



Hello NW Volkssporters!

A quiet month, with not much national news to report, so this will be a brief report.

1. The Capitol Volkssport Club is planning for their fantastic Ocean Shores Seabreeze event on Feb 16-18, 2019. Lock in your calendar early for a fun event.
2. The Willamette Wanderers have updated their May 19th walk description for the Keizer Iris Festival Walk. Come join in this floral outing. Thanks for the update Wanderers.
3. Left off the latest Future Events List was a Capitol Volkssport Club walk on 8 Dec. Look for details in the next edition and online at AVA.
4. The Las Vegas High Rollers and Strollers sent a brochure for their 7 April 2018 event, so I'll attach it with this Walk Talk. If you're in the area please join them.
5. The FS Family Wanderers reminded me that their Sep 29 event is a Guided Walk, which I've corrected on the Future Events List. This also reminds me that there are more and more GWs in the calendar and walkers need to be aware that like our group walks, Guided Walks generally have a set start time, rather than a window for starting, so pay attention to the start time information.
6. In reviewing a number of our region's Traditional Events in the ESR system, I find that most are complete, but some lack important details needed for walkers to plan their attendance. As owner of an event try to get the details, such as start times, start locations, event descriptions, etc., posted at the earliest date to help walkers and especially traveling walkers plan their attendance.
7. On Friday, 27 April, at 4:00 pm, prior to the Battle Ground South walk and ESVA meeting on 28 April, the Vancouver Walking Club is planning a 5k group walk of the Battle Ground Greenways – North. Following the walk, the club has dinner space for 25 to 30 reserved for 5:30 at the Mill Creek Pub in Battle Ground. If you are attending the meetings and wish to join the club for dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup> send me an email at [TLBaltes@aol.com](mailto:TLBaltes@aol.com) with number attending by 25 April. Thanks.
8. If you thought I wouldn't mention the 22 March Big Give, I have to disappoint. This fundraising campaign is one of the many ways we can express our support for Volkssporting in America. I want to say thanks to the many clubs and individuals from the region who have given to the Big Give in past years and will do so again this year. Our region has the distinction of being the biggest contributor to the Big Give, with the largest number of individual contributors. This is a source of great pride for me and I hope for you as well. It is not as desirable to have a few give a large donation as it is for many of us to show support with small donations--\$10, \$25, \$50. Don't be hesitant to

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call on your family and friends to also contribute, just as you do to their favorite charities. Louise and I will be hitting up many of our family and friends in a Peer-to-Peer challenge and we ask you to do the same. The next Checkpoint will have full details for making your donation and let you know how your donation will be used to help our program.

I want to close by thanking the Anchorage Volkssport Club for their hospitality and great event during the Fur Rendezvous in February. Louise and I truly enjoyed meeting the club members, spending an evening at a potluck and walking their Traditional event with some hearty walkers while experiencing the festive atmosphere of the "Rondy". Who knew you could have so much fun in the winter in Anchorage!? Give it a try next year!

Happy Trails!

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