



Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club • Lancaster, Pa

NEWSLETTER

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Three's a Charm On April 8th and 9th

If you believe the old saying that "Three's a charm" then we are in for quite a charming time as we again venture to the borough of Quarryville in Southern Lancaster County for our spring walk of twenty oh six. We are back in the big 'Q' not only because it has a lot to offer as far as walks are concerned but also for those who are doing the Walk the USA – A to Z Program, we are offering up the elusive 'Q'. Even though we have been in Quarryville before once hosted by Octorara Orphie and then again by the Solanco Senior Center, this visit will be totally different as we are being hosted by SECA, the Southern End Community Association. The start on April 8th and 9th is from the SECA building (the former American Legion Building) on the very southern side of Legion Park next to the pond. We have lots of parking and the whole building to ourselves which means we will be doing a full service walk that includes food (see article on food contributions page 9 in this newsletter. Although we start in Quarryville the majority of our walk will be north of town in Eden Township. We will leave the startpoint and work our way on Fourth St to Summit Ave crossing W State Street and walking through a brand new residential development to N Church St past the building on our patch, The Ark. "The fact that the limestone measures ended at Quarryville and that the land below was more impoverished than that on limestone bed northward gave that locality the initial industry which originated the town and the town name. One of the discoveries of the early part of the nineteenth century in Pennsylvania was that burnt limestone was a good dressing for impoverished soil. The Lord of the Manor, as it were, was Abram Barr. It was he who laid out the land in quarry-lots, and for thirty years before that time the great stone mansion built by his father, Martin Barr, had been the most conspicuous in the neighborhood. It became known as "The Ark," and was the subject of an interesting paper by Leander T. Hensel in 1898. The paper entitled "The Ark: a Famous Last-Century Mansion" is to be found in volume II-5 of the Lancaster County Historical Society Papers. In part, it reads: Situated in the northern end of the borough of Quarryville, perched on a slight hill, stands a large stone building, known for many years as "The Ark," and the hill on which it



Lot's of Walking Opportunities

Of course we are always first to promote Penn Dutch Pacer walks, but we also always include an up to date listing of Atlantic Region Walks with the Atlantic Region calendar that is included in every issue of the Penn Dutch Pacer Newsletter thanks to the efforts of Diane Evans who keeps the calendar up to date and also is willing to share her work with clubs like ourselves for inclusion in the newsletter.

In this issue you will also find that the complete two page center section which you can pull out includes everything you might want to know about an incredible multiple walking opportunity close by in Hagerstown MD. This 3 day event gives you the opportunity to walk 4 walks, one each day Friday through Sunday and then one that runs all 3 days as well while staying at a central location, the Four Points Sheraton in Hagerstown.

This is the 3rd Biennial Atlantic Region Conference which has been held in the off years between the AVA conventions in order to gives folks more walking opportunities. The inaugural conference was held in Williamsburg VA and then 2 years ago it was held in Gettysburg. And for those that like to plan ahead Shepardstown WV will be the site of the 4th Biennial Conference in 2008.

Much like the Gettysburg Conference the walks at this Hagerstown Conference are Civil War themed and offers walks in Hagerstown, Williamsport and Antietam MD and Greencastle PA. In addition to the walks there are social opportunities along with informative workshops. We would encourage all who can to take advantage of this opportunity to walk and to also take an early spring St Patrick's Day weekend away.

Everything you need to know about the event is on pages 6 and 7 which you can pull out. You can download the entire 16 page conference brochure in PDF format by going to the events page on the PDP website at www.penn Dutchpacers.org



Lititz for Christmas 2005 - Follow up

Our adventure in Lititz as one would expect was a success from all perspectives. We had a good number of walkers (although our numbers in Lititz have declined over time), we had a wonderful out pouring of food donations (see the article on food donations elsewhere in the newsletter) and even though we have been in Lititz numerous Christmas' in the past and maintain 2 YRE events from our Lititz Community Center start our trail-masters again came up with unique interesting trails for both day and nighttime walking. And it is also worth mentioning that we actually had 4 trails, i.e. a 5K and 10K for both the day and night walk.

This was also the first year that we had consolidated a former tradition of having our Christmas walk Friday evening and Saturday into a Saturday only event which didn't seem to affect the turnout and most certainly reduced the stress on our volunteers this close to the holidays.

Thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the success of this event no matter your contribution. Our successes are always a group effort.

Lititz 2006 Christmas Day Walk	Award & Credit	Credit Only	Non IVV	Totals
5K	1	8	0	9
10K	22	26	2	50
Day Walk Totals	23	34	2	59
Christmas Night Walk				
5K	5	19	8	32
10K	28	78	23	129
Night Walk Total	33	97	31	161
Grand Totals	56	131	33	220

Thanks to George Resh for supplying the figures for the above chart.

Walking Northern Maryland Year Round in Perryville, Md.

By Robert Cooney

Perryville is situated on the east bank of the Susquehanna River which flows into the Chesapeake Bay. It was October 22nd, raining with the temperature in the mid 50's, but no wind to hamper the use of umbrellas. The start point was a restaurant/deli and we began our walk at approximately 9:00am. There was nothing notable during the first 3/4 mile but as my walking partner (Rebecca Sipe) and I were halfway through a wooded roadway leading into Perryville Community Park, we saw 15+ deer on both sides of the road and some of them were as close as 20 feet away. Awesome! Once in the park, we saw several blue herons and a couple of groundhogs eating field corn on top of picnic tables. How did they manage to get up there? We continued around the point, keeping the river to our left (where it would be for most of the walk) and we came to a yellow barrier leading into the Veterans Administration property.

We went around the barrier and continued on our route and passed the two oldest known properties in the entire Veterans Administration system: The Old Grist Mill and Perry Point Mansion, both were built in 1750. The British sailed up the Chesapeake during the War of 1812 and burned down the town of Havre De Grace across the river but spared the mill and the mansion on this side of the river. These structures are in the National Register of Historic Places. Perry Point was also uti-

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President's Message



The Annual Meeting of our Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club was held on January 19th at the Hoss' Steak and Sea House in Lancaster. Only 17 of the more than 200 members attended. Those 17 members elected the PDP officers who will serve for the next two years. *[A complete recap of the election can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.]*

If you reference the recap article about our new officers, and if you add in a spouse or two, you can pretty much figure out who the 17 attendees were.

I am not a doom-and-gloom person, but I must tell you that we need more of our 200+ person membership to step up and become active in the running of our club. The club by-laws preclude me from running for a third term. So, someone is going to have to step up and agree to run for election as President in January 2008 or we will cease to operate. I'm giving you fair warning - - you can't just show up for four walks and go home any more. If you want to have walks to show up for, you are going to have to step up and do some of the heavy lifting. The 17 of us are getting tired. We have other things we could be doing. It's now your turn! Our good friend Bob Gast has experienced some medical challenges. He would be delighted to receive well wishes from you. Please send them to him at 1885 Villa Court, Lancaster, PA 17603-2386. While he is recovering, I will be monitoring the Start Box for the two Lancaster YREs. (As if I didn't have enough to do!). Here is yet another opportunity to help your club -- the work isn't hard, it just needs to be attended to.

Enough already. I hope to see you in Quarryville. Surprise me - - commit!

Pete

PENN DUTCH PACERS NEWSLETTER

The PDP Newsletter is published for the membership and friends of PDP and is produced 4 times a year with the intention of keeping everyone up-to-date with what is happening within the club and also within the world of Volksmarching. We encourage contributions from members and non-members alike. Our deadlines are November 1 for Dec/Jan/Feb edition, February 1 for the Mar/Apr/May edition, May 1 for the Jun/Jul/Aug edition and August 1 for the Sep/Oct/Nov edition. We prefer that articles for inclusion be submitted via e-mail either as a Word attachment or as native e-mail. We also accept articles typed or in long hand. All submissions will be included on a first-come first-included space available basis. Thanks in advance for your submissions.

Editor.....Phil Allamong

Contributors.....: Dan Stoltz,

Sherry & Phil Allamong, Pete Byrne, Bob Gast, George Resh, Kitty Glass, Inge Koenig,

Diane Evans & Robert Cooney

**2006 NEW FOOTPRINTS
ADDED TO THE TRAIL**

Carmen & Richard Holcomb

We are so pleased to add the above
NEW members to our roster. Thank
you!

**RENEWED FOOTPRINTS
KEEP
ON WALKING THE TRAILS**

**2007
Paul (Roy) & Joan Simmers**

Records as of February 15, 2006

*Please check your newsletter
mailing label and if it shows **PAST
DUE** or **PLEASE RENEW** – annual
memberships were due June 1, 2005!*

Daniel Stoltz • Membership

**CLUB MEMBERS
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

KILOMETER MILESTONES

**12,000 K
Patricia & Jim Means**

**6,500 K
Nancy Kiser**

**5,500 K
Muriel Halsey
Charles Halsey Jr.**

**3,500 K
Mary Wilson**

**2,000 K
James Wellenreiter**

**1,000 K
Andrea Cacka
Peter Cacka**

**500 K
Paul Purnell**

EVENT MILESTONES

**2,800 Events
Wayne Oak**

**1,250 Events
Louise Clouser**

**1,100 Events
Patricia & Jim Means**

**650 Events
Paul Simmers**

**550 Events
Muriel Halsey
Charles Halsey Jr.**

**500 Events
Ernie Kiser**

**425 Events
Joan Simmers**

**375 Events
John Cooney**

**350 Events
Mary Wilson**

**325 Events
Mary Wilson**

**200 Events
James Wellenreiter**

**100 Events
Andrea Cacka
Peter Cacka
Jeanne Schopf**

**75 Events
Terry Brown
Robert Cooney
Jeanne Schopf**

**50 Events
Paul Purnell
Michael Snyder
Susan Snyder**

**30 Events
Barbara Horst
Paul Purnell**

**10 Events
Barbara Horst
Carmelita Keiser
Rebecca Sipe**

**Atlantic TRAILMASTER
Has gone electronic
As of January 1st!!**

It is with deep regret that I am notifying you of the termination of the Atlantic TRAILMASTER publication in printed format. Due to an unexpected family situation, my husband's upcoming retirement the summer of 2006, our relocation to the west coast, the loss of our printing company and the associated increased costs for a new printer, the Atlantic TRAILMASTER is ceasing publication in printed format.

The last printed issue was June/July 2005. Notification letters and refund checks for the balance of subscriptions, as well as the return of renewal checks and new subscription checks, are still in the process of being distributed to subscribers.

The Atlantic TRAILMASTER will be available free of charge in an electronic format after the first of the year. Until the TRAILMASTER is available online I will still maintain the official regional schedule in WORD format so if you would like to receive the schedule electronically twice a month, please email DEvansAVA@cox.net to request the addition of your email address to the distribution list.

This publication is a labor of love for our sport and the desire to keep the volkssport community informed at all levels ? local, regional and national! Via an electronic format the publication will be available regardless of our physical location, free of charge, available to a wider population, and require less manpower for the necessary mail preparation/tasks for printed materials.

Thank you for your continued support for the past 13 years.

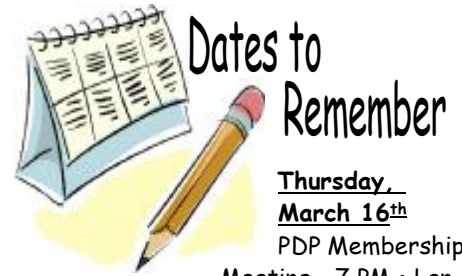
Sincerely,
Diane Howell Evans
Editor, Atlantic TRAILMASTER

Election of Officers Held at January 19th Meeting

In the even number of years in January our bylaws require us to hold election of officers. We have three offices that are elected – President, 1st and 2nd Vice-President. The other posts in the Penn Dutch Pacers are appointed.

It is always a difficult task to get people who want to help steer the direction of your club and we are thankful to those who come forward to fill these positions whether elected or appointed. Since there was only one nominee for each of the elected positions, the election was by acclamation. The folks that will be leading your club until 2008 are as follows:

- **Pete Byrne – President** Pete is in his second and final term as President since the by-laws specifically limits the president to two consecutive terms. We 'd like to thank Pete for all his past service to the Penn Dutch Pacers and thank him as well for staying on for another term.
- **George Resh – 1st Vice President** George is in his second term with his primary responsibility being the after action reports that need to be submitted to AVA following our events. Both George and Chris have for years also graciously transported a lot of our start and finish gear and equipment to and from our events. We sincerely appreciate the dedication of both of them and particularly thank George for continuing in his 1st Vice President role.
- **Robert Cooney – 2nd Vice President** Bob is new to an elected office of the Penn Dutch Pacers. His job as the newly elected 2nd Vice President is as Volunteer Coordinator. What that means is that it will be Bob's voice on the other end of the phone asking you to volunteer at the start or finish or at a checkpoint and at merchandise or food sales. When Bob calls to ask you to volunteer, please say YES, it will make his job a lot easier.
- **Inge Koenig – Secretary** Inge continues as secretary. Inge has been secretary for a long time. We would probably have to go to the historian to find out just how long. Her minutes are organized, concise and to the point and we couldn't ask for a better record of our meetings for posterity. Thanks Inge for all you hard work and dedication.
- **Kitty Glass – Treasurer** Kitty is not just the treasurer but is a treasure as well. In addition to being treasurer (it's a lifetime position, just like the secretary position) forever, she's an active walker, volunteers her time at the walks and we think "Queen Tater" as well. Thanks Kitty
- **Barry Weatherholtz – Trailmaster** Although he has been trying to give this position up, he and his team which consists of Don Young continue to be what we think are the best trailmasters in the AVA. Of course we are somewhat prejudiced. Thanks Barry and Don for all your hard work.
- **Dan Stoltz – Membership** Although Dan has moved to Dauphin County he still continues to be involved with the Penn Dutch Pacers by handling our membership records. He keeps all the memberships straight and submits the current member and member milestones for inclusion in the newsletter as well as getting the current mailing list to our printer so that you get your newsletter. Thanks Dan for continuing your fine job with membership.
- **Marv Albert – Sales** Marv moved from 2nd Vice President to fill this position that has been officially vacant for some time. We know Marv will do a great job with sales and thank him for taking the position and also all the fine work that he did previously as Volunteer Coordinator.
- **Rose & Mary Angeline – Publicity** Publicity is very important to the outcome of our walks and Rose and Mary have done an outstanding job getting the word out to the various media including the AVA publication *The American Trailmaster*. We'd liked to thank them both for their continuing efforts on behalf of the club.
- **Chris Resh – Historian** Chris continues as historian along with her other volunteerism for PDP. Thanks Chris, you are an important asset to the Penn Dutch Pacers.



**Thursday,
March 16th**

PDP Membership

Meeting - 7 PM • Lan-

caster Regional Medical Center 6th
Floor Board Room

Friday, March 17th -

Sunday, March 19th

Atlantic Region Conference to be held
this year in Hagerstown MD.

Sunday, April 2nd

Quarryville Pre-Walk @ 1:00 PM sharp
from the SECA Center Startpoint.

Saturday & Sunday, April 8th and 9th

Quarryville Walk from the SECA Center
in Legion Park, Quarryville

Thursday, April 20th

PDP Membership Meeting - 7 PM • Lan-
caster Regional Medical Center 6th
Floor Board Room

Thursday, May 18th

PDP Membership Meeting - 7 PM • Lan-
caster Regional Medical Center 6th
Floor Board Room

Year Arounds All Around

By Bob Gast

While the *Penn Dutch Pacers* sponsor nine Year-Round and Seasonal Events, it is worthy to note that the Volksmarch Clubs in surrounding areas also offer a wide variety of such events. Take for example the Piedmont Pacers (only indirectly "related" to the Penn Dutch Pacers) STRAWBERRY HILL YRE in Fairfield, Adams County. According to promotional information regarding this walk, the venue is the Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve (open May 1 through November 15), a 609 acre preserve located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, offering walkers over 10 miles of blazed trails which include areas of wet and dry woodlands, ponds and mountain streams. Rated a 2+, you'll want to be in shape before tackling this trail, but it surely sounds as if it would be worth the effort.

The DOYLESTOWN (Bucks County) Civil War and Railroad Heritage Event is a Year-Round Event taking walkers along the tree lined streets of Doylestown exposing a range of architectural styles of the homes situated there. This trail has a rating of 1, with no sig-

2006 ATLANTIC REGION CALENDAR

(Official Regional Director's Calendar & Effective as of 01/16/06)

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
March				
04	W	Walking Scouts	Newport News (TBD)	757-766-3065
16	M	PDP Membership Meeting - Lancaster Regional Medical Ctr • Board Rm • 7:00 PM		
17-19	--	Atlantic Region Conference		
17	W	Annapolis Amblers	Hagerstown MD (Four Points Sheraton)	703-631-8512
17-19	W	All American Walking Club	Williamsport MD (Register Four Points)	301-249-5607
18	W	Piedmont Pacers	Antietam MD (Register Four Points)	703-631-8512
			Hagerstown MD (Four Points Sheraton)	301-829-3685
April				
01	W	Walking Scouts	Gloucester VA (TBD)	757-766-3065
02-08	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Bethesda MD (4611-E Sangamore Rd)	301-229-1356
08	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Hampton VA (Grandview Nat Preserve)	757-890-9220
08	W	Princeton Area Walkers	South River NJ (High School)	732-254-3313
08-09	W	Penn Dutch Pacers Quarryville PA (SECA Center)		717-786-7118
15	W	Lee Lepus Volksverband	Chesterfield Co VA (Henricus Hx Park)	804-768-0055
17	W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Fairfax Station VA (Fairview Elem Sch)	703-765-3128
18	W	Washington DC Area Volksmarch Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128
20	M	PDP Membership Meeting - Lancaster Regional Medical Ctr • Board Rm • 7:00 PM		
22	2W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Norfolk VA (Van Wyck Branch Library)	757-490-9324
22	W	Freestate Wanderers	Chesapeake Beach MD	410-531-3873
22-23	2W	Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club	Newport PA (St Samuel's Church)	717-567-9537
22-23	W	Germana Volkssport Association	Fredericksburg VA (Hart Comm Ctr)	540-972-2147
29-30	2W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Burke VA (Potomac River Running)	703-765-3128
29-30	W	Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers	Bowie MD (Municipal Gymnasium)	301-805-4278
May				
06	WB	Columbia Volksmarch Club	Columbia MD (Columbia Towncenter)	410-313-8499
06	2W	Walking Scouts	Williamsburg VA (TBD)	757-766-3065
06-07	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Huntingdon Valley PA (Pennypack Eco)	215-699-9246
07	W	Annapolis Amblers (Bay Bridge Walk)	Severna Park MD (Amer Leg Post 175)	410-647-5919
08	W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Fairfax Station VA (Fairview Elem Sch)	703-765-3128
11	GW	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Huntingdon Valley PA (Lorimer Park)	215-663-1328
13	W	Loudoun Walking and Volkssport Club	Leesburg VA (Morven Park Eques Ctr)	703-737-2175
13	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Norfolk VA (Lafayette Branch Library)	757-490-9324
13	W	Princeton Area Walkers	Barneget Light NJ (Kubel's Restaurant)	609-386-7852
13-14	W	Piedmont Pacers	Westminster MD (Bear Ranch Nat Ctr)	410-795-7855
16	W	Washington DC Area Volksmarch Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128
18	M	PDP Membership Meeting - Lancaster Regional Medical Ctr • Board Rm • 7:00 PM		
20	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Quakertown PA (Library)	215-529-5686
20	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Rockville MD (Montrose Baptist Chrch)	301-770-7689
21	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Baltimore MD (Harbor Hospital Center)	410-247-4524
June				
03	W	Loudoun Walking and Volkssport Club	Sterling VA (Claude Moore Park)	703-737-2175
03	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Newport News VA (City Park)	757-930-4538
03	W	Princeton Area Walkers	Asbury Park NJ (Green's)	732-536-4073
03	W	Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers	Beltsville MD (Agriculture Research Ctr)	301-937-3549
04	GW	Liberty Bell Wanderers	New Britain PA (Peace Valley Park)	215-646-4799
10	W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Fairfax VA (Van Dyke Park)	703-352-5135
12	W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Fairfax Station VA (Fairview Elem Sch)	703-765-3128
15	M	PDP Membership Meeting - Lancaster Regional Medical Ctr • Board Rm • 7:00 PM		
17	W	Annapolis Amblers	St Michael's MD (Elementary School)	410-224-0907
20	W	Washington DC Area Volksmarch Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128
July				
08-09	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Fawn Grove PA (Volunteer Fire Co)	717-382-9658
09	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Baltimore MD (GNC Store)	410-247-4524
14-15	WS	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Hatboro PA (YMCA)	215-674-9064
16	W	Princeton Area Walkers	Sea Girt NJ (Train Station)	732-536-4073
20	M	PDP Membership Meeting - Lancaster Regional Medical Ctr • Board Rm • 7:00 PM		
August				
15	W	Washington DC Area Volksmarch Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128
17	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Norfolk VA (Zimmerman Haus)	757-490-9324
26	W	Piedmont Pacers	Hagerstown MD (AugustoberFest)	410-871-0534_

Legend: W=Walk, GW=Guided Walk, GNW=Guided Night Walk, NW=Night Walk, B=Bike, S=Swim
 Sk=Ski, XSk= Cross Country Ski, IS=Ice Skate, RS=Roller Skate, SS=Snowshoe M=Meeting

[Third Biennial Atlantic Region Conference Pullout Section]
Complete Conference Brochure in PDF Format available on the PDP Website Events Page

**THE 3RD BIENNIAL ATLANTIC
REGION CONFERENCE**

The Atlantic Regional Director in co-operation with the All American Walking Club, AVA 906, the Annapolis Amblers, AVA 595, the Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club, AVA 171, and the Piedmont Pacers, AVA 476, will host the 3rd Biennial Atlantic Region Conference on March 17–19, 2006 at the Four Points Sheraton, Hagerstown, MD.

This Registration Brochure contains all the information necessary to register for the conference. It also contains lodging, socials, events and other general information.

Please join us for a weekend of activities and walking events. Learn about health and fitness, how the Atlantic Region operates, and maybe a little bit of Maryland history.

**ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY
AND HAGERSTOWN**

Washington County, named for General George Washington, was founded in 1776 by English, French, Swiss and Scottish settlers. Washington County is the home of Fort Frederick which is the only British colonial fort still standing. Washington County also has great appeal for Civil War buffs: Antietam National Battlefield, September 17, 1862 — the site of the bloodiest single-day battle of the Civil War.

Hagerstown is the county seat and the largest city in Washington County. The city was founded in 1762 by Jonathan Hager. The Hager House and Museum, where he once lived, was built over two springs to ensure the family would always have water. The C&O Canal and the railroad also played a major role in Washington County history. There are two C&O Canal Museums and the Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum, which has great model railroad layouts.

Schedule

Friday, March 17

Travel to Hagerstown possibly doing an YRE or two en route.

Daily, during daylight hours
3-day event in Antietam, MD

4:00 PM to 9 PM • Conference Registration

1:00 PM — 3:00 PM Registration
Walk in Williamsport, MD

6:30 PM • Meet and Greet Social

Saturday, March 18

Daily, during daylight hours
3-day event in Antietam, MD

7:30 AM — 10:00 AM Registration
Walk in Hagerstown, MD

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM • Conference Registration

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM • Workshop #1

2:15 PM to 3:15 PM • Workshop #2

3:30 PM to 5:00 PM • General Session

6:30 PM • Banquet Dinner

Sunday, March 19

Daylight Until Noon

3-day event in Antietam, MD

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM Registration
Walk in Greencastle, PA

Travel home possibly doing a YRE en route.

*Thank you for attending our
Atlantic Region Biennial Conference
and we hope to see you again in 2008
in Shepherdstown, WV!*

FIRST WORKSHOP SESSION

Subject: Bring 'em Back Alive: Writing Clear Trail Instructions

Presenter: Tom Baerwald, President, Northern Virginia Volksmarchers

Overview: Having clear, understandable trail directions is one of the best ways to make sure that walkers stay on the designed trail and come back with enjoyable experiences. This workshop will discuss basic principles of trail instruction design, including how to write clear and consistent directions, how to use maps to complement text, and how to integrate commentaries about interesting places you see along the trail. The workshop will also discuss when and how to use trail markings in addition to or instead of trail directions.

SECOND WORKSHOP SESSION

Subject: No Job is Finished Until the Paperwork is Done!

Presenter: Nancy Stenger, Atlantic Region Director

Overview: Identification and explanation of required and supplemental AVA forms, submission and approval process, and timeline for required paperwork.

**HOST HOTEL: FOUR POINTS
SHERATON**

The Four Points Sheraton, located at 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740, is a comfortable hotel close to downtown.

The hotel has set aside 50 rooms for the nights of March 17 and 18, 2006 at a rate of \$80.00 single/double/triple, and quad occupancy per room subject to 1.1% state tax and local tax. Roll-aways are available only in a king room at no additional charge.

All hotel reservations must be held with a credit card or advance deposit. Reservations must be made prior to February 28, 2006 to receive the special rate. Individuals may cancel their reservations up until 6:00 PM of the day of arrival. After such time the advance deposit is non-refundable or the credit card will be charged for the first night's room plus taxes. Contact the hotel directly and request "In House" reservations asking for the "VOLKSSPORTING" rate given with the reservation code: AVA-ATL. Phone is (301)790-3010.

A Continental Breakfast is included with the room during the hours of 7:00–9:00 AM. A full restaurant is available for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For more information, please contact:

Hagerstown Convention Visitors Bureau
16 Public Square
Hagerstown, MD 21740
(301)791-3246 / (888)257-2600

**THE TOTAL CONFERENCE
PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

Friday night Meet and Greet Social
Saturday night Dinner Banquet
Award/Credit for 3 walks
Two workshops
General Session
Commemorative Drawstring Sack,
if postmarked by February 28, 2006.

Total Conference Package postmarked by
February 28, 2006 \$100.00

If you do not want the total conference package, you may register for just the activities you wish to attend, postmarked by February 28, 2006.

Friday night Meet and Greet Social • \$28.00
Saturday night Dinner Banquet • \$38.00
Award/credit for 3 walks • \$15.00
Workshops and General Session • \$28.00
Conference Souvenir Commemorative Drawstring Sack with conference logo • \$ 7.00

Circle package and/or items desired
Total Cost: _____

On site registration allowed only for walks and conference workshops/general meeting on a space available basis.

NO REFUNDS AFTER March 5, 2006

[Third Biennial Atlantic Region Conference Pullout Section]
Complete Conference Brochure in PDF Format available on the PDP Website Events Page

FRI., MARCH 17—WALK
WILLIAMSPORT MD
EVENT AT-06/74232

Sponsor: Annapolis Amblers, AVA-595.

Contact: Skip Magee, (301)249-5607,
merrittmagee@comcast.net.

Web Site: www.geocities.com/aamblers

Start Point: Register at the Four Points Sheraton, 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD. Take directions and drive to Byron Memorial Park in Williamsport.

Start Time: 1:00—3:00 PM. Finish by sundown.

Trail Description: The 10 KM trail, rated a 2, follows sidewalks through the town of Williamsport and along the C&O Canal towpath. A 5 KM trail will be available.

Places of Interest: Considerable Civil War connections: both armies forded the river here and Major Abner Doubleday (of baseball fame) commanded a Union artillery battery here in June 1861. Also includes the C&O Canal Visitors Center at Cushwa Basin, the Conococheague Aqueduct, River View Cemetery (AKA Battery Hill or Doubleday's Hill) and a railroad bridge with historical significance.

Qualifies for AVA Special Programs: Civil War, Riverwalk

SUN., MARCH 19—WALK
GREENCASTLE, PA
EVENT AT-06/74242

Sponsor: The Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club, AVA-171.

Contact: Frances Humelsine (717)263-8633,
fhumel@innet.net or

Carl Baranski, (717)532-2651.

Web Site: www.ava.org/

Start Point: Tayamentasachta Center for Environmental Studies, 500 Leitersburg Street, Greencastle, PA.

Start Time: 8:00 AM—12:00 PM. Finish by 2:00 PM.

Trail Description: The 5 KM and 10 KM trail, both rated 1+, consist of paved sidewalks in the Borough of Greencastle. The route should be suitable for wheelchairs and strollers, but there are curbs! Pets must be leashed. The route will go through the downtown area where local businesses will have antique displays. Restrooms available along the trail.

Places of Interest: Tayamentasachta, a 45 acre farm, includes an 1840 farmhouse (offices, museum, classrooms), barn, spring-fed pond, woodcuts, fields, orchard, walnut plantation, garden, nature trails and a trout nursery.

Qualifies for AVA Special Programs: Railroad Stations

Directions: From North or South get off I-81 at Exit 5 (PA 16, E. Baltimore Street). Proceed west on E. Baltimore Street to S. Ridge Avenue (the library is on the corner). Left on S. Ridge Avenue and follow avenue until it ends at Leitersburg Street. Left on Leitersburg Street. The parking area will be at the Elementary School or Church. The Tayamentasachta Center is on the other side of the line of trees.

FRI.—SUN., MARCH 17-19
WALK • ANTIETAM, MD
EVENT AT-06/74289

Sponsor: All American Walking Club, AVA-906.

Contact: Nancy Stenger, (703)631-8512,
walkvirginia@erols.com.

Web Site: www.ava.org/clubs/reg_atlantic/index.htm

Start Point: Four Points Sheraton, 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD.

Start Time: Registration opens at 7:30 AM, Friday, March 17 and will close at Noon, Sunday, March 19. Do not walk after dark.

Award: Multi-colored 5" x 4" patch as shown. Cost is \$7.00.

Trail Description: Registration will take place in the Board Room. Driving directions to the start/finish will be provided upon registration. 5/10 km trail is rated 2 due some rolling hills. Trail will take participants through the Antietam National Battlefield. Trail surface is hardtop and some grass paths. Participants will need to pay National Park Service fee of \$3.00 per person or \$6.00 per family at the Park Visitor Center. Event will be held regardless of most weather conditions. Carry water.

Places of Interest: The Battle of Antietam (or Sharpsburg) on September 17, 1862, climaxed the first of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's two attempts to carry the war into the North. About 40,000 Southerners were pitted against the 87,000-man Federal Army of the Potomac under General George B. McClellan. And when the fighting ended, the course of the American Civil War had been greatly altered.

Qualifies for AVA Special Programs: Civil War.

SAT., MARCH 18—WALK
HAGERSTOWN MD
EVENT AT-06/74217

Sponsor: Piedmont Pacers, AVA-476.

Contact: Jerry Baugher, (301)829-3685,
piedmontpacers@yahoo.com.

Web Site: www.angelfire.com/md2/pacers/index.html

Start Point: Four Points Sheraton, 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD.

Start Time: 7:30 — 10:00 AM. Finish by 1:00 PM.

Trail Description: The 10 KM and 6 KM are both rated a 1+. The trails are on sidewalks and roadsides through the city of Hagerstown. You will pass by stately homes, churches built in the late 1700 to 1800's, and various historic museums and galleries. Easy access for strollers and medium access for wheelchairs. Pets are not allowed. Restrooms available.

Places of Interest: City Farmers Market, Hager House & Museum, Mansion House Art Gallery and Welcome Center.

Qualifies for AVA Special Programs: Railroad Heritage, US Presidents.

Directions: See last page for directions and map to hotel.

--- Conference Registration Form ---

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Emergency Contact: _____
Phone: _____
Club: _____

Use a separate form for each person registering, please!

- Total Conference \$100 (postmarked by February 28th) or check all of the following that apply
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 - Workshops & General Session • \$28.00 Commemorative Drawing Sack • \$7.00
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Name tags, tickets and merchandise will be available at the conference registration desk in the hotel lobby.

Special Dietary Restrictions: _____

If you can volunteer to help at the conference please check yes below as well as your area of interest: Yes []

Area of interest: Registration ____ Events ____ General Session ____

Other _____



Photo by Inge Koening

One of the things that comprises a Full Service Walk is providing food for our walkers. At this years annual Christmas walk in Lititz that started from the Lititz Community Center, our food co-chairpersons Barb Weatherholz (pictured left above serving up the goodies) and Kitty Glass did a superb job not only getting the food to the hungry walkers but also from what we understand cleaning the kitchen before they could get started. We should also thank all those that helped in the kitchen that day, you know who you are. We couldn't have done it without you.



Photo by Inge Koening

The winter of 2005-2006 seemed to have some of its coldest weather in December. Walkers that came to our Lititz walk had to negotiate some the snow that fell in Lititz on the Thursday before our Saturday walk. The folks above were glad that they dressed for the weather and were glad to get back to our warm startpoint in the Lititz Community Center where they are waiting to get their books stamped at the finish. Thanks to everyone who came out to support our walk in Lititz.

A Winter's Break in Savannah – Another Tater Tour Experience

By Kitty Glass

I (along with Joan and Roy Simmers) was fortunate to be able to join the Tater Tour group of walkers from January 18th to the 24th and venture to the warm South. Although it was raining when we left Baltimore in our Gunther bus, the sun appeared in time for our afternoon walk in Smithville, North Carolina. Smithville was a typical little town walk except it is home to the Ava Gardner museum. She was born five miles from Smithville. This was a big treat as the museum is full of Ava's accomplishments as well giving insight into the movies that were made in her era.

Another morning's bus ride on the 19th brought us to Beaufort, South Carolina which is a beautiful southern town full of historic homes and "Prince of Tides" locale. It definitely is worth adding to your Volkswalker's must do walks.

The next three days we spent in Savannah doing a weekend of 8 walks prepared by the Happy Wanderers. What a beautiful city! The city has 21 "squares" (little parks) and has historic buildings with big columns scattered throughout the city. The shops and dining places along the river draw you in whether you want to shop or not. The various walks took us to Tybee Island (home of a famous old lighthouse and large vacation homes) and Ardsley Park – outside of the city. The rest of the walks featured different subjects: churches, squares, pubs, historic buildings, Victorian houses, etc. Somehow or other Roy and I and a few other diehards managed to walk all eight 10K walks in 3 days. Unfortunately Joan was not feeling well for some of the walks but she managed to do a swim for credit. The weather cooperated and it was only cloudy and cool on the last day. Many other Volkswalkers were there and people were seen walking with their maps at all hours of the day.

Our return walks included Wilson, North Carolina and Richmond, Virginia. The Richmond walk took us past the capitol building (which is under repair) and the house of Jefferson Davis. In Richmond unbelievably we ate our lunch sitting outside – it was hard to realize it was January 24th.

All too soon it was over and we were back in the cooler weather. Tater Tours with Mary is a good way to cover many miles riding and seeing the country as well as walking and seeing the country. Making new friends is an added bonus. It was a short but meaningful trip. Savannah is another Volkswalker's must do list! Check out other Tater Tours for 2006 – you too can have fun walking and seeing new sights with fellow walkers!

January 24, 2006

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Always enjoy your Christmas time walk with my friend, Barbara.

Sincerely,

Patricia Mountjoy

York White Rose Wanderers

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lized as a schooling area for cavalry horses and mules during the Civil War and then later years the VA Hospital was developed in 1930. We continued our trek through the VA housing area and the map indicated we would see an eagle's nest, but we were unable to see through the canopy of leaves still remaining on the trees. After exiting the VA property, we rounded a bend and came across another old structure called Rodgers Tavern. It was built around 1740 to serve travelers crossing the river by ferry. Some of the most notable guests who patronized this establishment were: George and Martha Washington (who stopped here on more than 30 occasions), Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and General Lafayette to name a few. This structure has been painstakingly restored. We then pressed on through a small area of residential properties and during the final leg of the walk we passed the Perryville Train Station (circa 1904), which was beautifully restored in 1990. This walk was sponsored by the Baltimore Walking Club. They also have 3 other walks very near as well, in fact they are all approximately within 15 miles of one another. They are: Havre De Grace (a very enjoyable walk and I highly recommend it to anyone), Aberdeen (all residential and passing baseball legend, Cal Ripken's boyhood home, where his mother still resides I understand), and Bel-air (where I have yet to walk). All of these walks are not far across the Maryland border and would make a nice day trip. Becky and I enjoyed the Perryville walk very much (even in the rain) and would recommend it to anyone. If your looking for program stamps, then you will be pleased to know that Perryville has a wealth of them, including: Lighthouse USA, Civil War Battlefields, American Revolution, and US Presidents. Next year this walk should include Railroad Heritage and River Walk America programs as well. I hope this article encourages you all to take advantage of any of these events I mentioned. The start points are not hard to find and there is not that much driving involved to get there. If you would like more information on any of these programs and you don't have access to the internet (AVA.org) or a Starting Point Guide, you can contact me [Robert Cooney] at 625-3627 and I will help you as best I can.

Wanted Food Donations for Quarryville Walk

One of the things that made our Lititz Christmas walk financially viable, besides an ample number of walkers was an ample supply of food graciously and lovingly donated by a wide variety of dedicated folks.

Here's a partial list of what we had: pumpkin pie w/cool whip, cookies, rice crispy snowmen, rice crispy treats, pineapple bars, brownies, fudge, barbeque, vegetarian chili, chicken corn/noodle soup, hot dogs w/sauerkraut, baked potatoes, veggie wraps, pies, bananas and probably some things that we forgot (our apologies, if we missed your contribution). Thanks to all who contributed in any way to our successful food sales in Lititz.

Now we are on to Quarryville. We have an opportunity again because of even fewer food choices than in Lititz (and none that we walk by directly) to not only service our walkers by providing a wide variety of food, but to also make our walk financially viable and thus help guarantee our continuing efforts to produce walks for health, fun and fitness for years to come.

We are again asking for you to consider contributing food for sale at our walk in Quarryville. We of course are thankful for outright donations, but most certainly would consider reimbursing you for ingredients should you like to prepare one or more things but don't feel you can contribute the cost of ingredients.

Keep in mind also that it would be very helpful if things like cookies, rice crispy treats, cake, pie, etc. are individually wrapped or packaged (ziplock bags) so that we don't have to mess with dispensing them at the walk.

Should you have questions, concerning what to bring, when to bring it, contact either of our food co-chairpersons -- Barb Weatherholtz @ 717-625-3533 or Kitty Glass @ 717-872-7743.

Thanks in advance for your contributions and we look forward to seeing you at our first walk for 2006 in Quarryville.



The publication that you are reading won the Third Place Award for Black & White Newsletters at the recent AVA Convention Held in Cherry Hill, NJ.

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nificant hills, and perhaps what is even more enticing is that its Start Point is at a Starbucks Coffee Shop, which is bound to get you off to a good start.

If you are looking for a 2 for 1 site, choose STATE COLLEGE, where the Nittany Nomads have both the State College and the Boalsburg Trails available. While you would be wise not to choose a date when there is a Penn State sports event scheduled, any other time would be ideal for walking either, or both, of the 10k walks. In fact if you go to Boalsburg on Memorial Day you will hosted by a commemorative festival. And the Centre County scenery is beautiful.

But if you really want to see geese - thousands of them, I mean - travel to the MIDDLE CREEK Wildlife Management Area during March, and you can't believe the number you'll see both on the ground and in the air. Be sure to bring your camera! The Penn Dutch Pacers promise you an experience you won't soon forget.

The York County White Rose Wanderers in HANOVER, which has been known for shoes, harness racing horses and snack foods, also has an "A" Award YRE taking us through the sidewalks and alleyways of town. If you come away from this walk without a snack of the famous chips and pretzels Hanover produces, you will have missed a lot.

To be enjoyed by anyone who is interested in the history of our Country are the now three downtown Philadelphia YRE walks. Whether it be culture, the waterfront, or murals and sculptures that interest you, there is a 1 rated trail available.

Many people feel that it is worth the trip to center-city to engage in one or more of these Liberty Bell Wanderer sponsored events. For some it is even a 3 for 1 trip covering a major portion of the historic downtown area.

The foregoing suggestions are only a few of the Year-Round and Seasonal Events offered in Pennsylvania for 2006.

The Keystone State Volkssport Association has compiled a brochure listing ALL the events throughout the state, sponsored by the eight active Pennsylvania clubs. Additional information, including directions to Start Points, trail ratings, and qualifying stamps can be found on the AVA website: www.ava.org/clubs Check it out!

PDP YRE Participation Down 16% from 2004

2005 was not one of the Penn Dutch Pacers better years in regards to actual participation in the 7 Year-Round and Seasonal Events which we sponsored. Penn Dutch YRE events hosted 634 walkers in 2005 vs. 747 in 2004 [or a 16% drop in participation]. The Lancaster West walk drew the most walkers (143), with the Lititz History logging in next with 111. In 2004 we had 19+ walkers at Muddy Run and 7+ bicyclists in Lititz, both events were dropped for 2005 due to low numbers.

Two new walks in New Holland, the East and West trails, started at the beginning of this year and may help boost the numbers for 2006. The Lancaster Downtown route will be altered, as the Lititz North route already has been. Only 16 "free" individuals were recorded, the lowest number in many years, as the chart below shows.

The second quarter (April, May, June) was the most active. Money from participants continues to come in from Year-Round and Seasonal events with a minimum of club member involvement! All 9 YRE's for 2006 were submitted to AVA and approved by July 26, 2005. We will need to sanction our 2007 YRE events prior to the August 1, 2006 deadline.

New YRE events come about through suggestions from club members. Club members suggest locations, routes and start points that offer typically 7 day accessibility during daylight hours. YREs offer walking opportunities when weekend events are not available. Although it is true that YREs are low maintenance, it is also true that they do need minimal tending which requires diligence and persistence from a nearby club member to maximize the walker's experience.

Often venues where PDP has held weekend events and already has mapped out a trail are good choices for YRE events it only takes the hard work of a PDP member to get everything ready for sanctioning. If you have an idea for a new Penn Dutch Pacer YRE then please contact our YRE Coordinator Bob Gast (contact info on the front page, left column) to discuss your idea or bring your idea to one of the monthly PDP membership meetings.

2005 YRE Results	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			Individual Event Totals
	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	
Lancaster Downtown	22	0	22	44	0	44	20	2	22	18	2	20	108
Lancaster West	28	0	28	50	2	52	27	2	29	33	1	34	143
Lititz North	18	0	18	21	0	21	26	1	27	12	0	12	78
Lititz History	19	2	21	40	2	42	28	0	28	20	0	20	111
Millersville	20	0	20	27	0	27	14	0	14	19	0	19	80
Middle Creek Lake	30	1	31	21	0	21	21	0	21	Event Closed			73
Middle Creek Woods	8	1	9	10	0	10	22	0	22	9	0	9	50
	145	4		213	4		158	5		111	3		643
Quarterly Sub-Totals			149			217			163			114	3

All the Penn Dutch Pacers 2006 Year-Round Events are ready for YOU!

Seven different events in four separate locations are now set up for you to walk: **LANCASTER**, start from the Lancaster Regional Medical Center, and do the Downtown or the Wheatland West walks. **LITITZ**, from the Lititz Recreation Center, one can either take the History walk and/or the North walk. **NEW HOLLAND**, new as of January 2nd, is the East Trail and/or the West Trail around town; start @ 504 E. Main St. **MILLERSVILLE**, the College Town walk, currently starting @ *The Inn, Best Western*, 101 Shenks Lane. More information on any of these walk events can be found on the Club's Website: <http://www.penndutchpacers.org>

Electronic Distribution of the Newsletter?

Did you know that one of the biggest benefits of membership in the Penn Dutch Pacers is a subscription to our newsletter (the very one that you are reading now) that is packed full of information relating to and about Volkssporting. Did you also know that this membership benefit costs the Penn Dutch Pacers about \$2.00 for each issue that you receive? That's right, those 4 issues of the newsletter that you receive each year use up \$8.00 of your \$10.00 per year (if you chose the yearly membership rate) membership. That leaves just \$2.00 of your membership to cover other expenses that the club incurs like post office box rental, rental of our storage facility, postage, printing and a plethora of other sundry expenses that are necessary to produce our walks. They of course do add up.

One of the things that was mentioned at the last membership meeting as a way of reducing our costs was to inquire of the members as to whether they would be interested in receiving the PDP Newsletter electronically instead of via the US Mail. Which ultimately is what this article is designed to get you thinking about.

The primary problem as also mentioned at the meeting is that in order to get a bulk reduced mailing rate we need to mail at least 200 pieces which in fact we do by mailing newsletters to members and then on top of the members complementary copies are mailed primarily to other clubs in the Atlantic Region.

So we have a conundrum – we want to reduce costs by possibly encouraging members to choose distribution of the newsletter electronically to reduce our costs, but if we mail less than 200 our costs go UP!

Now you might expect that we would introduce our answer to this dilemma. Unfortunately we don't currently have one. Our goal here is to paint the whole picture so that everyone can think about it and study it. At some point we will either be forced to make a move toward electronic instead of US Mail distribution as costs continue to rise and we can't cover them with membership or someone will creatively come up with a solution we haven't even considered.

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stands as "Mount Ararat." These names, it is said, were given by a noted wag of his day, named Longenecker, soon after the house was built. It was erected in 1719, by Martin Barr, and was his farm or manor house, being situated nearly in the centre of the lands he then owned.

That "The Ark" was built in 1790 is attested by a stone in the west end of the building bearing that date. It was built of "Barren" stone, hauled from the ridge running about a mile northeast of that point, the limestone just at hand not having yet been developed and not being considered as desirable for building purposes. An enormous quantity of stone was used, as the foundation trenches were sunk very deep, the builder being determined to rest upon solid rock. The house was thirty feet high, with a deep basement, and a two-storied "still house" was attached, to the east end. Mr. Barr ran a distillery, and in it is one of the finest springs in the neighborhood. A fine quality of whisky was made.

The house at the time it was built, was not only the largest in its locality, but was one of the best and finest. Fronting on the south were two wide porches running along the entire house. All the woodwork was of the very best hardwood; most of it was walnut. The walls were two feet thick. The hall is twelve feet wide. It used to be said that the entire edifice contained a greater quantity of stone than any other building in the county.

"The Ark" still stands, stately, substantial and solitary, amid the quarries and kilns of other days."

Although there has been some interest of late in a complete restoration of "The Ark", nothing much has been done except that the site has been cleaned up and maintained. The stone super structure stands strong as the wood has rotted away. Whether "The Ark" ever returns to near its former state of elegance will be determined by time and money.

Once past "The Ark" we are out in the country where you will pass Amish farms and peaceful vistas. You will be walking along country roads that are lightly traveled with no berms. This walk is primarily flat and down hill with a less than a 1K significant hill. What that means is that there is one up hill section that is almost a kilometer in length. Once at the top of the hill, there is a flat section before descending down Groff Road to East State Street and crossing the abandoned Enola Low Grade Rail line that we may walk sometime in the future if the authorities ever stop their haggling and move on with the planned rail trail.

All in all, it will be a fun, scenic, country walk which everyone should enjoy. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

We would of course like to hear your ideas on this either in person to any of the club officers or in the form of a letter or article that would be included in future editions of the newsletter.

Thanks in advance for your thoughts and your help.

Until then you will continue to receive your copy of the PDP Newsletter in the mail and if you wish also get a PDF copy from the Newsletter Page on the Penn Dutch Pacer website at www.pennndutchpacers.org.

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• **Bob Gast – YRE Coordinator** Bob is a tenacious advocate for our YRE events and enjoys compiling the YRE stats that you see in the newsletter. He is also a long time volunteer and actually had given up the YRE Coordinator post but came back when he saw that it wasn't in capable hands. Thanks Bob for all your hard work and advocacy for our YRE events.

These folks and many others that don't have official titles are why the Penn Dutch Pacers continue to produce quality walking events. Thank them personally when you get a chance, those few words can mean a lot. Even better consider taking a position that has a title when you are asked. It is only through the coordinated effort of everyone involved that the Penn Dutch Pacers will continue into the future.

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