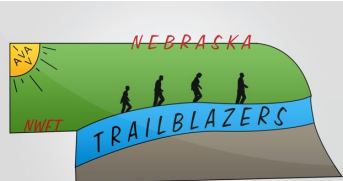


Footsteps



The Prez Sez...

you willing to volunteer? Like this minister, we have never kept that information. We have no idea if you have committed to volunteering for the club or not. We do know that there are a select few that are always there for us and have been over the years. Many of you are willing if you are asked. Please remember that the definition of volunteer is "a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task". Next time that list of needs comes along, remember to let us know if you can help.

The time of year is upon us when we need to set the officer list in motion for next year. We will be in particular need of a new president. A club's health is often related to how many past officers there are. Ours has a small number of presidents. I look at the Des Moines Club, which has about the same number of members as ours. They elect a new president each year, following their bylaws. I would love to have a commitment of one year for the next president and another person to commit to the next year. We will not strand you, but will give you detailed information about what needs to be done. If you commit to

one year, you will be writing an article for the newsletter 6 times. You will manage the regular meetings 9 times and one annual meeting. The committee will help with planning events. Without a president, our wonderful club will die along with the great events we put on each year.

Another thing it is time to put on our lists is the nomination for walker of the year. Do you know someone in the club that goes out of their way to help? Put it in writing and forward it to last year's winners-Jim and Martha McGahan. Their email address is jemcgahan@gmail.com and they would love to hear from you. They will compile the nominations and forward them to Julie, our wonderful newsletter editor, who will put them in the next newsletter. We will vote in December. We have so many great volunteers that it is always difficult to choose.

We have some really great walks coming up this fall. I hope to see you all at the Ogallala walk on September 24!

~Sandy

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Many years ago, we had a new minister at our church. As we did every November, papers were passed around to be filled out with our commitment to the church for the next year. How much are you going to donate, how much time will you be able to give to the church or to the community? These were placed in the collection plates and forwarded to the altar. Then the minister did a very surprising thing. He set these little papers on fire. He said we all knew what we had committed to. It is up to us to make those commitments happen. I have never forgotten that moment or the message he was trying to impart. It is up to us to make and keep our commitments.

When you filled out your membership forms, there was one question on the page-Are

Questions?
Suggestions?
Call!!!!



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Sunken Gardens



Hanscom Park Walk on August 13—5K Group



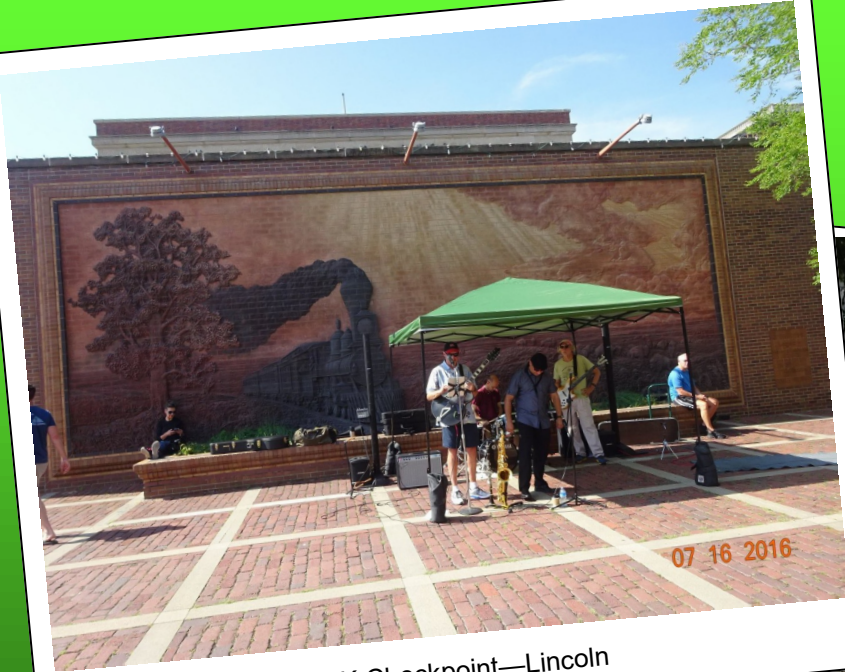
Haymarket Farmers Market—Lincoln



Lincoln Fountain



Lincoln Group Walk



10K Checkpoint—Lincoln



Archie—Mammoth Guardian of Morrill Hall



Lynn, Ray & Morgan at St Mary's Catholic Church—Lincoln



Architecture Hall at UNL—Oldest Building on Campus

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In case you were wondering...

I have been asked to give an update on the status of our club's AVA Special Program - ***Doin' the Louisiana Purchase***: As of 8/18/16 there have been 142 books sold to walkers in 26 different states and Canada. Nineteen club members have purchased the special program book. Texas, with 18, is the state with the most books purchased. Iowa comes in second with 15 books purchased and then comes Washington with 11 books purchased. There are 4 states with 10 books purchased and 2 states with 9 books purchased. To date, 15 books have been completed with Missouri coming in first with 4 completed. PA comes in second with 3 completed books and then IA with 2. All one has to do to complete this special program book is to do one event in each of the 15

states made in whole or part from the land of the Louisiana Purchase. The cost of the book is \$10. The book can be purchased through 12/31/2018 and must be completed by 12/31/2019. If you want more information please contact me—712/322-2797 or bs1preznfwt@aol.com

The 15 states that make up this program are: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

~Butch

Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events



Sept	3	Alkali Creek, Sturgis.....	BHVA
	10	Center Lake, Custer.....	BHVA
	11	March to the Arch, St Louis.....	GN NFP
	16	State Walk/Mural Walk, Huron SD.....	PWVC
	17	Wallace State Park, Cameron MO.....	CPT
	17	25th Anniversary Walk/Prehistoric Indian Village Walk, Mitchell SD.....	PWVC
	24	Indian Summer Rendezvous, Ogallala.....	NTB
	25	Fall Foliage Stroll, Canton SD.....	PWVC
Oct	1	Omaha Playhouse.....	NTB
	1	Hill City SD.....	BHVA
	2	Crazy Horse Memorial.....	BHVA
	8	Black Hoof Park—Lenexa KS.....	PSVC
	16	Baldwin City KS.....	SSS
	22	Walk for Wildlife—Maxwell IA.....	GDMVA
	23	Mound City MO.....	SSS
	29	Halloween Walk—Lincoln.....	LVC
Nov	5	Pie Walk—Omaha.....	NTB

Event Awards for Club Members

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Rebecca Hepfner	100	1000, 1500
Karen Dix-Johnson	175, 200 225, 250	2000, 2500
Donna Campbell	250	
Lee Frantz	250	
Barbara John	1200	

You're Still the One



Sept 21 Dave & Mary Brown

Oct 7 Wayne & Gretchen Fry

Birthday Wishes

September

3	Judy Zikmund	16	Anna (Boehm) Nelson
5	Walt Bayerle	22	Ruth Stotler
6	Joe Schwartz	24	Jim Ochsner
8	Mary Jean Holcomb	26	Jim Fenlon
10	Kathy Goodman	26	Teresa Merrick
11	Diane Fenlon	29	Wayne Fry
13	Steve Miller	30	Robin Higley

October

10	Ray Richardson
17	Lee Frantz
21	Jasmine Cashin
26	Butch Spaulding
30	Rita Eldrige



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Meeting News

The next club meetings will be September 12, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2016, 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

May & June 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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