

President's Corner

by Mary Frink

Happy summer everyone! I have been working hard on getting Lincoln Woods ready. It has been officially measured and I am finishing up the directions. I hope you will all come even if it's just for the picnic. This is our first social event since the start of the pandemic and it will be great to see everyone. I am currently hard at work at my parents' house, cleaning and weeding and all that good summer prep stuff. I will have more for you next month. I hope you all have a fun Independence Day!



Lincoln Woods

Come Friends, Let's Walk

- ❖ Tuesday, June 28
Walk & Lunch:
Sandwich, MA
10:30 am
- ❖ Thursday, July 7
Walk & Lunch:
Quincy, MA
10:30 am
- ❖ Saturday, July 9
Group Walk:
Concord, MA
10:00 am
- ❖ Tuesday, July 12
Walk & Lunch:
Salem, MA
10:30 am
- ❖ Tuesday, July 19
Walk & Lunch:
Bristol, RI 10:30 am
- ❖ Tuesday, July 26
Walk & Lunch:
Mystic, CT
10:30 am

See AVA or club website for starting location details on these events. For WL or group walks, please aim to arrive 15 minutes earlier to sign-in.



AVA Achievement Awards

(compiled from *The American Wanderer*)

Based on the IVV Event and Distance Award information in the March and June 2022 issues of TAW, **congratulations** are due to the following people:

Name	Events
Carol Giesecke	225, 250
Sheila McClellan	950 and 1,000
Janet Sherrod	300
Jack Suchodolski	400
Mary Suchodolski	475

Did I overlook either your event or distance award? Please let me know so I can include it in the next issue of *Footnotes*.

-Marianne Marshall,
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In Memoriam: Emily Goyette

by Monica Hait

Sadly, longtime club member, Emilia (Vaz) Goyette died on Saturday, June 18, 2022; she was 98.

Though petite in stature, Emily was a vibrant personality; friendly and kind, she brought joy to many with her curiosity and observations. She joined Walk 'n Mass in August 1993, and completed a 10km walk in each of the 50 states. Emily was also a helpful volunteer at numerous club events (see below), often alongside sister Dolores Vaz.

Our heartfelt condolences to Dolores and all of Emily's family and friends.

Emily's notable volunteer activities with WnM courtesy of Marianne Marshall:

Total volunteer hours: 532.5

Chair/co-chair Bristol, RI, seasonal event: 18 years (2004 – 2022)

Checkpoint: 13 Start/Finish: 54

Trail Marking: 2 Greeter: 3

Food Helper: 5

Met tour buses in Providence: 2

Active in Attleboro satellite club as well



Above: Emily sends off Bristol group walkers in May 2013



Left: Sisters Dolores and Emily lovingly work together to register group walkers in June 2017

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Recent Updates

by Beate Hait

1. Update to the notice in the June Foot-notes regarding the memorial service for Charlotte Phillips: the service is rescheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, August 14 at Cornwall Congregational Church, 2598 Rt. 30, Cornwall, VT. Time (2 pm?) still to be finalized; stay tuned for more in the August newsletter.

2. Our start point for the seasonal walk in Quincy, the Adams National Historical Park Visitor Center, is now open from Wednesday to Sunday 9 am to 5 pm (closed Monday and Tuesday). POC Helen Tolbert has put the Walk Box in place. Online Start Box registration is available for this event as well.

3. Note that the Tuesday Walk and Lunch at 10:30 am in Quincy on July 5 has been rescheduled to Thursday, July 7.

[Editor: 4. Apologies for the mistakenly listed date and time for the June club meeting in the last newsletter. If anyone tried to attend but missed out on the meeting, we hope you at least enjoyed the park!]

Picture Time!

by Bev Lange



Flowering trees and other delights were in full array on the Bridge of Flowers during the June 4 group walk in Shelburne Falls



Bulletin Board



SAVE THE DATE: We've got a group walk planned for Saturday, August 27 at 3:00 pm in **Providence, RI**. This special, later time was chosen so walkers can also enjoy WaterFire (sunset will be at 7:27 pm).

waterfire.org

Next Club Meeting Saturday, August 6

10:00 am

Yard at Beate Hait's
house: 80 Wingate Rd
Holliston, MA

Do you have a memorable volksmarching story to share? Send it to footnotes.editor@gmail.com for possible publication in a future edition of **Footnotes**.

Newsletter Submissions to:
footnotes.editor@gmail.com
Deadline for next issue: July 21st

Eager to travel again? Consider these destinations with the added benefit of special walking adventures. More at <https://my.ava.org/find-a-fest.php>

September 17-18, 2022

Buffalo & Niagara Falls, NY

October 14-16, 2022

FreedomWalk Festival, Arlington, VA

November 11-13, 2022

Haunted Gettysburg, PA

December 9-11, 2022

Williamsburg, VA

January 13-16, 2023

Amelia Island, FL

February 19-23, 2023

IVV Olympiad & Texas Trail
Roundup IML
in San Antonio, TX

AMERICA'S WALKING CLUB ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Big Give 2022

6 PM Thursday, September 22
through 6 PM Friday, September 23



May & June Meeting Highlights

by Marianne Marshall

Meetings held May 7 in Holliston (with Zoom) and June 6 in Medway

Meetup Account: WnM to accept Empire State club's offer to have subaccount at \$80 cost; Blake Mitchell to work with ESCV's Kathy Mack and keep WnM up-to-date.

Specialties: Inventory to be held by Bea Hait; WnM will continue to issue coupons as rewards for WnM volunteer hours.

Sunshine: Sympathy card sent to Barbara Kimball's family. Memorial for Charlotte Phillips planned for Sunday, August 14 in Cornwall, VT with ice cream social to follow. Get well card sent to Emily Goyette.

Walk Coordinator:

- + Lincoln Woods:
 - * Workers' walk Sat., Aug. 13 at 9 am.
 - * No money can be exchanged (Rhode Island State Park) so offering pre-registration.
 - * Online Start Box option for those wishing to use that method or for day-of registration.
- + Walkers encouraged to attend Northeast weekend in Buffalo, NY (Sat-Sun, Sept. 17-18) and 2023 IVV Olympiad in Texas (February 2023).
- + Keith Harlow planning 2023 Walking Weekend on Cape Cod.
- + Let Bea Hait know now if you will/will not continue as POC for yearly/seasonal walks.

Northeast Regional Director (NERD) News:

- AVA to vote on whether to join IVV-Americas group (Canada, USA, Australia, and possibly other parts of Oceania) [Editor: AVA's June *Checkpoint* indicates AVA Board of Directors approved].
- 2023 AVA Convention business will be conducted during the IVV Olympiad; voting will take place via Zoom in June.

New Business:

- * Upcoming club meetings:
 - Saturday, Aug. 6 at 10 am** in Beate Hait's yard in Holliston (BYO lawn chair)
 - September TBD**
- * Canadian Volkssport meeting in June as reported by Carol Giesecke, Deputy NERD
 - 330 attended
 - All walks group led of 20 people/group
 - Canadian clubs printed labels to place in event/distance books
 - Membership rise due to use of Meetup and Facebook

Upcoming Walks: times as below unless noted

GW = Group Walk [sign in 9:30, walk at 10:00];

WL = Walk & Lunch Tuesdays [walk at 10:30];

TE = Traditional/Day Event

- WL Thurs., July 7 Quincy, MA
- WL Tue., July 12 Salem, MA
- WL Tue., July 19 Bristol, RI
- WL Tue., July 26 Mystic, CT
- WL Tue., Aug. 2 Providence, RI
- WL Tue., Aug. 9 Beverly, MA
- WL Tue., Aug. 16 Bedford, MA
- TE Sat., Aug. 20 Lincoln Woods, RI (BYO Picnic)
- WL Tue., Aug. 23 Newton, MA
- WL Tue., Aug. 30 Lexington, MA
- TE Sat/Sun., Sept. 17-18 Niagara Falls (NFVC)
- GW Sat., Oct. 1 Sandwich, MA (walk or bike)
- TE Sat., Oct. 15 Framingham/Saxonville, MA



Walk Coordinator Speaks

Sat., Aug. 20—Lincoln Woods State Park—Walk and Club Picnic – Now is the time to register for this event (by mail see Registration Form included with last month's newsletter or use Online Start Box (OSB) through my.ava.org). Contact me by August 15 to coordinate delivery at this event of any club apparel or IVV book. Hope to see you there!

Traditional Day Events in 2023 – Now is also the time to start thinking about walk locations for day events next year. Pre-pandemic, we typically hosted 6 to 8 day events each year from April to December. In the past three years, it's been 3 or 4 events in the year. We need to get back on track and host more events. We could consider re-visiting prior locations. Do you have fond memories of walking in a particular location? We have maps and would just need to check the routes to see what changes have transpired between then and now. Contact me with suggestions, please.

Sept. 17 and 18—Northeast Weekend – I hope you have this weekend on your calendar to enjoy the camaraderie of volkssporters from this region and beyond at the walks and social activities. The Holiday Inn-Niagara Falls is the host hotel. See direct link from www.NiagaraVolkssportclubs.org or call 716-285-2521 ext. 2 for event hotel special rate.

by Beate Hait

Year Round and Seasonal Events – Though we're only half way through the year, this is the time we need to decide which YREs and SEs to renew for 2023. If we use participation numbers as the sole determining factor, we would renew very few. Of the 18 walks and 2 bikes, many had annual participation totals fewer than 25: 7 events in 2021; 13 events in 2020 and 2 events in 2019 fit that description. Annual participation totals of all events combined show 898 in 2021; 601 in 2020 and 1,252 in 2019. As one would expect, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a great negative effect. Though pandemic restrictions have eased up, first quarter totals for this year were dismal. Second quarter ends in June. Stay tuned for a report of the 2022 two-quarter totals in the next newsletter.

Let's get these totals up this year! Routes are chosen for scenic beauty, historical interest, and other sights of note. Please make an effort to participate in some of our YREs and SEs: bike (Bedford and Sandwich/Bourne) and walk (Boston-Freedom Trail and Boston-Back Bay, Cheshire, Concord, Fall River, Hyannis, Lexington, Lowell, Newton, Plymouth, Provincetown, Quincy, Sandwich, Shelburne Falls and Wellesley, Massachusetts as well as Bristol, Newport and Providence, Rhode Island). Start Point info is on our website, in the brochure that was mailed to members last December, and on ava.org.

If you'd like company when you walk, please note the many group walks that are scheduled. Recently, the average attendance at a group walk has been in the 4 to 8 range. We'd like to see that number go up, too! If you prefer not to walk with others, use that date as a goal to get out and participate in any of our YREs or SEs.

The new Kennebunk, ME seasonal walk offered some spectacular scenery, as captured by Miriam in May 2022.

Cool
Photo:



Miriam Boucher