

## GATEWAY MILERS CLUB MEETING MINUTES March 13, 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 71 club members!

**Treasurer:** We have a balance of: \$9,962.64

**Club Gift for AVA's "The Big Give":** The club gave \$150 for the AVA "The Big Give" with \$100 to the General Fund and \$50 to Programs.

### **Reports for Recent Walks:**

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mardi Gras Walk Belleville IL** POCs: Deb and Mark Kruep, and Mark Mackey: Another great event with lots of happy walkers. Mark Mackey has agreed to be our chef for next year...thanks Mark. Deb will get with the merchants and see if they are interested in doing this event next year. If we have a Pre-Mardi Gras bus trip then we will need to move the date of this walk to Mardi Gras Saturday. More to follow

**Mar 10, Bunny Hop Walk Moose Lodge O'Fallon IL** POCs: Regina and Paul Gorom: What a fabulous walk with the partnership of The O'Fallon merchants and the hospitality of the Moose Lodge. Over 100 walkers, so many new ones from the local community, enjoyed the walk around O'Fallon and visiting the shops. For many it was the first time they had visited some of the shops. Thanks Regina and Paul for a wonderful first walk and thanks to Deb and Rosalie for your mentorship.

**Master Program Graduation:** We started with 15 Master Program participants. We had 10 complete the program. This Girl Scout graduation will be held 10 April, 6:30pm at the Belleville Library. This is a nice event to honor our Girl Scouts who have joined us on our walks. We hope you can attend to show support for their accomplishments.

### **Updates on Upcoming Walks and Adventures:**

- **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 and the swim. There will be an alternate route just in case there is a lot of rain. We will also have a social on Saturday night to get to know walkers from some of the other clubs.
- **Apr 28<sup>th</sup>, Jefferson City MO, Inmates and Ice Cream Trip**: POC Deb Kruep - We have 20 people signed up for the bus and 1 joining us from Kansas City. The deadline to sign up is 31 March. We must forward the amount joining us for the Penitentiary tour and for our dinner reservations.
- **May 19<sup>th</sup>, Maplewood MO**: POCs: Cindy and Tom Stucky- We are all set for you to join us on this new walk.
- **Jun 16<sup>th</sup>, 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**
- **Aug 25-26<sup>th</sup>** – The Windy City Walking club is having a walk in Ottawa. One of our members is also a member of that club. We are looking at a possible trip to Starved Rock and then do the walk in Ottawa.
- **Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, Pere Marquette** POCs: Bill and Linda Badger – We are being positive for great weather since the last time there was lots of rain. Route is all set we are just eager to get there.
- **Oct 27-29 Mid-America Conference Dundee MI** – A great event to meet other walker from the Mid-America Region (MI, IL, IN, OH, and KY). All walkers are welcomed 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.

\*\* 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.

**Wild Walking Wednesdays for Spring and Summer:** We discussed adding these walks but would like some more information from Deb Kruep before we decide. 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:**

**Girl Scout Master Program:** If we are intending on doing Girl Scouts in the fall Deb has a tentative idea for a schedule:

Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> – O’Fallon YRE Breakfast in a Bag

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Belleville YRE 6:30pm evening walk with Ice Cream

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Pere Marquette (neither Deb or Cindy would be here so someone would need to take this one)

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – Mastadon State Historic Site (ACE Guided Event) - The Girl Scout Walk Together would be held here.

Feb 2019 – Belleville Mardi Gras Walk

Mid America News: No one from Illinois volunteered to be on the Mid America Conference Committee. Cheryl Elser has been nice enough to keep us informed of the progress. Deb attached the minutes of the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting is **May 8th 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