



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

September 2011

A Note from the President

We're in a transition period in terms of our weather, with cooler temps but more moisture than we experienced during a long-hot summer. Nice weather graced the club on September 10, when we offered a Wilson Bridge walk. A total of 75 walkers sought IVV credit, with 9 free walkers yielding a grand total of 84. Thanks go to Sandi Cahill, Marshall Hansen, and George Satterthwaite, who joined me in conducting the event.

The WDCAVC will host its last evening walk of the season on Monday, September 26, 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 permit participants to walk any of the trails offered during previous evening walks this year. So if you enjoyed one of the walks and would like to amble it again for credit, feel free to do so. Or if you missed one of the walks and you want to add it to your collections for the year, this is your chance.

Club officers expect to hold the monthly business meeting during the time they are staffing the walk. Major items to discuss are the pending election for club officers and walks to be conducted in 2012. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please mention them to Sandi, Marshall, and/or Tom before you begin your walk, or send Tom a message at tbaerwal@nsf.gov before 3:00 PM on Monday.

We will be hosting our next scheduled walk on Saturday, December 3, from the Barrett Branch Library. That walk will be the 29th annual

Alexandria Holiday Walk. As always, it will be held in conjunction with the Scottish Christmas Parade. Watch for the event brochure, which will be available online and will be attached to the next two newsletters.

Autumn always brings a enjoyable array of walks, so get out and enjoy them and all else you do!

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President

Passing of Bill Kugler

The WDCAVC mourns the death of Bill Kugler, who died because of throat cancer on July 9 at Casey House, a hospice operated by Montgomery Hospice. In a message from Bill's wife, Joan, she commented, "He was an enthusiastic 'wanderer' beginning in the late '70s when we were stationed in Munich, and he continued to pile up the KMs upon our return. I miss our walks and bus trips. Alles Gute to all of you, Joan"

Those wanting to send condolences can contact Joan at Mrs. Joan Kugler, 6924 Woodside Place, Chevy Chase MD 20815.

Notice of Election of Club Officers

In accordance with the WDCAVC bylaws, the terms of the current officers end on December 31, 2011. Because of term limitations, the current President (Tom Baerwald), Vice President (Nancy Stenger), and Treasurer (Marshall Hansen) cannot be elected to that position. The position of Secretary technically has been vacant since the current terms started in January 2010, because no individual expressed willingness to assume that role. Fortunately, former Secretary Sandi Cahill agreed to serve as Acting Secretary.

Any club member who has any interest in serving in any of these offices should please contact any of the current club officers over the next few

weeks. Formal nominees will be identified by a nominating committee at the October club meeting, with the formal election to occur at the November club dinner meeting on November 28.

Report from the Acting Secretary August 22, 2011

Rather than state this as minutes of a meeting that did not happen, I am just going to call this a report or update gathered from various club member discussions.

Due to post-wedding family plans, President Tom Baerwald was unable to attend the night walk or a meeting on August 22. The meeting was canceled with agreement that any pending actions be discussed through e-mail and presented to other members as necessary.

The August night walk on August 22 had 25 credit and 2 free walkers, for a total of 27. That is one of the best turnouts we have had on a night walk.

Treasurer Marshall Hansen reported the checking balance was \$9245.75 on July 31. The YRE count

so far is: National Mall - 76 and Iwo Jima - 49. He suggested an addition to the National Mall instructions include the new MLK Memorial will be accessible after September 10.

Sandi Cahill and Jean Krivjansky have done a pre-walk of the Wilson Bridge and National Harbor sections of the trail for the walk on September 10.

The 2011 Holiday walk will be December 3, beginning at the Barrett Library. The patch has been selected. It will be Santa doing a hula. Let us hope nature chooses to give us another nice walking day like we had in 2010. We have had more than our share of climate extremes for a while.

The Check Point, dated Aug. 31, has announced the location of the 2013 AVA convention. It will be in April 2013 in Orlando, Florida.

I have relayed all the club news and activities that were shared with me. Come to our events or contact an officer by phone or e-mail to share your own club thoughts.

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