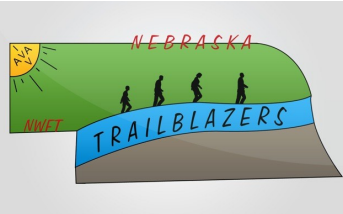


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Questions?

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Call!!!



## President's Corner



It's that time again – time to take down the 2014 calendars and put up the 2015 calendars. And time to plan to attend the Trailblazers annual dinner meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Pre-payment and menu selection will make the event go as smoothly as possible. Menu information and prices are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Walker of the Year will be announced at this event. We have two nominees and the members voted at the December meeting. So far, only last year's winners know the outcome of the voting.

Officers officially begin their terms at this meeting as well. We have just one change this year – we have a new Secretary. Tricia Abel stepped forward to take this job. If you have not met her, find an opportunity to get acquainted.

Our first walk this year – our annual Soup Walk – will be March 7<sup>th</sup> and will start from Saint Barnabas Church – across the street from Joslyn Castle. April 4 will find us at the Western

Trails Center in Council Bluffs and when the May flowers are in bloom we will be at Standing Bear Lake.

~Mel



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## Jim's Notes

At our December meeting Tricia Abel was nominated and elected secretary. Mel tried hard to squirm out of his presidential position but wasn't successful. As a result he, Larry and Butch were re-elected by acclamation to their respective positions of president, vice-president, and treasurer. We welcome Tricia to our Executive Board.

We also voted in December for the club's walker of the year. The ballots have been counted and we have a clear winner who will be announced at the annual dinner/meeting in January. The trophy will be presented at that time. We believe we should have a different way of voting. As it is now only the people who attend the December meeting get to vote. We recommend accept voting by mail, e-mail, i-pod, twitter, tweet, telephone call or any other means of communication.

Have you wondered what it would be like to host between three and four hundred walkers to one of our scheduled volksmarches? We did this with consistency back in the 1980s. What would it be like to have a sound system announce our volksmarch with lights and maybe some balloons? That proposal actually happened last month. Member Jeanne Miller received an e-mail from the director of Midwest Sound and Lighting. He informed Jeanne that he saw our Lights Volksmarch listed in the *Omaha World-Herald* and would be happy to provide sound reinforcement services for our event. We presume there was a fee involved. If we employed that group we wonder what kind of response we'd receive. Jeanne sent back a nice e-mail letting them know that our club is not big enough for that type of advertising.

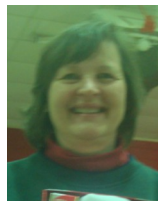
From the good crowd at our annual

Lights Walk our marchers contributed 192 rolls of TP, 26 gloves and mitts, 24 caps, nine scarves and eight head bands. All were delivered to MOHMs Place and they are grateful. A bit of a chilly day but there was no snow or freezing rain and the streets were dry. A good night for volksmarching! Good to see people from Ames, Des Moines and Grand Island. Even past-president Claudia Dowling and her husband Pete and son Stephen showed up.

Have you been on the Bennington year-round yet? Better get to it. The cutest start point of any year-round to which we've been. The start point is on Steve and Jeanne's front porch. The walk box is home-made of cedar siding and pine strips for trim. The front door is on hinges which drops down revealing an instruction folder and two free bottles of water. Neat. They said they'll check the box each day to see that the water bottles are not frozen.

Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

~Jim



## Sandy speaks

What a difference a year makes. Last year, we all froze our little tails off during the lights walk. This year was balmy and 89 walkers joined in the fun. And the next weekend was even warmer! With temps in the high 50's, 43 walkers joined us for the group walk of our year round in Fremont for "A Time to Walk". After registering in tight quarters in the HyVee restaurant (who knew it was such a popular spot for the breakfast crowd) and enjoying free

donuts and coffee, we all got special stamps with the time to walk logo, picked up our time to walk certificates and, for those of us who requested them, our colorful time to walk patches. Everyone headed out, many overdressed for the weather, so that we would all be on the trail at the appointed time. Some stopped for tea, some stopped for coffee and some stopped to spin the wheel for prizes. I missed that one, and I love anything that's for free. I heard that Sheila picked up a puzzle for her granddaughter and Julie got a sweater. If you were listening to the radio at the right time on the right station, they even mentioned the group of walkers that was traversing the fair city of Fremont at 10-11-12-13-14.

The weather is bound to turn colder soon, curtailing our walking adventures. We look forward to warm walks in Des Moines, including the Mall walk on January 1 and the skywalk on February 14. If anyone wants to ride along, let us know.

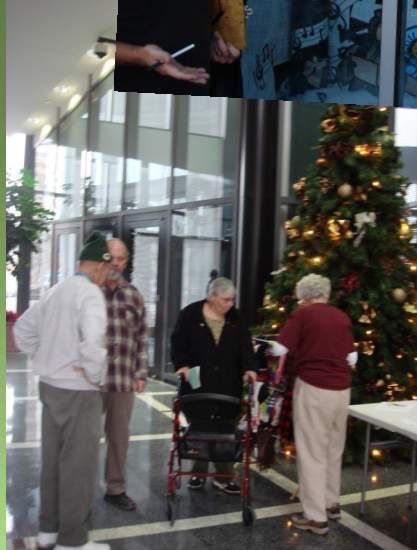
And don't forget to turn in your reservations for the annual dinner on January 16. We'll see you there!

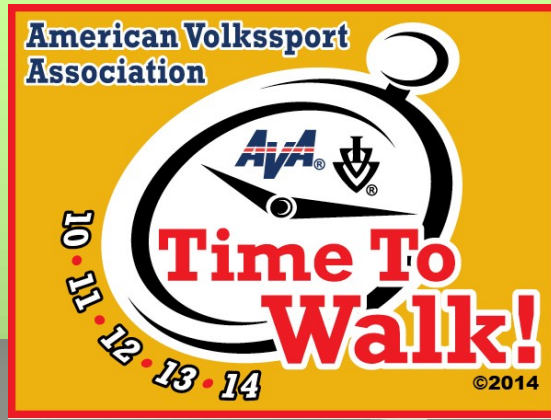
~Sandy



It is that time of year to remind members that on evenings when we would have a regular meeting (the next regular meeting is scheduled for Feb 2, 2015), if schools are closed or dismissed early due to weather the Nebraska Trailblazers will not hold a meeting that night.

# A Night of Lights





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### Annual Stone Arch Trail Soup Cook-Off

Saturday February 7, 2015  
5:00 p.m. (closes at 7:00 p.m.)  
\$10 for all the soup you can eat!

The soup cook-off will be held at Cardinal Lofts (the same place it has been held for several years) 304 Western Ave, Shelby, IA. Raffle tickets for great prizes will be available for purchase—tickets are drawn throughout the event. One of the ways they raise money for the trail is by having a people's choice award - this is determined by the number of votes the soup receives; one cent equals one vote so you can bring change or folding money if you want to vote for your favorite soup. As with most voting in the USA one is not required to vote.

They also auction off home made pies during the event. Last year a few pies were sold for over \$100.00 each!

For the last few years we have car pooled from Mall of the Bluffs - off Madison Ave (exit 5) - Council Bluffs.

If you are interested in either driving or riding please let me know so that I can start a list.

*~Butch*

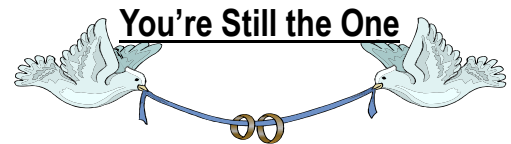


## Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events

Jan	17	NWFT Annual Meeting.....	NWFT
Feb	7	30th Anniversary Walk, Rapid City .....	BHVA
	7	Stone Arch Soup Cook-Off, Shelby IA	
	14	Des Moines Skywalk.....	GDMVA
	22	Lawrence KS Walk.....	SS
Mar	7	Soup Walk.....	NWFT
	14	Lincoln Walk.....	LVA
	14	St. Patrick's Walk, Des Moines .....	GDMVA
Apr	4	Western Trails Museum, Council Bluffs .....	NWFT
	25	Museum Walk, Olathe KS.....	Clay Platte Trackers
May	16	Shoal Creek Museum & Nature Walk .....	CPT

### Event Awards for Club Members

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Barbara Sronce	30	
Sandy Spaulding	1600	17,000
Butch Spaulding	1700	19,000
Dan Peters	2000	21,000
Ellen Peters	2000	



Jan	11	Butch & Sandy Spaulding
	13	Steve & Jeanne Miller
	23	Pete & Claudia Dowling
Feb	5	Jim & Sheil Goeltz
	6	Dannie & Ellen Peters
	11	Lee Frantz & Donna Campbell
	19	Dana & Teresa Merrick

### Happy Birthday to You!!!!

- January**
- 1 Susan Schwartz
  - 5 Judy Santiago
  - 9 Wilma Damian
  - 13 Dana Merrick
  - 20 Gail Boggs
  - 20 Cathy Ochsner
  - 26 Judy Seger



- February**
- 8 Jim McGahan
  - 19 Stan Fraas
  - 20 Gretchen Fry
  - 20 Becky Hepfner
  - 23 Betty Golmanavich

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## Meeting News

The next club meetings will be February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 8, 2015, at Morning Star Lutheran Church, located at 331 S 85th Street in Omaha. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. We try to have a short program before the business meeting. Just a reminder that the club meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with some exceptions: no meetings in January, July or August, and it is the 2nd Monday in September. Don't forget that at each meeting, we have a drawing for a \$10 door prize. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be a club member to win this.

## Membership Dues

November & December dues are now past due (check your mailing label—email message will be sent out as a reminder). Renewal is \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a family membership. Please send renewals to:

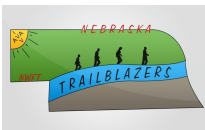
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## Newsletter Info

To place info/articles/photos in the next newsletter, simply email: [nwftprezmel@cox.net](mailto:nwftprezmel@cox.net)

Or snail-mail by February 15 to:

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# You are cordially invited...

WHAT: Nebraska Trailblazers Annual Dinner

WHEN: Saturday, January 17, 2015

WHERE: Farmhouse Café and Bakery  
3461 South 84th Street, just a short distance north of I-80 on the east side of the street.

COST: Varies—See items below. Nonmembers please add \$5  
Includes entrée choice, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity  
(Alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the attendee)

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Social Hour with cash bar  
6:00 p.m. Dinner

DETAILS: Dinner will be followed by a short business meeting . The highlight of the meeting will be the announcement of *Walker(s) of the Year*. Members voted at the December monthly meeting.

Please indicate your choice of entrée, potato & side (if applicable) on the form below and send with your payment to:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$9 **Farm House Potato Casserole** – Chicken tenders, honey ham chunks, broccoli, potatoes, cheeses, onions, hollandaise, and red roma tomatoes.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$11 **Chicken Carbonara** – large bowl of pasta, tossed in Alfredo sauce with grilled chicken tenders, bacon bits, and sautéed broccoli. Served with a house salad.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$11 **Liver and Onions** – beef liver dipped in flour, grilled and topped with sautéed onions and bacon, served with potato choice and one deli side. **Potato choices:** french fries, baked potato, potato puff, potato salad **Deli sides:** veggies, coleslaw, cottage cheese, baked beans, pasta salad, onion rings, house salad

Potato \_\_\_\_\_

Potato \_\_\_\_\_

Side \_\_\_\_\_

Side \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 **Tom Turkey Cobb Salad** - greens, sliced turkey breast, bacon, avocado, celery, tomatoes, scallions, hard-boiled egg, black olives, and bleu cheese.