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1. PNW #8 was sent via email by Janet to all AWW members.
2. Big Give Donation was sent via email by Janet to all AWW members
3. Tri Cities Road Trip for Vancouver Clubs & Friends was sent via email by Janet to all AWW members.
4. Hello Vancouver Club Walkers, Happy Spring! Congratulations to the All Weather Walkers for an outstanding event at Frenchman's Bar on 24 March. Despite a bit of weather, the hearty walkers who turned out enjoyed a cacophony of sounds and amazing sights of thousands of Canada geese, sandhill cranes, egrets and other birds feeding and flying around the route. If you didn't make it out you missed a real treat.

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Next Meeting: Apr 10 - ALL ARE WELCOME! Details and map are now [at http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/static.htm](http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/static.htm) Sections that rarely change are also at this link: list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

8/18/2018 - Washougal Arts Fair

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks – 10:00 am
<http://www.vancouverusavolkssporters.org/Wed/wed.htm>

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Achievements: [please contact the editor with event and distance milestones](#)



Welcome to new members – Robert Hall



Jan Breneman's Corner: Frenchman's Bar / Vancouver Lake Walk

The day opened dry and overcast, albeit very ccccccold, and gave way around noon-time to a ccccccold breeze and showers. The 64 walkers who braved the weather were treated to sights of large active bird flocks, three big ships in the river channel, and lots of fishermen. We couldn't tell if they were catching anything, but an active seal seemed to be. Due to the low numbers, I think of the entire day as quality over quantity, in a sense.

One of the most popular parts of the day, though, was the Hot Coffee, Cookies by Louise, and Muffins by Jan. These treats were most welcome in the frigid weather.

The volunteers were AWWsome!! I would like to give thanks to Jean and James Ohl, and their friend Pat Ellsberg, who checked the trail weeks ago; Tom & Louise Baltes and Joe and Karen Kelly for marking the trail in the cold rain Friday afternoon; likewise to Burt Paynter for sweeping on Saturday afternoon; Earl Bowen, Joan Heins, and her daughter Michelle Heins at the Checkpoint; Nira Lang, Liz Connors, and Dick & Barbara Baker at the Registration/Start Table; and Janet Traweek with daughter Julia Nendanic, and Cheryl Snodgrass on the Finish Table shifts. These walks don't happen without all of our terrific volunteers!

My Garmin logged 12,600+ steps during the day – that's almost as much as a full 10km walk for me! A lot of back-and-forth trips to the car, bending, stooping, fetching, carrying, etc. adds up!

The diligent walkers who participated on this day really enjoyed these rural parks. For a small \$3 fee, we can all go out on our own anytime and see some wonderful nature and river views that are unparalleled in Clark County. With the spring season coming on, how can we lose?

Spring and Summer Seasonals Opening

On April 1, All Weather Walkers' two Seasonals begin for another half-year. The Three Lakes route is yet another natural phenomenon in Camas and Clark County that offers scenic forested water views and natural surroundings at their finest.

In North Bonneville on the Washington side, we have a former route returning that includes many paved paths offering views of the local Pierce Lake National Wildlife Refuge, two other lakes, and more scenic views of the Columbia

River Gorge. You might make a note that this Seasonal has been extended to October 31, so it will be available to the Tri-Cities Road Trippers group on their way to the Central Washington YREs trip on October 12-14... and of course, for all of us traveling walkers.

RAMBLING RIDDLE

One word follows the first word below and precedes the second to make two new words or phrases. What is it?

CRESCENT WALK

(answer next month)

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