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**Recognition
Awards**

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The AVA Recognition Awards Program

Recognition awards are presented to honor individuals, clubs and organizations for Services which have supported or advanced the ideals and aspirations of Volkssporting. Recognition Awards presented at the AVA Biennial Convention include the following:

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 volksmarching across several AVA regions.

AVA President's Award

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

Distinguished Achievement Award

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

Trailblazer Award

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

Ted Ballman Memorial for Youth Award

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

The Meritorious Service Award

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

Commendable Service

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

Certificate of Service

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

Certificate of Appreciation

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

Thank you to those who took the time to recognize and nominate these outstanding volkssport volunteers. Congratulations to each recipient.

Hall of Fame

This is the highest award presented by the American Volkssport Association. It recognizes exceptional contributions to the AVA and the promotion of volkssporting in the United States.

	Member	Inducted
No. 1	Rev Mr. Kenn Knopp (Deceased)	1985
No. 2	Carol Coffee, PHD	1989
No. 3	Co. Thomas D Boyde (Deceased)	1995
No. 4	Wendy A. Baumgardner	2005
No. 5	Lynn F. Clark	2005
No. 6	Nancy Stenger	2007
No. 7	John H. Ferguson (Deceased)	2007
No. 8	Col. Heinz H. Johnson	2009
No. 9	Shirley A. Lindberg	2009
No. 10	Dr. David N. Toth, MD	2009
No. 11	Ben F. Wilkes (Posthumously)	2009
No. 12	Preston L. Johnson, JD	2011
No. 13	Joan M. Lampart	2011
No. 14	Curtis D. Myron	2011
No. 15	Donald N. Vartanian	2013
No. 16	Virginia K. Drumm	2015
No. 17	Wayne Holloway	2015
No. 18	Willis "Sam" Korff	2015
No. 19	Paul Lamb	2015
No. 20	Dennis Michele	2015
No. 21	Ellen Ott	2015
No. 22	Robert C. Wright	2015

2017 Hall of Fame Inductees

Phyllis Olson

Urbandale, IA

For 18 years of dedicated service promoting the American Volkssport Association at club, regional and national levels, including leadership positions in the local club and four years as North Central Regional Director. Her mentoring of others has helped prepare clubs and members for future success.

Donna Seline

Minneapolis, MN

For over 40 years' service to volkssporting at local, club, and state level and 16 years with North Star Trail Travelers. Since 2002 she has published The American Wanderer, improving its presentation of American Volkssport Association's activities in a balanced professional manner.

Annette H. Tollett

Hampton, VA

For over 30 years of exceptional leadership and dedication to the American Volkssport Association. Her involvement at the club, state, regional and National levels has contributed to the advancement and promotion of Volkssporting. She strived to provide quality volkssport events that keep and attract participation.

Recipients of the 2017 Presidents Award

The AVA President's Award recognizes people for their exemplary contributions and service to the American Volkssport Association. Some people contribute their unique talents; some people contribute countless hours as volunteers; others contribute professional services. All-in-all their personal efforts make a positive impact on the day-to-day operation of the AVA. However, many times these contributions are just accepted as routine and not recognized.

It is distinct pleasure for me to recognize these very special people for service which I consider to be "above and beyond" the norm. They richly deserve this recognition.

Dolores Grenier

Arlington, VA

For her many years of outstanding activity melding the IML events and AVA events at the Freedom Walks in Washington, DC. These walks have been instrumental in bringing foreign visitors to our shores to enjoy both IML and AVA events. Her continued efforts to increase AVA/IML events have led to further possibilities for new events in other areas of the US.

Chris Zegelin

San Jose, CA

For his outstanding work in the conceptualism, development and implementation on the Online Year-Round Event Registration program. His efforts have greatly increased the ease in handling such registration and is a boon to attracting more participants. His long hours of hard work have paid off with an extremely usable program.

Distinguished Achievement Award

Helen Bateman

Dallas, TX

For leadership and innovation in expanding through Texas. Her innovative use of light rail at the 2009 National Convention, held in Texas, simplified transportation to convention walks. She has served at the local, state and National level.

Maryann Brown

Waldport, OR

As President of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association (OTSVA) Maryann Brown has implemented many support services to Oregon clubs: clubs help each other put on walks; money is lent to clubs that need it; regional Meetup.com sites paid by OTSVA advertise events; she revamped and maintains the OTSVA website.

Deborah Carter

Mesquite, TX

For dedication, leadership, and enthusiasm that encourages cooperation, promotes new walking venues, and brings stability to both the business and the fun of Volkssporting. As Operations Director, 2009 Biennial Convention, Deborah stepped up and used her leadership skills and dedication to ensure convention success.

Joanne Forinash

San Antonio TX

For outstanding contributions to the American Volkssport Association for over 40 years, while serving as AVA Financial Manager, Southwest Regional Director, and President of the Selma Pathfinders Club. Joanne's financial support included creating a finance manual for the AVA HQ and training the new Finance Manager.

Ed Hainline

Happy Valley OR

Ed Hainline distinguished himself with exceptional service as Trailmaster for the 2015 Salem Convention and as a member of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Assn. Steering Committee member, serving as the chair of the Recognition Committee. He serves as an Oregon representative to the Northwest Pathfinder club, and continues to serve as President/Vice- President/member of many clubs.

Trailblazer Award

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association

Puyallup, WA

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association has supported the Foothills National Recreation Trail, including the Puyallup River walk, for six years through membership in the Riverwalk committee; adopting a trail; participating in fund raising events; providing a weekly walk on the trail to encourage use; formal maintenance crew and Foothills board membership.

Ted Ballman Memorial Youth Award

Debra A Kruep

Belleville, IL

Awarded to Debra Kruep for her hard work and exceptional service to AVA for the development of Youth Programs. In her four years as chairman of the Youth committee, Debra has been successful in bringing hundreds of Girl Scouts to learn special skills while participating in club's walking events.

Meritorious Service Award

Atlantic Region

Debbie Choiniere

York, PA

For Meritorious Service to the York White Rose Wanderers (AVA 236). Debbie has served as the club's Treasurer, Point of Contact for the York Shoe House Year-Round Event and volunteers at almost every traditional event that the club sponsors. She is a dedicated Volkssporter who has contributed to the success of volkssporting in the greater York area and Pennsylvania.

Keith Choiniere

York, PA

For Meritorious Service to the York White Rose Wanderers, AVA-236. Keith has served as Editor of the club newsletter, Trip Captain for several bus trips, and volunteers at almost every traditional event. He is a dedicated Volkssporter who has contributed to the success of Volkssporting in the greater York area.

Pam Copenhaver

York, PA

For Meritorious Service as Vice-President and President of the York White Rose Wanderers, AVA-0236. Pam is a dedicated Volkssporter whose leadership and dedication has contributed to the success of volkssporting in the greater York area and Pennsylvania.

Patricia Eby

Camp Hill, PA

For Meritorious Service to the Keystone State Volkssport Association (KSVA) and the Volkssport clubs of Pennsylvania as KSVA Treasurer and Editor of the Pennsylvania Year-Round and Seasonal Events Booklet. She contributed greatly to the success of Volkssporting in Pennsylvania.

Al Kilburn

Presented Posthumously

For Meritorious Service to the Liberty Bell Wanderers over the past 20 years. Al served as the Club Vice President, Secretary, Group Walk Coordinator and was Point of Contact for the New Hope Year-Round Walk for 15 years. He was the voice of LBW as the email coordinator, and was Idita-walk coordinator.

Ron Looper

Severn, MD

For Meritorious Service to the Columbia Volksmarch Club (AVA 264). Ron has served as the club's Volunteer Coordinator and helps at almost every traditional event that the club sponsors. Ron is a dedicated Volkssporter who has contributed to the success of volkssporting in the greater Columbia area and Maryland.

Paul Lubell

Catonsville, MD

For exceptional service to the Columbia Volksmarch Club (AVA 264) for more than 15 years. Paul not only walks and volunteers at event start/finish tables, he regularly attends and contributes at club meetings, and has served terms as Vice-president and Treasurer of the club. Paul is recognized for his many hours of working to keep the Spirit of Walking alive in Maryland.

Sue Peck**Wellsville, PA**

For Meritorious Service to the York White Rose Wanderers, Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club, and the Keystone State Volkssport Association. Sue has served as Point of Contact for numerous Year-Round Events across the Commonwealth and for the 2015 Year-Round Event at Gifford Pinchot State Park. Sue is a dedicated Volkssporter who has contributed to the success of volkssporting in Pennsylvania.

Shirley Ponse**Woodbridge, VA**

For years of outstanding administration of Wood and Dale Wanderers Year-Round and Traditional Events.

Linda Toole**Columbia, MD**

For service to the Columbia Volksmarch Club (CVC/AVA 264) throughout its 31 years of existence. Linda served terms as President in the early, formative years of the club, and has always been, as she is now, a key person in the production of the CVC newsletter. Linda is recognized for her many hours over many years of working primarily behind the scenes through the Newsletter to keep the Spirit of Walking alive in Maryland.

Diane White**Gaithersburg, MD**

For Meritorious Service for four years as President of the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers, AVA-419, from August 2012 to August 2016. Diane is a Charter Member of the Sugarloafers which were formed in 1987. She is an active and passionate member and has contributed to the Club's success.

Mid-America Region**Donna Brianas****Avon, OH**

Donna Brianas has provided outstanding service in her position as Treasurer. She has insured that our club has met all federal, state and AVA standards. In addition, she has been at all events and group walks for over five years, and insures that the club's treasury documentation is accurate. Her excellent work has insured that our club meets its financial obligations.

Cheryl Elser**New Haven, IN**

Cheryl served as president for the Auburn Dusey Walkers club for 8+ years. She is now serving as President of the Indiana Volkssport Association (INVA). When the ADW decided to close she became a member of the Ft Wayne, Three Rivers Strollers. Cheryl holds the position of the first Mid-America Deputy Regional Director. She along with her husband Terry, mark trails and have a meal available at all INVA State Park walks.

Thelma Goris**Richmond, IN**

Thelma was a founding member of the Wandering Wheels, as well as Ohio Wander Freunde since the early 1990's and the Bulls Run Ramblers. She is currently President of the Wandering Wheels Club. Thelma has dedicated her volkssporting "career" to serving the Wandering Wheels Club, through trip development and coordination. She has been an active volunteer throughout her many years of volkssporting.

Dawn Gruber**Fairborn, OH**

Dawn Gruber provided leadership as President of the Ohio Volkssport Association 2012-2017. She also serves as president of the Ohio Wander Freunde Club.

William H. Gruber II**New Carlise, OH**

William H. Gruber (Bill) has been an active member of Ohio Wander Freunde since 1983 and has been an active member. He has given outstanding service as a volunteer and worker for OVF, as well as volunteering at their social events, and marking trails. While he does not have a specific title, he goes above and beyond to provide outstanding service for OWF.

Eric Halverson**Kent, OH**

Eric Halverson has developed trails for Valley Vagabonds event walks. In addition, he has supported the club through work on many events in the past five years on checkpoints. His devotion to the sport for 10 years has helped our club in many ways and supported the overall Volkssport.

Steve Hess**Dayton, OH**

Steve has been a member of the Ohio Wander Freunde since the mid 1990's and an active member for the past 12+ years. He served as Ohio Volkssport Association Vice-President 2012-2016 providing outstanding service. He is a trailmaster for OVA, finding and developing trails. Steve has worked with organizations (like the MetroParks) and meeting with town administrators. He provided feedback to Ohio clubs regarding Special Programs on their YRE/Seasonal Events.

Cynthia Hilling**Columbus, OH**

Cynthia Hilling (Cindy) is a member of the Heart of Ohio Hikers, and was president of the club 2007-2016. She served as the Chairperson for the 2015 Mid-America Regional Event, held in Columbus, OH. She organized and coordinated a successful event. She developed trails for HOOH's current year-round events, as well as marking, checking, sweeping trails and working the day of events.

Linda Hunt**Columbus, OH**

Linda Hunt has been an active member of the Heart of Ohio Hikers for the past six years. She has served the Ohio Volkssport Association as Secretary for two terms. While serving as OVA Secretary, she went above and beyond her duties, provide outstanding service in her role as Secretary, including and maintaining meticulous records of the state meetings. She actively volunteers at OVA and Heart Of Ohio Hikers events, and is POC for a HOOH year round event.

Jacqueline McCombs**Fairborn, OH**

Jackie served as the Ohio Volkssport Treasurer for one term, from 2014-2016 and she is an OVA past President. She always went above and beyond her duties. She is also an active volunteer at OVA events, whether helping develop trails, marking trails, checking trails, sweeping trails and working at the start or finish table.

David Miltenberger**Middletown, OH**

David Miltenberger has been an active Ohio Wander Freunde member for the past 10+ years. He is also an active member of other clubs, including Xenia Walking Club and Bulls Run Ramblers. He supports Carol Yegerlehner by working with her to find walk locations and working on trails. David works diligently to help our club meet requirements for the AVA Special Programs, to make our events more interesting. He was OVA Vice-President for many years.

Paul Mullen**Indianapolis, IN**

Paul is Treasurer of the Indy 'G' Walkers, he held the position of President in the early 1990's. He has been in charge of selling books and AVA merchandise at Indy 'G' events and regional events, for over 30 years. He is a great promoter of our sport and frequently sells raffle tickets at regional conferences, because of his power of persuasion. Paul always supports our INVA, Indy 'G', regional conferences and meetup events at the registration table. His booming voice and wry New England wit is familiar to all who participate in our Indiana and Mid America Regional events.

Diane L Prost**O'Fallon, IL**

Diane Prost has supported the American Volkssport Association through selfless devotion to the organization. She is a lifetime member of the AVA and encourages others to participate and support clubs throughout the United States. She assumed the role of Club President for the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club and has implemented a positive attitude in the membership. Her motto is "Treat others like you would like to be treated".

Helga Slade**Beavercreek, OH**

Helga Slade was a founding member of Ohio Wander Freunde in 1978. She participated in the first "AVA Convention" held at Glenn Helen in Ohio. She has attended every AVA Convention. She has given 10 years of outstanding service as Vice-President to the Ohio Wander Freundt, including managing all the club's Year-Round/Seasonal Events. She also coordinated all the work rosters and positions that needed to be filled for all the club's traditional events, making sure that every position was covered. Helga has been President of the Purple Penguins for 25+ years, until the club recently closed.

William (Bill) Thorne**Marion IN**

Bill has a long record of active support to local Indiana clubs. He is a member of the Goodtime Trailblazers. Bill is a great ambassador for our sport and frequently helps in getting new walkers acquainted with volkssports by accompanying them on the trail and explaining the rules and benefits of walking. His tall 6' 4" frame, quiet demeanor, and friendly smile is a familiar and welcome sight throughout Indiana and other states in the Mid-America Region.

Carol Yegerlehner**Fairborn, OH**

Carol Yegerlehner has been an active Ohio Wander Freunde member since the early 1990's. She is also a member of several other Ohio clubs including Xenia Walking Club and Bulls Run Ramblers. Carol has given 13 years of outstanding service as the Ohio Wander Freunde Trailmaster, and is still active in this role. She is always willing to help the OWF and the Ohio Volkssport Association by marking and sweeping trails, and working the day of the event in some capacity.

North Central Region

Debra Gaskins

Des Moines, IA

For exceptional service in the promotion of Volkssporting. Deb works tirelessly to promote AVA and recruit new members. The pure joy she derives from walking is infectious.

Northeast Region

Carolyn Adams

South Redgate, VT

Carolyn has been a part of Volkssporting for more than 17 years, and a member of TSVA since 1999. She has been treasurer of the TSVA, and POC for several walks. She is now Co-President for the last two years. She has been instrumental in developing two Special Programs for the AVA. She also worked to help the Seacoast Striders to merge, their seasonal walks and membership.

Miriam Boucher

Lexington MA

Miriam enabled our club to continue its historic seasonal walk in Concord, MA, by stepping in as Chairperson. In addition, she has served in many key roles in 17 other events in her 5 year- association with WnM Volkssport Club. Always dependable and thorough in her contributions.

Karen Campbell

Hamilton, MA

Karen served as treasurer for more than 15 years. Also, served as the point of contact for three-year round events. Has designed trail in Gloucester and redesigned trails in Salem and Ipswich. Serves as volunteer for traditional events.

Margo Craven

Attleboro, MA

No job too big or small for Margo, whether it is greeting people at events, encouraging others to join in the efforts necessary to run a smooth event, providing the impetus behind a satellite club or presiding over Walk'n Mass meetings and decisions. Margo gets the job done.

Lea Darling

Burnt Hills, NY

In recognition of your dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters for your participation in the community outreach program successfully recruiting new members and for your countless hours of hard work in co-chairing the committee to pursue the 2017 convention bid. Your enthusiasm and generosity of spirit are truly exceptional and deeply appreciated.

Bernie Geren

Mechanicsville, NY

For dedication, support and help in the management of the Empire State Capital Volkssporters' forty-two yearly sanctioned walks by organizing materials and equipment for each point of contact. Your attention to detail and commitment to the program is greatly appreciated.

Cynthia W. Gray

Waterbury Center, VT

For outstanding service as POC, Trailmaster, and Co-President of the Twin State Volkssport Association.

Beate Hait**Holliston, MA**

Bea takes the Walk 'n Mass club to the highest level with her readiness to assume responsibility for any and all aspects of ensuring top-notch events. Her knowledge of AVA requirements, well-thought out ideas for promoting volkssporting, and ever-present enthusiasm are unequalled. Bea does it all – superlatively.

Joanne Izbicki**Lexington, MA**

Joanne volunteers as soon as the request for help goes out. When her job is complete, she can be counted on to fill in or augment as the situation warrants. Whether it is her walk or someone else's, Joanne sets the standards for safety and enjoyment.

Sondra Johnson**Gorham, ME**

Sandy has been a long-time ambassador and wonderful cheerleader for Southern Maine Volkssport Association. She has always gone above and beyond what was expected, especially as the liaison between SMVA and AVA. She has unselfishly shared her time, energy, dedication and enthusiasm for the good of the club.

Wally Johnson**Gorham, ME**

Wally is the steady “rock” behind the success of Southern Maine Volkssport Association. He has served as Treasurer, Point Of Contact for our Capital Walk and other traditional walks, and has served on the executive board. He always helps out when needed, and offers words of encouragement to all.

Barbara Kolapakka**Saratoga Springs, NY**

In recognition of years of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters and the advancement of American Volkssport Association Programs in New York by holding a variety of leadership positions, planning new walks and mentoring new officers. Your many contributions and wise advice are greatly appreciated.

Linda Morzillo**Clifton Park, NY**

In recognition of service and generous donation of time as the Empire State Capital Volkssporters Trailmaster assisting Points of Contacts in writing directions and marking trails. Additionally, your amazing photographic ability to document club activities and capture its spirit, thus broadening our exposure, is greatly appreciated.

Kathryn Piffat**Danvers, MA**

Kathryn found that the Two Town Walking Club has not had a brochure for the year-round events for several years and had not had a newsletter for over 10 years. She designed a brochure for the current year first, then she worked on the newsletter and publishes it quarterly. Both are full color and have been praised by other clubs.

Eileen Skinner**Clifton Park, NY**

In recognition of twenty-eight years of exemplary service and dedication to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters and advancement of AVA programs by devoting countless hours in a variety of positions. Your many ideas to share your love of volkssporting in your role as webmaster, community outreach speaker, and Special Programs champion are to be commended.

Carroll Tiernan

Scarborough, ME

For the past 28 years, Carroll has dedicated time and energy for the good of the club. She has stepped up to the plate as President numerous times, has served as Point Of Contact for many walks, and has worked collaboratively with other organizations to offer unique walks for all.

Mary Saratora

Danvers, MA

Mary served Volkssporting in many capacities during Traditional Events. She designed and has been the POC for the Year-Round Walk in, Beverly for more than 12 years. She has been club Vice-President and has taken the on the job of club Secretary and Co-Vice President, in the past 18 months. She is a charter member of the club and an ardent supporter. She has also been the liaison with the parent agency of the club, The Community House of Hamilton & Wenham.

Andrew Schmidt

West Point, NY

Andrew is the Volkssport Club at West Point's current Treasurer, a position he was first elected to in 2002. He has computerized both the treasurer's books as well as maintaining the membership roster and election balloting. Andrew is the news editor of the club's weekly news emails, and maintains the club's electronic roster. He is the point of POC for two Year-Round Events, produces the annual club information booklet. He coordinated the information on the club website for the on-line calendar and MEETUP group.

Elizabeth Walsh

Cohoes, NY

In recognition of dedicated service to the Empire State Capital Volkssporters and the advancement of the American Volkssport Association programs in New York by broadening club exposure and attracting new members as the meet up website manager. The many hours spent coordinating the club's 17 Year-Rounds and Seasonal walks are also deeply appreciated.

Vera Weiss

Scotia, NY

In recognition of dedicated service to The Empire State Capital Volkssporters by unselfish donation of countless hours as co-chair of the committee to host the 2017 national convention bid. Your pursuit of this goal engendered great club spirit and enthusiasm. Your efforts and support of volkssporting as well as your generosity of spirit is greatly appreciated.

Northwest Region

Barbara Baker

Vancouver, WA

Barbara Baker continues to be one of the most dedicated leaders of Volkssporting in the Northwest, as a member of four clubs in Oregon and Washington. Barbara's imprint on the program is everywhere, from managing multiple boxes, supervising and working at the start and finish area for dozens of events, contributing to newsletters and other correspondence for her clubs and much more. Her selfless service has been a great inspiration to others.

Dick Baker**Vancouver, WA**

Dick Baker is the consummate Volkssporting leader in the Northwest, serving the region on awards and leader selection committees, guiding a premier club as President, and hosting one of the most successful group walking programs in the country. As a member of four local clubs, he has greatly influenced the quality of Traditional Events in Washington and Oregon and has been highly influential in attracting new members to all his clubs.

Denise Esmond**Portland, OR**

Denise Esmond has provided excellent service to the Rose City Roamers and the AVA for the past ten years. She served as the Club's Newsletter Editor in an exemplary manner for the past six years, chaired a Traditional Event the past three years, and helps whenever needed.

Juliann Fritchman**Boise, ID**

For her exemplary performance as Treasurer Valley Volkssport President and as chair of the Northwest Regional conference in Boise, September 16-18, 2016.

Millie Haupt**Yakima, WA**

For her outstanding performance as President and Vice-President of the Central Washington Sun Striders and as Area Coordinator and Chair of the Challenge Committee for the Evergreen State Volkssport Association.

Allen Heritage**Spokane, WA**

For his distinguished contributions to the Lilac City Volkssport Association and the Eastern region of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association as area coordinator. Allan continues to share and demonstrate what Volkssport is all about.

Ed Hainline**Happy Valley, OR**

For his exemplary performance in a variety of roles of Columbia River Volkssport Club and Rose City Roamers including club officer positions; for chairing the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association Flame Awards Committee since its inception, and as Trailmaster for all the walks of the AVA 19th Biennial Convention.

Twila Moser**Yakima, WA**

For her outstanding performance for six years as Treasurer of the Central Washington Sun Striders and numerous other club services over many years.

Walker (Burt) Paynter**Vancouver, WA**

Walker B. Paynter provided exceptional service to the Vancouver USA Volkssporters through organization of multiple traditional events, management of three walk boxes, and inspirational leadership in all club activities. He was instrumental in developing an evaluation criteria and programs to help standardize walk directions for all events in Washington. His dedication to our sport has left a long-lasting impact on Volkssporting in the northwest region.

Romana Paynter**Vancouver, WA**

Romana Paynter is one of the longest serving members of the Volkssport USA Volkssporters and her contributions to the success of the club are extensive. In recent years, she has provided invaluable service as club reporter, providing weekly inputs to local news outlets, leading to numerous new participants in our events. As co-chairman for a combined traditional event with the All-Weather Walkers, she demonstrated the meticulous attention to detail that have been the hallmark of her 16 years of service.

Jean Ohl**Vancouver, WA**

Jean Ohl has provided exemplary service to the Vancouver USA Volkssporters in several capacities, including Historian, Event Chairperson and involvement in all activities. She has submitted multiple travel stories with photos to the club newsletter, helping to motivate other walkers to expand their participation in the sport. Jean's distinctive contributions clearly mark her as a champion for her club and Volkssporting.

Heidi Schurr**Vancouver, WA**

Heidi Schurr's service as club Vice President and technology manager was absolutely exemplary with maintenance of a top-notch website and implementation of new technologies to improve club operations. Her organization of a "Talk Like a Pirate" walk was a resounding hit and added a fun atmosphere to inspire new walkers to participate in club events. Often asked to fill in as the club leader, Heidi demonstrates seasoned skill in guiding the club toward long range goals.

George Withers**Spokane, WA**

For over twenty years of service in a variety of positions, including President of the Lilac City Volkssport Association, and Eastern Area Coordinator for the Evergreen State Volksmarch Association. His extensive knowledge and experience have proved instrumental in the planning and implementation of many trails and events, including coordination with the Bloomsday race event for Volkssport credit.

Pacific Region**Dianne Driever****Linden, CA**

For being our current Club President and a member for more than five years. Dianne has served on committees and keeps everyone in the club updated regarding AVA policy. In addition, along with husband Don, served as POC's for a Year-Round walk. Truly a willing advocate for AVA.

Judy Gordon**Sparks, NV**

Judy serves as Point Of Contact for five of the club's nine events in California and Nevada as well as handling mail-in registration. She created walks in Kings and Sierra Counties that enabled participants to complete the 49er Counties program. She has served as delegate to CVA and AVA Conventions.

Susan Korejwo**Presented Posthumously****Henderson, NV**

For outstanding contributions to the Las Vegas High Rollers and Strollers and the advancement of American Volkssport Programs in Nevada; creating club walk directions with historical points of interest, tireless dedication planning, organizing memorable events for visitors, and welcoming everyone with unbounded kindness and grace for over 13 years.

Bruce E. McDevitt

Applegate, CA

Bruce currently handles leadership roles in two clubs. When he added Placer Pacer membership chair duties, he updated and computerized two-year-old files. From 2008 to 2010, Bruce served as President of the California Volkssport Association, followed by Pacific Regional Director to AVA's NEC for the 2009-2011 term.

Ann Opperman

Foster City, CA

Ann performed outstanding service as Treasurer of the San Francisco Bay Bandits Volksmarch Club for over 20 years. Her reliability for reports, by deadlines, kept the club in good standing. Additionally, Ann was Point of Contact at the Foster City CA walk for more years than she can remember. The Foster City box has always been stocked.

Carol Romig

Mililani, HI

Carol's outstanding service as club Secretary since July 2013, included completing the renewal of all 12 YRE's. She leads monthly walks using YRE's, organizes and executes the Anniversary Walk, Christmas Party, and three Traditional Events annually, and serves as POC for four YRE's on two islands. Her contributions keep the club viable and active!

Joan Sykes

Stockton, CA

For her long and outstanding service to the Delta Tule Trekkers as Walk Coordinator, Treasurer and developer of many AVA walks. Her enthusiasm and dedication have been instrumental in sustaining the club for the last 15 years.

Rocky Mountain Region

Penny Brown

Colorado Springs, CO

Penny celebrates 20 years with the Falcon Wanderers. She has been the Member at-large for 14 years, weekend event coordinator for six years and YRE coordinator since 2009. She prints and distributes the turn-in sheets for each YRE/SEA. She also collects, verifies, and reports participation numbers on the 13 YRE/SEA events.

Jean Foran

Calhan, CO

Jean celebrates 10 years with the Falcon Wanderers, she has been the weekend event coordinator for diversified walks that included the Paint Mines in Calhan, Cripple Creek, Homestead Ranch, and July events. Jean is the YRE coordinator for the Downtown Walk.

Carol Kinate

Colorado Springs, CO

Carol celebrates 10+ years with the Falcon Wanderers. She was Treasurer from 2007-2015 and trained the new Treasurer. She has been the weekend event coordinator for Veteran's Day 2007-2016, Hillside Community and Earth Day 2016. Carol coordinates many of our monthly meeting locations that are restaurants.

Clark (Chuck) Soeldner

Colorado Springs, CO

Clark (Chuck) celebrates his Fifth Anniversary with the Falcon Wanderers. He served as Trailmaster for two years and one year as the First Vice President. Previously, he supported the Aviano Road Runners annual event in Italy by marking and cleaning the trails on the 21k courses. They had 1000 participants.

Bev Watry

Colorado Springs, CO

Bev joined the Falcon Wanderers in 2013. She has been an active recruiter for the clubs by posting the walks on an internet walking site and bringing friends to the events. She has a positive attitude and is an asset to the organization.

South Central Region

Tom Alyea

Kansas City, Mo

Tom Alyea as President of the Clay-Platte Trackers has provided excellent leadership to his club. He created a new state Special Program to walk all 115 Missouri counties. This has caused an increase in walking opportunities for the whole region. A program such as this spurs new interest and participation, and is most appreciated by the RD and the SC Region.

Teresa Arnold

Tulsa, OK

Theresa has provided strong leadership as President of her club five times. In addition to her club duties as president, she has also served as acting Trailmaster and newsletter editor. She has served as the Nominating Chair for the South-Central Region five times. She is fully employed with new grandchildren and still finds time to be of valuable assistance to her club and Region. Her time and effort is most appreciated by the RD.

Doug Evitt

Bella Vista, AR

Doug Evitt has volunteered many hours to assist the SCRD with his special skill and ability at building brochures for two South Central Regional Roundups. In addition, he served as President of the Ozark Hill Hiker Club after he helped start it. Because of his vast experience in volkssporting in the Southwest region, he was a good teacher and mentor to the fledgling club members when needed. This contribution to volkssporting brought a club back to the state of Arkansas after a long absence. This was most appreciated by the Region and the SCRD.

Joe Fountain

Oklahoma City, OK

Joe Fountain has been President of the Wandergruppe Walking Club for ten years. He has tried to entice new walkers by sponsoring an event with a local Weight Watchers group. Just recently his health has failed but his strong feeling for volkssporting events has not flagged and his effort though done now with more difficulty is most appreciated by his club and the SCRD. Hope you will be back walking with us again soon, Joe.

Lawrence Lehman

Branson, MO

Larry Lehman has provided walking opportunities for the membership since 1988 through his leadership of the Global Adventurers Walking Club. When he and his wife Josie moved from Renton, Washington to Branson, MO, he brought his club with him and has made a great contribution to the Region in an area that did not have a club. In addition, he is currently serving as our National Treasurer to the American Volkssport Association. His care and concern for our organization in this particular area has been most appreciated by the South Central Regional Director.

Victor McAllister**Rolla, MO**

Victor moved to the area within the SC Region and determined that there needed to be AVA activity in the city of Rolla, Missouri. He went out of his way to find an AVA club to help get AVA activity in his adopted city of Rolla. Shortly thereafter not only was an AVA walk available but soon an AVA club was started with his assistance to the current president. A club now exists where none did before and is providing a great service to the organization. His first steps made this possible. Thanks, Victor.

Diana Mighells**Joplin, MO**

Diana is an avid volkssporter and very faithful to her Dogwood Trailblazer and Tulsa Walking Club. She saw a need several years back when club newsletters were put on line that not everyone has computer access. Diana decided that she would make certain that those without computer access in the Dogwood Trailblazers club would receive the newsletter in hard copy, she assumes the cost for the postage and material, in addition to the effort put forth to provide this service. A very unselfish act that is noteworthy and deserving of the commendation.

Ken Miles**Tulsa, OK**

Ken has maintained a club in the SC region for 20 Years. His club provides the Traditional Swim Events throughout the SC Region. Ken has served as Regional Director for one term. Most recently served on the Strategic Planning Committee providing guidance and experience as an attorney to the specific areas of the Governance section. Ken has never been shy about stepping up to fill a need within the organization. His resoluteness and strong sense of purpose are appreciated by the RD.

George Snyder**Lawton, OK**

George Snyder was instrumental in founding the Holy Family Walkers Club in 1985, which is now known as the Lawton Walkers Club. He served as the president of the club for 29 of the 30 years the club has been established. George has always been a good steward in the position of President, assuring the SC Region of excellent Traditional Events in addition to the many interesting and sometimes historical YREs found in that part of Oklahoma. His efforts have been most appreciated by the Region and SCRD.

Sharon Snyder**Lawton, OK**

Sharon Snyder has always been a very avid volkssporter and has assisted her husband George in the administration of the club. She has a keen understanding of the Special Programs offered to our AVA walkers across the country and has guided her club in the sponsorship of ten such programs. They are a part of the fun our AVA walkers enjoy. She has been active in other clubs in the region and served as a State President of Missouri at one time. She does it all with a "twinkle" in her eye.

Southeast Region**Maxine Johnson****Leigh High Acres, FL**

Presented to Maxine Johnson for 30 years of exceptional service to AVA, Florida and Oregon clubs, and the Meandering Manatees Volkssport Club. Her enthusiastic support of Volkssporting, desire to expand the sport, and involvement at all levels benefits AVA and Volkssporting.

Michael Lanpher**Winter Park, FL**

For 20+ years of exceptional service to AVA, Florida Volkssport Association, and the Mid-Florida Milers. His enthusiastic support of Volkssporting; organizing excellent events, serving FVA and Mid-Florida Milers frequently behind the scenes, earning Trailmaster certification, and involvement with Walk Around Florida, has benefitted the AVA folkssporting.

Beverly MacNeill**Lehigh Acres, FL**

Presented to Ms. Beverly MacNeill for 30 years exceptional service to AVA, Florida and Oregon Clubs, and the Meandering Manatees Volkssport Club. Her years of enthusiastic support of Volkssporting, her continuous service as FVA officer, and involvement at all levels has benefitted AVA and Volkssporting.

John McClellan**Port Orange, FL**

For 16 years of exceptional service to AVA, seven clubs, and the first Southeast Regional Deputy Director. His enthusiastic support of Volkssporting; organizing excellent events, serving as a club officer multiple times, earning Trailmaster certification, and fascinating active communications across the entire spectrum of AVA, has benefitted AVA and Volkssporting.

Southwest Region**Randy Baker****Windcrest, TX**

Randy has done a outstanding job as Webmaster for the Randolph Roadrunners for over eight years. He creates the Walk Brochures for at least seven Traditional Events every year. Randy does a good job promoting Bike Events throughout Texas. He also volunteers at most club events.

Pat Gunter**San Antonio, TX**

Pat continues to support the Randolph Roadrunners as the very efficient Treasurer and coordinator of five Year-Round Events. Pat created the yearly RR YRE flyer and she works at all club events. Pat is also the Treasurer of the new Texas Trail Roundup club, and was instrumental in getting the new club started.

Donna Hall**Dallas, TX**

For diligent service as the 2nd Vice President Dallas Trekkers, the Point Of Contact for the Trout Lily Walk 2015, and the Volunteer Coordinator of the 2009 AVA Biennial Convention. Donna does a great job nominating, managing, and reporting Year-Round and Seasonal Events for the Dallas Trekkers.

Helen Hull**Garland, TX**

For tireless service in developing and/or coordinating events for the North Texas Volkssport Clubs, the East Texas Trekkers, the Texas Volkssport Association, and the Texas County Walkers; and for your knowledge of and support for the many AVA events you attend across the country. Your support was instrumental in the success of the El Camino Real de los Tejas Special Program.

Charlotte Kahl**San Antonio, TX**

Charlotte, the Director of the Old Spanish Trail Centennial, did an outstanding job over the last decade promoting volkssporting events. She supported the National and Regional OST Special Programs. She participated in three AVA Conventions and attends the walks along the OST. She was instrumental in creating the two Traditional Hannibal Planta Walks in San Antonio.

Linda McDonald**Dallas, TX**

For outstanding service as Dallas Trekkers Club Secretary. Linda was active in recruiting new members, volunteering at local events, and leading the only AVA after-work weekly walks in the North Texas Region.

Jan Parker**Kerrville, TX**

For outstanding service as chairperson of the Kerrville Trailblazers YRE program for 8 years. Jan was in charge of six YRE's which she kept updated with revisions due to construction or other public issues. She hosted the Sunrise Walk every year. Jan also supported the club's Sanctioned Events by working at the checkpoints. Her tireless efforts made the Kerrville Trailbalzers a thriving club.

Judy Perry**Kerrville, TX**

Judy provided leadership to the Kerrville Trailblazers for more than 10 years. She was in charge of registration at the Start/Finish table at the club's Traditional Events, and she was Vice President of the club for three years. As Vice-President, she was responsible for all programs and Special Events. Judy stepped up and became President of the club in 2016 when the former President passed away.

Pat Roberts**San Antonio, TX**

Pat is an outstanding asset to the volkssport community. She is the Roadrunner Secretary and coordinates two YRE Walks. She was in charge of the banquet for the AVA 40th anniversary. She is a founding member of the Texas Trail Roundup Volkssporting Club, and provides valuable insight and service.

David Sheppard**Dallas, TX**

For outstanding service as President of the Texas County Walkers; and Web Master, Newsletter Editor, and Chair of the Membership Committee for the Dallas Trekkers Walking Club. Your tireless efforts helped make the 2009 AVA Biennial Convention successful. Thanks for all you do!

Rick White**San Antonio, TX**

Rick, a founding member of The Texas Wanderers, is recognized for over 35 years of dedicated service to his club and other San Antonio clubs. He developed new trails, operated Year-Round Events, and works almost every Traditional Walk. First to arrive and last to leave, Rick is a dependable presence at all our events and contributes greatly to the success of Volksmarching in San Antonio.

Gary Whitford**Plano, TX**

For over 27 years Gary has supported the Star Trekkers Volkssport Club, serving as President, Vice President, and Treasurer. He was the webmaster for the Texas Volkssport Association. Gary generously agreed to serve as Treasurer for the Plano Walking Club for the last six years. He takes care of several Year-Round Events and assists other clubs with Traditional Events

Certificate of Service Award

Atlantic Region

Certificate of Service - Basic Award

Dave Defero	Chesapeake, VA	David Peters	Fairfield, PA
Linda Peters	Fairfield, PA		

Certificate of Service - 5 years

Judith Reed	Thomasville, PA	John Santamaria	Williamsburg, VA
Jerry Spiker	Virginia Beach, VA	Ann Zahn	Williamsburg, VA

Certificate of Service - 10 years

Barbara Bell	Islip, NY	Pam Bowers	Williamsburg, VA
Peggy Bowers	Chesapeake, VA	Robert Gleason	Leesburg, VA
Vivian Gleason	Leesburg, VA	Lorraine Jackson	Biglerville, PA
Barbara Lippincott	Chesapeake, VA	Jay Oakley	Leesburg, VA
Betty Richard	Chesapeake, VA	Dale Sours	Winchester, VA
Elaine Thompson	Chesapeake, VA	Jo Ann Williams	Chesapeake, VA

Certificate of Service - 15 years

Diane Berard	Newport News, VA	Ron Berard	Newport News, VA
Rita Klahr	Virginia Beach, VA	Heide Richards	Norfolk, VA
Suzanne Wright	Leesburg, VA		

Certificate of Service - 20 Years

Joseph Arnold	Norfolk, VA	Mike Brooks	Norfolk, VA
Nate Colter	Davenport, FL	Monica Gowin	Prince George, VA
Betty Jo McCoy	York, PA	John McCoy	York, PA
Susan Osborn	Aberdeen, MD	Helen Swanson	Danville, VA
Kevin Theall	Ellicott City, MD	Art Whittaker	Hampton, VA
Elaine Whittaker	Hampton, VA		

Certificate of Service - 25 years

Shirley Boyd	Hampton, VA	Shirley Fleming	York, PA
Bill Zimmerman	Norfolk, VA		

Atlantic Region - Continued

Certificate of Service - 30 years

Charles Hornsby	Virginia Beach, VA	Dayle Horne	Virginia Beach, VA
Dan Horne	Chesapeake, VA	Terry Sullivan	Charlottesville, VA

Mid America Region

Certificate of Service - Basic Award

Tom Crabill	Ft Wayne, IN	Terry Elser	New Haven, IN
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Northwest Region

Certificate of Service - Basic Award

Cathy Potter	Portland, OR
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Certificate of Service - 10 Years

Bettie Lou Cline	Milwaukie, OR	Karen Highfield	Gresham, OR
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Certificate of Service - 15 years

Louise Baltes	Vancouver, WA	Thomas Baltes	Vancouver, WA
Regina Blake	Vancouver, WA	Julie Groth	Portland, OR
Joseph Kelly	Tualatin OR	Karen Kelly	Tualatin, OR
Carolyn Koonce	Beaverton, OR	J T Lunsford	Canby, OR
Jim Westcott	Salem, OR		

Southeast Region

Certificate of Service - Basic Award

Dave Piatt	Orlando, FL
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Certificate of Service - 30 years

Perry Rawson	Hendersonville, NC
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Commendable Service Award

Atlantic Region

Steve Brown	Springfield, VA	Alma Dallas	Langhorne, PA
Julie Geyer	New Oxford, PA	Betty Good	Abington, PA
Nancy Ickles	Etters, PA	Sandy Leese	York, PA
Dan Leese	York, PA	Jim McDonald	Dover, DE
Jean Meyers	Warminster PA	James Myers	Hanover, PA
Darrell Neily	Adelphi, MD	David Peters	Fairfield, PA
Mike Quinlan	Bowie, MD	Gloria Reedy	Dover, PA
Bev Robinson	Warminster, PA	Gloria Rudacille	York, PA
Marie Snyder	East Berlin, PA	Pat Strausbaugh	York, PA
Carolyn Thurber	Derwood, MD	Brenda Weirch	Manchester, PA
Nevin Weirch	Manchester, PA		

Mid America Region

Myles Arbeeny	O'Fallon, IL	Rick Barthel	Freebug, IL
Debra Kruep	Belleville, IL	Cheryl Linke	Wapakoneta, OH
Tim Prost	Fairview Heights, IL	Kimberly Renth	Belleville, IL
Bill Solarek	Tipp City, OH	Suzanne Solarek	Tipp City, OH
Marie Steinke	Wapakoneta, OH	Frances Taylor	Louisville, KY

North Central Region

Mark Conway	West Des Moines, IA	Mary Ann Conway	West Des Moines, IA
Jeannie Miller	Bennington, NE	Dee Willemsen	Windsor Heights, IA

Northeast Region

Mary Agars	Troy, NY	David Byers	Lowell, Ma
Larry Godshalk	Glenville, NY	Genevieve Ireton	Queensbury, NY
Dave Janiga	Albany, NY	Beverly Lange	Ashland, MA
Warren Lavery	Albany, NY	Cathy McGuire	Latham, NY
Brenda Presnal	West Point, NY	Patricia Reed	North Tonawanda, NY
Jessica Ruit	West Point, NY	Pat Whelan	Cohoes, NY

Northwest Region

Carolyn Affolter	Vancouver, WA	Marlys Ashburn	Veneta, OR
Maryann Brown	Waldport, OR	Bill Buskirk	Eugene, OR
Cherie Chevalier	Eugene, OR	Mary Clark	Albany, OR
Ruthann Couch	Eugene, OR	Bolton Davis	Camas, WA
Jim Finlayson	Yachats, OR	Sue Finlayson	Yachats, OR
Cheryl Gibbens	Camas, WA	Rosemary Nelson	Springfield, OR
Jann Mann	Eugene, OR	Suzie Main	Coos Bay, OR
Robert Mason	Springfield, OR	Jill McLean	Vancouver, WA
James Ohl	Vancouver, OR	Gail Sandgathe	Springfield, OR
Carmella Swinney	Springfield, OR	Darleen Thomasec	Eugene, OR
Marjorie Varner	Vancouver, WA	Rozy Weatherby	Albany, OR
Suelynn Williams	Boise, ID	Gene Williamson	Seal Rock, OR
Linda Williamson	Seal Rock, OR		

Pacific Region

Jennie Gordon	Truckee, CA	Diane Morrison	Carelian Bay, CA
Jim Morrison	Carnelian, CA	Cathy Pauley	Stockton, CA
Jean Reed	San Jose, CA	Dennis Romig	Mililani, CA
Tom Swift	Stockton, CA	Charlotte Sullivan	Honolulu, HI

Rocky Mountain Region

Dale Boone	Pueblo, CO	Ron Cox	Seeley Lake, MT
Connie Dueker	Colorado Springs, CO	Daniel Norgail	Syracuse, UT
Richard Perry	Fort Collins, CO	Lois Petersen	Buffalo, WY
Lynette Reagan	Colorado Springs, CO	Sherry Sayers	Woodland Park, CO
Katherine Svoboda	Aurora, CO	Myra Tams	Ogden, UT
Bev Watry	Colorado Springs, CO	Jayne Welton	Virginia City, MT
Cliff Wigfield	Edgewater, CO	Linda Wolff	Miles City, MT

Southeast Region

Dan Barnett	Merritt Island, FL	Nancy Barnett	Merritt Island, FL
Marcia Kepper	Casselberry, FL	Mike Kepper	Casselberry, FL
Robert McDaniel	Greenville, SC	D. J. Moore	Panama City Beach, FL
David Neilsen	Tupelo, MS	Jan Van Vlack	The Villages, FL

Southwest Region

Bob Alton	San Antonio, TX	Susan Alton	San Antonio, TX
John Bohnert	Comfort, TX	Tina Bohnert	Comfort, TX
Leslie Bowen	Dallas, TX	Martin Callahan	San Antonio, TX
Carol Castlebury	Austin, TX	Evelyn Cole	Richardson, TX
Kathy Daly-Stratemann	Austin, TX	Brian Fisher	Kerrville, TX
Carlton Forinash	San Antonio, TX	Joanne Forinash	San Antonio, TX
Bill Hamilton	Houston, TX	Sam Harris	Austin, TX
Sandy Harris	Austin, TX	Pat Heller	San Antonio, TX
Hector Hernandez	San Antonio, TX	Helen Hull	Garland, TX
John Ives	San Antonio, TX	Susan Ives	San Antonio, TX
Heinz Johnson	San Antonio, TX	Priscilla Johnson	San Antonio, TX
Suzanne Markgraf	Garden Ridge, TX	Stephanie Mentee-Knight	Austin, TX
Marilyn Nash	Dallas, TX	Ellen Ott	San Antonio, TX
Eileen Roberts	Las Cruces, NM	Charles Rogers	Austin, TX
Henry Rosales	Universal City, TX	Derrill Rothermich	Las Cruces, NM
J. Robert Rountree	Dallas, TX	Sharon Roy	Dallas, TX
Samanta Sanchez	San Antonio, TX	Kathy Schwenke	San Antonio, TX
Mike Schwenke	San Antonio, TX	Greg Sells	Austin, TX
Daphne Simpson	Plano, TX	Jo Ann Slaven	Anna, TX
Siba Spencer	Lakeway, TX	Theresa Swett	Allen, TX
Jim Tree	San Antonio, TX	Henriett Vargas	Las Cruces, NM
Audrey Vertucci	San Antonio, TX	Mary Zeitker	Austin, TX

Certificate of Appreciation

Atlantic Region

Central Bucks YMCA	Doylestown, PA
Comfort Suites	Allentown, PA
Hampton Inn York	York, PA
Jean Bonnet Tavern	Bedford, PA
Kountry Kettle Restaurant	Hopewell, PA
Molly's Ice Cream Shop	Wilmington, DE
Natural Bridge State Park	Natural Bridge, VA
Quality Inn & Suites	Morrisville, PA
Radnor Hotel	Radnor, PA
Redner's Market	Collegeville, PA
Rodeway Inn & Suites	New Hope, PA
Valley Forge National Historic Park	Valley Forge, PA
Wyndham Hotel	Philadelphia, PA
Yesteryear Antique Center	Hanover, PA
York County Parks Department	York, PA

North Central Region

Jiffy Express	Indianola, IA
Kwik Star	Marshalltown, IA

Northeast Region

Albany City Conference and Visitors Center	Albany, NY
Ciotti Family Recreation Center	Albany, NY
Four Seasons Natural Food	Saratoga Springs, NY
Highland Falls Market	Highland Falls, NY
Hilton Garden Inn	Clifton Park, NY
The Beekman Arms & Delamater INN	Rhinebeck, NY

Northwest Region

15 Mile Winery -- Dan Bolton Family	Boyd, OR
Athletic Club of Bend	Bend, OR
Bend Parks and Recreation, Chris Zerger, Public Events Coordinator	Bend, OR
Best Western Icicle Inn	Leavenworth, WA
Best Western Lincoln Inn and Suites	Ellensburg, WA
Best Western Plus Inn at Horse Heaven	Prosser, WA
Blue Rooster Bakery	Waterville, WA
Cathlamet Market	Cathlamet, WA

Cedars Inn	East Wenatchee, WA
Chelan Shell Foodmart	Chelan, WA
Clover Island Inn	Kennewick, WA
Columbia River Volkssport Association	Portland, OR
Cornerstone Café	Rainier, OR
Dairy Queen -- Nob Hill Blvd	Yakima, WA
Double Tree Hotel Bend -- Carla Moore Sales manager	Bend, OR
Dufur School -- Jack Henderson	Dufur, OR
Egel Crest Resort, Ridge Sports Center	Redmond, OR
Grand Coulee Dam Visitor's Center	Kennewick, WA
Heart to Heart Healing, Liza Burney	Salem, OR
High Desert Amateur Radio Group	Clear Lake, OR
IGA Store	Winlock, WA
La Quinta Inn	Walla Walla, WA
Lamb's Nature Choice Market	Wilsonville, OR
Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, Catering Department	Portland, OR
Legacy Meridian Park Hospital	Tualatin, OR
Linn County Parks, Steve Christian, Ranger	Clear Lake, OR
Linn County, Bill Johnson, K7RGB, Ham Radio Operator	Clear Lake, OR
Linn County, Bill Schumacher, KF7CSV, Ham Radio Operator	Clear Lake, OR
Linn County, Brian Case, KF7WPK, Ham Radio Operator	Clear Lake, OR
Linn County, Jeff Moore, KE7ACT, Ham Radio Operator	Clear Lake, OR
Linn County, Joe Barry, K7SQ, Ham Radio Operator	Clear Lake, OR
Linn County, Mike Smith, ADGC, Ham Radio Operator	Clear Lake, OR
Linn County, Ray Spreier, KG7AV, Ham Radio Operator	Clear Lake, OR
Linn County, Bill Winton, N7GRO, Ham Radio Operator	Clear Lake, OR
Manson Red Apple Market	Manson, WA
Martin's Market Place	Cashmere, WA
McDonald's Restaurant -- Airport way	Portland, WA
McMenamins Hotel	McMinnville, OR
Motel 6	Seaside, OR
Mrs. Turner's Hometown Café	Puyallup, WA
Mt. St. Helens Motel	Castle Rock, WA
Mt. St. Helens, Charles Turner, Ham Radio Operator	Mt St Helens, WA
New Season's Market	Lake Oswego, OR
Ohanapacosh Visitor's Information Center	Mt Rainier National Park, WA
Oxford Inn	Yakima, WA
Palio Dessert and Espresso House	Portland, OR
Powerhouse Grill	Yakima, WA
REI Tualatin	Tualatin, OR
Roy Grange No. 702	Roy, WA
Safeway Stores	Clatskanie, OR
Safeway Stores	St Helens, OR
Safeway Stores	Wenatchee, WA
San Dune Inn	Manzanita, OR
Shell Station -- Sunriver	Sunriver, OR

Sherwood Family YMCA
Sisters Athletic Club
Sleep Inn of Pasco
Starbucks Coffee
Starbucks Coffee -- Hawthorne Store
SUBWAY Sandwiches
Supermart
The Cedars Motel
The Dufer Historical Society
The Merk
The Red Lion
The Vintage Village Inn
USDA Forest Service, Denise Mercer, Ranger
Wapiti Wooies, Bob and Debbie Grubb
Willamette Coffee House

Sherwood, OR
Sisters, OR
Pasco, OR
Ellensburg, WA
Portland, OR
Quincy, WA
Hammond, OR
Ritzville, WA
Dufer, OR
Longview, WA
Kelso, WA
Zillah, WA
McKenzie Bridge, OR
Greenwater, WA
West Linn, OR

Pacific Region

Campbell Inn
Coffeetopia
Hampton Inn & Suites
Hardman House Hotel
Lopez Taqueria & Liquor
McDonald's of Manoa Marketplace
Pacific Motor Inn
Tahoe House Bakery & Gourmet
The Los Gatos Coffee Roasting Company
The National Automobile Museum
The New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel
The Village at Squaw Valley
Togo's Sandwich Shop
Togo's Sandwich Shop
Virginia City Convention and Tourism Authority
Volcano Art Center
YMCA - Nuuanu Branch

Campbell, CA
Santa Cruz, CA
Truckee, CA
Carson City, NV
Monterey, CA
Honolulu, HI
San Jose, CA
Tahoe City, CA
Los Gatos, CA
Reno, NV
Honolulu, HI
Olympic Valley, CA
Santa Cruz, CA
Union City, CA
Virginia City, NV
Hawaii Volcanos National Park, HI
Honolulu, HI

Rocky Mountain Region

7-11 Convenience Store
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Alta Store
Colorado Welcome Center
Comfort Inn
Criterium Bicycles
Daz Bog Coffee

Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Trinidad, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Castle Rock, CO

Durango Community Recreation Center
Garden of the Gods Trading Post
In-N-Out Conoco
King Soopers
Loaf 'N Jug
Loaf 'N Jug
Loaf 'N Jug
Safeway
Super 8 Motel
Travelodge of Colorado Springs
Wrangler Western Wear Store

Durango, CO
Manitou Springs, CO
Cheyenne, WY
Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Fountain, CO
Pueblo, CO
Monument, CO
Salida, CO
Colorado Springs, CO
Cheyenne, WY

Southeast Region

Beardall Senior Center
Bok Tower Gardens
Celebrations Florida Starbucks
Del Web Orlando
Ft Gatlin Community Park
Great Smokey Mountains National Park
Hollerbach's Willow Tree Café
Kirkland Ale House
Luigino's Pasta and Steak House
Maitland Walgreens Pharmacy
Monroeville Police Department
Napolitanos
Orange County Parks and Recreation
Orlando Marks Street Senior Center
Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park
Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf
Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf
The Lodge at Gainesville
The Villages Recreation Department
Town of Micanopy
Veteran Affairs Medical Center
Winter Park YMCA

Orlando, FL
Lake Wales, FL
Celebrations, FL
Davenport, FL
Orlando, FL
Gatlinburg, TN
Sanford, FL
Orlando, FL
Lake Mary, FL
Maitland, FL
Monroeville, AL
Gainesville, FL
Winter Garden, FL
Orlando, FL
Micanopy, FL
Lake Buena Vista, FL
Orlando, FL
Gainesville, FL
Villages, FL
Micanopy, FL
Orlando, FL
Winter Park, FL

Southwest Region

7- 11 Spring Creek/Custer
Barney Smith - Toilet Seat Museum
Beethoven Maennerchor Halle und and Garten
Bridget Magness
Broadway Daily Bread - Broadway
Broadway Daily Bread - DeZaval
City of McAllen Parks & Recreation Department

Plano, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
McAllen, TX

Comfort Inn & Suites - Hill Country	Boerne, TX
CSEFCO Shell Gas Station	Belton, TX
Del Webb Hill Country Retreat	San Antonio, TX
Demo's Greek Food	San Antonio, TX
Drury Inn & Suites of 1-10 and 1604	San Antonio, TX
Fire Station #1- Historic Plano	Plano, TX
Fire Station #9 - Arbor Hills	Plano, TX
First Commercial Bank, N.A.	San Antonio, TX
First Presbyterian Church	Granbury, TX
Grand Hotel	McKinney, TX
Guenther House	San Antonio, TX
Hilton Garden Inn	Granbury, TX
Holiday Inn Express Salado	Salado, TX
Holiday Inn Market Square	San Antonio, TX
Hood County Hummers	Granbury, TX
La Taza Coffee Shop	San Antonio, TX
Market Street	Allen, TX
Martha's Mexican Restaurant	San Antonio, TX
McDonald's Restaurant	San Antonio, TX
Mini Mart #6	Uvalde, TX
Mission San Jose Church	San Antonio, TX
Park Plaza Hotel	Seguin, TX
Pugels	San Antonio, TX
Reliance Reality - Team Hermes	San Antonio, TX
Rio Cibilo Ranch	Zuelh, TX
Roadway Inn	San Antonio, TX
San Antonio Shoemakers	San Antonio, TX
Shell Station - Renner Road	Richardson, TX
Sparkling City Strollers	Corpus Christi, TX
St Joseph's Society	Fredericksburg, TX
Star Trekkers of Irving	Irving, TX
Stinson Municipal Airport	San Antonio, TX
Super 8 - Seguin	Seguin, TX
Tanger Outlet Center	San Marcos, TX
Tom Thumb	Richardson, TX
VFW Post 76	San Antonio, TX

Trailmaster Certification

Mid America Region

Stanley Neu	Evansville, IN	Tom Martin	Indianapolis, IN
Terry Elser	New Haven, IN		

Northeast Region

Linda Morzillo	Saratoga Springs, NY		
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Northwest Region

Annette St. Pierre	Stevenson, WA	Theresa Meisner	Gresham, OR
Mike Ford	Seattle, WA	Thomas Baltes	Vancouver, WA

Southeast Region

Alice Lawrence	Largo, FL	Robert McDaniel	Greenville, SC
Michael Lanpher	Winter Park, FL		

Southwest Region

Brooke Hudson	Hurst, TX	Martin Brenzel	New Braunfels, TX
Dave Roberts	Fredricksburg, TX	Michael Marke	San Antonio, TX
Dianne Duke	Dallas, TX	Susan Medlin	San Antonio, TX

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Teresa Arnold	Lady Liberty Walking the USA – Street by Street	Broken Arrow, OK
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Don Deal	Cities in Song	Petaluma, CA
Mary Frink	Ice Cream Parlors	Everett, MA
Millie Haupt	Bridges- Spanning the USA	Yakima, WA
Lois Head	Honoring Our Flag Alternative Capitals Animal Safari Food for Thought Points of Reference State Street Sashay Treasure Hunt You'll Never Walk Alone	St Cloud, MN
Diane Hildebrand	National Parks Centennial	Renton, WA
Sharon Snyder	Lakes and Reservoirs Make a Wish at a Water Fountain National Register of Historic Places	Lawton, OK

Sharon Snyder	Take a Walk in a City Park United States Post Offices Water Towers	
Butch Spaulding	Doin' the Louisiana Purchase	Council Bluffs, IA
Pat Stark	Vice Presidential Walks	Wilder, VT
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AVA PUBLICITY CONTEST WINNERS

NEWLETTER

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| 1. | Walk'in Mass | Footnotes 6/2016 |
| 2. | Ashville Amblers Amblers | Newsletter Dec/Jan 2016 |
| 3. | Vaca Valley Folks | Newsletter Fall 2015 |

BROCHURES TRADITIONAL EVENT

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| 1. | Walk 'n Mass | Brookline |
| 2. | Upstate Pathfinders | Thank a Vet |
| 3. | The Happy Wanderers | Azalea Walk |

YEAR ROUND/SEASONAL EVENT

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| 1. | Walk 'n Mass | 2016 Walk and Bike |
| 2. | Two Town Walking Club | YRE 2016 |
| 3. | Falcon Wanderers | YRE/Seasonal 2016 |

PHOTOGRAPHY

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| 1. | Jan Weeks | Thing |
| 2. | Lois LaFluer | Soldiers |
| 3. | Linda Morzillo | Boy and Lady looking at sign |

LOGO

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| 1. | Upstate Pathfinders | Greenville, SC |
| 2. | Nebraska Trailblazers | Omaha, NE |
| 3. | Gateway Milers | O'Fallon, IL |

WEBSITE

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| 1. | Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers | www.netrailblazers.club |
| 2. | East Tennessee Wanderers | www.easttennesseewanderers.org |
| 3. | Happy Wanderers, Florida | www.happywanderersfl.org |



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