



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings on this wonderful early fall day. Hope everyone gets in some walking these cooler days!

The first item I would like to bring to your attention is the upcoming AVA "Big Give", our annual fundraiser. Currently 1/3 of our annual budget relies on this means of supporting our operations. Be sure to add it to your club agenda for discussion on how you might be able to support your Volkssport Association. Club and individual giving are encouraged. The actual "Big Give" day is September 23 which includes possible matching opportunities. You may mail your check to headquarters until October 31 to be included in this year's fund drive. Full info here: <https://www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/american-volkssport-association-inc>
Let's make the NW Region a big contributor to keep this fun activity going! More information will be forthcoming to clubs.

Thanks to all the clubs for getting their 2022 YR sanctions complete. I have attached a list of the walks that will not be available next year so you may want to walk them in the next months. Some will be returning later as there is so much construction currently going on that it creates unsafe walking conditions. So far there are 9 new walk routes sanctions and more in the pipeline. Thanks to all the clubs for working hard to add to our choices of places to walk!

I want to bring to your attention a Sanctioned Event walk that is too late for NWPathfinder Publication. On Tuesday, Oct 5, Four-Plus-Foolhardy Folks are planning a walk in Tukwila beginning at the Community Center. *This event was designed as a Memorial Walk honoring long-term walking enthusiast Mary Mantzarinis (passed away in February of 2021), who was a member of the Four-Plus Foolhardy Folks Volkssporting club, founding member of the Tuesday Trekkers and attended many activities at the Tukwila Community Center, as well as regularly walking Coulon Park in Renton. The walk will begin immediately following a tree-planting and bench dedication which takes place on the plaza on the south side of the Community Center. (Start time is being verified)* https://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=119049

Two of our WA State Clubs are closing. Third Planet Volkstours (Dorman's club) is closing but the walks are being transferred to other clubs for 2022. Dorman is still active in other clubs and loves to design those patches. The All-Weather Walkers Club is joining with the neighbor club Vancouver USA. Most current members are members of both clubs. All 2022 YR Events will transfer to Vancouver USA.

For those traveling to Bend Oregon for the "SALUTE TO CENTRAL OREGON", the volunteer opportunities have just become available. Lots of good time slots to choose from:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa4a823a2fa7-salute>

We have many upcoming multi-day events for you to enjoy in the NW Region:

- April 23-25, 2022, Wild and Woodsy in Lacey, WA. (Brochure and Registration attached)
- May 27-29, 2022, 2022 Canadian Volkssport Federation Convention in Penticton, BC, Canada
The Canadian Volkssport Federation's Festival Committee would like to announce that the registration for our Canadian Festival being held in Penticton, (in beautiful) British Columbia, on May 27, 28, 29, 2022 is now open. We are very much looking forward to seeing all our Canadian and American walking friends in Penticton BC. It has been way too long. We will have full buses of attendees coming from Edmonton,

Alberta; Vancouver, British Columbia; and course Tater Tours will be attending also. We hope to see you here in Penticton and then again in Ashland, OR. I hope you will be our cheerleader to all the walking enthusiasts you know.

Please use the link in this sentence for information regarding Penticton, British Columbia, the festival and for the [registration form](#) to save your spot.

We look forward to Welcoming YOU.

Thanks

2022 Canadian Festival Committee

- June 16-19, 2022, Ashland, OR NW Regional Conference. Full information and registration here: <https://www.walking4fun.org/nw-region-conf-2022.html>

Hope to see many of you in Bend Oregon next week and on the walking trails in our NW Region.

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