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Our 2015 walking season is upon us. We have our first walk on March 7<sup>th</sup>, starting from St. Barnabas Church at 40<sup>th</sup> and Davenport in Omaha. It could still be cold for this walk, but certain by April the weather will be more spring-like.

#### **President's Corner**

We had a good turnout of club members for the annual fundraiser in Shelby, lowa, for the Stone Arch Trail which we use for one of our year round events. Club members took home a lot of prizes in the raffle, but didn't bid on any pies this year.

I know it's early, but you can start thinking about ideas for our special events for the summer months. We have done some things more than once, such as attending a baseball game or a concert. But new ideas are welcome, so put your thinking-caps on.



Did you miss our annual meeting in January? Find out who won "Walker of the Year" elsewhere in this newsletter!

~Mel

Questions?
Suggestions?
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# Jim's Notes

The town of Shelby held its annual soup cook-off on 7
February. It was in doubt a couple weeks earlier that the local volunteer fire department would support the town. A little dispute over \$40K in pancake money. However, a week before the cook-off apparently all was rectified and the firemen went back to work.

The Trailblazers turned out in force for the event, as usual. We had so many we had to push three tables together to accommodate our 20 people. And, also, the soups were excellent. There was New Orleans chicken gumbo, Road Kill, Cherry Cheese, Hashtag, Italian Sausage, and Baked Chicken chowder. Further on. there was Katie's Cupboard. Stuffed Peppers soup, Chicken enchilada, Sausage and rice, and beef and barley. Personally I enjoyed the Road Kill, which was spiced up by bits of squirrel, possum, and a raccoon that didn't make it across the road. The cherry cheese was outstanding, too.

A special prize this year was \$20 for a couple which included 12 raffle tickets. At our table(s) Lee Franz and Jim Fenlon were the big raffle winners. Lee had four or five winners including a small International Harvester tractor. Karen Dix opened her winner's envelope and found \$25 inside. Oh, at the end we

had 200 empty bowls on the table. With 20 people you can do the math.

We missed our February meeting due to the weather. I was going to bring up the subject of how we go about selecting our Walker of the Year at that meeting but I'll put in another plug here. Our constitution and by-laws does not indicate how we will select our most valuable walker. I suggest that the person who holds the trophy designate a week or so to receive votes by USPS, e-mail, Fedex, Facebook, e-mail, tweet, twitter, hashtag or whatever means of communication. When this person receives a vote mark off who sent it to eliminate double -voting or ballot-box-stuffing. That way everyone in the club will have a chance to vote. The way it is now maybe 1/5th of the membership gets a vote (those who attend the December meeting).

"He who hesitates is probably right" -- from Marvin, the male Marine.

~Jím

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# Sandy peaks

Spring is coming soon to a neighborhood near you. At least I hope so. I am itching to get out on the trail. I am even more eager this year as I will be officially retired in only a few short weeks. I have signed up for the Centurion program - I have to do 100 events before December 31. I am on my way with a whopping five walks done to date. I figure I need to average 2 walks a week to finish the program, so I am only 11 walks behind so far. But Butch has a few little walking trips planned starting in May. And once I am retired and the weather improves, we will be out trying to do a few of those year rounds.

See you at the Trail Center in April!

~Sandy



Spring Ahead!!

Daylight Savings Time starts March 8th—don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead!





Congrats to Jeanne Miller, Walker of the Year!!!



# Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events

M	lar	7	Soup Walk	NWFT
		14	Antelope Park Walk in Lincoln	LVA
			St. Patrick's Walk, Des Moines	
Α			Western Trails Museum, Council Bluffs	
	•	11	Springtime in Bloom, Topeka	SSS
			Museum Walk, Olathe	
M	lay	9	Standing Bear Lake, Omaha	NWFT
	•	16	Shoal Creek Museum & Nature Walk	C-PT
		30	Cedar Rapids Walk	HH
Jı			Crazy Horse Monument	
			lowa Games, Ames	

## **Event Awards for Club Members**

Karen Dix	<u>Events</u> 500 & 525	Distance 5,000
Jeanne Miller		4,000
Steven Miller	300	3,000



March 15 Lynn & Ray Richardson

April 4 Betty & Jerry Golmanavich

## Happy Birthday to You!!!!

#### March

- 3 Bob Stottler
- 4 Kurt Goeltz
- 11 Sheila Goeltz
- 13 Marnita Jondle
- 19 Hannah Baker
- 22 Phyllis Olson
- 23 Dianne Glenn

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#### April

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

# **Meeting News**

The next club meetings will be March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 8, 2015, 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**

January & February 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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