

# Madison Area Volkssport Association Newsletter

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## May - June Events

May 6 Highway Clean-up May 10 Board Meet. 6pm – Alicia Ashman Lib. Br. May 13 Sat. Walk & Eat -Arboretum - Reg.8:45am May 27 & 28 Up North Walks, Party and Dinner

June 7 – 9 AVA Convention June 14 Members Meeting Hody's Bar & Grill, 6:30pm June 17 Sat. Walk & Eat – Picnic Pt. W - Reg.8:45am June 24 Plain Walk - Reg. 8:00am-Noon, Fin.By 3:00

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# Talk'n Trash By Joanne Reuter

Please help our club pick up highway trash! We're meeting on Saturday May 6th at 10am at Nora's II, 1843 US Hwy 12, in Deerfield. Safety jackets and garbage bags will be provided. Bring work gloves to protect your hands. We need at least 8 people to be able to cover the entire two mile stretch of highway. It will take about an hour of your time. Afterwards, we gather at the bar for cold drinks and great conversation. Come join us!

## Let's Head Up North! - Memorial Day Weekend By Don Suloff

Although it is too late to take advantage of the block of rooms reserved for the Dairyland Walkers at the Americinn in Merrill, it is not too late to plan on walking with our club on May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th.</sup> We will walk in Rhinelander (Oneida County) on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, with check-in time between 10 am and 1 pm, with all walkers to be finished by 3 pm. This walk will feature picturesque Hodag Park along the Wisconsin River, historic downtown Rhinelander, and the remarkable Pioneer Park with a variety of theme museums. Our start point will be in Pioneer Park (intersection of Kemp and Oneida) giving walkers the opportunity to explore the museums either before or after the walk. From Hwy 51 north of Wausau, take exit 234 east on Hwy 8 to Rhinelander. When Hwy 8 comes to Hwy 47 in Rhinelander, continue straight ahead on Kemp St. Follow Kemp across the Wisconsin River to its end at Oneida Ave. Turn right, then take the next left on Martin Lynch Drive to the start point. Should you experience any problems on this walk, "blame it on the Hodag!"

We will move south to Merrill to spend the night with our popular wine and cheese party that evening at the Americinn (courtesy of Diane Thornbery and Joanne Reuter) and dinner at a nearby Mexican restaurant. On Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> we will walk in Merrill (Lincoln County) with registration available between 8 am and 11 am and finishing by 1 pm. The walk will start from the gazebo located in Normal Park off of Center and 7<sup>th</sup>. Walkers will pass two buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, see a remarkable three-arch stone bridge, and walk through Prairie Park along the Prairie River.

Although the seasonal walk at Medford (Taylor County) will not be a formal part of the weekend walks, it is a short drive from Merrill and the walk box will be available for those wishing to complete the series of "Up North" walks for 2017. This walk features a "rails-to-trails" segment, passes through the 100-acre Medford City Park, and follows the River Walk along the Black River.

# Club Meeting – Wednesday, June 14 By Terry Wendt

The DLW meeting for June 14, 2017 will be at Hody's Bar and Grill, 1914 Aurora St., Middleton Wi. Meeting at 6:30pm. Come & have a burger before the meeting.

# **Dates of Interest?**

Date

May Nat. Military Appreciation Mo. National Bike Month.

- 1 School Principal's Day
- 2 Public Radio Day
- 4 World Give Day: Consider AVA
- 8 World Red Cross Day
- 10 Full Moon 4:42 pm CT
- 10 Bike to School Day
- 17 Syttende Mai Day
- 29 Memorial Day

June Student Safety Month PSTD Awareness Month

- 4 Nat. Cancer Survivor's Day
- 9 Full Moon 8:10 AM CT
- 14 World Blood Donor Day
- 17 Eat Your Veggies Day
- 30 Nat. Organization For Women (NOW) Day

# NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

for July – August 2017

Due: June 20

# Put an Article Specific Title

on the subject line and send articles to the DW Newsletter email address:

# ${\bf dairy land news@gmail.com}$

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# Saturday Walk & Eat Group By Mary Liebig

# Saturday Walk & Eat Group Arboretum Walk – May 13, Picnic Point – June 17

More Saturday Group Walk and Eat opportunities are coming up in May and June:

On Saturday, May 13, we'll meet at the start point of the Arboretum Walk, Colectivo Coffee located at 2530 Monroe St. at around 8:45AM to register for the 10k walk. For those interested in lunch after the walk, we'll plan to eat at Colectivo Coffee. Here is a link to their menu <a href="https://colectivocoffee.com/cafes/monroe-st">https://colectivocoffee.com/cafes/monroe-st</a>.

**Saturday morning, June 17,** will find us walking to Picnic Point in Madison. Again we'll meet at the start point of the Picnic Point walk, which is the Best Western Inn Towner, located at 2424 University Ave. at around 8:45AM to register for the 10k walk. It is worth noting that parking has been tight at the Best Western, so it may be helpful to park at our lunch location, Blue Moon Bar & Grill at 2535 University Ave. The Blue Moon opens at 11AM on and should be able to accommodate our group. For those interested in lunch after the walk, here is a link to the Blue Moon Bar & Grill menu: http://www.bluemoonbar.com/menu.php

If anyone would like to volunteer to lead the 5k route of either the Arboretum or Picnic Point walks, and possibly start at 9:30AM instead, let me know at mbliebig@charter.net. I will then provide that information in an email update on these walks.

# There is Nothing Plain About the Plain Walk By Don Suloff

On June 24<sup>th</sup> we will head northwest of Madison to the small community of Plain for a repeat of a popular walk from our past. Both 5K and 10K walks will kick off from the Kraemer Library and Community Center located at 910 Main Street in Plain, with starting available between 8 am and noon and all walkers to be finished by 3 pm. To reach the start point, take Hwy 14 west of Madison to Spring Green. In Spring Green turn right (north) on Hwy 23 and follow it to Plain. In Plain turn right (east) on Main Street to the start point on your left. The walk includes the Plain ballpark and pavilion, the local golf course, and features St. Luke's Catholic Church and the amazing St. Anne's Hill Chapel. The walk to the latter makes this walk rated at 3B, although the 5K walk will be rated 1A. Come enjoy this rural area!

# Wanted: 5K and 10K Walk Leaders! By Cindy Haagensen, Director-at-Large

Remember the survey we did? The one where the majority of walkers were interested in various days of the week to do walks as a group? Well, now is your chance! The weather has warmed, the ice is gone and almost any day is a good day for walking. So step up to lead your favorite walk, pick a day and let me know when. I'll see to it that it is posted on the DW website, our Facebook page and an email to members.

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# **Getting the Most Out of Your Membership By Tricia Gundlach**

When I first joined the Dairyland Walkers I knew one person in the club. I am a relatively shy person but I soon got to know other members by walking beside them and talking with them. It's amazing the topics you can cover with a new walking friend! We have members with such diverse life experiences, professions and talents. Also, You never know when you are going to run into a walking friend. My husband and I were recently doing a walk in Florida and ran into another Dairyland Walker who was doing the same walk. We make new walking friends from across the country when doing walks in other states and then will run into them on other walks.

A good way to get to know others in the Dairyland Walkers is to volunteer to help. There are so many little but important jobs that make our club successful. The club completely depends upon volunteers to run the club. Helping at the Registration table for an hour or two is a great way to volunteer. You can walk before or after helping. It takes only a minute or two to learn the procedure. Contact the walk point of contact listed and offer to help, or just offer to help the day of the walk.

Walk early and help put up the arrows and streamers, or be the last to walk and pick them up. You can share some great photos you took of your walks on or Facebook page or submit them for posting on our website. You can bring a dish to pass at a party or just make some treats for walkers. You can help us find an interesting speaker for one of our meetings. We encourage you to attend Membership Meetings and offer your suggestions and opinions. You can help keep a walk box up to date and filled with supplies or even help design a new walk. Please join us in making our club even better! Feel free to contact me if you can help.

# Walk Together By Susan Wester



On March 11, local members of Navigators USA and their parents joined the Dairyland Walkers for the annual Pie walk held in Middleton. Eight children and teenagers from the Navigators USA Blackhawk chapter 79, along with seven adults, completed the 5K walk on a clear but crisp day. A slice of pie was enjoyed by all walkers upon finishing. AVA and Navigators USA chapters already have collaborated on "Walk Togethers" in other cities. Each participating Blackhawk chapter member will receive an AVA patch award, compliments of Dairyland Walkers.

# Membership Update By Mary Liebig, Membership Coordinator

Please welcome the following members who have joined since our last newsletter:

- Barb Lukes, Middleton, WI
- Mary Ellen Schlough, Madison, WI
- Mary Shapiro, Cambridge, WI

# The Big Give – Excerpt from Past Checkpoints By Jerry Wilson

Please join the AVA National Executive Council and myself on May 4, 2017 by going online at <a href="www.TheBigGiveSA.org">www.TheBigGiveSA.org</a> and making a contribution to support the mission of the AVA. A minimum of \$25.00 to support the mission of the AVA is requested. Of course if you would like to send a check that is also appreciated and will be applied towards our goal. The goal this year is to raise \$60,000.

If donating by check, mail your check to: AVA, 1001 Pat Booker Road · Suite 101, Universal City, TX 78148. Please be sure to put "Big Give" on the memo line. Note that our annual fundraising campaign will run the whole month of May until the 31<sup>st</sup>.

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# Club Milestones By Doug Wiest

The following are the milestones of club members as reported by the April / May 2017 issue of The American Wanderer:

	Kilometers	
Susan Wester	10,000	Therese Glatzhofer
Mary Beth Liebig	10,000	Gwen Kraemer
David Riyeff	22,000	Jogena Wiest
Kim Riyeff	60,000	Douglas Wiest
Diane Thornbery		
Gwen Kraemer		
Jogena Wiest		
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Douglas Wiest		
Kenneth Legaard		
Jane Legaard		
Douglas Wiest		
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Congratulations to all on your accomplishments!

If I, or The American Wanderer, overlooked your accomplishments, send me an e-mail at <a href="mailto:douglaswiest@yahoo.com">douglaswiest@yahoo.com</a> and they will be listed in the next Dairyland Walkers newsletter.

# 2017 Dairyland Walkers Calendar at a Glance

Saturday, January 21	West Towne Walk, Madison, WI	Results: Total 40; Adults: 37; Non-Credit: 3
Saturday, February 18	East Towne Walk, Madison, WI	Results: Total 30; Adults: 28; Non-Credit: 2
Saturday, April 22	MATC / Starkweather Creek Walk, Madison, WI	Results: Total 44; Adults: 34; Non-Credit: 10
Saturday, May 6	Hwy 12/18 Clean-up	10:00am Nora's II, 1843 US Hwy 12
Wednesday, May 10	Board Meeting – Alicia Ashman Library Branch 733 N. High Point Rd., Madison	6:00pm Meeting
Saturday, May 13	Saturday Walk and Eat – Arboretum Walk	8:45am Register, Start Walk at 9:00am
Saturday, May 27	Rhinelander, WI Walk	10:00am-1:00pm Check-in; Finish by 3:00pm
Sunday, May 28	Merrill, WI Walk	8:00-11:00am Check-in; Finish by 1:00pm
Tuesday, June 6 – Friday, June 9	AVA Biennial Convention – Billings, Montana	
Wednesday, June 14	Membership Meeting – Hody's Bar & Grill 1914 Aurora St. Middleton WI	6:30pm Meeting Consider Coming Early to Eat Before 6:30pm
Saturday, June 17	Saturday Walk and Eat – Picnic Point Walk	8:45am Register, Start Walk at 9:00am
Sunday, June 24	Plain, WI Walk – Kraemer Library & Community Center, 910 Main St.	8:00am – 12:00 Noon. Finish by 3:00pm
Saturday, July 22	Oconomowoc, WI Walk	
Saturday, August 24	Delavan, WI Walk	
Saturday, September 23	Firefighters Memorial Park, Middleton (Airport Rd)	
Friday, October 6	Pheasant Branch Moonlight Walk, Middleton, WI	
Saturday, November 4	Veterans Week Walk, Downtown Madison, WI	
Sunday, December 3	Christmas Party Walk	
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**Minutes Pending Approval** 

# Dairyland Walkers Board Meeting Alicia Ashman Branch Library, 733 N. High Point Road March 8, 2017

**Members present:** Doug Wiest, Diane Thornberry, Joanne Reuter, Kristi Kenyon, Karen Reger, Susan Wester, Mary Liebig, Tricia Gundlach, Tom Gundlach, Don Suloff, Terry Wendt, Cindy Haagensen.

The meeting was called to order at 1759 hours (5:59 p.m.) by President Wiest. The agenda was approved without change, as were the minutes of the January 2017 Board meeting, held on 1 February 2017.

#### Officer Reports

President: No report.

**Vice President:** Terry Wendt reported that the next general membership meeting, on April 12, will be at Hody's. The presentation, led by Don Suloff, will be "Walking 101".

Secretary: No report.

**Treasurer:** Income for the month was \$555.00, with dues accounting for \$156.00, event income \$117.00, coupons \$220.00 and sales \$62.00. Expenses were \$610.30, due to event expenses of \$473.75, AVA sanction fees \$120.00 and administrative supplies \$16.55. The balance 8 March is \$5,690.88, representing a -\$55.30 change for the month. Accepted and filed for audit.

**Director at Large:** Cindy Haagensen said she would put out a calendar at the Pie walk, March 11, for people to sign up to lead mainly 5K walks. The three month calendar, for April, May and June, will be pre-filled with already scheduled club walks to avoid conflict or duplication.

#### **Other Reports**

**Membership Chair:** Mary Liebig said that she recently emailed the latest membership list to the Board. The 199 members on the list are color coded to indicate status. Members whose names appear in a white background, the majority, have paid their dues for the year. A smaller number of members, who names are highlighted in yellow, haven't paid yet. An additional few are highlighted in orange and indicate the newest members, those who have joined in 2017. She has removed 13 households from the list, as per a past Board meeting, since there has been no club participation for at least 3 years. Mary said she has also kept the Board apprised of newly joined members by periodic emails.

**Sanctioned Event Coordinator:** Joanne Reuter indicated that she is about two-thirds done with restocking walk boxes outside the Madison area. New for this year, she has created a sheet that covers the responsibilities of a walk box coordinator. Additionally, she is currently developing a form on how to update the Special Programs list.

**Trailmaster:** Don Suloff reported that everything is set for the Pie Walk Saturday March 11. Tom McCrill will open the church at 12:30 p.m.. Don will pick up the walk box at its Hubbard Ave. location and be at the church by 1 pm. Don reminded people of the need to contact Barb Lund ahead to time to reserve their portion of pie. Since this year's walk will also be a Walk Together with the local Navigators USA chapter, preliminary information from the chapter leader indicates that at least 20 additional people (Navigators and family members) will participate. Diane Thornberry said the Pie Walk was also featured in the newspaper 8 March, which possibly could attract even more individuals. Mary suggested we have New Walker packets available. Don Suloff then moved that the AVA Walk Together patch be included in the price of the \$4 walk fee to be charged to Navigators. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Susan Wester will help register the Navigators at a separate table prior to the walk, and will also provide a sign up form for those wishing to receive patches.

The 2017 Oconomowoc walk is on the website now. An old train depot with a restaurant is the start point. A room will be set aside for the group at the restaurant.

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**Publicity Chair:** Karen Reger reported that the next board meeting will not be able to be at the Lakeview library because the room has been reserved already. Diane will inquire about the availability of the Alicia Ashman library.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Tricia Gundlach said the Awards committee's first meeting for the year will be March 17, at which time it will develop the budget and a plan for volunteer recognition. Tricia joined the Lioness Club recently and reported the group is always looking for speakers. She will look into the possibility of scheduling a Dairyland Walkers speaker for sometime in 2018. To increase volunteer activity, Diane raised the possibility of developing a mini-seminar entitled something on the order of "Are You Ready for the Next Step?" for members once they are comfortable with the details of walk participation.

Newsletter Editor: No report.

Website Administrator: No report.

**AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer:** Tom Gundlach said the Oconomowoc walk is now sanctioned and on the website. It was the last walk to be sanctioned for 2017. Participation count entries are up to date as well.

**Special Projects:** Diane has contacted the five people who were members of the original Website committee. Based on their responses, two don't want any further involvement, and another one wishes to limit participation. This means then that Tom, Don and Russ Crane are the people able to work on the website at this time.

Tom, in separate correspondence with Diane, has indicated there are 3 basic areas to focus on with regard to the website — walks, the calendar, and the map on the home page. It is Tom's opinion that as few people as possible should be involved in the website.

While working on the project, Diane found 9 different areas on the website with outdated information. She has communicated this to Tom, and some of these have been fixed already. Diane also offered to learn how to keep the smaller items on the website up to date, if Tom would teach her. Tricia suggested the website be reviewed by the Board at least every 2 years, in order to prevent this from happening.

Tricia added that before recruitment of a new administrator can begin, it must first be determined what the club wants the administrator to do. She suggested forming a small work group to draft a job description. Tricia and Diane will ask Tom and Russ to join them in this work group. Tricia will organize the first meeting by email.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

<u>Newsletter Articles</u>: For the May/June newsletter, Don will write about the Plain walk and the walking weekend. Tricia will compose an article about the small things volunteers can do. Cindy will report on the 5K walks, newly scheduled at the Saturday Pie Walk, with contact information for walk leaders. Mary will provide a membership update and list of upcoming Saturday Walk and Eats. Susan will report on the Walk Together with Navigators USA. Diane added that if the website work group could meet before the newsletter deadline, then perhaps something about the administrator position could be put in as well.

#### **New Business:**

<u>Budget for Publicity</u>: Various ideas were discussed to increase public exposure, given that a number of venues used previously are no longer free of charge. The ideas included additional possible free outlets such as small community newspapers, inserts, flyers, recreation departments, health care facilities, Craig's List, the AVA Facebook page and the websites of other walking clubs. Cindy suggested that Karen may need to chair a committee, given the large number of possibilities available would be too much for one person. Tricia said she would include the above ideas in her newsletter article on volunteering. Mary will include the need for publicity volunteers in her monthly email to members. Diane suggested we ask new members how they heard about us, to guide our choices.

Meet Up is used by other AVA clubs and unlimited service is \$15 per month, or 6 months for \$90. Susan made a motion that the club try Meet Up for 6 months, whenever the group is ready to take the step. The motion was seconded and approved.

**AVA:** Karen reported that clubs will have to vote for the AVA mascot at the convention. The AVA also needs to know of members who have passed away in last 2 years. A Minnesota club (or clubs) is considering hosting a regional conference Sept. 7-9, 2018. Jerry Wilson, Regional Director, has asked that clubs have incident report forms available at walks. Don said he would print copies and put them in the storage box used for walks.

<u>Incentive Program</u>: Diane suggested we offer a free book, or other reward, to people who come to all traditional events. This would be similar to the VIP program, in order to encourage people to attend. This idea will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Links on Website: Cindy reported that the website currently provides links to 7 other clubs. Diane will find out if this courtesy is reciprocal.

The meeting was adjourned at 1929 (7:29) hours by President Wiest.

Next Board meeting – Wednesday, 10 May 2017, Alicia Ashman library Next Membership Meeting - Wednesday, 12 April 2017, Hody's Bar & Grill Next Special Event Walks:

- -- "Pie" Walk, Middleton, Saturday, 11 March, 2017.
- --MATC/Starkweather Creek walk, Madison, WI, Saturday, 22 April 2017.

Next Saturday "Walk & Eat" group walk:

-- Capital YRE, Saturday, 25 March 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Wester, Secretary Mary-June 2017

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# Dairyland Walkers Bimonthly General Membership Meeting Hody's Bar & Grill, 1914 Aurora St., Middleton, WI April 12, 2017

Members present: 24

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Wiest at 1830 hours (6:30 pm)

The meeting agenda was adopted as distributed. The 8 February 2017 General Membership meeting minutes were approved without change.

#### Officer Reports

President: No report.

Vice President: Terry Wendt said that the 14 June General Membership meeting will be at Hody's. A speaker has not yet been

designated. The August meeting will be the annual picnic at Lakeview at Park in Middleton.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kristi Kenyon reported income of \$311.00 for the last period, consisting of \$84.00 in dues and \$227.00 in event income. Expenses were \$1,005.42, with the largest single expense being storage space rental at \$830.00. The remainder were event expenses (\$137.92) and AVA participation fees (\$37.50). The ending balance was \$4,996.46, down \$694.42 from the previous period.

**Director At Large:** Cindy Haagensen said Vern Hessey will lead the 5K walk in La Crosse on Tuesday, April 18. Walkers are to meet at the Kwik Trip start point location in La Crosse, at 10:30 a.m. On Thursday, April 27, June Quesnell will lead the East Side 5K walk. Walkers are to meet at Olbrich Gardens parking lot, instead of the usual start point, at about 8:45 a.m.. If anyone is interested in leading a walk, please contact Cindy and she will place it on the calendar and send out emails.

#### Other Reports

Membership Chair: No report.

**Sanctioned Event Coordinator:** Joanne Reuter reported that the walk box for the Fond du lac walk has been moved temporarily to an A&W near the usual Kwik Trip start point. The Kwik Trip is under construction and expected to re-open on May 19. This updated information has been posted on both the Dairyland Walkers and AVA websites.

**Trail Master:** Don Suloff said the new MATC/Starkweather Creek special event walk will be Saturday, April 22. The walk will start at the Robin Roberts Baseball Field parking lot.

Rooms in Merrill should be booked soon for the May 27-28 weekend walks in Merrill, Medford and Rhinelander. The walk box will be in Medford. There may need to be alternate plans for getting books stamped that weekend, so that walkers do not need to drive back to Medford just for this purpose. One thought proposed is to stamp books at the May Board meeting.

There will be a Rendezvous in the Twin Cities area September 7-9, 2018. No walks will be held here that weekend.

Don lastly reported that the billing address for the storage locker finally has been changed to his address, instead of that of June Doyle.

Publicity Chair: No report

Volunteer Coordinator: No report

Newsletter Editor: No report

Website Administrator: No report.

AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer: No report

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**Special Projects:** Diane Thornberry said the committee led by Tricia Gundlach, formed to search for a website administrator, has met and generated a job description. One person has been contacted, and would like more information; he was directed to Tom McCrill. Diane has offered to be the liaison between the board and the new website administrator, in order to reduce the administrator's workload. Although she has been making changes to the website, she is compiling a list of those things she cannot do yet, meaning to forward it to Tom eventually. Diane added that the website is many editions behind on WordPress. the site's software.

In checking on whether links to other clubs on the Dairyland Walkers website are reciprocal, she has found that only 1 of 8 clubs provides a reciprocal link. Diane requested, and was granted, permission from the Board to contact the other clubs about adding a link

The next special project will be to address the issue of electronic storage of documents. Diane may also look into a possible club trip to the 2018 Rendezvous.

Unfinished Business: None.

**New Business:** Joanne said highway spring clean-up will be Saturday, May 6. The Group is to meet at Nora's II, at 10:00 am. Eight people are needed and will work in pairs. Joanne will bring safety vests and bags, but one must bring his/her own gloves. It is expected to take about an hour.

Speaker: Don Suloff: Basics of Volksmarching

Don introduced the topic by recounting the introduction of Volkssporting to the U.S. Serviceman who had been stationed in Germany, where the sport started in the 1960's, wished to continue the sport upon their return to the U.S. The AVA was established in 1976, in Texas. In 1995, Dairyland Walkers was founded.

Currently, Dairyland Walkers offers 12 special walks per year and has 23 other walks available.

Don then went on to explain the two types of walks, traditional/special events on a finite date, and year round/seasonal events which walkers may complete on their own time. Walks are usually offered in two distances, 5-6K and 10-12K.

While the basics of volkssporting are to sign in, pay fees, get directions and then walk, the details of how exactly to do this were then elaborated on. Don covered: the fee system based on credit vs. non-credit walkers; frequent walker coupons; start cards; waivers; AVA books and book stamping; walk boxes; AVA special programs and Dairyland Walker special programs.

Mary Liebig followed by explaining the content of the AVA New Walkers packet, provided at no cost by Dairyland Walkers to new members. It was noted that the \$12 membership fee is rewarded with \$12 in books and \$9 in coupons the first year.

The evening concluded with a discussion on volunteering and the many ways people can offer assistance to the group.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned 8:06 p.m. (2006 hours).

Next Board Meeting: 10 May 2017, 1800 hours (6 pm), Alicia Ashman Library

Next General Membership Meeting: 14 June 2017, 1830 hours (6:30 pm), Hody's, Middleton.

Next Special Event Walks:

MATC Walk, Saturday, 22 April, 2017.

Walking weekend:

Rhinelander, WI walk, Saturday, 27 May 2017.

Merrill, WI walk, Sunday, 28 May 2017.

Next Saturday Walk & Eat Group Walk:

Devil's Lake YRE, Saturday, 29 April 2017

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# **Attachment C** May Events – Memorial Day Weekend:

#### **Rhinelander Walk**

Sat, May 27, 10am - 3pm

Where Pioneer Park, Rhinelander, WI

**Description** Start 10:00am-1:00pm Finish by 3:00pm

## **Merrill Walk**

Sun, May 28, 8am - 1pm

Where 702 North Center Avenue, Merrill, WI,

**Description** Start 8:00am-11:00am Finish by 1:00pm

Excerpt from www.DairylandWalkers.com website

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# Attachment C June Event - Plain Walk

Dates:	6/24/2017 - 6/24/2017
City / State:	Plain, WI
Event Name:	Plain Walk
Event Type:	Walk
Event ID:	107468
Distance - Trail Ratings:	10 K & 5 K - 3B
Description:	GPS: N 43.27895 W 90.04324. This walk will include a number of Plain's businesses, the Plain ballpark and pavilion, a golf course, and features St. Luke's Catholic Church and St Anne's Hill chapel.
Amenities:	Strollers: medium   Wheelchairs: NO   Pets: Yes   Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	Honoring Our Flag, Take a Walk In a City Park, Trekking With the Trees, Walking the USA A - Z
Start Times:	8:00 am to 12 noon. Finish by 3:00 pm
Location:	Kraemer Library & Community Center
Start Point / Driving Directions:	910 Main St, Plain, WI 53577. From Madison, take Hwy 14 west to Spring Green. In Spring Green turn right (north) on Hwy 23 to Plain. In Plain turn right (east) on Main St to the start point on your left. There is ample parking available at the start point.
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Honoring Our Flag, Take a Walk in a City Park, Trekking with the Trees, Walking the USA – P, and Walk Wisconsin Counties – Sauk
Host Club:	Madison Area Volkssport Assn.
Contact:	Gwen Kraemer (608) 546-3161
Website:	www.dairylandwalkers.com/walks/event-walks/plain-walk/
E-Mail Contact:	dgkraemer@charter.net

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