

BLACK HILLS VOLKSSORT ASSOCIATION SPRING NEWSLETTER

Are you ready to begin a fun filled walking season? We have done our best to get a great season lined up. The South Dakota Event Books are out and Wanda has put a lot of time into them, thanks Wanda we so appreciate you. We do however have a correction, on September 22; the Whitewood Creek Walk will be starting at the Days of 76 Rodeo Grounds in Deadwood. Please keep following us on our website, www.bhva.org, you will find all of the latest updates there (modern technology is so awesome). Mary Jane has done some great work putting this site together; if you have anything that needs to go on this site please submit the info to her at mjjordan92@hotmail.com or 307-290-2349.

CRAZY HORSE- workers are still needed please contact Lora 716-2105 if you can help; we have incentives for our workers, thank you in advance for your assistance.

RELAY FOR LIFE- Please join the BHVA Hiking Stars for the Pennington County Relay for Life. The hard part is done. The club has already donated \$1000. We just need willing walkers to take a few laps around Sioux Park on June 14-15. We have plenty of early evening walkers. We need walkers after 10p.m. Here's a chance to walk under the stars. If you are unable to walk, but want to support the American Cancer Society, consider buying and decorating a luminaire for \$10 to honor a loved one. To register to walk or buy a luminaire, contact Andrea at 605-515-3677 or Nancy at 605-393-2665.

MEMBERS- When you do any of the seasonal or year round walks, the fee has changed from \$3.00 to \$2.00. This is a member benefit that was voted at the spring meeting. Take advantage and put an "M" in the fee box "M" for member and the \$2.00 in the designated envelope. Questions- call me 718-3686

HONORARY MEMBERS –spring meeting passed a motion to have our members who are 80 or above (imagine that blessing) or not able to walk because of health issues to contact a board member and we will waive the membership dues and you would still get the newsletter and are welcome at all walks and can attend spring and fall meetings.

The Spring Walking Events are still happening, usually on Thursday mornings, call 381-5176 and Beth will give you more details or check the web –FUN TIMES

HEALTH FAIRS – Discover the Hills will be at EAFB on Wednesday May 22 from 10-3, if you can help with this event and promote walking in our beautiful state, give Lora a call 716-2105. If you know of any other health fairs in the area give me a call and we can get some info together.

NEW INCENTIVE PROGRAM – This year the first 10 walks will give you the patch – then the next 10 will entitle you to a vest with the BHVA symbol and name of our club. We want all of our members to be BIG WINNERS this year. So get those walking shoes on and hit the trail. The vest does require 10 different walks, can't all be Alex Johnson. Call Diane Johannesen for more details at 307-283-1043 or contact her on the web, dianejohannesen@hotmail.com.

BUS TRIP- we are seeking info from our members about having a bus trip in 2014. We have forms available if you are interested. Where do you want to go, when do you want to go - - we need to be planning this NOW!! The information needs to be presented at the Fall Meeting. Any suggestions – I heard maybe Minneapolis and even take in a baseball game. FUN!! I also heard take an airplane – some flights are real reasonable – and then plan walks in that area. Think about it, talk to a fellow walker and make some plans. You can do this, we need your input. Our previous adventures have been awesome. Contact me and I will get you the necessary paperwork.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: Diane Johannesen went to the convention in Florida as our delegate. She also put together a basket for the raffle. We will look forward to info when she returns.

REQUEST FROM AVA HEADQUARTERS - PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BOOKS TO AVA UPON COMPLETION – DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE SEVERAL BOOKS TO SEND IN – KEEP CURRENT

I almost forgot, this item is not in your walking books. Our club is sponsoring a second walk this fall for Crazy Horse. The Tourism Department has changed the Buffalo Round Up to Friday the 27th of September. So we have been contacted by the Crazy Horse family to put a walk on for them. Yes, the dates will be **Sunday and Monday, September 29 and 30**. At this point nothing has been decided, no details available. We will be meeting with them soon to get the process started. **So PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!**

This is the news in a nutshell. Thank you for the opportunity to preside over your club. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Looking forward to seeing you on the trails –

Karen Elverud

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