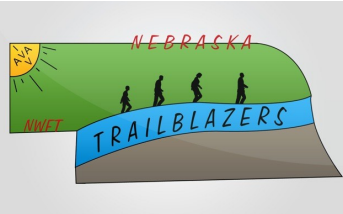


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President's Corner



At our Annual Meeting, held at the Farmhouse Café, the Walkers of the Year were announced by last year's winner, Sandy Spaulding. This year Jim and Sheila Goeltz shared the honors. They were recognized for tireless service to the club, including (among other things) maintaining the Council Bluffs Year Round Event.

Also, at our Annual Meeting on January 18th, six members were recognized with certificates from AVA. I presented most of them; then was surprised to get one myself. Dave Brown, Mary Brown, Julie Brown, and Sheila Goeltz were recognized with "Certificate of Service" awards. Jim Goeltz and I received "Meritorious Service" awards. Attendees were generally satisfied with the food and service and some even suggested returning to the same location next year. As for me, I was able to get two more meals at home from my entrée.

In February, 18 club members went to Shelby for the annual

Soup Cook-Off. See the full report on this by Sandy Spaulding elsewhere in this issue.

March 22nd marks our 35th anniversary as a club and we will celebrate with a walk as a club on that day, starting from Children's Square in Council Bluffs. If you only go on one walk in 2014, this is the one to attend. This is our annual soup walk, but we will also have a birthday cake to honor the occasion. We were just the 16th club chartered by the AVA.

~Mel

I love waving at random people. Because you know for the rest of the day they're trying to figure out who you were.

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Jim's Notes

Work on the history of the Wanderfreunde had been proceeding nicely until my accident on February 4. But that's another story...

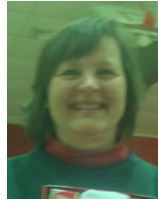
Up until that time I had gone through the minutes of 1987 meetings and recorded items on my computer. This was a tedious job looking through each piece of paper and recording names from the past, such as Burd Arganbright, Chloe McFarland, Jeanne Murphy and Claudia & Pete Dowling. I always like to incorporate people's names in my written work and this is no exception.

The year 1987 completed, I had moved through 1988 until I reached April. So that is where the history stands at this point. It is unfortunate that all records from 1981 through 1986 were misplaced, lost or walked away.

I am happy to know that many of our members enjoyed the Shelby cook-off, where the benefits go to maintain the Stone Arch Trail, on which we have a year round.

I am presently in rehab at Risen Son recovering from a torn quadriceps muscle.

~Jim



Sandy peaks

Eighteen Trailblazers (not counting the 4-H group named the Trailblazers that served soup) made it to the Shelby Cook Off on February 8. We occupied three tables and were lauded as the loudest group there—even louder than the 12 groups showing their spirit while promoting their soups. We had lots to cheer about. In addition to having our fill of wonderful soups like Zuppa Toscana and Road Kill Chili, we had eight winning tickets pulled from the box of raffle tickets with two of them going to the lucky Bernie Wagner. Thanks to Lowell, we managed to down an even 130 bowls of soup. That is 7.1 bowls per person if my math is right. A few of us didn't eat our fair share. That was still a good increase from last year. Our favorite soup was The Trailblazers Clover Power Chowder. However, the People's Choice award went to the Pedalers Potluck Porridge. To vote, you put pennies (or dollars) into the jar on each table. I think someone stuffed the Pedalers jar—they raised over \$500!

It is always a treat to watch the pie auction. Not too many of us are brave enough to bid on these pies. Seven pies went for over \$40 each and the second place pie went for

about \$140. The winning pie this year was a Strawberry-Rhubarb that went for \$260!

This fund raiser supports the Stone Arch Trail, the trail we use for the year round. In 2013, the funds were used for tree plantings and flowers in Agrisymbol Park, the starting point for our trail. If you didn't walk it last year, be sure to get out this spring. The park has been all spruced up with lovely plantings with Shelby residents adopting mounds to keep them in peak condition. The group also helped with the RAGBRAI contingent. If you walked last summer, you got to see bicycles along fences, riding up and over the Shelby town sign and hanging from lamp posts. They were a colorful and fun addition to our walk.

~Sandy

If you would like to donate items for our annual Soup Walk raffle, please bring them to the March 3 meeting. You also bring them to the walk on March 22.

I did have a mind, but I kept giving people pieces of it and now, well ... it's all gone!

Shelby Soup Cook-Off



**The Winners!!
Mel, Sheila, Rita & Jim**



3 tables...18 members!



130 Bowls—a new record!!

Shelby Soup Cook-Off



18 members fill up on soup



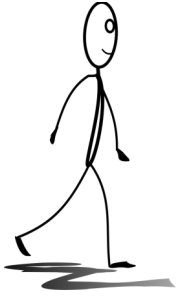
Another group of Trailblazers



Peoples' Choice winners

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Workers Walk



The Anniversary/Soup Walk workers' walk will be on Sunday, March 16, and will start at 2:00 p.m.

Please show up at least 15 minutes early so paperwork can be completed and the walk can begin on time.



Have you checked out the club's Facebook page? Just click the icon to catch up on the Trailblazers' most recent events and photos. While you're there, be sure to 👍 our page!

Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events

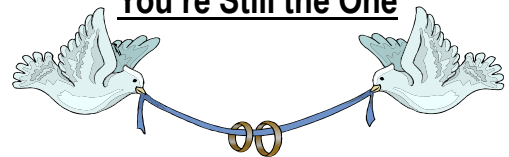


Mar	15	Lincoln Walk	Lincoln VC
	15	St Patrick's Walk, Des Moines	GDMVA
	22	35th Anniversary & Soup Walk, Council Bluffs	NWFT
Apr	5	Art Lover's Walk, Omaha	NWFT
	5	Frontanec, KS	Dogwood Trailblazers
	5	North Walk, Pittsburgh, KS	Dogwood Trailblazers
	12	Blue Springs MO Walk	Pacesetters VC
	26	Krug Park Walk, St. Joseph MO	Clay-Platt Walkers
May	3	Kaw State Park Walk, Topeka KS	SSS
	10	Doggie Walk, Omaha	NWFT
	10	Walk, Sturgis SD	Black Hills VC
	17	3-State Walk, Dubuque IA	GDMVA
	17	Custer Gordon Stockade	BHVA
Jun	7&8	Crazy Horse Memorial Walk	BHVA
	14	Hill City Newton Lake Walk	BHVA
	28	Cedar Rapids	Hawkeye Hikers
Jul	19	Ames IA Games	GDAVA

Event Awards for Club Members

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Tom Schulte	10	
Sandy Spielman	1150 & 1200	
Bill Spielman	1150 & 1200	
Sandy Spielman		1400
Bill Spielman		1400

You're Still the One



Mar	15	Lynn & Ray Richardson
Apr	4	Betty & Jerry Golmanavich

Happy Birthday!

March

- 3 Bob Stotler
- 4 Kurt Goeltz
- 11 Sheila Goeltz
- 13 Marnita Jondle
- 22 Phyllis Olson
- 23 Dianne Glenn



April

- 1 Karen Dix
- 16 Susan Pinneke
- 20 Carol Frass
- 28 Jeanie Wagner
- 29 Sandy Spaulding
- 30 Sharon Hofstad

Meeting News

The next club meetings will be March 3, April 7 and May 5, 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

December & January 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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