



Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

WANDERFREUNDE

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A Note from the President

Your editor and soon-to-be-past-president humbly apologizes and takes all blame for the fact that this newsletter again is going out miserably late. I had Sandi's minutes and other necessary materials assembled and even formatted into the newsletter file more than one week earlier, but the press of work-related tasks and my travels to Texas and Idaho kept me from remembering to finish this column and send the newsletter out. I am very sorry for this. If there is a saving grace, it's that the only immediately timely news is that there will not be a business meeting this month on Monday, October 24. The three people who normally are the only ones to attend our meetings (Sandi, Marshall Hansen, and me) all were aware of that, so we hope no one is seriously inconvenienced.

There are important notices to share with all members, however. A slate of officers to start two-year terms this coming January is listed in a following article and in the minutes. If anyone believes that someone else should be serving as a club officer into the next round of our fight for survival, please speak up, or better yet, indicate your willingness to serve in one of the offices.

We will hold our annual business dinner meeting on Monday, November 28, at Southside 815 on the southern side of Old Town Alexandria. Please join us for this event, and be aware it is very easy to reach from Maryland over the Wilson Bridge. (Take the first exit in Virginia -- Exit 177C to Mount Vernon, loop on the ramp to the stop light at Washington St., turn left, and look for Southside 815 on the left side of the second block.) If you plan to attend the dinner, please let me know at an address or phone number listed in the next paragraph.

Our next scheduled walk will be on Saturday, December 3. It's our traditional Alexandria Holiday Walk, starting from the Barrett Branch Library in Old Town. The walk will provide opportunities to enjoy the Scottish Christmas Parade and to see lots of dogs in plaid and men in kilts. Be sure to walk with us that day, and if you'd like to help staff the event, please send a message to me at tbaerwal@nsf.gov or call me at 703-765-3128 (home) or 703-292-7301 (work). The event brochure accompanies this newsletter, The autumn walking weather has been wonderful, so take advantage of it to get out and enjoy some walks and all else you do!

Thomas Baerwald, WDCAVC President

Passing of Ellen Wilson

Longtime life family member Ellen R. Wilson, wife of Ken Wilson, died on September 27, 2011 after a long illness. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 9:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to: Second Chance Pet Adoption, 6003 Chapel Hill Road #13, Raleigh NC 27607.

Notice of Election of Club Officers

At the September 26 WDCAVC meeting, Nominating Committee Chair Ed Blodgett proposed a slate of candidates to serve two-year terms from January 2012 through December 2013.

The nominees for officers are:

President: Sandi Cahill
Vice President: Cheryl Eavey
Secretary: Marshall Hansen
Treasurer: Tom Baerwald

Elections will be held at the WDCAVC's annual dinner meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 28, 2012, at Southside 815, 815 S. Washington St., Alexandria VA 22314. Additional nominations are welcome. They may be made at the November 28 meeting, or they may be made by communicating with club President Tom Baerwald (703-765-3128 or tbaerwal@nsf.gov) before the meeting.

Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was held during the last evening walk of the summer season. Members present included Tom Baerwald, Ed Blodgett, Sandi Cahill, and Marshall Hansen. Cheryl Eavey and Ken Wilson were available for telephone contact.

December Holiday Walk: This will be a Saturday-only event, starting in the lounge of the Barrett Branch of the Alexandria Library. Marshall has driven a trail. Therefore, it will have lots of straight lines. It needs a final wheeling for distance check. The patch is Santa doing a hula. Walkers must finish by 4:00 pm.

Summer 2012 Evening Walks: The club agreed to request sanctioning for night walks starting at the Barrett Library on April 23, May 21 (third Monday, because the library will be closed on May 29), June 25, August 27, and September 24.

Other 2012 events: Members are still searching for sites for spring and fall events. C & O canal and Northern Virginia Community College were suggested. Sandi and Cheryl will continue to work on separate ideas for garden walks.

Atlantic Region Conference: Members are reminded the next regional conference will be in Fredericksburg on March 18-19, 2012. More info will be forthcoming.

Nominations: Ed Blodgett agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee Chair. He presented the following slate to be offered for election at the next annual dinner meeting.

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Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

October WDCAVC Meeting: Those present agreed that the October 24 club meeting would be cancelled.

Annual Dinner: The annual dinner meeting will be held on Monday, on November 28. The time and place were to be established by the club President. Suggestions were Southside 815 and South Austin Grill. Both are in Old Town Alexandria.

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