



The WILLAMETTE WANDERERS Walking Newsletter

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Celebrating 25 Years as a Walking Club of the American Volkssporting Association (AVA)

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New Officers Appointed

At the September meeting of the Willamette Wanderers, two new officers were appointed. Much to the relief of her predecessor, Margaret agreed to assume the responsibilities of treasurer. As an accountant, she is a perfect fit for her new role. And, although she is a new member of the Wanderers, Margaret is not new to walking. She has been enjoying AVA walks for years. Welcome, Margaret!

The excitement of having one new officer gave boldness to the group who then turned to Frances and asked if she would be willing to accept the responsibilities of Secretary. Frances graciously agreed to fill out the term, which ends in June. The role of club secretary is a familiar one to Frances who held the office for a neighboring walking club for a number of years. Glad to have you with us, Frances!

New Walks Added to Sunday Strolls

While meeting in October, club members discussed expanding the list of strolls on the second Sunday of each month to include a few from surrounding areas. There was resounding agreement among those present to add a few new walks to

the rotation. Silverton, Mt. Angel, Sublimity and Stayton were some that were named. Beautiful walks are available in these areas thanks to the efforts of neighboring clubs who host them. Because these clubs are also members of the AVA,

those of us who wish can receive AVA credit. As always with our Sunday Strolls, those not wishing to receive credit may walk at no cost. Either way, fun fitness and friendship can be had by all! To see the new additions, check the list on page two.

SUNDAY STROLLS

November	13 th
December	11 th
January	8 th

MEETING DATES

November	16 th
December	None
January	18 th

7:00 PM
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Salem Hospital

Plans for More New Walks Emerge

Much of the discussion in recent months has been around establishing some new walks or reviving some of the former Willamette Wanderers' walks. One such consideration has been the Iris Walk, a special event walk that was part of the annual Keizer Iris

Festival for a number of years. Several other walks hosted by the Wanderers over their 25 years as an active club are also being reviewed to see if they are worth making available again. A number of new walk locations have also been suggested. Every possibility will be carefully

considered, but plans will commence at the first meeting of the New Year for the 2012 Iris Walk. This has been a rewarding event in the past and no doubt will be again. Be sure to get in on the fun of mapping a route. Two will be needed. One as the alternate in case it rains.

Walk Schedule



November 13, 2:00 PM

This time we will follow the instructions for the Capitol/Governor's Mansion year-round walk in the reverse order. You'll be surprised by what you see passing the Capitol, Willamette University, Governor's mansion, and the court house that you have never noticed when going the other direction. The parks and historic neighborhoods will be ablaze with fall colors. You won't want to miss it! Click [HERE](#) for details.

November 26, start 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, finish by 4:00

It's time for the [Turkey Trot](#), a 6k or 10k in Keizer. The walk begins in the heart of Keizer and takes you through parks and residential areas, and out into the wide-open countryside. Enjoy views of Mt. Hood and Staats Lake. Along the way you'll see a number of water features and bronze statues commemorating important people and events in Keizer's history. Delicious refreshments and door prizes will be provided as we celebrate 25 years as a club of the AVA.

December 11, start 1:00-4:00 PM, finish by 7:00

We will join the Albany Fitwalkers at their walk held in conjunction with the annual Historic Parlour Tour. [Step Back in Time This Christmas](#) as you walk through two historic districts of Albany past specially selected vintage homes. Those wishing for a look inside these seasonally decorated, beautifully restored homes and businesses may do so for the price of a Parlour Tour ticket. Bring a flashlight and a friend, and come ready to have some fun!

January 8, 2:00 PM

We will meet at the Dairy Queen off Hwy 22 to walk in the community of Stayton. This walk will pass the cemetery, a water tower, a covered bridge, a mural, a bakery, and the library and museum. Walkers will cross the North Santiam River into Linn County. Click [HERE](#) for details.

February 12, 2:00 PM

We will meet at Sublimity fire station for an enjoyable walk throughout the lovely little community where Wilber and Orville Wright's father was head of the local Sublimity College. Click [HERE](#) for details.

If you are viewing this newsletter in a non-electronic format, the above links can be accessed by typing <http://www.walkoregon.org/eventlst.htm> into their web browser: Next enter the name of the city where the walk is held and select "All Event Types" before clicking the Search Event button.

On a Personal Note...

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are looking forward with great excitement to the many walks we will take and the many memories we will make together.

We now have t-shirts enough for every club member. Get yours at the next meeting for only \$10.



NOTICE:
Start times for Sunday strolls have moved to 2:00 PM due to early nightfall, and the pre-meeting walks will resume after we have changed our clocks back in the spring.

