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## **Camino**

Francés, 2013



### **Introduction**

I walked the Camino Francés with my wife and oldest son, arriving in Santiago 36 days after leaving St. Jean Pied-de-Port. The memories that remain the most vivid are the smaller things...the warmth of the freshly dried clothes in Roncesvalles, the freshly baked bread on the way up to O'Cebeiro, and the group of pilgrims singing in the gentle rain as we approached Santiago. The most rewarding experiences were the people...the exuberance of fellow pilgrims as we walked into town each afternoon, the thoughtfulness of the hospitaleros each evening, and the kindness of complete strangers when we took wrong turns. I'm excited to join the Board as we work together to foster the values of the Camino right here at home.

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## Caminos

Aragonés 2007 & 2016

Francés 2008 & 2013

Primitivo 2009

Portugués 2014

## Hospitalero Service

Grañón 2011

Monasterio de Samos  
2013



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**Introduction** My first Camino was an experiment. I had only a couple of weeks and although I knew I would not reach Santiago, I had to go. Fortunately, the experiment went very well. I was hooked and have since walked to Santiago several times. From those early years, and from the many lessons I learned, two stand out. The first is that for me walking was not enough. Giving back and supporting the Camino became another way of experiencing the Camino. I have volunteered as an hospitalero and continue to be active in my local San Francisco Bay Area chapter. And now by serving on the Board of Directors, I have another deeply satisfying way of giving back and providing for others the opportunities I have had. That other big life lesson the Camino taught me? It's that there is no Camino. It is not a place, a particular route or even experiences. It's a way of life, lived step by step. Nothing more.

# Peg Hall

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2015-2018

Secretary, Executive Committee  
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## **Caminos**

Francés

Portugués

Via de la Plata

Via Podiensis

Finisterre/Muxia

## **Hospitalero Service**

El Burgo Ranero



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**Introduction** I walked about 200 miles of the Camino in 2008 with my husband Russ. About half of the distance was in France and half in Spain. We have returned many times since to walk new sections and repeat a few favorites. Each time we walk between 150 and 300 miles. It renews our spirit and resets our pace. We were hospitaleros in 2013. Serving on the Board of American Pilgrims on the Camino is a way to carry the values and lessons of the Camino back to everyday life. I am grateful for the opportunity.