

GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2018

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President: Bill Badger

Vice-President: Rosalie Maul

Treasurer: Cindy Stucky

Secretary: Lois La Fleur - fleurs1106@gmail.com

Directors: Deb Kruep, Ann Mattingly, and Paul Gorom

Members: We have 70 club members!

Treasurer: We have a balance of: \$8,608.09

Membership/Volunteers for 2018: Cindy Stucky sent out cards to those members who hadn't signed up yet. Thank you Cindy for doing this. We are always looking for volunteers to help at our walks. Volunteering is a great way to learn more about folksporting and our club. If you had any questions about volunteering you may send an email to our site: gatewaymilers@gmail.com

Reports for Recent Walks:

Nov 11th, World Bird Sanctuary - POC Deb Kruep: This is always so much fun full of walkers, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. It was a bit chilly in the morning but that didn't stop us from exploring the trails and viewing all the birds.

- **Dec 2nd, The Giving Walk, Edwardsville** – POC Carol Reznicek: This was our 2nd year doing this theme. We walked around Edwardsville and the Edwardsville market. We spent some time in the market and met so many people that we could pass out our Gateway Milers Business cards and an added touch of candy canes attached. Many took advantage of the market and did some shopping. We had a great lunch afterwards at the Bull and Bear Restaurant in Edwardsville.

Updates on Upcoming Walks and Adventures:

- Feb 23rd, Mardi Gras Walk Belleville IL POCs: Deb and Mark Kruep, and Mark Mackey- walk is ready and a group met to put over 1,000 beads together in grouping for the Belleville shops to hand out during the walk.
- Mar 10, Bunny Hop Walk Moose Lodge O'Fallon IL POCs: Regina Gorom and Rosalie Maul – walk is mapped out with a list of stores in O'Fallon that will participate in our walk.
- Apr 14-15, Cape Girardeau Trip, multi-walks event plus swim: POC Deb Kruep – This will be a great trip with 3 different clubs putting on the walks. Our club will be a POC for one of the walks. We hope you'll join us so you can meet other walkers from other clubs. Lois is sending out this walk brochure to 26 clubs in IL, MO, IN, AR, and KS.
- Apr 28th, Jefferson City MO, Inmates and Ice Cream Trip: POC Deb Kruep - We are still open if you would like to sign up for this fun one-day trip. I mean walking, eating, exploring a penitentiary, and ice cream, how could you not want to join us!
- May 19th, Maplewood MO: POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky- We are all set for you to join us on this new walk.
- Jun 16th, Schorr Lake Vineyards Waterloo: POC Carol Reznicek - another great walk at a winery and we will have lunch available if you want to stay and visit with us for awhile.
- July 14th, OPEN
- Oct 13th, Pere Marquette POCs: Bill and Linda Badger - The Badger's are happy they can put on this walk again and we are keeping our fingers crossed for great weather!!
- Oct 27-29 Mid-America Conference Dundee MI – several club members are attending this conference where we will join other clubs representing the Mid-America Region (MI, IL, IN, OH, and KY). All walkers are welcomed to come to the conference and do the walks. It is a lot of fun to meet so many new walkers. There is a need for volunteers to oversee several committees. If you would like to learn more about these positions please ask one of our officers.

** Possible other walks:

Year Round Events (YREs):

- Oakland Historic District-Belleville POC: Rosalie Maul –Belleville Downtown YMCA
- Edwardsville POCs: Linda and Bill Badger; O’Fallon IL POC: Lois La Fleur; Katy Bike Trail; POCs: Debra Kruep and Missy McBride; and University City MO POCs: DeAnne and Gordon Brown
- All YREs are listed on the AVA website under the Event section.

Master Program Graduation: This Girl Scout graduation will be held 10 April in the evening. We are looking at possible location. This is a nice event to honor our Girl Scouts who have joined us on our walks.

Wild Walking Wednesdays for Spring and Summer: These walks would fit under a new AVA program called ACE Awards/Walks. These are not IVV sanctioned but are AVA sanctioned events but we do pay AVA \$30 to put on less than 30 walks in a quarter. These can be free but they must be conducted Monday to Friday. More to follow at our next meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

-Carol Reznicek is looking into our 2018 Holiday Party. She is suggesting possibly Belleville and maybe we could turn this into a Dinner-Game night. More to follow.

-Deb Kruep brought in a list of places we can leave our Gateway Milers publicity. Those at the meeting volunteered to take on some of the site and leave our brochures and 2018 walk list. Remember to check with places before you leave something. If you have a place where you can leave some items please let Lois or Deb know and they will make sure you get some brochures.

-Deb Kruep discussed some places we may want to visit in 2019. Jan 2019 New Orleans for a Pre-Mardi Gras trip. An Ireland trip is already planned in Aug 2019.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is **March 13 at Fortel’s Pizza Restaurant**. Meet at 6:15 if you would like to order food. Meeting will start at 6:30pm.

Lois La Fleur
Gateway Milers Secretary