

# *The Roamer*

Rose City Roamers  
Newsletter



May 2014

Walking for  
Fun \* Fitness \* Friendship

## CALENDAR

- May 10, 11 Sunday Parkways walk Event  
SE Portland 9:00am start
- June 3 Club Meeting & Strawberry  
Shortcake Feed  
Rm A 7pm Adventist Health
- July 27 Sunday Parkways walk Event  
North Portland 9:00am start
- Aug 24 Sunday Parkways walk Event  
Northeast Portland

## NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE WALK

On 23 June the Rose City Roamers will be sponsoring the Northwest Regional Conference first walk in Portland. The walk will have registration from 1 to 3 with an ending time of 6 pm. The walk will start at the Ondine Residence Hall at Portland State University. The route will feature the Portland Waterfront.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND WALK

On 10 and 11 May, the Rose City Roamers will be holding a 2 day event starting at Lents Park. The walk will follow the City of Portland's Sunday Parkways route for about 2/3rd of the way but will shorten the route to 10 km by walking 3 km in residential areas not on the Parkways route. The walk registration will be from 9 am to 1 pm both days. Finish by 4 pm.

### CLUB MEETING

Our next Club meeting will be on June 3 at 7pm at Portland Adventist Hospital Education Room B. This is our Strawberry Shortcake meeting. Come enjoy the meeting and a sweet treat as well. Thanks go to Judy for providing the cake and strawberries.



## **YEAR-ROUND EVENTS (YRE)**

### **PORTLAND – Northwest**

#### **CROSTOWN, DOWNTOWN**

Start: LEGACY GOOD SAMARITAN  
HOSPITAL 1015 NW 22nd Avenue  
Contact: Sue C., 503-289-5888

### **PORTLAND – North**

#### **HISTORIC ST. JOHNS, PENINSULA CROSSING**

Start: WEST COAST HEALTH &  
FITNESS 7522 N. Lombard St.  
Contact: Sue C., 503-289-5888

### **PORTLAND – Southwest**

#### **TRYON CREEK STATE PARK**

Start: TRYON CREEK STATE PARK  
11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd.  
Contact: John H., 503-654-3494

### **LAKE OSWEGO –**

#### **LAKE OSWEGO, CIRCLE THE LAKE NEIGHBORHOODS**

Start: McDONALD'S RESTAURANT  
16044 SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd.  
Contact: Ed H., 360-921-1909

### **PORTLAND – Southeast**

#### **REED COLLEGE, CRYSTAL SPRINGS GARDENS**

Start: Pace Setter Athletic  
4203 SE Woodstock Blvd  
Contact: John H., 503-654-3494

### **PORTLAND – Clackamas**

#### **SUNNYSIDE**

Start: DAYS INN MOTEL  
9717 SE Sunnyside Rd.  
Contact: Judy D., 503-698-4398

### **PORTLAND – Northeast**

#### **ALAMEDA/FREMONT, MT. TABOR NE/SE, BELMONT, MURALS AND MORE**

Start: PROVIDENCE PORTLAND  
4805 NE Glisan St.  
Contact: John H., 503-654-3494

## **GROUP WALKS**

5/7/14

10:00 AM Pace Setter Athletic, 4201 SE  
Woodstock, Portland  
[YRE 1192](#) rated 1B RCR: ask at counter  
Fender Moto Bar, 4336 SE Woodstock,  
Portland (1 block from finish)

5/14/14

10:00 AM Tualatin Hills Fire Station #66,  
13900 SW Brockman Rd, Beaverton  
[YRE 1025](#) rated 1A CM: Start Box on  
outside of building  
McMenamins Greenway Pub, 12272 SW  
Schools Ferry Rd, Tigard, OR (1.5 km  
from finish)

5/21/14

10:00 AM Mt Hood Medical Center,  
24800 SE Stark, Gresham  
[YRE 687](#) (IN REVERSE) rated 1A  
ECWW: start box in entrance  
Lucky Buffet, 2830 NE Hogan Dr, Suite G  
(1/2 km from finish)

5/28/14

10:00 AM Sherwood YMCA, 23000 SW  
Pacific Hwy, Sherwood  
[YRE 1723](#) rated 1A SM: ask at counter  
Famous Dave's BBQ, 7121 Southwest  
Nyberg St, Tualatin (at I-5 & Tualatin-  
Sherwood junction)

6/4/14

10:00 AM Starbucks @ Salmon Creek  
FM, 800 NE Tenney Road # 7, Vancouver  
[YRE 157](#) rated 1A VUV: ask  
Billygan's Roadhouse, 13200 NE Hwy 99,  
Vancouver (short drive)

## TRADITIONAL WALK EVENTS

### 5/17/2014 Keizer, OR Iris Festival and Flowers

Event ID: 98232 Start Point / Driving Directions: 3625 Quinaby Rd NE Keizer, OR 97303  
Distance - Trail Ratings: 5K, 10K - 1A Awards & Fees: B Award  
Amenities: Host Club: Willamette Wanderers  
Strollers: hard | Wheelchairs: NO | Contact: Susan Hoskins (503) 364-3475  
Pets: Yes | Restrooms: Yes Website: [www.willwander.weebly.com](http://www.willwander.weebly.com)  
Special Programs: Baseball Walks, Honoring Our Flag, Water Towers E-Mail Contact: [wrozy@yahoo.com](mailto:wrozy@yahoo.com)  
Start Times: 9-1 Finish by 4  
Location: Schreiner's Iris Gardens

### 5/18/2014 Aloha, OR Neighborhoods and Jenkins Estate

Event ID: 98212 Rainbow Color-Named Places, Walking the USA A - Z  
Distance - Trail Ratings: 11K/5K - 1A Awards & Fees: IVV Credit Only  
Start Times: 9:00 - 1:00 Comments: WOC: Arenas, Auditoriums  
Location: Aloha Swim Center, 18650 SW Host Club: Cedar Milers  
Kinnaman Rd, Aloha, OR (Community Contact: Darlene Parrow (503) 484-6475  
Pathways and Jenkins Estate) Website: [www.cedarmilers.org](http://www.cedarmilers.org)  
Special Programs: Honoring Our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, E-Mail Contact: [dar.parrow@gmail.com](mailto:dar.parrow@gmail.com)  
Description: Walk through several Aloha neighborhoods to Jenkins Estate. You'll pass through a small wetlands area and have one short, steep hill to climb past Jenkins Estate. At the top, there'll be a nice view of the valley.  
Amenities: **Strollers:** | **Wheelchairs:** hard | **Pets:** | **Restrooms:** Yes  
Start Point / Driving Directions: DIRECTIONS: I-5 NORTHBOUND: Exit #292A (Tigard/Sunset Hwy/Oregon Coast), OR217N (Beaverton/Tigard).  
US26W: (Sunset Hwy/Oregon Coast) Exit #64 (185th Ave). LEFT on 185th S. RIGHT on SW Kinnaman Rd. LEFT into Aloha Swim Center.  
I-5 SOUTHBOUND: Exit #302B, I-405S (US30/Beaverton/St Helens), Exit #1D (US26W/ Beaverton) Exit #69A (OR217/ Beaverton/Tigard) to US26W (Sunset Hwy/ Oregon Coast), Exit #64 (Cornelius Pass Rd S). Continue as above.

### 5/24/2014 Vancouver, WA Tenny Creek Park Walk

Event ID: 97704 Location: Vancouver First Church of God  
Distance - Trail Ratings: 5/10 km - 1A Host Club: All Weather Walkers  
Start Times: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Finish by 4 Contact: Jan Breneman (360) 835-9686  
p.m. Website: [www.allweatherwalkers.org](http://www.allweatherwalkers.org)  
E-Mail Contact: [breneman@pacifier.com](mailto:breneman@pacifier.com)  
Amenities: Strollers: easy | Wheelchairs: hard | Pets: Yes | Restrooms: Yes  
Special Programs: This event doesn't have any special Programs assigned.  
Start Point / Driving Directions: 3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver 98665.  
Awards & Fees: IVV Credit Only

**5/31/2014** Brooks, OR Adelman Peony Gardens

97569

5K/10K - 1A

Special Programs: Honoring Our Flag, Lakes and Reservoirs, Trekking with the Trees, Walking the USA A - Z, Water Towers, You'll Never Walk Alone

Start Times: 8 AM to 1 PM Finish by 4

Start Point / Driving Directions: 5690 Brooklake Rd. NE Brooks, Oregon from I-5 (north or south) Description:

Walk through award-winning and world renowned blooming peony fields and through countryside to the Sebright Hosta gardens which include ferns and other shade-preferred plants.

Take exit 263 (Brooks exit). Turn east toward Brooks on Brooklake Rd. Go for 1 miles, crossing OR Hwy 99E.

Driveway is on the right. Registration inside the barn behind house

Comments: Celebrate with us our 11th annual Peony walk. New this year: no walking on busy roads, leashed dogs are permitted and two \$30 gift certificates will be donated by Adelmans. Local challenges: Arches, Flowers, Lakes, Marion County, Mountains, Water Towers, Birds & Beasts

Location: Adelman Peony Gardens

Host Club: Albany Fitwalkers

Contact: Phoebe Harrison (541) 926-1735

Website: [www.albanyfitwalkers.org](http://www.albanyfitwalkers.org)

E-Mail Contact: [ranphoeb@gmail.com](mailto:ranphoeb@gmail.com)

Walking takes longer... than any other known form of locomotion except crawling. Thus it stretches time and prolongs life. Life is already too short to waste on speed.

[Edward Abbey](#)

### **WANTED: CLUB HISTORIAN**

Rose City Roamers is looking for a club historian to organize and update the club's records. We are looking for someone who has the ability to create a lighter version of our scrapbooks, using electronic images or photo-copy reproductions. If you or someone you know would be interested please contact Judy deBenedetti at 503-929-2310 or email her at [Judydebenedetti@msn.com](mailto:Judydebenedetti@msn.com).



## Obituary for Loretta Croce Gibbs

Loretta Croce Gibbs

April 14, 1941 — March 11, 2014

Loretta "Lolly" Croce Gibbs, 72, passed away in her Albany home.

Born in Chattanooga, Tenn., she grew up in Birmingham, Ala., where she lived most of her life. She was involved in student government, poetry, music and theater throughout school. She also worked in the family clothing business until graduation when she moved to Atlanta and met the love of her life. Wes and Lolly moved back to Birmingham to raise their family. They shared many happy times and countless weekends at Lake Guntersville boating with their two children.

In so many ways, Lolly was the definition of capable and dynamic. She was a true entrepreneur and owned several businesses and worked as the chief financial officer for others. When Lolly was ready to retire, she moved to the Northwest to be closer to her family. She loved being in Oregon!

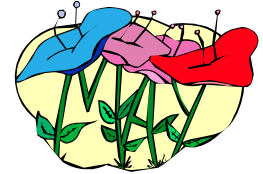
Her mind was full of projects, large and small and at the time of her unexpected passing, there were at least a dozen in full swing. Her heart was filled with the love of her children and grandchildren and she was a fantastic hugger! She was very compassionate toward animals and rescued all kinds.

Lolly may have been the first organic gardener in Alabama (a family joke) because she was always collecting and drying seeds, starting plants, composting, and canning or making jelly. Evidence of her nurturing nature is all around her home. In it, one sees the results of her boundless creative energy. Her hands were always in motion. She was a talented crocheter, imaginative seamstress and quilter, a fine baker and cook, and a clever wood worker. These skills demonstrated her ingenuity about design.

She was a true artist able to sing, play the piano, write poetry and paint ceramics. She loved the fun of card playing and completing word and picture puzzles. A day at the beach or casino provided equal pleasure. The sun and sand filled her with joy and was like a second home. And, this lady had luck; she walked out of a casino with more money than she walked in.

Most recently, her life in Albany reflected any typical period in her life. The list of organizations and activities was diverse and each one she gave the energy of five people: Master Gardeners, Planning and Zoning Committee, P.E.O, Albany

FitWalkers, Silver Striders, Albany Carousel Project, avid Geo Cacher, intrepid RVer and seasonal park host, volunteer at Oregon Caves, driver for the Veterans' Administration, and a committee member for Meals on Wheels. And, she still worked part time!



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