

## March-April Events

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- March 18 Poker and Pie Walk, Middleton
- April 11 Membership Meeting
- April 21 Monona Kick-off Walk

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### Dairyland Walkers Celebrate Newest 50 State Walker

Bruce Dewey ( second from right), past North Central Regional Director is congratulated by fellow club members who have completed walking all 50 states. From left: Ed Reid, Gwen Kraemer, Bruce Dewey and Rosemary Sprenger

### Electronic Newsletter By Jerry Wilson

Here we go! I hope you enjoy and find the information in this newsletter useful. Of course the newsletter will only be as good as information provided. If you have a topic that would be of interest please prepare an article and send it in to the dedicated e-mail address: [dairylandnews@gmail.com](mailto:dairylandnews@gmail.com). Deadlines for each newsletter will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the next edition. For the May/June edition the deadline is April 20, send items in sooner if possible.

We all want to thank Bonnie Hamer for her many years of service as the newsletter editor! She also found herself all too often in the position of writing many of the articles, thank you also for those many articles. Before Bonnie took on this task, Jo Sparks was the newsletter editor, blazing the trail for those of us that have followed.

Bonnie has consented to continue to send out the weekly e-mails that prove to be very helpful in alerting us all to current information, which includes last minute updates. Thanks, Bonnie!

**Dates of Interest?**

**Date**

- March 1 Peanut Butter Lovers' Day
- 3 National Anthem Day
- 10-11 Daylight Savings Begins
- 11 Johnny Appleseed Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- April 1 April Fools Day
- 6 Good Friday
- 6 National Walk to Work Day
- 8 Easter
- 13 Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3)
- 17 Tax Due Date (Altered in 2012)
- 19 National Garlic Day
- 27 Arbor Day

**NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLE  
SUBMITTAL  
DEADLINES**

for  
May-June

Due: April 20

Send to  
**NEW** newsletter email  
address:  
dairylandnews@gmail.com

**Preparing for the Great River Walking Weekend!!  
By Don Suloff**

It's not too soon to begin preparing for another great and special weekend of walking which will occur on Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22, 2012, along the great Mississippi River. These walks in Perrot and Merrick State Parks will enable you to add Trempealeau and Buffalo Counties to your growing list of walks completed in Wisconsin's counties. In addition to the two walks we have on the Wisconsin side of the river, there will also be two walks on the Minnesota side, one each on Saturday and Sunday. With the La Crosse seasonal walk just a few miles down the river, there will be five exceptional walks available to satisfy your thirst for the trail.

For those who plan to make a full weekend of walking, the Dairyland Walkers have reserved all the rooms at the historic Trempealeau Hotel in Trempealeau, Wisconsin, for both Friday and Saturday nights. Since this is a busy time at the Hotel, reservations must be made for both nights and the block of rooms are only reserved until June 1st. Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. In addition to the reserved lodging, we will offer a group dinner in the Hotel's dining room on Saturday evening with meals starting around \$13. The menu will be available as we register for the Saturday walk in Trempealeau and reservations must be at that time.

The historic Trempealeau Hotel, built in 1871, fronts on the Mississippi River and is one of the few surviving structures of the 1888 fire which destroyed most of the town of Trempealeau. Patrons still line up at a vintage bar just like they did in 1888. Diners enjoy a variety of traditional and ethnic meals with views out over the river.

The cozy upstairs rooms in the hotel, located immediately above the saloon and restaurant, offer a step back in history to the late 1800's with no television, telephone, or air conditioning and a single, shared bathroom and shower. These rooms are offered at \$40/night plus tax and include a double bed, small closet, dresser, lamp, and window. For those looking for more modern accommodations, the Juniper and Willow Suites, located adjacent to the hotel, offer a queen bed, bath, Jacuzzi tub, cable TV, gas fireplace, and a picture window overlooking the river. These two suites are available at \$130/night. Also available for \$130/night and on the hotel grounds is the Pines Cottage, which is equipped with a queen bed and a double pull-out couch, a Jacuzzi tub, cable TV, air conditioning, kitchenette, and a deck overlooking the river. Located a little more than a mile from the main hotel, the Kingfisher rooms are four standard motel rooms with one queen or two double beds, private bath, and satellite TV. These rooms are available at \$60 or \$70/night. Those wishing to make reservations are encouraged to do so early at (608) 534-6898, mentioning that you are part of the walking group. You may also learn more about the facilities at trempealeauhotel.com.

Although no arrangements have been made, the Inn on the River is located across the street from the Hotel Trempealeau and also faces the river. The Inn has standard motel rooms available at \$90/night and can be reached at (608) 534-7784. Don't wait too long to make your room reservations and find yourselves left out!

### **Seasonal Walk in Key West, FL**

Sponsored by Dairyland Walkers

**By Tom Doyle**

Anyone planning a trip to southern Florida in the next several months may wish to consider an excursion down to the "Southern Most Point" in the United States. The huge stone marker which is also a great photo op, is on the walk route. Also is Kermit's chocolate dipped key lime pie on a stick! These along with Hemingway's house, President Truman's southern White House and of course Jimmy Buffet's Margarita Ville joint are some of the many highlights along the route.

The Dairyland Walkers will arrive by cruise boat in Key West on June 8th, however instead of sanctioning a walk for only that day, the DW board agreed to sanction the walk for 6 months, April 1st thru December 31st.

This type of sanctioning a walk in one state by a club in another state is using what is now referred to as a **remote start**. There is no walk box involved. The directions when requested by a walker traveling to the area are emailed or snail mailed. After completing the walk, the usual \$3.00 payment along with walk books and signed start cards are mailed to the walk coordinator (in this case 'me'). Books are stamped and returned to the walker.

### **Monona Walk Kick-Off**

**By Tricia Gundlach**

Join us on April 21st for the official kick-off of the beautiful Monona 11k and 6k walks. The walk includes scenic views of the capitol and views of the Madison skyline across Lake Monona. It also includes the Outlet Mound, an Indian burial ground that is on the National and State Historic Registers. The burial mounds date as far back as 2000 years. Many other historic gems are on this walk from homes of famous artists and others instrumental in the history of Monona. Explore the tree lined residential areas and many parks. The walk qualifies for the following special programs: Honoring Law Enforcement, America's Family Bakeries (El Bollilo Bakery) and Walk Wisconsin Counties.

The city of Monona is rolling out the red carpet for us to help us celebrate! We are expecting the Mayor of Monona to cut the ribbon in an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:00 am. We will ask the Monona Historical Society for docents for many of the historical sites. Some light snacks will also be available.

Registration will take place in the Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Road, Monona WI between 8am until noon. All walkers should finish by 3:00pm. There is ample parking available at the Community Center.

Directions: from Highway 12/18 (Beltline) take the Monona Drive exit and travel north approximately a mile on Monona Drive. Turn left on Nichols road and travel for about ¾ miles to the Monona Community Center. Any questions may be directed to either Dean Bowles, 608-222-5573 or Tricia Gundlach, 608-222-4200.

### **SAVE THE DATE – Annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk**

**By Cindy Haagensen**

Save these dates for a Labor Day weekend bus trip to "Walk Big Mac 2012". This is the annual walk over the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. The bus will leave August 31 am. and return September 3 in the pm.

Anyone with any interest at all should please contact me right away so I can get an initial idea of how many there might be. Cindy Haagensen, home phone: 216-0298 or [chaagensen@charter.net](mailto:chaagensen@charter.net). Thank you.

### **Dairyland Walker Apparel - Spirit Wear 2012 Update**

**By Tom Doyle**

Prices for all Dairyland Walker apparel will remain the same for 2012. Please see attachment. Contact Tom at [tjdoyle98@msn.com](mailto:tjdoyle98@msn.com) or [608-576-7414](tel:608-576-7414) with any questions.

## Northern Italy Volkssport Trip - September 6 - 19, 2012

By Barbara Borde

Got an income tax refund coming and wonder how to spend it? Come join us on our volkssporting trip to Italy. There will be 7 sanctioned walks with four of them being special events and three where local clubs will meet us and walk with us. Lots of sightseeing also - Venice/Dolomite Mtns/Leaning Tower of Pisa/Cinque Terre/Florence/Lakes Como and Garda areas. The full itinerary is on the Dairylandwalkers.com website. Questions: Call Ceta Tours at [800-502-0397](tel:800-502-0397) or Barbara Borde at [608-244-3183](tel:608-244-3183).



### Highway Cleanup Scheduled Requested by Terry Wendt

Join the Hwy 12/18 cleanup on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meet at Nora's II at 1:00 pm.(intersection of US Hwy 12/18 and cty AB). Bring gloves and dress appropriately for the weather. Trash bags and vests will be provided.

## Dairyland Walker Board Meeting - March 14 - Lakeview Branch Library

--- PROPOSED AGENDA ---

Call to Order 1800 hours (6 P.M.)

Approve/amend agenda

Approval of the minutes of the 11 January 2012 Board meeting

Officer Reports

1. President

2. Vice President

3. Treasurer

4. Secretary

5. Other Reports

--Director at large

--Membership Chair

--Sanctioned Event Coordinator

--Trailmaster

--Newsletter Editor

--Webmaster

Unfinished Business

New Business:

1. Formal vote on extending the Key West seasonal walk through 31 December 2012

2. Suggested Addition: Kick-off of the Monona walk on April 21st. Tricia Gundlach

Next Board meeting 9 May 2012 – LakeView Branch Library

## Dairyland Walker e-Newsletter

By Jerry Wilson

The Dairyland Club Newsletter will be sent to all club members in good standing via e-mail. This will reduce the time, cost and paper use involved in mailing newsletters to all Club members. Going Green!! Hopefully this will also facilitate sending the newsletter out the same day every other month (six editions annually). Recipients will also be able to read the newsletter via their computers while away from home when on walking adventures! This method also helps people like me that can find items electronically a lot easier than on paper.

Those wishing to receive a hard copy of newsletters mailed to them should contact Tom Doyle at [tjdoyle98@msn.com](mailto:tjdoyle98@msn.com). Tom has graciously volunteered to print and mail a copy to those that wish a paper copy sent to them.

## Corrections to the January/February 2012 Newsletter

“2011 VIP Finishers” Only 22 of the 24 2011 VIP Finishers were listed. Ed Reid and Pam Wilson also completed their 2011 VIP booklets, both at Level 2.

“Reserve Now for Northern Italy Volkssport Trip” Barbara Borde's telephone number should be 608/244-3183.

**Milestones**

175 Events	Phillip Ringhand	3500 KM	Lee Moisant
200 Events	Kathleen Schultz	5500 KM	Pam Wilson
325 Events	Lee Moisant	7000 KM	Jerry Wilson
500 Events	Pam Wilson		
650 Events	Jerry Wilson		
2000 Events	Jane Legaard Ken Legaard		
2600 Events	Bonnie Johnson		

**New Dairyland Walker Club Members**

Please Welcome:

Jennifer Chartier    Wauwatosa

Phyllis Dube    McFarland

Marylynne Mehl    Madison

Carol Schuch    Madison

Marlys Sloup    Fitchburg

**2012 Dairyland Walkers Calendar**

Saturday, January 21	East Towne Walk	Results: 50 credit & 5 free walkers
Saturday, February 18	West Towne Walk	Results: 56 credit & 9 free walkers
<b>Wednesday, March 14</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Lakeview Library 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, March 18</b>	<b>Poker &amp; Pie Walk - Middleton</b>	<b>Guided walk begins at 2:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 11</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 PM ??????</b>
<b>Saturday, April 21</b>	<b>Monona Kick-off Walk</b>	<b>Register 8:00 – 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 9</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Ribbon Cutting 9:00 AM</b>
<b>Saturday, May 19</b>	<b>Syttende Mai Walk - Madison</b>	<b>Lakeview Library 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, May 26</b>	<b>Sauk Prairie Walk</b>	<b>Badger Bowl, Register 6:00 – 7:00 AM</b>
<b>Saturday, June 2</b>	<b>Walk Wisconsin - Stevens Pt.</b>	<b>Register 8:00 – 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Saturday, June 16</b>	<b>Lapham Peak Walk</b>	<b>Start Times: See website/Week-end</b>
<b>Great River Walking Weekend:</b>		<b>Walk Events Brochure</b>
<b>Saturday, July 21</b>	<b>Lake Winona Walk - MN</b>	<b>Register 8:00 – 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Saturday, July 21</b>	<b>Perrot State Park Walk - WI</b>	<b>Register 7:00 – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday, July 22</b>	<b>Merrick State Park Walk – WI</b>	<b>Register 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, July 22</b>	<b>Winona Historic City Walk – MN</b>	<b>Register 8:00 – 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Saturday, August 25</b>	<b>A Walk Into History - Portage</b>	<b>Register 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, September 15</b>	<b>Cheese Days Walk – Monroe</b>	<b>Register 8:00 – 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Saturday, October 13</b>	<b>High Cliff State Park Walk –</b>	<b>Register 8:00 – 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Sunday, October 14</b>	<b>Sherwood</b>	<b>Register 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM</b>
	<b>Maywood Environmental Park Walk</b>	<b>Register 8:00 – 12:00 Noon</b>
	<b>- Sheboygan</b>	

## Attachment A

### Dairyland Walkers Board Meeting Lakeview Branch Library January 11, 2012

#### **Board Members Present**

Doug Wiest (President) Gwen Kraemer (Vice President) Mary Liebig (Secretary) Barb Borde (Board Member at Large)  
Don Suloff (Trailmaster) Russ Crane (Webmaster) Tom Doyle (Membership Chair) Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk  
Coordinator)

#### **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 were June Doyle, Tricia and Tom Gundlach, and Karen Reger.

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, and Russ Crane as Webmaster. In addition, Tricia Gundlach was appointed as Volunteer Coordinator and Karen Reger was appointed as Publicity Chair. Tom Doyle made a motion that both the Volunteer Coordinator and Publicity Chair be recognized as board members. Russ Crane pointed out that the bylaws would need to be updated to accommodate these additions to the Board. The motion was then tabled. The Board then decided to re-visit the bylaws. Club member Tom McCrill will be approached to see if he would be interested in working with Russ Crane and Barb Borde to update the bylaws for this and any other items deemed necessary.

Mary Liebig will send a note of appreciation to Bonnie Hamer on behalf of the Board for Bonnie's many years of service as Newsletter Editor.

#### **Vice President Report** (Gwen)

Gwen has reserved a room at the Middleton Library for the next Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 8 from 6:30 to 8PM. At this meeting, Don Suloff will talk about the club's plans to continue walking in all the Wisconsin counties. Tricia Gundlach will also speak about the club's new volunteer program.

#### **Treasurer's Report** (Kristi)

Kristi was unable to attend the Board Meeting, but had emailed the Treasurer's Report to the Board. The balance on December 4, 2011 was \$4,198.15. Since that time, income totaled \$663.00 and expenditures were \$1,488.64. The current balance on January 11, 2012 is \$3,372.51. Of that balance, \$1,000 is restricted for trips. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

#### **Meeting Minutes** (Mary)

The minutes of the last Board meeting held on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 had been previously emailed to the Board. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, and they were approved as distributed.

#### **Director at Large Report** (Barb)

Barb Borde had nothing to report.

#### **Membership Chair** (Tom)

Tom will email the current membership list to Board members in the next few days. There are four or five people on the list who have not renewed their membership since 2010, and fifteen to twenty people who did not renew in 2011. Tom will contact these people to see if they are interested in renewing their membership. A few of these people are our "faithful" Tuesday night walkers.

#### **Walk Box Coordinator** (Bruce Dewey)

Bruce is working on updating the material for the 2012 seasonal walk boxes. He also reported that Jerry Wilson is still compiling the statistics from our 2011 year round and seasonal walks, but we should have those numbers shortly.

#### **Trailmaster Report** (Don)

Don will be making park shelter reservations for three of our 2012 walks at: Sauk Prairie, Merrick State Park, and High Cliff State Park. None of these shelters is expected to cost more than \$100.

(continued) Don also reported that we will have a somewhat revised version of our Middleton walk for the Poker and Pie walk to be held on Sunday, March 18. We will walk under the beltline into Greenway Station; the route is all asphalt and should allow for good walking in mid-March. This revision will also allow the walk to qualify for two additional special event programs: Strolling over the Rainbow and Walking America's Murals.

Don plans to advertise all 2012 walks in Madison Magazine.

Finally, Don talked about his vision to complete walking in all Wisconsin counties by the end of 2017. The remaining counties to walk after 2013 will be split into two geographic areas: basically those that are north of line from Green Bay to Eau Claire, and those to the south of this line. The thirteen remaining northern counties will be set up as seasonal walks; the remainder of the southern counties can be completed as weekend events.

### **Webmaster Report** (Russ)

Russ presented the Usage Report from November 7, 2011 to January 2, 2012 and gave a short explanation of the numbers.

### **New Business**

#### **Dues Renewal**

The Board discussed whether the membership dues should all be paid once a year, or throughout the year as is currently done. This becomes an issue as we move toward an electronic newsletter in a couple of months. We would need to consider whether or not it would hurt the club's cash flow to have all dues paid at the same time. On the other hand, without a hard copy of the newsletter mailed every other month, it would be much easier to have all members renew at the same time. For instance, the dues envelope could be sent with the annual mailing of the "Blue Book" of Wisconsin Walking Events. The Board did not reach a conclusion and decided to discuss this topic at a future Board Meeting.

#### **Life Membership**

Some members have asked for the ability to purchase a Life Membership in the club; the Board decided that this was not a good idea.

#### **Electronic Newsletter**

A survey will be mailed in the January/February Newsletter to confirm member's email addresses for electronic mailing. We expect to have around ten to twelve members without access to email who will need to have the newsletter sent by regular mail.

Don Suloff, June Doyle, and Karen Reger volunteered to help Jerry Wilson edit the first few issues of the electronic newsletter. It's possible that Jerry Wilson will speak at the April Membership meeting about the electronic newsletter.

#### **Postal Mailing Permit**

The bulk postal mailing permit expired on January 11, 2012 but it was renewed for another year. The Board will re-visit this permit again at another meeting later this year. The club may not need to renew the postal mailing permit for 2013 with the mailing of the newsletter electronically.

#### **Volunteers to "Mentor" New Walkers**

Tricia plans to gather a list of members who would be willing to help mentor new walkers. She will ask for these volunteer mentors in future newsletters and weekly emails.

#### **Volunteer Program Discussion**

Tricia had a number of ideas that she wanted to discuss relating to club's volunteer program. First, she asked if we could have a section devoted to volunteers on the club website; Russ said that would be possible. Next, Tricia said she wanted to talk to current volunteers to help write job descriptions for the volunteer positions and to get feedback for the volunteer program. Tricia asked the Board to think about an award program to recognize our volunteers. The Board thought that volunteer recognition is a good thing to include in the newsletters. Finally, Tricia said that volunteer positions should have a time limit.

#### **NEC meeting proposals**

Russ had engaged the Board in an earlier email on his thoughts on the NEC Agenda Items for the January 20-21, 2012 meeting. The Board was in agreement with Russ's comments except for item 11j, reducing the sanctioning time from ninety days to sixty

(continued) days before an event. The majority of the Board felt that the sanctioning time should be reduced. Doug will send our comments and thoughts regarding the proposals to Phyllis Olson, North Central Regional Director.

### **Mackinac Bridge Walk Labor Day**

June Doyle reported that Cindy Haagensen volunteered to help coordinate a club trip to do this event in 2012. Gwen Kraemer offered Cindy her assistance. The Board also recommended that Cindy contact Gilbert Engel of the Menominee River Volkssport club to see if he or any other members of that club plan to attend this event in 2012. It was noted to the Board that the Bridge walk and any other Mackinac walks would still need to be sanctioned.

The next Board Meeting will be March 14, 2012 at the Lakeview Branch Library. The next walking event will be the East Towne Mall walk on Saturday, January 21.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM    Submitted by: Mary B. Liebig, Secretary

## **Attachment 2**

### **Dairyland Walkers Bimonthly Meeting Middleton Public Library February 8<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Officers Present:** Doug Wiest (President), Gwen Kraemer (Vice President), Mary Liebig (Secretary)

**Board Members Present:** Barb Borde (Board Director at Large), Russ Crane (Webmaster)  
Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk Coordinator), Tom Doyle (Membership Chair) Don Suloff (Trailmaster)

In Attendance: 23

### **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 Liebig)

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the membership meeting held December 4<sup>th</sup> 2011, they stand approved as previously emailed to the Board.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Kristi Kenyon)

The report was previously emailed to the Board. The report noted income of \$1,040.00 and expenses of \$707.82 since the previous report. Current balance is \$3,704.69. Of this balance, \$1,000 is restricted for trips. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

### **Old Business**

#### **1. Northern Italy Trip:**

Barb Borde brought brochures for the Volkssporting Northern Italy trip planned for September 6-19, 2012. There are four scheduled I.V.V. walks and three other I.V.V walks with local clubs. Barb also mentioned some of the sites the tour will visit such as; the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Dolomite Mountains, Cortina d'Ampezzo, the site of the 1956 Winter Olympics, and Cinque Terre.

#### **2. Mackinac Bridge Bus Trip:**

Cindy Haagensen reported that 28 people have expressed interest in a club bus trip to do the 2012 Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk. Cindy researched hotels in the area, all of which reported that Labor Day is the busiest weekend of the year for them. The Super 8 Motel needs a deposit of \$600.00 to put a hold on a block of rooms for the club. Tom Doyle made a motion for the Board to approve the \$600.00 down-payment to the Super 8; the motion was approved. Cindy also plans to advertise the Mackinac Bridge bus trip with some other neighboring AVA walking clubs.



## **Program**

### **Plan for walking all Wisconsin Counties**

Don Suloff, Trailmaster, first talked about the walks the club has planned for 2012. We will walk in four new counties in 2012: Trempealeau and Buffalo counties on the Great River Walking Weekend July 21-22, 2012 and Calumet and Sheboygan counties on the Two County Walking Weekend event October 13-14, 2012.

In 2013, we will pick up five more counties: Marathon County on the same weekend in June 2013 as the Walk Wisconsin event in Stevens Point, Washington County in August 2013, Outagamie and Waupaca counties on a yet undetermined walking weekend in 2013, and Racine County. In addition, the three counties of Polk, Burnett, and Washburn will be offered as seasonal walks in the summer months. They may have remote starts. By the end of 2013, the club will have completed walks in 47 counties and have 25 counties left.

Don handed out a colored map of Wisconsin's 72 counties. He then explained the color coding:

1. Yellow shaded counties represent counties that the club has already walked in.
2. Green shaded counties represent counties that offer seasonal or annual events.
3. Orange shaded counties represent counties that the club plans to walk in 2012 or 2013.
4. Counties grouped by a red line (there are four groups) are those that the club will plan as weekend events sometime in 2014 to 2018.
5. Counties grouped by a purple line (there are 15 counties in purple) are those that the club will offer as seasonal events sometime in 2014 to 2018.

This plan will allow the club to finish all 72 counties by the end of 2018. Don did ask the club members if they knew of any doable walks in the purple shaded areas. Don also assured the membership that the club will re-visit county walks that have already been completed for those members that were unable to walk them the first time. The specifics of re-visiting county walks still need to be worked out, though.

### **Club's New Volunteer Program**

Tricia Gundlach spoke about making volunteering fun so people are enthusiastic about volunteering. She also stated that she doesn't want people to volunteer once and then feel like they have to continue doing it forever. A volunteer mentor program for new member walkers will be started. Lots more information should be forthcoming about the volunteer program in the March/April Newsletter. Barb Borde then asked if the point of contact for a walking event would still gather the necessary volunteers for the event, or if that responsibility would shift to the Volunteer Coordinator. Tricia replied that she didn't know the answer to Barb's question; that is something the club still needs to determine.

The next walking event is the West Towne Mall Walk on Saturday, February 18.

The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at a location to be determined. The club was unable to reserve the Middleton Library for the April 11 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm    Mary Liebig, Secretary