



Madison Area Volkssport Association Newsletter

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Nov.-Dec. Events

Nov. 14 Board Meeting
– Lakeview Library
Branch - 6:00 pm

Dec. 2 Membership
Meeting/Xmas Party
site: – Kraemer
Library & Community
Center, Plain, WI
12:30 – 5:00 pm

Dec. 31 Last Day to Get
2012 AVA stamps
(Walk an earlier date,
if possible)

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Change Your Clocks The First November Weekend By Jerry Wilson

We change our clocks as of the end of Saturday, November 3rd, we “Fall Back”! (Technically at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 4.) This actually gains us an extra hour on Sunday. If the weather is acceptable, maybe walking a local Dairyland Walkers walk will be just the ticket to use that hour to a healthy advantage! (Or.... sleeping in an extra hour is a good idea too!)

Either way enjoy and walk when you can!

Reminder: For our year round and seasonal walks you only have two months (November and December) to get your 2012 AVA event stamp if you haven't already. This excludes the Lake Geneva and Milwaukee walks that had October 31 seasonal walk end dates.

Membership Meeting and Christmas Party – Plain WI By Gwen Kraemer

The Dairyland Walker Club will Host a Christmas Party at the:

Kraemer Library & Community Center
Dairyland Walker Christmas Party
December 2nd Sunday 2012
12:30 PM till 5:00 PM

Potluck Supper and the Board Members will supply Chili or anything made in a crock-pot

All other members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

More details may appear in Bonnie's weekly e-mail updates.

You can also contact Gwen with questions: **608 / 546-3161** dgkraemer@charter.net

Car Pooling For the Dec. 2nd Club Meeting & Christmas Party By Bruce Dewey

We are trying to organize a car pooling arrangement.

1. If you are willing to drive, please send me the number of additional people that you can drive to Plain on December 2. Tele: **608 / 836-8576** or bedewey@wisc.edu
2. Send or call to give me your name and phone number.
3. In the weekly e-mail "The week ahead" I will ask Bonnie to list each person with their phone number that can carry people to Plain
4. Other Club members who receive "the week ahead" can call one of the people listed and make arrangements with them regarding time, pick-up location, etc.
5. I would ask the volunteer drivers to let me know when their car is full, and I will withdraw their name from the list of available volunteer drivers.

An example: I am willing to drive:
Bruce Dewey can carry 2 additional people -
to arrange a ride contact me at 608 836 8576

Dates of Interest?

Date

- Nov.** 3 Book Lover’s Day
- 4 Daylight Savings Ends
- 10 Marine Corp. Birthday
- 11 Veteran’s Day
- 15 Great American Smokeout
- 15 Clean Your Refrigerator Day
- 22 Thanksgiving
- Peanut Butter Month!
- Dec.** 1 World Aids Awareness
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 8 Hanukkah Begins
- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 24 Nat. Egg Nog Day & Ch. Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Years Eve

**NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE
SUBMITTAL
DEADLINE**

for
January-February

Due: December 20

Send to
newsletter email address:
dairylandnews@gmail.com

Sending newsletter input
to other than this e-mail
address may not get
considered for newsletter
insertion!

Get Ready For 2013!!

By Don Suloff, D W Trailmaster

As suitable walking weather winds down for this year, it’s time to mark your calendars for another great slate of walks for next year. We have walks ranging from our annual mall walks in January and February, to five walks in the greater Madison area, to walks in five new counties. Hopefully we are providing something for everybody! Here is the slate of 2013 walks approved by your board:

- January 12 West Towne Walk
- February 9 East Towne Walk
- March 16 Middleton Pie Walk
- April 20 Appleton – Outagamie County
- April 21 Waupaca – Waupaca County
- May 18 Tenney Park Walk
- June 1 Stevens Point Walk -- Portage County – Walk Wisconsin
- June 2 Wausau – Marathon County
- July 27 Racine – Racine County
- August 10 West Bend – Washington County
- September 14 East Waunakee
- October 5 Cambridge
- October 18 Pheasant Branch Moonlight Walk

In addition to these great one day walks, we will have new seasonal walks (for 2013 only) in Washburn, Polk, and Burnett Counties which will enable those trying to complete their Wisconsin Counties to add these counties. Our county walkers should also note that 2013 will be the last year that the traditional walk in Stevens Point (Portage County) and the seasonal walk in Superior (Douglas County) will be offered. Good news is that the Twin Cities club will replace the Superior walk with two 2014 seasonal walks in Bayfield (Bayfield County) and Ashland (Ashland County).

Clearly we have another ambitious walking program set for 2013. Respect and support the organizers of these walks by making an early commitment to attend as many walks as possible in 2013!

By J Wilson Ha! Are AVA requirements too Strict at times? Below is a sign spotted on the Janesville walk in October! Opps, maybe this was a Secret Service requirement!!

**October Hwy Cleanup
By Terry Wendt**

On Saturday October 20, a beautiful fall day, six club members cleaned our area of Highway 12 &18. They were Bruce Dewey, June Quesnell, Nancy Sparks, Karen Reger, Ronni Guski & Terry Wendt. Thanks to all who participated.



Walking Weekends: What's Next?

By Tom Doyle

2012 was an exciting walking year as we explored and walked in several new WI counties. Some of us cannot wait for 2013 to start. Right now many behind the scenes folks are making plans to insure 2013 is as exciting and enjoyable as our most recent experiences in Calumet & Sheboygan counties.

Our next two county walking week end is scheduled for April 20th & 21st for Outagamie and Waupaca. On Saturday April 20th Mary & Tony Liebig will lead us off with a walk in historic downtown Appleton and Nancy & Ron Wight will follow on Sunday the 21st with a walk in the city of Waupaca, located on the famous WI Chain 'O Lakes.

As dates on the calendar are ALWAYS closer than they appear, please mark your 2013 walking plans now in/or on whatever you use to remind yourself far enough in advance so we don't hear someone say, "Oh my gosh, there is a walk next week end?!" AND speaking of plans: Bruce Dewey has made arrangements for us to use a B&B in Rural, WI. This beautiful old farm house has accommodations for 22, with 1 king, 9 queens and 2 single rooms. We have visited and some of us have even stayed there on previous excursions into Waupaca county. We have a deadline of March 31st to fill the rooms.

Also I have made arrangements for a bus for this weekend. Itinerary as follows:

Friday April 19th: Depart Madison area park 'n ride after work??? Stop for supper along the route to B&B. Arrive B&B by 9pm.

Saturday April 20th: depart B&B 8:30 to Appleton walk, approx. 1 hour. Depart Appleton 2pm after lunch. Arrive B&B and stroll Rural, optional 5K led by Carol Clarke and Nancy Spaeni. Wait until you see this 'postcard' little community. Then bus to Waupaca for dinner, TBD.

Sunday morning return to Waupaca for walk and depart for home after lunch by 12:00 pm. Hopefully arrive Madison NLT 2pm.

Cost: \$60.00 per person, minimum 25 riders. If more, cost will reduce. All kids under age 18 ride FREE! All riders not staying at the B&B will be delivered/picked up at Waupaca area motels.

Please check out the following web sites for information:

Crystal River Inn Bed & Breakfast or Waupaca Best Western or Any other Waupaca area motels
E1369 Rural Road
Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981
715-258-5333
WEB: crystalriver-inn.com

Spirit Wear

By Tom Doyle

SPIRIT WEAR UPDATE.....NEW ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE

The Spirit Wear committee is announcing the addition of several items that are now available for ordering. On separate order sheets at the end of this newsletter you will see we are now offering two new articles that may be purchased in a variety of ways. (See D W Newsletter attachments C and D sent as separate attachments to the newsletter e-mail.)

Item #1 is a waterproof rain jacket with hood.

Item #2 is a wick-away shirt that may be ordered in long or short sleeve.

Both items may be ordered with a silk screen or embroidered logo.

Both items may be ordered **NOW** for delivery on Dec 2nd @ the DW holiday get together in Plain. All items will be on display at the party.

Update: ALL on hand stock will be offered at **\$5.00 OFF PER ITEM!!**

So order **NOW** or come to the club party and shop.

FLASH: If the DW board approves at the November meeting, we may offer a selection of your choice as a door prize giveaway at the Dec 2nd party!! Please come and enjoy Gwen & Duane's hospitality.

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
Sunday, March 18	Poker & Pie Walk - Middleton	Results: 77 credit walkers
Saturday, April 21	Monona Kick-off Walk	Results: 49 credit & 32 free walkers
Saturday, May 19	Syttende Mai Walk - Madison	Results: 10 credit
Saturday, May 26	Sauk Prairie Walk	Results: 42 credit & 7 free walkers
Saturday, June 2	Walk Wisconsin - Stevens Pt.	Results: 13 credit & 1 free walker
Saturday, June 16	Lapham Peak Walk	Results: 40 credit & 10 free walkers
Great River Walking Weekend:		
Saturday, July 21	Lake Winona Walk - MN	
Saturday, July 21	Perrot State Park Walk - WI	Results: 70 crd, 2 Youth & 4 free Total=76
Sunday, July 22	Merrick State Park Walk – WI	Results: 68 crd, 2 Youth & 5 free Total=75
Sunday, July 22	Winona Historic City Walk – MN	
Saturday, August 25	A Walk Into History - Portage	Results: 40 crd, 0 Youth & 22 free Total=62
Saturday, September 15	Cheese Days Walk – Monroe	Results: 47 crd, 2 Youth & 8 free Total=57
Saturday, October 13	High Cliff State Park Walk – Sherwood	Results: 34 crd, 3 Youth & 3 free Total=40
Sunday, October 14	Maywood Environmental Park Walk – Sheboygan	Results: 36 crd, 3 Youth & 3 free Total=42
Wednesday, Nov. 14	Board Meeting	Lakeview Library Branch – 6:00 PM
Sunday, December 2	Membership Meeting & Christmas Party – Bring a Dish to Pass (Chili and Crockpot items brought by Board and Officers)	Plain WI – Kraemer Library & Community Center 12:30 – 5:00 pm

Some quotes to brighten the beginning of the Winter (In other words send me articles to fill future pages!!!!):

- “We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.” -- Will Rogers
- “The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.” -- Dolly Parton
- “Never let the demands of tomorrow interfere with the pleasures and excitement of today.”
-- Meredith Willson, *The Music Man*
- “Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.”
- “If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun!” -- Katherine Hepburn
- “Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.
- “Be thankful we’re not getting all the government we’re paying for.” -- Will Rogers
- “Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.” -- Abraham Lincoln
- “There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.” -- Beverly Sills

Attachment A

**Dairyland Walkers Board Meeting
Lakeview Branch Library
September 12, 2012**

**Minutes Pending
Board Approval**

Board Members Present

Doug Wiest (President)
Mary Liebig (Secretary)
Barb Borde (Board Member at Large)
Don Suloff (Trailmaster)
Russ Crane (Webmaster)

Welcome (Doug)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by President Doug Wiest and the agenda was adopted. Also in attendance were Karen Reger, Tom McCrill, Cindy Haagensen, and Barb Lund.

Treasurer's Report (Kristi)

Kristi had emailed the Treasurer's Report to the Board. The balance on August 8, 2012 was \$17,007.67. Since that time, income totaled \$5,661.00 and expenditures were \$13,344.05. The current balance on September 12, 2012 is \$9,324.62. Of that balance, \$5,391.03 is restricted for trips. Income was higher than normal due to the final Mackinac Bridge bus trip deposits. The expenses included the second quarter participation and processing fees for year round and seasonal walks and many of the bus trip expenses. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

Meeting Minutes (Mary)

The minutes of the last Board meeting held on July 11th 2012 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 had nothing to report.

Trailmaster (Don)

Don wants to talk to Gilbert Engel of the Menominee River Volkssport Club about developing a seasonal walk in Green Bay on the Packer Heritage Trail. Don sees no opening in the Dairyland Walkers schedule for a one day event in Green Bay in the next few years. Don will put Gilbert in touch with club member Pete Nagan who has already mapped out a walk on the Packer Heritage trail.

Don also informed us that the Superior, WI seasonal walk sponsored by the Twin Cities Volkssport club will only be available through 2013. After that, POC Gary DeVore would like to develop a seasonal walk in Bayfield. Don would like to talk to Gary about developing a walk in Ashland as well in 2014.

The Board granted Don permission to talk to Gary about a walk in Ashland as well as Gilbert about a walk in Green Bay.

On another note, Don told the Board that the directions to High Cliff State Park walk will need to be revised due to some construction. Don will inform Bonnie Hamer so she can include the updated directions to High Cliff State Park in an email. Russ Crane will also update the club website for the new directions. The Maywood Environmental Park walk in Sheboygan is the day after the High Cliff State Park walk. Don mentioned that the Maywood Park has a very nice kitchen and he wondered if any of our members would like to arrange for food to be served after the walk. He is unable to take on the task himself.

Don then passed out his final draft of the 2013 walk schedule. Doug Weist made a motion to approve the 2013 schedule, the motion carried. Don will send our 2013 walk schedule to neighboring AVA clubs such as Des Moines, Twin Cities, Windy City, and Lake Country Wanderers.

Webmaster Report (Russ)

Russ presented the Usage Report from July 2, 2012 to September 10, 2012 and gave a short explanation of the numbers. The number of visits is on track with previous years.

New Business

North Central Regional Conference 2014.

Russ Crane said that Phyllis Olson, our AVA Regional Director, had approached him about the Dairyland Walkers hosting a regional conference in 2014. Russ outlined what the regional conference would involve:

- Three or four Walks
- Hotel space for about 100 people
- One meeting
- Meet & Greet Friday night
- Dinner on Saturday night with program

Our club would need to make a decision on hosting a 2014 regional conference in the next couple of board meetings. Don Suloff made a motion to include this as an agenda item at the November board meeting, the motion was approved.

Recognition of Service Awards

At each AVA convention, regional directors hand out recognition of service awards. In seventeen years, only once has our club submitted nominations for recognition of service. Russ Crane stated that we should do this on a regular basis. The nominations for the 2013 AVA convention need to be submitted by November; Russ Crane will submit names of club members by this time.

Special Reports

Constitution Committee (review and update of DLW Bylaws)

Tom McCrill and Russ Crane reviewed and made minor changes to the Bylaws of the Madison Area Volkssport Association (a.k.a. Dairyland Walkers). Their proposed draft was presented to the Board. After one slight change to Article VIII, Vacancies in Office, Section 1, Don Suloff made a motion to have the Board approve the bylaws as amended. Barb Borde seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Nomination Committee (for 2013 board members and officers)

Liz Odgren, Tricia Gundlach, and Tom McCrill served on the nomination committee for 2013 board members and officers. There are four people interested in serving as the Board Member at Large next year: Diane Thornbery, June Quesnell, Barb Lund, and Terry Wendt. All other current officers are interested in serving again next year.

Doug Wiest will send these nominations, as well as the updated bylaws, to Jerry Wilson to send out in a club email to members by September 26. Doug will also check with Gwen Kraemer to see if she has reserved the Middleton Library for the October 10 membership meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be November 14, 2012 at the Lakeview Branch Library. The next membership meeting (annual meeting) will be held on October 10. The next walking events will be the Monroe Cheese Days Walk on Saturday, September 15 and the Two County Weekend events in Sherwood and Sheboygan on October 13 and 14.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Submitted by: Mary B. Liebig, Secretary

Attachment B

**Dairyland Walkers Bimonthly Meeting
Middleton Public Library
October 10th 2012**

Minutes Pending Approval

Officers Present: Doug Wiest (President), Gwen Kraemer (Vice President), Mary Liebig (Secretary), Kristi Kenyon (Treasurer)

Board Members Present: Russ Crane (Webmaster) Tom Doyle (Membership Chair), Bruce Dewey (Sanctioned Walk Coordinator)

In Attendance: 25

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 on August 8th 2012, 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 negative income of \$63.00 and expenses of \$4,468.10 since the previous report. Current balance is \$4,793.52. Of this balance, \$1,000 is restricted for trips. The negative income is due to the refunding of overpayments made for the Mackinac Bus trip. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Old Business

Membership Renewals

Now that the club has an electronic newsletter, club-members no longer have a reminder mailed to them to pay their yearly membership dues. A question was then raised, should club-members pay their membership dues once a year, all the same time, or should email reminders be sent to members when their renewals are due? Kristi was asked if there would be a problem with our budget if all membership renewals came in as income at the same time. She said she saw no problem with that. After some additional comments, it was decided to discuss this issue at a future Board Meeting.

Spirit Wear

Tom Doyle brought flyers with some new apparel items available with the Dairyland Walkers logo. There are now short and long sleeve moisture wicking T-shirts available as well as a full zip jacket that Tom modeled for us. These are in addition to the other items that have been available with the Dairyland Walkers logo. Contact Tom if interested in ordering this apparel; otherwise the flyers and order form should be available in the next electronic newsletter.

Special Business

Election of Officers for 2013

The following officers were elected to serve in 2013:

Doug Wiest, President; Gwen Kraemer, Vice President; Mary Liebig, Secretary; Kristi Kenyon, Treasurer, and Barb Lund, Director at Large.

Vote on the Adoption of Revised Bylaws

The revised bylaws were approved by the membership.

New Business

Discussion about possibly hosting a Regional Convention in 2014

Russ Crane said that Phyllis Olson, our AVA Regional Director, had approached him about the Dairyland Walkers hosting a regional conference in 2014. Our club could choose the month to hold this event. It is expected that the regional conference would draw about 100 to 150 participants. Russ outlined what the regional conference would involve:

- Three or four Walks
- Hotel space for about 100 people
- One meeting
- Meet & Greet Friday night
- Dinner on Saturday night with program

Russ Crane, Bruce Dewey, and Mary Liebig volunteered to serve on a committee to determine the feasibility/requirements of hosting a regional convention in 2014.

Highway Cleanup (Terry Wendt)

The next Highway 12/18 Cleanup will be held on Saturday, October 20 at 10AM. Those interested in helping should meet at Nora's II located at the intersection of US highway 12/18 and Cty Rd AB.

December Membership Meeting

The next membership meeting will be a Holiday Party held on Sunday, December 2 at the library in Plain, WI. Further details will follow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Mary Liebig, Secretary

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Attachment D See separate PDF attached to newsletter e-mail.