

## President's Corner

The Lincoln Woods walk is officially on for August 20! I have finally gotten all of the permits and straightened out the insurance so we can walk as well as have a picnic! There is still a lot to do. I have to get the paperwork in to get the sanction from AVA so we can all stamp our books. I also have to finish the routes and get them officially measured. Things will be a little different with this walk. The rules of the park do not allow us to sell anything at the walk. That includes the \$3 fee we charge for IVV credit walkers. We are going to be doing registrations in advance. There will be a form you fill out and send it and the money to me ahead of time. I'll fill out a start card for you and it will be waiting when you get there! If you need AVA books or other specialties, we'll work something out. The other difference is that the picnic will be a "bring your own" picnic. We don't have an Activities Chairperson to help organize it and a lot of people are still not comfortable with shared food/buffets due to COVID. I hope you will bring a picnic and stay. The picnic walk is when we do our volunteer awards presentation! It's also a great time to hang out with people you haven't seen in a while and chat. Things are moving right along! I hope this is giving you ideas of places to walk.

by Mary Frink

The other event I want to mention is the IVV Olympiad coming up in February 2023. It's going to be in the USA! Specifically, it is going to be in San Antonio, Texas, February 19–23, 2023. I have never been to an Olympiad, but I know many people who have and they say it's an amazing experience. For those who don't know what an Olympiad is, it's an AVA convention on steroids. People from all over the world attend. IVV is the international organization that AVA is a part of. Walks are from 5K to 21K and it looks like there are some you can do that are 42K! There is a preliminary schedule posted on [ava.org](http://ava.org) and it looks really exciting. I understand that this is the first time there's been an IVV Olympiad in the USA. They have already reserved a hotel and the registration site will be open soon. Immediately following the Olympiad will be the IML Texas Trail Roundup. IML is short for International Marching League and I believe this event is held every year. It appears to be along the same lines as the Olympiad. If you have been to either of these events before, let me know! I'd love some stories or information that I can pass along to interest people in going.

So many opportunities to walk in so many places! I hope to see you soon!

## Come Friends, Let's Walk

- ❖ *Saturday, April 30*  
Group Walk:  
*Plymouth 10:00 am*
- ❖ *Saturday, May 14*  
Group Walk:  
*Windsor, CT*  
*9:00 am (CVVC)*
- ❖ *Saturday, May 14*  
Group Walk:  
*Bristol, RI 10:00 am*
- ❖ *Saturday, May 21*  
Day Event:  
*Ipswich, MA (ITWC)*
- ❖ *Saturday, June 4*  
Group Walk:  
*Shelburne Falls, MA*  
*10:00 am*

*See club or AVA website for starting location details on these events. For group walks, please aim to arrive 15 minutes earlier to sign-in.*



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# [Reprint] Boston Bricks Uncovered!

by Carole Giesecke

Marianne Marshall and I were re-walking the Boston Special Places route in March, to check the trail in advance of our event on April 3, and made a great discovery! All the bronze "bricks" on Winthrop Street are visible now (unlike last year when some were covered with construction materials).



Bricks feature history, humor, and emblematic symbols for Boston/Bostonians

Editor: due to a printing error, those who receive the hard copy edition were mistakenly missing page 2 of our April issue. Please accept our apologies.



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# Fall River QRT Recap

by Ann Plichta

A beautiful blue sky and wall to wall sunshine greeted the 35 participants who walked the Fall River Quequechan Rail Trail on Saturday, April 23. We heard lots of positive comments about the trail, including the flowering trees and the abundance of waterfowl including ducks, geese, and two pairs of swans. One swan was spotted sitting on a nest, so soon cygnets will be joining the flock! Many walkers commented on the turtles enjoying the day as well, sunning themselves on rocks.

We had one walker who showed up because she saw the press release in our local paper. Several other locals who were walking the trail asked our volunteers questions about Walk 'n Mass. Always good to have exposure! Karen and I want to thank our volunteers, Diane Bucher, Margo Craven, Verna DeVine, Mary Frink, Beate Hait, Sandy Hall, Keith Harlow, Joanne Izbicki, Paul Kelly, Bev Lange, Agnes and Ernie Laviolette, Alida and Phil Lupsiewicz, Marianne Marshall, Linda Perotto, and Carol and Jerry Raposa. We can't have traditional events without you and we appreciate your help.



Beate Hait



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Bev Lange



Mary Frink



Bev Lange



# Bulletin Board

Two Town Walking Club has planned a special walk in **Ipswich on Saturday, May 21, 2022**, honoring late member Karen Campbell.

Registration will be at the Ipswich Masonic Temple, 70 Topsfield Road, Ipswich, MA, from 9:00-10:30 am. Walkers must finish by 1:30 pm.

<https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=121468>

## MA Councils on Aging Walk Massachusetts Challenge: May 1—October 31, 2022

Anyone age 5 and up can participate and choose from the 4 challenge offerings for total distance.

Learn more: [www.walkmachallenge.com/#/about](http://www.walkmachallenge.com/#/about)

## Next Club Meeting Saturday, May 7

10:00 am

Joe & Blake's yard  
83 Robin Hill Road  
Holliston, MA

## Northeast Weekend 2022!

Niagara Frontier Volkssport Club

## September 17 and 18

Holiday Inn Niagara Falls, 114 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Call 716-285-2521 ext 2 for event special rate. Ask for Niagara Club rate for Sept 16/17/18, or direct link from club website below.

[www.NiagaraVolkssportclubs.org](http://www.NiagaraVolkssportclubs.org)

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**Do you have a memorable walk or volksmarching travel story to share?** Send it to [footnotes.editor@gmail.com](mailto:footnotes.editor@gmail.com) for possible publication in a future edition of **Footnotes**.

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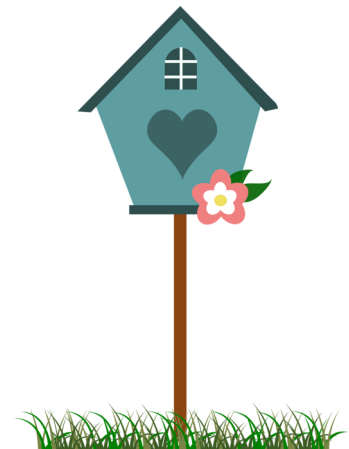


2023  
**18<sup>th</sup> OLYMPIAD**  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS USA

February 19-23, 2023/IVV Olympiad  
February 24-26, 2023/IML Texas Trail Roundup

Eight glorious days of walking, biking and swimming including the world-famous River Walk and World Heritage missions. At night, enjoy a uniquely American experience at the award winning San Antonio Stock & Rodeo Show!  
\*Rodeo is optional at an additional cost.

[IVVOlympiad2023.org](http://IVVOlympiad2023.org)  
[texastrailroundup.org](http://texastrailroundup.org)



# April Meeting Highlights

by Marianne Marshall

## Meeting held April 4, 2022 via Zoom

### Walk Coordinator:

Lincoln Woods:

- \* 20 Lincoln Woods patches from Sept. 11, 1993 that can be sold as "B" awards.
- \* Will include a "bring your own picnic" event at noon.
- \* No money can be exchanged (Rhode Island State Park) so will offer pre-registration.

**Lexington SE:** building opens May 7; restrooms available now.

**Lowell YRE:** use parking garage (350 Dutton Street) and make sure National Park rangers validate your ticket.

**Sandwich:** due to closure of boardwalk, new directions are in place.

**Newport SE:** due to collapse of portions of Cliff Walk, alternate directions are in place.

### AVA News:

- La Quinta San Antonio Riverwalk Hotel selected as host hotel for 2023 IVV Olympiad/IML.

### New Business:

- \* Upcoming club meetings:  
**Saturday, May 7 at 10am** at Blake & Joe's in Holliston [change from previously announced location]  
**Monday, June 6 at 6:30** (tentative, Choate Park, Medway)

### Upcoming Walks:

times as below unless noted  
**GW = Group Walk [sign in 9:30, walk at 10:00];**

**WL = Walk & Lunch Tuesdays [walk at 10:30];**

**TE = Traditional/Day Event**

WL Tue., May 3 Mystic, CT

WL Tue., May 10 Newton Centre

GW Sat., May 14 Bristol, RI

WL Tue., May 17 Bedford

TE Sat., May 21 Ipswich (Two Town)

WL Tue., May 24 Concord

WL Tue., May 31 Lexington

GW Sat., June 4 Shelburne Falls

GW Sat., June 18 Fall River

GW Sat., June 25 Saco, Maine 11:15  
(northbound train arrival; SMVC)

TE Sat., Aug. 20 Lincoln Woods, RI

TE Sat/Sun., Sept. 17-18 Niagara Falls (NFVC)

TE Sat., Oct. 15 Saxonville, MA



# Cryptogram Puzzle

Can you solve this cipher to reveal a quote from an author?

To solve, replace each letter with a different letter. Hints: J = A and Q = H and Z = D

L B L I W N T Z U W K S J T R B J O K J U Z B J V ,

L K Q L U R L O Q W N T Z G N O K C Y A T W Z C

J U Z A C V L O Q .

--I Q J V T C O Z L I R C U O



# In Memoriam: Barbara Kimball

by Beate Hait

October 3, 1927-April 22, 2022



I first met Barbara Kimball in late 1990s when she regularly showed up at volkswalks with her 80ish-year-old friend Betty Butterworth. Years later, I often drove Barbara to events and enjoyed listening to stories

of how, growing up in Wellesley, her mother didn't allow her to learn to drive a car because it was too dangerous—so Barbara learned to fly a plane! She was always adventurous and enjoyed the outdoors, regularly walking in her Hopkinton neighborhood with her son Wayne and in Stony Brook Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, where she also volunteered. She also had fond memories of camping with her husband and sons in Baxter State Park in Maine, which is where she asked her son Cliff to take her for her 80th birthday.

Barbara continued volkswalking and helping to staff events until recently when health challenges intervened. Still game for short walks, Barbara joined my granddaughter Priya and me last November on Hopkinton's Center Trail. Walk 'n Mass sends heartfelt condolences to Barbara's family.

*Barbara's WnM volunteer data from June 1997 through June 2017, compiled by Marianne Marshall*

Check Point: Uxbridge (2), Milford (2), Chatham, Fairhaven, Framingham, Brookline, Holliston

Clean Up: Dedham, Hopkinton

Finish: Dedham

Start: Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton,

Map Marking: North Easton

Specialties: Assonet, Holliston, Lowell, Brookline

Food set up: Bedford, Wakefield, Hopkinton (2)

Trail Marking: Chatham, Barre Falls Dam, Wakefield, Holliston

Trail Take Down: Hopkinton

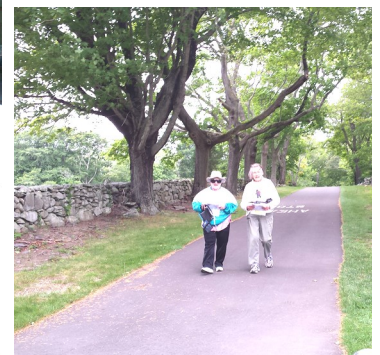
Greeter: Hopkinton

Attendance at meetings: 2014-2017



*Photos courtesy of Beate Hait*

*Clockwise from top left: Sandwich Boardwalk in Sept. 2012; Beate & Barbara April 2019; with Jean Morrissey in Bristol, RI July 2017; with Leo Borque and Monica Hait, Peterborough, NH in 2013; with Priya in Nov. 2021*





## Group Photos

On April 5, the Tuesday walkers were in Fall River. Carol, Marianne, Ann, Joanne, and Keith were joined by Carol's friend Chi for this outing.



Joanne Izbicki



Joanne Izbicki

(Most of the) Patriots' Day group in Concord: Ann, Carol, Marianne, Joanne, Miriam, Don, and Keith



Keith Harlow



Joanne Izbicki

## Specialties

**Club Merchandise** – With the goal of reducing inventory, the WnM Board has decided to offer club apparel at sale prices. See pictures on the Products page of the club website (<https://walknmass.org/products.htm>). As of April 24, apparel items and sizes in stock are listed below. Contact Bea to confirm availability, order, and arrange delivery.

ITEM	SALE PRICE	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	2X
Fleece Jacket (electric blue)	\$35				2	
Fleece Vest (navy)	\$20		2			
Club Jacket (teal & white)	\$15				12	
Men's Polo (navy)	\$15		6	2	3	
Ladies' Polo (navy)	\$15	2	1		5	
Lime Green T	\$5	6	4			
Light Blue T	\$5	1	6	12		
Denim long-sleeve	\$15	1	4	3		1
V-neck T (blue)	\$10		8	8	8	
Long-sleeve T (blue)	\$15				1	
50-states/51-capitals T	\$10		4	2	7	
Baseball Cap (adjustable)	\$10	10				
Visor (adjustable)	\$10	13				

## Walk Coordinator Speaks

by Beate Hait

**Quequechan Rail Trail – Fall River, MA** – It was a glorious, sunny (and somewhat windy) day when 35 participants arrived for this event on April 23. Thank you to cousins Karen and Ann Plichta for planning this event. See Ann's recap of this day on page 3.

**Year-round/Seasonal Events** – You are encouraged to participate in any of our club's year-round and seasonal events when they fit your schedule—or the events hosted by clubs in neighboring states. You may also opt to join any of the Tuesday or Saturday group walk dates – and if you prefer to walk on your own, that's perfectly fine! Sometimes just setting a date to participate in a particular event will make you more inclined to make it happen. See dates on page one of this newsletter or check [www.walkmass.org](http://www.walkmass.org). To see where events are happening in other parts of the USA, see [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org).

**Saturday, May 21 – Ipswich, MA** – Two Town Volkssport Club is hosting a memorial walk for their long-time treasurer, Karen Campbell, who died in Sept. 2021. Karen was also a long-time member of Walk 'n Mass. This is a map-guided walk (6K and 10K) with a start time between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Ipswich Masonic Temple, 70 Topsfield Road, Ipswich.

**Upcoming Traditional Day Event & Club Picnic – Saturday, August 20 in Lincoln Woods, RI.** The start/finish will be set up at the newly renovated pavilion. We will eat at Noon and then have a brief club meeting with volunteer acknowledgements and awards being presented. The brochure for this event will be included with the June *Footnotes*.

This event will be a first for our club in three ways: (1) Pre-registration for this event will be required for all participants because no money is allowed to exchange hands on property owned by RI State Parks. A pre-registration form will be included with the brochure, and we ask that you submit your pre-registration ASAP. (2) If you need IVV books or wish to purchase club apparel or other items, please contact Bea to pay in advance and pick up the item(s) at this event. (3) Each participant is asked to bring their own lunch and beverage and follow the carry-in/carry-out policy in place at this location.

## Pictures:

File this under “memorable volkswalk sightings.” Tuesday Walkers on April 12 were exploring Shelburne Falls where the group witnessed a unique animal rescue. A large beaver had gotten itself stuck in one of the glacial potholes in town. A shopkeeper sprayed water to fill the hole until the beaver could float high enough to climb out. Cheering ensued from onlookers.



Joanne Izbicki