

NW REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Club,

Great seeing so many of our NW Region walkers at the Convention in New Mexico.

At the April 26th ESVA Meeting Ed Hainline was presented a **SUPER-MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD** for his longtime support for our Winter Walking Contest and other work done for ESVA. Folks that know Ed well understands his love for coffee! Thanks Ed!



At the AVA Convention, Carolyn Warhol received the **"DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"** honoring her longtime service to Daffodil Valley Volkssport club, neighboring clubs and longtime office holder and volunteer in ESVA. Thanks Carolyn for all you do to promote the sport we all love.



Our former NW Regional Director, Tom Baltes, was awarded the **"LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"** for his work on the AVA Board, Training, Convention Committee, bringing the clubs in the NW Region on board with the new "my.ava.org" and being the leader and trainer to help us navigate getting our walk routes into OSB.

Tom and Louise now split their time between their Arizona home and Minnesota home (Tom's native state) with trips to play with the kids and grandkids in Albuquerque, NM. Ed stopped at his house in Arizona on his way home from convention to present the award.



Nancy Wittenberg, AVA Board Chair, was awarded the **"LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"** at the convention. Nancy has served on the board for 12 years as NW Regional Director, AVA Vice-President and AVA Board Chair. Nancy has worked very hard in the NW Region in many clubs to help create the best walking in the US.

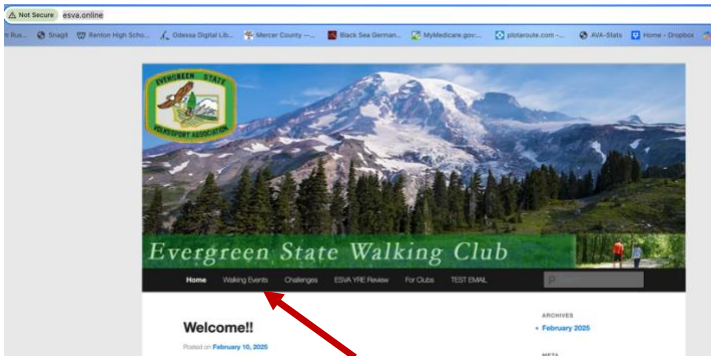


All awards presented in the last 2 years will be in the Awards booklet to be placed on the AVA website very soon.

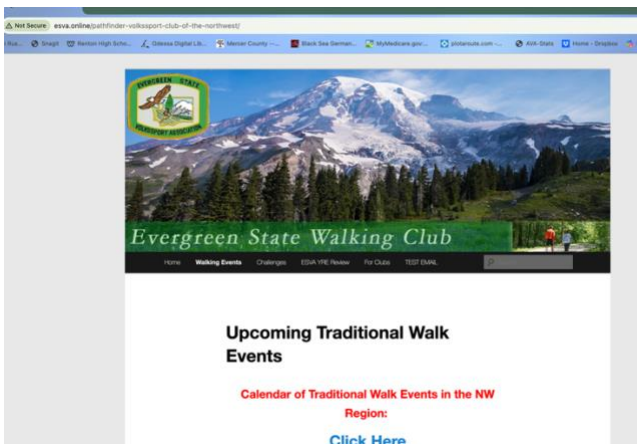
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With the closure of publication of the NW Pathfinder publication here are some ways for you to find your Traditional walking events:

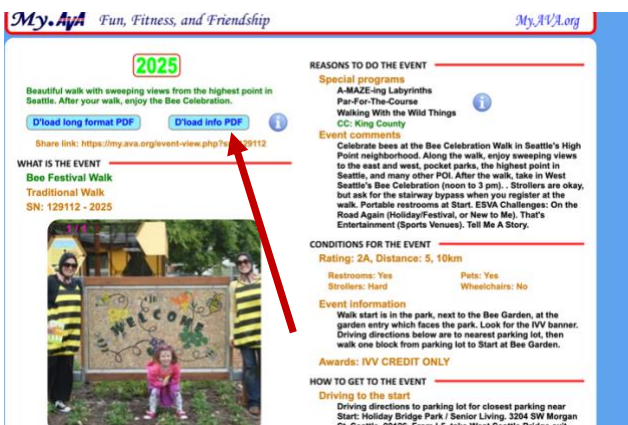
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- **OR:** walkoregon@googlegroups.com
- **From the ESVA Website:**



Go to the esva.online website. Click for “walking events”



Click on the link which will take you directly to the AVA site that lists all the TE for the year. When the screen comes up click on the view or add. If you click on the add button the info will go to your smart phone calendar. The “view takes you to the image below.



From this screen you can print a brochure to help advertise your walk (“Dload into PDF). Save the file or print.

I am currently adding Traditional events to meetup groups (WA) if your club does not have a person doing this. Please have your club provide a volunteer for doing this as this is currently our best venue for getting new walkers. Please continue to advertise in other venues also.

Here is the list of current meetup groups for WA and Oregon:

For Group walks in North Puget Sound [Click Here](#)

For Group walks in South Puget Sound [Click Here](#)

NW Tulip Trekkers and Olympic Peninsula Meet-up Group [Click Here](#)

SW Washington and Oregon Meet-up Group [Click Here](#)

Willamette Valley and Mid-Coast Walkers [Click Here](#)

The Future Event Calendar is filling up with many new areas to walk in. Be sure to get your club's future walks on the calendar even if you only have preliminary information available so you can reserve the date you need.

Multi-day events are noted in the future event list.

See you on the trail!

Sharon Moats (NWRD)

Ed Hainline (NWDRD)