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President's Report

By Marion Boom, President

Greetings fellow walkers!

After a rather chilly start to spring, the nice weather is upon us and hopefully here to stay. This is perfect walking weather so hope you are all making the most of the nice days. May was a busy month with the club putting on events for Tulip Fest followed by a wonderful bus trip to Niagara Falls, ON and NY.

June is the start of our evening walks so check walks.ca to find out when and where they are.

Once again in Aug we will have our BBQ and Corn Roast following our last evening walk of the summer from the RC Legion in Orleans. This is a fun time so make plans to come out and have a nice evening.

And not to forget the More Days Walk which will be held the third weekend in Aug in QC near Mont Tremblant (more info on the website walks.ca).

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out at the events. Have a wonderful summer and Happy Trails.

Happy Trails



CVF AWARDS COORDINATOR

Don't forget to send your IVV Awards Booklets and Passport to:

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OVO Birthdays ~ January to June 2015

Best wishes to the following members who will be celebrating birthdays during the next six months. We apologize if we missed yours. If you would like to see it in future newsletters, please be sure to give us your d.o.b (no year required, date only) when completing your Membership Application for the up-coming year.



- July**
 4 Jim McConkey
 Paul Fournier
 7 Fanny Landry
 Steve McPhee
 12 Irvin Daigle
 17 Linda Douglas
 21 Shirani Wijesekera
 24 Carol Daigle
 29 Pierrette (Perry) Crowder

- August**
 1 Alan Mills
 Patti-Jean Palmer
 4 Darlene Blight
 Kirsten Andreassen
 6 Suzanne Lavigne
 Benoît Pinsonneault
 14 Rhys Melanson
 15 Ruth Hutchinson

- August con't**
 21 Ole Olson
 25 Susan Osborne

- September**
 7 Louise Atkin
 Ron Conboy
 11 Tammy Simpson
 14 Delores Lydall
 25 Jeannine McCann
 26 Michelle Demers

- October**
 3 Nina Lepage
 5 Carole Jobst
 6 Diane Pinsonneault
 Bob Brulé
 8 Louis Myre
 Phillip Douglas
 12 Jane Estabrooks

- October con't**
 25 Ginette Bourgeois
 29 Don Cooper
 29 Robert Giles
 30 Christine Flemming

- November**
 4 Maureen White
 9 Margaret Dempsey
 10 Angela Kelly
 11 Wallace (Wally) Herman
 12 Pat Deroche
 21 Brenda Campsall
 25 Shane Fowler
 Ester Knorr
 28 Joan Cooper
 29 Robert Giles

- December**
 1 Rita Fowler
 Nicole Mills
 5 Dolerès McPhee
 Susanne Dubreuil
 9 Peggy Lister
December con't
 11 Jennie Sabourin
 14 Donna Sullivan
 Robert Sabourin
 27 Jennifer Palmer



10 DO's of Volkssporting

- DO** remember that Volkssporting is non-competitive
- DO** appreciate the effort the organizer(s) put into the route and event
- DO** look around while walking and "take time to smell the roses"
- DO** volunteer to help coordinate an event
- DO** make newcomers feel welcome
- DO** invite someone to join you for an event
- DO** "be safety" conscious; bring water, use sunscreen, bring a hat and obey traffic rules
- DO** participate despite the weather
- DO** set challenges for yourself
- DO** remember that Volkssporting is for fun, fitness and friendship.

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FEET'S FEATS

Congratulations to all OVO walkers who have achieved the following awards.

EVENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

75	Frank Simpson	Navan, ON	1000	Jane Estabrooks	Manotick, ON
75	Tammy Simpson	Navan, ON	1100	Donna Sullivan	Nepean, ON
475	Michele Bell	Nepean, ON	1150	Donna Sullivan	Nepean, ON
575	Gordon Bell	Nepean, ON	2200	Darlene Blight	Orleans, ON
650	Perry Crowder	Blackburn Hamlet, ON	2300	Darlene Blight	Orleans, ON
700	Perry Crowder	Blackburn Hamlet, ON			

DISTANCE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

2,000	Jack Crossman	Blackburn Hamlet, ON	9,000	Perry Crowder	Blackburn Hamlet, ON
3,500	Karen Venema	Ottawa, ON	9,000	Susan Osborn	Kingston, ON
4,000	Karen Venema	Ottawa, ON	10,000	Pat Deroche	Ottawa, ON
4,500	Maude Soo	Ottawa, ON	15,000	Donna Sullivan	Nepean, ON
5,000	Michelle Bell	Nepean, ON	55,000	Darlene Blight	Orleans, ON
8,000	John Osborn	Kingston, ON			



OTTAWA VOYAGEUR - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 2015



Saturday, August 22 & Sunday August 23, 2015 More Days Walk - a group walk of 2 or more days. See full details on the next page.

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - Fall Rhapsody Gatineau Park Picnic following the walk. TBA - Make sure you check the club website at www.ottawavoyageurs.ca



Sunday, September 20 or rain date Sunday, September 27, 2015 - Cleaning the Capital - Fall Clean-up. Starting from the UltraMar Gas Station at the corner of Orléans Blvd and Jeanne D'Arc Blvd (North - home of the UltraMar YRE). Meet at 9:00 am. All participants will receive a free UltraMar YRE event stamp. Group bunch is planned, with one lucky volunteer receiving a free lunch. Mark your calendars!



Saturday, November 7, 2015 CVF10616 - Volunteer Appreciation Walk and Lunch. Details will be circulated later in the season and posted on our website: www.ottawavoyageurs.ca



Sunday, November 22, 2015 - 12th Annual Ottawa Voyageurs Christmas Party.

Location TBA - an email will be circulated in October and notices will be at club walks. Make sure you check the club website at www.ottawavoyageurs.ca



More Days Walk

Saturday, August 22 & Sunday, August 23, 2015

NOTE: ORGANIZED BY A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OTTAWA VOYAGEURS & THE NEPEAN NOMADS

LOCATION: "Le P'tit Train du Nord" - Linear Park (Laurentians Region, Québec) - The Linear Park starts at Mont Laurier, QC, and ends at Bois des Filion, QC, for a total distance of 232km. This year's walk will start from L'Annonciation, QC, to Saint-Faustin-Lac-Carré, QC, with accommodation in Mont-Tremblant (Village) for a total of 50km. Parking is available at both the start point and Hotel Mont-Tremblant.

DIRECTION: From Downtown Ottawa, ON, cross McDonald-Cartier Bridge and take Hwy 50 E, direction Montréal, QC. Take exit 210 for Hwy 323, direction Montebello/Mont-Tremblant, QC, and turn right on Hwy 323 N. From East End Ottawa, ON, take Hwy 174, direction Orléans/Cumbeland, ON, turn left on Cameron St. in Cumberland, ON, and take the ferry to Masson-Angers, QC, then turn right on either Hwy 50 E as above or on Hwy 148 E, direction to Montréal, QC, and in Montebello, QC, turn left on Hwy 323 N.

For all: Turn left towards Hwy 117 N, stay right to continue towards DeMontigny St. then stay left to continue on DeMontigny St. Turn right on Montée Ryan and at the Runabout turn right at the third exit on Chemin du Village, which is also Hwy 327. Hotel Mont-Tremblant, 1900 Chemin du Village will be on your left.



DATE AND START TIME: August 22, 2015 at 9 AM from former train station site in L'Annonciation, QC. (start point to be confirmed later)

DISTANCE: Approximately 50 km from L'Annonciation, QC, to Saint-Faustin-Lac-Carré, QC. Day 1: from former train station site in L'Annonciation, QC, to Hotel Mont-Tremblant in Mont-Tremblant (Village), QC. Day 2: from Hotel Mont-Tremblant in Mont-Tremblant (Village), QC, to former train station site in Saint-Faustin-Lac-Carré, QC. (start point to be confirmed later)

ACCOMMODATION: HOTEL MONT-TREMBLANT, 1900 Chemin du Village, Mont-Tremblant, QC, J8E 1K4. - Email address: info@hotelmonttremblant.net - Website: www.hotelmonttremblant.net - Telephone: (819) 717-1410 or 1-855-275-8585 - While making reservation, please refer to Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club - Eleven (11) rooms have been blocked and participants must do their own booking anytime between now and June 22, 2015.

The rooms are at the 2014 rates: eight (8) rooms with one queen bed or one (1) room with two single beds - \$110.00 (plus taxes) or two (2) family room: one (1) room with two (2) queen beds and one (1) hide-a-bed sofa or one (1) room with two (2) queen beds and two (2) single beds - \$140.00 for two (2) people plus \$23.00 for each additional person (plus taxes), with an additional rebate of 10%, if booked for two nights. Cancellation must be done three (3) complete days before date of reservation.

Breakfast, American style, is included in the price of the rooms. Box lunch can also be prepared for Saturday and Sunday luncheon at \$12.00 (plus taxes) with a choice of ham and cheese or roast beef on baguette or chicken wrap with a fruit and a non-alcohol beverage.

MEALS: Bring a lunch for Saturday - Group Dinner on Saturday evening will be at the hotel around 7 PM. The hotel has a liquor/wine permit. On Sunday, breakfast and box lunch for everyone will be at/from the hotel.

SUPPORT STAFF: Chase cars with supplies will follow and meet the participants at every 5 km as feasible. They will transport the participants from the Hotel on Day 1 to the start point and will also provide transportation for those who will travel Saturday morning and go directly to the start point for car pick-up from the start point after the walk on Day 1. On Day 2, they will transport the participants from the finish point back to the Hotel. The cars can stay at the Hotel parking all day on Saturday and Sunday.

PARTICIPATION:

If you are interested in participating in this event, as either a walker or support staff, or in the Bicycle Event, please register by contacting Benoît Pinsonneault either by phone at (613) 746-9071 or by email at benoitpinson@rogers.com

NOTE: Based on last year's experience of adding a Bicycle Event to the More Days Walk, it is our intent to repeat this experience, once again, this year if such an interest were expressed by potential participants. Please confirm your interest when registering for the event, as mentioned in the immediate above paragraph.



OTTAWA VOYAGEUR'S PERMANENT TRAILS (PTs)



1. **Bob McQuarrie Recreation Complex CVF-18** :- 1490 Youville Drive, Orléans. Open from 0800-1900 Sunday to Saturday with registration closing at 5 pm. Walk Box located at the registration desk in lower lobby. Free parking and washrooms are available. **DIRECTIONS:** Take Highway 174 East towards Orleans, exit at Jeanne D'Arc Blvd. Turn right on Jeanne D'Arc Blvd to the next set of traffic lights Turn right on Youville Dr. The Bob McQuarrie Recreation Centre is on your immediate right. For more info on this walk call Darlene Blight (613) 830-4782
2. **Mac's Store CVF-152** :- 1600 Forest Valley Drive, Orléans, Open Monday to Friday 07:00- 23:00 and Saturday/Sunday from 08:00 - 23:00. Walk Box located at the end of the counter closest to the door to the gas bar, ask staff for the walk box. Free parking is available at the store. Washrooms are not available. **DIRECTIONS:** from hwy 174 exit Jeanne d'Arc Blvd, turn south on Jeanne d'Arc Blvd pass straight through the traffic circle continuing on Jeanne d'Arc Blvd up the hill, at the 2nd traffic light (Orleans Blvd) turn right continue to Forest Valley Dr. Mac's Milk convenience is on your right at the gas bar. For more info on this walk call David Darlene Blight (613) 830-4782
3. **Ultramar Service Station CVF-213** :- Corner of Orléans Blvd. and Jeanne d'Arc Blvd. (north intersection). Ultramar is open every day. Registration is from 08:00 - 19:00 hrs. Trail closes at 21:00 pm. Walk box on floor behind counter to the left of the coffee bar. Ask Staff for the walk box. Free parking is available at the shopping centre. Washrooms at start point. **DIRECTIONS:** Exit Highway 174 at Jeanne d'Arc Blvd, head North on Jeanne d'Arc to the intersection with Orleans Blvd. Turn left on Orleans Blvd and then immediately right into the mall parking lot. For more info on this walk call Kathy Luten (613) 830-7437
4. **New Edinburgh, Shell Service Station CVF-214** :- 1 Montreal Road, Vanier, ON. Station is open every day. Registration is open from 08:00 - 18:00. Walk box in the lower left cupboard of the coffee bar. Let Staff know you are getting the walk box. Park as directed by station attendants or on street, DO NOT park at the shopping mall across the street. Washrooms at start point. **DIRECTIONS:** Exit highway 416 at Vanier Parkway, head north on Vanier Parkway to Montreal Rd, turn left to the Shell Service Station on your right just before the Cummings Bridge. Turn right just past the service station and park on one of the side streets. For more info on this walk call Deborah Birrell (613) 742-0267
5. **Ray Friel Centre CVF-50** :- 1585 Tenth Line Road. Open daily from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm. Walk box is located in the wooden box mounted on the wall to your immediate right as you enter the washroom foyer. Free parking and washrooms available. **DIRECTIONS:** Exit highway 174 at Tenth Line, head south on Old Tenth Line to Tenth Line and turn left (South) to the Ray Friel Centre on your left just past the Ottawa Public Library lots of parking. For more info on this walk call Ole Olson (613) 824-1583
6. **Beacon Hill Shopping Centre, The Hill Butcher CVF-195** :- 2339 Ogilvie Road. Open weekdays from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. Weekends 10:00 - 5:00 pm Closed statutory holidays. Walk box is on floor to your immediate left in the corner behind the counter. Let Staff know you are getting the walk box. Free parking and washrooms available. **DIRECTIONS:** Exit highway 174 at Montreal Rd and head west to Ogilvie Rd. Turn right on Ogilvie Rd to the Beacon Hill Shopping Centre on your left. For more info on this walk call Betty Gallimore (613) 747-4809
7. **Blackburn Hamlet, Mac's Store CVF-233** :- 2638 Innes Road, Ottawa, ON K1B 4Z5. Open daily 8 am to 10 pm daily. Please ask staff for the walk box. Free parking available at the mall. **DIRECTIONS:** Exit highway 174 at the Montreal Rd exit and go East towards Green's Creek. At the traffic lights turn right on Bearbrook Rd into Blackburn Hamlet to Old Innes Rd. Turn left and then right into the parking lot just past the Tim Hortons. Shoppers Drug Mart is straight ahead as you enter the parking lot. For more info on this walk call Perry Crowder (613) 837-9914
8. **SPORT 4 - Ottawa Downtown CVF-268**:- 151 Bank St. (between Laurier and Slater) K1P 5N7. The walk will be open during store hours: M-W 9:30 - 18:00; Th -F 9:30 - 20:00; Sa 9:30 - 17:30 and Su 12:00 - 17:00. **DIRECTIONS:** From the WEST take Hwy 417 East exiting at Kent St (Exit 120) follow Kent North to Somerset St, turn RIGHT to Bank St, turn LEFT and the Sport 4 store is on your left just past Laurier Ave. Note: there is limited parking on Gloucester St (turn left off Bank St) or to access underground paid parking at L'esplanade Laurier, turn right onto Laurier, then right on O'Connor, and right onto Gloucester: entrance to parking lot is on your right. From the EAST exit the 417 at Metcalfe going down the ramp and straight ahead on Catherine St to Bank, RIGHT on Bank St following the above instructions for parking. If you wish to confirm the hours of operation please phone (613) 234-6562. For more info on this walk call Pat Deroche (613) 230-5659

9. **RA Centre, East Entrance Reception CVF-273** :- 2451 Riverside Drive. Open daily from 8:00 am - 10:00 pm. Ask for the Walk Box at the East Entrance Reception counter. Free parking and washrooms available. **DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 417 exit at Bronson Ave. Go south on Bronson and exit at Riverside Drive. Go east on Riverside Dr. to the RA Centre on your immediate right. For more info on this walk call Dori Prieur (613) 224-6880
10. **Champagne Bath, Tribute to the Canadian Forces CVF-277** :- 321 King Edward Ave. Open 06:15 - 22:00 except Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 09:00. Ask for Walk Box at reception desk. Parking on street beside the Champagne Bath or immediately behind the centre. Washrooms are available in the centre. **DIRECTIONS** Exit highway 417 at King Edward through Sandy Hill passing Rideau Street to 321 King Edward Ave. Champagne Baths are on your right. For more info on this walk call Benoit Pinsonneault (613) 746-9071
11. **Shoppers Drug Mart, Ottawa Lighthouse Walk CVF-281** :- 1559 Alta Vista Dr, Ottawa, ON K1G 0E9 Open daily from 8:00 am to midnight. Walk Box behind the sales counter. Please ask cashier for the Walk Box. Free parking and washrooms available at the Tim Horton's in plaza. **DIRECTIONS:** Highway 417 to the Alta Vista exit. South on Riverside Drive to the lights at Industrial Ave. Left on Industrial to the next set of lights, turn right on Alta Vista Drive to 1559 in the plaza on your left. For more info on this walk call Benoit Pinsonneault (613) 746-9071
12. **Taggart Family Y CVF-027**:- 180 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2P 1B7. Open Mon - Fri: 5:30 am - 11:00 pm; Sat: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm; Sun: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Please ask Y staff for the Walk Box which is at the registration counter. Parking on the streets near the Y or in the Y parking lot @ \$1.50 per half-hour, max. \$10 or flat rate of \$4 Evening/Weekends. **DIRECTIONS:** Traveling west on highway 417 Exit at Metcalfe, stay in the left lanes going straight ahead on Catherine St to Bank St, right on Bank St to Argyle St. right on Argyle to the Y. Traveling east on highway 417 Exit at Kent St, following Kent St to Flora St, turn right to Bank St, turn right to Argyle St, turn left and continue to the Y on your right. For more info on this walk call Marion Boom (613) 868-8757.

Walking In Beautiful BC

It was so nice to be back in Beautiful BC where the flowers were in bloom, there was no snow on the ground and you could actually go out for a walk without gloves, scarf and toque. In April I enjoyed a week in Vancouver and Victoria and even managed to find time to squeeze in a few walks.

One of the walks I did while in Vancouver was through Queen Elizabeth Park – definitely worth a visit if you are ever in the area. The walk actually started from Starbucks downtown but the route was within walking distance from where I was staying so it was too easy to pick up the route from there. After enjoying some time strolling through the park I continued on the route eventually arriving at the start point. While there I noticed a brochure listing all the PTs in BC and upon closer inspection came across another walk that started just down the street from the one I was half way through.

Since I was not on a time schedule I decided to do the other walk, which went through Granville Island and False Creek. A real lovely walk on pathways and streets and by the Olympic village for the 2010 Winter games. Upon finishing this walk I then continued with my first walk which took me back to Queen Elizabeth Park (and where I spent a bit more time) and eventually back to where I was staying.

After a couple of days in Vancouver my friend, with whom I was visiting, headed to the ferry and over to Vancouver Island to participate in the Phoenix Festival, a weekend of walks held in Victoria every two years. Having lived in Victoria for several years it was so nice to be back and to see people I knew and had walked with years ago and people I have travelled with on walking tours I have been on. The location for the walks, the Greek Community Centre, was a new location this year so that meant lots of new walks including Elk and Beaver Lakes, through Saanich parks and on trails and streets near the ocean. Our hotel was just a stone throw away from the start point so we never had to walk far for any of the walks.

Sat evening there was a wonderful meal put on by the Greek Community Centre and they couldn't have prepared a nicer meal.

One last walk on Sunday then it was time to say good bye to old and new friends and head for the ferry back to Vancouver. As my flight was not leaving until late Mon afternoon, there was still time to get another walk done before heading for the airport. Before walking my friend and I went to a Dutch restaurant and enjoyed real Dutch pannekoeken (delicious). Then it was time for my last walk in Vancouver and this one was the walk in Kitsilano, a beautiful walk along Kitsilano beach and area. After finishing the walk it was time to get on the Sky train and head to the airport for my (long) flight home.





OTTAWA VOYAGEURS EVENTS 2015

The following is a listing of club events for the New Year.

Day	Date	Walk / Location	Time	Type
Wednesday	08/07/15	Rideau River Walk - RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr, Ottawa K1H 7X7	18:00 - 19:00	EMW
Wednesday	22/07/15	New Edinburgh/Rockcliffe Park Walk, New Edinburgh Pub, 1 Beechwood, Ottawa K1M 2H9	18:00 - 19:00	EMW
Wednesday	05/08/15	Petrie Island Tour - Orleans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr, Orleans K1C 1T1	18:00 - 19:00	EMW
Wednesday	19/08/15	Camilio's Bar & Grill, 902 Shefford Rd, Beacon Hill, Ottawa K1J 6X4	18:00 - 19:00	EMW
Saturday	12/09/15	31th Annual Volksmarch, Orleans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr, Orleans K1C 1T1	09:00 - 10:30	MW
Saturday	19/09/15	Exploring Navan - Navan Memorial Arena, 1295 Colonial Road, Navan Ontario, K4B 1N1	9:30-10:30	MW
Sunday	20/09/15	<i>Cleaning the Capital - Ultramar 6469 Jeanne d'Arc Blvd, Ottawa K1C 2R1</i>	9:30	
Sunday	27/09/15	RAIN DATE <i>Cleaning the Capital - Ultramar, 6469 Jeanne d'Arc Blvd, Orleans K1C 2R1</i>	9:30	
Saturday	03/10/15	NCC Fall Rhapsody Walk - Gatineau Park Visitor Centre, 33 Scott Road, Chelsea, QC J9B 1R5	09:00 - 10:30	MW
Saturday	07/11/15	VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION (Check website: ottawavoyageurs.ca)	10:00	GW
Sunday	20/12/15	Christmas Lights - (Check website: ottawavoyageurs.ca)	18:00 19:00	EMW

Legend: EMW – Evening Map Walk; MW – Map Walk; GW – Group Walk; VW - Volksmarch

Full details on all walks is available at www.ottawavoyageurs.ca

Thank You to Our volunteers

This photo says it all “Volunteers are the heart of our Community”. Dog walking, helping build houses with Habitat for Humanity, and tutoring just to name a few areas where people volunteer. No matter the size of the organization, club, group, they all rely on volunteers. Even the many walking clubs across this great country all look to their members to help out; perhaps to design a route for an upcoming event, look after membership for the club or volunteer for a position on their executive. So it is nice when we can take time to say “thank you” and recognize those who have volunteered in any way. For many people in

Ottawa who have been volunteering over the years their time to be recognized came this past week with the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. Among those receiving an award were two well deserving members of the Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club, Kathleen Luten and Benoit Pinsoneault. Earlier in the week Benoit was also presented with a volunteer award from Royal Galipeau, MP at the Hearts of Gold Gala. Congratulations Kathy and Benoit and thank you for all you have done for the club and volksmarching.



OVO 2015 BUS TRIP - NIAGARA FALLS ON AND NY

By Marion Boom

After missing a year due to the CVF Convention the OVO Bus trip was back on the calendar with plans made to walk in Kingston, Niagara Falls, ON, Lockport, NY, Niagara Falls, NY, Niagara On the Lake and Brighton.

We could not have asked for a nicer way to start our trip. The sun was shining and not a cloud in the sky so perfect for walking. After a small delay in Ottawa, then a small problem with the bus, we were finally on the road heading to our first walk of the trip in Kingston. Arriving around 08:30 we had plenty of time to enjoy a lovely 5km walk through Polson Park. This time of the year is always beautiful with all the flowers in bloom and for this walk we were not disappointed. Sue and John Osborn from the Kingston club were there to walk with us then join us on the remainder of the trip. Shortly after finishing our walk we were soon westward bound and heading down the 401 towards Toronto.

A short break just east of Toronto for lunch and then it was back on the road for Niagara Falls. We arrived in good time so after settling into our hotel (if you peeked around the corner you could see the Falls) those of us who were walking headed out on our route. As there is only a 10km route for the event not everyone walked so those who didn't had time to enjoy some free time around the falls and area. For those of us who did the 10km route, we had a nice walk along the Falls then down to Dufferin Island and back.

After finishing our walk we had the evening free to enjoy a meal and just do whatever. On Friday and Saturday evenings there are fireworks at the Falls so we were treated to a bit of free entertainment. Starting at 9 the coloured lights are turned on over the Falls then at 10 PM there are the fireworks. Seeing as we were so close to everything some people could actually see them from their room.

Day 2 of our adventure was another beautiful sunny day. Today was all over on the US side with walks in Lockport and Niagara Falls, two lovely walks but both so different. After finally getting through Customs (which at times can be a real challenge) it was a short drive to our start point, Tom's Diner, in Lockport. For those of us doing the 10km route we were fortunate to have Barb Stafford, one of the local club members, walking with us. One of the highlights of this walk was seeing all the large and beautiful homes. Most of the route was on streets until about the last km which was along the Erie Canal.

After saying goodbye to Barb we headed to Niagara Falls, first for lunch then to our walk. Walkers had a choice here between a 5km and 10km route with most doing the 5km. Highlights for both routes was walking by the Falls and around Goat Island with spectacular views wherever we walked. The 10km split and headed along the river gorge and under the Rainbow Bridge to the Aquarium (where we saw a couple of little seals) before heading back to the finish at the hotel.

Returning to Canada took a quarter of the time it took getting into the US so it didn't take long to get back to our hotel and time to rest a bit before going out for our group

dinner. As day 2 is typically when we all get together and go out for supper at 19:15 we headed out to our restaurant (Four Brothers Cucina) for a nice meal. As some of you may not know, one of our members, Luc Leduc, is a magician and he offered to entertain us after with a magic our meal. Thank you Luc, it was again very enjoyable and entertaining. I am still trying to figure out how you did everything.

Due to a slight mix up over breakfast at our hotel, they gave our group coupons for ice cream at DQ. What a way to end an already wonderful day – with a DQ ice cream. One would think that after doing two lovely walks, having a nice meal at a nice restaurant followed by entertainment and DQ ice cream that would be enough for the day. But two of our group felt they needed more. Karen and Carol decided they needed a ride on the Ferris wheel. So after buying their tickets and waiting in line, they finally made it to the Wheel just in time for the rain to start.

Well it would be nice to have sunny weather for the whole trip but unfortunately it was not to be. After enjoying two sunny warm days we woke up to rain and single temperatures so not a good start to our last day. But we are walkers and that is what we were there to do – walk. So off we went to Niagara On the Lake, which is normally a very beautiful walk. I think we set records doing this walk. I think we were also probably the only (crazy) people on the streets walking in the rain. But we did the walk (maybe a bit modified) and rushed to get back on the bus where it was warm and dry.

A stop for early lunch then back on the road again heading for our final walk destination, Brighton. Anna and Ray McAnally, from the Brighton club, were there to meet us when we arrived. By now the rain had let down some but it was still cool out so most people were anxious to walk and get back where it was dry. (Thanks to Ray and Anna for meeting us and getting all the people through the "Y" to use the facilities).

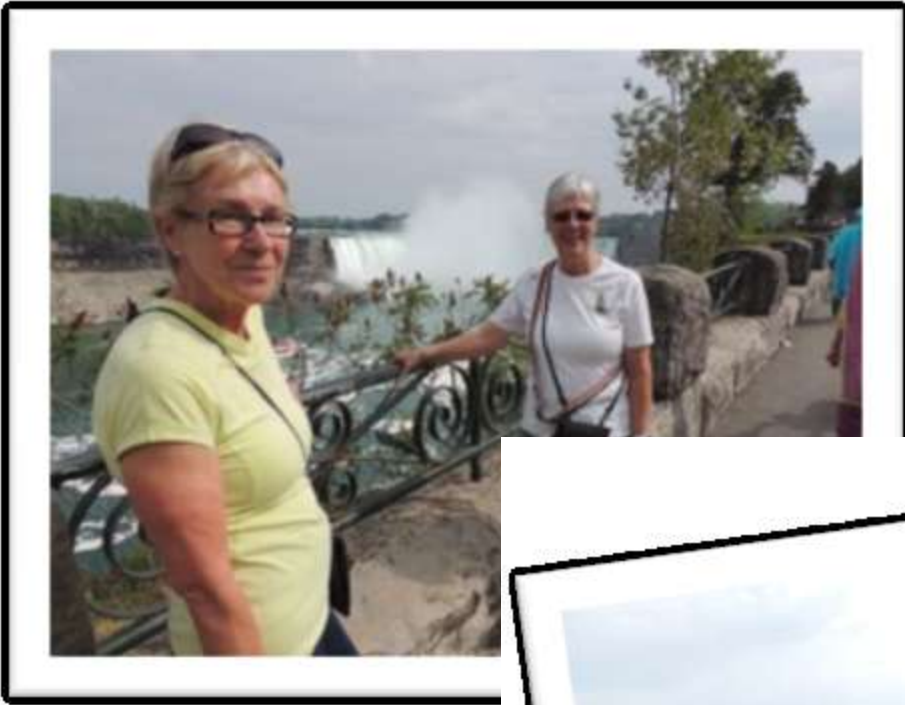
The trip was all but over now. After dropping Sue and John off in Kingston we were back on the 401 heading to our final destination and home, Ottawa.

It was a wonderful trip and as I'm sure you can tell by reading this it was not just a matter of getting on the bus and going to all these places to walk. It took many volunteers to put this trip together and they couldn't have done a better job; Frank and Tammy for organizing the trip and the hotel, Benoit for looking after the bus, Perry and Lynda for putting all the goodie bags together and for all the ladies (Jane, Lynda, Tammy, Perry and Maria (hope I didn't miss anyone) for all those delicious sweets. And thank you to Robert, our wonderful bus driver. He was great.

I'm sure that those of you who were on the trip agree that it was a successful trip. If you are reading this, and have any ideas or suggestions for next year please let any of the executive know.

Happy Trails!

2015 Bus Trip in Photos







**OTTAWA VOYAGEURS WALKING CLUB
CLUB DE MARCHÉ DES VOYAGEURS D'OTTAWA**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
DEMANDE D'ADHÉSION**

MEMBER INFORMATION / RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR LE MEMBRE

Date: Renewal / Renouvellement New Member / Nouveau membre

Name:
Nom :

Phone (H):
Téléphone (M) :

Phone (W):
Téléphone (B) :

Fax:
Télécopieur :

Address:
Adresse :

City:
Ville :

Province:

Postal Code:
Code Postal :

E-mail:
Courriel :

Date of birth:
Date de naissance :

Would you be willing to help with club activities? Yes / Oui No / Non
Accepteriez-vous d'aider le club dans ses activités ?

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF THIS IS A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:
À COMPÉTER DANS LE CAS D'UNE ADHÉSION FAMILIALE :**

Spouse Name:
Nom du conjoint:

Phone (H):
Téléphone (M) :

Phone (W):
Téléphone (B) :

Fax:
Télécopieur :

E-mail:
Courriel :

Date of birth:
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CHILDREN (under 18) STILL LIVING AT HOME / ENFANTS (-18) VIVANT TOUJOURS À LA MAISON :

Name:
Nom :

DOB:
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE / FRAIS DE COTISATION ANNUELLE

Single Membership – \$15
Adhésion individuelle – 15 \$

Family Membership – \$30
Adhésion familiale – 30 \$

Amount Enclosed / Montant ci-inclus:

Cash / comptant **Cheque / cheque**

**PLEASE SEND APPLICATION FORM TO:
ENVOYER LA DEMANDE D'ADHÉSION À :**

Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club / Club de marche des Voyageurs d'Ottawa
Attn: Membership Coordinator
6491 Boul Jeanne D'Arc Blvd, PO Box 62041, ORLEANS ON K1C 7H8

Recommended by:

Date received:

Cash \$ _____ Cheque # _____

Package sent:

Membership #:
Membership #: