



Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club



The Sandpiper

President Notebook

Special points of interest:

- Volks South Season Ends
- Easter Parade
- WAF34 Hotel Info



Resplendent resident of the Jungle Prada

Photo by Robin Kelly

The Jungle. The neighborhood of Jungle Prada in St. Pete was in all its glory, as we strolled by peacocks showing off for us (or maybe it was the nearby peahens). There were lots to see on this perfect March day. Thanks to all who participated and stayed for lunch at Doc Ford's.

Volks South. With only two Wednesday walks to go, the season draws to a close. Thanks to our friends from the north who put together this wonderful calendar of events. The money they raised enables the club to continue its permanent walks—and even add Gulfport for 2025! And we'll miss you!

Easter Parade. The ham is soon going in the oven for serving at our first traditional event in over a year. I'll be rummaging through our walk supply boxes to see what the hurricanes left behind.

Please see the volunteer opportunities on pg. 4. We've tried to keep the walk routes fun and easy. The checkpoints will be at the pavilion, so no travel is needed. And we'll make up the Bunny Bowling game as we go along!

WAF34. See pg. 2 to learn how to register for the hotel. The official flier will be out during the first week in July with walk and social event details. Let me know if you have any ideas for a theme for our fund-raising basket—so much fun to fill and display!

Largo Nature Preserve. Mark your calendar for May 10 to return to the Preserve. No promises on wildflowers! But there will be a lot of other wonderful sights as we explore several Largo parks. If you see cereal BOGOs, snap them up, as the Cereal for the Summer drive should be in full swing.

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ESCV Volks South Schedule—Wed A.M. Walks

Date	Location
Apr 2	Belleair/Largo
Apr 9	*Tarpon Springs Howard Park

Suggested restaurant

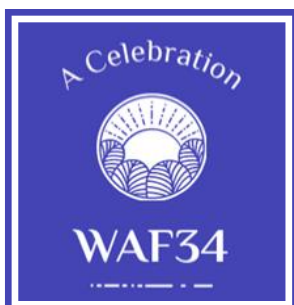
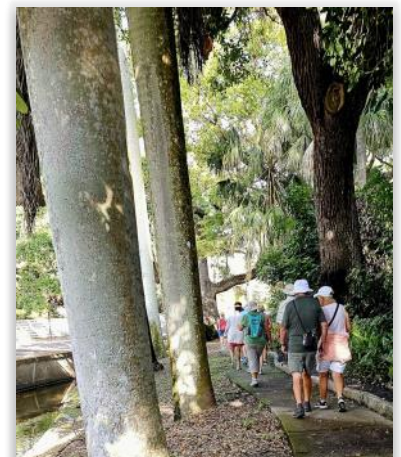
O'Keefe's Tavern
Sponge City Brewery/
Jimmy's Neighborhood

*Asterisks designate walks with start points that are different from what are cited in the AVA Starting Point book, on the AVA website, or in the Online Start Box Walk Directions.

For those not enrolled to receive the Volks South weekly announcements which are sent Sunday afternoons, please contact Marion Averill via e-mail (WalkingAverills@aol.com). The weekly email will contain specific details on the locations of the start points as well as other information on the upcoming events.

The Volk South on the trail in lovely Roser Park.

Photo by Kathy Mack





Celebrate

Nov 7-9 **WAF34**

**4 Walks & a Swim in south Orange and north Osceola
Counties in Central Florida**

**An AVA multi-event weekend brought to you by the Happy
Wanderers, Mid-Florida Milers and Suncoast Sandpipers**

Fairfield Inn & Suites Orlando Kissimmee/Celebration

Link to hotel reservations: [WAF34 Hotel](#)

**\$117 per night plus taxes.
Group rate up to 4 nights:
Thu, Nov 6 to Mon, Nov 10.**



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Sandpiper April Birthdays

*Happy Birthday from the
Suncoast Sandpipers*

- 1 Mary Hagemann
- 2 Betty Hill
- 7 David Averill
- 8 Rich Dombrow
- 11 Marion Bostley
- 17 Cheryl Johnson
- 18 April Garber
- 24 Diantha Schear
- 27 Hilda Carter
- 27 Larry Schear



Welcome to the Sandpipers!

Dana Elliot
Gary Smith

Englewood
Palm Harbor



VOLKSSPORT AWARDS

	EVENTS	DISTANCE (K)
Cathy Gillen	300	
Claudia Leonardi	225	
Leslie Stone		13000
Fred Sheets	1500	



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Walk with friends!

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* OSB= Online Start Box



Wall Springs Park
Apr 5

EASTER PARADE POSITIONS OPEN!

- 🌸 **Set -up**
- 🌸 **Registration**
- 🌸 **5K Leaders: fast and moderate**
- 🌸 **5K Sweep**
- 🌸 **10K Leaders: fast and moderate**
- 🌸 **10K Sweep**
- 🌸 **Checkpoint Monitors**
- 🌸 **Lunch Servers**
- 🌸 **Clean-up**

To volunteer/find out more, contact Alice at pipers@tampabay.rr.com

**LARGO CENTRAL PARK
NATURE PRESERVE
5/7K Guided Walk
May 10, 2025**