

April 15 Business Meeting – Winking Lizard



Despite overcast weather, the new 5k trail developed by Jan Varnon was enjoyed by everyone. The group voted again to have our next April business meeting at the Winking Lizard.

Betty Schmiermund was honored at the meeting for her 5 years of outstanding service as Treasurer. Bob was also honored for his tireless work in helping with all our events.

Ed Pfadt brought a new member, Paul Podgers pictured below. Each of the 2012 coordinators discussed the upcoming events.

Officers were elected for July 1, 2012- June 30, 2014 with the only change is Donna Brianas as the new Treasurer and Jan Henderson as her assistant. Our publicity chairs, Jan Henderson and Sandi Stowers, gave out our "Walking for All Ages" flyers. If you have any ideas to spread



the words on our events please let us know. Better yet bring a friend to the upcoming event or our club picnic. Working together we can increase our participation and introduce this life time sport full of fun, friendship and health.

May 19 Bay Village Event

Jan Henderson developed this interesting trail thru Bay Village. Working the checkpoints pictured are Bea Schaefer and Marilyn Harness. Donna Brianas, our new Treasurer starting July 1, working her first start point pictured with Carolyn Yarnell, Secretary. 51 walkers enjoyed this event. Special thanks to all members who participated and the Bay Village Library for their support.



2013 Event Calendar

Jan. 5 – Annual Polar Bear Walk at downtown Renaissance Hotel meet at 9:45 a.m. start 10 a.m.
 Feb. 2 - Group walk led by Jan Varnon at Chagrin Falls 10 a.m.
 March 2-Group walk led by Jan at Berea YRE 10 a.m.
 April 14 - Business Meeting at Winking Lizard /walk at 11 a.m.
 May 18 – Bonnie Park at Strongsville (Pearl & Valley Parkway) Start 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. finish by 4 p.m. coordinated by Carolyn & Deva.
 June 8 – Chapin Forrest Event coordinated by Betty.
 July 13 – Group walk Lakewood YRE 11 a.m. eat at Winking Lizard.
 August 3 – Kent Event walk coordinated by Eric Halverson.
 Sept. 15 (Sun.) - Markko Vineyards picnic/walk at 1 p.m.
 Oct. 12 – Painesville Event coordinated by Richard/Carol.
 Nov. 9 – Group walk at 11 a.m. Oberlin YRE then eat at Inn.
 Dec. 7 – Holiday Party – Eastside coordinated by Richard.
All the year rounds are the same. However you can get Event credit like Distance as many times are you walk them.

Chardon Walk June 9

Jan and Bob Varnon developed our first walk in Chardon with 53 walkers participating. Celebrating his 75 birthday at the event was our VP Richard Gundelach shown with his wife, Carol, and cake. Pictured above working the start table with our first walker Marilyn is Betty Schmiermund and Jan Varnon.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who have made this year so successful – Richard/Carol Gundelach, Betty/Bob Schmiermund, Carolyn Yarnell, Donna Brianas, Jan Henderson, Jason Jodon, Colleen Theusch, Jan Weeks, Jan/Bob Varnon, Eric/Kathy Halverson, John/Christine Wheeler, Bea Schaefer, Marilyn Harness, Elaine/Joe Federico, Vicky Heineck, George/Andrea Aussant, Nancy/Tom Dial, John/Clare Petrich, Sandi Stowers and Al Simon.

Markko Vineyard Picnic July 15

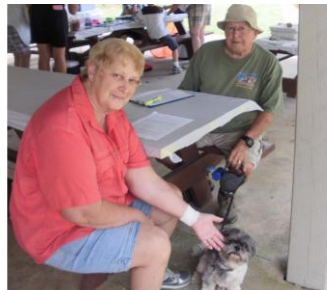
As usual Arnie was a gracious host who couldn't be there but had Linda available to host. Joining the club was Nikki Morley shown with Ed Pfadt, Deva and Paul. As you can tell by the 20 smiling faces everyone had a great time enjoying the food and company. Special thanks to our chef Bob Schmiermund. Donna is shown taking over her job as Treasurer learning from the expert Betty with Carolyn, the club secretary watching.



Wingfoot State Park August 4

53 walkers enjoyed the beautiful sunny weather at the newest state park. Eric Halverson developed this trail. In addition he was our master chef of a great lunch. Yes, I think we went to the dogs with all the cute ones at this walk. Our first walker was the president of the Fredericksburg, VA club, Kay Collie pictured with her dog. Of course, our Master chef and Kathy had their two cute dogs with Elaine and Joe Federico working the checkpoint brought their cute foster dog. Special Thanks to Gemutlich Wanderers who helped coordinate this 2 event day.

Our first time volunteers, John & Christine Wheeler helped mark the trail with Carolyn. Our youngest walker was Beth Filina's grandson, Adam, being congratulated on his 5k walk by Karen Birt.



*I would like to thank all the members for your outstanding support thru my cancer treatment. It really made a difference. **You all are the best.** I am now able to help mark the trail. Your President is back!*

Congratulations to the following members' distance and event achievements—200 Events—Chris Ann MacGregor; 250 Events—Gene DeZort; 450 Events—Karen Birt; 1350 Events—Marilyn Harness. Distance—1500K—Richard Gundelach; 4500 K—Karen Birt; & 7500K—Bob Varnon.

Upcoming 2012 Events - September 15, 11 a.m. – Berea Kiwanis' Shelter located beside Gazebo and Coe Lake in downtown Berea.

There is no actual address. However the Cuyahoga Library located in the same parking lot is 7 Berea Commons, Berea. Bring your favorite dish please let Deva know by Sept. 12 if planning to attend at Deval17@aol.com.

October 13 – North Rocky River Reservation, Scenic Park Picnic Area on Valley Parkway, 1800 Scenic Park Drive, Lakewood, OH 44102. Start between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. finish by 4 p.m. Award is the Sweetgum leaf pin in our leaf series.

November 4 – Meet at Chagrin Falls YRE start at Einstein Brothers at 11 a.m. After the walk the group will eat at local restaurant.

December 1 - DER BRAUMEISTER RESTAURANT, 13046 Lorain, Cleveland, OH 44111, 216 671-6220 www.DerBraumeister.com Parking is behind the restaurant or across the street in CVS parking lot. Partv starts at 2:30 p.m.. dinner served at 3 p.m. Cost \$20.

Membership Renewals for July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013 is \$8 individual and \$16 family. Please send check payable to Valley Vagabonds, to Donna Brianas, 33876 Maple Ridge Road, Avon, OH 44011. Her phone number is 440-937-6172 and e-mail at dbrianas@roadrunner.com . Thanks to all the members for your continued support.