

# ILLINOIS TREKKERS FOOTNOTES

NO. 2009-10

December 2009

*President: Dee Wojtysiak*  
*Vice President: Robin Latdrick*  
*Secretary: Debbie Kruep*  
*Treasurer: Jack McKeon*  
*IT Database Manager, Gary Staley*

*Directors-at-Large*  
*Mark Kruep*  
*Cindy Stucky*  
*Billy Herring*

## *Dee's Trail Notes Retiring*

It is hard to believe that this is my last article as President of the Illinois Trekkers. The past 2 years have been action packed with fun, learning experiences, excitement, and a few accomplishments. I would like to thank the club officers, directors, and committee chairman for their work and ideas. I have learned so much about the club and the members. Thanks to each member that has volunteered to serve the club. Volunteering guarantees the continued success of The Illinois Trekkers. Today most members are using email for the Footnotes and communication. The website lists our upcoming walk brochures, Footnotes, Bylaws, Constitution, Ride Sharing and etc. The Illinois Trekkers have a great history and will continue to have a great future with the support of the members.



Thank you giving me for the opportunity to serve as club president.

- Dee Wojtysiak

## *Gingerbread Cookie Walk*

Don't forget to pre-register for the cookie walk. Cookie bags are limited.



Registrations have been accepted at the Eckert's and Waterloo walks. We will continue to accept registrations at the Way of Lights walk, through the Bank of Belleville (from Nov 1- Nov 30), and of course

through the mail. The Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has put together the cookie bags for us this year and become an additional sponsor along with the Bank of Belleville. The word is out so it is more important than ever to pre-register. We have quite a few surprises for all walkers whether or not you have a cookie bag this year so be sure to come out and enjoy the day. Questions may be directed to [debmarkkruep@yahoo.com](mailto:debmarkkruep@yahoo.com).

## *"Walkin' in Sunshine"*

The last time the Trekkers tried a year round kickoff event was in September at Richland Creek. Walkers slogged through monsoon conditions testing their "why am I doing this to myself" resolve. However, the kickoff event at the Belleville East YMCA on November 14<sup>th</sup> was a completely different story.

It isn't often that we can claim ideal walking conditions here in the mid-west especially in November but we had them for the Belleville East YMCA kickoff event. A total of 26 walkers enjoyed warm temperatures, abundant sunshine and no wind for their walking pleasure. As a result of the fine turnout we are also nearing the magic number of 100 walkers for the year. We even had several first time walkers who opted to take the 5 km trail for their first foray into the world of volkssporting. They promised that, "We'll be baaack". Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely, which leads me to believe that these types of events are worth continuing. I even heard the strains of the familiar song, "Walkin' in Sunshine", as things were going on. Once again, many thanks to our friends at the YMCA for their gracious hospitality and support. Special thanks to Sue Botula for providing delicious baked goodies for all to enjoy. The whole morning reminded me of why we do this Volkssport thing in the first place: fun, fitness, friendship and of course to see the world by foot.

See you on the trail somewhere, sometime.

Packy and Sue Botula. "Volkssporting since 1977"

### ***Trekker Bucks***

The 2009 points have been calculated and the Trekker Bucks issued. This is a "Thank You" to the members that have volunteered to serve as officer, community chairman, POC, and help at the walks sponsored by the club. The Trekkers Bucks may be used for Illinois Trekkers events such as paying for the Christmas Party or paying for walk registration. Merchandise such as walking books or the 2010 Start Point book may be purchased with Trekker Bucks. The Trekker Bucks will be available at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows walk, Tuesday, November 24, 2008.

Be ready to earn 2010 bucks starting with the 2009 Shrine of our Lady of the Snows Walk.

### ***New Officers for 2010***

At the November meeting the club elected officers or 2010:

President	Leonard Wojtysiak
Vice President	Deb Kruep
Treasurer	Jack McKeon
Secretary	Cindy Stucky

They will take office at the December 4 Christmas Party. Directors will be appointed by the President with the club's approval.

### **Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes November 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm by Dee Wojtysiak

VISITORS: none

NEW MEMBERS: none

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debbie Kruep- Attached to the Footnotes.

CORRECTIONS: none Motion: Phyllis Herring Second: Mark Kruep

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack McKeon- Balance as of October 31, 2009 \$2779.66

Motion: Mark Kruep Second: Donna Dascho

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Check out the Hooray for Hollywood program website. It is very unique and possibly the future. Food for thought: check out the Year Round Evaluation Form from Indiana this meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: none

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### **2010 Membership DUES are DUE**

**Single \$8.00 valid email \$3.00**

**Family \$11.00 valid email \$6.00**

January is the date to renew your membership. Check is to be payable to Illinois Trekkers, mailing address is P.O. Box 25063, Scott AFB, IL 62225-0063. Be sure to include your name, address, phone numbers, and a valid email address to receive discount.

### ***January 7, 2010 Meeting***

There will be a meeting held on January 7, 2010. The meeting place will be at Faith Lutheran Church, 520 E Highway 50, O'Fallon, IL (same place as this year). A January business is needed to discuss and complete plans for the year of 2010. If weather is bad watch your email or call Leonard at 632-4164.

#### **FOOTNOTES SUBMISSIONS**

Send articles and/or comments to "Footnotes" via email to [wilburclark@att.net](mailto:wilburclark@att.net)

#### **WEBSITES**

HQ AVA – <http://ava.org/>

Illinois Trekkers –

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

Awards and Achievements: Wil Clark- none

Services and Properties: Wil Clark - none

Publicity: Debbie Kruep - article in today's News-Democrat about pre-registration for Cookie Walk

Special Activities: Shirley Martin - no report

#### AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refreshments: This month is Cindy Stucky & Shirley Martin. Sign up for next year is now available.

Footnotes: Wil and Carol Clark- keep articles coming

Club Points Manager: Dee Wojtysiak - Points will be ready at the Shrine walk

Data Base Admin: Gary Staley- Barbara Klein is our newest member from Waterloo.

Website News: none

#### REPORT ON YEAR ROUND EVENTS (YREs):

Our Lady of the Snows: Jack & Shirley McKeon -63 walkers for the year.

Richland Creek: Packy & Sue Botula -? walkers for the year.

Maryville: Gary Staley -61 walkers -? bikers for the year.

Belleville YMCA Walk/Bike: Packy & Sue Botula -? walkers -? bikers for the year.

#### REPORT ON UPCOMING WALKS:

(1) Nov 14 YMCA Carlyle Ave- Registration 8:30

(2) Nov 24 Way of Lights- New walk will be a 5K loop avoiding unsafe areas.

(3) Dec 12 Gingerbread Cookie-Workshop will be held after the Christmas Party.

(4) Feb 13- Our Lady of the Snows Year Round

(5) Feb 27-Soup Walk

#### OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Waterloo walk turned out to be a great day.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Possible walk with the Shrine on their own walk as our kickoff in 2011.

(2) Shirley McKeon made a motion to buy one more light weight table. Mark Kruep seconded, motion passed.

(3) We will be having a meeting in January in 2010, date is Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

(4) By a consensus of all in attendance the new officers for 2010 are: President: Len Wojtysiak, Vice-President: Deb Kruep, Treasurer: Jack McKeon, Secretary: Cindy Stucky

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: Discussion of a non member being able to buy a book of coupons at a discounted price for year-rounds. Tabled until a later date.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Cindy Stucky

NEXT MEETING: December 4, Panorama Banquet Center, Belleville.

MEETING ADJOURNED: motion: Len Wojtysiak, second: Phyllis Herring.

Submitted by Debbie Kruep  
Secretary Illinois Trekkers

**December 2009 – February  
2010 Calendar**

- December 4, Friday  
Christmas Party @  
Panorama
- December 12, Saturday,  
Gingerbread Cookie  
Walk, Belleville IL. Deb  
& Mark Kruep
- January 7, 2010,  
Thursday, Regular  
Meeting @ 7:00 p.m., O  
Fallon IL
- February 6, 2010,  
Thursday, Regular  
Meeting @ 7:00 p.m., O  
Fallon IL

**2010 YREs**

**Belleville “Richland Creek” Greenway**

St. Elizabeth Hospital, Main Lobby Visitors Desk, 211 S. 3rd  
Street, Belleville, IL. Contact: 618) 236-9521

**Belleville-YMCA (Walk and Bike)**

YMCA, 2627 Carlyle Ave., East Belleville, IL. Contact: **618-  
236-9521**

**CMT YMCA**

1 Town Center Dr, **Maryville, IL** (Walk and Bike), Contact:  
(618) 344-0225.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows**

Shrine Motel, 451 S. De Mazenod Dr., Belleville, IL. Contact:,  
(618) 210-0633

**St Louis – Fenton, Mo**

Riverchase of Fenton Recreation Center, 990 Horan, Fenton,  
MO. 63026. Contact: (636) 282-2964.

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