

President's Corner

I wasn't going to go to the Plymouth group walk. I have a New Englander's sense of distance which means Plymouth is really far away from Everett (it's not). It was supposed to be really cold (it wasn't). I have so much to do (nothing that I can't put off). I have been feeling that no one is thinking about Thanksgiving at all. All of the commercials on TV are Christmas. All of the flyers in the newspaper and that I get in emails are all Christmas. I like Thanksgiving and I wanted to get in the Thanksgiving spirit. Where better than Plymouth, Massachusetts!

The only other time I have done the Plymouth walk was the first year I was in the club (11 years ago). I remember walking by the water and seeing Mayflower II and Plymouth rock. Mostly I remember the parade. Karen Kolaczyk and I were watching the parade with her then puppy Kimba. The parade kept stopping and starting and at one point there were some re-enactors stopped in front of us. They fired off their guns and Kimba was so scared she crawled under a bush nearby and wouldn't come out.

So, on Saturday morning [Nov.20], I started off on my grand adventure! I found the meeting place without too much trouble. It looked a little familiar. We started out and the 10km people walked by the water for a bit before turning up to the main street. The

by Mary Frink

group got separated at this point as we all tried to find spots to watch the parade. It was great! There were fall colors and Thanksgiving themed floats galore! Not a hint of Christmas until Santa appeared at the end. There were so many bands of all kinds, re-enactors shooting guns (which the dogs near us did not like), horses, antique cars, the works! After the parade, which ended about noon, we went down to the waterfront to check out the refurbished Mayflower II and Plymouth rock. Then we followed the walk directions and headed around and up to Burial Hill. It was a climb up the steps, but the view was totally worth it. Then it was back to the main street and off to lunch at the Lobster Hut. After lunch, we went back to the bike/walk path and headed back to where we had started from.

Such a great day! The weather was perfect, sunny, but not hot. It didn't really take all that long to get there and back. I even managed to visit some friends on the way home who live down that way. Many thanks to Karen Plichta, Ann Plichta, and Bill Howe for guiding me around and indulging my need to check everything out. It was just what I needed.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and very happy holidays!

[Editor: see Mary's photos on page 5,]

Come Friends, Let's Walk

- ❖ Saturday, Dec. 4
Group Walk:
Newton, MA
10:00 am
- ❖ Saturday, Dec. 11
Group Walk:
Wellesley, MA
10:00 am
- ❖ Saturday, Jan. 1
Group Walk:
Boston Back Bay
8:30 am meet by
US Post Office in
the Prudential
Center, walk at
9:00 am
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See club or AVA website for starting location details on these events. For group walks, please aim to arrive 15 minutes earlier to sign-in.



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Southern Maine December Walks

Pre-registration required so SMVA walk leaders know who/how many to expect and notify in case of changes. To register, please text/call 207-245-8233 or email walkinginmaine@yahoo.com. Please bring a mask for indoor venues that require it.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18: "INTRO-STROLL" FORT WILLIAMS/ PORTLAND HEADLIGHT, CAPE ELIZABETH, ME

Time: Meet at 10:45 am; walk starts at 11:00 am.

Start Location: Park in the lot for "Parade Ground" (up the hill on your right). Meet at "Welcome" sign in the Parade Ground lot. (Look for the SMVA umbrella.)

This will be a leisurely stroll, approximately 2 miles. Bring a snack to eat on the walk, or check out one of the restaurants in the vicinity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31: GROUP WALK OF PORTLAND, ME SEASONAL (5km*)

Say "goodbye" to 2021 and "hello" to 2022 (a day early!)

Time: Meet at 10:45 am; walk starts at 11:00 am.

Location: Hannaford Supermarket/Pharmacy, Hannaford Plaza, 295 Forest Ave., Portland, ME 04101. BYO food/ snack or have lunch at a local restaurant (optional). *10km also available but group walk will be 5km route.

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November Meeting Highlights

by Marianne Marshall

Meeting held November 1, 2021

Group Walks:

Unless otherwise noted, sign-in starts 9:30 am with walk at 10:00 am

- Sat., Dec. 4, Newton
- Sat., Dec. 11, Wellesley

Sunshine: Get well cards to Leo Bourque and Nancy Estrella; sympathy card to the family of Karen Campbell; and thank you to the Ekstroms.

Walk Coordinator:

- * Special Places (Boston) to be a group-led walk on Sunday, April 3, 2022. May also walk on own if desired following registration.
- * Two Town will host a Karen Campbell memorial walk on either May 21 or June 4.
- * An event in Lincoln Woods, RI being planned for August 2022.
- * Newly opened Cochituate rails-to-trails route from Framingham to Natick being explored.

- * Investigating possibility for event to start at Encore in Everett.
- * WnM considering reestablishing Blackstone and Cumberland (rails-to-trails) routes.
- * Multi-event weekend in Buffalo, NY area being planned by Niagara club for Sept. 2022.

AVA News:

- \$90,000 Big Give goal set by AVA surpassed.
- Find IVV Olympiad 2023 info and volunteer details on Facebook: www.facebook.com/2023IVVOlympiadUSA

New Business:

- * Upcoming club meetings: **Monday, Dec. 6** and **Monday, Jan. 3 at 7 pm** via Zoom.



This fall, a Walking Adventures International tour partook of the Cheshire, MA hike as part of an Appalachian Trail-themed trip. This glorious photo of the group atop the Cobbles is used with permission from Walking Adventures International.

Learn about upcoming WAI trips through walkingadventures.com



Cryptogram Puzzle

by Joanne Izbicki

Can you crack this cipher to reveal a quote from an artist?

To solve, replace each letter with a different letter. Hints: V = L and G = W

K V S X O S C K N Y D D R K D

G O X D P Y B K G K V U .

--Z K E V U V O O

Bulletin Board

Tuesday Walks with Keith at 10:30:

(weather permitting)

December 7 Sandwich, MA

December 14 Hyannis, MA

December 21 Mystic, CT (CVVC)

December 28 Bristol, RI

The decorative autumn **Where is it?** photo from November was taken by Mary Frink along the Concord seasonal route.

Newsletter Submissions to:

footnotes.editor@gmail.com

Deadline for next issue: January 17th

Cryptogram answer from November *Footnotes*:

I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees.

— Henry David Thoreau

Next Club Meetings Monday, Dec. 6 Monday, Jan. 3

7:00 pm

Virtual Meetings via Zoom

Contact Mary at

mfwalks2010@verizon.net

to RSVP and receive meeting details

If you enjoyed the quarterly themes from the AVA's 2021 **Virtual Online Program**, or if you missed out on the 2021 fun, be sure to watch AVA.org for announcement details on the 2022 theme(s).

<https://ava.org/virtual-online-programs/>

Join WnM for our New Year's tradition by enjoying our Boston Back Bay walk routes. On **Sat., January 1, the group walk begins at the Prudential Center.** We will meet near the US Post Office in the Prudential Center's Belvidere Arcade (beside the South Garden, see star on map). Please join us at 8:30 to sign-in and we'll begin to walk at 9:00.

Street parking is free and spaces are usually available near the Pru when we meet. The **T** is a good transit choice if you don't like to drive into Boston.

Please wear masks or face coverings and adhere to all MA state health & safety guidelines.



Provincetown Pictures



Bev Lange



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Beate Hait

Sunny weather greeted those visiting Provincetown for our group walk on Nov. 6. A new funicular going up to the Pilgrim Monument can be seen in photo at immediate left.

Young walkers Priya and Rayna Ahluwalia determined the monument must be Rapunzel's tower. Alas, no lengthy blond plait was spotted, maybe next time!

Plymouth Photos from November 20



Mary Fink



Beate Hait

Parade floats, Mayflower II, Grist Mill, and an amazing view from atop Burial Hill



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Word Search: 1985 Movies

by Monica Hait



Agnes of God

American Flyers

Back to the Future

Brazil

Breakfast Club

Chorus Line

Clue

Cocoon

Color Purple

Fletch

Goonies

Heaven Help Us

Kiss of the Spider Woman

Legend

Man with One Red Shoe

Mask

Out of Africa

Pale Rider

Prizzi's Honor

Ran

Rocky IV

Spies Like Us

St Elmo's Fire

That's Dancing

White Nights

Witness

As we close out the celebration of the club's 35th anniversary (which has crossed two years—thanks, COVID), this word search uses movies from 1985 as the theme. Please note: no endorsement of quality or recommendation should be inferred from a movie's inclusion here.

If you have completed 35th Anniversary Challenge cards to redeem, please photograph/scan and email to beateh1@aol.com to coordinate prize delivery.