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MUSINGS FROM MARVIN



WOW! Have we ever been a busy bunch of Happy Wanderers? Since our last TRAILS N' TALES you guys have just been all over the place. We had a wonderful Walk Across Florida over the Labor Day Weekend.

Twenty-eight club members journeyed to Inverness to enjoy the walking, biking and swimming events along with lots of good food and socializing. I don't think anyone will ever forget that fabulously delicious meal of Scottish Eggs, scones, soda breads and all the trimmings prepared by Chef Rena on Saturday. Great fun all weekend!

The Volkstoberfest down in Melbourne was a whole new adventure for our Wanderers. I understand that there was some real loud music being played. Thanks to Joe Aycock, Bill Ellis, Sandy Dennis, Lois Shannon and all the rest who were involved in the planning and operation of this fun walk where we strolled through Classic Volkswagens, woods and parks.

I'm sorry I missed all the fun but duty called. Jim Leitch and I flew out to Juneau, Alaska to do the pretty Year Round Event there. We really enjoyed the walk even though it was raining and cold - between 48-52 degrees. We then flew down to Seattle and drove over to Edmunds, Washington for the NEC meetings. We did three great walks in Edmunds and ate way too much at Arnie's Waterfront Restaurant (highly recommended if you ever get to Edmunds). The flight back was uneventful and we were glad to be back in Florida.

Pull out your calendars and start making your entries. We have lots of great things coming up. Some of us will be car-pooling up to Chattanooga, TN for the Georgia Walkers weekend of walking fun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!! October 28th will find us in Pierson, where our Club originated, celebrating the Happy Wanderers 15th Birthday. Then on the first weekend in November some of us will be headed for Red Top Mountain in Georgia for that annual fun event. Saturday, November 11th we will be paying our annual tribute to "Those Who Have Served" as we hold our 8th Veterans Walk. Then it is off to Hawaii for a group of us where we will sway with the palms, dance with the hula girls, walk the islands and just truly enjoy ourselves. So it is busy, busy, busy having fun, fitness and friendship in abundance.

Then get ready for our super-duper Happy Wanderer Christmas Party on December 14th. Y'all come!

Bye for now. See you at the Club Meeting Thursday, November 9th.

Trick
or
Treat



ANNOUNCEMENTS!



We have a special event coming up on Saturday, October 28 that we would like you to plan to attend. This is the Happy Wanderers 15th Anniversary Walk being held in Pierson. There are both 5K and 10K walks available. Lunch will be offered at a small cost. So, if you have not walked in awhile, please put this date on your calendar and come out to Pierson to see a few old friends and support your club.

THE HAPPY WANDERERS also are in need of event coordinators. PLEASE see Marvin as we need your help! Each event walk you participate in would not be possible if we did not have a coordinator and a dedicated team behind them. Step up and show your support, Please.

On a sad note, we would like to extend our sympathy to Violet Samano in the loss of her husband and our friend, Peter. If you would like to make a donation, Violet requests that all donations be made to All Saints Lutheran Church in Port Orange. Please keep Violet in your thoughts and prayers.

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MEET SOME NEW FACES!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Allan & Martha Stollberg from West Palm Beach, Dottie Huffman from Port Orange, and Michael Morrison from Malabar. Hope to see you all on the trail real soon!!!

BIRTHDAYS!



OCTOBER: 6-Loretta Crowley, 7-Barbara Harkleroad, 11-Gerry Leondike, 12-Marvin Stokes, David Trumbauer and Kordelia Velez, 23-Bob Lauthain, 24-Russ Anderson & Donna Reynolds, 29-Clyde Bridewell, 31-John Gunn

NOVEMBER: 5-Richard Howland, 6-Martha Strozier, 7-Hark Harkleroad, 12-Steve Arnett, 21-Carol Simon, 24-June Wendt, 25-Iris Crystal, 26-Jean Rountree, 27-Larry Middleton, 29-Janet Rodeheaver

DECEMBER: 1-Tom Robinson, 4-Pat Arnett & Barbara Anderson, 6-Dee Giamichael & Nancy Raymond, 10-Susan Griggs, 11-Michele Krebs, 16-Carol Johnson, 17-Tammy Hodgkins & Robert Sullivan



MILESTONES



EVENTS

DISTANCE-KM

Lois Ambrose	100	
Bill Ellis		1,000
Linda Ellis		1,000
Karen Duhlstine		4,500
Jim Leitch	500	
Jim Leitch	525	6,500
Larry Middleton		14,000
Lois Shannon	600	6,500

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS! KEEP ON WALKING!!!

TID BITS.....

Did you know? Running, swimming, gardening, walking or biking for up to 29 minutes a day significantly reduces the risk for stroke. A 19-year study of 47,721 people found people who spent more than three hours a week doing such activities had a 26 percent lower risk for stroke when compared with those who were mostly inactive. ...American Stroke Association, Dallas Texas/Vitality Magazine

Meet Beaton and Ken Hogwood

Both Beaton and Ken have been members of The Happy Wanderers since 1995. They have volunteered for many Committee positions over the last 11 years such as checkpoint coordinators and both have played a major role in the success of the Savannah events. Ken has served as Co-Chair of the entire Savannah event weekend as well as Sponsor coordinator. We appreciate all their time, hard work and dedication to The Happy Wanderers.

Beaton and Ken have walked well over 150 events and many Kilometers. Ken's most memorable event is walking down Jungfrau mountain in Germany. Beaton also enjoyed the Europe trip with the HW gang back in 2000. She also remembers the Audubon house walk on their Washington DC trip.

Both Ken and Beaton enjoy the many friendships volkssporting has brought them. They equally enjoy the trips, the food and the conversation with people from other clubs. Ken and Beaton have been married over 30 years. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Ken enjoys collecting, restoring and repairing clocks, boating, fishing and traveling. Beaton enjoys antiquing, sewing, reading, playing cards, boating and visiting The theme parks.

They spend the cooler months in Florida and the summers at their Newly built Tennessee mountain home.

SPOTLIGHT



Want to know more about volkssporting and other clubs across the U.S.? Subscribe to "The American Wanderer" or "TAW" for only \$20.00/year.

For more information on a subscription to the American Wanderer, you can contact: AVA-American Volkssport Association, 1001 Pat Booker Road, Suite 101, Universal City, Texas 78148.

You can also call the AVA at 210-659-2112 (M-F 8am-5pm CST)

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MAIL ORDER IS AVAILABLE, ADDITIONAL COST FOR POSTAGE REQUIRED

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Marvin Stokes. The agenda for the meeting was approved. Marvin issued a special welcome to 2 guests; 18 HW members introduced themselves. Marvin especially welcomed back Sandy Dennis who is recovering from hip replacement and is doing well. A call for the approval of the minutes of the July 13 meeting included a correction the Christmas Party is Thursday, December 14, 2006; minutes were approved as corrected.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary had no report.

Treasurer's report: August balance of \$9717.50, receipts of \$2919.02, disbursements of \$2322.22, cash flow of \$596.80, with an ending balance of \$10,314.30. Marvin indicated that a large portion of our income came as a result of dissolution of the Patrick Pacers club; a letter from Joe Aycock indicates that the Club's remaining funds were evenly distributed to the FVA, Mid-Florida Milers, and The Happy Wanderers. A check for \$2507.69 was our share of this distribution. One of our disbursements, \$600, was sent to 2 Katrina clubs who were wiped out to help them get back on their feet, and \$100 to the Port Orange Presbyterian Church where we hold our meetings and who do not charge us a fee for the room; this for them to use as they see fit.

Our event in Princess Place on August 19 had a total income of \$178.50, expenses of \$131.25, leaving a gain of \$47.25. There were 26 participants. Leftover food items were frozen and will be used at our Pierson event. Lois Shannon thanked everyone for their help at Princess Place.

Our Walk Across Florida #17 event in Inverness and Floral City will be discussed later.

Vice-President was absent.

President's report: Marvin thanked everyone for their continuing great support and efforts to the Club. He will be attending the National Executive Council Seattle, WA meeting as SE Regional Director in September. Jim Leitch will be accompanying him and they will travel via Juneau, AK as Marvin wants to obtain his 49th State/38th Capitol stamp. Contact Marvin should you have anything you would like him to present to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

A Brochure Holders Purchase 50 holders have been purchased and are ready for distribution to advertise our Club and what we do. If you know of places where these can be displayed, let Marvin know and he will get them to you. Lois suggested that we label the holders with The Happy Wanderers logo and this will be done.

B. Walkers and 18 bikers, and a wonderful lunch by Rena McMahon. Saturday night 65 folks enjoyed dinner at Stumpknockers. On Sunday, sponsored by the Suncoast Sandpipers, there were 99 walkers and 21 'swimmers' and a delicious fish fry at Crystal River sponsored by the Crystal River Nature Coast Volksmarch, Hiking & Biking Club. On Monday, The Happy Wanderers sponsored the Floral City walk, where 79 walkers enjoyed a very nice walk, especially the Avenue of Oaks. Lois thanked all the volunteers for their work throughout the weekend.

C. T-Shirt Progress We are planning to obtain new Club T-shirts and polo shirts. Marvin asked for input regarding the polo shirts as they are not inexpensive. Linda Ellis has found a place that will take a small order and mix/match as long as we supply the art work. Men's T-shirts with small Club logo and Women's Scoop Neck T-shirts with large logo will be available for \$12 each. The polo shirts, with a small Club logo on the front, will be \$22 each; a little expensive but they are good quality. Color was discussed; almost any color is available except teal. A dark color shirt will have a white logo and a light color shirt will have a black logo. Pat Hodgkins asked if we could secure a catalog of colors to assist in the selection; Marvin will obtain this. Question of feasibility of considering polo shirts was put forth and was accepted by the members in attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. 10/1 (Sunday), 9AM Start Volkswagen Volksmarch at Wickham Park, Melbourne FVA State meeting at this walk. 100+ classic VWs, food, entertainment, arts & crafts, etc.

2. 10/28 (Saturday), 9 AM Start **HW OCTOBER EVENT**, Pierson, FL. The Happy Wanderers 15th Birthday at the place where the Club began. Larry Middleton and Pat Burke are the event coordinators. Lunch will be available. Pat Hodgkins asked about pins; Marvin asked him to call the distributor re: small order.

3. 11/11 (Saturday) 6 PM Start Veteran's Walk. Registration 5:30-6:00 PM. Wreath laying at the monument with a guided night walk; bring flashlights.

4. 12/14 (Thursday) 6:30 PM Happy Hour, 7 PM Dinner HW Christmas Party @ Cypress Head Homeowners Clubhouse; Hogwoods & Dennis' hosting. HW will provide the meat; members bring potluck dishes as assigned when list is ready. Tammy will set up "photo shop" for photos with Santa. There will be a Chinese Fire Drill Gift Exchange; \$10 limit.

5. 12/31 (Sunday), 2 PM Start New Year's Eve walk in Cocoa Village Lee Winter Park.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

1. Hawaii in November Several members are traveling to Honolulu for a condo vacation.

2. 10/14-15 - Chattanooga, TN, with GA Walkers. Car Pool trip leaving Friday 10/13, returning Monday 10/16.

3. 11/3-5 - Red Top Mountain, GA, event on Saturday 11/4. North of Atlanta near Cartersville. Chili supper. If we get enough participants we may be able to secure a bus; otherwise, car pools.

4. 11/17-19 - Palm Beach. Mid-Florida Milers, 4 events. Friday night Meet&Greet plus a walk; 2 YRE's on Saturday; Sunday sanctioned walk at Lake Worth & Jupiter Lighthouse

5. 4/20-30, 2007 Fiesta San Antonio. Plan now for this great trip. We need 28 riders. Please see flyer in newsletter for complete details. \$100/person refundable deposit (should trip be cancelled); total cost of \$1249/person/dbl; \$1749/person/single. Price does not include gratuity to driver or escort.

OTHER CLUBS:

1. 9/16 MFM, PJ's Coffee Shop, Celebration

2. 9/23 SS, Sawgrass Lake Park, St. Pete

3. 9/30 Roswell Striders, Dahlonega, GA

4. 9/30 Panama City VC, Oktoberfest, Tyndall AFB

5. 10/7 Capital City Wanderers, Oktoberfest, Cullman, AL

6. 10/14 SS, Emerson Point Preserve, Palmetto

7. 10/21 MFM, Monteverde, FL

8. 11/17-19 MFM, Palm Beach, West Palm, Lake Worth & Jupiter Lighthouse

9. 11/25 11/26, David Toth, Trinity Truckers, the 1st AVA President, has put together a walk at Disney World 11/25 11/26. Packages starting at \$181/person based on 4 people in room; includes 2 events, discounted room rate at All Sports Hotel, discounted 2-day park pass (all 4 parks), walk fees, and award (Disney logo). Disney will not allow discount pass without the hotel room. Flyers are being published now, paid for by Disney, and will be out shortly. This is a unique event. Trinity Truckers are also seeking help; volunteer if you can work this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Event Coordinators Urgently needed. Please volunteer to help out.

2. Nominating Committee We still need volunteers or Marvin will appoint. Barbara Anderson volunteered and will also seek others

3. Other Information Business Card. Tammy Hodgkins is working on this. This card is for walkers to distribute when approached for information on what we do as a Club. It will contain Club information with walk information on the back. Tammy is seeking committee members; she is the Chair. Please call her if you can help.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM, following motion by Lois Shannon, 2nd by Sally Hobbling. MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING
Respectfully submitted, Trish Bridewell, Secretary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 11 TO DECEMBER 14, 2006

OCT 11 WED FUNWALK	PORT ORANGE LIBRARY	6 p.m.	directions
13-16 FRI-MON	CONVOY TRIP TO CHATTANOOGA, TN		
15 SUN WALK (for those staying home)	NEW SMYRNA BEACH PUBLIX	8 a.m.	directions
18 WED FUNWALK	CASSEN'S PARK, ORMOND BEACH	6 p.m.	directions
22 SUN WALK	PUBLIX, PALM COAST	8 a.m.	directions
25 WED FUNWALK	RENDON PARK, DAYTONA BEACH SHORES	6 p.m.	directions
28 SAT EVENT	PIERSON - HW 15 TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	9 a.m.	See Flyer
**29 SUN WALK	VOLUSIA MALL, DAYTONA	1 p.m.	directions
NOV 01 WED FUNWALK	NOVA PARK, ORMOND BEACH	6 p.m.	directions
05 SUN WALK	PORT ORANGE YMCA	1 p.m.	directions
08 WED FUNWALK	CAUSEWAY PARK, PORT ORANGE	6 p.m.	directions
09 THU BI-MONTHLY MEETING-	PORT ORANGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	6 p.m.	directions
11 SAT EVENT	PORT ORANGE - VETERANS WALK	6 p.m.	See Flyer
12 SUN WALK	CITY ISLAND, DAYTONA BEACH	1 p.m.	directions
15 WED FUNWALK	11 TH STREET PARK, HOLLY HILL	6 p.m.	directions
19 SUN WALK	BLUEBERRY MUFFIN, INDIALANTIC	1 p.m.	directions
22 WED FUNWALK	BIG TREE BALLFIELD, SOUTH DAYTONA	6 p.m.	directions
25-26 SAT-SUN	WALKS AT DISNEYWORLD ORLANDO	7 a.m.	See Flyer
29 WED FUNWALK	WINTER HAVEN PARK, PONCE INLET	6 p.m.	directions
DEC 03 SUN WALK	ORMOND BEACH LIBRARY	1 p.m.	directions
06 WED FUNWALK	HALIFAX MARINA, DAYTONA BEACH	6 p.m.	directions
10 SUN WALK	SUNSHINE BAKERY, MT DORA	1 p.m.	directions
13 WED FUNWALK	PORT ORANGE LIBRARY	6 p.m.	directions
14 THU CHRISTMAS PARTY-CYPRESS HEAD HOMEOWNERS CLUBHOUSE	6:30P.M. SEE FLYER		

**** NOTE TIME CHANGE**

Times listed are when we leave on the walk.

WALK EXPLANATIONS

Sunday Walks are sanctioned 10k (6.2 mi.) Year-Round events and you can receive credit so bring your books. You may receive Event credit only twice during the year (Jan-Jun and Jul-Dec). You may receive distance credit each time the Event is walked. \$3.00 per walker.

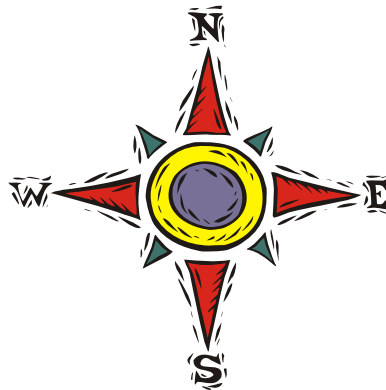
"Funwalks" are non-sanctioned 5k (3.1 mi) walks. We walk for one hour, mostly in groups, and at the end we meet at a local restaurant for a snack or whatever! It's a wonderful way to keep ourselves walking and keep up with the many friendships we have formed. It's a "no hassle", no "set up", no "work", mid-week walk. "Funwalks are free to everyone".

"Worker's Walk" is a special time for workers who may not have time to walk on the day of the event. It's also a time to make sure that the route is correct, well-written and understood by everyone.

"Monthly Event" is a sanctioned Event hosted by the Happy Wanderers on the 4th Saturday of most months. It's a time when walkers from other clubs come to walk/bike the "Event of the Month". Events are usually held in parks, towns, ANY interesting place that someone suggests. \$3 Registration Fee for ALL, credit and non-credit walkers. Children 12 and under walk FREE unless for IVV credit.

THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB
PO BOX 290153, PORT ORANGE, FL 32129-0153
386.788.4026;

- PORT ORANGE LIBRARY:** From I-95, take Exit 256 onto Hiway 421 (Taylor Rd), drive east on Hiway 421 to traffic signal at Clyde Morris Blvd...approx 8/10 of a mile. Turn left onto Clyde Morris and drive to City Center Blvd...approx 6/10 of a mile. Turn right onto City Center Blvd, drive to City Center Circle and turn right...about 2/10 of a mile. Drive just about 1/10 of a mile and turn right into Library Parking lot.
- NEW SMYRNA YRE (PUBLIX):** I-95 Exit 249, drive east on SR44 for 5.8 miles. Just past the Sun Trust Bank turn right into the Shopping Center and drive to the Publix Supermarket.
- ORMOND BEACH CASSEN PARK:** I-95 Exit 268 SR40 (Granada Blvd). Drive east, crossing US1, to S. Beach St. Turn right onto Beach, Drive one-half block to entrance to Casсен Park on your left. Turn left into parking lot.
- PALM COAST PUBLIX:** I-95 Exit 289, Palm Coast Pkwy. Drive east on Palm Coast Pkwy approx. 6 tenths of a mile to Florida Park Dr. Turn left onto Florida Park Dr and drive to entrance of Palm Harbor Shopping Center (approx. 1 tenth of a mile). Turn left into shopping center and park in front of Publix.
- DAYTONA BEACH SHORES:** I-95 Exit 256. Drive east on Hwy 421 (Dunlawton Ave) approximately 5 miles to S. Atlantic Ave. Turn Left onto S. Atlantic and drive pproximately 2.3 miles to Rendon County Park on your right.
- VOLUSIA MALL:** From I-95, take Exit 261, Hiway 92 (ISB) and drive east on Hiway 92 to traffic signal at Midway Ave...approx 2 miles. Turn left onto Midway and drive into the Volusia Mall Parking lot. Bear to the right and go to Main Mall Entrance.
- ORMOND BEACH NOVA PARK:** I-95 Exit 268 SR40 (Granada Blvd). Drive east approx. 2.7 miles to Nova Road. Turn left onto Nova and drive approx. ½ mile to traffic signal at Main Trail. Turn left onto Main Trail and, almost immediately, turn right into parking lot for Nova Park.
- PORT ORANGE YMCA:** I-95, Exit 256, Dunlawton Ave (SR421). Drive east on Dunlawton to 4* traffic signal at City Center Pkwy. Turn left onto City Center Pkwy and drive approx. 1/2 mile to entrance to YMCA parking lot on your right. Turn right into the parking lot.
- PORT ORANGE CAUSEWAY:** I-95, Exit 256, Dunlawton Ave (SR421). Drive east on Dunlawton, crossing Ridgewood Ave to Seabird Island (street just before reaching the bridge.). Turn right and then immediately left headed toward the River under the bridge. Park near the gazebo.
- PORT ORANGE PRESBYTERIAN:** I-95, Exit 256, Dunlawton Ave (SR421). Drive east on Dunlawton for 8/10 of a mile to Clyde Morris Blvd. Turn left onto Clyde Morris and drive 7/10 of a mile to Church at 4662 Clyde Morris on your left.
- DAYTONA CITY ISLAND:** I-95 Exit 261 US92 International Speedway Blvd. Go east on ISB to Beach St. Turn right onto Beach to Magnolia Ave, turn left and cross the small bridge to end of street. Park in lot to your le
- HOLLY HILL 11TH ST PARK:** From I-95 take Exit 265 onto LPGA Blvd. Drive east on LPGA Blvd 4.2 miles to end of LPGA at Riverside Dr. Cross Riverside Drive and enter parking lot for 11th Street Park.
- INDIATLANTIC:** Blueberry Muffin Restaurant - 1103 North Highway A1A. From I-95 take exit #180 east on US 192. Drive to hiway A1A - about 8.6 miles. Turn left onto A1A and drive north on A1A for about 8 tenths of a mile to Blueberry Muffin which will be on your left.
- SOUTH DAYTONA BALLPARK:** I-95, Exit 256, Dunlawton Ave (SR421). Drive east on Dunlawton to Nova Rd. Turn left onto Nova Rd and Drive to Big Tree Rd. Turn right onto Big Tree, go 1/2 block to entrance to Big Tree Ballfield. Turn left into Parking lot.
- PONCE INLET WINTER HAVEN:** I-95 Exit 256, Dunlawton Ave (SR421). Drive east on Dunlawton, crossing the Chappell Bridge to S. Atlantic Ave. Turn right onto S. Atlantic and drive approx. 4 miles to Winter Haven Park on your left.
- ORMOND BEACH LIBRARY YRE:** I-95 Exit 268 SR40 (Granada Blvd) Go east, crossing US1, to S. Beach St. Turn right onto Beach St, drive One block to Corbin St. (just past the library). Turn right onto Corbin, drive one-half block and turn Right into parking lot.
- DAYTONA HALIFAX MARINA:** I-95 Exit 261 US92 International Speedway Blvd. Drive east on ISB to Beach St. Turn right onto Beach and continue to traffic signal at Basin St. Turn left onto Basin St, follow Basin about 2 tenths of a mile And turn right into parking lot near West Marine store and Stock Exchange restaurant.
- MT DORA:** From I-4 take Exit 101C (SR46) and drive west to North Highland St in Mt Dora (approx 18.7 miles). Turn Right onto N. Highland St. and drive 4 blocks to E. 5th Ave. Turn left onto E. 5th Ave. and drive approx 0.5 Miles to Donnelly St. Turn left onto Donnelly St. and drive 2 blocks to Third Ave. Turn right onto Third Ave And Sunshine Mountain_bakery will be on your right about one block down Third Ave.



A LITTLE HISTORY...

By Larry Middleton

The small town of Pierson, in the northwest corner of Volusia County with population of about 2650, is named for three Pierson brothers and two Pierson cousins, all natives of Sweden, who came down the St. Johns River in the 1870s from their homes in Connecticut and homesteaded in the area. The rail depot was originally called Piersonville by the railroad, but the name was later shortened to Pierson. When the good news of the hospitable climate of Central Florida reached the friends and neighbors in Sweden, more families arrived. Not surprisingly, the families were Lutherans and the Ebenezer Lutheran Church was founded in 1884. Many of the early families are buried in the church cemetery which is on the walk route, and many of their ancestors still live in Pierson.

Citrus crops constituted the early economy of the region but the severe freezes of 1894-1895 destroyed the trees (Henry DeLand's groves were also destroyed at this time). A few subsisted with the production of turpentine, but another Pierson was growing ferns in Connecticut and he suggested trying ferns to substitute for the citrus groves. Thus was born the beginning of the ornamental fern production which now engages hundreds of acres and hundreds of people. (Henry DeLand left the area. DeLand Academy, which he founded, was renamed after John B. Stetson who became a major benefactor, along with Henry Flagler and several others, to perpetuate the educational goals of the school.)

Pierson is the home of Chipper Jones, third baseman for the Atlanta Braves. Pierson is also the home of the only nudist resort in Volusia County.



OUR HAPPY BEGINNINGS...

The Happy Wanderers originated as the Pierson Happy Wanderers when we were granted a charter on July 10th, 1991 as member number 717 of the American Volkssport Association (AVA). The club was begun by Joe Sexton with a few friends and relatives and the first walk was conducted during the weekend of October 26 and 27, 1991. The 11 km route started in the yard of a private residence in the unincorporated community of Emporia, about a mile south of Pierson, and extended along country roads and through the ferneries. The award was a suspended medal with a leaf of the leatherleaf fern, one of several ornamental ferns being grown in the area. The club planned for a series of medals with each one depicting a different fern from the area.



OCTOBER 28, 2006



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS AND HUNDREDS OF EVENTS, "THE HAPPY WANDERERS" RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINS TO DO A 5/10K WALK IN PIERSON, FLORIDA, ABOUT TWO MILES FROM WHERE IT ALL BEGAN ON OCTOBER 26 AND 27, 1991. PLAN TO EAT LUNCH, RELAX AND SOCIALIZE IN THE SPACIOUS FELLOWSHIP HALL. LUNCH IS BEING PROVIDED AT A SMALL COST.

START/FINISH:
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY FELLOWSHIP HALL
 235 West Washington Avenue
 Pierson FL 32180

START: 9AM-NOON
FINISH BY: 3 PM



15th ANNIVERSARY WALK

Pierson is named the "Fern Capital of the World" for being the center of hundreds of people and acres devoted to the unmatched commercial cultivation of ornamental ferns which are shipped throughout the world.

Special thanks to the members of the Community Christian Assembly, the Pierson Town Council, and staff for their support.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Rate 1+. The walk will go along country roads past the ferneries, through the center of Pierson, and through the cemetery where the founding Pierson brothers, (from Sweden), their wives, and many of the family are buried.



NON-COMPETITIVE

"IVV CREDIT ONLY"
 \$3.00

Non-Credit Walker
 \$3.00

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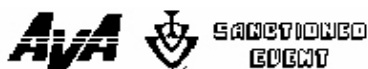
DIRECTIONS: From the South or North: Take I-95 to Exit 268. Take SR40 West (Ocala) about 19 miles to Hwy 17. Turn Right (North) on Hwy. 17 to Pierson (about 5 miles). Turn Left on Washington Avenue at Pierson's only three-phase traffic light, cross the railroad tracks and the Church will be on your left.

WALK SAFELY: Please use sidewalks where available and follow all traffic signs and signals.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may participate. Volkssporting is a family activity. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pets must be leashed, and are not allowed in buildings.

EVENTS ARE HELD RAIN OR SHINE

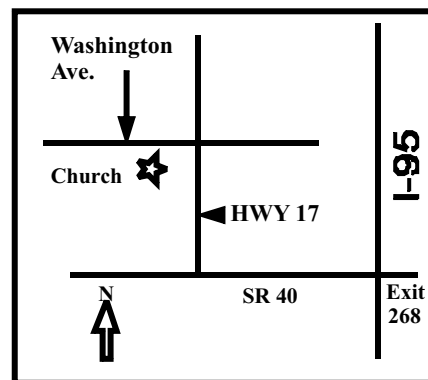
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8TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S WALK SATURDAY NOV. 11, 2006

HIGHLIGHTS: THE HAPPY WANDERERS WILL HONOR OUR VETERANS WITH A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT VETERANS PARK, IN THE CITY CENTER OF PORT ORANGE, FOLLOWED BY A 5/10k WALK.



START LOCATION:
PORT ORANGE LIBRARY
1005 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FL 32129

REGISTER: 5:30 PM
START: 6:00 PM

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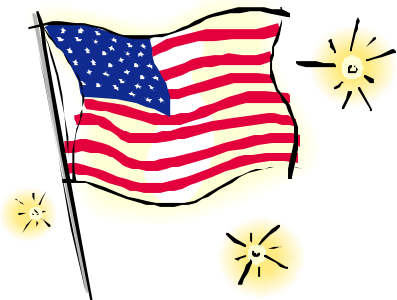
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TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Easy, rated 1, on sidewalks and bike trails.

FEES: \$3.00 all walkers, children 12 and under free unless for credit.



DIRECTIONS: I-95 Exit 256, East on SR421 (Dunlawton Ave.) Left at 3rd traffic light onto City Center Parkway. Go past police station to stop sign, Left at stop sign and an immediate Left to library parking lots.



Walk at Disney with The Trinity Trekkers

November 25 & 26, 2006

Two 10 km walks

SE06/76415 SE06/76416

Sponsor: This event is sponsored by the Trinity Trekkers, co-sponsors South East Regional Director Marvin Stokes, Happy Wanderers, and Mid-Florida Milers Volkssport Clubs. It is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA)

Location: WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort, near Orlando, Florida, with trails leading thru the four WALT DISNEY WORLD® Theme Parks.

Time: Event packets should be picked up Friday night at Disney's All-Star Sports Resort lobby and brought with you on Saturday morning to the kickoff for the first event; and on Sunday for the second day of volkssport walking at 0700 both days

Awards: Souvenir medal on a neck lanyard [see cover] to commemorate participation in this inaugural event.

Fees: Credit only is \$3. A special weekend package from Disney Sports Travel that will include: 2-night accommodations; 2-day Theme Park ticket; registration for both walking events and the souvenir medal.

Accommodations: A special block of rooms has been reserved for attendees at the Disney's All Star Sports Resort.

Pets: No pets are allowed inside the Theme Parks, but excellent kennel facilities are available. Please ask about kennel information when you call for room reservations.

Trails: Trail #1 – will take you around Disney-MGM Studios and then along the walking path past the Swan & Dolphin Resorts, by Disney's Boardwalk and Disney's Yacht Club Resorts to the World Showcase entrance to EPCOT®; then around EPCOT® and to the FINISH.

Trail #2 – will start at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park and onto the Magic Kingdom® Park and back to the FINISH

Handicapped walkers are welcome on all trails; Wheelchairs and scooters can be rented from firms nearby and used throughout your stay.

Additional discounted Theme Park tickets will be available through Disney Sports Travel for all those who pre-register for this event. Pre-registration must be accomplished before the 23d of October.

Pre-Registration: Starts September 13, 2006: Send name, address, phone number and date of arrival of each walker/participant

Email: TrinTrek@sbclglobal.net

Mail: Volkssport Walking Weekend at WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort
8463 Romney
San Antonio, Texas 78254-2467

Call: 210/521-8684 for event information
210/313-8684 after 22 November



Call Disney Sports Travel: 407/939-7810
To book your package beginning September 13, 2006, and for answers to any questions about rooms or Theme Park tickets.

Discounted prices for rooms and tickets ends with Pre-Registration on 23 October 2006

All the regular rules of the AVA will apply for these events. Every effort will be taken by us and by WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort to make this a safe and enjoyable family weekend.

To reach Disney's All Star Sports Resort

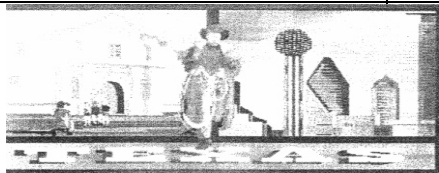
By Air: Register for Disney's Magical Express and be picked up from the airport by the Disney's Magical Express shuttle.

By Train: Take the Amtrak East Coast Express to the Orlando Train Station and then take the Disney Bus to the hotel

By Car: Take the I-4 highway to the Orlando area; watch for the Disney World



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Fiesta San Antonio and Dallas, Texas

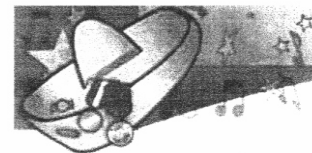


Departs **Friday** April 20, 2007

11 days

\$ 1249 p/p double

\$ 1749 single



HIGHLIGHTS

*San Antonio Fiesta ~ Texas Cavalier's River Parade ~ The Alamo ~ Ft. Sam Houston
AVA Headquarters ~ Texas Hill Country ~ Texas State Capitol - Austin Texas
Texas Stadium in Dallas ~ Southfork Ranch ~ Dallas City Tour ~ Vicksburg National Military Park*

For Reservations and Information Call:

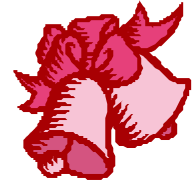
Marvin Stokes 386-788-4026 or e mail: marvst717@cfl.rr.com

Reservations & Deposit: A \$ 100 deposit is due at time of booking to confirm space. Full payment is due March 1, 2007. Master Card, Visa, and Discover Cards are accepted.






Driver & Escort gratuities are not included; but you may choose to pre-pay a total of \$44 per person to cover the gratuities for both.

Cancellations: Full refunds will be made if you cancel more than 45 days prior to departure. If you cancel less than 45 days and more than 31 days prior to departure you will receive a 50% refund. If you cancel 31 or less days prior to departure you will receive no refund. This tour is operated by Florida Tour Connection, Inc. who is registered with the State of Florida as a "Seller of Travel" registration no. 19544. Florida Tour Connection reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary so long as any changes are of the same or similar quality.



HAPPY WANDERERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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**Thursday
December 14th
2006**

**Social: 6:30 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Music,
Santa, etc. Till???**

**RESERVATIONS
ARE A MUST
NLT Dec. 1st:
Marvin Stokes
386.788.4026
marvst717@cfl.rr.com**

**SANTA & GIFT EXCHANGE AFTER DINNER
GIFT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10**

COST:
FREE to all
Happy
Wanderers

Guest: \$5 per
Person

FOOD:

Each family or individual is requested to bring a Pot Luck Dish.
The club will provide the meat and drinks.

PLEASE BRING A TYPE OF DISH BASED ON THE INITIAL OF YOUR LAST NAME:

A-H — SALADS

I-P — VEGETABLE OR RELISH TRAYS

Q-Z — DESSERTS

Let Sandy Dennis know what you are planning to bring.

CYPRESS HEAD CLUBHOUSE

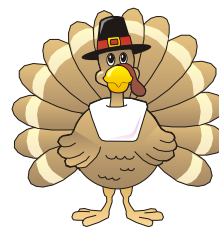
Directions: From I-95, take Exit 256 onto Hwy 421 (Taylor Rd/Dunlawton). Drive West less than 2/10 of a mile to Airport Rd/Williamson Blvd. Turn Left onto Airport Rd. Continue on Airport Rd. for approx. 2.4 miles (bearing Right at "Y" just past Citgo Convenience Store) to Cypress Springs Pkwy. Turn Left onto Cypress Springs Pkwy. Drive approx. 6/10 of a mile to Palm Vista St. Turn Left onto Palm Vista St., Clubhouse will be on your Left.

THE HAPPY WANDERERS
P. O. Box 290153
Port Orange, Florida 32129

FIRST CLASS MAIL
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT:

[Http://angelfire.com/fl5/happywanderers/index.html](http://angelfire.com/fl5/happywanderers/index.html)



GIVE THANKS.....& HAPPY TURKEY DAY !!

HW UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCT 13-16 CONVOY TO CHATTANOOGA, TN
OCT 15 SUNDAY-- NEW SMYRNA PUBLIX
OCT 22 SUNDAY--PALM COAST PUBLIX
OCT 28 SATURDAY--PIERSON-HW 15TH BIRTHDAY
OCT 29 SUNDAY--DAYTONA, VOLUSIA MALL**
NOV 5 SUNDAY--PORT ORANGE YMCA**
NOV 9 BI-MONTHLY MEETING-PORT ORANGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOV 11 SATURDAY--PORT ORANGE VETERANS WALK
NOV 12 SUNDAY--DAYTONA BEACH, CITY ISLAND**
NOV 19 SUNDAY--INDIALANTIC, BLUEBERRY MUFFIN**
NOV 25-26 SAT & SUNDAY-WALT DISNEY WORLD
DEC 3 ORMOND BEACH LIBRARY**
DEC 10 MT. DORA, SUNSHINE BAKERY**
DEC 14 CHRISTMAS PARTY-PORT ORANGE-
CYPRESS HEAD HOMEOWNERS CLUBHOUSE

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

"WHAT OTHER CLUBS ARE DOING"

October 14--Palmetto, Emerson Pt. Preserve
Alice Lawrence, SunCoast Sandpipers
October 21--Monteverde Community Center-*NEW EVENT*
Mike Lanpher, Mid Florida Milers
October 28--Jacksonville, Willow Br. Park
Larry Hayward, First Coast Trail Forg.
November 11-Tarpon Springs, SunCoast Sandpipers
November 19-Jupiter Lighthouse, Mid Florida Milers
November 25-26-Walt Disney Weekend, Trinity Trekkers
Co-Sponsors: Happy Wanderers & Mid Fl Milers
December 2--Fernandina Beach, First Coast Trail Forgers
December 16-Windermere Town Hall-MFM, Night Walk
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