

ILLINOIS TREKKERS FOOTNOTES

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Vice President: Debbie Kruep

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"Trekkin" Dates for your Calendar

Feb 4, 2010, 7:00 PM	Trekker Meeting
Feb 13, 2010, 9:00 AM	Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows YRE
Feb 27, 2010, 9:00 AM	Soup Walk, Belleville, IL
Mar 4, 2010, 7:00 PM	Trekker Meeting

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Leonard Wojtysiak

Are we excited or what? If you have not thought about it, this is a very exciting year! For one, I'm the new president and I'm, very excited about what we will be doing in 2010! Also, this is our club's thirtieth year of putting on walks; now isn't that exciting?

It goes without saying that all this excitement does come with a cost. The cost is we have to put together a program that is interesting for us and our participants. I hope we can all band together and do this as a team and make it fun for the whole club. Put your thinking hat on so you can make a few suggestions on making our club better and/or how we can make our events interesting so people want to come back to walk again.

We have lost a month because of Mother Nature but that does not have to slow us down, it should make us even more determine to move forward with our plans. The big event this year is our thirtieth anniversary walk. We did our twenty fifth with our Eckerts walk, which is just around the corner, but if we want to do it earlier then we have to plan even "faster".

The good news is the club is in the best shape it has been in a long time with larger attendance at walks then we have had in the past. Our past club officers have done a great job (my wife made me say that)! I believe the effort that was put into advertising for the past two years is just now starting to bear fruit. We just need to continue to put our name out in the public's eye. Did you know

that there was a little walk in Belleville that St. Elizabeth Hospital was a part of and they did not know they have our walking box in their lobby? It shows me we need to make more "noise" in the Greater St. Louis area. See you out on the trail!

2010 Starting Point



2010 *Starting Point*, the Year-Round Walking Event Book is here. Your guide to more than 1850+ self-guided walking and biking trails, published by the American Volkssport Association. Listings, directions, contacts for all Year Round Events in the USA by State, then City.

Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club 2010 Participation Awards Program

Just a reminder to all you trekkers that the new "trekkers Bucks" program started with the Our Lady of the snows Shrine walk. Bucks are earned at different rates for



participating in the club activities, working events, committees, and coming to meetings to mention only a few.

If you want/need details ask at a meeting, send Dee an email, or, checkout the website (under "About Us). Buck can be used to buy trekker merchandise, or parties costs, etc.

Get active and "earn" bucks. It is fun.

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Lynn Keith	100	
Cindy Stucky	150	1500
Deb Kruep	175	
Mark Kruep	175	
Shirley Martin	225	
Charles Dasho	375	
Donna Dasho	375	
William Badger	500	
Dee Wojtysiak	525	
Linda Badger	575	
Larry McKenna	1100	11000
Leonard Wojtysiak	1300	

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.

Congratulations to each of you. Fellow walkers watch for them on the trail.

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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/events.html>

IVV Awards

Members listed in the December, 2009/ January 2010 American Wander issue having accomplished an award are:

2010 YREs

Belleville "Richland Creek" Greenway (Walk)

St. Elizabeth Hospital, Main Lobby Visitors Desk, 211 S. 3rd Street, Belleville, IL.

Contact: (618) 236-9521

Belleville-YMCA (Walk/Bike)

YMCA, 2627 Carlyle Ave., East Belleville, IL.

Contact: (618) 236-9521

CMT YMCA (Walk/Bike)

YMCA, 1 Town Center Dr, Maryville, IL,

Contact: (618) 344-0225.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows (Walk)

Shrine Motel, 451 S. De Mazonod Dr., Belleville, IL.

Contact:, (618) 210-0633

St Louis – Fenton, Mo (Walk)

Riverchase of Fenton Recreation Center, 990 Horan, Fenton, MO. 63026.

Contact: (636) 282-2964.