



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

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A Note from the President

Let's begin with an apology. Far too many issues of this newsletter have been arriving late -- just days before the club's monthly meeting. That was not the case last month, when I failed to assemble and deliver any newsletter. I can simply plead that the summer had been long, I had headed off to Idaho for a vacation, and once there, I so immersed myself in Idaho calming that I simply forgot that I needed to get the newsletter out. I can try to explain my lapse, but it doesn't excuse it, and for that, I apologize to all club members.

I want to focus my remaining words on three upcoming dates:

Saturday, October 10. This is the date for our fall walk, which will be an interesting and exciting journey across the new Wilson Bridge. Those seeking to walk longer distances can also explore the National Harbor complex in Maryland. The event brochure is attached. We heartily encourage all WDCAVC members who can do so to participate in this 30th Anniversary event. In addition to what we expect will be a great walk, we will offer cake and sodapop. Some old awards will be given away to those who are interested, and some lucky walker will be given a beautiful wooded walking stick. The "hard core" club members are prepared to work this event, but other club members who want to help out should e-mail me at tbaerwal@nsf.gov or call me at 703-292-7301 (work) or 703-765-3128 (home) to let me know when you might like to help out.

Tuesday, October 20. This is the date for our club's October meeting. Please join us at 7:00 at the Barrett Branch Library for that meeting, which will focus on a number of important topics, such as the 2010 walk schedule and election of officers. Unlike summer meetings, which tended to be conducted while the core members staffed the

start/finish point for evening walks, this will be a real meeting at the regular time featuring refreshments and an agenda to keep discussions on focus.

Tuesday, November 17. This will be the date for the club's annual dinner and business meeting. We have not yet determined where to hold this fun event, although recent visits to Southside 815 and Generous George's all have received positive reviews. If you'd like to attend and you have a preference, please let us know before our October business meeting, and please plan to attend wherever we go.

A few items of possible interest for you:

The club has cleaned out the storage room we occupied for so long at Uncle Bob's. The long tables were donated to a church, and other items deemed worthy of retaining currently are housed in the homes of club officers Sandi Cahill, Marshall Hansen, and me. We'll see how this arrangement works out and what options we may have to reconsolidate items at one locale in the future. In the meantime, the club treasury will be relieved to have nearly \$1,000 less in annual expenses to cover.

A possible Spring 2010 walk opportunity has emerged with my realization that the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers next April at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel in NW DC provides an opportunity to introduce many of the 1,000s of geographers in attendance to volksmarching and to provide us with a free start/finish point in a prime location. If you think holding an event at this locale on Saturday, April 17, 2010, is a good idea, please let us know.

Thanks to all club members for your patience and support in recent months.

As we enter the great autumn walking season, I wish you many happy walks at both scheduled events and on year-round trails. Enjoy your walks and all else you do!

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President

Minutes of the WDCAVC Meeting

August 18, 2009

OPEN: President Tom Baerwald opened the meeting at 6:00 PM while walkers were enjoying their stroll through Old Town. Attending were Sandi Cahill, Cheryl Eavey, and Marshall Hansen. Ken Wilson left his comments with Sandi earlier and was willing to give telephonic feedback, if necessary.

WALKING EXPERIENCES: Tom spent some time in Minnesota doing a "Metrodome Farewell." He effectively did about 70% of the Mall of America YRE, but he didn't seek credit for the event.

EVENT RESULTS: Tonight's walk had 25 credit and 2 free walkers, and a donation of \$3.00 was included. There were many positive comments about Cheryl's Riverfront Ramble trail.

REPORTS: The treasurer's report stated there is \$697 in checking. The Secretary gave Tom the July report earlier today. May, July, and August minutes will be presented at the Sept. Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The storage bin is going to be closed ASAP. Tom will work with a staff member of the library to remove the big tables and the bookcases. Sandi, Tom, and Marshall will clean out everything and disburse the "keepables" among themselves on Sunday, August 23.

YRE: The YRE has had 106 on the Mall trail and 92 on the Iwo Jima trail. The event has been renewed for 2010 with no short distance on the Iwo Jima trail.

FUTURE EVENTS: The September evening walk will be on Sept. 15. Sandi will be away Sept 5-13. Tom will be away Sept. 5-17. Sandi will give Tom a list of the leftover trail directions she has that can be used for the Sept. "choose-your-path" evening walk. He will provide any missing directions before the event.

The Wilson Bridge walk plans are progressing. Brochures are being distributed. There will be 6-, 11-, and 17-KM choices. The walk will start at the Kate Waller Barrett Library. Trail is mostly drafted. Checkpoint will be unmanned. Workers are needed at S/F. Sandi will give Tom and Marshall info on what equipment she has stored at the library and what may be needed. As this will be the celebration of 30 years for the club, all members are encouraged to talk up the event, to attend and to contribute any stories about their WDCAVC experiences or early days of the club they wish. All are being instructed to "SELL US." Cake will be provided.

The holiday walk is being planned. It will be one day (Sat. Dec. 5), one event with one trail. An adaptation of Cheryl's trail used today may be considered. We need to find out if Nancy has any report to make about an award. Only 50 awards will be purchased and there will NOT be a patch for sale.

Hollin Hill and Little Bennett are still in consideration for 2010.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held about the announcement by the Regional Director to have Regional Officers. Sam Tollett also is a strong advocate of noting in brochures which Special Program books our events would qualify for.

The next MVA meeting will be Sat. Aug. 29. Sandi will attend. MVA president Bob Schmick reminded us we can add state delegate info to our listing on the AVA site.

A query about who has the list of Helping Hand awards was discussed with no immediate answer.

Ken provided info about CBCW closing their club after 20 years. They will be stopping within the next year. Their last event will be free to all who attend.

After all walkers finished their wandering, and with no further business to conduct for the evening, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Cahill, WDCAVC Secretary

Atlantic Region Schedule

Oct 2009	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
10	W	Washington DC Area VM Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128
10	W	Lee Lepus Volksverband	Midlothian VA (Sunday Park)	804-768-0055
10	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Joppatowne MD (Redner's Warehouse Market)	410-638-7043
10-11	2w	Baloney Stompers	Colebrook PA (Pavilion)	717-272-0655
11	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Gaithersburg MD (Potomac Pizza)	301-926-8580
15	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Norfolk VA (402 Pembroke Ave)	757-490-9324
16-18	W	U.S. FreedomWalk Festival	Arlington VA (Holiday Inn-Rosslyn at Key Bridge)	703-583-5006
17	W	U.S. FreedomWalk Festival	Arlington VA (Holiday Inn-Rosslyn at Key Bridge)	703-583-5006
18	W	U.S. FreedomWalk Festival	Arlington VA (Holiday Inn-Rosslyn at Key Bridge)	703-583-5006
23	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Indiana PA (Indiana Ice Center)	215-699-9246
24	W	Nittany Nomads	Clarion PA (Chamber of Business & Industry)	724-482-5034
24	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Punxsutawney PA (Barklay Square Park)	215-699-9246
24	W	Loudoun Walking & Volkssport Club	Lucketts VA (Tarara Winery)	703-737-2175
24-25	W	First State Webfooters	Rehoboth Beach DE (Henlopen Hotel)	302-697-1191
25	W	Nittany Nomads	Clearfield PA (YMCA)	814-238-1741
31	W	Germanna Volkssport Association	Fredericksburg VA (Motts Run Reservoir Recreation Area)	540-786-6550
Nov 2009	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
1	W	Germanna Volkssport Association	Fredericksburg VA (Motts Run Reservoir Recreation Area)	540-786-6550
1	NW	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Gaithersburg MD (Seneca Creek State Park)	301-977-9547
7	W	Loudoun Walking & Volkssport Club	Leesburg VA (Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve)	703-737-2175
7	W	Chesapeake Bay Country Wanderers	Gambrills MD (Maryland Sunrise Farm)	301-805-4278
13-14	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (1863 Inn)	717-677-6511
14	S	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (YMCA)	717-677-6511
14	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (Adams County Winery)	717-677-6511
14	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Rockville MD (Municipal Swim Center)	301-946-5496
15	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (1863 Inn)	717-677-6511
27-28	4W	Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club	Hershey PA (Hershey Recreation Center)	717-761-1338
29	W	Penn-Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club	Lititz PA (Freeze & Frizz)	717-625-3533
Dec 2009	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
5	W	Washington DC Area VM Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128

11-12	NW	Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia	Williamsburg VA (Clarion Hotel)	757-766-3065
11-13	S	Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia	Williamsburg VA (Clarion Hotel)	757-766-3065
12-13	W	Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia	Williamsburg VA (Clarion Hotel)	757-766-3065
12	W	Annapolis Amblers	Annapolis MD (Annapolis Athletic Club)	410-867-7511
16	NW	Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers	Greenbelt MD (Generous Joe's Deli)	301-937-3549
19	NW	Germannia Volkssport Association	Fredericksburg VA (Visitor Center)	540-786-6550
19	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Baltimore MD (Rotunda)	410-252-3165
19	W NW	Virginia Volkssport Assn	Washington DC (TBD)	757-766-3065
20	W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Springfield VA (Asian Grill)	703-455-1878
21	NW	Columbia Volksmarch Club	Columbia MD (John and Karen Dye's House)	410-290-6510
26	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Hampton VA (TBD)	757-766-3065
31	2W	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Columbia MD (Owen Brown Comm Center)	410-437-2164
31	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Smithfield VA (Smithfield Station)	757-490-9324

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