

# FOOTNOTES

CNY Folksmarch

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FM# 429 (GPS:3649 Erie Blvd. East Syracuse, NY 13214)

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## February at the Shoppingtown Mall

February in Central New York, is a good time to walk inside the Shoppingtown Mall, especially if the weather is blustery and cold. There is an outside route as well for the hardy adventurers. Registration will be in a corner space adjacent to the old upstairs mall entrance leading to the JC Penney store. The nearest outside entrance is Mall Entrance #2 (south side), with TAMA LaCrosse on the right side of those doors.

We will be collecting mittens, hats, and scarves again this month to donate to various organizations for those needy children.

As many of you probably know, there aren't many stores still in the Mall, so this may be your last time to see it in its present form. However, the "Activity" wing with gymnastics, softball, fencing, martial arts is still in full swing – look in on them. Sears is also open on two levels. Shoppingtown may be undergoing major renovation and possibly repurposing in the near future. We will have our usual coffee and refreshments for you this month as well.

THE "BASICS" THIS MONTH.

DATE: SATURDAY, FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup>

START ANYTIME BETWEEN 8-11AM.

**FIRST TIMERS ARE FREE. \$4.00 FOR ADULTS, \$1 FOR YOUTH 6-18. 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE. \$9 MAX. FOR A FAMILY.**

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At 9:45am, the “15 minutes of fame” will be a presentation by the DeWitt Library (still located downstairs). Their new Library is currently under construction. I’m sure we will be hearing more details about the new library and plans for new programs too.

**Directions:** From Rt. 481, take the DeWitt exit and bear right at the light onto Erie Blvd. At the next light, go right again into the Shoppingtown parking area. Use Mall entrance #2, (signs for JC Penney). From Rt. 690, either continue onto Rt. 481, or get off at Thompson Rd. south, and continue on Erie Blvd E. several long blocks, pass Kinne St. and take your left at the next light (opposite DeWitt Community Church) and proceed to Mall Entrance #2 as above.

### **Election News!**

In December, 2016, you voted and approved all nine people who had been nominated for the Advisory Board with a strong majority vote. The new Board then met and elected their officers: President, Barbara Crane, Secretary, Stephanie Nicholson, Treasurer, Lee Mount, and Board members, Dawn Bennett, Nancy Knaggs, Ellen Nowyj, Adria Ripka, Barbara Sleight, and Judy Sokolowski.

**Notice:** There will be a short orientation meeting for the monthly FM walk leaders and the Board members who will be their contacts for help and oversight on Saturday February 11th at 11am at Shoppingtown.



### **1<sup>st</sup> CNY Folksmarch Walk!**

Barbara Crane explained the new format for CNY Folksmarch during the “15 minutes of Fame”. Also, Folksmarchers enjoyed riding the Carousel at Destiny after their walk. The January FM at Destiny USA was the first under the CNY Folksmarch banner and the large turnout demonstrated your continued interest. Thank you to the many who responded and purchased Annual Passes. It places the organization on a strong financial basis.

Thanks to Judy and Ken Sokolowski and team members: Stephanie Nicholson, Mike and Mary Egan, Barbara Sleight and Barbara Crane, - the transition to our self-supporting walking group has started out quite smoothly. Everyone liked their design for the new CNYFM award buttons.

### **April Team of Six Meeting Date:**

The Team for the April Folksmarch in Homer will be led by Helen Walker and Chuck Eaton (Barbara Crane, assisting). They will have their Team planning meeting this month at 9:15.

Beginning with the March FM in Liverpool – which starts at the Library with Ellen Nowyj's team, the Folksmarches will be offered on both Sat. and Sun. (March 11 & 12).

#### **If you are currently receiving "Footnotes" by US Mail: There are three options for you starting in March.**

- 1. If you have email**, or access to it (other family), let us know that you are choosing to receive Footnotes that way. We need your response by February 15th. Please send an email to: [jhujar@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jhujar@twcny.rr.com)
- 2. To continue receiving Footnotes by US Mail**, send a \$12 check to Barbara Crane, 143 Wilson Dr. E. Syracuse, NY 13057. Thank you.
- 3. If you do not wish to receive Footnotes in the future, or do not respond by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, we'll assume that you are no longer interested.**

*Anyone is welcome to participate in the monthly walks and receive the monthly walk button, but they do not receive the benefits of membership unless they purchase either an Annual Pass or a yearly Passport. If anyone wants to participate in a trip, they may purchase a yearly Passport at that time.*



**Presidential Day Trivia** – It is not “officially” President’s Day, but rather George Washington’s birthday. The traditional food to eat for dessert— anything with cherries. Chester Arthur in 1885 made it a federal holiday. Many states used to celebrate Lincoln’s birthday, but officially, it never made it out of Committee. Four states still celebrate it.

### **Valentine's Day Trivia:**

In the Middle Ages, men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for others to know how you are feeling.

It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest card-sending occasion next to Christmas.

If you see a squirrel on Valentine's Day, you will marry a cheapskate who will hoard all your money. If you see a goldfinch on Valentine's Day, you will marry a millionaire.

***CNYFolksmarch –  
Come Walk with us!***

***The next CNYFolksmarch event will be in Liverpool – March 11-12<sup>th</sup> ,2017***