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The Prez Sez...

As I write this we are plunging headlong into 2014, our 35th anniversary year. First on the agenda is our annual dinner on January 18th, during which, the Walker of the Year will be announced. Information on the dinner is found elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to get your reservation in on time!!!

The officers will officially begin their new terms at this meeting. There are not many changes. We do have a Secretary this year – YEAH!! Sheila Goeltz has agreed to take on this position. Other officers continue from last year -- with yours truly still in the chair with the gavel, Larry Boehm as VP and Butch Spaulding as treasurer.

Our first walk for the year will be our anniversary walk in March. Since our

AVA Membership Charter is dated March 22, 1979, and since we are fortunate that March 22nd falls on a Saturday this coming year, we will be able to have our walk on the exact date of our 35th anniversary. The start point for this walk is one familiar to our regular walkers – Childrens Square USA, at 714 Avenue E in Council Bluffs.

Our April walk (April 5th) will be an Art Walk featuring the Joslyn Art Museum. The start point will be the Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau visitor center at 10th and Farnam, across from ConAgra headquarters.

On May 10th, we will have a Dog Lovers Walk starting from NOAH'S bARK doggie day care at 3548 Center in Omaha. Members are encouraged

to bring their four-legged friends along on this walk.

Attendance was good at the lights walk, in spite of the very cold day. Thirty-nine walkers braved the elements so they could walk amongst the sparkling lights around downtown Omaha.

~Mel



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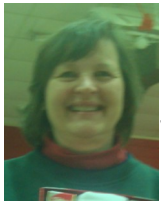
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Sandy peaks

Well, our 2013 walks are now only a pleasant memory. We were lucky to have the trees in full foliage for our Pie walk. We had a wonderful turnout and saw a lot of old friends. Two weeks later, the trees were bare, though we were able to get a couple of walks in on those few nice days that just happened to fall on weekends.

Twenty-nine warm hearted souls braved the frigid temperatures for our lights walk. I am not sure who was

coldest—the ones walking outside who were all bundled up or the workers who maintained the start table, finish table, cookie table and door prizes. I think they forgot to pay their heating bills in the landmark building. I am always in awe of our wonderful members who brought door prizes, hats, mittens, socks, toilet paper and cookies. Everyone left after warming themselves with the wonderful treats and taking home a treasure. I am sure that Jim and Sheila will give us a full count of those items that will be donated to Mohm's Place.

Where were you 35 years ago? We were celebrating our

5th with our second child. I was working at the new, very modern, St. Joseph Hospital nights every other weekend and spending the rest of the time caring for our five month old daughter. We had never heard of Volksmarching and never expected that it would have such an impact on our lives. The Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers becomes 35 years old on the day of our first walk in 2014. Something to celebrate!

~~Sandy

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.



Jim's Notes

Nebraska Wanderfreunde Trailblazers History

I have been commissioned by the Wanderfreunde – at an undisclosed salary – to compile a history of the organization. On March 22, 2014, this organization will celebrate 35 years as a charter member of the American Volkssport Association. The charter was

received from the AVA back then and the club was also approved by the state of Nebraska with a certificate of incorporation. That made us a non-profit organization.

I took a brief time out from working on this job and went to Germany for the Christmas markets with Sheila. To put it shortly, we enjoyed the Nurnberger bratwurst, gluwain, and liebckucken, also the walks up and down the hills of Berchtesgaden.

Back to the essay on club history: Minutes and pictures

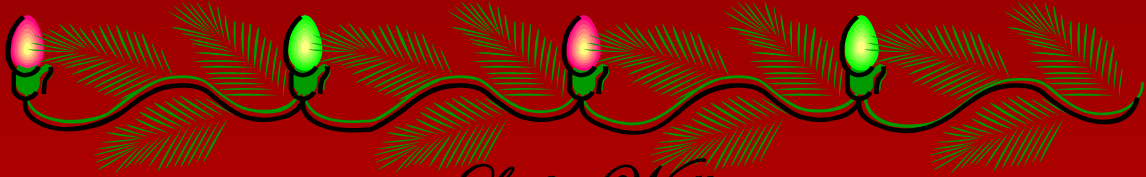
from the past 20 to 25 years are in abundance but stuff from the early 80s is lacking. I do know that one of our early volksmarches was held in Plattsmouth in October of 1979 and over two days drew 325 people. It is little stuff like that which would make the history more interesting. Maybe some one has something hidden away from the early 80s which would help me. At any rate, I'm working on the club history.



Pie Walk

November 2, 2013





Lights Walk



You are cordially invited...

WHAT: Nebraska Trailblazers Annual Dinner

WHEN: Saturday, January 18, 2014

WHERE: Farmhouse Café and Bakery
3461 South 84th Street, just a short distance north of I-80 on the east side of the street.

COST: \$15/members \$20/non-members
Includes entrée choice, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity
(Alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the attendee)

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Social Hour with cash bar
6:00 p.m. Dinner

DETAILS: Dinner will be followed by a short business meeting . The highlight of the meeting will be the announcement of *Walker(s) of the Year*. Members voted at the December monthly meeting.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 10, 2014

Please indicate your choice of entrée, potato & side (if applicable) on the form below and send with your payment to:

NWFT
PO Box 8147
Omaha NE 68108

Name _____

Name _____

_____ **N. U. Potato Casserole** – seared sirloin, mushrooms, potatoes, onions, cheeses, Hollandaise, and red roma tomatoes.

_____ **Chicken Carbonara** – large bowl of pasta, tossed in Alfredo sauce with grilled chicken tenders, bacon bits, and sauteed broccoli. Served with a house salad.

_____ **Liver and Onions** – beef liver dipped in flour, grilled and topped with sautéed onions and bacon, served with potato choice and one deli side.

Potato _____ Potato _____

Side _____ Side _____

_____ **Apple Cinnamon Pork Chops** – two chops grilled and topped with sliced apples, spiced with cinnamon. Served with choice of potato and one deli side.

Potato _____ Potato _____


Side _____ Side _____

Potato choices: french fries, baked potato, potato puff, potato salad

Deli sides: veggies, cole slaw, cottage cheese, baked beans, pasta salad, onion rings, house salad



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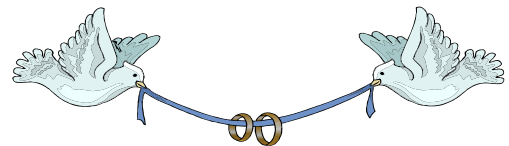
Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events

Jan	1	West Des Moines Mall Walk	GDMVA
Feb	1	Lee's Summit MO	Pace Setters Volkspport
	8	Des Moines Downtown Skywalk	GDMVA
	16	Lawrence KS Walk.....	Sunflower Sod Stompers
Mar	15	St. Patrick's Walk in Des Moines	GDMVA
	15	Lincoln NE Walk.....	Lincoln VCInc
	22	35 th Anniversary & Soup Walk	NWFT
Apr	5	Art Lovers Walk.....	NWFT
	5	Fretenac KS	Dogwood Trailblazers
	12	Blue Springs MO Walk.....	Pace Setters
	26	St Joe Krug Park Walk.....	Clay-Platte Trackers
May	3	Kaw State Park Walk, Topeka KS	Sunflower Sod Stompers
	10	Doggie Walk.....	NWFT
	17	3-State Walk in Dubuque	GDMVA

Event Awards for Club Members

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Wayne Fry	10- 50	500
Mark Conway	300-400	
Mary Anne Conway	300-400	
Susan Pinneke	375	4,000
Kurt Goeltz	400	
Jeanne Van Houweling	500	5,000
Ardith Ortgies	750	
Phyllis Olson	900	
Norma Wessel	900	9,000
Sandy Spaulding	1,500	
Butch Spaulding	1,600	18,000
Wilma Damian	1,800	
Joe Houfek	1,800	
Jim McGahan		20,000
Martha McGahan		20,000

You're Still the One



Jan	11	Butch & Sandy Spaulding
	13	Steve & Jeanne Miller
	23	Pete & Claudia Dowling
Feb	5	Jim & Sheil Goeltz
	11	Lee Frantz & Donna Campbell
	19	Dana & Teresa Merrick

Happy Birthday to You!!!!

- January**
- 1 Susan Schwartz
 - 9 Wilma Damian
 - 13 Dana Merrick
 - 20 Gail Boggs
 - 20 Cathy Ochsner



- February**
- 8 Jim McGahan
 - 19 Stan Fraas
 - 20 Gretchen Fry
 - 20 Becky Hepfner
 - 23 Betty Golmanavich

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Meeting News

The next club meetings will be February 3, March 3 and April 7 at Morning Star Lutheran Church, located at 331 S 85th Street in Omaha. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. We try to have a short program before the business meeting. Just a reminder that the club meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with some exceptions: no meetings in January, July or August, and it is the 2nd Monday in September. Don't forget that at each meeting, we have a drawing for a \$10 door prize. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be a club member to win this.

Membership Dues

November & December dues are now past due (check your mailing label—email message will be sent out as a reminder). Renewal is \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a family membership. Please send renewals to:

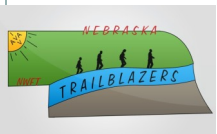
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