

BUFFALO BEAT

We are officially in the season of regrouping. What an exciting season we have had. Thanks to each one of you for your participation in our walking events. But be prepared, our next season is looking just as great! Do you have any walks you would like to put on?? We would love to hear from you and help you get the event on our calendar. Keep in touch with our website, www.bhva.org, it is fabulous.

Our Fall BHVA meeting was well attended. If you were unable to be there, here is a little recap of what was on the agenda.

1. Your dues are due for the upcoming year; please pay Beth Hendricks so we can keep our mailing lists updated.
2. You will not want to miss any of the events that are planned for 2014. Our theme for next year is "CLICKETY CLACK YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK". Toni Martin has given us LOTS of info on train walks that she has done over the past years. So we are going to get the info together and share with each of you some great things from our past railroad heritage. Diane Johannesen and Irene Ward are working together to come up with a patch with next year's theme.
3. Diane is also designing a new mascot; it is going to be a Buffalo to represent our Black Hills area. She has also just completed redoing our club patch. These items will be unveiled at the Spring Meeting which will be April 12, 2014. Mark your calendars; it will be here before we know it.
4. Beth Hendricks is lining up a four day BUS TRIP. She is calling it the Crossing the Border Trip since this is a new AVA program and she is taking it seriously. We leave June 19-22nd. Please contact her for more details. Her email is walkusa@rushmore.com.
5. Wanda will be putting our new book together so we will need all proposed walks by January 15, 2014 so they can be reviewed by the board to be sanctioned. Please contact Wanda at jmoranti@rap.midco.net or me at celverud@yahoo.com if you have any questions.
6. We are having a BIRTHDAY PARTY in Pierre to celebrate our states 125th big day. We are doing a joint effort with the other clubs of the state and are planning a three day event filled time. Please be looking for more details, the event will be September 12-14th, save the date, FUN!!
7. So far this year we have had 15,684 total walkers at our events. WAY TO GO!! Thanks to Crazy Horse. We have had over 1,500 walkers for our seasonal and year rounds.
8. Our distant and event books are going up to \$6.00 but not until the first of the year. So look over your packs and see if you could benefit from a purchase at this time which is \$5.00. Doug Kapaun or Beth Hendricks has a supply if you want to purchase at this lower rate.
9. Irene Ward will be hosting a HOLIDAY WALK on December 14, 2013 in Newcastle. There will be a walk, followed by a potluck and then a gift exchange to follow. Please see more info at our website, www.bhva.org.
10. There will be a New Year Day Walk for anyone who wants to get a FAST START to the new walking season. Meet at the Alex Johnson in Rapid City at 1:00 P.M for a group walk. We use the stamp for the walk that originates here for the year round walk.

Looking forward to the New Year and the adventures it holds in store, your walking buddy, Karen.