

# Footsteps

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## The Prez Sez...

Fall is here and hopefully everyone had a chance to do one of the great October walks we

planned before the weather turns cold. I've enjoyed meeting so many new walkers on the trails with a few more walks to do before 2024.

I like this newsletter because it connects all the members, even those of you who are now living far away but still want to keep in touch. Since it is getting cold with a little dusting of snow even, I was wondering if any of you moved south and if you have an extra bed or even a couch so I can come stay with you for about 3 months, haha.

There are so many members who went above and beyond volunteering that you may want to nominate a particular one for Walker of the Year. This will be awarded at the annual meeting in January. I thank everyone who helped me to get accustomed to being President this last year and being so welcoming which I think is our club's best attribute.

As your President I have joined walks in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas talking to other club presidents and learning how

they do their meetings and walks and how to keep their membership up. Our club has over 100 members and sustaining because of you all. This next year I plan to continue my love of travel and join some walks in Minnesota and Missouri and see their sights, if you want to join me. Hopefully this will bring more clubs to do our walks also.

Besides walking this fall, I plan to continue being a "Tayvis" fan watching the KC Chiefs and also the Husker volleyball team, GBR!

I will plan on seeing a lot of you at the annual dinner/meeting in January to vote on next year's officers.

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, consider this your first Christmas Card.....Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

*~Lori Sue*



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## Sandy peaks

We are getting ready to close out another year. It seems to go by so quickly. We have had a lot of great events this year and the committee is working feverishly to put together another great list of events for next year and even the year after. There are so many fascinating places to walk. I am always amazed at the new things I see.

We just finished our annual pie walk with its 500<sup>th</sup> walk celebration. We had lots of fun folks join us on a beautiful day. Jill put together great displays, using some of our old patches very creatively. The Allens brought some of their medals from German Volksmarches and encouraged walkers to take some as souvenirs. The gorgeous patches that Julie designed were a hit. And there was plenty of pie! So many varieties that they just could not all be sampled. We donated almost 25 pies and various other goodies to the Joshua House, a homeless shelter in Council Bluffs. They were thrilled to get them.

Our last walk of the year is quickly approaching. If the weather holds out, I think we might have one of those really busy walks. Facebook has gone viral again. After just one day, it had over 1,000 interested. Guess what that means. We are going to need more cookies, more door prizes and, especially, more volunteers. Once again, we have two great partners for the walk. KANEKO is providing us the space and The RiverFront is providing funds so that walkers will all walk for free. We will again participate in 94.01's annual million diaper drive for the Lydia House. So watch for those diaper coupons and sales. Of course, if you can't find any bargains, you can also donate cash.

Want a preview of what is to come? You

will have to come to our Annual Dinner on January 20 at Legends. But just a hint-our club will have its 45<sup>th</sup> birthday next year and the very first walk hosted by NWFT was held in Plattsmouth, NE. And there will be soup.

~Sandy

## Walker of the Year Nomination

### Walker of the Year



I would like to nominate Tressa Brooner for walker of the year.

Tressa has been an awesome asset to the club by volunteering in different capacities. She has aided with slower walkers as needed and also leader for other walks. She has been also POC for walks. I am thankful for her membership and her support to the club. Tressa is willing to step in to help when help is needed.

We also know we can count on Tressa to volunteer, especially when it involves getting ice cream after the event!

## Officer Nominations

The following is our slate of officers for the 2024 year:

President	Lori Anderson
Vice President	Joyce Sobczyk
Treasurer	Jill Champley
Secretary	Dave Brown

On November 20<sup>th</sup> our webmaster, Jeanne Miller, will send out a link to vote from the [netrailblazers@gmail.com](mailto:netrailblazers@gmail.com) account. We encourage everyone to vote using that link. Club voting at the December meeting will be limited to a voice vote, approving (or not) all officer nominations since all are running unopposed.



# Group Walk in Ashland





# Keystone Trail





# Nebraska City Group Walk







# Table Rock NE





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# Table Rock NE





# How Sweet it Is





# Regional Roundup

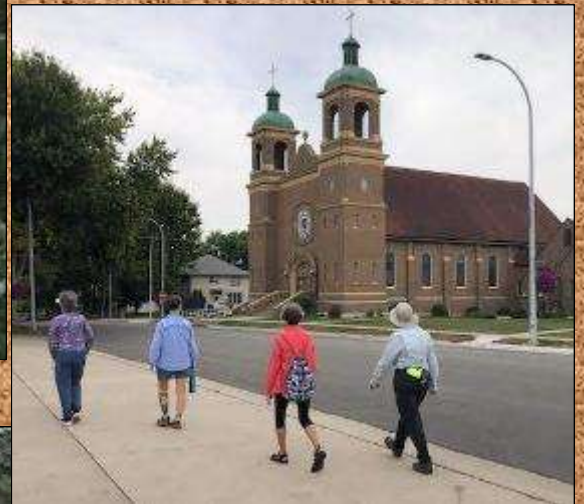




# REGIONAL ROUNDUP



There are two times  
for ice cream  
now  
and right now





# Regional Roundup





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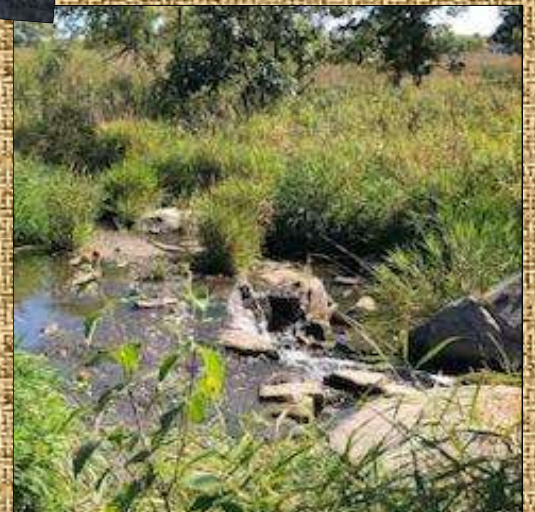
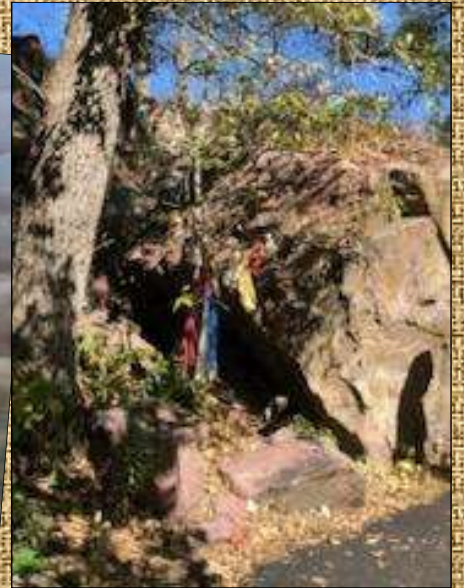


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# Pie Walk



Nebraska Trailblazers 500 Walk!



# 500<sup>th</sup> Walk!!



Pie Walk!





## Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events!!

### December

- 2 Old Market Holiday Lights Walk, Omaha .....Nebraska Trailblazers
- 2 Open House Holiday Walk, Spearfish SD ..... Black Hills Volkssport Assn

### January

- 6 Northtown Mall Walk, Blaine MN .....Lake Country Wanderers

### February

- 3 Winter Mall Walk, Des Moines IA ..... Greater Des Moines Volkssport Assn

### March

- 30 Downtown Des Moines Walk ..... Greater Des Moines Volkssport Assn





## NWFT Officers

President  
Lori Sue Anderson

Secretary  
Dave Brown



Vice President  
Joyce Sobczyk

Treasurer  
Jill Champley

## Speaker Schedule

Nov 6 Clowning Around Theresa Ziska

Dec 4 Keep Omaha Beautiful TBA

Jan No Meeting

Feb 5 Memory Miranda Sherman



## Meeting News

Our next meetings will be December 4 at Maple Ridge Retirement Community, 3525 N. 167 Circle, Omaha, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a short business meeting, and a short program followed by refreshments. Just a reminder that the club meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with some exceptions: no meetings in January, April, July or August, and it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Club Dues

Dues are \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a family membership. Anyone who joins later in 2023 will have their membership pro-rated so that it expires 12/31/23.

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