

President's Corner by Mary Frink

Hello Everyone! By the time you get this, I will be in Utah, visiting family and getting ready for the AVA convention! I'm a little nervous about traveling, but excited as well. Next month I will have a writeup of what happened at the convention. It will be really long to make up for this month being really short! We don't have any day events planned for July, but we do have some group walks and Keith

Harlow has started a Tuesday morning group walk program. Check out the website for more information! I have to get back to laundry and packing, so, stay safe and have a wonderful July!



35th Anniversary Totes by Beate Hait

To celebrate our club's 35th anniversary in 2020, we were excited about offering our club members the opportunity to earn a lovely, teal tote bag with custom design imprint upon tallying 35 points earned through participation in volkswalks, attendance at meetings and recruiting a new club member. With 180+ people on our membership roster, we ordered 250 tote bags, thinking some folks would earn multiples.

And then came the pandemic.

It was still possible to earn points by the December 31, 2020 deadline by walking some year-round and seasonal events, attending meetings via Zoom, and participating in the three traditional events held that year. However, due to impacts caused by pandemic regulations, Walk 'n Mass decided to extend the program through December 2021.

To date, only 36 tote bags have been redeemed. We'd like to get more bags into member's hands (and out of the boxes in my dining room). There are still six months to earn 35 points and get a Walk 'n Mass tote bag.

If you like to walk with others, plan on joining the group walks (see the most recent schedule in *Footnotes*, Facebook, walknmass.org, or weekly email notices). If you can't match your time with any of these scheduled events, bring a friend or go on your own to some of your favorite volkssport year-round or seasonal events. Then let me know when you have 35 points so I can arrange to have a bag available at one of our events or meetings. If you live outside the region, a tote bag can be mailed to you. I can be reached at beateh1@aol.com or 508-429-3564 (landline).

Come Friends, Let's Walk

We invite you to explore walks of your choosing as time and weather permits in July.

Some jokes to ponder:

- ❖ *Why does ice cream always get invited to parties?*
- ❖ *What did the pig say on a hot summer day?*
- ❖ *What holds the sun up in the sky?*
- ❖ *When do you go at red and stop at green?*
- ❖ *Why didn't the sun go to college?*
- ❖ *Which letter is the coolest?*
- ❖ *What do sheep do on sunny days?*

See page 4 for joke answers.



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Pawtucket Recap

by Dawn Harlow

Photos by Mary Frink

It started as a rainy day at 8am when the trail marking team went out, but an hour later the sun appeared and it became a beautiful day. It really is a shame we only had 33 total walkers, there is a lot of history in Pawtucket and beautiful buildings. We had some challenges with the directions with so many twists and turns to make sure we saw all the history the rangers had pointed out in the tour. With the COVID vaccine reaching so many people, now at least 50% of the population in Massachusetts and Rhode Island are fully vaccinated, the states are finally allowing many restaurants and tourist sites to open. I hope we will have this walk again in the future, but with easier directions. I would truly like to thank all the Walk 'n Mass members for their support, encouragement, and volunteerism to support all our walks and make them available to everyone.



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June Meeting Highlights

Meeting held June 5, 2021

Group Walks:

- Sun., Aug. 15, Freedom Trail/Back Bay (sign-in 9:00-10:00; group walks 9:30)
- Sun., Sept. 12, Providence (TBD)
- Sat., Nov. 6, Provincetown (rain date Nov. 13)

Sunshine: Get well cards to Paul Graveline and Laurie Solomon; sympathy card to Cynthia Gray whose husband died in April; a birthday card to Agnes Laviolette.

Walk Coordinator:

- Turners Falls, MA, Sat., Oct. 9 (in conjunction with Twin State holding Middlebury, VT walk on Sun., Oct. 10)
 - Attleboro, Sat., Dec. 4
- * AVA to allow both physical registration and online start box capabilities at no extra cost.

AVA News:

- Big Give date is September 23, 2021.
- Mary requested free feather banner with AVA and WnM logos.

by Marianne Marshall

- WnM current with all AVA requirements for participating in 2021 Convention.
- WnM donation (WnM tote bag filled with ice cream related items) registered for Silent Auction.
- AVA seeking volunteers to help with 2023 Olympiad.
- WnM voted in favor of the unopposed candidates for AVA National Officer positions: Chair, Nancy Wittenberg; Vice Chair, Susan Medlin; Board Secretary, Cecilia Miner; and Finance Chair, Ed McCabe.
- On motion presented to extend term of office from 2 to 4 years for AVA National Officers and Regional Director positions, WnM voted 1 in favor, 10 against, and 2 abstained.

New Business:

- **Saturday, August 7** club meeting will be outside in Harlows' large backyard in Blackstone starting at 10:00 am.

Walk Coordinator Speaks

Pawtucket, RI in review – Many thanks to Dawn Harlow for planning this walk held on June 12. When it was originally planned for 2020, the date coincided with a Paw Sox game. While the 10K route did pass the stadium, the team now plays in Worcester. Still, those attending enjoyed the ambiance of the brewery that served as our start/finish—and several walkers enjoyed beverages to quench their thirst.

Upcoming Walk Opportunities – Alas, as this newsletter goes to print, plans are not confirmed for the Turners Falls walk that we hope to have on Oct. 9. The intended start point recently reopened to the public, but we have not yet gotten confirmation on our walk.

Also, due to changes at La Salette in Attleboro, we are reassessing having the walk there in December. Look for determinations on these two events in the next newsletter.

by Beate Hait

In the meantime, please make it a point to bike (Bedford and Sandwich/Bourne) and walk (Boston, Cheshire, Concord, Fall River, Greenfield, Hyannis, Lexington, Newton, Plymouth, Provincetown, Quincy, Sandwich, Shelburne Falls, and Wellesley, Massachusetts as well as Bristol, Newport, and Providence, Rhode Island) our club's events—or those of other folksport clubs wherever your travels take you. Explore familiar places and ones new to you, one step at a time.

Fall River Group Walkers



Keith Harlow

June 19 was a lovely day to enjoy the Fall River trail

Bulletin Board

POC Bill Howe reports the **Lowell National Historical Park** is open again and the Lowell walk box has returned to its traditional home in the Visitor's Center at **246 Market Street**, with free parking at 304 Dutton Street.

OPEN

30th Walk Around Florida: November 5-7, 2021 in Daytona Beach

Four walks, a swim, and social opportunities!

Host hotel: Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach, special rate available with **Walk Around Florida 30** code.

Preregistration form and further details in the WAF brochure:
<https://happywanderersfl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/HW-WAF30-Brochure.pdf>

or go to <https://happywanderersfl.org>

Next Club Meeting

Saturday, Aug. 7

10:00 am

the Harlows' backyard
32 Bellingham Road

Blackstone, MA

Upcoming Group Walks

August 2021

Freedom Trail / Back Bay –
Sunday, August 15

Sign in at NPS 9:00-10:00;
Group Walk 9:30

September 2021

Providence – Sunday, Sept. 12
Sign in 9:30; Group Walk 10:00

November 2021

Provincetown – Sat., Nov. 6
Sign in 10:00-12:00; Group
Walk 10:30 (rain date Sat., Nov.
13)

Tuesday Walk & Lunch Club

Mystic CT – Tuesday, June 29
Walk at 10:30

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Tuesdays schedule

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Answer to last month's
picture location question
for Rayna & Priya:
Lexington

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Deadline for next issue: July 21st

Joke answers (from page 1)

1. It's cool.
2. I'm bacon!
3. Sunbeams
4. When you're eating watermelon!
5. It already has a million degrees.
6. Iced T
7. Have a baa-baa-cue

**Do you have a favorite
volksmarching
story to share?
Did something
especially memorable
happen on a walk?**

Send your story to
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