

GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES Jan 14, 2020

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President: Lois La Fleur - fleurs1106@gmail.com

Vice-President: Rosalie Maul

Treasurer: Cindy Stucky

Secretary: Ann Mattingly

Directors: Paul Gorom, Gordon Brown, Mark Mackey

Members: We have **84 club members!**

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$9029.98. AVA is transitioning from a fiscal year to the calendar year for accounting purposes. A club is required to file a short year return if it also converts to a calendar year. Cindy is working on completing the club's short year return.

Proposed activities for 2020:

- Our first special walk of the season is the University City Year-Round Event Jan 18th. We will start this walk, **this date only**, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6800 Washington Ave St. Louis. The start times will be 9:30-11:30a.m. There will be a group walk at 10:00 a.m. **We ask, if possible, you bring canned goods (soup/vegetables) for the church food pantry.**
- **Bunny Hop – March 14:** POCs Paul and Regina Gorom: Our walk will begin at the Masonic Lodge. Come early and take advantage of the Masonic Lodge All You Can Eat Breakfast annual breakfast. The walk starts at 9 am and breakfast begins at 7 am. In addition to 10k and 5k walks, there will be a 2k walk geared to the children coming to the event. All walkers will pay the \$3.00 fee.
- **French Lick, Indiana – April 17-19:** The Gateway Milers are going on a weekend walking trip to French Lick, Indiana on Saturday, April 18th. The Bedford Hiking Club is sponsoring this AVA walk at the French Lick Resort. In the afternoon some of us are taking a scenic railway ride. If you would like to join us, we recommend going to their website at Frenchlickscenicrailway.org to purchase tickets for the 1 pm train on April 18th. Then on Sunday we will walk the Spring Mill State Park YRE. For more information, check the Gateway Milers website.
- **Missouri County Weekend Walk – May 23-25:** The Gateway Milers, St. Louis-Stuttgart and the Dogwood Trailblazers are sponsoring the walks. The Gateway Milers will sponsor the Lincoln County walk on May 25th at Cuivre River State Park. The start time of the walk has not been determined. We will need to take into consideration the hours of the visitor's center and the travel time required to get there for the people staying in Washington, MO on Sunday night. More to follow.

Year Round Events

- **Edwardsville IL** - POCs: Linda and Bill Badger
- **O'Fallon IL** – POC: Lois La Fleur: We have a new 10K so make sure you take directions. We also have two 5K walks to choose from.
- **Oakland Historic District-Belleville** – POC: Rosalie Maul
- **Hermann MO** – POC: Elizabeth McCartney
- **Kirkwood MO** – POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky
- **University City MO** – POCs: Deanne and Gordon Brown – There are minor changes to the route.
- **O'Fallon IL Bike seasonal event:** Lois La Fleur and Rosalie Maul
- **NOTE:** Cuivre River State Park Seasonal Walk starts Feb 1st 2020. Our first walk will be Feb 22nd 2020.

Walk Ideas for 2020:

- **St. Peters, MO – Sept 19 or 26** - We can't reserve a date for a pavilion until March. More to follow.
- **Clayton, MO** – possible July date. We can't reserve a date for a pavilion until March. More to follow.
- **The Nature Institute- Godfrey, IL** – possibly Oct. 10th. We are celebrating our 5th club anniversary at this walk.
- **Lafayette Square** – possible walk.

Items from the Floor:

Reminder: Our 2020 Gateway Miler membership form is on our website. We will have the membership form available at our traditional walks.

Club needs a volunteer as an assistant web master. If interested, please contact Lois - fleurs1106@gmail.com.

As a reminder, please check our website for any information about the club and updates on start times due to inclement weather. There is a wealth of information to be found on our site. You may also check out our Facebook page, especially for same day changes.

The next **Mid-America Conference is Jun 19-21** being held in Dayton OH. This conference is a great time meeting our other clubs in our region. We will keep you up to date as information is passed on.

The club is looking at holding a social event, possibly playing Bunco, in April. More to follow.

From Lois:

- The club would like your ideas on what type of Gateway Miler shirts you would like to wear. (T-shirts, jersey, polos, etc.)
- AVA National Walking Week is Apr. 1 – 7. Our club will sponsor a walk at the O'Fallon, IL YMCA on Saturday, Apr. 4th. Group walk starts at 9:30.
- The Big Give is a drive to give back to the AVA. Mar. 26th is the day of giving, with early giving Mar. 19-25. Our club is donating \$200.00 towards The Big Give this year.
- The club voted not to have a Girl Scout Program for 2020. We will revisit this issue in 2021.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is at **Lois La Fleur's house, March 3rd, 1115 Illini Dr., O'Fallon, IL.** Meeting will start at 6:30 pm. We'd love for you to join us and share ideas for future walks and trips.

Ann Mattingly
Gateway Milers Secretary