

## President's Corner

I'm getting excited for the Cape Cod weekend! I hope you are too. I haven't spent much time on Cape Cod at all. I grew up in RI, and it wasn't a vacation place we went to. Being from the "ocean state," we tended to go to the mountains for vacations.



I was convinced that the farthest out on the Cape I had been was Plymouth (which I know doesn't count). Then I remembered walking somewhere on the Cape near where Karen Kolaczyk's family lives, so I did some checking in my archives. Turns out I've been pretty far out! We had a walk at Buzzards Bay on September 13, 2014 [picture above]. Not quite on the Cape, but pretty close!

The next farthest out was a walk in South Yarmouth on October 9, 2010 [picture at right]. I think that's the one I was remembering near Karen's family. I can also recall looking for black and white chimneys to signify that house



by Mary Frink

was a part of the Underground Railroad. However, that wasn't the farthest one either.

Apparently, I went all the way to Chatham on

September 22, 2012! [Picture above] Unfortunately, I don't remember much about the walks in Buzzards Bay and Chatham. That doesn't mean anything bad about the walks! I looked at the pictures I took and they look wonderful. Maybe that means we should do them again.

I'm really looking forward to the Cape walks. I have never been to Provincetown and it looks like I've never done the Hyannis or Sandwich seasonal walks. So many new things to see! Walking really is the best way to be a tourist. I do tend to walk slower when I'm walking in a new place. I get easily distracted and stop a lot to take pictures. The social events will be lots of fun too! We have had so few opportunities to really see each other and talk in the past few years. It will be nice to see everyone and welcome people from other clubs. I hope you are going to come, at least for one of the days.

Even though the Comfort Inn allows pets, Gwendolyn will be spending the weekend with her grandparents in RI, so I get a "child-free" weekend!



## Come Friends, Let's Walk

- ❖ *Saturday, April 29*  
Day Event:  
Roslindale, MA
  - ❖ *Saturday, May 6*  
Group Walk:  
Wellesley, MA  
10:00 am
  - ❖ *Sunday, May 7*  
Group Walk:  
Lexington, MA  
10:00 am
  - ❖ *Saturday, May 13*  
Group Walk:  
Newport, RI  
10:00 am
  - ❖ *Sat., May 20 &*  
*Sun., May 21*  
Hyannis, MA  
**Northeast Region**  
**Weekend Cape Cod**
  - ❖ *Saturday, May 27*  
Group Walk:  
East Greenwich, RI  
9:00 am (CVVC)
  - ❖ *Saturday, June 3*  
Group Walk:  
Block Island, RI  
1:00 pm (CVVC)
- See club or AVA website for starting location details on these events. For group walks, please aim to arrive 15 minutes earlier to sign-in.

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# Newton Group Walk Photos

by Beate Hait

Below left: the group on April 15

At right: Rayna (6) stands beside the sunflower sculpture noting Newton's villages, created and donated by Nancy Schön (Make Way for Ducklings), at the Newton library



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## Trail Master's Diary: Hyannis

If you're heading to the Walk 'n Mass sponsored Northeast Region Weekend on Cape Cod, check out the special Hyannis walk to be offered on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21.

Many of us have walked and are familiar with the traditional Hyannis YRE. The special added route for Northeast Region weekend takes walkers to different areas for a chance to explore more of the town. The first loop is 6km that goes through residential areas along the harbor. The second loop is a 4km route that travels through commercial areas and completes the 10km for walkers who want that distance.

The first loop heads toward Cape Cod Hospital and the Hyannis Park residential area along Hyannis Harbor and Lewis Bay. Walkers can catch glimpses of the water between the houses as they walk along. Or they can take a

by Ann Plichta

quick detour down one of the public Right of Ways for a better look. There's also a good view of the water as the route heads down Sea Robin Road before traveling through more residential areas. The loop continues to Route 28 before ending at the Comfort Inn start point for the 6km and checkpoint for 10km participants.

The 4km commercial loop takes walkers through downtown Hyannis, passing shops and restaurants. It continues past the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, a year-round indoor sports complex featuring 2 ice rinks. Walkers then pass through more residential and commercial areas before heading back to the Comfort Inn to finish up the 10km route.

Join Walk 'n Mass for the Northeast Region Cape Cod Weekend and explore a different side of Hyannis with 6km and 10km routes on May 20 and 21.

## April Meeting Highlights

### **Meeting held April 3, 2023 in Franklin**

**Annual Financial Report:** Prepared and signed for submission to AVA.

**Cape Cod Weekend, May 19-21, 2023:** Packets will be assembled for pre-registered participants with pertinent event info and area map provided by Visitor Center. Meet & Greet on Friday, May 19 will have pizza from either Domino's or Papa Johns. More details on arrangements and staffing at May club meeting.

**Sunshine:** Get well cards to Diane Bucher and Johanna Henning. Sympathy card to Pat Damiani whose sister recently died. 25th anniversary card to Pam and Mike Medolo.

### **Walk Coordinator:**

- Sunflower markers purchased to identify Roslindale route in Arnold Arboretum.
- Potential walks: Milford (Keith Harlow to contact manager of Italian club); Blackstone (projected for September); Cumberland (Keith Harlow to contact Stop & Shop); suggested club consider a 2024 weekend with labyrinth walk in Greenfield and day event in Shelburne Falls.

by Marianne Marshall

- Rhode Island County Challenge runs April 2023 to December 2025, CVVC has walks in 2 counties while WnM has walks in 3 counties.

### **AVA News:**

- 2023 AVA Membership Meeting is June 14 via Zoom to elect national officers, receive reports of officers and committees, and to conduct other business that may arise. Mary Frink voted to be WnM club delegate with Bea Hait as back-up.
- WnM meeting attendees unanimously voted for candidates Carol Giesecke (WnM) and Eileen Skinner (ESCV) as Northeast Regional Director (NERD) and Deputy NERD, respectively.

### **New Business:**

Upcoming club meetings:

- Monday, May 1 & Monday, June 5 at 6:30 pm, Stop & Shop, Franklin, 2nd floor meeting room

# Bulletin Board



Carol Glesecke

## Jean Jackman Memorial Service

Jean's family invites interested club members to a military memorial service for her on **Monday, May 22 at (Bourne) Massachusetts National Cemetery**, off Connery Avenue, Bourne, MA 02532. Please **meet at 1:30 pm at the gate**. The service itself is at 1:45 pm; they schedule services every 20 minutes and do not wait for anyone.

Directions: [www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/massachusetts.asp#di](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/massachusetts.asp#di)



Keith Harlow

## Next Club Meetings Monday, May 1 & Monday, June 5

6:30 pm

*Stop & Shop*

*40 Franklin Village Drive*

*Franklin, MA 02038*

*Up the stairs past*

*Customer Service Desk*

Palo Duro Canyon Hiking Fest  
**October 6-8, 2023**  
near Amarillo, TX presented by  
the West Texas Trail Walkers  
[www.westtexasrailwalkers.org](http://www.westtexasrailwalkers.org)

Impressive views of Boston (above) from atop Peters Hill during the Roslindale workers' walk on April 22. What will it be like on the actual walk day of April 29?

## Newsletter Submissions to:

[footnotes.editor@gmail.com](mailto:footnotes.editor@gmail.com)

Deadline for next issue: May 23rd



Team Hoyt presents the Dick Hoyt Memorial YES YOU CAN run together on **Saturday May 27, 2023** in Hopkinton with a 5-mile run or 2-mile walk (registration fees apply) as well as a free kids fun run.

More info: [teamhoyt.com](http://teamhoyt.com) and [raceroster.com/events/2023/71383/the-dick-hoyt-memorial-yes-you-can-run-together](http://raceroster.com/events/2023/71383/the-dick-hoyt-memorial-yes-you-can-run-together)

# Block Island Group Walk on June 3

by Beate Hait

**Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club hosting Group Walk on Block Island, Washington County, RI — Saturday, June 3 at 1:00 pm.**

If you'd like to walk with others – or just use this date as an incentive to travel on that day and then walk on your own – [plan on arriving on Block Island to start the walk from the ferry terminal by 1pm.](#) Look for the CVVC feather banner on Water St. next to Esta's Park upon debarkation. In-person registration will be available here between 10:00 and 1:00 on this day (or register in advance using the Online Start Box process).

There are two separate volkswalk routes offered on Block Island by CVVC: Island Highlights (5K and 11K) and Rodman's Hollow Nature Walk (12K). The group walk at 1:00 pm will be of the Island Highlights route.

The Block Island Ferry's main ferry terminal, which services the traditional ferry and seasonal Hi-Speed ferry, is located out of the Narragansett, RI location—commonly referred to as Pt. Judith. Traditional ferry travel time is approximately 55 minutes.

Passenger tickets can be purchased online in advance ([blockislandferry.com](http://blockislandferry.com)) or at the ticket window on the date of travel as space allows. *Online tickets are available for purchase up until midnight the previous calendar day.* Foot passengers generally don't require reservations early in the season, but, for peace of mind, you might want to get reservations for both directions.

**Schedule and fares from Pt. Judith for the traditional ferry on Saturday, June 3, 2023 that align with the group walk timeline are as follow:**

**Depart Pt. Judith:** 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Depart Block Island:** 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Same day round-trip fare: Adult \$21.60; Senior (65+) \$20.60) and Children (age 5-11) \$9.30. *(See website for schedule and fares at other times of the year.)*

All parking for the Pt. Judith ferries are conveniently located, within walking distance, directly across the street from the ferry. All lots are independently owned, and pricing ranges from \$5-\$15/day, depending on season.

For detailed driving directions, see [blockislandferry.com](http://blockislandferry.com) or insert the address for the Pt. Judith ferry terminal into your GPS: 304 Great Island Road, Narragansett, RI 02882.

**Do you have a volksmarching travel story to share?** Send it to [footnotes.editor@gmail.com](mailto:footnotes.editor@gmail.com) for possible publication in a future edition of **Footnotes**.



## Welcome, New Members! compiled by Diane Peterson

We are delighted to welcome our new club member, Donna G. Gay of Mansfield, MA.

We look forward to seeing you on the trails!

# Return of the Soup Walk

by Bev Lange

After a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, our annual soup walk returned. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, it didn't keep away our 44 participants. Those walkers who braved the rain enjoyed many of the sites they have seen on previous Holliston walks – the moon tree, 8-arch bridge, the Upper Charles Trail, the 1-arch railroad bridge and passing through the Mudville neighborhood with a statue of Casey at the Bat. How many of you noticed that Ukraine has been added to the sign post depicting distances to certain locations? Also, a new memorial has been added near Blaire Square to honor those military members who lost their lives during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. And, as you likely noticed, Blaire Square is currently undergoing a major renovation. We look forward to seeing what the future of that site will look like.

Although walkers had to brave some rain on their routes, when they returned the atmosphere in the hall of the First Congregational Church was bright and sunny. Everyone enjoyed a variety of appetizers, soups, and desserts. Thanks to the soup makers for those wonderful soups and to everyone who brought so many other delicious foods too. It was nice to be able to enjoy everyone's company again and to welcome back some old friends who we haven't seen in a while.

Thank you to my co-POC, Beate Hait, for all her hard work to make this walk possible. And, a special thanks to our president, Mary Frink, for taking on the role of organizing the food for this event. However, as we all know, it takes many hands to run these types of events; thank you to all our volunteers – Don Bolin, Monica Hait, Rayna Ahluwalia, Sandy Hall, Jean Morrissey, Joe LaPointe, Bill Hatch, Susan & Joel Weddig, Phil & Ailda Lupsiewicz, Agnes & Ernie Laviolette, Diane Bucher, Marianne Marshall, Miriam Boucher, Joanne Izbicki, Charles Boddy, Carol Giesecke, Carol Ann Dorer, Nancy Estrella, Margo Craven, Verna Devine, Charlie Conway, Keith & Dawn Harlow, Ann Plichta, Karen Plichta, and Diane Peterson.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, come on out and enjoy a group walk with Walk 'n Mass. You will have a nice time and enjoy some great companionship. Don't worry if your pace might be a bit slower than it used to be, we are very accommodating and welcome all levels of walkers. And, I promise, we won't leave anyone behind!

We hope to see many of you at our event walk in Roslindale. Take it from me, the view from the top of Peters Hill is amazing and not to be missed!



Beate Hait



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*Pictures from the April 1  
Soup Walk & Social  
in Holliston*



Liz Ahluwalia

# Cape Cod Weekend Word Search

by Monica Hait



Photos courtesy of Beate Hait



Above: Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown

Below: Gingerbread Cottages in Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beach             | Oak Bluffs   |
| Boats             | Parasol      |
| Cape Cod          | Pier         |
| Clam              | Pizza        |
| Dinner            | Plymouth     |
| Ferry             | Provincetown |
| Fish              | Sandwich     |
| Greet             | Seafood      |
| Harbor            | Seashell     |
| Hotel             | Sun hat      |
| Hyannis           | Sunglasses   |
| Island            | Sunscreen    |
| Kennedy           | Sunshine     |
| Martha's Vineyard | Surf         |
| Meal              | Walks        |
| Meet              | Water        |
| Northeast Region  | Weekend      |



Above: JFK Memorial in Hyannis

# Walk Coordinator Speaks

by Beate Hait

**Northeast Region Cape Weekend – May 19–21, 2023** — I hope you're getting as excited about this weekend as I am! Pre-registrations as this newsletter goes to print number 45+ with folks coming from NY, CT, ME, VT, MA, PA, and FL. May 1 is the deadline for registering for the Friday night Meet & Greet and the Saturday Buffet Dinner.

Pre-registrations for the walk events are also due by May 1. However, you may register in person for the Hyannis YRE, the Hyannis traditional event, and the Provincetown SE—and return your start cards/get IVV books stamped for these events—during the staffed start/finish times at the Comfort Inn-Hyannis on that weekend: Friday 6pm–8pm; Saturday 8am–11am and 3pm–5pm; Sunday 8am–3pm.

**RI County Challenge** — *co-sponsored by Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club (CVVC) and Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.*

Books to track your progress in walking one volkswalk in each of the 5 counties in Rhode Island can be purchased through me at traditional events, by mail, or by arrangement for delivery at a group walk. Cost is \$10 and the award upon completion (other than personal satisfaction and bragging rights in completing this challenge) is a navy blue cooling towel imprinted in white with the Challenge logo (designed by Bob McDougall).

See a program info flyer on our website ([walknmass.org](http://walknmass.org)) for the list of qualifying events in RI that are currently available—one in each of the five RI counties—so this challenge is readily doable. It's just a matter of making the time to get out and walk! If you can recommend an interesting route in RI for a traditional day event for later this year or next, please speak up!

**Scarborough, ME Snowy Egret Walk – Monday, May 29** — SMVA is holding a traditional event on Memorial Day exploring a section of the Eastern Trail and Scarborough Marsh, home to snowy egrets and other birds. Start at the

Peterson Field Sports Complex on Old Blue Point Road with registration available from 8:30-11:30 am. Scarborough Marsh Maine Audubon Center is nearby and will offer gift shop discount to walkers (coupon given upon walk registration). Learn more: [my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=124207](http://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=124207)

**Group Walk on Block Island, Washington County, RI — Saturday, June 3 at 1:00 pm.**

If you'd like to walk in this Rhode Island county with others, see details provided on page 5 in this newsletter.

You might be interested to know that two separate volkswalk routes are offered on Block Island: Island Highlights (5K and 11K) and Rodman's Hollow Nature Walk (12K).

**Upcoming 2023 Walks** — Disappointingly, after our Cape Weekend in May, our club has no firm dates or locations for traditional events for the remainder of this year. There are a few potentials, and I hope to be able to announce one or two in the next newsletter. If YOU would like to suggest a route, I'd love to hear from you. Please be aware that AVA requires sanction requests to be submitted no later than 90 days prior to the date of the event. That means that, at this point in the year, the earliest we could schedule another day event is August.

In the meantime, please make it a point to walk our year-round and seasonal events either on your own or on the date of one of the scheduled group walks.



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