

# The Pacer Pulse

The Official Publication of the Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarching Club

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## Mark Your Calendars!

### Next Group Walk

#### Lancaster

Saturday, November 27,

10:00 AM

#### Start Point:

CVS parking lot  
551 Harrisburg Pike  
(near F&M College)

If walking for credit,  
please bring exact change.

### Next Club Meeting

Wednesday,  
November 17,  
7:00 PM

Park City Food Court

## A Word from the President

Greetings, Penn Dutch Pacers members and friends,

I know this sounds like a broken record..... The pandemic situation is still making it difficult to schedule any traditional events, so we are limited to our year-round events (YREs). We have scheduled four of these as group walks so far in 2021 (Lititz, Mount Joy, Columbia, and Lititz again). The next one will be in Lancaster on November 27 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). Why not come and join us?

We are still not permitted to hold our club meetings at our usual location at the health campus. After we got tired of having meetings on Zoom, we tried meeting in person at Long's Park. That worked a time or two, but bad weather got in the way. We now are holding our every-other-month meetings at the Park City Food Court. Our next one is **November 17 at 7:00 PM**. And don't forget our **annual membership meeting on January 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM** for dinner, with meeting to follow. This one will also be held at the Park City Food Court, with attendees getting their food from one of the kiosks.

Thanks to the PDP members who volunteer and keep our club going.

Stay safe, and see you on the trail,

*Virginia Hunsberger*

**Be sure to check our  
website!**

[www.avacclubs.org/pdp](http://www.avacclubs.org/pdp)

## Group Walks Report

Continuing to adjust to COVID-19 restrictions, the Pacers held only group walks in 2021—three more in addition to the one that was reported in the Spring edition. They were:

- ◆ Mount Joy on May 1 (photo on right)
- ◆ Columbia on June 12—photos below. Stopping by the Columbia Market House was especially fun—and delicious for some of the members who sampled the yummy treats available for purchase.
- ◆ Lititz on October 2, held during the Lititz Artisan's Porch Walk. For this event, ABC Channel 27 sent a representative who reported on the walk and even interviewed our own Kitty Glass. This was aired on Friday October 8 on the program *Good Day PA* and included our club as well as two other local clubs (York White Rose Wanders and Susquehanna Rovers). Some nice publicity for AVA!



# Pacers By the YRE Numbers

2021	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			TOTAL
	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	
EPHRATA	2	0	2	2	0	2	6	0	6	0	0	0	10
LANCASTER—Th.Stevens	1	0	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
LITITZ WALK	8	5	13	6	1	7	9	1	10	0	0	0	30
LITITZ BIKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOUNT JOY—6 Parks	3	1	4	12	2	14	5	1	6	0	0	0	24
COLUMBIA	2	1	3	7	5	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	17
2021 stats	16	7	23	31	8	39	22	2	24	0	0	0	86

## YRE Comparative Statistics Report

	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			TOTAL
	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	
2020 stats	20	1	21	17	0	17	48	2	50	33	6	39	127
2019 stats	28	0	28	57	3	60	46	0	46	36	2	38	172
2018 stats	42	0	42	73	0	73	64	0	64	51	0	51	230
2017 stats	118	8	126	123	2	125	127	7	134	55	11	66	451
2016 stats	62	0	62	64	1	65	83	0	83	128	7	135	345
2015 stats	56	2	58	155	10	165	100	5	105	80	7	87	415
2014 stats	128	3	131	117	4	121	118	9	127	86	13	99	478
2013 stats	111	7	118	179	9	188	141	5	146	111	10	121	573
2012 stats	197	17	214	124	13	137	176	6	182	123	7	130	663

## The Peak Pass Preview Event—October 24th

*We received an email from Steve & Carol Schell, long-time members of the Penn Dutch Pacers (Carol is the sister of Russ Bechtold, whom PDP “old timers” will remember well), sharing about an event that may interest Pacers: “South Mountain YMCA is opening their 600 acres in Berks County for walking. To introduce walkers to the property there will be a series of hikes on Sunday, October 24th. See detail information below. We feel that this would be a great opportunity for club members, especially those living close to Berks County.”*

This fall the South Mountain YMCA Camps announced the **Peak Pass Program**. This program gives the participant access to our miles of trails on and around Cushion Peak (after an application and background check are completed). Peak Pass holders will be given ID badges and parking permits for their participation. Trails can be used for hiking, biking, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing.

On October 24th, we’ll be opening our trails as a “preview.” Guided hikes may include the Perimeter Trail, the Spring House Trail, and the Lower Loop Trail. The trail to Cushion Peak will be self-guided. **There is no fee for the Peak Pass Preview event**, but there is an annual fee of \$50 to purchase a Peak Pass for future use. Call Camp at 610-670-2267 or email [ycamps@smyymca.org](mailto:ycamps@smyymca.org) for more information.



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## AVA NEWS

### **AVA New Address (where to mail your completed books):**

American Volkssport Association—1008 S. Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78210

### **2023 IVV Olympiad**

AVA will host the 2023 IVV Olympiad in San Antonio, Texas. There is now a Facebook page for this event. Says AVA: “Please go to [www.facebook.com/2023IVVOlympiadUSA](https://www.facebook.com/2023IVVOlympiadUSA) and ‘like’ us! Help us build awareness and excitement as we move towards 2023! Look for the latest on the joint Olympiad/IML events and answers to questions you may have.”

### **New Special Programs to begin in 2022**

#### **Rails-to-Trails**

- ◆ Program runs January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2025.
- ◆ Redeem completed books by December 31, 2026.
- ◆ Any sanctioned YRE, seasonal, or traditional event that walks/bikes on a portion of an official Rails-to-Trails Conservancy-identified trail qualifies.
- ◆ Qualified trails can be found at [www.traillink.com/trailsearch](http://www.traillink.com/trailsearch).
- ◆ One stamp per event per year except for “Guided Trail” events which use the same stamp; in this case the sanction number identifies a unique event.
- ◆ Special Program Booklet contains room for 16 stamps. To purchase the Booklet, send check for \$12 to Colorado Springs Walking Club, 3524 N. Cascade Ave, Lot #58, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.
- ◆ Mail your completed book to Sherry Sayers, 3524 N. Cascade Ave., #58, Colorado Springs, CO 80907, or scan image of completed book and email it to [cswc@avaclubs.org](mailto:cswc@avaclubs.org). A 3”x4” award patch will be mailed to you. POC: Sherry Sayers, 719-640-6745, [cswc@avaclubs.org](mailto:cswc@avaclubs.org).

#### **Town Halls/City Halls**

- ◆ The program runs January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024.
- ◆ Redeem completed books by December 31, 2025.
- ◆ Complete 15 AVA-sanctioned walks that include a town/city hall building (which must be marked as such or have a plaque as a historic site). A hall may only be used once, even if multiple walks go by it.
- ◆ The patch depicts the Ashland Town Hall and the Fredericksburg City Hall, both in Virginia.
- ◆ Cost of the program is \$10. Order books from Peninsula Pathfinders, 302 Queens Crescent, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Make checks payable to Peninsula Pathfinders.
- ◆ POC: Sandy Croushore, (757) 532-3468, [szcroushore@verizon.net](mailto:szcroushore@verizon.net).