

# The Walker

*Newsletter of the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club*

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## ***President's Message***

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and you were able to get out and take advantage of the mild winter weather we've had – although pretty damp at the end of December! Sooner or later we'll surely all get to use our new sweaters, flannel shirts and cold weather gear!

As I step in to serve as the club's next president I would like to say a big "Thank you" to Theresa Duffey and her board(s) for doing such a great job these past 6+ years to keep ODATC a great trail club. As we close out 2015 our club membership is pushing up toward the 500 mark and the club's finances are in good shape for the challenges we will take on in 2016 and beyond.

This past year was another big year for the club. The level of club members volunteering for trail projects and club functions is nearing 10% of the membership. A good benchmark but clearly room for more in that very important group! Besides the club's volunteers spending close to 4,000 hours making our section of trail one of the most enjoyable sections in Virginia and ODATC a fun organization of which to be a part, the club accomplished several special projects in 2015. I'm happy to report that the installation of the two new kiosks at Rockfish Gap and Reid's Gap was successfully completed by Eagle Scout candidates from Troop 760 and Karl Huber's skillful map making. The Rockfish Gap kiosk and kiosk contents were funded primarily through a grant from L.L. Bean, who has been a strong AT supporter for many years. We look forward to continuing that partnership in the future. The club volunteers working on these projects also took it upon themselves to renovate the kiosk material in the Humpback Rocks Parking Area in an effort to clarify the area's sometimes confusing intersection of trails! The club was successful in working with VDOT to have signs posted on Route 664 as it approaches Reid's Gap, warning drivers of the AT crossing at the top of the ridge – Kudos to Mark Heede! On a somewhat bigger scale of activities, the club, in concert with ATC, continued to be active in the Atlantic Coast Pipeline issue providing comments to both Dominion Power and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission detailing why the proposed pipeline route over Elk Mountain in the vicinity of the Paul Wolfe Shelter was of the utmost concern to ODATC. As of December 2015 the revised proposal for the pipeline takes it across the AT in the vicinity of Reid's Gap. Many of the club's other 2015 accomplishments are summarized inside the newsletter.

November 2015 also saw a pretty big change in the ODATC board with 9 of the 12 board positions changing. Many thanks to Theresa Duffey (past president), Dennis Schafer (past treasurer), Leonard Adkins (past secretary), Sue Kropp (past programs director), Karl Huber (past land manager) and Susan Kidd (past newsletter editor) for their dedication and hard work for the club!

## President's Message - continued

I look forward to working with Jack Martin (treasurer), Sue Kropp (secretary), John Spindler (Membership), David Olli (programs) Jim Hunt and Ted McGarry (Activities), Mike Shelor (Land Management), Aseeyah Rhinesmith (Outreach), Brooks Godwin (Newsletter), Larry Kidd (webmaster) and Mark Heede (Trail Maintenance) in 2016 and beyond. NOTE! The club's vice-president position is currently vacant. Please contact any of the board members if you are interested in helping the club in this capacity.

The club has a number of challenges to address in 2016 and we will be looking for help! As a board member and trail maintainer I've seen the outstanding work that the club's volunteers can accomplish, and I look forward to seeing new volunteers step up as we move into some new initiatives. I know with your help we can make ODATC and our section of the AT even better than what we've already achieved. A few of the 2016 initiatives we're hoping to complete include the construction of a new privy at the shelter, the re-design of the club's website and re-signing trail sections to adjust to the closure of the Dobie Mountain trail by the Park Service in 2015.

Looking forward to a fun and productive 2016 for ODATC!

**Dave Grimes**

### ODATC Hike Rating Codes

Hiking boots are strongly recommended for all hikes. Hikers must be properly equipped, aware of their limitations & hike within their ability. In the interest of safety, activity coordinators may refuse to allow participation by club members or their guests.

#### Terrain

- 1 = Very Strenuous
- 2 = Strenuous
- 3 = Moderate
- 4 = Easy

#### Distance

- A = More than 13 miles
- B = 9 to 13 miles
- C = 5 to 9 miles
- D = Under 5 miles

**CARPOOLING** Please honor the following suggested donation to your driver when carpooling to and from hikes: \$10 per rider for travel to and around the Charlottesville area (60-70 miles approx.) \$15+ per rider for travel beyond Charlottesville (over 75 miles).

## **Trips, Treks, and Talks/Part One<sup>1</sup> - Jim Hunt**

### **January 7 (Thursday) Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens (4D)**

Join Brooks Godwin and David Olli at Lewis Ginter and explore the wonders of water at Dominion GardenFest of Lights 2015! This is the last week for the garden's annual light show. It's a dog friendly evening, so bring your pooch (on leash) and take a stroll with us. Call Brooks (263-6572) or Dave (928-8702) if you would like to join us - or just show up! We will meet in the lobby around 6 pm.

<http://www.lewisginter.org/visit/dominion-gardenfest-of-lights/> for ticket costs and more information.

### **January 9 & 10 Paul Wolfe Shelter Freezerree backpacking (C/3)**

Anne Gilson and Beth Kirwin will head up the annual January Freezerree. It will take place January 9-10, 2016. You will get a chance to test out your winter gear. We will meet at the Rockville Park and Ride on Saturday January 9 and carpool. We will eat lunch at Every Day Cafe in Charlottesville then drive to Rockfish Gap and park. The hike is five miles south on the AT to the Paul Wolfe shelter. We will hike out Sunday morning and eat breakfast in Waynesboro. If you have a birthday in January, know someone who has a birthday in January.....OR...if you have a birthday any time in 2016, the hike is for you! Come on out and celebrate January birthdays! Call Beth at 804-212-6437 or email at [elkirwin@gmail.com](mailto:elkirwin@gmail.com) if you want to join us.

### **January 16 (Saturday) Jones Mountain Loop (B/2)**

David Olli (864-1461, [dolli@smv.org](mailto:dolli@smv.org)) One of my fav' long-loop hikes includes 13-miles of trail along the Rapidan and Staunton Rivers (creeks) and a big overlook at Bear Church Rock. If we're lucky mountain snows will make this a winter wonderland of hiking. Trail starts from the lowlands so no worry if Skyline Drive is closed to weather. Group size limited to 12, no young children or pets, please.

### **January 18 (Monday) Leader Choice (C/4)**

Theresa Duffey ([taduffey2054@comcast.net](mailto:taduffey2054@comcast.net) or 804-550-0955) Theresa will lead a 5 + mile hike within one hour of Richmond. Leader Choice. E-mail Theresa for details. The ODATC website may have a update.

### **January 24 (Sunday) Pocahontas State Park - Central Section – Chesterfield (C/3)**

Jeff Samuels (796-7949 or [jefflsamuels@yahoo.com](mailto:jefflsamuels@yahoo.com)). This is a moderately paced 8 mile loop hike on a mix of unpaved forest roads and wide hiking and multi-use trails. Trail sections include Old Mill Bicycle, Beaver Lake, Muddy Buddy, Parallel, Powhatan, Fendley Station, Spillway, Road to Nowhere (maybe), and several connectors. Bring water and snack. Restrooms only at beginning. Park entrance is on Beach Road (Rt. 655) 4 miles west of Rt. 10 (Ironbridge Rd). Parking fee without park pass. No need to contact Jeff unless you have questions. Meet in the big parking lot near the pool/picnic area at 8:50AM.

### **January 31 (Saturday) Walnut Creek (C/4)**

Bill Tennant (282-0590 or [Willyten10@aol.com](mailto:Willyten10@aol.com)). This is a nice walk in the woods on a cold winter day.

It's time to shake off that cabin fever. The Albemarle County Park is 480 acres, located just south of Charlottesville about one hour west of Richmond. This hike will be about 8-9 miles of gentle ups and downs around the lake with the ruins of a few old homesteads to add a little interest. Pack a lunch and we'll eat in the beach pavilion overlooking the lake. Contact Bill for time and meeting place.

### **February 6 (Saturday) Newport News Park (C/4)**

Meet at the park and ride on Rt 60 at Bottoms Bridge. We will car pool to Newport News Park and hike 8-10 miles around the lake and through the woods. This is a flat easy walk and a good opportunity for hikers

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the "Trips, Treks, and Talks" are in two parts for this edition only.

to extend their endurance. There will be places to short cut back to the parking lot if necessary. Bring lunch and water. It is important that I have a contact phone number for everyone as the weather is unpredictable. Call or e-mail for meeting time. Alec Alexander [jrob505@verizon.net](mailto:jrob505@verizon.net) or 833-0361.

**February 7 (Sunday) Pocahontas State Park - Spillways Hike - Chesterfield (B/3)**

Jeff Samuels (796-7949 or [jefflsamuels@yahoo.com](mailto:jefflsamuels@yahoo.com)). This is a moderately paced 11 mile hike to Beaver Lake dam in the park's central section, and to Swift Creek Lake dam in the NE section. Five loops. On unpaved forest roads and wide hiking and multi-use trails. Bring lunch and water. Restrooms at start and at 2.3 miles. Park entrance is on Beach Road (Rt. 655) 4 miles west of Rt. 10 (Ironbridge Rd). Parking fee without park pass. No need to contact Jeff unless you have questions. Meet in the big parking lot near the pool/picnic area at 8:50AM.

**February 13 (Saturday) Lake Anna (C/4)**

Bill Tennant (282-0590 or [Willyten10@aol.com](mailto:Willyten10@aol.com)) How about a state park all to ourselves on a brisk winter day. Hike about 8 miles in mostly hardwood forest, see a little history of the area and enjoy the views of Lake Anna from the trail. The Park is about one hour northwest of Richmond. Bring a state park pass if you have one or pay a nominal parking fee. Contact Bill for time and meeting place.

**February 15 (Monday) Powhatan State Park (C/3)**

Jim Hunt (730-2364 or [hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com](mailto:hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com)) Join us on this 8 mile hike in Virginia's newest state park, Powhatan State Park which is on the James River. From Goochland C.H. take US 522 South to Maidens, cross the River, travel 1.3 miles, and look for Powhatan Park sign, right turn on Rte. 617. Go 1.4 miles and turn right into the Park. Go 0.7 miles, right turn into picnic area. From Southside, take US 60 west from Midlothian to US 522 North to left turn at Rte. 617 etc. Bring water. Meet at 9:30 am. Nominal parking fee without park pass.

**February 20 (Saturday) Beaverdam Park (B/4)**

(Joanne [jberdall@hotmail.com](mailto:jberdall@hotmail.com); Ellie (804) 370-2603) Join Joanne and Ellie at Beaverdam Park for a 9.5-mile hike along the shoreline of Gloucester's 635 acre reservoir. Contact Ellie or Joanne for time and meeting place. (Car shuttle required at the Park). Bring water, snack, and lunch.

**February 20 (Saturday) Three Ridges Mau Har AT loop (A/1)**

David Olli ([dolli@smv.org](mailto:dolli@smv.org) or 864-1461) Some say one of our most challenging day hikes: 13+ miles of vigorous elevation change, couple of stream crossings, some slippery boulder spots but a grand view at a rock outcrop and victorious feeling you've conquered the mountain. Our loop starts from the Route 54 Tye River swing bridge parking area. Not for the beginner or "I think I'm in hiking shape" so check with Dave before signing on. Group size limited to 12, no young children or pets, please.

**February 21 (Sunday) Hike Leaders Dinner**

The ODATC board would like to invite you to the 2016 hike leader steak dinner if you lead a hike in 2015 as a thank you for the hard work. Call or e-mail Jim Hunt for details (804-730-2364 or [hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com](mailto:hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com))

**February 22 (Monday) Capital to Capital Trail – NEW HIKE (C/4)**

Jim Hunt ([hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com](mailto:hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com) or 804-730-2364) We will hike 8 miles west on the new section of the Capital to Capital Trail. This section goes under I-295 and leaves Rt. 5 and goes in the forest. Meet at the Four Mile Creek Park parking area just east of I-295 on the north side of Route 5 and opposite the Exxon store. Meet at 9:00 AM.

**February 27 (Saturday) Introduction to Backpacking Class**

Mike Shelor ([trailguymike@aol.com](mailto:trailguymike@aol.com) or 337-7076) is once again offering his classroom presentation (approximately 4 hours) covering the backpacking basics of equipment, food, hygiene, first aid and clothing to get you ready for overnights to thru hikes. This is a two part class. The second part of the class will be a field exercise at a future date to experience a night in the woods. Mike had dozens of club members who began backpacking after taking this class. Contact Mike for information on time and place for the classroom session.

**February 27 (Saturday) Highbridge State Park (C/4)**

Jack Martin (804/678-8083) or [rjmartiniii@gmail.com](mailto:rjmartiniii@gmail.com) Rice to Farmville @ 7.8 miles passes over High Bridge. Hike starts at 10:00 am. Lunch at Charley's in Farmville. Contact Jack for meet-up location (car shuttle required).

**Thursday, March 3 – Saturday, March 5 - Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour**

Always a favorite, and a sell-out, the Banff Mountain Film Festival returns for three(!) nights this year with food trucks on site from 4:30 to 7:00 on Thursday and Friday nights. Films begin at 7:00 but you need to be there early to claim your seat. This event sells out in less than a week so you need to be ready to get your tickets as soon as they go on sale. Films are shown at James River High School, 3700 James River Road in Chesterfield County. ODATC usually has a table for outreach so be thinking about volunteering if you are lucky enough to score tickets. **Tickets go on sale on January 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Call 748-1623 - \$6 each night or \$15 for all 3 nights.**

## **Trips, Treks, and Talks/Part Two – Ted McGarry**

**January 1 (Friday) First Morning Walk - Pocahontas State Park - Chesterfield (D/4)**

For a New Year's Day listing of ranger and volunteer led hikes in Pocahontas State Park see [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas.shtml)

**January 6 (Wednesday) Fredericksburg Historic Trail (C/4)**

Bill Tennant (282-0590 or [willyten10@aol.com](mailto:willyten10@aol.com)) Hike 5 ½ miles on the sidewalks of Fredericksburg. This historical hike includes Confederate, Union and Mary Washington's cemeteries and other notable sites. Come hear stories of the Civil War battle of Fredericksburg, some of which may be true. Optional lunch downtown after the hike. Carpool from the south end of Martin's parking lot in the Ashland Hanover S.C. located at the northeast corner of Route 54 and Route 1. We leave from ASHLAND at 9:00 AM. Please plan to be there early to coordinate carpools. If not carpooling, meet at 9:30 AM at the Downtown Fredericksburg Visitor's Center 706 Caroline St. Fredericksburg is about one hour north of Richmond.

**January 13 (Wednesday) Pocahontas State Park – Chesterfield (D/4)**

Ann Lankey (338-1771 or [lankeya@gmail.com](mailto:lankeya@gmail.com)) and Tim Gilbert will hike a different 4 mile section of the park which includes two moonshine stills. Meet at the CCC camp that is 0.25 miles on the right beyond the main entrance. Park pass or entrance fee required. Meet at 9:50 AM.

**January 12 (Tuesday) ODATC General Membership Meeting at the Science Museum of Virginia**

For those of you who did not attend the Biennial ATC Conference in Winchester, VA this past July, you are in for a real treat. Our very own Hank Harman will repeat his presentation given at the conference on "Hiking the AT in the 1940s". This will be a real eye-opener to see how far we have come (or not) in equipment and technique. Hank will delight us with a few stories of his hiking experiences on the AT at



age 16. Don't miss this 75 year veteran of the AT. The meeting begins at 7 PM, but members are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 PM for socializing. Snacks to share are always welcome.

**January 20 (Wednesday) Texas Beach – RVA (D/4)**

Suzanne Hallberg (955-9510 and Jim Metz 615-1949). Meet at the Hampton Road entrance to Maymont which is on the eastern side and best access from the Fan is Meadow St. From Maymont we will walk to the Texas beach trail head which is between Maymont and the Mount Calvary-Riverview-Hollywood Cemeteries. We will see pretty vistas of the James and the ruins of the old Foushee Mill. It could be muddy and there are some small rock scrambles. Meet at 9:50 AM.

**January 27 (Wednesday) Virginia Capital Trail – Henrico (D/4)**

Alec Alexander (833-0361 or [jrob505@verizon.net](mailto:jrob505@verizon.net)). First in a series of two hour hikes on different portions of the paved Virginia Capital Trail. Meet at the Four Mile Creek Park parking area east of I-295 on the north side of Route 5 and opposite the Exxon store. Hike will be eastwardly in a mostly rural wooded portion of the Trail and return. Bathroom availability on the Trail is unknown. Meet at 9:50 AM.

**February 3 (Wednesday) Richmond Slave Trail & Floodwall – RVA (D/4)**

Bill Tennant (282-0590 or [Willyten10@aol.com](mailto:Willyten10@aol.com)). From the Southside floodwall parking lot, hike across the Manchester Bridge, take in a few blocks of the Canal Walk and then on to Lumpkin's Jail, the beginning of the Richmond Slave Trail. Loop back and cross the Mayo Bridge, tour the docks on the South side of the James and return to the cars via the flood wall for a total of 5 miles. Optional lunch at Legend's after the hike. Meet at the Southside floodwall parking lot at Semmes and 7th at the south end of the Manchester Bridge at 9:50 AM.

**February 10 (Wednesday) Rural Plains House - Hanover (D/4)**

Jim Hunt (730-2364 or [hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com](mailto:hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com)). We will hike the Rural Plains House site where Patrick Henry got married. The hike is in a new national park with new trails added two years ago. From I-295 exit Pole Green Road East, go 1/2 mile, left turn into the Food Lion S.C. at 8319 Bell Creek Rd 23116 and meet in front of the Subway at 9:50 AM.

**February 17 (Wednesday) Oregon Hill/Hollywood Cemetery – RVA (C/4)**

Dennis Schafer (314-2434 or [schaferdp@verizon.net](mailto:schaferdp@verizon.net)) This is a two hour walk through the rolling landscape of Oregon Hill and Hollywood Cemetery. It is not a historical tour of the Cemetery. Meet in the free parking lot on Tredegar St. between the 2nd St. connector and the Lee Bridge near The American Civil War Center (Tredegar). Meet at 9:50 AM.

**February 24 (Wednesday) Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery - Charles City County (D/4)**

Ted McGarry (218-1238 or [tedmcgarry@juno.com](mailto:tedmcgarry@juno.com)) will coordinate a two hour hike on the 444 ac. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service property around the 18 fish ponds (raising shad, herring and mussels), and follow nature trails along Herring Creek to Harrison Lake and return. Best bathroom stop would be the Exxon store on Rte. 5 on the east side of I-295 as porta potties on site in the winter may not exist. The Hatchery is 24 mi. east of downtown so there will be a carpool from the Carytown Martin's Food Store 3522 W. Cary St. parking lot. We will take a direct route using the Downtown Expressway (.70 toll) to Route 5 east to Rte. 658 north to the Hatchery at 11110 Kimages Rd. 23030. Meet the carpool at Martin's at 9:15 AM or the Hatchery at 10:00 AM. Lunch option in one of the 34 Carytown restaurants.

## **Activities Summary – Jim Hunt**

Our hiking activities goal is to have hikes in the mountains on all weekends in the spring and fall. Although the club membership usually takes a break from organized hikes in the summer, we've also had a good offering of hikes in during that time as well. As far as winter - well that's hit and miss depending on the weather, park closures, etc. In 2015 the club's hike leaders were successful in leading hikes on on all the spring and fall weekends - Thank you hike leaders!! In appreciation of the 25 volunteers who led hikes in 2014, the club had its second annual hike leader's dinner on the banks for the James River at Powhatan State Park. The club plans to have this year's hike leader dinner on February 21st - watch for details!

## **Upcoming Programs - David Olli**

**January 12, 2016** - For those of you who did not attend the Biennial ATC Conference in Winchester, VA this past July, are in for a real treat. Our very own Hank Harman will repeat his presentation given at the conference on "Hiking the AT in the 1940's". This will be a real eye-opener to see how far we have come (or not) in equipment and technique. Hank will delight us with a few stories of his hiking experiences on the AT at age 16. Don't miss this 75 year veteran of the AT.

**March 8, 2016** - Join fellow ODATC member Bert Norfleet's presentation of his June 2015 170 mile hike along The Camino Francés trail in northern Spain. Bert will give a brief history and legend of the Camino de Santiago, what is involved in hiking the Camino, and some of the sites along the way.

## **Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club Programs Annual Report 2015 – Sue Kropp**

2015 brought a well-rounded variety of speakers from our own membership as well as guest speakers who are experts in their field. A list of the speakers, topics, and the number who attended are listed below. The goal for these programs is to make them both entertaining and informative. Comments from the membership after each meeting confirmed that our goal was successfully attained.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1/20/15	Woody Cumbo	Trees of the Smoky Mountains	68
3/17/15	Dave Prestia	Life as a Whitewater Rafting Guide	58
5/19/15	Club Night Potluck	Member slides	60
9/8/15	Ralph R White	The Parks of Australia and other views from Down Under	80
11/10/15	David Spears	The Geology of the AT	84

2015 also brought a major change in our Programs meeting venue and meeting date. After meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church on Parham Road on the third Tuesday for about 6 years, ODATC was granted complimentary usage of the Science Museum of Virginia (SMV). The bi-monthly programs continued at Trinity until May, 2015. Our first meeting at SMV was held in September when renovations were completed on the Science Museum building. The meeting date was also changed to the second Tuesday. It was a celebratory event complete with cake, decorations, and a very special speaker, Mr. Ralph White, who

is well known in Richmond for many years as the administrator of the James River Park System. His message was well received by the 80 members and friends who attended.

As we continue to meet at SMV, we look forward to increased attendance by offering the caliber of programs that interest our membership and guests, and by providing them at a centralized location, accessible by the whole Richmond metropolitan area.

**All general club meetings** are now being held on the second Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at The Virginia Science Museum located at 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond VA 23220-2057. The meetings officially begin at 7:00 PM, but members are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes early for socializing. Snacks to share are always welcome. For more information contact David Olli at [odatc.programs@gmail.com](mailto:odatc.programs@gmail.com).

## **Border Monitoring in 2015 – Karl Huber**

ODATC monitored a lot of park boundary for the National Park Service in 2015. With an extra push we visited 116 monuments of the 167 we monitor. Some had not been visited in several years despite our goal of seeing all of them at least every other year.

Although we lost a couple of monitors from 2014, David Grimes, Margaret Maslak, and Lori Ando stepped in to help fill the gap. Other ODATC monitors in 2015 included Mike Shelor, David Wilcox, Karl Huber, Bill Beck, John Farmer, Sue Kropp, Lisa Bagby, Jennifer Hoeffner, Alec Alexander, and Rick Henning. All told this group monitored, maintained and reported on 10.4 miles of the 15.9 miles of NPS land borders we agree to monitor, and hiked many more miles both off trail and on to get to these borders. We hope to start a few new monitors in 2016, and will be sure to visit and monitor those monuments and borders that we skipped in 2015.

This was my last of 6 years of being the ODATC Land Manager. Mike Shelor is our new (repeat) Land Manager starting in 2016.

## **Welcome to New Members**

ODATC would like to recognize and welcome our newest members!

Dee Dee Dvorak-Gowen  
Charlotte McAdams  
Phil & Annette Sorrentino

Patricia Garrity  
Bill Miller

Ann Hays  
Dru Mische

Molly Lennarz  
Richard Pertgen

## **2016 – 2017 ODATC BOARD**

2016-2017 Board of Directors have been elected for the following positions.

President – David Grimes  
Treasurer – Jack Martin  
Secretary – Sue Kropp  
Membership – John Spindler  
Programs – David Olli  
Activities – Jim Hunt and Ted McGarry  
Land Management – Mike Shelor  
Outreach – Aseeyah Rhinesmith  
Newsletter – Brooks Godwin



### Vice President – *Open Position*

The Vice President position is still open and we welcome any nominations! If anyone is interested or would like to nominate a current member, please contact David Grimes. Thanks to all who have served and who are currently serving on the ODATC board!! We appreciate your devotion to the club.

#### 2016 ODATC Board of Directors

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Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Meeting dates are occasionally changed so please contact the president for times and location. All meetings are open to the membership.

## *Lest we forget...*

### The ODATC Mission

- The construction and maintenance of foot trails for hikers, including the trail between Reeds Gap and Rockfish Gap.
- The provision of excursions on such trails or other areas
- Offering educational activities related to the need for preserving the great outdoors.

Note from the Editor:

**Happy New Year!!!**



(Winter Hike along the Rapidan River)

Please submit photos and stories of your favorite hikes as we traverse 2016!

#### **ODATC and ATC**

ODATC is a maintenance club and a member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Lifetime memberships are available for \$250. Renewals are due annually based upon the month you joined. Renewals and applications for membership can be processed online. If you prefer the USPS, forms for renewal and application may be printed from the website. If you are interested in becoming a member of the ATC you can call (304) 535-6331, ext. 119, e-mail them at [membership@appalachiantrail.org](mailto:membership@appalachiantrail.org) or use this link to their website: <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/donate/join-renew>.

## **THE WALKER**

*The Walker* is published bi-monthly  
with the submission deadlines by the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of the pre-publication month.

Club member stories and photos are welcome!

Please send your material to [odatc.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:odatc.newsletter@gmail.com).