



Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club



The Sandpiper

Special points of interest:

- WAF35 Hotel Info
- Walk in Robinson Preserve
- Trails Celebration



You never know what you'll find or who you'll meet on your daily walk!

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Volks South walkers pause to admire Tampa's Moorish Revival Plant Hall
 Photo by Mary Suchodolski

President Notebook

Letter from Ann dela Fuente's sister:

Hi! I am Ann's sister and I contacted Alice Lawrence when Ann passed away. I just wanted to reach out and let you know that a mass will be said in memory of Ann on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 8 am at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church 8320 Old Country Road 54 in New Port Richey.

My brother, sister and I were really touched by the article you posted about her and the idea of a brick in her name. We know she loved to walk with your group and we saw all the badges she accumulated over the years.

Please let me know where we can mail a donation to your group and who to address the check too. We know that Ann would love for us to do it in her name.

Thank you all for the love, laughter and support that you gave to our sister over the years!

*Sincerely,
 Jan Birtz*



Ann, right hand corner with bag, stands ready to lead Sandpipers on her beloved Safety Harbor walk.



The Odyssey begins...

2026: The Year of Records #3:

A one of a kind tree house at the NEST (The Mosaic Center for Nature, Exploration, Science and Technology).

Robinson Preserve

**WAF35 5 & 10K Workers Walk
 March 21**

Start: Shelter 1 (by the parking lot) at the preserve's North Entrance, 1704 99th Street NW, Bradenton, FL 34209.
[Map.](#) Look for Walk Start sign.

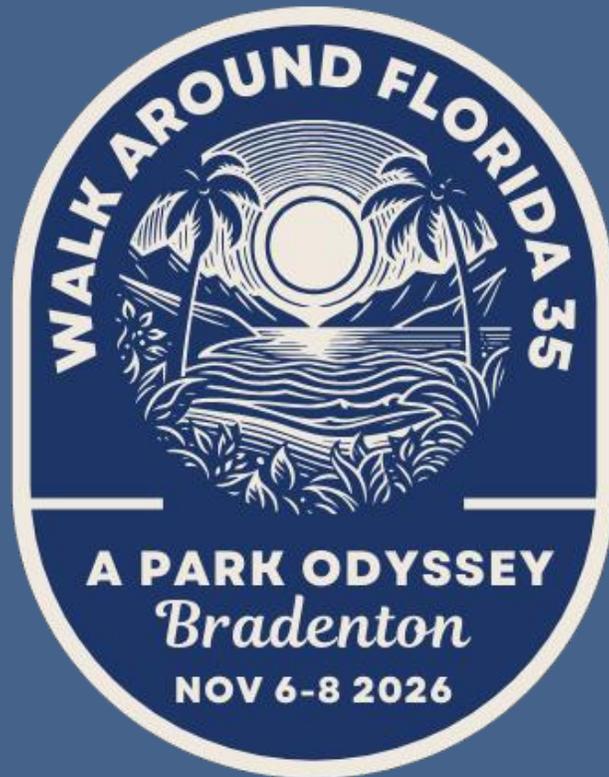
Time: 9 a.m. registration; 9:15 a.m. walk start for 10K; 9:30 a. m. walk start for 5K.

Suggested lunch: [Joey D's Chicago Style Eatery.](#)

Need help? 727-542-9742

SAVE THE DATE

Four
Sanctioned
Walks & a
Swim



In Manatee
& Sarasota
Counties



WAF35 is brought to you by the Happy Wanderers, Mid-Florida Milers, and Suncoast Sandpipers walking clubs, members of the American Volkssport Association.

WAF35 Hotel Headquarters
Quality Inn Bradenton - Sarasota North
6727 14th St. W, Bradenton FL 34207

Rooms are \$88 a day, plus 13% tax for a king or two double bed rooms from Nov 5-8 (check-out Nov 9). Offer ends Oct 8. Make reservations online (link below) or call (941) 216-6382. If calling, provide Group Name: Walk Around Florida; Group Account: 5274124, and Check-in/ Check-out dates.

[Online Reservations Link](#)

WAF35 POC: Alice Lawrence pipers@tampabay.rr.com

Sandpiper **March** Birthdays

- 2 Diane Switalksi
- 5 Catherine Edwards
- 5 Frank Edwards
- 7 Claudia Leonardi
- 12 Mike Maddox
- 14 Terri Scott
- 18 Jackie Reynolds
- 22 Alice Lawrence
- 23 Arlene Tibbets
- 24 Greg Howland



*Happy Birthday
From the
Suncoast
Sandpipers*

And belated February birthday wishes to Nicole and Shawn Rand. Hope your days were great ones!



Welcome to the Sandpipers!

**Bev & Carly Feltt
Phequitta McNeal**

Volks South Schedule 2026 Wed Morning Walks

Date	Location	Suggested restaurant
Mar 4	Sarasota-Downtown	<i>Patrick's</i>
Mar 11	Dunedin	<i>Casa Tina</i>
Mar 18	Gulfport	<i>O'Maddy's</i>
Mar 25	St. Petersburg Pier/Roser Park	<i>The Hangar</i>
Apr 1	Belleair/Largo	<i>O'Keefe's Tavern</i>
Apr 8	Tarpon Springs/Howard Park	<i>Jimmy's Neighborhood Rest.</i>

To receive the weekly email with specific details on walk start point locations and times, please contact Marion Averill via e-mail (WalkingAverills@aol.com).



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Walk with friends!



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* OSB= Online Start Box

Celebrate Trails Day!

**Dunedin
5 & 10K Walk
On the
Pinellas Trail**

Apr 11

rails-to-trails