



Madison Area Volkssport Association Newsletter

November-December 2020

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Nov.-December Events

October 31 Blue Moon;
9:49pm; 2nd Oct. Full Moon

November 11 Board Meeting
6:00pm [via ZOOM](#)

December 6 Sunday - TBD
Annual Holiday Party, Walk
And Membership Meeting
- Look for an Email
Update

January - Early Event Notice

January 9 Saturday
East Towne Walk
Save the date!

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- Draft Minutes

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October 10, 2020
Membership Meeting
- Draft Minutes
(Includes 2021 Election
results.)

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Waiver and Start Card

Dates of Interest

November

- National Home Care and
Hospice Month
- World Vegan Month
- 1 2:00am DST Ends -
Clocks Fall Back
- 3 Election Day
- 7 Sausage & Kraut Day
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday Day
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 17 Homemade Bread Day
- 17 Take a Hike Day
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 30 Full Moon - 3:30am CT

December

- Universal Human Rights
Month
- World Food Service Safety
Month
- 10 Hanukkah at Sundown
- 11 UNICEF Birthday
- 18 Underdog Day
- 21 Crossword Puzzle Day
- 21 Winter Solstice - 4:02am
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 29 Full Moon - 9:28 pm CT
- 31 New Years Eve



 22ND AVA BIENNIAL CONVENTION
MADISON, WI | JUNE 26 - JULY 3, 2021

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

for
January - February
2021

Deadline: December 20

Put an **Article Specific Title**

on the subject line, **not**
merely "Sept.-October"
Newsletter Article" or
"Next Newsletter",
and send articles to the
DW Newsletter email
address:

dairylandnews@gmail.com

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ten days after a newsletter
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Dairyland Walkers Holiday Party and Meeting – Sunday, December 6, 2020 - Watch for Updates By Terry Wendt, Vice-President

Facing another meeting under COVID-19 restrictions, plans are pending for the December 6 traditional members gathering as this newsletter is to be sent out. The Board will discuss plans at their meeting on Wednesday, November 11. Please look for Mary L.'s emails for December details. Mary Liebig, Membership Chair has announced a new email address: mbliebig@tds.net

Strike One, Two, Three and Yer Out! Veteran’s Weekend Walk - November 7 - CANCELED By Jerry Wilson

We have canceled our club traditional walk planned for Saturday, November 7. First we lost the starting point. The Park Hotel remains only open to lodgers. Next we lost our finish location. Plaza Tavern, like many businesses, is relegated to only 25% capacity, we could check-in there finishing the walk, and use the restrooms, but we couldn’t stay inside where it is warm. The third strike was confirming that the Capitol Building is closed to the public for an undetermined amount of time. See the posted sign below. Being the Capitol Building is a major portion of the walk route and our backup location for restrooms near the walk start point we need to cancel this event.



The North Central Regional Elections By Don Suloff

The North Central Regional Nominating Committee has put out a call for nominations for Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director for the North Central Region. By next June our current Regional Director, Butch Spaulding, will have served our region as Regional Director for two years and has opted to not run for a second 2-year term. Susan Pinneke has been the Deputy Regional Director. By AVA Bylaws it is time to start the election process for their replacement. Nominations are due for submissions by December 15, 2020. Nominations can be submitted to Don Suloff at suloff@tds.net. The nominated candidates running for these offices and an official ballot will be distributed to all member clubs after April 1, 2021. The results of the election will be delivered to the National Secretary who will announce them at the general membership meeting of the AVA at the convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Eligibility and duties for both positions are available on request.

2020 Walking in Wisconsin During November and December By Jerry Wilson

The Club’s six year round walk and all the Club’s seasonal walk events, with the exception of the Lake Geneva Walk event remain available for your walking pleasure. All walk boxes are at their start point except for the Devil’s Lake, Madison Capital and Middleton Walks. If you want to walk these three routes you can contact the walk POC and make arrangements to connect with the walk box, or email Jerry Wilson and you can obtain emailed walk directions by emailing a completed Waiver / start card, and payment, **see Attachment D**. Event stamps will be emailed for walkers to print, cut and paste into AVA achievement books. The Lake Geneva Walk is available annually April 1 - October 31.

Talkin' Trash - Completed on Saturday, October 3, 2020**By Joanne Reuter**

On Saturday, October 3rd, our club held the annual fall event of collecting trash and litter along a two mile distance of highway 18/12. Due to having a small number of volunteers, we were able to clear both sides of only a one mile stretch. Many thanks to Paula Romeo and Victor Emanuel, who helped me with this project. The date for the spring event will be posted in 2021.

Help Keep Dairyland Walking**By Irene Irwin**

2021 will be the last year for some Dairyland Walkers volunteers who have performed critical functions for many years. Can you help us keep Dairyland Walking?

Volunteers are needed to serve as: Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator, Blue Book editor, & Stores Manager (maintain our inventory of walk books & coordinate getting the books to walks so that members can purchase what they need).

Some positions take only 10-20 hours per year, possibly during a predictable season. Others are more time consuming. Stores manager is active during the entire walking season. Most current volunteers are willing to stay on during 2021 to train new volunteers, and there will be other members who can assist in the future.

Volunteering is a great way to meet members & to learn more about how Dairyland Walkers & American Volkssport work. To have a no-pressure conversation about what any position entails, contact Irene Erwin at 608-246-8086 or irene.erwin@gmail.com.

Publicity Chairperson Needed**By Karen Reger**

After I-don't-know-how-many years, I have decided to resign my position as Publicity Chair. With the advent of the 2021 convention in Madison, I decided that someone who is more tech savvy than me should be in charge of publicity for the club.

This position should be able to write articles for various publications, enter information about our walks on various website calendars, and in some cases, design posters to be put out in various places in Madison or given to POCs for them to distribute. In many cases, in order to input information, you have to set up accounts on websites.

Places to be contacted could be TV stations, radio stations, magazines, newspapers, stores such as sporting goods stores, etc. If anyone is interested in this position, I'm certainly willing to show them what I have done in the past (or what various POCs have done in the past) regarding conveying information about various walks.

Volunteers for the 22nd AVA Biennial Convention - We're Counting on You!**By Don Suloff**

The 22nd Annual AVA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin, next summer will be an outstanding opportunity to showcase our city and state, but it won't be without it's challenges. In order to provide a memorable convention for the hundreds of attendees we expect, we will have many volunteering opportunities. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, preparing start cards for hundreds of walkers based on preregistration information, preparing registration "goodie" bags for attendees; staffing positions during the convention; helping with the silent auction; and staffing the eight walks, five bike rides, and one swim we will be hosting. Although there will be many volunteers among our convention visitors and the National AVA Staff play important roles in convention support, we are counting on a large number of volunteers coming from the Dairyland Walkers family. Take those 2021 calendars you have been receiving in the mail and block off the dates from June 26 through July 3, 2021, and plan on volunteering as much as possible and enjoying the convention offerings. We're counting on you!!

Looking For Blue Book Editor for 2021 - Re-Run By Diane Thornbery

This will be my last year editing the Dairyland Walkers' Year-round and Seasonal Events booklet (affectionately known as the "Blue Book.") Why are we looking for someone so early? I'd like to use this year's compilation as a training ground. It would be flexible timing in November and training would take place via Zoom. The following is a list of things (software and knowledge) that would be useful in performing this task:

- Access and knowledge of Microsoft Word. I'm sure it should be possible to convert the document to some other form, but that is beyond my expertise – you'd be on your own for that one!
- Familiarity with the AVA website (easily gained, if you've never used it before) as our booklet correlates to the listings on this nationwide website.
- Creating and inserting small maps for new Start Points or new walks. I have always depended on the kindness of ~~strangers~~ friends! Russ Crane has graciously performed this task for me in the past, but it would be great if someone could also take on this task.
- Willingness to work with our contact at the Printing Place in Middleton. While this may not be written in stone, this company has worked well with us in formatting, printing, keeping costs down and quick turn-around. Pick up of printed copies, proof of test print, etc.
- Communication with the Board. This will not require attendance at meetings but Board input is necessary for major changes, numbers of booklets to be printed, etc.

For this year, we will continue with publishing in two formats: on-line for members; hard copy for sharing with other clubs and display/distribution at our Start tables. This may be subject to change but The Printing Place has been helpful in reformatting when needed. Please contact me with any questions you may have or to volunteer: dthornbery@gmail.com

First Annual DW Photo Contest - Get Those Photos Sent In! Deadline: November 15! By Kevin Moore

Wisconsin is one of the most beautiful States in our Country and our walks do a good job of showcasing our state. The Annual Convention in 2021 will bring a lot of attention to Wisconsin. The 1st Annual Dairyland Walkers Photo Contest will give our members the opportunity to showcase their favorite walks.

The deadline to send submissions to Kevin Moore is November 15. Hurry and submit your entries to shadylane@bugnet.net.

Club Milestones By Doug Wiest

There are no milestones to report for the November-December 2020 issue of the Dairyland Walkers newsletter. The change to the publication schedule for The American Wanderer (TAW) will not always align with our local newsletter publication schedule.

Membership Update By Mary Liebig, Membership Coordinator

Please welcome the following member who joined our group since our last newsletter:

- Denis Brunke, Madison, WI

Stay Healthy! Keep Walking! Walk Safely!

2020 Dairyland Walkers Calendar at a Glance

When in doubt, verify on AVA.org or dairylandwalkers.com The Membership Chairperson sends out an informative e-mail each month, check it out!

Saturday, January 11 Saturday, February 8 Saturday, March 14 Saturday, April 16 Saturday, May 30 Saturday, June 13 Sunday, June 14 Saturday, July 11 Saturday, August 22 Saturday, Sept. 19 Saturday, October 17	West Towne Walk, Madison WI East Towne Walk, Madison WI Middleton - Pie Walk Belleville Walk - Moved to 2021 Sauk Prairie Walk - Date Moved Sep. 19 High Cliff State Park Walk Sheboygan, WI Walk Tenney Park Walk, Madison WI Baraboo, WI Walk Sauk Prairie Walk Milton, WI Walk	Results: Included in West Towne YR Participant Counts Results: Total = 26; 25 Credit, 1 Non-Credit Results: Part. Counts Commingled With Middleton Walk (See below - Moved to September 19.) Results: Total = 23, 22 Credit, 1 Non-Credit Results: Total = 30, 26 Credit, 4 Non-Credit Results: Total = 34, 27 Credit, 7 Non-Credit Results: Total = 39, 28 Credit, 11 Non-Credit Results: Total = 36, 30 Credit, 6 Non-Credit Results: Total = 26, 24 Credit, 2 Non-Credit
Wednesday, Nov. 11 Saturday, November 7 Sunday, December 6	Board Meeting - ZOOM Meeting CANCELED: Veterans Weekend Walk, Madison WI Holiday Party and 5 Km Walk	Managed by Doug Wiest, 6:00pm Start Time TBD - Look for email confirmation.

2021 Dairyland Walkers Calendar at a Glance

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Saturday, January 9 Wednesday, Jan. 13 Saturday, February 6 Wednesday, Feb. 10 Saturday, March 13 April Saturday, May 15 Saturday, June 26 Sunday, June 27 Monday, June 28 Tuesday, June 29 Wednesday, June 30 Wednesday, June 30 Thursday, July 1 Friday, July 2 Saturday, July 3 August Saturday, Sept. 18 Saturday, October 9 Saturday, November 6 Sunday, December 5	East Towne Walk, Madison WI Board Meeting - ZOOM Meeting West Towne Walk, Madison WI Membership Meeting - Pending Pie Walk - Middleton, WI No Walk Belleville Walk Pre-Convention Walk - Galena IL Pre-Convention Walk - Oconomowoc WI Pre-Convention Walk - Green Bay, WI Pre-Convention Walk - Sparta, WI Convention Walk - Pheasant Branch, Middleton, WI Optional Con. W. - Evening - Beverage Convention Walk - Monona Bay, Madison Convention Walk - Olbrich Gardens. - Madison, WI Post-Conv. Walk - UW Campus - Madison, WI No Walk Green Co. Cheese Days W. - Monroe, WI Westport Walk - Westport, WI Veteran's Weekend Walk - Madison, WI Holiday Party and 5 Km Walk	Managed by Doug Wiest, 6:00pm Start Time COVID-19 Considerations 5:45pm or on your own Walk at 9:00am, Finish After 11:00am, Before 1:00pm Goodman Center - COVID-19 Considerations

Attachment A

Minutes Pending Approval

**Dairyland Walkers Board Meeting
Convened Via Zoom
September 9, 2020**

Jill, Mary, Joanne, Doug, Kristi, Jerry, Diane, Don
Call to Order 1800 hours (6 P.M.)

Approve/amend agenda - Adopted

Approval of the minutes of the 8 July 2020 Board meeting. Approved

Officer Reports

1. President: Doug – Mary will be sending email to send to all members Officer election for oct meeting agenda sent email of officers on ballot
2. Vice President: Terry - None
3. Secretary: Jill - None
4. Treasurer: Kristi -

Balance 12 August 2020 \$2,566.74

TOTAL INCOME \$216.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$487.50

Balance 9 September 2020 \$2,295.24

5. Director at Large: Diane - None
6. Other Reports

--**Membership Chair:** Mary - None

--**Sanctioned Event Coordinator:** Joanne - None

--**Trailmaster:** Don – Reminder Sauk Prairie walk on Saturday. Milton walk is ready per Riyeff's. Don and Russ will be managing the day's event. Noted the Convention walk costs will be ½ of the prior convention. The Sports Commission has been helpful in getting busses for the Arboretum and Olbrich Gardens walks.

--**Publicity Chair:** Karen - None

--**Volunteer Coordinator:** Jerry – Expects to prepare the newsletter Oct 31st. Requesting articles (Publicity) Madison Guides - Sent walk info about the Military State trail and Sauk Prairie walk.

--**Newsletter Editor:**

--**Website Administrator:** Kevin - None

--**AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer:** Irene - Convention walks have been submitted for sanctioning. Has created a list of all POC's.

--**Stores Manager:** Russ - None

7. Unfinished Business:

--**Newsletter Articles:** November Newsletter – Due 20 October

--Doug submitting a negative report.

Don requesting support needed for convention walks (Iowa club - Galena walk). It is accepted we will need 35-40 volunteers with 2 ½ hour shifts throughout the whole day 7am set-up to 3pm or later.

-Joanne trash pick on Oct 3rd.

-Jerry to ask Karen to write an article on her Publicity position to fill.

-Mary inquiring about the annual opt-out walk the day after thanksgiving.

--2021 AVA Biennial Convention Updates – Jerry

Commenting when submitting events for next year's sanctioning it's easy to submit existing walks, but new events require lots of keystrokes. Irene has done a great job of getting all the walks entered. Butch has actively assisted in approving the walks and bike routes (swims are still not settled due to lack of pool size needed). Galena walk was approved by that Region. Awards are actively being designed and examples are being worked on by Jill and Russ) Will be sending a copy to Jerry and Don.

Convention: Board meeting – Possible recording of workshops to share with clubs as well as tuning into the convention

Silent auction needs more help! A group will be needed to fulfill registration packets to include; start cards, patches and goodies.

ESR changes: Add accounting to ice age trail to be longer events to start in certain counties.

Think about: for seasonal boxes. Make a hard copy of stamps so participants may cut and paste them.

Diane Online registration to begin Oct/Nov? Software connection for Silent auction to register what they are donating.

Jerry has sent info to IT to allow for volunteering sign up while registering. Identifying breakdown of events/activities is in the works.

Discussion of On Line Start Box (OBS) (Kevin) for walks outside Dane County. As a club we need more lead time in organizing this effort. This would be for 2022 walks and to be completed by next August. We would need instructions on how to set it up. Mary saw an event on how to set it up and will be sending Kevin any info she can find.

Incorporating New Special Programs in our 2021 walks

Great Lakes and walk with American Veterans.

Asking Irene to send a note out to relook at walks that may be missed.

8. New Business:

--Announcement of candidates for 2021 Dairyland Walker Officer Positions

President: Doug Wiest, Vice President: Terry Wendt, Secretary: Jill Ruef, Director at Large Diane Thornbery

9. Adjourn 7:47pm

Oct 3 trash pick up

Oct 10th meeting whether 2pm would conflict with other activities and 5k walk.

Vote: 7 votes for Orchard Ridge Park for the Oct meeting

Next Board meeting – Wednesday, 11 November 2020 via ZOOM

Next (Annual) Membership Meeting – Wednesday, 14 October 2020, TBD

Next Special Event Walks:

--Sauk Prairie walk, Saturday, 19 September 2020

--Milton walk, Saturday, 17 October 2020

Next Saturday "Walk & Eat" group walks:

--Madison Westside Parks YRE, Saturday, 12 September 2020

--Devil's Lake State Park YRE, Saturday, 24 October 2020

Attachment B

Minutes Pending Approval

**Dairyland Walkers General Membership Meeting
Orchid Heights Park, 3960 Valley Ridge Rd., Middleton, WI
10 October 2020**

Call to Order 1500 hours (3:00 PM)

Agenda additions/approval - Approved

Review 12 August 2020 General Membership Meeting minutes

Officer Reports:

1. President: Doug – Not Available

2. Vice President: Terry –

The Goodman Community Center would have a max of 10 people the Xmas party. Terry applied to move fees paid this year to next year. An alternate to the December meeting, may be to meet at Monty's Blue Plate, register then order food to go to be picked up after the walk. To be decided at the Board meeting in November.

3. Secretary: Jill - None

4. Treasurer's Report: Kristi - Not Available

5. Director At Large: Diane – Not Available

6. Other Reports:

--Membership Chair: Mary - None

--Sanctioned Event Coordinator: Joanne – Not Available

--AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer: Irene – Convention Walks have been certified

--Trail Master: Don – The Veterans walk has been cancelled due to major parts of the walk are closed and occupancy issue.

Good News: The Green Bay start point will be at the East High School.

Bad News: The Arboretum is considering our group as an Athletic group, which limits us to only using the main road through grounds. Options to consider: Picnic Point, Civil War, Westside Park or Frank Lloyd Wright walk (downside 8k 12k)

Registration for the convention will open November 1st: Sign up to volunteer and Silent Auction. Waiting on costs of Concert in the Park and Monona Terrace tours.

Jerry will contact National to research vendor for Awards (patches/pins)

--Publicity Chair: Karen – None (last year in position)

--Volunteer Coordinator: vacant

--Newsletter Editor: Jerry – Expects to prepare the newsletter Oct 31st.

Watch for Mary's email on the December 6th alternative party walk.

Jerry – Article on Veterans Walk

Irene – Article on open board members: Volunteer Coordinator, Publicity Chair, Coordinator for printing Blue Book, Vice President

Don – Regional Dir Deputy and Nominating Committee if running for a position.

--Website Administrator: Kevin - None

--AVA Electronic Sanctioning Volunteer: Irene – Caught up.

--Stores Manager: Russ – None (will continue in this position through 2021)

7. Unfinished Business:

8. Special Business:

--Election of DLW officers for 2021 – Current slate of officers approved

View on the Dairyland Walker Website at www.dairylandwalkers.com

9. New Business:

-- Site & Format of December 2020 Membership Meeting and Holiday Party

10. Announcement of election results

--Announcement of candidates for 2021 Dairyland Walker Officer Positions

President: Doug Wiest, Vice President: Terry Wendt, Secretary: Jill Ruef, Director at Large Diane Thornbery,
Treasurer: Kristi Kenyon

11. Adjourn: 4:10PM

Next Board Meeting: 11 November 2020, 1800 hours (6 PM) via ZOOM.

Next General Membership Meeting & Christmas Party: 2 December 2019, location and format TBD.

Next Special Event Walks:

--Milton Walk, Saturday, 17 October 2020.

--Veteran's Week Walk, downtown Madison, Saturday, 7 November 2020.

--Opt Outside Walk (?), Friday 27 November 2020.

Next Saturday "Walk & Eat" group walk:

--Devils Lake State Park YRE, Saturday, 24 October 2020.

Attachment C No November or December Traditional Events

Attachment D Official Event Start Card (Waiver)

Below is the waiver referred to in the article on page 3. If you would like to do a Dairyland Walkers year round or seasonal walk and want to receive the walk directions and map see the following steps:

1. E-mail Jerry Wilson at jpatw4@gmail.com as many days as possible before planning to walk a specific route:
 - a. Identifying which walk you wish to walk, and the distance desired (medium or short, or both).
 - b. Attach a completed and signed (Waiver) Official Event Start Card form: See Newsletter **Attachment D**.
2. A list will be compiled of walkers and shared with each POC. An email will be return to you with an attached copy of the walk directions to be completed when convenient for you. Either print the directions in advance or access directions on a smart phone when you begin to walk.
3. When walk boxes are again accessible, stop in, stamp your books, complete the registration log, an envelope, include payment and a copy of the submitted (waiver) Official Event Start Card and follow directions in each start box. If you no longer have a copy of the waiver start card, or could not print it at home, complete a new start card from the box. For walk boxes not located near you which may be difficult to visit later in 2020, we are talking about making 2020 stamps available at an early 2021 event or a couple of early 2021 events.

AVA[®] OFFICIAL EVENT START CARD		Start No. 						
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City _____ State _____		Zip _____						
E-Mail _____								
Distance _____ km	Paid \$ _____							
<p style="text-align: center;">DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY</p> <p>In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in AVA volkssporting programs and related events and activities, the undersigned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agrees that before or during my participation, if I believe anything is unsafe, I will immediately advise the event supervisor or other person in authority at the volkssporting program and the related events and activities of such conditions and refuse to participate. 2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve the risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence of others, or the condition of the premises, the trail or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. 3. Assumes all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death. 4. Release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the American Volkssport Association, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, or other volunteers and employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees", from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise. 		STAMP # _____ <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><td>NEW WALKER</td></tr> <tr><td>COUPON USED</td></tr> <tr><td>AWARD W/ IVV CREDIT</td></tr> <tr><td>IVV CREDIT ONLY</td></tr> <tr><td>NON-IVV PARTICIPANT</td></tr> <tr><td>FREE</td></tr> </table>	NEW WALKER	COUPON USED	AWARD W/ IVV CREDIT	IVV CREDIT ONLY	NON-IVV PARTICIPANT	FREE
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