



Footprints



Placer Pacers' Newsletter, PO Box 142, Auburn, CA 95604

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Betsy's Banter:

Hope you
all had a
wonderful



holiday season and beginning of winter! Our Holiday Extravaganza on Dec. 13, 2013 was attended by Placer Pacers who enjoyed each other's company and merriment. We were so lucky to have Jan and Oscar Timmons volunteer to once again organize our fun, friendship, and food! We had a short meeting. Oscar announced our "Most Attendance" contest winners. The contests ran from June 1 to Dec. 1, 2013. The winners were presented with their prizes for: Most Attendance Working and Walking at Scheduled Events..... Bette Haskell and Most Attendance at Club Meetings Jan Timmons. These contests will continue from Dec. 1, 2013 and will end May 31, 2014. Our next Scheduled Event will be in Lincoln on Feb. 15 & 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can purchase the award patch, designed by Marillyn Ratliff, for \$4.50. The Workers' Walk will be on Thursday, February 13th. We are meeting at the start point at 9:00 a.m.

For more information see the PP, CVA, and AVA websites and your copy of The COMPASS. Thank you to the Placer Pacers who have already volunteered to help. There are only a couple of work shifts open on Saturday. We need help manning the checkpoints on Sunday. As of this writing, no one has signed up for this duty. Please contact Don Ratliff if you can help out our club. I hope that all Placer Pacers come out and walk so that we can have a successful event! Congratulations to Judy Stroud for being our "Placer Pacer Gold" award winner for 2013! Judy is currently the club Treasurer and Registrar. She's been Secretary and Treasurer before. She has been Walk Chair for Roseville 2012, 2013, and will do so again for the Rocklin event in April. She was the POC for the 3 Roseville YREs for a few years. Judy continues to demonstrate the "gold standard" of helping and supporting the Placer Pacers. We need a Specialties Chairperson! Roberta Murray has served us in this capacity for many years. She is unable to continue due to health issues. Thank you Roberta for your tireless service to the Placer Pacers!! Please step up

to help your club. This can be a co-chair position. Also, the Specialties Chair(s) will need help with the table at Scheduled Events. Please call me to volunteer.

Karen Reitz has donated her 10' by 8' shed to the Placer Pacers! The shed will be located at the Ratliffs'. This will replace the club trailer which has been located by Pat Lucero's house for many years. Our event supplies have been housed at this trailer and due to its deteriorating condition; we are replacing it with the shed. Thank you for your help Karen, Pat L., Marillyn and Don!
Happy Valentine's Day and Trails,
Betsy

ROAD TRIP!

We are organizing a bus trip to the Half Moon Bay Flower Festival Walk on Saturday, May 17. We are not sure of the cost yet, possibly \$40-\$45/person. Our last trip was to the Lake Elizabeth Volkswalk in Fremont, 2010. This event was also put on by the South Bay Striders. Come to the February 11 meeting to help plan this fun event!

The Next 3 Placer Pacer meetings will be on: **Tuesday, February 11, 2014, Tuesday, March 11, 2014, and Tuesday April 8, 2014** at Round Table Pizza at 370 Elm Ave. in Auburn, at **7:00 p.m.** We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, January through November.

Placer Pacers Monthly Meeting Minutes "Fun, Fitness, Friendship" and Food January 14, 2014

Welcome President Betsy McDevitt

Introduction of Visitors: VP Oscar Timmons

Special welcome to Shelia Steinberg & Karen Reitz.

Approval of Minutes from November 12, & December 13, 2013. Secretary Jan Timmons

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Judy Stroud

For details, call the Prez or better yet, come to the meeting!

Committee Reports:

a. Specialties Roberta Murray & Pat Lucero

b. Awards Bette Haskell & Marillyn Ratliff

Discussed the Lincoln award, more detail is an extra charge.

c. Personal Incentives – Friendship Walks
Wayne Holloway & Don Ratliff
Great attendance on the walks, Land Park next.

d. Auditing Gerry Mohlenbrok

e. Newsletter - *Footprints* Bruce McDevitt
June is the last issue for Bruce; need an editor starting with the July issue.

f. Publicity Jay LaCroix
Jay is working on publicity.

g. Registrar – for pre-registrations Judy Stroud
Judy has received some registrations.

h. Checkpoints (haul and setup) Don Ratliff

i. Membership A.J. Bohanon

j. Sociability Jan & Oscar Timmons
We were talking about a bus to Half Moon Bay Flower Festival Walk on May 17. Jan will call to reserve the bus and Don will be the reservation guy.

k. Historian Pat Conant?

l. Webmeister (www.placerpacers.org) Don Ratliff

m. Phone and Sign-ups Don Ratliff
The Lincoln Walk Event sign-up sheet was passed around.

n. Trail master Don Ratliff

Old Business:

Banner- Betsy got some artwork prices, needs a photo of banner and artwork with a camera having better resolution. Jay volunteered.

2013 YRES- Quarterly reports are due for Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2013. Send to Oscar and Cc to Betsy. Need PP logo sticker for start box at the Flour Garden Bakery. Marillyn will make more.

2014 Events- Lincoln- Feb. 15 & 16 Don's brochure is ready to distribute. Don's TAW article was submitted for the Feb.- March issue. The awards have been received. We are waiting for the stamp. Discussed hauling the tables & equipment for the walk.

Rocklin- April 12 & 13 Judy working on a brochure, just needs a map. Not having an award. Event sanctioned on Jan. 10. AVA Website information is done. Compass article due Feb. 10. TAW deadline is Feb. 25 for the April-May issue.

Fallen Leaf Lake- June 28 & 29 Jan and Oscar Timmons. Compass article due Feb. 10. Need brochure and article prior to Feb. 10, so Betsy can sanction the events. April 25 is the TAW deadline for the June-July issue.

Apple Hill- Nov. 8 & 9 Ron and Bette Haskell

2014 YRE/NW Roseville Bike Tour. Don has everything ready. The first official ride is next Thursday, January 23.

Club Bylaws review and vote- Motion for lowering Family to \$10 & Individual to \$5, starting July 1, 2014, not passed. Bylaws will remain unchanged.

Club Trailer- Don bought the new tarp and will look into

purchasing a new storage shed. Karen Reitz offered to donate her storage shed to the club, but PP will need to move and repair it. We also talked about purchasing a trailer.

New Business:

Placer Pacer Gold Award- Judy Stroud received the Placer Pacer Gold Award for outstanding service. Congrats Judy!

CVA Convention- In Redding May 2-4, Pre-registration is due by March 15, to get a T-shirt. April 1, is the last day to pre-register and you won't get a T-shirt. It is also the last day for the lodging deals. We need to donate a basket for the door prize event. Betsy is going to ask Dorothy and Rich Peterson to make a basket like they made for the AVA Convention. MSP Marillyn/Bruce up to \$50 gift basket.

AVA news- The AVA Nominating Committee has found a new Executive Director and hopes to hire her (Stephanie Sinclair) after being approved by the NEC. AVA is shorthanded because of illness. Please submit the full name of volkssporters who pass away to Karen Winkle. Clubs issue their own tax receipt when an individual donates to a club. Be sure to use the copyrighted AVA logos and taglines. Donations to AVA are tax deductible.

Judy is planning on buying a roll of stamps because postage is going up.

Open announcements:

Mare Island--February 8 & 9

Lincoln--February 15 & 16 by the Placer Pacers

Opportunity Drawing: Jay LaCroix won \$15.

Adjourn: 8:43 pm

February Birthdays: Happy Birthday to you!

Pat Conant—13 Sue Hopper—21

Milestones: The following Placer Pacers have reached these milestones from the AVA:

Event Recognition:

700—Jan Jerabek, Betsy McDevitt, Bruce McDevitt

800—Jean Lucas

1300—Herb Webber

Distance Recognition: in kilometers...

1000—Jerry Braunstein

7000—Jan Jerabek

7500—Doug Rathgeb (the boss)

8000—Jean Lucas, Betsy McDevitt, Bruce McDevitt

Special Programs: Congratulations to **Jan Jerabek** for completing the following special programs:

Superintendent of Lights (Canadian Volkssport Federation)

2013 Centurion Award

Civil War Battlefields

Walking Forts of the U.S.A.

Hillside Letters

Walking Across America on the Old Spanish Trail

Works Progress Administration

Mission Possible (California's Missions)

Placer Pacer Regular Events for 2014

Lincoln; February 15 & 16

Rocklin; April 12 & 13

Fallen Leaf Lake; June 28 & 29

Apple Hill; November 8 & 9

AND NEW this year; NW Roseville Bike Tour YRE!

Upcoming events in February:

8 & 9...Vallejo Flyway Festival by VVV

15 & 16...Lincoln by PP (that's us, please come!)

20...Don's Bike, Vacaville

22...FW Roseville-Sculpture

March

1 & 2...Galt by DTT

6...Don's Bike, Sacramento-Natomas

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Judy Stroud receiving the 2013 Placer Pacer Gold Award! Congratulations Judy!