

November 2024 Newsletter

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We meet on the second Wednesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Currently most of our meetings are held remote using the internet except for the August PICNIC Meeting which is normally held at the outdoor patio next to the cafeteria at the Adventist Health Portland, 10123 SE Market St, Portland, OR 97216

Schedule of Club Events

11 Dec – General Meeting - 7:00PM

Meeting will be held

- (1) electronically via Jitsi.
- (or 2) reestablish our Pizza meeting. Looking for a place that would have a private area or room that we could use.

There will be a notice of the meeting on exact details

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**6 NOV @ 9:40 TO 9:55 AM (WEDNESDAY)
GRESHAM, OR**

Gresham Main City Park, 219 S. Main St.

Gresham Town and More – YRE 519

Two loops. The 5k -Downtown Loop takes you thru the downtown area and on the Springwater Trail and back to Main City Park and onto Tsuru Island. The 6k takes you to Bella Vista Park and thru the Civic Station Shopping Mall.

5 and 11 km rated 1A (easy)



Walkers at 3 Cities = 3 parks – 23 Oct 2024

**6 NOV @ 9:30 TO 10:00 AM (WEDNESDAY)
SPOKANE, WA**

Private Residence
12508 N. Denver Drive

Children of the Sun Trail Walk – (TGW)

New pathway that technologically enhanced journey through the region's history, culture, and ecology. A collaboration between Gonzaga University and local organizations, to create a rich tapestry of narratives centered around the Children of the Sun trail

5 and 10 km rated 1A (easy)

**9 NOV @ 10:00 AM TO NOON (SATURDAY)
BUCKLEY, WA**

Cedar Community Church, 192 Cedar St.

Walk Foothills Trail's New Bridge– (Event)

Come join us in walking the new sections of the Foothills Trail that lead up to and across this new bridge over the White River.

5 and 10 km rated 1A (easy)

**9 NOV @ 9:30 AM TO 10 AM (SATURDAY)
CHENEY, WA**

Columbia Plateau State Park Trailhead
on Cheney Spangle Road

Cheney Wetlands – (TGW)

Walk to and through the Wetlands and two loop trails with the possibility of seeing wildlife on the route.

10 km rated 1B (moderate)

**13 NOV @ 9:40 TO 9:55 AM (WEDNESDAY)
VANCOUVER, WA**

Ft. Vancouver Visitor Center
1501 E Evergreen Blvd.

Princess Ilchee Group Walk – YRE 369

The route highlights the relationship of Vancouver & the Fort to the Columbia River. It goes to the new waterfront development which includes restaurants, a spectacular water feature, playground, and unique overwater pier. The 10 km route follows the Renaissance Trail upstream passing the Statue of Princess Ilchee

5 and 10 km rated 1A (easy)



10 km Wed Walkers 3 Cities/3 Parks on 23 Oct 2024

**NOV 13 @ 9:00 AM TO 10 AM WEDNESDAY)
MILLWOOD, WA**

Skyway Café Parking Lot,
6110 E. Rutter Ave.

Felts Field and Milwood Walk – (TGW)

Walk along Felts Field, founded in 1927 and the neighborhoods of Milwood. The 10 K walkers will pass City Hall and the WWI Memorial on Argonne.

6 and 10 km rated 1 (easy)



5 km Wed Walkers Summer Lake – 16 Oct 2024

**NOV 14 @ 9:45 TO 9:55 AM (THURSDAY)
SALEM, OR**

Parking Lots near RR, 550 Water St NE

West Salem Walk – (TGW)

Both routes will go to older and newer residential parts of West Salem including the small downtown area

5km rated 1A (easy) and 10 km rated 2A (moderate)

**NOV 16 @ 9:30 TO 10:00 AM (SATURDAY)
MEDICAL LAKE, WA**

Waterfront Park near beach - ,just past boat launch.

Loop the Lake Walk – (TGW)

The 5 km walk will loop the lake and the 10 km walk will loop the lake twice.

5 and 10 km rated 1A (easy)



Wed Walkers @ Summer Lake Start – 16 Oct 2024

**NOV 19 @ 9:45 TO 10:00 AM (TUESDAY)
CORVALLIS, OR**

Village Green City Park. 980 NE Conifer Blvd

Wetlands Walk - (TGW)

Walk in neighborhoods and parks with a boardwalk trail in a wetland area.

5 and 10 km rated 1A (easy)

**NOV 20 @ 9:40 TO 9:55 AM (WEDNESDAY)
LAKE OSWEGO, OR**

Street Parking next to Safeway, 401 A Ave.

Gallery without Walls Walk – YRE 1609

Gallery without Walls is an outdoor exhibit of over 75 permanent and loaned works of art in Lake Oswego. There are 30 sculptures downtown. The walk will go by many of these sculptures. The 10 km will also go into Tryon Creek State Park

5km rated 1A (easy), 10 km rated 2B (moderate)



Wed Walkers 3 Cities/3 Parks on 23 Oct 2024

NOV 23 @ 9:30 TO 10:00 (SATURDAY)

SPOKANE, WA

North Spokane Library Parking Lot
44 E Hawthorne (parking lot on Hawthorne)

Whitworth University – (TGW)

The walk will go from the North Spokane Library into the Whitworth University Campus passing the president's residence, classroom buildings, and student housing.

5km rate 1A (easy)



Wed Walkers Red Sunset on 9 Oct 2024

NOV 29 @ 9:00 TO 11:00 (FRIDAY)

BATTLE GROUND, WA

Dev's Coffee Bar, 316 E. Main St.

Opt Out Walk - (TGW)

Walk in residential neighborhood, into parks and along Main St. OPT-OUT activities was started by REI to get people outside doing physical activities instead of shopping Black Friday sales. Group walk for 5 and 10 km distances starts at 9:30 AM

- 5 and 10 km rated 1A (easy)



University of Portland Walk – 2 Oct 2024

NOV 27 @ 9:40 TO 9:55 AM (WEDNESDAY)

PORTLAND, OR

Starbucks Coffee, 16200 SW Pacific Hwy.

Cooks Park Walk – YRE 1693

Walk in nice neighborhoods on sidewalks and on paved and bark trails in Cooks Park along the Tualatin River. One section can be muddy during very wet weather but the bark section can be detoured by using a paved pavement area in the park.

- 5km and 10 km rated 1A (easy)



Red Sunset Walk Start – 9 Oct 2024

NOV 30 @ 9:00 TO 10:00 AM (SATURDAY)

EDMONDS, WA

Edmonds United Methodist Church,
828 Caspers St

Sound Steppers Turkey Trot - (TGW)

Two 5k routes. One route goes to the waterfront and ferry terminal with views of Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains. The other goes thru Yost Park, cross Shell Creek and past the Swimming Pool, library and newly opened Civic Center Playfield

5km and 10 km rated 1A (easy)

Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2024 – Shady Cove

President, Mary Reed; Vice President, Ed Hainline; Secretary, Jan Epperson; Treasurer, Karen McGehee; Website, Pat Jewett; Publicity, Vacant; WOC, Dan Webster; Recognition, Ed Hainline, Dick Baker; Regional Director, Sharon Moats; Deputy Regional Director, Ed Hainline

Clubs:

Albany Fitwalkers – Don Reed

Cedar Milers – Dan Webster

Columbia River Volkssport Club – Ed Hainline

Corvallis Cruisers – Don Reed

East County Windwalkers – absent

Treasurer – absent

Rogue Valley Walkers – Ed Hainline

Rose City Roamers – Ed Hainline

Silverton Walk Abouts – Jan Epperson

Willamette Wanderers – Jan Epperson

NWRD – Sharon Moats

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by President, Mary Reed.

Announcements:

Minutes of July 13, 2024 meeting: Motion to approve Don Reed, seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen McGehee absent. Checking account balance is \$3477.79 (+526.00 from July), savings is \$4711.00 (no change). Dan Webster has given a \$250.00 donation and needs a written receipt to get his employer to match the donation. Mary Reed will send him a receipt with all necessary information.

OTSVA Challenges: Dan Webster stated that requests for Alphabet books have been trickling in and people are finishing up the Peace Pole challenge. As stated last meeting, no new challenge is planned for 2025. Considering Saints or Butterflies for 2026, we can make a decision next summer.

Clubs are adding the Grain Elevator and Walk with the Wild Things challenges to walk descriptions.

OTSVA will have the Rogue Valley walks beginning 2025. Dan will update the challenge information on those walks.

Rogue Valley Walkers club closure: Ed Hainline said the eleven year round and three seasonal walks have been transferred to OTSVA effective January 2025. After the last invoices have been paid and final reports completed the account will be closed.

Dan Webster asked about the future of the Roseburg walk. After some discussion it was decided that OTSVA would take over the Roseburg walk as a year round PPSF starting in January 2025.

Regional Directors Report: Sharon Moats stated that clubs need to be represented at the National Convention in New Mexico in April 2025.

There is a big meeting coming up in November including budget approval.

The recent financial reports show substantial decline in walkers across the nation. People are not driving as far to attend events. Expectation is for the decline to continue.

Regional Conference did pretty well with 150 participants. Credit walks were listed at \$4.00 and suggested donation for non-credit was \$4.00, everyone was receptive to that.

Sharon will send emails to clubs asking them to use “stickers only” (not order any stamps) in 2025 as a pilot program. Clubs can decide individually if they want to participate. Ed will handle the project in Oregon.

Openings for Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director: Sandi Severtsen from Washington has expressed an interest in RD. The Committee would like someone from Oregon for Deputy RD. If you are interested in serving or want to recommend someone, contact Ed Hainline.

Meet-up: Sharon Moats said the anticipated Meet-up price increase might be averted by saying the club will drop Meet-up. If they offer the same price, try to renew for a full year instead of six months. Ed Hainline said the Vancouver club has indicated that they would pay for the next renewal. Ed will get the bill to the Vancouver club. Mary Reed will send a thank you to the Vancouver club.

Winter Walk Challenge: There was discussion about bringing back the Winter Walk Challenge as an incentive to increase walkers. The cost would be \$225.00.

Motion: Don Reed made a motion to have the Winter Walk Challenge for 2025. Seconded, passed.

Future Events:

Mary Reed inquired about the possibility of OTSVA doing a traditional walk. Dan Webster recommended a walk at Quinn’s Creek, starting from Heaven on Earth Bakery. He suggested pre-registration only due to impact on the bakery. Proposed date is September 27, 2025.

Ed said he doesn’t know if there will be another Shady Cove event. There has been some interest in an event in the Grants Pass area.

Don said he is organizing a trip to the South coast to do light house walks tentatively set for August 8-10, 2025, “Sashay in Southern Oregon”. Dan and Don may create walks in Gold Beach, Coquille and Florence for the event.

Next meeting: Pre-Super Bowl walk February 8, 2025.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Epperson, Secretary