

## News from N.E.W. #30 March 9,m 2015

### 1. YRE Changes:

- **Gig Harbor YRE:** New Start point for this walk -- SARIAH SPICES & TEAS, closed Wednesdays. See the AVA website for directions, etc.

2. **IVV Americas:** I've sent out a paper this morning on issues concerning joining IVV Americas to all club officers I have on record. Please discuss. The TAW has President Dennis Michele's Pros and Cons which I believe are lacking. I personally don't see any reason not to join and urge you to consider a Pro vote. It is **not** adding a layer of bureaucracy between us and IVV. We have our vote in the IVV Congress as all countries have. Being a member of IVV Americas gives us the chance to influence the vote of IVV Americas at the IVV Presidium. We are the only country organization that has not joined our continental association. Please read the paper and discuss at your club meetings before you vote.

### 3. Salem Convention: I know you've seen this before:

- **Volunteers needed!** Please help the NW Region put on the best convention ever!! We need volunteers at each walk event and at the hotel. We are using SignUp Genius, an online volunteer application to gather help for the convention. If you have any questions call Maryann Brown at 541-961-4279. The link is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abad29a1ff2-19th/> or find it on the Convention website.
  - i. Scroll through the list of open and filled volunteer slots and check each one for which you want to sign up.
  - ii. Once you have all your choices selected, click the Submit and Sign Up button on the bottom of the page.
    1. If you are assisting someone else by entering his or her choices: enter the name of that person.
    2. If you are entering a joint name, please choose a number other than 1.
  - iii. Provide name, email address, phone number (cell) where you can be reached at the convention, and t-shirt size/gender for the person signing up. Information will not be shared.
  - iv. Click Sign Up Now and you are done.
- **Online Registration:** As I've mentioned please register online if you are attending the convention meetings and workshops, going to any socials, doing walks and want awards, or want apparel. Print off your registration form after you've submitted it and send in a check or pay by PayPal – AVA has reduced the cost to use PayPal to \$9. It was \$14.
  - **Only going only for the Walks** and don't want the awards? Register at each of the walks.
- **Proxies, etc.:** Please see the Checkpoint about voting at convention, proxies, etc.

### 4. Question on what YRE walks to do: See the last News::

- "Oregon: what other walks close to the ones we're doing are really good?"
- Washington: I want to do Vancouver, Seattle, and of course, Olympia. Which walks do you think are the best in those areas? Any others that I really shouldn't miss?"
- Idaho: Boise of course, but which two there? What about Glenn's Ferry? It would be on my way to Salt Lake City.
- Alaska: If I do a short trip to Anchorage while I'm there, which are the two best walks?"

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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