

ILLINOIS TREKKERS FOOTNOTES

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March 2009

President: Dee Wojtysiak
Vice President: Mary Monet
Secretary: Debbie Kruep
Treasurer: Jack McKeon
IT Database Manager, Gary Staley

Directors-at-Large
Mark Kruep
Cindy Stucky
Robin Latdrick

About our members



Our condolence to Shirley Renner on the passing of her husband Fred Renner on Feb 17th. She said he passed away peacefully. A Memorial Service will be held on March 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Holy Family Church, 116 Church St., Cahokia IL.

Shirley Martin reported Denny Luehder is home recovering comfortably from his major surgery.

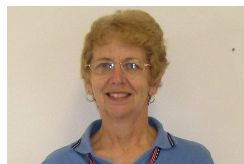
St Patrick's Day Parade

Come and walk in the Belleville St Patrick's Day Parade. The Community Committee suggested the club participate in parades this year to reach the public about our walking club. At the last meeting the members voted to participate in the St Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2009. The parade will assemble at 10am and start at 11am. We will assemble at West 3rd street and A Street. There will be a designated assembly area on 3rd St. Robin Latdrick is the chairman, let her know that you plan to attend at robins_nest3@sbcglobal.net or phone number 234-2611.



Dee's Trail Notes

At Presidents' Day 2009 Walk weekend held in Orange Beach, AL, we completed 6 walks and 1 in Georgia. Four of the walks had a variety of things to see, Gulf State Park, residential, along the Intercostals Waterway, and along the white sand beach. They had over 200 walkers from 24 states, Germany and Canada. The Newnan, GA walk was residential showcasing historic neighborhoods, architectural designs of the past through twentieth



century. Newnan city slogan is "City of Homes" which is a true slogan.

The Community Committee, which was discussed last year, has had 2 meetings. Ideas are being discussed how to promote Illinois Trekkers in the Community. One of the committee members checked into club members walking at the Belleville St Patrick's Day parade. At the February general business meeting it was approved to participate in the parade. Many other ideas are being pursued. All club members are welcome to attend the Community Committee meeting. Only requirement is that you bring your ideas. Check with [me] for the next meeting date.

The Mid America Weekend is being held March 13, 14, and 15 2009 at Evansville, IN. Check the club website for details. Now is the time to make your plans for a weekend of walking and socializing with fellow walkers and seldom seen friends from around the region.

Betty Boyd Memorial Walk

Betty's Memorial Walk is different than most of our walks. The brochure is on the website: <http://www.illinois-trekkers.org/>. Any donations or money raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society in the name of Betty Boyd. A Relay for Life team is currently being organized.

A Betty Boyd Team t-shirt will be available. A Contest is being held for the club members to design that t-shirt. Any member that wants to submit a t-shirt design please send to Dee Wojtysiak at drw48@sbcglobal.net or call 618-632-4164. The deadline for the t-shirt contest is March 1, 2009.

New Refreshment Committee Chairman

Darlene Kraemer is taking on the responsibility of refreshments each month for our club meeting. Thank you, Darlene for stepping up to the club's needs. A big thank you to Shirley Renner for the many years that she would make sure someone was bringing refreshments to the club meeting.

Carpool Corner

March 28th, Chain of Rocks Walk.

April 4th, Ferguson, Mo. Walk

Mark & Debbie Kruep

277-0830,

debmarkkruep@yahoo.com

We have 2 extra seats if anyone needs a ride.

You can caravan.

New Meeting Location Reminder

All future meeting will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 520 E Highway 50, O'Fallon, IL. At the February meeting, the member voted to hold future meetings at Faith Lutheran Church. We will be using the back door entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

IVV EVENT AWARDS

Members listed in the February/March 2009 issue of The American Wanderer having accomplished an award for:

Name	Event
Linda Badger	525
Betty Boyd	1600
Tom Boyd	1600

Congratulations for completing a new milestone in your walking adventures.

Get to Know Your Officers

Director: Cindy Stucky

My name is Cindy Stucky. I am originally from the Chicago suburbs where my parents and brothers still live. I moved to the St. Louis area in 1985 and have established my roots. I am employed as an accountant for Concordia Plan Services (CPS) in Kirkwood, MO. I reside in Arnold, MO with my husband, two children, and dog. My son is sophomore biology major at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. My daughter is a senior in high school. I am looking forward to increasing my walks next year when I enter the early stages of the "empty nest".

In addition to walking, I am an active member at my home church, Concord Trinity United Methodist Church. I serve on the special events committee and as secretary on the executive board of the United Methodist Women. A large part of my social life is tied to my church family as well. I also travel out of town approximately one weekend per month to visit family.

My mom introduced me to Volksmarching about 15 years ago. She is still an active member of the Windy City Walkers and has been secretary of that club for as long as I can remember. I walked two or three times per year with my mom as a "free" walker for many years. We planned annual weekend trips to cities and towns with Volksmarch walks where I first experienced the "walk at all cost" mentality. We walked in rain, freezing temperatures, and extreme heat. Treasured memories were made and walking became a mainstay in my life.

Once my kids were older, I decided to become a member of AVA and increase my walk participation. My husband, Tom, also joined AVA at this time. Over the years we have walked whenever we had an open Saturday and usually squeezed in a walk or two on family vacations. Gradually the quantity of our walks has increased and we have begun planning our own weekend trips. We joined the Illinois Trekkers last year and plan to enjoy many years as part of this club. I have met a number of Trekkers over the past months and I hope to become acquainted with everyone over the next year.

Revised web site

The club web site has made a change. Paul Wojtysiak has been busy changing to a different server. The "Home" has a link to AVA and IVV web site. Be sure to review "About Us". This lists the officers, meeting place and date, membership, By Laws, constitution, and has added the Trekker Buck program. The "Event Calendar" lists by month the walks and other activities sponsored by the club. Also on the web site is current and last year Footnotes. All comments are welcomed as to the new appearance or any topic that should be added. Thanks Paul for your hours spent on the change.

"Footnotes" is a monthly (except January) publication of the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club

FOOTNOTES SUBMISSIONS

Send articles and/or comments to "Footnotes" via email to wilburclark@att.net

WEBSITES

HQ AVA – <http://ava.org/>

Illinois Trekkers –

<http://www.illinois-trekkers.org/>

Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes Feb 5, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 by Dee Wojtysiak

VISITORS: none

NEW MEMBERS: Mona and Mark Youmans

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debbie Kruep- No minutes to report.

Corrections: none Motion: Gary Staley; Second: Carol Clark

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack McKeon- Balance as of Jan 31, 2009 \$4071.41 Motion: Wil Clark Second: Tom Boyd

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: I have been busy planning walks. This year try to make sure all handouts have Illinois Trekkers listed on them. I have new sticker information on the new walker packet. My goal this year to have everyone know who Illinois Trekkers are. We need a refreshment committee chairman. Check out the Wanderer for a very nice article about our own Betty Boyd.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Committee: Working on more and varied publicity, new walks, and local presentations.

Awards and Achievements: no report

Services and Properties: Wil Clark - no report.

Publicity: Debbie Kruep - Compiling an email list of a 50-mile radius of newspaper and radio stations for news releases. This is time consuming. I am looking for volunteers to contact these media via internet or telephone.

Special Activities: Shirley Martin - no report

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refreshments: Darlene Kramer provided refreshments this evening.

Footnotes: Wil and Carol Clark- Articles have been good.

Club Points Manager: Dee Wojtysiak - some people have not picked up trekker bucks.

Website News: Changed provider to go daddy. Look at it and give Dee feedback.

Data Base Admin: Gary Staley- We have about 80 members at this time.

REPORT ON YEAR ROUND EVENTS (YREs):

Our Lady of the Snows: Jack & Shirley McKeon -3 walkers.

Richland Creek: Tom and Betty Boyd - 2 walkers for year.

Collinsville: Gary Staley - 3 walkers - 1 biker for the year.

Belleville YMCA Walk/Bike: Packy & Sue Botula -8 walkers - 1 biker

REPORT ON UPCOMING WALKS:

(1) Feb 21- Richland Creek Group Walk - Registration 8:30-9 am. Walk at 9am.

(2) Feb 28- Our Lady of Snows Shrine Group Walk- Registration 8:30-9am. Walk at 9am.

(3) March 21- YMCA Year Round Walk - Extended Registration time.

(4) April 11- Anniversary Walk- Gifts for the first 95 participants.

(5) May 16- Collinsville Group Walk- Registration 8:30-9 am. Walk at 9am.

(6) June 6-Mascoutah Ice Cream Walk

(7) July 10- Betty Boyd Memorial Walk

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Our Lady of the Snows- Beth from Shrine is concerned about safety. Shirley will meet with her during the summer.

(2) Gingerbread Cookie Walk- We have been asked to do this event again. Date Dec. 12, 2009.

(3) We still need historian and sales committee chairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Robin Ladtrick made a motion to have Illinois Trekkers march in the St. Patrick's day parade. Wil Clark seconded, motion passed.

(2) Discussion about creating a Trekker Mascot logo in addition to our original logo in order to have more Illinois Trekker name recognition from the general public. Discussion was lively and Packy Botula made a motion to

table the topic until the next meeting. Phyllis Herring seconded, motion passed.

(3) New addition to *Footnotes* will be **Carpool Corner**. If you wish to carpool or caravan to an event, or anyone having extra room, please submit your name, event, date, phone # and email address to Wil. He will put your info in **Carpool Corner**. It is up to you to make the connection with each other. Remember to think ahead. *Footnotes* comes out at the beginning of the month. In the future this might be good tool for our new website.

(4) Len Wojtysaik discussed a T-shirt and team competition for the Betty Boyd Memorial Walk and made a motion to buy gift certificates for the winners of the team competition (\$30, \$20, \$10). Robin Ladtrick seconded, motion passed. Tom Boyd offered to reimburse the IVV fee for the first 100 walkers to this event.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING:

NEXT MEETING: Thursday March 5, 2009

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Packy Botula; Second: Robin Latrick
Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Kruep
Secretary Illinois Trekkers

March - April 2009 Events

- Thursday, **March 5** – Regular Meeting
- **Friday, Saturday, March 13, 14, 15,** MidAmerica Region Walks/Meeting, Evansville, IN
- **Saturday, March 21,** Belleville YMCA YR, Registration 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM
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- Thursday, April 2 – Regular Meeting
- **Saturday, April 11** 5th Anniversary walk, Glen Carbon, Registration 9:00 AM to Noon

2009 YREs

Belleville “Richland Creek” Greenway
618-233-6348

Belleville-YMCA (Walk and Bike)
618-236-9521

CMT YMCA, 1 Town Center Dr,
Maryville, IL (Walk and Bike)
618-344-0225

National Shrine of Our Lady of the
Snows
618-210-0679

Trekker Meeting: March 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
At Faith Lutheran Church, 520 E Highway 50, O’Fallon, IL.

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