



All Weather News
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1. **Super Events.** In the past month Louise and I joined the Four Plus Foolhardy Folks in Grand Coulee and our Canadian friends at the Phoenix Festival in Victoria BC. Both were very enjoyable, with remarkably different venues. I would have liked to have seen more participants at the Grand Coulee walks. Hope all our members will venture out more to experience new areas and great walks hosted by our clubs. This was our sixth Phoenix Festival and it was just as beautiful and exciting as the first one we attended.

2. **What are we doing to grow?** Yesterday the Board met for several hours and one topic was our next budget. While much of our energy was dedicated to controlling spending, the Board members agreed that our best efforts must be put toward membership growth and the revenue increase that represents. Your ideas, personal contacts and energy are paramount to our growth. Share your thoughts and leads with me, the national office or any of the Board officers. Keep up the great work through Meetup.com, as we are seeing local membership growth through the contacts we make there.

3. **Fall Magic.** The Lilac City Volkssport Assn has a superb August event in Wallace ID, featuring several historic walks in the quaint former mining region and you can fill out the weekend with a walk or bike ride on the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. September is going to be one of the most memorable months in our Northwest Volkssporting history, with a dozen walks, two bikes and a swim event in Bend OR brought to you by the Columbia River Volkssport Club. Following the Bend events we have four days of guided walks in Madras, The Dalles, Yakima and Leavenworth to help move us up to a second weekend of breathtaking walks and events in Winthrop WA courtesy of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association and several clubs. I especially want to invite our newer walkers to give one or more of these events a try; you'll really sense the great thrill our program offers exploring a new area.

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1. President's Corner

I sent out:

- a) Thurs Eve Walks
- b) Walk Talk #23

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Murals & Decorative Storm Drains Walk – Joe Titone

This was the most complicated walk I ever devised, and I have to thank fellow Osprey member, Bob Burke, for spending numerous weekends with me, first in finding the murals, and then devising a walking route that visited them in a logical sequence.

I sent the following to the *Columbian*: We want to thank the *Columbian* for allowing us to use your parking lot for the start of the Murals and Decorative Storm Drains Walk on Saturday, May 25. We first held this walk in 2016 when the weather was absolutely beautiful. On Saturday, it was very chilly with the threat of rain, but we had 127 walkers, 25% more than in 2016.

We have to thank you not only for the starting point, but for the excellent publicity in your Friday edition. It was a great success, with many compliments for the venue and the walk itself.

I also thanked the Murals Society for leading a guided walk and for their extended support throughout the design. I sent them a copy of the directions/map with all AVA and AWW info omitted.

We sold 3 new memberships at the walk. It was very easy to get volunteers for this walk. Bob Hall provided a lot of publicity and interfaced frequently with the Mural Society as well as stripping the trail. Others to thank: Liz Conners, Tom and Louise Baltes, Jan and Ted Breneman, Cheryl Snodgrass & Diane Lampe, Janet Traweek and her daughter Julia, Jean and James Ohl, Barbara & Dick Baker, Bob Ellis, and Linda Barneson. Also Earl Bowen and Burt Paynter were available if extra help was needed. I hope I've mentioned everyone, but please let me know if I omitted you. Thank you to all.

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Next Meeting: July 9, Hazel Dell Park - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Details and map are now at <http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/static.htm> Sections that rarely change are also at this link: list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

Ridgefield Birdfest, 10/05/19

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks – 10:00 am
<http://www.vancouverusavolkssporters.org/Wed/wed.htm>

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Achievements: [please contact the editor with event and distance milestones](#)

Janet Traweek – 500 events
Jean Ohl – 950 & 1,000 events, 9,000 km
James Ohl – 950 events
Louise Baltes – 1200, 1250, 1300 events, 11,000 km
Bob Ellis – 1,000 km
Nira Lang – 13,000 km
Burt Paynter – 21,000 km

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Welcome to new members – Greg Potegal / Monica Lindholm, Patricia Reed & Cheryl Meyers

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From: Jan Breneman janbreneman@gmail.com next month

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