

The Pacer Pulse

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A Word from the President

Hello, Pacers!

The first time I did a walk with the Penn Dutch Pacers was when I was on a business trip in Manhattan back in the '00s. Having grown up in Palmerton, PA (near Allentown), I had a fondness for Lancaster County. I was living in Seattle at that time, and visiting NYC. When I saw there was a traditional event in Amish Country, I figured out how to take the Amtrak and I attended. I was thrilled to be able to do a countryside walk here in this beautiful area, and everything about the walk was top notch.

Fast forward many years later, my husband and I moved to Mount Joy and bought a farm. It had been my plan to retire here, but due to various circumstances, we've decided instead to move back West again. Our daughter is there, along with better work opportunities.

It's been my privilege to become involved with the Penn Dutch Pacers as a walker, volunteer, and, finally, as VP and then president. This club has a wonderful core group and I've really enjoyed walking with, and getting to know, Inge, David, Monica, Carmie, Ginny, Jeanne, Kitty, Donna, and so many others. Thank you all for being my walking club while I lived in Pennsylvania.

I know the club has uncertain days ahead, but I hope you can find someone to lead the club to many more years of walking together. Please consider stepping up to become president. The core group handles the various aspects of the club effortlessly and they make being president easy and fun.

I wish you all the very best and happy days on the trail,

Jane Holmes

Jane, Carmie and Inge on a trail-checking walk. We miss you already, Jane!



A Special Word of Thanks from the Pacers

Thank you, Jane, for your heartfelt commitment to the Penn Dutch Pacers since day one—for your willingness to serve, for so many creative ideas for events, for going out of your way to make events a success, and even making the meetings fun! We wish you and your husband the very best as you leave us, but also ask you “not to be a stranger” - text a hello once in a while!



E-town Fall Harvest Walk Report (with a word from our outgoing president)

Thank you, all, for all your work on the Elizabethtown Walk – David for getting stuff from storage and helping set up and tear down and being there all day; Carmie for being there all day and organizing all the volunteers; Ginny for PR; and Inge for working all afternoon. We couldn't do it without all your volunteer hours! Our final tally was:

Credit: 59 Free: 16 Coupons: 2 Total Walkers: 75

But we also had a great pre-walk; even though it was announced just three days before, we had eleven walkers for the event (photo on right).



YRE Quarterly Report

2019	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			SUB TOTAL
	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	
EPHRATA	4	0	4	7	0	7	10	0	10	21
BIRD-IN-HAND—Walk	N/A	N/A	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	4
BIRD-IN-HAND—Bike	N/A	N/A	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
LANCASTER—Cty. Park	3	0	3	2	0	2	3	0	3	8
LANCASTER—Th.Stevens	5	0	5	4	0	4	5	0	5	14
LITITZ	9	0	9	19	0	19	17	0	17	45
MOUNT JOY—6 Parks	3	0	3	11	2	13	8	0	8	24
STRASBURG	4	0	4	10	1	11	2	0	2	17
TOTAL	28	0	28	57	3	60	46	0	46	134

Notes from grateful walkers

My wife and I walked in Lancaster - it was a great walk. Neither of us had heard of Thaddeus Stevens and we came away very impressed. Thank you for creating and managing this AVA walk. The walk box was in excellent shape, well organized and easy to use. Thanks for that, too.

Victor

Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the Mt Joy walk. Also, Inn where you pick up the walk is charming.

Patty (commenting on the Mount Joy Walk)

Upcoming Events—Please Join Us!

- ◆ **Opt-Out Walk—Group Walk in Lancaster, Saturday, November 30, 9:00 AM**
 - ⇒ Meet in the 200 block of N. Reservoir St. (between E. Chestnut St. and E. Walnut St.) in the area of the Giant, Direct/Peapod, and Rite Aid stores.
 - ⇒ Parking: parking in the business lots is *not* recommended due to signs in these lots indicating cars may be towed. We have two options: street parking, or use the public parking on East Orange St., 800 block, between Broad St. and Reservoir St.
 - ⇒ Note that this is not the normal start point of the Lancaster walk. The normal start point is the Bridgeport Weis store, and walkers drive to a location on Reservoir Street after signing-in to begin the walk. For this group walk, we will eliminate this extra step and just start the walk at a convenient spot along the trail. *A reminder email will be sent prior to the event, confirming details.*

- ◆ **Lititz Fire & Ice—February 15, 2020**
 - ⇒ Mark the date and look for details coming up.
 - ⇒ We may plan again a Friday evening group pre-walk to enjoy the amazing view of the ice sculptures under spotlights.

- ◆ **Susquehanna Rivertowns Weekend —April 24-26**
 - ⇒ Again the Pacers will join the York White Rose Wanderers and the Susquehanna Rovers for this three-day event.

- ◆ **New Lititz-to-Ephrata Rail Trail Bike YRE opening February 1, 2020**
 - ⇒ Event starts at Lititz end, same start point as the Lititz walk YRE.



**And please plan to join us for our
Annual Membership Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020 — Isaac's at Granite Run
Meet at 6:00 PM for dinner or
join us at 7:00 PM for the meeting.**