## EMPIRE STATE CAPITAL VOLKSSPORTERS



Website Address www.ava.org/clubs/escv

## August 2011

Hi Everyone. Thanks for your votes of confidence in me for the next year as your President of ESCV. I have been offered by many of you, your help and support throughout the coming year. I have your name and I will be calling you – if I don't, then remind me. As a way of introduction, I have been a member since 2004. Some of my previous volunteer jobs with ESCV were co-newsletter editor for 5 years, co-developer of Northville, Cobleskill, Rensselaerville, Ballston Lake and Moreau walks, spring picnic coordinator for 2 seasons, Fall Pasta Party coordinator for 2 going on 3 seasons and keeper of all the paper goods for ESCV.

I'd like to thank Barb Kolapakka for her foresight in leading our club these last two years. Her grasp of National AVA business to our local clubs kept us growing and expanding in positive avenues. I am lucky to have her to call on when I need a sounding board or just to get her opinion. Again, from all the membership, Thank You Barb, and happy time off from the computer and more time to enjoy your flower gardens.

First order of business is to let you know we will be changing our monthly meeting place back to the *Latham Fire Department* at 226 Old Loudon Road in Latham. Eileen will put the directions on the ESCV website for you. Our membership seems to have shifted to the Tri City area, making this a much more central meeting spot once again. We will go back to a meeting time of *6:30 to 8:30pm* and the *first Tuesday* of the month. Our recently elected N.E.R.D. native son, Doug Reynolds, will lead an informative program of interest to all our membership titled "As Your Newest Regional Director a talk on What I've Learned about AVA at the 2011 Convention".

I'm hoping everyone will make an effort to attend the September 6 meeting when we will be honoring our 2 AVA Meritorious Service recipients and our 2 AVA Certificate of Service recipients. If you want to know who these great ESCV volunteers are, then come to the meeting to thank them and enjoy some goodies. We also received certificates of appreciation from AVA for Jay's Cards in Bennington and the Williams Inn in Williamstown for storing our walk boxes for many years. Their POCs will deliver them shortly.

In an effort to help our sister AVA club, the Dogwood Trailblazers of Joplin, Missouri, after the ravaged effects of the tornado, our club voted in June to send a \$100 donation to a community agency. After contacting the president of the Dogwood Trailblazers, it was suggested we send the disaster relief money to the Joplin R-VIII School District. The check was sent in July.

A 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee has been meeting and working throughout the summer to bring you a 25<sup>th</sup> year of favorite past walks voted on by our membership in the Springtime. These will start in our anniversary year, January, 2012. There are many styles of golf shirts from which to choose and preorder that are available for your perusal and try ons at many of our

Wednesday, picnics and Traditional walks that will be embroidered with the winning 25<sup>th</sup> LOGO entry. Keep those submissions coming before September 1 st, when the winning logo will be picked and the designer awarded a free embroidered golf shirt. Many other special things are in the works and will be revealed as 2012 unwinds. **SAVE THE DATE of SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd afternoon and evening** for a wonderful celebration of this momentous occasion. More details to come in 2012 as things are firmed up.

Thanks, to all the June 22nd Blatnick Park walkers, who came back on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Colonie Town Park to partake of the annual strawberries & ice cream social. The Niskayuna am walk was cancelled due to a severe thunder and lightning advisory (we learned our lesson from Schoharie Crossing). Thanks go out to Lucy Desjardins and her crew for prepping all those berries, buying ice cream, dishes, spoons, etc. My sources say there were 91 total walkers that day. Thanks for supporting our special events, everyone. Now would also be a good time to thank all the POCs of our Wednesday walks, the guides, and you who are walking along at the 6:45am, 9am and 6pm starts.

Have you started to notice some of our members sporting their new buttons for achieving 10 Wednesday Walks between May and the end of August? I love the picture Eileen and Jack are featuring on the pin. Look around to see this very familiar building located in our capital area. I hope that at least 75 people will earn the privilege of proudly wearing this badge of walking kilometers for 2011. Everyone has another 5 opportunities to walk in August to earn a pin. Good Luck!

Looking at our handy little ESCV Bookmark of 2011 walks, I see that September 10<sup>th</sup> is our Waterford walk and the annual Tugboat Festival. Bring your cameras for lots of Kodak moments. Also, on September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will walk for the first time at Glimmerglass State Park on picturesque Otsego Lake and celebrate Oktoberfest with hot dogs, 2 kinds of wurst and a Bring-a-Dish-to-Share picnic. We will have a covered picnic area with electricity, so bring extension cords if you might need them. Also, for all you kayakers, canoeists or sailors, this is a beautiful spot from which to launch for an afternoon paddle or sail. Last year we had over 90 people at Oktoberfest, so let's see if we can equal that or increase to over 100 wurst or dog lovers. Who says food, walks and conversation aren't a good combination? Let's all try to get out there and support these Traditional Walks.

See ya on the trails.....Lea

## **MEMBERSHIP - Tad Darling**

Our current membership has finally hit 300 with the addition of quite a few new members this year, but is still down from 328 at the close of last year. Some of the new members see our ads in the newspaper, but I think word of mouth is our best advertising. Try to bring a friend on a walk once in a while. And if you are hosting a new member, please stick with them on the first few walks until they catch on to all our lingo, stamping books, who is who, etc. It can be quite confusing for someone new.

Please welcome the following new members this month:

Denison Barber – Menands Dale and Gary Nelson – Troy
Kevin Lengyel – Troy June Shaw - Saratoga Springs

Jean Powis – Troy

#### **CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting will be September 6<sup>th</sup> at the *Latham Fire Department* at 226 Old Loudon Road in Latham, *6:30 to 8:30pm.* See the ESCV website for directions.

## **CLUB MEETING PROGRAM – Alan Longshore**

Doug Reynolds, Northeast Regional AVA Director, will review his experiences at the recent Ava Convention. He will have his initial impressions as a Regional Director and how important it is for ESCV to support AVA activities. Don't miss this interesting program!

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Deadline for the next newsletter is September 10th.

# COHOES FALLS / WATERFORD TUGBOAT ROUNDUP ON SEPTEMBER 10

About eighteen months ago, Liz Walsh volunteered to be the POC for a walk on September 10 that would coincide with the annual Waterford Tugboat Roundup. As a long time resident of Cohoes, Liz was eager to bring walkers to her neighborhood for a special day related to area history. The tugboat roundup is a very popular event which provides a great opportunity to visit Waterford's historic waterfront and help celebrate the maritime industrial history of the New York State Canal System. There will be tugboat tours, boat rides, vendors, exhibits, family actives, and live music. The walk on this day will start at the Cohoes Community Center and we can thank Liz for finding us parking away from the Waterford festival activities!!!! The 11k route will go by historic buildings in Cohoes as well as the Cohoes Falls. There are two 5k routes available. One will include the Cohoes Falls and one will include the Waterford Tugboat Roundup. The choice is yours at the signup time. Plan to spend the day walking, eating, learning and just plain having fun.

Link for the Cohoes / Waterford walk:

www.ava.org/clubs/escv/11cohoeswaterford.pdf

# OCTOBERFEST AT GLIMMERGLASS STATE PARK ON SEPTEMBER 24

Our annual Octoberfest will be held a bit earlier this year on September 24. The site is Glimmerglass State Park near Cooperstown, NY. We are hoping for some early color on the beautiful drive out Route 20. Glimmerglass State Park consists of 600 acres in a picturesque part of Central New York. The route will include a scenic forest trail with a view of Otsego Lake. There is also a nature trail and a covered bridge noted for being the oldest existing covered bridge in the state. We will also pass Hyde Hall Mansion built from 1736 to 1744 by a member of the Clark family which many consider to be an outstanding example of Classical Revival architecture. Tours of this historic house will be available starting at 10 am. The Octoberfest begins at noon. As always, we ask everyone to bring a dish to share.

The grill master of the day will cook the wursts and hotdogs in our very own reserved picnic pavilion. The club will provide soft drinks and paper products. Look for the sign up sheet in another part of the newsletter.

Link for theGlimmerglass walk: www.ava.org/clubs/escv/11glimmerglass.pdf

### MILESTONES FROM "THE AMERICAN WANDERER" - Teresa Kennedy

Attention new members: A benefit of joining AVA, our national volkssporting organization, is seeing your name in print in the bimonthly edition of "The American Wanderer." Once event and distance books are submitted to the Texas office for processing, our accomplishments are published in the national newsletter.

The milestones listed below were published in the Aug./Sept. 2011 AVA Newsletter.

#### **Events Milestones**

10 Events David Gosda Patricia Gosda	<b>50 Events</b> Carol Lansing	75 Events Barbara Popolizio Michael Popolizio John Watson	<b>125 Events</b> Dave Golden Janice Golden	175 Events Bernard Desroches			
200 Events Suzann Burke	275 Events Karen Watson	<b>350 Events</b> Rita Gavin	<b>425 Events</b> Bernie Geren	<b>475 Events</b> Marylou Geren			
<b>525 Events</b> Phyllis Boyd	1150 Events John Cairns	1400 Events Charlotte Phillips					

### **Distance Milestones**

500k Carol Lansing  1000k Michael Popolizio		<b>2000k</b> Suzann Burke Bernard Desroches	<b>3000k</b> Rita Gavin	<b>4500k</b> Bernie Geren	
<b>5000k</b> Phyllis Boyd Marylou Geren	<b>6500k</b> Pat Reed	<b>11000k</b> Dan Schryver	<b>12000k</b> Natalie Smith	<b>15000k</b> Charlotte Phillips	

**Congratulations** on your accomplishments! If anyone was missed that was published in the Aug./Sept. *Wanderer*, please call Teresa Kennedy at her home phone or e-mail her at Forty6er3k@aol.com so you can be recognized in the next newsletter.

#### SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM FR. JACK CAIRNS

I have noticed that many of our Volkswalkers do not carry water with them on our walks. We've had some very hot days. Not a good idea to walk without water, sunscreen and a good hat. Walkers need to keep hydrated in hot weather.

I am advised that about 90% of heart attacks occur early in the morning and it can be minimized if one takes a glass or two of water [yes WATER and NOT grog or beer or other beverage] before retiring in the evening.

I knew water is important but I never knew about the special times to drink it. Did you??

Drinking water at the correct time maximizes its effectiveness on the Human body:

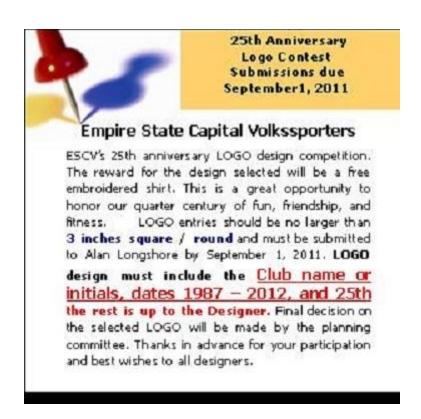
- 2 glasses of water after waking up helps activate internal organs
- 1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal helps digestion
- 1 glass of water before taking a bath helps lower blood pressure
- 1 glass of water before going to bed avoids stroke or heart attack

## SAVE THE DATE - ESCV 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Save the date: Saturday, June 23rd, 2012, for the ESCV 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

#### LOGO CONTEST ENTRIES DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST

ESCV is conducting a 25th anniversary LOGO design competition. The reward for the design selected will be a free embroidered shirt. This is a great opportunity to honor our quarter century of fun, friendship, and fitness. LOGO entries should be no larger than 3 inches square / round and must be submitted to Alan Longshore by September 1, 2011. LOGO design must include the club name or initials, dates 1987 – 2012, and 25<sup>th</sup>; the rest is up to the Designer. Final decision on the selected LOGO will be made by the planning committee. Thanks in advance for your participation and best wishes to all designers.



### **ESCV 25th ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS**

We will be displaying and having try ons of the 25th Anniversary shirts and will be available at many Wednesday walks and some YREs through September for preordering (with payment). There will be many chances to try on and order shirts at the Wednesday walks.. You may also preorder by sending the order form with check to Eileen Skinner. Order forms will be available at the walks with shirts.

We are beginning try ons now, so as to get everyone who might only walk a few times a year a chance to purchase one. We also would like to have everyone wear their 25th Anniversary shirts at most of our walks to do some advertising as we traverse the capital communities throughout the year 2012.

See additional information and order form below.

# EMPIRE STATE CAPITAL VOLKSSPORTS 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Shirt Sale

25тн Anniversary Shirts – (Anniversary Logo to be added)

3 Different Styles available - 2 for men (wicking and regular)

3 for women (including the both for men and 1 other shirt piping, tapered, wicking) Click here to print out an order form: Please follow directions on this form and Mail to Eileen Skinner by October 1st.

These shirts will be given out at our annual Holiday Walk/Luncheon on Dec. 3rd.

Men's shirts - **Port Authority Silk Touch K500** in (sizes M, L, XL - for try ons) COLORS (see below) in gold, blue, and light sand. All sizes are available for order. (XS-3XL) **Men/Women's Shirts \$19.00** (2X or Tall sizes add \$2.00) Also Available in Women sizes. This shirt is **NOT a wicking style** 



Women only shirts are **Wicking - Sport Tek by Port Authority L467** with Tipped Colors and Piping. in sizes (M, L, XL - for tryons) All sizes are available for order. XS-4XL COLORS: (See Below) White/black, Pink/White, and Royal blue/white **Price: \$25.50** (**2X add \$1.50; 3X & up add \$3.00**)







Pink/White

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# Additional shirt for men/women WICKING Dry Zone™ Ottoman Sport Shirt K525

Men's & Women's Port Authority Dry Zone Ottoman Sport Shirts Price: \$23.98 and 2XL add \$1.50: 3XL-6XL add \$3.00)



Women may choose either the men's shirt or the women's – both come in women sizing. Shirts will have the new ESCV 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo (See Logo Contest above) embroidered by Personal Touch Embroidery

Questions: Contact Eileen Skinner 371-4352 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:EFSkinner@aol.com">EFSkinner@aol.com</a>

# To order the ESCV 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirt\*

Printable Order Form (click here)

Make check payable to: Personal Touch Embroidery

## Send check and order form to

Eileen Skinner, 4 Mountain Laurel Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065 Questions: contact Eileen @ 371-4352 or <u>EFSkinner@aol.com</u>

# **EMPIRE STATE CAPITAL VOLKSSPORTERS**

# 25th Anniversary Shirt Sale

Personal Touch Embroidery

Address:

CONTACT: Eileen Skinner 371-4352 Checks Made out to: <u>Personal Touch Embroidery</u>

Phone

	Item #	Quantity	Size	Color	Unit Price	Total
Personal Embroidery 179 Kingsley Road Burnt Hills N.Y. 12027-9528						
Lynette Janssen Phone: 518-810-5645						
Email						
• Women's: L467 \$25.50 Dri-Me White/Black, Pink/White, Roya						
• Women's K525 Port Authority				•	Subtotal	
<ul> <li>Men's K525 Port Authority Dry and 3X &amp;up add \$3.00(both me White</li> </ul>	•	-			*Shipping (Optional)	
MENS: K500 Silk Touch Sports Colors: Gold, Stone & Blue. Sh NOT a wicking shirt.				*	Balance Due	
NAME(S)						

# **Oktoberfest Party**

Hope you have saved Saturday, September 24, 2011, for our annual Oktoberfest picnic at Glimmerglass State Park, Cooperstown, NY. Kathy Brown will purchase the bratwurst, knockwurst and hot dogs; Eileen & John Sowa will again do the cooking. Bravo and a BIG thank you to them! Rolls, soft drinks, condiments, cider, plastic ware (knives, forks and spoons), cups, paper plates and napkins will also be provided for the low cost of \$5 a person! Winnie will be bringing her delicious sauerkraut. Please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone.



Oktoberfest Walk on September 24, 2011 Send money via check made out to ESCV by Sept 10, 2011 to:  Bernie Geren 211 Sweetman Rd Ballston Spa, NY 12020		Choose One Per Person		
		Bratwurst	Hot Dog	
Oktoberfest Food Reservation for:				
Name(s)				
Total				

Send \$5 per your listed persons

Put an "X" in appropriate column

Cost of \$5 per person must be received by September 10th.

Click Here for printable form

Please complete the reservation form and send it to Bernie Geren along with your check made out to **ESCV**.

There is NO pre-registration for this walk. You will need to pay your \$3 or \$2 walk fee upon arrival to the registration table.

August 2011



## JAN FROM NORWAY WALKS WITH US - Linda Morzillo

On Wednesday, May 11, Norwegian Jan Jorgensen joined us for the morning West Side Saratoga Springs walk. Jan began his athletic career by trying several different pursuits. He finally found his niche in cross-country running and skiing, biking, swimming, bowling and walking, some of which were long-distance. Among other affiliations, including Norway National IVV Clubs, he founded the Norwegian Triathlon Federation and served as president as well as on the law/judge and doping committees. After two auto accidents in 1986 and 1998, Jan limits his physical goals to walking and has taken up more sedate activities such as stamp, book and comic strip collecting. He has walked a distance greater than around the world – **TWICE** - has walked in all 50 states – **TWICE** – including 200 cities! We are glad you were able to join us, Jan!

## WALKING GREEN IN SCHENECTADY MAP PUBLISHED

Several ESCV members who are also members of The Environmental Clearinghouse of Schenectady (ECOS) helped draw up the Walking Green Map. The map shows 15 different walks in downtown Schenectady with distances and times. The map can be found at

http://www.ecosny.org/ECOS\_Events/May%202011/MVP\_ECOS\_Walking\_Brochure\_3-11\_R2.pdf

# **NEW AVA SPECIAL EVENT: CLASSIC AMERICAN DINERS - Doug** Reynolds, NE-RD - with lots of help from Carolyn Adams

Twin States Volkssporters Association (TSVA) is starting its first venture into the world of AVA Special Events Programming for 2012. They are doing "Diners", a feature close to all Volkssporters' hearts. This should add support to our clubs, our region, and Volkssporting in general. They ask your help to do so. Some of the BEST diners are in New England and NYS. People travel up to our Northeast Region every year for our diners. It would be great if we get lots of Volkswalkers who want to eat in (or just walk by) twenty Worcester Lunch Cars, or Silk City diners. Some of our historic diners are still here, and still original. For the diner purists, this will mean something.

It is not just for the Northeast, however, and not just for the purists, as there are diners in Hawaii, Alaska, all the lower 48, plus Canada and a few in Europe. However, the Diner is pretty unique to the US. TSVA has broadened the definition so every club can find a diner in their area. If you look for them, you may find them already on your routes. A good source to locate diners is at www.roadsideonline.com and click on "Diner Finder", then select your state and community for classic diners. This is primarily concerned with manufactured diners, with some great examples.

I ask your assistance in reviewing your walks and noting those that pass diners, or making small adjustments in your route to accommodate this program of our sister club. The deadline for sanctioning your YREs/SEs to be sure it is entered into the new Starting Point 2012 is Aug. 31. Noting this Special Event Program as part of your Event Description may well attract participants to your walk. (See the Patch below.)

Our walking colleague, Carolyn Adams of TSVA, has written a nice article in this Aug/Sept issue of The American Wanderer (TAW), page 4. It is the best place to find out about the program. With your help, TSVC will have a successful program. They have a Facebook page up and running, which might be a good place to talk about the diners in your area, or post a picture. "Like" or "friend" them at "Classic American Diners AVA".



## Diner Patch - Mickey's Dining Car in St. Paul, MN

To get the booklet for stamping 20 Diner walks, send a \$10 check made out to Twin State Volkssport to:

Carolyn Adams PO Box 757 Wells River, VT 05081

(Additional info from: carri@vtlink.net)

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

200.00

		August 1, 2011	
June	1, 2011 Beginning Balance:	\$ 8075.79	
	Income: Returned security	100.00	
	Donations	130.00	
	Membership	139.00	
	Credit Walkers	2691.00	
	IVV Log Books	305.00	
	New Walker Packet	25.00	
	Non Credit Walkers	280.00	
	Merchandise	<u>34.00</u>	
	Total Income by Categorie	es 3704.00	
	Expenses: Office Supplies	140.40	
	After Action	773.75	
	Donations Given	410.00	
	Merchandise	92.42	
	Web Site	60.00	
	After Walk Activities	263.84	
	Dues to AVA	50.00	

Total Expenses \$ 1990.41 July 31, 2011 Ending Balance: \$ 9789.38

25th Anniversary Party

Submitted by, Beth Snyder Treasurer

## **ESCV CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### TRADITIONAL ONE DAY EVENTS

Sept. 10 - Waterford - Tugboat Festival

### Sept. 24 - Glimmerglass State Park - Oktoberfest - CHANGE

October 15 – Chatham November 6 - Ballston Lake - Pasta Party

December 3 - Schenectady - Holiday Party

### **WEDNESDAY WALKS**

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Date	Description	9AM & 6PM Start / Finish	POC
		6:45 AM, 9 AM, and 6 PM W	alks
17-Aug	Malta/ Luther Forest	Malta Parade Grounds	Vera Weiss / Marylou Geren
24-Aug	Troy, NY	Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church	Mary Agars
		9AM only	
31-Aug	Troy/Oakwood Cemetery		Jim Kuba / Winnie Balz

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL CALENDAR - Patty Proulx,** 

			NORTHEAST REGION	Calendar 2011		
Date	Day	AVA Club	Walk Location	Point of Contact	E - Mail	Telephone
	August					
20-Aug	Saturday	Walk 'n Mass	Arlington, MA	Mary Frink	mkfrink@verizon.net	617-387-1577
	September					
11-Sep	Sunday	West Point	Nyack, NY	Peggy Goetz	volkssportclubofwestpoint@h otmail.com	845-268-2215
17-Sep	Saturday	West Point	Highland, NY	Andrew Schmidt	volkssportclubofwestpoint@h otmail.com	845-462-7539
24-Sep	Saturday	Walk 'n Mass	Middletown, RI	Ann Plichta	amplic@comcast.net	508-673-6553
	October					
2-Oct	Sunday	West Point	(Ramble Walk)			
8,9 - Oct	Sat/Sun	Twin State	Addison, VT	Charlotte Phillips	cpwalkvt@shoreham.net	802-343-3033
8,9 - Oct	Sat/Sun	Twin State	Crown Point, NY	Charlotte Phillips	cpwalkvt@shoreham.net	802-343-3033
22-Oct	Saturday	Southern Maine	Portland, ME	Denise Macaronas	SMVA2005@yahoo.com	207-774-3415
	November					
5-Nov	Saturday	Walk 'n Mass	Bedford, MA	Sue & Dave Robertson	susdave@comcast.net	978-774-6449
	December					
3-Dec	Saturday	Walk 'n Mass	Attleboro, MA	Margo Craven	magoo249@comcast.net	508-222-1152