



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

November 2008

***JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
DINNER MEETING ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 18, AT SOUTHSIDE 815
IN OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA***

Enjoy some delightful Southern cuisine and join WDCAVC friends for an evening of good drink, tasty food, and good conversation on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 PM. We'll meet at Southside 815, which is aptly named, because it's at 815 S. Washington St. on the south side of Old Town Alexandria. It's only 2 blocks north of the Beltway and easily reached from all directions. Reservations are not necessary, but if you do plan to join us, please contact Tom Baerwald at tbaerwal@nsf.gov or at 703-292-7301 (W) or 703-765-3128 (H) to help us reserve a large enough table.

If you want to help us out by working that weekend, please contact WDCAVC Vice President Nancy Stenger at walkvirginia@verizon.net or 703-631-8512.

A Note from the President

As you can see from the two notices in the boxes to the left and above, it's been a lively month for the WDCAVC.

Please be sure to join us for the annual dinner meeting at Southside 815 on the evening of Tuesday, November 18. We'll gather at 7:00 PM, and I am confident everyone will find items on the menu to please their palate. We'll try to keep formal business discussions to a minimum so that we can all enjoy pleasant social conversation. If possible, please let me know beforehand if you'll be able to join us so that we can have a large enough table for our group.

In comparison with the ease of arranging the dinner meeting, the scrambling necessitated by our being unable to use the George Washington Masonic National Memorial as the Start/Finish Point of our holiday event on December 6-7 was much more complicated. GWMNM staff were working with us to try to find space to enable us to keep that location for the Start/Finish Point, but it finally became clear that space demands by the Campagna Center would prevent our being able to remain.

Many thanks to Sandi Cahill and her colleagues at the Barrett Branch Library (the site of our evening walks and monthly meetings) for allowing us to squeeze into the staff lounge for that weekend. We know that parking will pose

**NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE
START/FINISH POINT FOR OUR
ALEXANDRIA HOLIDAY WALK**

In addition to this newsletter, the e-mail message transmitting it (or the envelope sending a paper copy by snail-mail) also contains the brochure for our 26th annual Alexandria holiday event on December 6-7. Please note that our we've had to relocate our Start/Finish Point to the Barrett Branch Library at 717 Queen St. in Old Town Alexandria because we have been squeezed out the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Please help spread the word to fellow volksmarchers about this change. Note also that our hours for walking are slightly shorter than normal, as we officially won't begin until 9:00 AM on both Saturday and Sunday.

problems for many, and as noted in the brochure, we will provide additional IVV distance credit for those who must walk from remote parking locations or the Metro stations.

Please get the word of the change in the Start/Finish Point and the start times to all of your walking friends. And please contact Nancy Stenger to volunteer to work at this event.

I spent a full day recently raking and mowing 29 big bags of leaves, so I am well aware that autumn is with us. That activity gave me plenty of exercise, but I would much rather have meet walking.

Some great weekend walks are on this month's schedule, and many YREs probably still provide you with opportunities to get more stamps into your IVV books. Regardless of where you walk, be sure to get out on the trail and enjoy this great time of year. Enjoy your walks and all else you do this month! Tom

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President

Minutes of the WDCAVC Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

President Tom Baerwald opened the meeting at 7:00 PM at the Barrett Branch of the Alexandria Library. Present were Sandi Cahill, Marshall Hansen, and Ken Wilson.

Walking experiences included IML and Dyke Marsh YRE alternate route for Ken, Baltimore Arbutis and Glen Echo for Marshall, a story of Sandi's friend who moved to Vandenberg AFB, Cal. and discovered Air Force wives doing a Volksmarch, and Tom walking on "Baerwaldstrasse" in Berlin.

Minutes were approved. Treasurer said we are still solvent. Third quarter fees have been paid for MVA, but not AVA.

YRE: The Theodore Roosevelt Island trail the Iwo Jima YRE for next year should be double checked for distance. The checkpoint stamp at the Jefferson Monument has been known to move between the visitor shop and the office. It

was agreed to make the next year's "checkpoint" a bit of info from one of the quotes on the rotunda walls. The 2009 YRE patch will be a dreamcatcher for the National Mall and Iwo Jima memorial for the other trail.

Fall event at Little Bennett: The final count was 70 walkers.

Holiday event: A toy soldier design is ready. The Old Town trail is great. The neighborhood trail is being developed. Discussion occurred regarding the Craft Bazaar taking the upstairs space we used last year. GW Masonic Memorial staff assured Tom they were working to find space for us.

2009 possibilities: Sanctions for night walks should be done. Others need to be worked out. Suggestions were National Harbor after the pedestrian bridge section is finished, Hollin Hill in spring, Beatley Library and Cameron Run for fall, and Little Bennett in 2010.

Website: Nancy is working on getting us on the AVA site.

Storage Unit: Fees are increasing. Reevaluation of assets is should occur in the coming months.

Sales: Sandi will order a very small set of bars to fill in what is missing, not to exceed \$50. She will also ask for 1000 insert cards and 400 2-part start cards.

Annual Dinner Meeting: It was agreed to have the dinner meeting at Southside 815 on Tuesday Nov. 18 at 7:00 PM. The address is 815 S. Washington St. in Alexandria. Parking is usually easily found in the surrounding neighborhood. Customers can also park for free beneath the new townhouses on the back side of the block. (Access this ramp via the alley from Jefferson St. to the north of the restaurant.)

No definite time was set for club members to pre-walk the holiday trails. When they are ready each person may walk them at their own convenience.

Correspondence: The Club was asked if we will be participating in donating items for the Silent Auction at the AVA convention in Dallas.

Club members discussed the items for discussion at the next AVA EC meeting and members stated our joint responses.

1. Upper limit of \$50 late quarterly fees--
Against
2. Boating policy--No opinion to state
3. Earlier YRE sanctions--Reluctantly agree
4. Policy on renumbering--No opinion to state

5. International events where there are no IVV members--Approve, no comment

A member had been questioned by a walker about the Post Office walk that traditionally was held on the Saturday prior to Christmas. They were referred to the AVA website for further info.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Cahill
Secretary

Atlantic Region Schedule

Nov 2008	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	POC Phone
15	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Gaithersburg MD (Seneca Creek State Park)	301-977-9547
15-16	W	Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers	Upper Marlboro MD (Watkins Nature Center)	301-805-4278
25	NW	Virginia Vagabonds	Newport News VA (Woodside High School)	757-766-3065
28-29	4W	Susquehanna Rovers	Hershey PA (Hershey Recreation Center)	717-761-1338
30	W	Penn-Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club	Lititz PA (Lititz Community Center)	717-624-3533

Dec 2008	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	POC Phone
5	NW	Virginia Vagabonds	Newport News VA (Red Star Tavern)	757-766-3065
6-7	2W	Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128
12-13	NW	Peninsula Pathfinder	Williamsburg VA (Four Points Sheraton)	757-766-3065
13	W	Annapolis Amblers	Annapolis MD (Annapolis Athletic Club)	410-867-7511
12-14	S	Peninsula Pathfinder	Williamsburg VA (Four Points Sheraton)	757-766-3065
13-14	W	Peninsula Pathfinder	Williamsburg VA (Four Points Sheraton)	757-766-3065
15	NW	Columbia Volksmarch Club	Columbia MD (Stately Dye Mansion)	410-290-3777
21	W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Springfield VA (Asian Grill)	703-455-1878
27	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Hampton VA (TBA)	757-766-3065
27-28	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Baltimore MD (The Rotunda)	410-252-3165
31	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Smithfield VA (Smithfield Station)	757-490-9324
31	2W	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Columbia MD (Owen Brown Community Center)	410-437-2164

Jan 2009	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	POC Phone
1	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Smithfield VA (Smithfield Station)	757-490-9324
1	2W	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Columbia MD (Owen Brown Community Center)	410-437-2164
3	W	Penn-Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club	Lancaster PA (Isaac's Restaurant)	717-625-3533
10	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Relay MD (Catholic Community Center)	410-247-4524
17	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Cabin John MD (C&O Canal Carderock Rec Area)	301-926-8580
24-25	2W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Washington DC (Old Post Office Pavilion)	703-352-5135
31	2W	York White Rose Wanderers	York PA (York City Ice Arena)	717-764-6150

Feb 2009	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	POC Phone
1	2W	York White Rose Wanderers	York PA (York City Ice Arena)	717-764-6150
21	W	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Bowie MD (TBA)	410-572-5574
31	2W	Baltimore Walking Club	Baltimore MD (DuBurns Arena)	410-592-3171

Mar 2009	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	POC Phone
1	2W	Baltimore Walking Club	Baltimore MD (DuBurns Arena)	410-592-3171
14	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Perry Hall MD (Honeygo Run Regional Park)	410-668-1614
28	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Gloucester VA (TBA)	757-766-3065

Legend:

W=Walk, GW=Guided Walk, GNW=Guided Night Walk, NW=Night Walk, B=Bike, S=Swim
Sk=Ski, IS=Ice Skate, RS=Roller Skate, SS=Snowshoe