



Newsletter **22 YEARS OF ROCK TRAIL ADVOCACY** December 2014

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Next Meeting – Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. at Pearsons Hall, Beloit College

**THE OTHER RIVER CITY:  
4 MONTHS IN FLORENCE, ITALY WITH A BICYCLE**

**Presented by Chuck Lewis, Professor and Avid Cyclist**

Chuck will show photos and share a range of reflections on his cycling observations and experiences in Florence, the Tuscan countryside, and several other towns in the region.



This meeting is at  
Pearsons Hall, Moore  
Lounge (second floor) at  
711 College Street, on the  
Beloit College campus.

**Parking** available on  
College Street or Church  
Street or Bushnell  
Avenue.

**Also on the agenda: election of RTC officers for 2015**

December 4<sup>th</sup> is our ANNUAL MEETING which means it is time for election of officers.

The following slate of officers is presented for your consideration:

**President - Dean Paynter**

**Vice-President - Carolyn Brandeen**

**Secretary - Clara Marr**

**Treasurer - Barb Stankus**

Anyone wishing to nominate others or volunteer for an office is welcome to email VP Carolyn at [volunteerRTC@charter.net](mailto:volunteerRTC@charter.net). Directors at Large are appointed positions. A **BIG THANK YOU** to retiring officer and director – **Mike Guisleman and Pablo Toral**.

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## **Our Goal for 2014 was:**

### **“Secure and establish the trail corridor from Afton to Big Hill Park”**

**In 2014 the Rock Trail Coalition organization:**

- Assisted Rock County Parks in identifying the path from Afton to Big Hill Park and creating easements for the trail.
- Assisted City of Beloit with funding for the Goose Creek bridge in Big Hill Park.



- Worked with a Rock Trail Coalition contractor to clear and seed the new bike/pedestrian trail from the bridge in Big Hill Park to Walters Road.

- Mowed the proposed trail path through Beloit Township

- Snow-plowed 4 miles of trail from Tripp Road through Monterey Park, keeping the trail clear for dog walkers, hikers and hardy winter cyclists.

- Worked with Green-Rock Audubon Society to layout and establish a canoe/kayak launch on Bass Creek in Afton.

- Created a new and improved Rock Trail Coalition webpage <http://rocktrailcoalition.org/> Follow RTC activities, calendar of events, maintain your membership, or donate to RTC projects from this page.

- Created an improved newsletter – thanks to Lori Huntoon.

- Cleared and maintained existing trails within Janesville and between Janesville and Beloit.



**PHOTOS: Trail construction between Walters Road and Big Hill Park, September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Our Goal for 2015**

**Clear and establish a walkable and “mountain bikeable” pathway from Bass Creek Road to Townline Road.**



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Year-end salute to our life members and donors – a roll call of appreciation:

**Michael's Cycles, Kris Koeffler, Dean & Jayne Paynter,  
Kim Hendricks, Bjoin Limestone**

Retired Park's Partners: **Tom Kautz, Mike Guisleman, Tom Presny**

Newest RTC Life Members: **Mark Stabb, Suzy Zweifel.**

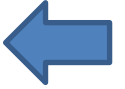
## Join the FROZEN FOOLS CHALLENGE!!

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 marks the beginning of the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Frozen Fools Challenge**. This cold-weather bicycle-riding fundraiser derives its name from the fact it ends on April Fool's Day (April 1<sup>st</sup>) and encourages participants to try to ride their bicycles outdoors on as many days as they can during the first three months of the year. Funds are raised by people sponsoring Challenge participants and then split equally, with ½ being used to help support the **Anna Schenker Memorial Scholarship** and the remainder going into the Janesville Velo Club (JVC) treasury. The JVC is a local club for bicyclists that uses its funds to support bicycling-related advocacy efforts and improve cycling opportunities in southern Wisconsin. To find out more information or to make a donation, go to [www.michaelscycles.net](http://www.michaelscycles.net) and look for 'Frozen Fools Winter Challenge' under the 'Rides and Racing' tab.



PHOTO AT LEFT:  
Cyclists braving  
the cold last  
year during the  
Frozen Fools  
Winter  
Challenge,  
January 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2014.

**PLEASE check the mailing label for membership status and renew for 2015!** Are you a member of Rock Trail Coalition? Your mailing label shows our record of your dues status. Do we have it wrong? Let us know of corrections at [volunteerRTC@charter.net](mailto:volunteerRTC@charter.net). Please return or share the membership form in this newsletter. Or, use PayPal online at <http://rocktrailcoalition.org/membership>. Membership is January to December. Don't forget to include your email: [our newsletters and notice of workdays in 2015 will come electronically](#).



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\_\_\_\_\_ Basic individual \$15  
\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$25/no t-shirt    or    \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$30 w/t-shirt (M, L, XL, XXL)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Trail Builder \$50                      \_\_\_\_\_ Trail Blazer \$75  
\_\_\_\_\_ Trekker \$100                              \_\_\_\_\_ Sustainer \$250  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$500                            \_\_\_\_\_ Organization or Business \$60

All memberships at the \$30 level and above may have a Rock Trail Coalition t-shirt – just tell us the size. All new Lifetime members are eligible for a Rock Trail Coalition sweatshirt.

***Please be sure to visit our Friends and Supporters***

Michaels Cycles, Bjoin Limestone, Mocha Moment, Bass Creek Espresso,  
Skip's Friendly Village, Afton Pub, and Afton Family Market

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