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WF: Walking Friends Update

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Thanks to all of you who responded to our recent survey. Based on your feedback, it was clear the preference is for a single walk option (rather than the current two), so effective with the new schedule for October through December the schedule will have only one walk. This seems manageable given the number of people who say they have been walking. We do ask that you self monitor and if more than five or six women are walking, some should stay back for a short time so you maintain groups of no more than six. Regarding hiking, given the low use of the sign up sheet throughout the spring/summer season, we will hold off making a winter hiking sign up sheet for the time being.

We have decided to postpone the annual meeting until we can meet as a group in person or such time we might have items of business to discuss. In the meantime, Lee, Lynn, and I have agreed to carry on during the time we are on hold. It is obviously uncertain when we can meet again in person, but we are happy to keep the website updated. Feel free to send Joanne pictures or news items to share with the group. We certainly don't want to lose touch with our walking friends.

At this time, during our period of semi-suspension, we have decided to make dues for 2021 optional. If you choose to pay, any amount will be appreciated and will be applied toward the normal \$10 dues for next year when (if) we are able to fully resume. We do have to cover the costs of maintaining our website, but any additional funds collected will go to WTA (our currently approved charity). Please send your cash donation or a check made out to WTA to Lynn Colson, 4740 Austin Court Bellingham WA 98229.

One last item. Susan Dean, who has faithfully managed our Memorial Fund for many years has indicated she would like to pass this responsibility on to another member. The position involves approximately 1-2 hours to coordinate for each memorial. The number of memorials per year varies of course, but on average there may be two or three per year. There is also a small amount of time to manage donations to the fund. Susan will be happy to work with whoever is willing to take this over for a smooth transition. Please let Susan and/or Joanne know if you are interested in helping us keep this valuable mission of our group functioning

Take care and be safe.

Lee, Lynn, and Joanne