



## Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club

# WANDERFREUNDE

January 2012

### A Note from the President

Happy New Year!

A new calendar is waiting for us each to fill with new walks. I hope you have plans to fill in many of those pages with walks you enjoy.

The Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club is starting the year with new officers. The new officers were elected at the dinner meeting in November. They are:

President: Sandi Cahill, 571-405-4808,  
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Vice-President: Cheryl Eavey, 703-243-7339,  
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Secretary: Marshall Hansen 703-303-6954,  
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Treasurer Tom Baerwald 703-765-3128,  
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The Alexandria Holiday walk on December 3 was well-liked by the walkers. The weather was sunny and free of rain or snow. We attribute that to appeasing the weather gods with a whimsical patch showing Santa in a hula skirt. 186 walkers viewed the Scottish Walk or visited Old Town sights, shops, or restaurants. Club workers included: Tom Baerwald, Tom Mosely, Jean Krivjansky, Ken Wilson, Marshall Hansen, Cheryl Eavey, George Satterthwaite, and Sandi Cahill.

2012 events are still being planned. Suggestions for spring and fall events are welcome. The Alexandria evening walks will be April 23, May 21, June 25, August 27, and September 24. These are all the 4th Monday of the month, except May, which is the 3rd Monday because the library will be closed on Memorial Day. All walks will begin at the Alexandria Library Barrett Branch, and will be followed by a club meeting. The official start time is 4:30 to 5:30 PM, but someone should be there setting up as early as 4:00 PM.

As your new president I will tell you the brief version of my club history. I met Ken Wilson on a March of Dimes pledge walk in April 1981. He told me about the club. I attended the River Bend walk near Great Falls, Va. in May 1981 and have been a participating member ever since. I have been Awards Chair, Sales Chair, Secretary, and Acting Secretary. I have been the Club's MVA delegate almost since MVA's beginning. I've traveled all over the country attending events with various club members. I've been the AVA convention delegate for WDCAVC a few times. Traveling to the conventions has given me the opportunity to walk in 48 states.

I look forward to new walks and new experiences in this new year for our club. Please feel free to call or e-mail me or any officer with your input for the future of our club.

May your winter wanderings be pleasant with warm finishes

Sandi Cahill, WDCAVC President

### Minutes of the November 2011 Meeting

The WDCAVC annual dinner meeting was held at Southside 815 Restaurant in Alexandria, Va. on Monday November 28, 2011. Members present were Tom Baerwald, Sandi Cahill, Marshall Hansen, Jean Krivjansky, George Satterthwaite, and Ken Wilson. President Tom Baerwald opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with greetings to all and invited people to talk about their recent walking experiences. Ken did the marathon at Hershey plus several other events for about 90 KM in one weekend. Marshall did the Wheaton walk with no surprises.

### *YREs*

The National Mall walk had 123 walkers to date. The Iwo Jima walk had 67 walkers. Ken noted the ink pads at the start box need re-inking. On Saturday, December 3, Sandi will give him one or two of the pads used for night walks.

### *Secretary's report*

The September minutes were in the October newsletter. These minutes were approved. There was no October meeting

### *Treasurer's report*

The report for November was presented and accepted. The checking account currently has more than \$1,500. A discussion was held regarding how far back financial records should be retained. Some files go back to 1988. Seven years was noted as the IRS recommended time. It was agreed by all that anything beyond January 2000 could be removed from the club's "holdings."

### *Holiday event—Saturday, December 3*

Tom passed around the patch showing Santa in a hula skirt. It was agreed to sell the award for \$6.00. Sandi said she will open the library lounge door by 8:00 AM for setup. Checkpoint assignments were confirmed. A couple of minor corrections were made to the trail maps.

### *Upcoming events*

Tom will be sure sanctions have been sent for the summer evening walks.

Some possible problems in the current YRE trail instructions will be corrected.

There is no news for a spring walk.

### *Election*

The slate prepared by the nominating committee (chaired by Ed Blodgett) was presented with one candidate for each officer position. No nominations were made from the floor. By unanimous vote the following officers will begin January 1, 2012.

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

### *Other items*

Tom will continue to publish the newsletter. Sandi and Marshall will send their messages/reports to him. Marshall will pass along old treasurer "stuff" to Tom. Sandi will give Marshall her current notes and archive others. Tom will take care of the changeover with AVA. Sandi will contact MVA.

Tom will send a post event newsletter and Sandi will start her message in the January one.

[Editor's note: Tom never did send out this "extra" newsletter, so don't think you may have missed something.]

George agreed to snail-mail the newsletters to the six members who do not use e-mail after the newsletter is published electronically, if Tom will give him the list of names and addresses.

Tom graciously thanked all of the club members for their support during his four years as president.

With no more business to conduct, and dinner finished, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Barrett Library at 7:00 PM.

## **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](http://www.mdvolks.org/new_walklist.php)**