

EMPIRE STATE CAPITAL VOLKSSPORTERS 25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

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25th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE – Vera Weiss, Chair

Happy 25th ESCV Anniversary Everyone! Your Anniversary Committee has been hard at work this past year. The following are some details that might be of interest to you:

Your 25th Anniversary Committee was formed in the spring of 2011 to brainstorm and to plan special events for 2012. The committee members are:

Kathy Brown	Teresa Kennedy
Father Jack Cairns	Barbara Kolapakka
Lea Darling	Alan Longshore
Lucy Desjardins	Dan Schryver
Bernie Geren	Eileen Skinner
Larry Godshalk	Vera Weiss, Chair

We have met at my home on three separate occasions—April 20th, June 27th and October 24th. At our first meeting, we had a chance to brainstorm ideas and to break into sub committees with each member joining at least one of these committees. These sub committees are

Memorabilia with Eileen Skinner, Dan Schryver, Alan Longshore, Lea Darling and Father Jack Cairns. This committee was asked to investigate special anniversary t-shirts, a possible A Award, an Anniversary logo, and a Challenge program for all our walkers.

Walk Planning with Teresa Kennedy, Bernie Geren, and Vera Weiss. This sub committee was charged with deciding where, when and who the POCs should be for our “retro” traditional and special walks for 2012, using the results from the survey that Teresa had asked members to fill out.

Celebrations with Barbara Kolapakka, Lucy Desjardins, Larry Godshalk and Kathy Brown. These members will be planning our special dinner event to be held Saturday, June 23rd.

Sub Committees met over the summer, and their proposals were then brought before the entire committee for further discussion and approval. The following is a list of recommendations by your Anniversary Committee:

25th ESCV PHOTO DISPLAY – Barbara Kolapakka

During our 25th anniversary dinner, we will have a silent, continuous PowerPoint display of photos from ESCV events. Marv Weiss has graciously agreed to set this up but he needs your pictures.

The photos should be of good quality, since they will be displayed on a large screen. They can be of any ESCV event (sorry, no pictures of you completing Crazy Horse or walking in Yellowstone). Try to have different people in different views, so please, not 10 photos of you and your spouse. (One is ok though.) They won't be captioned; part of the fun is seeing who's in each photo and trying to remember where it was taken.

All photos MUST be in .jpg format. If you have photos from the pre-digital age, and you can scan them in and convert to a .jpg file before sending them on, they would be welcome. It would be especially interesting to see photos from the club's first years.

Send your photos to marvweiss@nycap.rr.com. All submissions must be in to Marv by June 1, 2012.

25th ANNIVERSARY LOGO SHIRTS – Alan Longshore

At our ESCV Holiday Party we were excited to receive our 25th Anniversary Shirts. All of us who ordered a shirt will wear it with honor and pride. The good news is that you have a limited time to order one of these smart looking shirts. Go to the ESCV Website front page and click the links Description of Shirts and Downloadable Order Form. Complete the order form and send it along with your check to the address on the order form. All completed order forms with payment should be sent by February 1, 2012. You will be walking this year with a great display of our 25th Anniversary Celebration.

25th ANNIVERSARY A AWARD – Dan Schryver

Our 25th Anniversary year will feature an A award sun catcher which will be available for \$5 at each of our group walks in 2012. The design will be the winning entry by Lea Darling in last years design contest. Look for it at your next walk.

SET SAIL FOR OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER – Barbara Kolapakka

After you complete the anniversary walk in Bolton Landing, drive down the road to Lake George Village and join your fellow members at our 25th anniversary dinner. We have reserved the large dining area aboard the Lac du Saint Sacrement for a two hour sunset cruise on the waters of the queen of American lakes. The Saint is the largest tour boat on the lake.

This will be an informal cruise; wear your walking duds (25th anniversary shirts especially). We can board an hour before our departure time at 6:30 so you can socialize before sitting down to dinner. The dinner will also be informal, no speeches or prepared program, just enjoy the fellowship of other members.

In honor of our 25th, the price for members will be \$25 per person; non members will pay \$41.50. The price includes the Commodore's dinner buffet and the cruise. The buffet

includes: fresh baked rolls, tossed garden salad and assorted other salads, tomato and cucumber trays, a carving station, 2 hot entrees, vegetable du jour, potato, pasta or rice, dessert and coffee, tea or iced tea. You may purchase alcoholic beverages on board.

Parking across from the dock is available at a discounted rate of \$3. Free parking may also be available on nearby streets.

We will start taking reservations in April. During that month reservations may be made by members only although a member may sign up one non-member spouse or friend. Because of the limitation on the number of people who will fit into our dining area, reservations will be limited. Reservations will be taken on a strict first come, first served basis with postmark date governing in the event there are more reservation requests than seats. If the dining room is not sold out by May 1, reservations will be open to non-members.

The reservation form will be included online April 1 and also included in the newsletter.

Absolutely no reservations will be accepted before April 1.

Mark your calendars for June 23 and come to our anniversary party!

25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR TRADITIONAL EVENT WALK SCHEDULE – Teresa Kennedy

When planning the 2012 traditional events to celebrate the 25th anniversary of ESCV, it was decided to do a year of retro walks. Club members cast their ballots for their favorite walking sites. The following received the most votes:

Cooperstown
Moreau State Park
Bolton Landing
Stockbridge
Olana
Lake Placid
Greenwich

We have therefore planned an exciting and varied schedule as we walk down memory lane for the next twelve months. Mark your calendars now, as you won't want to miss any of the walks that have become club favorites.

The kick off event of the year will be our second annual snowshoe in Greenwich on Feb. 4. One of the top vote getters as an Oktoberfest site, the retreat center also was hailed as a great place for snowshoeing. We had lots of fun last year going through the snowy woods and working up an appetite for hot chocolate and cookies. Keep your fingers crossed that snow will fall in Greenwich and create soft, white trails so that we may enjoy this wonderful winter sport.

Our March for Parks event this year will once again be at Olana, a New York State Historic Site. The date is April 28. Olana, the home of the Hudson River School artist Frederick

Church, is a masterpiece of Persian design. Tours of the house will be available. Magnificent views of the Hudson River add to the glory of this particular walk.

Next up is Stockbridge on May 12. A charming New England town and the setting for many of Norman Rockwell's paintings, this walk was popular in part for the spectacular lilacs blooming at this time of year. It is also possible to take a break and spend some time in a rocking chair on the porch of the Red Lion Inn, a popular activity for people from around the globe.

June 23 promises to be a very special day as it is the day of our club's anniversary party on Lake George. But before we celebrate on our dinner cruise, we will walk in Bolton Landing. Views of Lake George from the Sagamore Hotel are breathtaking. We will also walk on the grounds of the Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum. Perhaps we will even hear an opera aria as we make our way along the lake shore and through the woods.

What better way to see fall foliage than by taking a trip to the Adirondacks in mid September. Lake Placid, site of the 1932 and 1980 winter Olympics will be the place we walk on September 15. Marion Burns has offered to charter a bus or two for us so we will be able to relax and share stories as we ride up the Northway together.

Our annual Oktoberfest will return on September 29 to Moreau State Park where the scenery is lovely in the fall and the picnic pavilion is perfect for eating wurst and sauerkraut and sharing good company.

Cooperstown, a perfect American small town, was voted the number 1 walk by the club. Winnie Balz, the POC for the seasonal walk, has agreed to devise a new route for a traditional event to take place on October 13. The ride along Route 20 and through Cherry Valley in mid October should be another great way to view the glorious autumn foliage of the northeast.

History buffs rejoice, as Doug Reynolds will be leading us on special walk in Schuylerville on Wednesday, October 17, to commemorate the 235th anniversary of the surrender of Burgoyne following the Battle of Saratoga.

Our year concludes as always with the pasta party on November 4 in Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake and the Christmas Party at the Stockade Inn in Schenectady on Dec. 1.

Whether participating in these walks to see a favorite place again or doing them for the first time, we promise you events in places known for beauty, culture or history as we walk together for fun and fitness in 2012.

25th ANNIVERSARY LOGO CONTEST RESULTS - Alan Longshore

The 25th Anniversary Planning Committee has selected the logo design created by Lea Darling. The committee received seven outstanding entries to review, which made the final decision very difficult. The winning design will be used on our 25th Anniversary shirts and other special celebration articles and materials. Thanks and appreciation to all the talented ESCV members who submitted LOGO designs. This included Lea Darling, Cathy Edwards, Beverly Feltt, Barbara Kolapakka, Cathy Marrano, Dan Schryver, and Karen Watson. The

reward for the design chosen is a free embroidered polo shirt. This has been an exciting start to honor our quarter century of fun, friendship, and fitness.

25th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE – Eileen Skinner

The 25th Anniversary Committee is offering a special Challenge for all ESCV members during our 2012 Anniversary Year.

For 2012 we are offering a Challenge to receive an umbrella with our 25th Anniversary Logo printed on it. It will **NOT be sold**. The only way you can get one is to do this Challenge. Everyone who was at the Holiday Party received this Challenge Book. If you did not receive one, pick up one at any walk or request one to be mailed to you. You must pay the \$3.00 walk fee to receive the stamp in this book. Non-Credit Walkers (with no AVA books) Just say you are walking for the challenge and pay \$3.00 for that particular walk to obtain the stamp in your Challenge Book. All entries in this book must be accompanied by the \$3.00 fee to the club. THANK YOU! This will help offset the cost of the Umbrella.

This Challenge Requires you to do the following number and kind of walks between Jan1 – and (including the Holiday Party) – Dec. 1, 2012.

**TWO DIFFERENT YEAR ROUND EVENTS
FOUR DIFFERENT SEASONAL EVENTS
SIX WEDNESDAY WALKS
FOUR TRADITIONAL EVENTS**

**FREE CHALLENGE BOOKS AVAILABLE AT WALKS
OR BY E-MAILING EILEEN SKINNER AT EFSKINNER@AOL.COM**



WHAT YOU GET

Peerless Lil' Windy Automatic Folding Umbrella: This top-of-the-line umbrella is made to withstand harsh weather, featuring a vented patented frame that opens automatically and does not invert in winds up to 50mph. Fitted with a smooth contoured wooden handle and wrist strap

Dimensions: 30 in. H X 43 in. D

Weight: 1.2 lb.

Material: Nylon

We hope all of you will take part in this unique challenge.
Happy Walking.

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