



## Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

# WANDERFREUNDE

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### A Note from the President

Let's see. The DC area now has had more than 50 days with temperatures of 90°F or higher. Local lawns look more like Arizona than Oregon, but a set of very severe storms has left some areas without power for days, and trees have crashed down on vehicles on the GW Parkway just north of Old Town. Yup, it's been quite a summer!

Let's be honest now. How many of you have walked as much this summer as you did in previous summers? Uh huh. I didn't expect to see too many hands up. Unless you've been enjoying the mall walks or you've traveled to more hospitable regions, this has been a summer that's made it really tough to keep walking.

Our club may not have any power to do anything about the weather, but past experience has shown that extended periods of weather much removed from the means tend to end after a few months, and we'll hope that is true for our upcoming walks.

Two more evening walks remain. The next evening walk will be on Tuesday, August 17, with the trail exploring the relatively new Carlyle development as well as other nearby areas. The following month, on Tuesday, September 21, our final evening walk of 2010 will allow you to walk any of the four trails we offered during previous walks.

Our start point for both walks is the Barrett Branch Library in Old Town Alexandria. Officially, you may start walking any time between 4:30 and 5:30 n 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 either or both of these events if you can do so.

Our final weekend walks of the year will occur on Saturdays. October 9 will be the date when we return to Little Bennett Regional Park near Clarksburg MD (near Exit 18 off I-270). Marshall

Hansen has designed a great trail, which leads through some lovely wooded areas on well-maintained natural and gravel trails. This walk also will appeal to your myrmecological instincts, because you'll have a chance to see the very impressive homes of the largest colonies of Allegheny mound builder ants in the region. The event brochure is attached so you can make plans to join us.

We're also finalizing plans for the December 4 walk from the Barrett Branch Library. This Alexandria Holiday Event will feature another great trail developed by Marshall Hansen, and it will provide walkers with the opportunity to enjoy the Scottish Christmas Parade that day. More details will follow in the next couple of months.

I'm also pleased to report that we have sanctioned all of our regular and year-round events for 2011. We again will provide 7-, 11-, and 17-KM options for the National Mall YRE and 10- and 12-KM options for the Iwo Jima Memorial YRE. Scheduled events will be on Saturday, April 23, in the Hollin Hall area south of Alexandria; on Saturday, September 24, across the Wilson Bridge; and on Saturday, December 3, in Old Town Alexandria. Evening walks will be held on the 4th Mondays of April, May, July, August, and September.

Before I conclude, allow me to remind you that our August and September meetings will be conducted by club officers staffing the start/finish point during the evening walks. If you want to participate but can't be present at the time, please let us know your thoughts on issues beforehand, or chat with us before you start your walk. In October, we'll move to our new 4th Monday meeting time at 7:00 PM at Barrett Branch Library.

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

June 15, 2010

The meeting was held during the evening walk after most walkers had started. President Tom Baerwald opened the meeting at approximately 6:00 PM. Also present were Sandi Cahill and Marshall Hansen. Cheryl Eavey and Ken Wilson gave comments earlier and were available by phone.

### ***Walking experiences:***

Tom did a preliminary walk of the October trail at Little Bennett Park and said it is a very nice walk.

### ***Club operations:***

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report shows there is more than \$1,300 in the checking account. Not having to pay the storage rental has helped keep the club solvent.

### **Events - 2010:**

Tonight's evening walk had 27 credit walkers and 1 free walker. Tom will adapt a Carlyle trail for the August 17 walk.

The National Mall YRE has had about 150 participants so far this year. The Iwo Jima Memorial YRE has had about 90 walkers. There are currently enough instructions for both.

The Little Bennett Walk (October 9) has been sanctioned and a draft brochure was reviewed. Trail directions are being worked out. Club members need to sign up to work.

The Alexandria Holiday Walk (December 4) has

been sanctioned. Nancy is developing an award patch. There will be no suncatchers this year in order to cut expenses down. Marshall will develop a trail.

### **Events - 2010:**

Both YREs will be re-sanctioned with no significant changes.

The Wilson Bridge trail is being considered for Sept. 24 or Oct. 1.

Hollin Hills (possibly April 23 or 30) may likely start near/at Tom's house and have Sandi's house as a checkpoint. Several people have asked for a walk in that neighborhood.

### ***Club meeting locale:***

Members are reminded the meetings will be conducted during the 3rd Tuesday evening walks for August and September. In October, the meeting will be held in the Barrett Library on the 4th Monday (Oct. 25) at 7:00 PM.

### ***Other business:***

The club received \$80 donation for the storage room shelves.

End of June financial reports are due. Marshall will give them to Tom to be submitted electronically.

The 990N report to IRS is done.

The Regional Director has asked for donations of club patches to be used for youth promos. Sandi will gather a batch and send them to Sam.

The next MVA meeting will be Sept. 11. Sandi will attempt to attend.

With no further business and time approaching for the library to close, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:50 PM. The motion carried, and the table, chairs, and other materials were carried to members' cars to avoid going inside the building at the end of the library day.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Cahill, WDCAVC Acting Secretary

