

Are you Ready to Step out of Bounds?

With convention just days away, we have been super busy getting things ready for the 20th Biennial Convention in Billings. We are hoping you will enjoy something different and out of the ordinary at this convention. As Chairperson, I have attempted to make this a GREEN convention, which is to Reuse, Recycle and Repurpose. Please BEAR with us as we muddle through some groundbreaking innovations!

Thanks to everybody who signed up. This was a new online program we tried out as I absolutely would not allow Frank to write the programming for it as he did for the Baltimore Convention in 1991 (that was a lot of work). Sorry for any confusion some of you experienced, but all-in-all, I think it was a terrific program, as it allowed us to have so many options

We are hoping you will partake of our Wild West Party in Buffalo on Sunday night. This information was in the previous TAW. When you arrive at the walk on Monday morning in Buffalo, your start card will be ready for you. This is also your ticket for any socials you signed up for or if you ordered a shirt or a bear, which you will pick up at the hotel in Billings. Then it's on to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument on Tuesday and then to Billings for a fun-filled adventure. We have already given you the juicy details of all the remaining events in previous TAWs, so I won't repeat myself here.

I do want to let you know we still have tables in the vendor area available free of charge for clubs, so send me an email at the address below if you want to reserve a table.

I am also looking for an auctioneer (pro or amateur) to auction off the centerpieces at the Friday Night Bash. Please contact me ASAP at (chairperson@2017AVAConvention.org) if you are planning on being at the Bash.

SILENT AUCTION: Please consider donating something for the silent auction. We have received a few items in the mail, but we still need tons more stuff. Consider re-gifting a Christmas item you really didn't want, gift cards, baskets of food or drink with something unique from your area, hair or skin products, sports memorabilia, stuffed animals, club T-shirts, hats, or pins, Western items, bear items, moose items, beaver items, bighorn sheep items, owl items, fox items, etc. How about something for the men? I am donating a Montana Silversmiths belt buckle, as well as a Montana Silversmiths ladies purse in the shape of a boot. Have I enticed you to bring your checkbook and/or your gifts? It would help us tremendously if you send an email letting us know what you are bringing so that we can have the paperwork prepared in advance or use the form in this issue.

As always, if you have any questions, check out the website (2017AVAConvention.org) or send us an email. Remember to take lots of pictures, take time to enjoy your surroundings while on the walks and bike, and have a great time while Stepping Out of Bounds in Wyoming and Montana. See you soon!