



Madison Area Volkssport Association Newsletter

March-April 2015

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Nov. - Dec. Events

- March 11 Board Meeting –
Lakeview Branch Library
– 6:00 pm
- March 14 Pi Walk –
Middleton
- April 1 Seasonal Walks
Start
- April 8 Membership
Meeting – Hody Bar &
Grill, Middleton – 6:30pm
- April 18 Whitewater
Walk
- May 2 Downers Grove
Walk

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Fun, Fitness, and..... Pie! Saturday, March 14 By Don Suloff

One of the club's most popular events is just around the corner and you won't want to miss it! Our annual Pie Walk is coming up on Saturday, March 14th, so this year we will actually be walking on "Pi" day – 3.14! This year we will have a new start point and will be registering, beginning, and ending our walk at the Fellowship Hall of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. St. Luke's is located at 7337 Hubbard Avenue in Middleton, just east of the Middleton Library. To get to St. Luke's from the Beltline, take the University Ave exit (exit 251A) east and turn left on University Ave. Proceed to the first stoplight, turn right on Parmenter St, and then take the second left onto Hubbard Ave. Look for the church on the right just past the library. There is ample parking available in the church parking lot.

We will begin this guided 5K walk promptly at 2 pm, so allow ample time to get registered prior to that time. Our goal is to complete the walk and begin eating pie in the Fellowship Hall at 3:14 in the afternoon. In order for us to have a good estimate of the number of pies needed to feed the hungry, please notify Barb Lund at (608) 249-5139 or lund_b@sbcglobal.net if you plan to attend. All walkers will need to pay a \$4 fee for this walk which will include your walk stamp and a large piece of pie.

Whitewater Walk – Saturday, April 18 By Dave Riyeff

An article submitted to The American Wanderer (TAW): All are invited to join the Dairyland Walkers on April 18th for a 10K / 5K walking experience in Whitewater, WI. We start at beautiful Cravath Lake, situated in the historic downtown district. You'll begin your stroll on a paved, wooded path. Continuing on, the route makes its way to the Friar's Woods Nature Preserve. You'll enjoy a varied landscape of prairie, woodlands, and wetlands. Passing through Starin Park, we'll make our way through the rolling campus of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. From the campus we will walk the neighborhoods and downtown area on our way back to Cravath Lake. We look forward to sharing a day of fun and fellowship. See you then!

Talk's Trash – Sunday, April 26 By Joanne Reuter

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner! That means it will be time to pick up trash along Hwys 12 & 18 again. We will meet as a group at Nora's II, 1843 US 12, Deerfield, WI at 1pm on Sunday, April 26th.

Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided. Bring work gloves to wear. The larger the group of volunteers, the faster the job gets done, and the sooner we can troop back to the bar for food, drinks, and fun. Hope to see you there!

Dates of Interest?

Date

March National Red Cross Month

- 5 Full Moon – 12:05 pm
- 8 Daylight Savings Begins
- 10 Nat. Day of Awesomeness
- 17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 19 Swallows Return to San Juan Capistrano Day
- 22 As Young As You Feel Day

April Defeat Diabetes Month

- 4 Full Moon – 7:05 am
- 5 Easter
- 12 Walk on Your Wild Side Day
- 15 Tax Day
- 15 Bicycle Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 World Book Night

**NEWSLETTER
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for
May – June
2015

Due: April 20

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**New Director At Large
By Joanne Reuter**

Hi! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Joanne Reuter, and I'm just starting a term as the new Director at Large on the Dairyland Walkers board. My job is to present any ideas, concerns or questions of club members to the Board. I hope to meet everyone over the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Phone: (608) 846-2763, and email: jmreuter815@gmail.com



Joanne Reuter, Director at Large

**Saturday Walk & Eat Group
By Mary Liebig**

**Saturday Walk & Eat Group
Capital Walk – March 28, Janesville Walk – April 11**

Thinking spring and outside walking? The Saturday morning Walk & Eat Group will be heading outside to do the Capital Walk on Saturday, March 28. Plan on meeting at the start point of the Capital Walk, the Inn on the Park, located at 22 South Carroll St. at around 8:45AM to register for the walk. Both 10K and 6K walking routes will be offered, and we'll start walking about 9AM. For those interested in lunch after the walk, we'll plan to eat at Jerome's located inside the Inn on the Park. Here is a link to their menu:

<http://www.innonthepark.net/madison-wisconsin-restaurants.aspx>

Saturday morning April 11 will find us walking in Janesville. Again we'll meet at the start point of the Janesville walk at the Stop-N-Go, located at 1604 E Racine St. at 8:45AM to register for the walk and start walking at 9AM. We'll plan to eat at a very nearby restaurant after the Janesville walk, the Italian House Restaurant, located at 1603 E Racine St. Here is a link to their menu: <http://www.italianhousejanesville.com/italian-house-food-menu/>

These group walks offer an opportunity to socialize with other walkers, get some exercise, and support our start point businesses. It's also a great way to work on completing the 2015 Volkssport Incentive Program (VIP).

**Sixteen Dairyland Walkers' Seasonal Walks Begin April 1st!
By Jerry Wilson**

Spring must be almost here! Sixteen D W seasonal walks begin April 1st, joining the continuing six year round walking events. Soon the ice will be gone and we can get out there and get walking.

Downers Grove Founder’s Day Walk – May 2, 2015 **By Irena Paronis**

Join the Windy City Walkers of the American Volkssport Association on a special one-day walk in Downers Grove, Illinois on Saturday, May 2, celebrating the founding of the Village of Downers Grove. Start any time between 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM after registering and meeting members of the Windy City Walkers at the Downers Grove Metra Station, 5001 Main Street. Walkers will be provided maps and walking instructions with descriptions of sights they are passing.

3 walking options are offered – a 10k walk, or one of 2 5k options. One 5k option will take you through the Denburn Woods area, the Maple Grove Forest Preserve, and through historic downtown Downers Grove. The other 5k option will take you past the Downers Grove History Museum, a large concentration of Sears Catalog homes, and will also pass historic downtown locations. The 10k walk incorporates the features of both 5k walks.

This walk qualifies for the following special programs: Fraternal Organizations, Honoring Our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Trekking with the Trees, Water Towers, You’ll Never Walk Alone. The following Programs, which ended in 2014, may be completed by the end of 2015: America’s Bakeries, Celebrating Golden Cinemas, Struttin’ Down Main Street, Walking America’s Murals.

The Downers Grove Historical Society has several events planned for Founders Day, including a historic family bike ride hosted by the Downers Grove Bicycle Club, "Country in the Park" featuring farm animals at the Park District Museum and Wandschneider Park, 831 Maple Ave, and a craft fair.

2014 VIP Finishers **By Russ Crane**

I would like to congratulate all 30 walkers that completed our Volkssport Incentive Program (VIP) for 2014. These 30 finishers completed a combined total of 468 walks. The 2014 VIP goal was to complete any 12 of our 24 Year-Round/Seasonal walks. The reward for completion was any IVV/AVA achievement book of their choice. As an added incentive participants could choose to complete the program a second time. However, the second time had to be the 12 walks not completed the first time, making it a *Clean Sweep* of all of our Year-Round/Seasonal walks. Nine walkers completed the program twice.

Great job everyone and thank you for supporting the Dairyland Walkers.

Curtis Armstrong	2	Kristina Kenyon	1	Phillip Ringhand	1
Arthur Bacon (IL)	1	Jackie Kittel	1	David Riyeff	1
Susan Bacon (IL)	1	Gwen Kraemer	1	Kim Riyeff	1
Russell Crane	2	Mary Liebig	1	Jill Ruef	2
Bruce Dewey	2	Susan McMahon (IL)	1	Don Suloff	1
Chris Flessert	2	Joan Miller	1	Dianne Thornbery	1
Cindy Haagensen	1	June Quesnell	2	Douglas Wiest	1
Vernon Hessey	1	Karen Reger	1	Jogena Wiest	1
Tom Hlaban	1	Ed Reid	2	Jerry Wilson	2
Janice Jerabek (CA)	1	Joanne Reuter	1	Pam Wilson	2

2015 East Towne Walk

Karen Reger “The Chairman of the Board”:
 With this group, when a vote is taken she always gets her way!
 Actually Karen is watching coats in the East Towne Food Court as walkers circle the Mall on February 21st.



AVA 19th Biennial AVA Convention in Salem, Oregon, June 13 – 21 2015

By Doug Wiest

The 19th Biennial AVA Convention will take place in Salem, Oregon from 13 to 21 June, 2015. Walks will be offered in Bend, Clear Lake, Silver Falls State Park (20 mi. east of Salem), Vancouver Washington, Eugene, Lincoln City, Salem, Mt. Saint Helens, and Portland. In addition, three YREs will be available starting and finishing at the Hotel/Convention Center, with three other YREs within 15 miles of Salem. There will also be a seasonal bike event available throughout the convention. A seasonal swim event will also be offered at the hotel each day during the convention.

Additional details are provided under the "Conventions" link at the top of the AVA homepage (www.AVA.org).

2015 Blue Books

By Diane Thornbery

Ever wonder how those "blue books" magically appear in your mailbox each January? Once the elves have been laid off after Christmas... Well, actually, Tom and June Doyle, Joanne Reuter, Doug and Jhing Wiest, Terry Wendt, Tom McCrill, and Don Suloff all got together at the Prairie Cafe in Middleton one January morning and had what we called a "stuffing" party (not to be confused with those of us who ate breakfast). Thanks to all who helped and thanks to you for keeping Tom Doyle abreast of any address changes!

Great Britain – Autumn 2015

By Doug Wiest

Great Britain Volkssporting Adventure

Elke Austin-Foote to be our guest speaker at the April membership meeting

Our guest speaker at the April general membership meeting will be Ms. Elke Austin-Foote, who will be tour leader for the Dairyland Walkers' exciting volkssporting adventure to Great Britain from 22 September through 4 October 2015.

Highlights of this trip will include exploring Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, before spending a couple days in England's Lake District, then on to Cheshire and Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace). Our next destination will be Cardiff, Wales, before heading on to Plymouth, Devon County, Stonehenge, Winchester, and two days in London. At least six IVV sanctioned walks will be available during our travels through Great Britain.

There will be an option available to extend for 3 days (to 7 October) in Paris, taking the Eurostar high-speed train from London to Paris through the Chunnel. Paris also provides the opportunity to do a sanctioned walk.

Price for the Great Britain tour is \$3,925.00 (double occupancy) based upon a minimum of 20 participants, or \$3,710.00 (double occupancy) based upon a minimum 25 participants. Price includes round-trip airfare from (and return to) Madison's Dane County Regional Airport, deluxe motor coach, accommodations in 3 and 4 star hotels, breakfast & dinner each day, tour director (Elke Austin-Foote), all taxes, tips, at hotels, restaurants & guides, and admission to all sites indicated in itinerary. Space will be limited to 29 or 30 persons.

Cost of the Paris extension is \$785.00 (double occupancy), based upon 10 participants, and includes lodging, breakfast each day, two dinners, Eurostar train ticket, and Paris metro passes and transfers.

A soft copy of the brochure and application is available on the Dairyland Walkers website under the "Travel" link. Paper copies will be available at upcoming walks. To make your reservation, complete an application (one for each person) and mail it along with a \$500 deposit per person to Foote Loose Travel, 320 43rd Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Indicate on the application whether you also choose the Paris option. PLEASE ENSURE that your passport is valid at least six months after date of return to the U.S. (through April, 2016).

Any questions you may have regarding our planned trip can be addressed to Ms. Austin-Foote at this meeting.

Two Walking Weekends By Don Suloff

For Those Who Like to Plan Ahead

We will have two “walking weekends” this summer and rooms have already been blocked for the club. The following information is provided for those who like to make their reservations early!

Over the weekend of July 18 and 19 we will be walking in Oconto and Brown Counties. Twenty rooms have been blocked at the Green Bay Quality Inn for the evening of July 18 under the name of “AVA Walking Club”. The rooms are double queens and rent for \$84 plus tax for one or two. Additional adults are \$10 each. The rooms will be held until June 27th. The phone number for the Quality Inn is (920) 437-8771 or (920) 437-3839 and the address is Quality Inn & Suites, 321 South Washington Street, Green Bay, WI 54301.

Over the weekend of September 19 and 20 we will be walking in Chippewa, Dunn, and Pepin Counties. Sixteen rooms have been blocked at the Menomonie Super 8 for the evening of September 19 under the name of “Dairyland Walkers”. A mix of single queen and double queen beds are available and rent for \$77 (including tax) for one or two. Additional adults are about \$5 each. The rooms will be held until August 19. The phone number for the Super 8 is (715) 235-8889 and the address is Super 8 Menomonie, 1622 N Broadway St, Menomonie, WI 54751.

2014 Year Round and Seasonal Walk Participant Counts By Jerry Wilson

The Dairyland Walkers saw an increase in total event participants during 2014! We had 228 more start cards submitted comparing 2013 to 2014. For 2014 some long-time walk counts went up, some went down. Five new walks in 2014 accounted for 194 participants, three of which had no discernable effect on other D W events. Two new in-state walks may have had some small affect on other nearby walk counts but probably to a very low extent (e.g. Eau Claire may have lost a small number of walkers to Rice Lake or Ladysmith, but it would be difficult to determine). Other event affects may be better weather for weekly Walk and Eat counts from one month to the next, a couple of prolific walkers doing one or two local walks one year versus another, out-of-state group visitors, etc. Some walks also appear to experience high counts the first year in existence. Here’s to hoping total D W walk counts continue to increase annually. See comparisons below:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>+ / -</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>+ / -</u>
Appleton	78	27	- 51	M – West Towne	159	180	21 +
Devil’s Lake	42	63	21 +	Middleton	156	149	- 7
Cedarburg	41	39	- 2	Milwaukee	35	47	12 +
Eau Claire	36	33	- 3	Monona	57	57	0 +
Fond du Lac	23	22	- 1	Neenah	18	21	3 +
Grantsburg	53	NA		Oshkosh	18	25	7 +
Janesville	43	55	12 +	Port Washington	35	30	- 5
LaCrosse	24	42	18 +	Rice Lake	NA	48	
Ladysmith	NA	47		Saint Croix Falls	59	28	- 31
Lake Geneva	29	37	8 +	Sarona- H H Audubon	55	32	- 23
M – Arboretum	54	82	28 +	Waupun	24	NA	
M – Capitol	155	137	- 18	Remote: Seward, AK	NA	32	
M – Civil War	86	128	42 +	Remote: Haines, AK	NA	30	
M – Eastside	129	157	28 +	Remote: Ketchikan, AK	NA	37	
M – Picnic Point	76	128	52 +	TOTAL	1,485	1,713	228 +

Membership Update – Fantastic News!
By Tom Doyle, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest member of 2015:
 Sue Rowe of Verona

Club Milestones
By Tom Doyle, Membership Person

Milestones:

Number of Events		Number of Kilometers	
10	Ben Levers (Age 10)	1,000	Tricia Gundlach
200	Kenyon Wensing	3,500	Jackie Kittel
225	Joanne Reuter	5,500	Ann Misener
250	Duane Kraemer	15,000	Ed Reid
325	Diane Thornbery		
400	Jackie Kittel		
450	Tom McCrill		
525	Ann Misener		
600	Lee Moisant		
700	Gwen Kraemer		
2,600	Jane & Ken Legaard		

Congratulations to all on your accomplishments. Keep walking. Walking is a very good family activity. Choose to do it in celebration of birthdays or Mother's/Father's Day.

Anyone who may have questions about info received in the New Walkers Packets or in the Newsletters don't hesitate to ask. Tom Doyle at: tjdoyle98@msn.com or 608-576-7414. Be sure to check out our web site: www.dairylandwalkers.com

2015 Dairyland Walkers Calendar

Saturday, January 17	West Towne Walk – Register @ Firestone Store	Results: 37 Adult, 1 Youth, 1 Non-Credit =39
Saturday, February 21	East Towne Walk – Register @ Firestone Store	Results: 28 Adult, 0 Youth, 0 Non-Credit =28
Wednesday, March 11	Board Meeting – Lakeview Branch Library	6:00 pm
Saturday, March 14	Middleton Pie Walk	Start 2:00 pm – Guided (Register before 2:00)
Wednesday, April 8	Membership Meeting – Hody Bar & Grill	6:00 pm
Saturday, April 18	Whitewater Walk – Walworth County	Start 8:00 am – 12 Noon; Finish by 3:00 pm
Saturday, May 16	Evansville Walk	
Saturday, June 6	Walk Wisconsin – Stevens Point	
Saturday, July 18	Oconto Walk– Oconto County	
Sunday, July 19	Green Bay Walk – Brown County	
Saturday, August 15	Verona Walk	
Saturday, September 19	Lake Wisota State Park Walk –Chippewa County	
Sunday, September 20	Durand Walk – Pepin County	
Sunday, September 20	Menominee Walk – Dunn County	
Saturday, October 10	Madison Westside Parks Walk	
Saturday, October 24	Governor Nelson State Park – Moonlight Walk	

Attachment A

**Dairyland Walkers Board Meeting
Lakeview Branch Library
January 14, 2015**

Minutes Pending Approval

Board Members Present

Doug Wiest (President)
Terry Wendt (Vice President)
Mary Liebig (Secretary)
Diane Thornbery (Treasurer)
Joanne Reuter (Board Member at Large)
Don Suloff (Trailmaster)
Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk Coordinator)
Tom Doyle (Membership Chair)
Karen Reger (Publicity Chair)

Welcome (Doug)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by President Doug Wiest and the agenda was adopted. Also in attendance at the meeting was Russ Crane.

President Wiest presented the following members to appointed positions on the Board: Tom Doyle as Membership Chair, Bruce Dewey as Sanctioned Walk Coordinator, Don Suloff as Trailmaster, Tom McCrill as Website Administrator, Jerry Wilson as Newsletter Editor, Karen Reger as Publicity Chair, Tricia Gundlach as Volunteer Coordinator, and Tom Gundlach as AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer.

Vice President Report (Terry)

The February 11 Membership Meeting will be held at Hody's Bar & Grill in Middleton at 6:30PM. Diane plans to ask the owner of the Walking Company at West Towne if they would be willing to speak at this membership meeting. Terry will contact Bonnie Hamer to ask that she include information about the February Membership Meeting in a weekly email. We will encourage members to come early and eat at Hody's before the 6:30PM meeting.

Terry has already reserved Lakeview Park in Middleton for the August 12 Membership Meeting/Potluck Picnic as well as the Goodman Center for the December 6 Membership Meeting/Holiday Party.

Meeting Minutes (Mary)

The minutes of the last Board meeting held on November 12th 2014 had been previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, and they were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report (Diane)

Diane had emailed the Treasurer's Report to the Board. The balance on December 7, 2014 was \$6,271.13. Since that time, income totaled \$996.50 and expenditures were \$2,442.75. The current balance on January 14, 2015 is \$4,824.88. Of that balance, \$1,000 is restricted for trips. Rendezvous expenses have yet to be recorded, although Russ is currently working on that. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

Although not required, Doug will appoint members of the club to audit the Treasurer's Report. Mary Liebig volunteered to serve on the audit committee and Doug will contact Gary Wensing to see if he would be willing to serve as well.

Director at Large Report (Joanne)

Joanne had nothing to report.

Membership Report (Tom)

Tom said that no new members have joined since the last meeting and last newsletter was mailed. He also reported that 224 Blue Books were mailed on January 14, so members should receive them soon. Tom and Joanne will talk about transitioning

Spirit Wear sales to Joanne. This is the last year that Tom plans to be the walk box volunteer for the Port Washington and Cedarburg walks.

Don Suloff asked Tom to list all the tasks that he currently does for the Dairyland Walkers.

Walk Box Coordinator (Bruce)

Bruce is working on setting up 2015 walk boxes. About a third are already done, including all the year round boxes. It was noted that Diane has not received all final 2014 walk box income reports; notably the Fox Valley reports are outstanding. Diane will contact Rob Molskness (Appleton) and Lilian Nolan (Neenah, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac) to see if they still have any 2014 income to send her for these walks.

Trailmaster Report (Don)

Don talked about a couple of possible future walks. Mary Liebig has contacted American Family Insurance to see if they would allow our club to hold a 2016 walk on their trails that would start from the company's headquarters on Madison's far-east side. In addition, Don talked about how much members enjoyed the "Time to Walk" event downtown in December and said that the Inn on the Park is interested in having our club return for a walk in the future. He will contact Jerry Wilson to see if we can hold a "Veteran's Day" downtown walk on a Saturday in November.

Publicity Chair (Karen)

Karen had nothing to report.

Volunteer Coordinator (Tom Doyle)

Tom Doyle spoke on behalf of Tricia, who was not at the meeting, for the Volunteer Recognition Committee. He distributed a handout for the 2015 Awards Committee Plan. The committee plans to ask the Board for approval at the next Board Meeting for a \$375 budget in 2015. The money would be used to distribute small gifts to volunteers at the August picnic and December Holiday party as well as to ten charter members at the club's 20th anniversary celebration at Garner Park in October.

Unfinished Business

Walking Vacation to Great Britain September-October 2015

Elke Austin-Foote will speak about this trip at our April Membership meeting.

Website Metadata for Searching Purposes

According to Tom McCrill, The Stevens Company added the coding to aid in web searches in early December. It doesn't seem to help much, and Doug will contact Tom about our next steps.

Newsletter Articles for March/April Edition

The Board suggested the following Newsletter articles for the March/April edition. The submission deadline is Friday, February 20.

- 1) Middleton Pie Walk on Saturday, March 14 – Don to write
- 2) Whitewater Walk April 18 – Don to ask Kim & Dave Rieff to write
- 3) Saturday Group Walks March 28 and April 11 – Mary to write
- 4) British Isles Trip – Doug to write short reminder
- 5) 2014 VIP Program Summary – Russ to write
- 6) St. Croix Falls and Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary Walks in 2015- Tom Doyle to write
- 7) Blue Book Volunteers – Diane to write
- 8) Veteran's Walk at Inn on Park – Don to write after contacting Jerry
- 9) April Highway Cleanup- Joanne to write
- 10) AVA Convention in June – Doug to write

Rendezvous Expenses

Russ has a list of people who used Sign up Genius to volunteer to bring food for the Rendezvous events. Diane and Karen will contact individuals about food cost reimbursement. Don will check with his choir leader about the entertainment expense. After the Rendezvous food and entertainment costs are settled, Russ will submit the final Rendezvous Expense Report.

The next Board Meeting will be March 11, 2015 at the Lakeview Branch Library. The Next General Membership Meeting will be on February 11, 2015 at Hody's Bar & Grill. The next walking events will be the West Towne Mall Walk on Saturday, January 17 and the East Towne Mall Walk on Saturday, February 21. There is a Saturday Walk and Eat scheduled for Saturday, February 7 at the West Towne Mall at 8:30AM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Submitted by: Mary B. Liebig, Secretary

Attachment B

Minutes Pending Approval

Dairyland Walkers Bimonthly Meeting Middleton, WI February 11th 2015

Officers Present: Doug Wiest (President), Terry Wendt (Vice President), Mary Liebig (Secretary), Diane Thornbery (Treasurer)
Board Members Present: Joanne Reuter (Board Member at Large), Tom Doyle (Membership Chair), Don Suloff (Trailmaster), Karen Reger (Publicity), Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk Coordinator)

In Attendance: 18

Meeting

President Wiest called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There being no additions or corrections to the agenda previously emailed to the Board, the agenda was adopted.

Meeting Minutes (Mary)

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the membership meeting held on December 7th 2014, they stand approved as previously emailed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report (Diane)

The report was previously emailed to the Board. The report noted income of \$1,128.00 and expenses of \$2,108.71 since the previous report. Current balance is \$3,841.17, and \$1,000.00 of this balance is restricted for trips. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

All Rendezvous expenses have now been paid and accounted for in the current checking account balance. It was suggested that Diane prepare a report of Rendezvous Income and Expenses as reference for planning future large club events.

Officer Reports

Vice President (Terry)

Terry told us that all arrangements have been made for our next walking event at the East Towne on February 21. In addition, Terry has secured Hody's Bar & Grill as the location for our next Membership Meeting on Wednesday, April 8 and Lakeview Park in Middleton has been reserved for our August 12 Membership Meeting/Potluck. Finally, the Goodman Center will be the site of the December 6 Membership Meeting/Holiday party.

Secretary (Mary)

Mary had nothing to report.

Board Member at Large (Joanne)

Joanne had nothing to report.

Membership Chair (Tom)

Tom reported that one new member joined in January- Joanne Haas of Madison. Tom also said that he plans to send some 2015 "Blue Books" to the Menominee River Volkssport Club and the Manitowoc City Centre Association.

Sanctioned Event Coordinator (Bruce)

All the year round walking events are currently open and Bruce said a good portion of the seasonal walk boxes (walks open on April 1) have already been updated for 2015.

Trailmaster (Don)

Don told us that a group from the Wandering Wheels Volkssport Club in Indiana will be visiting Wisconsin in August of this year. We may have some of our club members walk with them. Also in the fall of 2016, Tater Tours plans to visit Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

In the next newsletter, Don will provide information on hotel reservations for our walking weekends this year in Green Bay and Menominee.

Publicity Chair (Karen)

Karen had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business.

Walking Vacation to Great Britain Sept-Oct 2015 (Doug)

Doug reported that Elke Austin-Foote will be speaking about this trip at our next Membership Meeting on April 8.

Dairyland Walkers Website Search Issues

A simple Google web search of "Dairyland Walkers" or "Walking Clubs in Madison" does not find our website. Diane thinks that the problem may be that the source code says "no index", but it should say "index" to make it searchable. Doug will contact Tom McCrill, Website Administrator, to see if he can forward this concern to The Stevens Company.

Speakers: Gary Wensing and Kristi Kenyon: Snowshoeing and the Ice Age Trail

Gary and Kristi showed us their snowshoes and equipment. They also mentioned that REI and Fontana rent snowshoes and that both Costco and Sam's sell snowshoe packages (snowshoes, poles, and bags) for around \$70.00. Gary said that one can snowshoe on any hiking trail, but not on cross-county ski trails because those are specifically groomed for skiing. Gary and Kristi then handed out a list of places to snowshoe in the area, in City of Madison and Dane County Parks. They also had a comprehensive list of Wisconsin State Park Snowshoe Trails.

Then, Gary and Kristi talked about the Ice Age Trail and the Dane Drifters Hiking Program in Dane County. The program challenges you to hike all 35.5 miles of Ice Age Trail in Dane County and an **optional** 30 miles of connecting routes. Brochures were available for this program as well as a handout of IAT Dane County events for Winter-Spring 2015. Gary will be leading a Brat Roast/Snowshoe/Hike/Ski on the Table Bluff segment of the Ice Age Trail in Cross Plains on Sunday, February 22.

The next Board Meeting will be March 11, 2015 at the Lakeview Library. The next General Membership Meeting will be on April 8, 2015 at Hody's in Middleton. The next walking events are the East Towne Mall Walk on Saturday, February 21 and the Pie Walk on Saturday, March 14 starting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton. The next Saturday "Walk & Eat" is the Capital Walk on Saturday, March 28.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Mary Liebig, Secretary

Attachment C



**MADISON AREA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: () _____

Please list names of others in household who wish to be members:

- One-Year Membership \$12.00
 - Extra New Walker Packets _____ x \$5.00 _____
 - Donation * _____
- Total Enclosed: _____

* The Madison Area Volkssport Association (Dairyland Walkers), is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. All donations are greatly appreciated and are fully tax deductible.

Send completed Membership Application and payment to the Membership Chair:

Tom Doyle
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Attachment D March and April Events

Pi Walk - Middleton

AVA Sanction #:	Y0675
Dates:	March 14, 2015 - March 14, 2015
Start Location:	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Location:	7337 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, WI N43.09496 W089.50806
Hours:	This walk will be a guided walk beginning at precisely 2:00 pm. Registration must be complete prior to that time.
Distance:	5K
Rating:	1A The walk will not be suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.
Special Programs:	Food for Thought, Honoring Our Flag, Water Towers, Walk the USA A-Z, and Wisconsin Counties
Directions:	From I-39/90 take US 12/18 (Beltline) west. Take University Ave. (exit 251A) east, turning left on University Ave. Proceed to first stoplight, turn right on Parmenter St. Turn at the second left on Hubbard Ave. The church is on the right, just past the library.
Parking:	Ample parking is available in the church parking lot.
Description:	This will be a guided group walk. It will be a modified version of the Middleton year-round walk. Following the walk, participants are invited to enjoy a piece of pie at the church to be provided by the club.
Awards & Fees:	There will be no pre-registration or award for this walk, but walkers intending to participate are asked to notify the walk contact in order to estimate the number of pies required. The fee for all participants will be \$4.00. The Dairyland Walkers Frequent Walker Coupons may not be used for this walk. There will not be a separate sanction number for this walk. The stamp for the Middleton year-round walk will be used.
Pets:	Pets will not be permitted.
Amenities:	Restrooms are available at the start point and along the walk route.
Contact:	Barb Lund, 1637 Delaware Blvd, Madison, WI 53704, (608) 249-5139, lund_b@sbcglobal.net
Disclaimers:	Madison Area Volkssport Association, the AVA, and starting point businesses are not liable for accidents, thefts, personal injury and/or material damage. All attempts will be made to create a safe and enjoyable event. Participants accept the guidelines of AVA Volkssport events and agree to observe the principles of good sportsmanship. Each participant is asked to sign a waiver from liability before the walk.

Whitewater Walk

AVA Sanction #:	101450
Dates:	April 18, 2015 - April 18, 2015
Start Location:	Cravath Lakefront Park
Location:	341 S. Fremont St, Whitewater, WI N 42.83193 W 088.73255
Hours:	Start 8:00 am to 12 noon. Finish by 3:00 pm
Distance:	10K and 5k
Rating:	1B This walk will not be accessible by strollers and wheelchairs.
Special Programs:	Boardwalks, Honoring Our Flag, Lakes and Reservoirs, Walking the USA A-Z, and Wisconsin Counties
Directions:	From I 90/39 take exit 163 and follow Hwy 59 east toward Milton. Following the UW-Whitewater sign, turn left on Cty Rd N. Continue on Cty Rd N for 11.2 miles. Entering Whitewater, turn left on Indian Mound Parkway (there is a stone wall at that turn that says MOUND PARK ACRES). Turn right on Main St and continue on Main St for 1.4 miles into downtown. Turn right on Fremont St and continue straight for three blocks. Cross Whitewater St and enter the parking lot for Cravath Lakefront Park.
Parking:	Ample parking is available.
Description:	The walk will include a natural surface trail, historic Whitewater, and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus.
Awards & Fees:	There will be no pre-registration or award for this walk. Credit only: \$3.00 Youth/Adult Non-Credit: \$2.00
Pets:	Pets will not be permitted on this walk.
Amenities:	Restrooms and water will be available at the start point and along the trail.
Contact:	David Riyeff, 1415 Clark St, Janesville, WI 53545 (608) 756-1599, driyeff@hotmail.com
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