingham, WA
Jan Beals	Eugene, OR	Sue Black	Bellevue, WA
Gail Boggs	Concrete, WA	John Boggs	Concrete, WA
Sharon Brown	Bellingham, WA	Dean Brown	Bellingham, WA
Debbie Brown	Astoria, OR	Ellen Callahan	Langley, WA
Janet Clow	McMinnville, OR	Sharon Fisher	Anacortes, WA
Fred Fisher	Anacortes, WA	Tina Gerard	Bellevue, WA
Karen Hegyi	Barrow, AK	Brenda Herman	West Linn, OR
Karen Hinderman	Bellingham, WA	Gary Hinderman	Bellingham, WA
Matt Hinderman	Bellingham, WA	Julia Hodson	Coupeville, WA
Rita Ilhy	Bellingham, WA	Lynne Ince	Stanwood, WA
Peggy Kugel	Anchorage, AK	Claudette Lestenkoff	Belfair, WA
Dotty Luce	Bellingham, WA	Mike Nagan	Seattle, WA

Justin Peterson	Camano Island, WA	Robin Peterson	Camano Island, WA
Eddie Peterson	Camano Island, WA	Bruce Ramsey	Poulsbo, WA
Joan Rozier	Bellingham, WA	Bill Rusby	Camano Island, WA
John Sefren	Warrenton, OR	Marion Sefren	Warrenton, OR
George Stapleton	La Conner, WA	Margaret Stapleton	La Conner, WA
Shirley Stoklossa	Delta, BC	Linda Streitfeld	Bellingham, WA
Jim Tompkins	Langley, WA	Jan Weaver	Bellingham, WA
Ron Weaver	Bellingham, WA	Nancy Winner	Portland, OR
Margaret Cole	Bellevue, WA	Jenny Cole	Renton, WA
Rob Williams	Bremerton, WA	Sharon Klein	Sherwood, OR
Britt Lindstrom	Eugene, OR	Carmella Swinney	Springfield, OR
Oscar Swinney	Springfield, OR	Arline La Mear	Astoria, OR
Jerry Wick	Gig Harbor, WA	Mary Wick	Gig Harbor, WA

Ten Year Pin

Tom Caparella	Tacoma, WA	Liz Connors	Vancouver, WA
Michael Devitt	Anchorage, AK	Clyde Faulk	Anchorage, AK
Raye Faulk	Anchorage, AK	John Faunce	Anchorage, AK
Bev Faunce	Anchorage, AK	Jim Finlayson	Yachats, OR
Sue Finlayson	Yachats, OR	Joe Kelly	Tualatin, OR
Karen Kelly	Tualatin, OR	Charles Layton	Gig Harbor, WA
Curt Myron	Oak Harbor, WA	Martha Myron	Oak Harbor, WA
Jim Neher	Mt Vernon, WA	Helen Neher	Mt Vernon, WA
Mary Emma Parks	Yachats, OR	Sally Ross	Eugene, OR
Anita Sherrill	Oak Harbor, WA	Judy Taylor	Yachats, OR
Janet Ulrich	Anchorage, AK	Jean White	Florence, OR
Gene Williamson	Yachats, OR	Clark Elwell	Corvallis, OR
Nancy Treibel	Shoreline, WA	Fran Carson	Renton, WA
Tony Holt	Kirkland, WA		

Fifteen Year Pin

Robin Bajus	Seattle, WA	Betty McEachran	Seattle, WA
George Minter	Medford, OR	Pauline Minter	Medford, OR
Lisa Robertson	Seattle, WA	Sharon Shockley	West Linn, OR

Marie Weitz	Mt Vernon, WA	Earl Bowen	Vancouver, WA
Valda Lance	Olympia, WA	RoseMarie Neumann	Tacoma, WA
Jan Breneman	Washougal, WA	Connie Line	Seattle, WA
Valerie Nishimura	Seattle, WA	Becky Forsythe	Battle Ground, WA
Anne O'Sullivan	University Place, WA	Millie Haupt	Yakima, WA
JoAnn Savitz	Tacoma, WA	Thomas Waite	Tacoma, WA

Twenty Year Pin

Dorm Batson	Federal Way, WA	Marge Bergeron	Lake Grove, OR
Eleanor Borgardt	Kent, WA	Mary Brillhart	Salem, OR
Bill Buskirk	Eugene, OR	Bill Byrd	Vancouver, WA
Emily Carlton	Kalama, WA	Earl Coffey	Stayton, OR
Sheila Day	Banks, OR	Frank Denton	Seattle, WA
Anna Denton	Seattle, WA	Bob Forsythe	Battle Ground, WA
Phoebe Gilbert	Seattle, WA	Marie Herring	Seattle, WA
Bettie Jones	Salem, OR	Martha Korff	Clatskanie, OR
Phoebe McArthur	Springfield, OR	Diane McDermott	Stayton, OR
John McDermott	Stayton, OR	Arlene Miller	Mineral Wells, TX
Ken Nelson	Happy Valley, OR	Harry Saukants	Shelton, WA
Carolyn Warhol	Puyallup, WA	Nancy Weinstein	Seattle, WA
Diane Wagner	Graham, WA	Jerry Williams	Tacoma, WA
Glenda Chambers	Kent, WA	Carol Walsh	Puyallup, WA
George Withers	Spokane, WA		

Twenty-Five Year Pin

Josie Lehman	Renton, WA	Larry Lehman	Renton, WA
Chuck Repik	Tacoma, WA		

Thirty Year Pin

Sam Korff	Clatskanie, OR	Roger Kriebaum	Steilacoom, WA
Jacque Higgins Rosebrook	Tacoma, WA	David Rader	Tacoma, WA
Bernadette Ward	Tacoma, WA		

Pacific Region

Ruth Asakura	Honolulu, HI	Maria Brasher	Kailua, HI
Phil Braverman	San Jose, CA	John Cappello	Cherry Valley, CA
Lan Char	Honolulu, HI	JacqueChristiansen	LosGatos, CA
Sherry Colvin	Dana Point, CA	Sally Coones	Carmichael, CA
Qelda Crist-Picket	Santa Rosa, CA	Loralie Cruz	Surprise, AZ
Don Deal	Petaluma, CA	Hal DeBoard	Ceres, CA
Kaye DeBoard	Ceres, CA	Margaret Fitzgerald	Capitola, CA
Heidi Foster	Fair Oaks, CA	Diana Fredlund	Sun City West, AZ
Suzi Glass	San Jose, CA	Suzanne Gooch	Santa Rosa, CA
Shirley Hightower	Santa Rosa, CA	Gale Hughart	Sacramento, CA
Steve Hughart	Sacramento, CA	Herm Husbands	San Diego, CA
Jerry Johnson	Calimesa, CA	Jean Lucas	Davis, CA
Mark Luppino	Honolulu, HI	Wanda Martin	Stockton, CA
Rosy McCloskey	San Jose, CA	Barbara Nuss	Sacramento, CA
Carolyn O'Connor	Sunnyvale, CA	Edith McCoy	San Jose, CA
Holly Pelking	San Jose, CA	Kathryn Raimondi	Santa Rosa, CA
Cris Rangel	Wilton, CA	Georgie Reed	Stockton, CA
Iva Riggle	Sebastopol, CA	Carol Romig	Mililani, HI
Dennis Romig	Mililani, HI	Greg Samcoff	Sacramento, CA
Grace Silvestro	Santa Rosa, CA	Joan Sykes	Stockton, CA
Renee Tatum Spain	Sacramento, CA	Kathy Tschappat	Honolulu, HI
Cynthia Turbin	Redding, CA	Gordon Tyau	Honolulu, HI
Jean Vik	Corona, CA		

Rocky Mountain Region

Judith Blanch	Creede, CO	Jean Beres	Arvada, CO
Bruce Cary	Colorado Springs, CO	Chris Dueker	Colorado Springs, CO
Sinne Gregory	Arvada, CO	Ann Grottness	Eaton, CO
Craig Grottness	Eaton, CO	Denise Haven	Colorado Springs, CO
John Haven	Colorado Springs, CO	Russ Kester	Colorado Springs, CO
Carol Kinate	Colorado Springs, CO	David Land	Evergreen, CO
Richard Perry	Fort Collins, CO	Karen Pinell	Colorado Springs, CO
Therese Stratman	Arvada, CO	Katherine Svoboda	Aurora, CO

Five Year Pin

Flo Bechtold	Colorado Springs, CO	Russ Bechtold	Colorado Springs, CO
Lucinda Harsh	Colorado Springs, CO	Penny Brown	Colorado Springs, CO
Terry Cherne	Colorado Springs, CO	David Higgins	Colorado Springs, CO
Emmy Higgins	Colorado Springs, CO	Deb Hillard	Colorado Springs, CO
Paula Malleck	Longmont, CO	Terry Malleck	Longmont, CO
Sherrie Sayers	Woodland Park, CO	Nita Summers	Colorado Springs, CO
Karrie Thomison	Colorado Springs, CO		

Ten Year Pin

Dale Boone	Pueblo, CO	Kevin Ross	Colorado Springs, CO
Karen Seay	Colorado Springs, CO		

Fifteen Year Pin

Dottie Barrs	Cheyenne, WY	Claudia Johnston	Evergreen, CO
David Johnston	Evergreen, CO	Bobby Marcum	Cheyenne, WY
Mary Lou Marcum	Cheyenne, WY	B. J. Myers	Creede, CO
Lynette Regan	Colorado Springs, CO	Jayne Welton	Virginia City, MT

Twenty Year Pin

Betty Green	Cheyenne, WY	Ronald Green	Cheyenne, WY
Linda Hinds	Great Falls, MT		

South Central Region

Dorothy Amsey	Tulsa, OK	Connie Evans	Owasso, OK
Tommy Evans	Owasso, OK	Ken Miles	Tulsa, OK
Harry Poarch	Tulsa, OK	Faylene York	Tulsa, OK

Southeast Region

Kathy Bargar Orlando, FL
Dawn Dayringer Tampa, FL
Gail VanValkenburg Sun City Ctr, FL

Gail Brooks Orlando, FL
Robert Lazzell Brooksville, FL
Paul VanValkenburg SunCityCtr, FL

Southwest Region

Delores Bentke Houston, TX
Debbie Doyle Texas City, TX
Sarah Hoover Albuquerque, NM
Erica Jernigan Houston, TX
Marge Lewis Ft Worth, TX
Dori Nelson Seabrook, TX
Bill Radigan Helotes, TX
David Sheppard Mesquite, TX
Vicki West Coppell, TX

Loretta Coward Ft Worth, TX
Ingrid Foster Irving, TX
Helen Hull Garland, TX
La Dora Jernigan Houston, TX
Yvonne Mattingly Houston, TX
Beverly Peters Garland, TX
Bob Rountree Dallas, TX
Mary Wheat Houston, TX
Donna Whitford Irving, TX

Five Year Pin

Randy Baker San Antonio, TX
Alan Mick Schertz, TX
Willard Raiffeisen Midland, TX
Audrey Vertucci San Antonio, TX

Karen Cormier LaPorte, TX
Totsy Miller San Antonio, TX
Gary Silkworth Euless, TX

Ten Year Pin

Marilyn Brister San Marcos, TX
Catherine Kellner Orchard, TX
Chris Schinkel Kyle, TX

Mary Cook Ft Worth, TX
Gunhilt Money Irving, TX
Donna Swinney San Marcos, TX

Fifteen Year Pin

Barbara Piersol San Marcos, TX
John Smith Burleson, TX
Pat Taylor Denison, TX

Mary Sheldon Ft Worth, TX
Delbert Taylor Denison, TX

Thirty Year Pin

Heinz Johnson

San Antonio, TX

Rick White

Kirby, TX

Certificate of Appreciation

Mid-America Region

Lakewood Public Library

Lakewood, OH

Renaissance Hotel

Cleveland, OH

Northeast Region

National Park Service

Boston, MA

National Park Service

Lexington, MA

Newton Free Library

Newton Center, MA

Pacific Region

Basha's Grocery

Wickenburg, AZ

Best Western Amador Inn

Jackson, CA

Best Western Yosemite Way Station Inn

Mariposa, CA

Bitz-ee Mama's Restaurant

Glendale, AZ

Campbell Inn

Campbell, CA

Castle Medical Center

Kailua, HI

Central YMCA

Honolulu, HI

Circle K Store

Sedona, AZ

Coffetopia

Santa Cruz, CA

CVS Drug Store

Surprise, AZ

Fleet Feet Sports

Davis, CA

IHOP Restaurant

Fresno, CA

Ione Restaurant

Ione, CA

Kona Seaside Hotel

Kona, HI

La Casa Bodega Deli & General Store

Monterey, CA

Laie Inn	Laie, HI
Lincoln Family Downtown YMCA	Phoenix, AZ
Los Gatos Roasting Company	Los Gatos, CA
McDonald's at Manoa Market Place	Honolulu, HI
McDonald's Restaurant	Galt, CA
McDonald's Restaurant	Lodi, CA
McDonald's Restaurant	Stockton, CA
Mercy/Medical Center	Merced, CA
New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel	Honolulu, HI
Quality Inn	Oakdale, CA
Ramada Limited	San Jose, CA
Safeway Store	Scottsdale, AZ
Starbucks	Scottsdale, AZ
Sun City Visitor's Center	Sun City, AZ
Sun City West Visitor's Center	Sun City West, AZ
Volcano Art Center	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, HI
Walgreen Drug Store	Modesto, CA
YMCA Nuuauu Branch	Honolulu, HI
Zamora Mini Market	Zamora, CA

Rocky Mountain Region

Albertson's Food Center	Colorado Springs, CO
Bear Creek Nature Center	Colorado Springs, CO
Best Western Cotton Tree	Rawlins, WY
Best Western Dunmar Inn	Evanston, WY
Best Western Royal Gorge	Canon City, CO
Bicycle Station	Cheyenne, WY
Brown's Shoe	Cheyenne, WY
Colorado Inn	Ft Carson, CO
Criterium Bicycle	Colorado Springs, CO
El Paso County Parks	Colorado Springs, CO
Gator's Travelyn	Pine Bluffs, WY
GNC	Cheyenne, WY
Holiday Inn	Rock Springs, WY
Ken Pals	Colorado Springs, CO

Loaf Jug #56
Loaf Jug #61
Loaf Jug
Loaf Jug
Miner's Delight Inn Bed & Breakfast
Parks & Recreation
Parkway Plaza Hotel
Sink's Canyon State Park
State Bath House
Stonehouse Inn Bed & Breakfast
Trading Post
Travelodge
Wrangler
7-11 #13079
7-11 #13082
7-11 #13088
7-11

Manitou Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Pueblo, CO
Fountain, CO
Atlantic City, WY
Canon City, CO
Casper, WY
Lander, WY
Thermopolis, WY
Virginia City, MT
Manitou Springs, CO
Laramie, WY
Cheyenne, WY
Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Pueblo, CO

South Central Region

Best Western Center Pointe Inn
Carthage Fire Department
Cody's Convenience Store
Curran Hall Visitor Center Quapaw Quarter Assn
Economy Lumber Company
Eisler Brothers Store - Old Riverton Store
Fastrip Convenience Store
Fiesta Mart
Freeman East Hospital
GNC
GNC
Gorilla Express
Joplin Family YMCA
Joseph's Quick Shop
Kum & Go Convenience Store
McGee Center

Branson, MO
Carthage, MO
Republic, MO
Little Rock, AR
Tulsa, OK
Riverton, KS
Neosho, MO
Tulsa, OK
Joplin, MO
Bartlesville, OK
Tulsa, OK
Pittsburg, KS
Joplin, MO
Galena, KS
Webb City, MO
Conway, AR

Med-X Drug Store	Tulsa, OK
Oklahoma State Parks	Mannford, OK
Pea Ridge Military Park	Garfield, AR
Signal Convenience Store	Springfield, MO
Skaggs Medical Center	Branson, MO
Super 8 Motel	Lamar, MO
The Right Shoe by Dryer's Shoe, Michael White	Joplin, MO
Thornton Family YMCA	Tulsa, OK

Southwest Region

Albertson's Grocery Store	Weatherford, TX
Broadway Daily Bread Company (Broadway)	San Antonio, TX
Broadway Daily Bread Company (DeZavala)	San Antonio, TX
Central Fire Station	Denison, TX
City of Seabrook Eco Tourism	Seabrook, TX
Comfort Suites	Sulphur Springs, TX
Cooper Lake State Park – South Sulphur Unit	Sulphur Springs, TX
Fairfield Inn	Ft Worth, TX
Ft Worth Stockyards Visitor Information Center	Ft Worth, TX
Holiday Inn Express	Boerne, TX
The Lighthouse Café	San Antonio, TX
McDonald's Restaurant	Irving, TX
Rio Cibolo Ranch	Zuehl, TX
Tanger Outlet Center	San Marcos, TX
Tom Thumb Grocery	Irving, TX
Tom Thumb Grocery	Plano, TX

Publicity Contest Awards

Year Round/Seasonal Event Brochure

First Place	Walk'n Mass	2008 2nd Tuesday Summer Walk
Second Place	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	2008 Year Round Events
Third Place	The Wisconsin Volkssport Clubs	2008 Year Round/Seasonal Events

Regular Event Brochure

First Place	Walk'n Mass	Vineyard Haven Lighthouse Walk
Second Place	Dallas Trekkers Walking Club	Azalea Walk
Third Place	Dallas Trekkers Walking Club	Great Trinity Forest Hike

Photograph – People

First Place	Michael J. Lanpher	Grinnell Glacier Trail
Second Place	Jan Weeks	Not All Who Wander Are Lost
Third Place	Donna Seline	Those Snowshoes Are Pretty Big

Photograph – Places

First Place	Lesley Bowen	Inside “The Window” at Big Bend National Park, TX
Second Place	Ronald Nelson	Balancing Tree
Third Place	Donna Seline	Scouting a Trail in the Woods

Photograph – Things

First Place	Ronald Nelson	Tree, White Sands, NM
Second Place	Deva Simon	Banyan Tree, Palm Beach Florida
Third Place	Ronald Nelson	Desert Flower, White Sands, NM
Honorable Mention	Norma Wessel	Cynara Scolymus Artichoke

Single Event Publicity

First Place	NW Tulip Trekkers
Second Place	Kerrville Trailblazers
Third Place	Tulsa Walking Club

Local Sponsorship Program

First Place Central Minnesota Volkssports

Community Relations Program

First Place Minot City Volkssport Assn

Second Place Central Minnesota Volkssports

Annual Publicity Program

First Place NorthStar Trail Trekkers

Second Place Central Minnesota Volkssports

Third Place Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia

Club Logos

First Place FS Family Wanderers

Second Place Freestate Happy Wanderers

Third Place Central Minnesota Volkssports Assn

Club Newsletters

First Place Mid Nebraska Trail Seekers

Second Place Madison Area Volkssport Assn

Third Place Mid Florida Milers Walking Club

Honorable Mention Albany Fitwalkers

Freestate Happy Wanderers

Rocky Mountain Wanderers

Websites

First Place NW Tulip Trekkers

Ronald Weaver, President

Second Place Happy Wanderers

Marvin Stokes, President

Third Place Mid Nebraska Trail Seekers

Jim McGahan, President

Certificate of Service Award

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Northeast

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Rocky Mountain

Linda Nyman

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Teresa Arnold

Southeast

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Herb Webber

Chris Mellen

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Herb Webber

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Brenda Hild

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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

George Minter and his wife Pauline have contributed to keeping volkssporting alive in Southwest Oregon for the past 15 years. Most recently they have started a Sunday afternoon walking group that is growing in numbers weekly.

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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
Mary Martzarinis	Renton, WA	Phoebe McArthur	Springfield, OR
Diane McDermott	Stayton, OR	John McDermott	Stayton, OR
Alice McKay	Vancouver, WA	Kay McQueen	Bellevue, WA
Jill McLean	Vancouver, WA	Debbie Minger	Tacoma, WA
George Minter	Medford, OR	Pauline Minter	Medford, OR
Cheryl Mockford	Brush Prairie, WA	Curt Myron	Oak Harbor, WA
Joan Nickerson	Grants Pass, OR	Ken Nelson	Happy Valley, OR
Marjorie Oughton	Keiser, OR	Susan Olson	Gresham, OR
Ken Parks	Yachats, OR	Mary Emma Parks	Yachats, OR
Darlene Parrow	Portland, OR	Randall Potter	Seattle, WA
Virginia Potter	Seattle, WA	Sheridan Probst	Auburn, WA
Chuck Repik	Lakewood, WA	Bev Russell	Welches, OR
Micky Scholl	St Helens, OR	John Sefren	Warrenton, OR
Marion Sefren	Warrenton, OR	Donna Silver	Albany, OR
Nancy Stephens	Puyallup, WA	William Stewart	Aberdeen, WA
Geri Stockman	Sand Point, ID	Carmella Swinney	Springfield, OR
Oscar Swinney	Springfield, OR	Kelly Troeh	Portland, OR
Dora Van Epps	Ellensburg, WA	Mike Van Epps	Ellensburg, WA
Nancy Vartanian	Ridgefield, WA	Diane Wagner	Graham, WA
Carol Warhol	Puyallup, WA	Rozy Weatherby	Albany, OR
Barbara Webber	Wilsonville, OR	Cora Wegner	Portland, OR
Marie Weltz	Mt Vernon, WA	Rob Williams	Bremerton, WA
Boyd Wilton	Tacoma, WA	George Withers	Spokane, WA
Don Witt	Sammamish, WA	Nancy Wittenberg	Puyallup, WA
Julia Wood	Bellingham, WA		

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Susan Archer	Long Beach, CA	Burke Bartell	Las Vegas, NV
Carolyn Barton	Tucson, AZ	Fred Barton	Tucson, AZ
Jeanette Birnbaum	Stockton, CA	A. J. Bohanon	Colfax, CA
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
Rick Bundy	Wildomar, CA	Bruce Butterfield	Fresno, CA
Glenda Butterfield	Fresno, CA	Loretta Carmickle	Green Valley, AZ
Maureen Carr	Stockton, CA	Robert Carr	Stockton, CA
Niel Cohen	Irvine, CA	Pat Conant	Auburn, CA
Roger Conant	Auburn, CA	Qeldas Crist-Pickett	Santa Rosa, CA
Linda Detling	Chico, CA	Laurie Dinsmore	Reno, NV
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
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Susan Korejwo	Henderson, NV	Ellen Korlann	Salinas, CA
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Sarah Lagomarsino	Sacramento, CA	Joe LePire	Las Vegas, NV
Mary LePire	Las Vegas, NV	George Linsteadt	Auburn, CA
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Roy Ludlow	Tucson, AZ	Willis Lyon	Monterey, CA
Doug Martin	Stockton, CA	Wanda Martin	Stockton, CA
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Pacific Region continued

Bill McDonald	Las Vegas, NV	Howard McGill	Vacaville, CA
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
Ann Opperman`	Foster City, CA	Pete Peterson	Tucson, AZ
Jim Plummer	Roseville, CA	Mary Ptacek	Las Vegas, NV
Don Ratliff	Newcastle, CA	Marilyn Ratliff	Newcastle, CA
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 Taggart	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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Diane Welch	Ventura, CA	Karen Wight	Las Vegas, NV
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

Rocky Mountain Region continued

Jo Ondo
Karrie Thomison
Cliff Wigfield

Betty Schipper
Kaye Widger
Harry Woodcock

South Central Region

Roy Leimberg St Louis, MO

Terri Wise Rock Hill, MO

Southeast Region

Barbara Anderson Port Orange, FL
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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Paul Ernst	Grapevine, TX	Eveline Evans	Waco, TX
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

Café Lago

Dallas, TX

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Grace Holloway	Jim Morrison	Judy Stroud
Gale Hughart	Roberta Murray	Joan Sykes
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