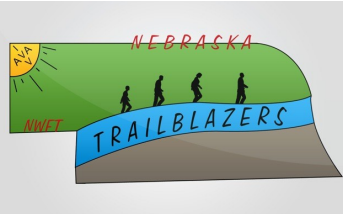


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The Prez Sez...

events, so we should get great publicity. We have reserved rooms in two hotels in Grand Island and will pass along the info to you as soon as we have confirmed prices.

The walking events will take place at the Crane Conservancy (Former Crane Meadows), the Dark Island Trail in Central City, the Explorit Center in Aurora and the Stuhr Museum in Grand Island. We will swim at the YMCA. This will be a great cool off after a warm August walk! Plan ahead- we will need volunteers as well as walkers!

Our July event will be a group walk of the Lincoln downtown year round. Times to meet will be posted by email and Facebook when we get closer to the event. If anyone is interested in carpooling to the Syracuse Germanfest on

July 9, let me know. There is not a walk there, but several people have expressed an interest in going. On August 13, we will do the year round at Hanscom Park and on August 27 we will have a group event at the Union Pacific Museum in Council Bluffs, meeting at 10:30. We will have a personal tour of the museum and then go for lunch at the Main St. Café.

After our June 4 meeting, we will not have another meeting until Sept 12.

On a different note, our resident author, Jim Goeltz, is retiring as a writer for our newsletter and *The Wanderer*. If anyone has a way with words and would like to write for either one, let me know. We can always give you ideas of what to write about if you need them.

~Sandy

The Committee and the Board have both been busy planning events for 2017.

The Eclipse weekend is starting to take shape. We have four walks and a swim planned in addition to a meet and greet and star party. We are still hoping to include a bicycle event. The venues we have been working with are very enthusiastic and helping us put on great events. We will be included in their Eclipse

Questions?
Suggestions?
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Jim's Notes

First many thanks for the get well card to my many volksmarch friends with whom I have walked the past many years. Your thoughts, prayers and comments very much appreciated!

Congratulations to Wilma on completion of 1900 walks, and also to Lee and Donna for completing 225, and to Phyl and Norma for reaching the 1150 mark. It's always a pleasure to see the names of club members adding to their volksmarch totals.

Recently I noticed in the Des Moines paper a small note which featured the Shelby Corn Crib. The Corn Crib was recognized in the article as an outstanding location by the National Association of Convenience Stores. The Corn Crib is also the start point for our Shelby walk. The beautification around the Corn Crib is courtesy of the sponsors of the Stone Arch trail, on which we walk.

There was a big spread in the local newspapers in May about the total eclipse of the sun which will streak across Nebraska next year. The Trailblazers intend to take a contingent of walkers to

Aurora for the event and do some volksmarching while the sun is eclipsed. President Sandy has already reserved some rooms in Aurora.

Also the club is still planning to go to Ogallala in September for their festival and do some volksmarching. Have you signed up?

The Trailblazer history: I have compiled an abridged edition of our club history. It is on my computer – taking up space. If you would desire a copy just let me know and I can e-mail it to you. Then I can free -up the space.

Twenty-some years ago when this newsletter had its beginning it contained some announcements, a schedule of club and regional volksmarches, club members birthdays or anniversaries. No real news articles. I noted the publication had no real journalistic articles so I decided to write a column. It was not called 'Jim's Notes' then – that was added some time later. In my column – since it wasn't a straight news article – I didn't have to adhere to the journalistic code of Who, What, When, Where, Why or How. I just wrote as I saw it. I made comments about volksmarches, walks others had undertaken, probably stepped on a few toes, but mostly in jest. I had fun with my commentary. My

column title and a picture came some years later, thanks to an editor. The newsletter has been *FOOSTAFFE* (Footsteps) ever since Sheila recommended that name. Since we now have a couple others (Sandy and Jeanne) who write interesting and efficient columns I am getting out of the business. My final article for *The Wanderer* appeared in an issue a couple months ago. I have been writing free-lance for my home town newspaper for 30 years and that is finished. This is my final column for *Footsteps*. Thanks to Julie – she has been (is) a good editor. And thanks to all you who have read my stuff!

~Jim

For the latest on events and news visit our website:

<http://www.netrailblazers.club/>

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Upcoming 2017 Events

- March 4 Soup walk in Council Bluffs
- April 1 I Spy Walk near Village Point
- May 13 Florence Days
- June 5-11 Convention in Billings, Montana
- August 18-21 Eclipse event
- September 9 Plattsmouth-King Korn Festival
- October 7 Bones walk around 60th & Center
- November 4 Pie walk-newly remodeled St. Barnabas
- December 2 Lights walk starting at the Landmark Bldg

If you would like to adopt any of these walks or assist with them, please let Sandy know. If you have never adopted a walk, we will help you with every step. We do have suggested start points for each of these walks, but have not confirmed the ones that are not listed. We have decided to wait until 2018 to do State parks as some of these parks are a little distance from town and need the trails verified, and we already have a couple of walks that we will need to travel to.

Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events



July	9	Frontenac MN	NTT
	9	City Gardens, Rapid City SD.....	BHVA
	10	Silver City SD.....	BHVA
	15	Downtown Lincoln NE—Meet 'n Eat	NTB
	16	Nemo SD	BHVA
	16	Iowa Games, Ames.....	GDMVA
	16	Sunfish Lake, Ramsey MN.....	TCV
	30	Prairie Walk, Princeton MN.....	CMV
Aug	6	Uptown Art Fair, Minneapolis MN.....	TCV
	13	Hanscom Park, Omaha—Meet 'n Eat	NTB
	20	Tower Grove Park, St. Louis	SLSVC
	27	Potato Days, Barnesville MN	RRVA
Sept	3	Alkali Creek, Sturgis.....	BHVA
	10	Center Lake, Custer.....	BHVA
	11	March to the Arch, St Louis.....	GN NFP
	16	State Walk/Mural Walk, Huron SD	PWVC
	17	Wallace State Park, Cameron MO	CPT
	17	25th Anniversary Walk/Prehistoric Indian Village Walk, Mitchell SD	PWVC
	24	Indian Summer Rendezvous, Ogallala.....	NTB
	25	Fall Foliage Stroll, Canton SD	PWVC

Event Awards for Club Members

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Donna Campbell	225	1,500
Lee Frantz	225	
Dee Willemsen	350	
Phyllis Olson	1,150	
Norma Wessel	1,150	11,000
Wilma Damian	1,900	
Dan Peters	2,200	
Ellen Peters	2,200	



July	1	WP & Sharon Hofstad
	3	Mel & Vicki Bohn
	4	Sharon Sullivan
	6	James & Lina Cashin
	7	Dave & Judy Zikmund
Aug	9	Stan & Carol Fraas
	15	Larry & Judy Seger
	16	Deb Gaskins
	31	Tim & Julie Brown

They Say it's Your Birthday...

July

- 2 Gabriella Castro
- 14 Ellen Peters
- 16 Ardith Orgies
- 17 Jerry Golmanavich
- 20 John Boggs
- 29 Jeanne Van Houweling



August

- 4 Robert Glenn II
- 9 Karen Dix-Johnson
- 12 Heidi Bober
- 14 Mark Conway
- 15 Dale Nielson
- 17 Sharon Sullivan
- 23 Tim Brown
- 24 Mary Brown
- 28 W.P. Hofstad
- 28 Dee Willemsen
- 29 Linda Gissendanner
- 29 Jeanne Miller

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Meeting News

The next club meetings will be September 12, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2016, 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

March & April 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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