



Hello NW Volkssporters!

Why can't you **walk** through a campground? You can only **walked** through a campground, because it's past tents.

1. **National Office Move.** As you've seen in the latest Checkpoint, the national office is moving this month. Limit your business as much as possible.
2. **Big Give Win.** Thanks NW clubs and members for your generosity! We had the highest number of individual donors at 86 and clubs at 22, with second highest dollar amount of \$17,407.41, just \$350 behind the SW region. We had the highest total club amount of \$4535, which was \$1400 more than the nearest region.
3. **Summer Challenge.** There were 41 participants in our challenge completing 2637 events. Winners were Jean Ohl with 290 walks, Janet Paige with 218 and Pat Jewett had 150 walks. Karen Younkins won the drawing for \$100. Thanks to everyone for participating and now we hope you'll put that same passion into the winter challenge.
4. **Winter Challenge.** Details should be out soon, but I expect the Oregon and Washington challenges to be similar to the 2020 challenge. The timeframe will be from 1 January to 31 March with monetary awards from a drawing and embroidered towels for the top three finishers.
5. **RD/DRD Candidates.** I believe the nominating committee is still taking applications, so if you're willing to serve don't delay.
6. **Fiscal Year End and Quarter End.** If your club changed your reporting to calendar basis now is the time to start gathering your data to complete your Annual Financial Report to AVA and submit your IRS form 990-n. For all of us the final quarter of 2020 ends soon, so plan now to update your walkboxes with refreshed directions and get your reports in quickly.
7. **Thanks NW Walkers and Leaders!** I greatly appreciate the determination so many of you have shown walking for your health this year. I especially appreciate all the NW club leaders who have worked through the difficult restrictions impacting us.

Happy Holidays! Stay safe, keep walking like your life depends on it and watch out 2021; here we come!

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Care to walk around the earth? If so, you need to walk a little over 40,000 kms or 24,900 miles.