



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

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A Note from the President

OK, I promise. I won't use this excuse again if yet another issue of *Wanderfreunde* is transmitted late. But this is my one-time alibi: My daughter Susan's wedding occurred on August 20, and while I meant to get this out before the onslaught of relatives and wedding-related activities, it just didn't happen. Proof that she was married is displayed below in the form of a photo of a proud papa and a beautiful bride.



OK, enough with the excuses.

The WDCAVC will host its fourth evening walk of the season on Monday, August 22, 2011. As usual, the Start/Finish Point for the event is the Barrett Branch Library at 717 Queen St. in Old Town Alexandria. The official start times are 4:30 to 5:30 PM, although we hope to allow walkers to start as early as 4:00 PM, and we try to accommodate those who arrive as late as 6:00 or even 6:15. This month's walk will be the popular Del Ray Meander, and because we've moved the walk to Mondays, you now can enjoy Dairy Godmother frozen custard just north of the second checkpoint on the 10-KM trail.

Because I will be tied up with a few relatives still in town, there will not be a formal club meeting

associated with the walk on August 22. If you do have issues you'd like to club to consider, please bring them up with me or with Acting Secretary Sandi Cahill or Treasurer Marshall Hansen, who likely will be at the S/F Point for the evening walk. We do expect to have a club meeting associated with the last evening walk on Monday, September 26, 2011.

We will be hosting a walk on Saturday, September 10, from the Barrett Branch Library. That walk will feature the Wilson Bridge, with trails ranging from 6 KM (but not including a bridge-crossing), 11 KM, and 17 KM. The 11 KM walk features Old Town Alexandria and the bridge crossing, while the 17 KM walk adds in a stroll around National Harbor. This was a popular walk a few years ago, and we hope it will be even more enjoyable with September weather that is baby-bearish in character -- not too hot, not too cold -- just right! The event brochure is attached. If you want to help us run this event, which officially will have the Start Point operating from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (with all walkers expected to return by 4:00 PM), please contact me at tbaerwal@nsf.gov or by calling 703-765-3128 (home) or 703-292-7301 (work).

The most brutal part of this long, hot summer appears to be behind us, so we can look forward to better walking weather. Sample an array of upcoming scheduled and year-round events, and enjoy your walks and all else you do!

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President

Minutes of the WDCAVC Meetings July 25, 2011

The meeting was held in the lounge of the Barrett Library in conjunction with the July evening walk. Attendance included Tom Baerwald, Sandi Cahill, Cheryl Eavey, Marshall Hansen, and Jean and

John Krivjansky. Ken Wilson provided comments earlier in the day. Two young ladies came to visit to give away energy drinks to the walkers.

Secretary's report for May was accepted. The treasurer's report for June was accepted as well. Marshall reported The Mall YRE had 67 walkers and the Iwo Jima YRE had 45 walkers as of today.

Tonight's event had 16 walkers.

Upcoming events:

The August evening walk will be in Del Ray per a request from one of tonight's walkers. A comment was made that Dairy Godmother's shop on Mount Vernon Ave. will now be open during our walk because we now are walking on Monday instead of Tuesday when they are closed. As per tradition, September's night walk will be a selection of all trails used this summer.

The Wilson Bridge walk will be on September 10. Instructions are being modified. Brochures are in process. Sandi and Jean will pre-walk the trail to check the directions. Members of Virginia Volkssport Assn. may show up early to walk before going to their meeting in Fredericksburg.

The Holiday event is in planning. Nancy should have a patch soon. Trails are being planned. It will be a one-day event on December 3 and will begin at the Barrett Library.

Future events:

Cheryl would like to help plan a garden walk. Sandi hasn't talked to her friends at River Farm yet. The night walks will continue in 2012.

MVA clubs are in a contest to see who can get their YREs sanctioned first. Because our club's events are in DC, we do not sanction them through MVA. The Atlantic Regional Director approves them. Ours are renewed, regardless.

Convention Report:

Sandi mentioned that most of her report was included in the July newsletter. She gave a brief report of convention activities. She attended several meeting that seemed to focus on the recent leadership changes. She also attended some fun workshops and renewed old friendships. It is currently undetermined where the next convention will be held.

Meeting adjourned after all walkers came in. The next evening walk and meeting will be on August 22.

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