



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

April 2011

A Note from the President

As usual, your humble president is running late, but his excuse is that he's been making sure all arrangements are in place for our first two walks of 2011. The first will be held this Saturday (April 23) at my home. There's lots of stuff flowering in Hollin Hills and surrounding areas, so be sure to come walk if you can do so. The brochure is attached.

Next Monday (April 25) will be the first evening walk of the season, as we will head north along the Potomac and back from our club meeting place, the Barrett Branch Library in Old Town Alexandria. The official start time for this walk is 4:30 to 5:30, but we usually can accommodate folks as early as 4:00, and we can make arrangements for walkers departing until 6:00 or so.

Our next club meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday in the staff lounge of the Barrett Branch Library. Join us if you can. The three club officers who normally constitute the meeting attendees enjoy each others' company, but we delight when others stop by, too.

That's it for now. The weather is getting really nice, so get out for both scheduled walks and YREs when you can do so. Enjoy your walks and all else you do!

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President

Minutes of the WDCAVC Meeting

March 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Baerwald at 7:00 PM. Present were Sandi Cahill, Marshall Hansen, and Tom. Marshall reported that he had done walks in Bethesda and Laurel. Tom attended several basketball games. Sandi spends a lot of time stair climbing.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved. The Treasurer's statement shows \$1,459 in checking and \$9,243 in the money market fund. The only checking activity in March was the cashing of the \$150 check to Little Bennett Regional Park.

YREs: There have been 23 walkers for the National Mall walk and 10 for the Iwo Jima. New instructions have been delivered to the box.

Upcoming Walks: Brochures for the night walks and the April 23 Hollin Hills event have begun distribution. The first night walk (April 25) will be north along the edge of the Potomac.

The Hollin Hills draft instructions were given to members to test the trail. The actual trail directions will include notes on the historic character of the neighborhood. Workers can set up at 7:30. The Start is at 8:00 AM.

The brochure for the Wilson Bridge walk on September 10 should be out soon.

Regarding the Old Town holiday walk on December 3, members have proposed a patch featuring Santa doing a hula dance. Nancy should be working on the patch idea soon.

For 2012 events, members are encouraged to come up with suggestions for walks we might conduct.

History: Each member present noted having "boxes of club stuff" at their homes. Spring cleaning may unearth some things to partially reconstruct the history. Members are encouraged to provide copies of any pictures, event info, or club activities they consider significant to the club. Contact Sandi at 703-962-6854 or by e-mail to scahill@alexandria.lib.va.us for further information.

Newsletter: Sandi will mail the 6 paper copies of the newsletter each month. Tom will provide the addresses.

New Officers: At the end of 2011 the club must elect new officers. Tom is at the end of his term limit and Sandi has been Acting Secretary for the current term after completing her term limit.

Input from the membership is requested.

MVA

Sandi attended the MVA meeting on March 19.

Recent AVA NEC activity and the upcoming convention were discussed. Clubs were reminded to give Bob Schmick their proxy vote if none of their members are attending the convention.

Clubs were also encouraged to use Facebook to broadcast their events.

Regional Director Election: Sandi was appointed the official representative for WDCAVC at the AT Region meeting to be held in Charlottesville, Virginia, on April 17. She has notified Bob Wright of her intention to attend. Currently the only candidate for Atlantic Regional Director for 2011-2013 is Sam Tollett.

AVA Convention: Tom gave Sandi the credentialing form to be sent in for the convention.

After a review of various handouts and correspondence the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Cahill, WDCAVC Acting Secretary

Atlantic Regional Calendar

For an interactive calendar of events in the Atlantic Region that permits you to access event brochures, go to:
http://www.mdvolks.org/new_walklist.php