

Lincoln Volkssport Club

Halloween Walk 2014

Wyuka Cemetery

October 25, 2014



WHAT A BUNCH !! The early arrivals...we gathered this fine group together before anyone headed out on the trip through Wyuka Cemetery and the east-central Lincoln environs. Friends who are growing old together. Many of these folks have been blocking out their Saturday mornings on the calendar with a VOLKSWALK reminder for over three decades...back when their hair was yet to begin to gray, and their step was livelier.

Inside the Wyuka Cemetery starting point, the start point crew is ready to receive walkers. The facility used for the start/finish has been updated. It was bright and clean...new concrete floor. Stan Fraas (who took a short hiatus from his duties because he LOVES being in photos) was at the doorway to greet and warn people about the step down into the new facility. Other LVC members whom you will see momentarily were ready to relieve folks of a bit of their cash and send them off, instructions and map in hand, for a volksmarch on a near perfect late October day in Nebraska's Star City.

For those of you who are concerned about Marge Leinen's "stooped" appearance...just being nice to Ellen Peters. We do note with a combination of concern and relief that Richard Goodban told us at the walk that he had a stroke about three weeks before this photo was taken. We wish him well in his journey back to full health. He looks good here, doesn't he? Pictured from left: Ursula Goodban, Martha McGahan, Richard Goodban, Stan Fraas, Larry & Marge Leinen, Bob Kruger, Ellen & Dan Peters, and Jim Goeltz.



AS PROMISED: The starting point crew...Sheila Goeltz and Carol Fraas plus Stan Fraas...official greeter and “That first step is a doozie!” guy.

We could actually tell who Carol was this Halloween walk. Both a bit disappointed and a bit relieved, we found Carol not in Halloween disguise this year. She is much more pleasant looking as Carol than as a caldron-stirring witch.

Note how clean and bright the facility is after renovation. AND...the most important concern for walkers headed out for a 10 km stroll...**BATHROOMS!** In past years, walkers had to stop at the cemetery office to drain before beginning the six mile sojourn.

THE GRAND DAMES:

That’s with a short A...a walking experience wouldn’t be an experience without these two gals...Rosemarie Quackenbush and Rita Eldrige. Rose is taking a break to chat with old friend Ste. Rita before Rose checks the first walkers in.

Look at the nice kitchen counter in the background...new to the facility this year (along with the bathrooms). Also note that the LVC folks treat their walkers right. Those are two layers of **Halloween pumpkin cookies** plus **HOT** coffee. (Photo by Jeanne Miller)





LIKE THE ENERGIZER BUNNY: This pair keeps going and going and going...Wilma Damian and Joe Houfek.

Rose has been registering this pair for volksmarches for about half her life, I suspect. Not only do Wilma and Joe make their appearance on every LVC and NWFT weekend, they aspire to walk every YRE in the area at least TWICE during each year. A job well done...Indomitable Joe Man and Ubiquitous Wilma.

A side note: The gorilla on the far end of the table was Ken Ulmer's mascot, so Ken continues to be present at all LVC walks. I will have to ask Rose about the Tiger. There has to be a story about it, too.



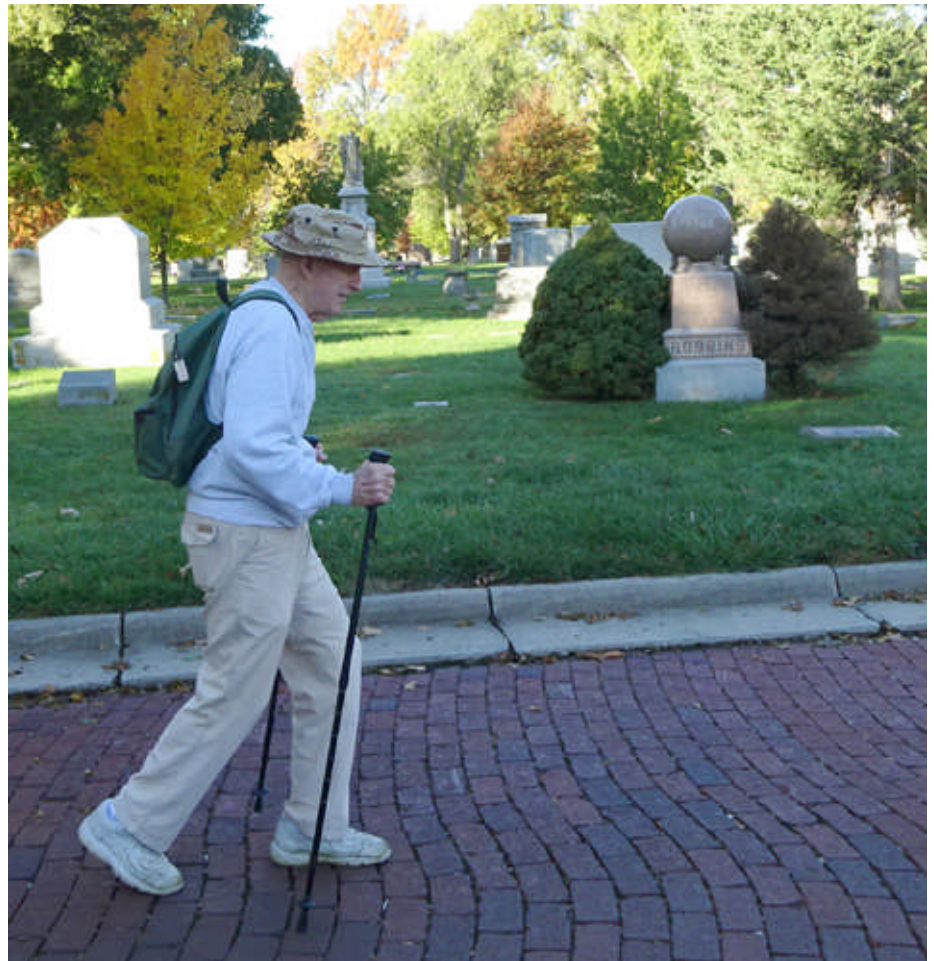
READY TO ROLL: Joe and Wilma are on their way...just follow the arrows. The LVC does a great job of marking their trails. We all appreciate that fact, but we like the instructions AND map as a comforting backup. (Photo by Jeanne Miller)



WOW! No description needed here...the photo take in Wyuka Cemetery speaks loud and clear. What a way to begin a volkswalk! (Photo by Jeanne Miller)

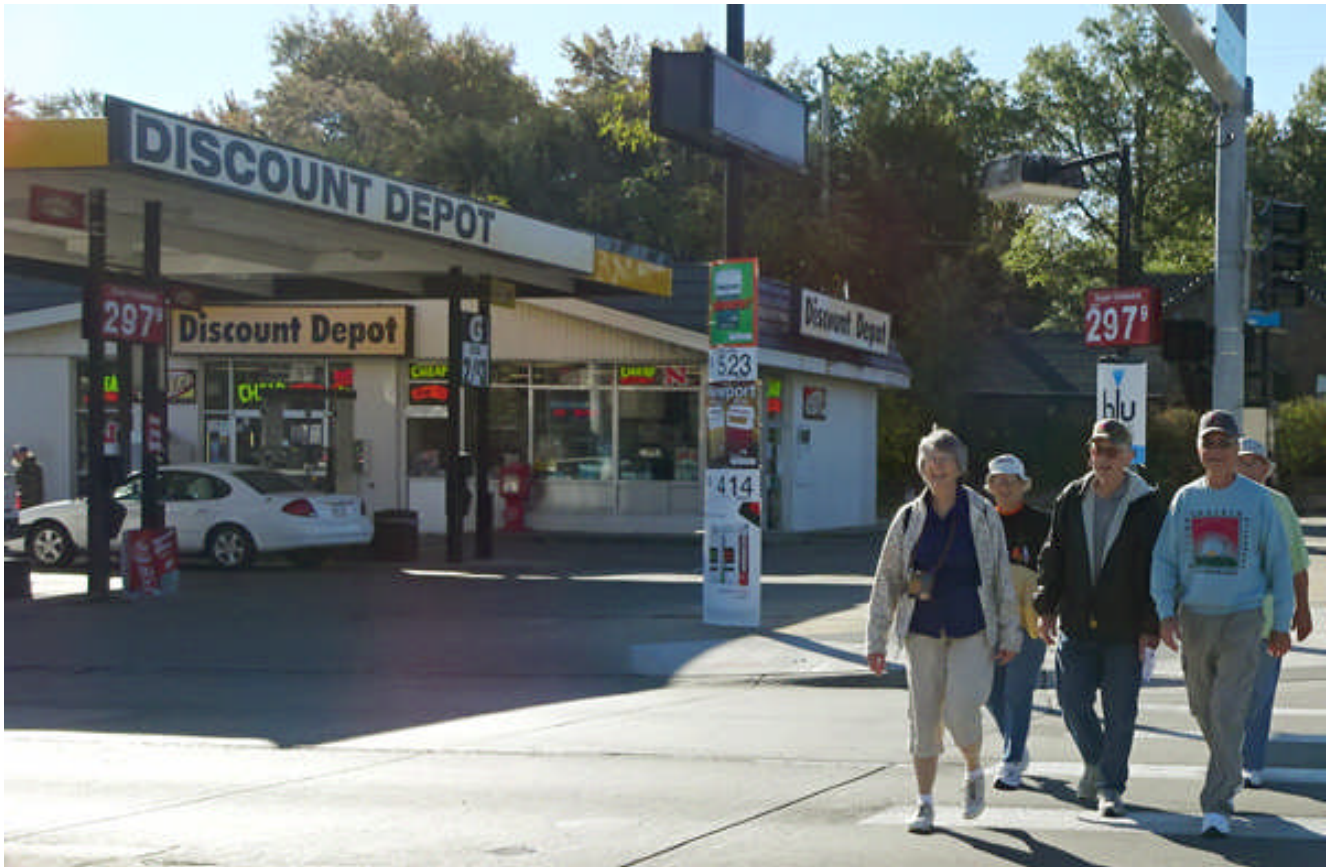
A WALK THROUGH HISTORY: Jim Goeltz wends he way along the brick roadway in Wyuka Cemetery. This annual LVC event is a walk through the history of Lincoln and its past citizens...from beloved actor/singer Gordon Macrae on one end of the spectrum to infamous mass-murderer Charles Starkweather on the other end.

Jim has walked so far over the many years that he wore his old knees out, and he had to go into the body-parts store for a pair of new ones. Coming back from joint-replacement surgery isn't easy but that guy has lots of guts and gusto. Look at him go. (Photo by Jeanne Miller)





CHECKPOINT JUNE: As ubiquitous as Wilma Damian is on the trail, June Kronberg is at LVC checkpoints. I always tease her about saying something at the last LVC meeting that got her exiled out to the checkpoint. Since Lyle & Rojane Hart moved to the Great White North, June seems to be the permanent checkpoint person. And...she seems to like it that way. Thanks, June. In the photos, Carol and Stan Fraas stop by to make certain June and the checkpoint supplies are surviving the stream of walkers.



CROSSING THE BIG "O": After getting punched by June, the Three States Walkers...(SD, NE, KA) cautiously cross traffic-laden O Street on this Cornhusker Football Saturday. O Street remains one of Lincoln's busiest streets, and seriously contends for the title: "Longest Street in the World." The crossers from left: Ellen Peters, Martha & Jim McGahan, Dan Peters, and Bethany Bob Kruger. Check on the O Street claim @ <http://bowjamesbow.ca/2008/12/29/does-lincoln-bo.shtml> (Photo by Jeanne Miller)



CHECK IN TIME: Walk completed... must produce validated start cards so that Sheila Goeltz and Lori Anderson can stamp event and distance books. Looks like Carol is a backup in case needed.



ADIEU: So...the time we all hate most comes all too soon. The walk is over, Joe is eating the last **pumpkin-shaped cookie**, and Bethany Bob, Dan (hands) and Ellen are saying their good-byes to Ste. Rita before they depart in opposite directions to South Dakota and Kansas. See you next walk!