

## News from N.E.W. #24, November 14, 2014

- 1. National Time to Walk Event December 13, 2014:** Here's the information from the email I've sent to participating clubs. If your club participates, please send whatever you have to David Bonewitz, [serd4ava@gmail.com](mailto:serd4ava@gmail.com) or [se\\_rd@ava.org](mailto:se_rd@ava.org). There's still time to participate.
  - Club Name
  - Location and type of event (group walk of a YRE, traditional event, etc.)
  - Number of folks participating at 10:11am local time
  - Any special participants (politicians, etc.), if any
  - Anything special about your event?
  - Attach pictures of participants at the event.
- 2. Necrology:** Please send me a list of your club members that have passed away since the last convention in April 2013. The Necrology list is read aloud at convention and I don't want to miss anyone. I have not been keeping up with notices, so even if you've sent them to me before, please do so again.
- 3. New Executive Director:** The new ED, Henry Rosales, will begin work January 6<sup>th</sup>, not in December. The NEC at its January meeting will have a chance to meet Mr. Rosales and will confirm his hire at that time.
- 4. 2016 NW Regional Conference:** Treasure Valley Volkssports has agreed to host the 2016 NW Regional Conference in Boise in September, 2016. We will need lots of you to volunteer. I will send more information as soon as I have it. It will be a 3 day weekend. Boise is well worth the visit.
- 5. Financial Reporting and E-Postcard Deadline:** Saturday, **November 15**, is the deadline for reports to get into AVA and for your club to submit their e-postcard online to the IRS. Right now, only OTSVA is showing as having not sent in their AVA Financial Report?? I can't tell from the AVA website if clubs have filed their e-postcard with the IRS. Dire consequences (you will lose your club) if you miss this date. Are you sure your Treasurer has done this? If not, please check. Send reports and the e-postcard confirmation from IRS to [marie@ava.org](mailto:marie@ava.org) and to me – [nw\\_rd@ava.org](mailto:nw_rd@ava.org) if you haven't already. I don't know whether to assume since November 15 is a Saturday that you have until Monday to comply with the IRS. I wouldn't risk it.
- 6. NW Regional Director Position:** My term is up June 30, 2015. I have appointed Dick Baker to be the Nominating Committee Chair. If you would like to run for the position, please let Dick Baker know – [dickbkr@q.com](mailto:dickbkr@q.com). I will run for a second term, but if you're interested please let him know.
- 7. Salem Convention:** For your planning purposes, if you are staying in the Salem area the Phoenix Salem Grand Hotel is full at the convention rate, although there may be rooms available at their normal rate. There are hotel/motels close to I-5 about 3 miles from downtown Salem. Please note there will be workshops earlier this time – some on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please see information as it becomes available at the convention website linked from [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org) or [www.nationalavaconvention2015.com](http://www.nationalavaconvention2015.com).
- 8. Next NEC – Sacramento, January 30-31.** Agenda items (proposals) will be due to me by beginning of December, according to rules. I haven't seen an announcement yet from President Dennis Michele. If you or your club is considering a proposal, please send it to me soon. Find the form on [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org), Administrative/Clubs Only/AVA Club Forms. It's the Proposed Agenda Item form or the Proposed Bylaws Amendment Form.

**See you all on the trail.** Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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