

News from N.E.W. #54, June 16, 2017

1. **My last News from N.E.W.** This is my last newsletter as your Northwest Regional Director. I have enjoyed these last four years being your representative on the National Executive Council. I've had a great time at your walks and have met so many of you. I intend to get to as many NW walks as I can. Tom Baltes will do a wonderful job as your Regional Director and is ready to go to work for you. He will send you information once he takes office July 1. We will both be at the next NEC in San Antonio August 9-13. The next step will be to elect a Deputy Regional Director. Tom will be letting you know more about this. It was very helpful to have a Deputy this last year and a half.
2. **Next Checkpoint:** Please be sure and read the next Checkpoint when it comes out. We are waiting to hear whether we will be on the new system for renewing YREs or whether we will continue to use the old system.
3. **Alaska Cruise, July 28 – Aug 4, 2018:** Elisabeth Wittenberg (yes, my daughter Buffy) has been busy making arrangements for a cruise to SE Alaska next summer for Volkssporters. We can probably arrange for somewhere to meet and socialize.
 - It will be a seven day cruise from July 28 through August 4, 2018 from Seattle round trip on the Norwegian Bliss, a new ship that starts sailing next year.
 - Stops will be in Ketchikan and Juneau (current seasonal walks there), Skagway, with a new town and trail route to walk, glacier viewing, and a stop in Victoria on the way back with the opportunity to walk the Victoria walk that goes by the cruise terminal.
 - You are free to sign up for any excursions available at the various ports.
 - Fifty to sixty rooms are being reserved double occupancy. Prices double occupancy are not firm yet, but the maximum they will be are \$1150 per person for an inside room (no windows) to \$2150 per person for a balcony room. She doesn't have prices yet for individuals alone in a room, but will get them.
 - If you would like a roommate, Buffy will get a list of persons who would also like to room share.
 - More information and a brochure will be coming out in August with dates and prices for committing to the cruise.
 - An article will appear in the August/September TAW inviting the Volkssport community.
 - **Please send the following information to Buffy ASAP at ewittenberg@wamail.net if you are interested. She will put you on an email list for further information and reserve a space in order received.**
 - i. Names.
 - ii. Whether you want a roommate if there is only one name in i).
 - iii. Type of room – inside or balcony
 - iv. Email address to send information to.
4. **Canadian Volkssport Federation Convention Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 25-27, 2018.** Please check out the website www.dartmouthvolksmarchclub.com for information, brochure, and the post-convention tour. It's always a great experience to go to a Canadian convention.

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