



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

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A Note from the President

Welcome to summer!

This message is being prepared on the evening of Sunday, June 13. Earlier today, my trusty measuring wheel "Fido" and I worked our way on the delightful trails of Little Bennett Regional Park, where we will host our next weekend event on Saturday, October 9. Little Bennett is a fascinating place to explore, but I will affirm now that I am sure we'll find the weather more conducive to good walking in four months than it was today, with temps near 90-degrees F and high humidity.

Fortunately, the weather forecast for this Tuesday, June 15, calls for cooler temps, which should provide ideal conditions for our third evening walk of the season. This month we'll wander up to and around the Del Ray community. Officially, you may start walking any time between 4:30 and 5:30 in the afternoon, but we hope to allow folks to head off as early as 4:00 PM, and if you're only walking 5 KM, you likely can head out as late as 6:00. Come to enjoy this month's event if you can.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the reduction of hours when the Barrett Branch Library is open in Old Town Alexandria is forcing our club to make alternate plans for its monthly meetings. Starting this month, the library is closing at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evenings.

Members present at the May meeting discussed a set of options, and we concluded that there would be a phased transition. For the next meetings, in June, August, and September, we will continue to meet in conjunction with our 3rd Tuesday evening walks. As we have done in the past, however, we will conduct the meeting while most walkers are out on the trail, and we will stamp all books of

walkers before they depart, because we will not have the luxury of waiting in our meeting room for late walkers to return.

Starting in October, we will change the evening of our meetings. The Barrett Branch will continue to be open until 9:00 PM on Monday nights, so we will move our meetings to the 4th Monday of each month during the months we normally meet -- normally all months except for June (in years when the AVA convention is held) or July (in other years) and December. That means that the evening walks also will be held on 4th Mondays. By moving to the 4th Monday, we should avoid having conflicts with other clubs, including the Northern Virginia Volksmarchers, which normally meet on the 2nd Monday.

We hope that the change of dates for our meeting will help us keep an excellent meeting location and also enable other club members to join the officers, who have constituted the majority of those present at most meetings over the last few years.

So be sure to walk with us this Tuesday, and enjoy other walks that are scheduled for this summer season.

Have a great summer, and enjoy your walks and all else you do!

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President

Looking for a Calendar?

Please note that the Atlantic Regional Calendar now is attached (or mailed) as a separate file.

You can access that calendar at:

<http://www.walkvirginia.com/AtlanticRegionCalendar.html>.

You can print paper copies in PDF or Excel format from links at the bottom of that page.

Minutes of the WDCAVC Meeting

May 18, 2010

President Tom Baerwald began the meeting at 7:00 PM during the evening walk. It was finished in the library lounge. Sandi Cahill, Cheryl Eavey, and Marshall Hansen attended.

Tom commented about enjoying the May 9 walk and returning home to help his wife Kathryn after recent surgery on both knees. Kathryn is recovering nicely.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved. The treasurer said the club has more than \$800 at the end of April. "We are in good shape with no big expenses" reports Marshall.

Events:

The National Mall YRE has had 128 attendees this year and the Iwo Jima YRE has had more than 60 walkers. The club was reminded the Quarterly Report is due the end of June.

Evening walks -- Tonight's walk (the Monumental Meander, otherwise known as the "Death March" because it visited Old Town's cemeteries) had 22 walkers. Tom will prepare the June trail for Del Ray.

Little Bennett (October 9) -- Brochure and trail planning are in progress.

Alexandria Holiday (December 4) -- Sanction has been submitted. Nancy is working on a patch. Trail to be planned by Marshall.

2011 -- Discussion is needed regarding whether to keep the YREs or change any trails before renewal of sanction is due.

Hollin Hall (south of Alexandria) is still being considered for a 2011 weekend event. Tom Baerwald's carport appears to be the most viable start point..

Club meeting locale:

The club must decide how to handle meetings and evening walks when the Barrett Branch Library's hours change the first of June. The library will be closing at 7:00 instead of 9:00 on Tuesdays. Because the summer events are already scheduled, it was agreed to piggyback the meeting with the walks. Walkers will be encouraged to finish the walk before 7:00. If necessary, club members will operate the end of the event from one of the members' cars parked in front of the building. After the 2010 summer walk series, the club will move its meeting to fourth Monday evenings when the library is open until 9:00. October is the only month with a Monday holiday. The meeting for October will be the Monday, October 25. The November dinner meeting will be November 22. There is usually no December meeting.

YRE appreciation:

Marshall has scouted for certificate material to make a presentation to Columbia Apartments for their continued support of the Club. Nothing he found was suitable. Tom will help him make a mock up for self publishing.

501(c)3 status:

Marshall received info forwarded by MVA regarding not filing a form 990 to IRS. He has discussed this with Ken Wilson. There are several questions that need answering: Is our nonprofit status in jeopardy by not filing? How do we verify our IRS number? Marshall could not find it on recent documents. What steps are to be taken? Marshall will pursue the matter further.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm..

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Cahill, WDCAVC Acting Secretary

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