



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

November 2009

A Note from the President

Heavy work schedules and other commitments that kept WDCAVC officers from assembling the necessary information in time, this is an abbreviated version of *Wanderfreunde*. A follow-up edition with October and November meeting minutes and an updated Atlantic Region Calendar will be circulated before the end of this month.

In the meantime, I want to bring the attention of all club members to three major items.

WDCAVC Annual Dinner Meeting -- Tuesday, November 17

Our annual dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, at Southside 815 restaurant in the southern end of Old Town Alexandria. We will meet at this pleasant establishment featuring tasty Southern-style food at 7:00 PM. Although a few items of business will be discussed, most of the conversation will focus on other festive matters.

The restaurant's name provides you with its location, because Southside 815 is at 815 S. Washington St. just two blocks north of the Beltway. Parking is readily available on nearby streets or in a covered garage just behind the restaurant. For those concerned about their diets, Southside 815 offers more than traditional fried foods, as salads, grilled or broiled seafood, and other "lean" options give weight/sugar/salt/whatever-conscious folks plenty of options.

If you'd like to join us, please call me at 703-292-7301 (day) or 703-765-3128 (evenings) or e-mail me at tbaerwal@nsf.gov. I hope to see many of you at this fun event!

Alexandria Holiday Walk -- Saturday, December 5

For the 27th straight year, our club will host a volksmarch in Old Town Alexandria on the day of the Scottish Christmas Parade. We will only offer one trail this year, and the event will only occur on one day, Saturday, December 5. That's the day of the parade, however, and our start point at the Barrett Branch Library in Old Town should permit walkers to enjoy a fine walk weaving along the riverfront as well as the parade. (The trail will be designed to allow those who don't want to fight through crowds to avoid the parade if they prefer.)

The brochure for this event is attached. Please plan to walk with us that day. If you'd like to work that day, please call or e-mail me.

Election of Club Officers

The two-year terms of all four club officers (Nancy Stenger as Vice President, Sandi Cahill as Secretary, Marshall Hanson as Treasurer, and myself as President) are scheduled to end at the end of this calendar year. All four of us are willing to serve in the same position for another two years. Three of us (Nancy, Marshall, and me) are ending our first terms in our positions, but Sandi is ending her second term. Club by-laws normally would require someone else to replace Sandi as Secretary, but we are unaware of any other club members who wish to assume this or any other office. We therefore recommend that the bylaw calling for no person to serve more than two consecutive terms in one office to be suspended for two years so that we can continue have a full set of officers, will all four incumbents serving another two-year term in their present offices.

If any club member disagrees with this plan or wants to suggest an alternative plan, please contact me as soon as possible. This is especially true if that member is willing to express her/his willingness to serve as an officer, but we want all club members to feel comfortable with our plans and with the officers leading us in 2010 and 2011.

The cold winds and rains of recent days remind us that autumn can be a harsh as well as an invigorating season, but beautiful days and pleasant walks still are possible. I hope you're able to enjoy as many happy strolls as possible. Enjoy your walks and all else you do!

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President