

# The Pacer Pulse

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## Calendars!



### Next Club

### Meeting:

Wednesday,

January 20, 2021,

7:00 pm

via Zoom

## A Word from the President

Greetings Penn Dutch Pacers members and friends,

My first year of being the club's acting president is almost over. What a strange year it has been! Our first traditional event in Lititz for Fire and Ice in February went off without a hitch, with the weather cooperating nicely. But we were soon to go off the rails when our scheduled Rivertowns traditional event in Columbia in April had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (At least this walk was partially salvaged, when it was converted to a new Columbia YRE that started on July 1.) Another traditional event that was in the planning stages was a return to the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown in September. With Masonic Village on continued lockdown, this event never happened.

More fun awaited when we found out that our savings account with Santander Bank had somehow over the years entered a state where there were no authorized signers on the account. This came to light when our treasurer Kitty Glass tried to use these funds, and was denied access. Because of COVID, it took many months until this situation could be resolved. We were ultimately able to recover these funds again, and they have now been transferred to the checking account. As part of this recovery process, a new assistant treasurer, Val Cifuni, was added to the account.

As was mentioned in my message from the previous newsletter, various pages on the club's website were updated, with the help from my husband Dave. Please let me know if you see any information on any page that is not correct, and we can get it updated. The website is at [www.avaclubs.org/pdp](http://www.avaclubs.org/pdp).

Having had success with a post-Thanksgiving YRE group walk in Lancaster in 2019, we decided to do this again in 2020 with the Ephrata YRE on Saturday November 28 (see separate article in this newsletter). Looking ahead to 2021, we had hoped to hold another Fire and Ice traditional event in February, but were disappointed to learn that the entire festival was canceled. Our plan is to visit Lititz in February anyway by doing another group walk of the Lititz YRE on the same day the festival had been planned, weather permitting: Saturday February 13, 2021. The meeting point will be at the YRE's regular start point at the Lititz Rec Center. The time has not been finalized, but will probably be 10:00 am. Details will follow later.

Our club meetings had to change due to the pandemic. Meetings in April, May and June were canceled. But in July, we pivoted to outdoor meetings at Long's Park in Lancaster where we could meet safely with social distancing. Meetings were held in Long's Park in July, September, and even in October when we were blessed with a warm fall day. When the weather turned colder, we pivoted again to hold our first Zoom meeting in November, as arranged by Val. Unfortunately, we cannot safely hold our normal dinner meeting at Isaac's in January as is our normal practice. We plan to hold our January 20 and future meetings using Zoom until either warmer weather arrives to permit outdoor meetings again, or until the pandemic ends and we can resume holding our meetings at the health campus. (What a happy day that will be!)

Finally, we couldn't do what we do without the help from so many PDP members who volunteer and keep our club going. Thanks to all of you.

Stay safe and see you on the trail,

*Virginia Hunsberger*

## No Traditional Walking Events in COVID-19 Era? Pacers Learn to Adjust!



For the Pacers, the adjustment was to hold a Group Walk. It happened the Saturday after Thanksgiving, doing the Ephrata YRE.

- ◆ Start Point was a folding table set up at the parking lot of the Hampton Inn
- ◆ All walkers were required to wear masks for the entire walk
- ◆ Those walking for credit were asked to pay either by check or exact change
- ◆ Social distance was observed

A total of 13 walkers participated (11/credit and 2/free). We were grateful for nice weather, with temperature in the 50s. It's the plan of the PDP to hold more group walks in the future, if pandemic restrictions continue; notice will be sent by MailChimp blast.



When things go too cold at the park...

Plan to join us at our next meeting! Look for announcement and instructions to join us on Zoom.

**Membership meetings had to adjust as well**



...we were thankful for technology!

### Considering doing a YRE? A few things to keep in mind:

- ◆ Sanitize hands after checking in and handling the Start Box contents.
  - ◆ Wear a mask while inside the Start Point.
- ◆ Observe social distancing if meeting other walkers (or anyone else).

**And in case you didn't know...** The Lititz YRE walk and the bike event (Lititz to Ephrata) are open again, now that the start point (the Lititz Rec Center) is open.

# Pacers By the YRE Numbers

<b>2020</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>			<b>2nd Quarter</b>			<b>3rd Quarter</b>			<b>4th Quarter</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	
EPHRATA	2	0	2	4	0	4	6	0	6	0	0	0	12
LANCASTER—Th.Stevens	5	0	5	8	0	8	7	0	7	0	0	0	20
LITITZ WALK	5	1	6	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	14
LITITZ BIKE	0	0	0	1	0	1	14	0	14	0	0	0	15
MOUNT JOY—6 Parks	8	0	8	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	14
COLUMBIA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	2	13	0	0	0	13
<b>2020 stats</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88</b>

## YRE Comparative Statistics Report

	<b>1st Quarter</b>			<b>2nd Quarter</b>			<b>3rd Quarter</b>			<b>4th Quarter</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	
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

## AVA NEWS

### **AVA Restated and Amended Bylaws and Certificate of Formation (Articles of Incorporation)**

Drafts of the Restated and Amended AVA Bylaws, Certificate of Formation and a Summary of major changes were sent to all club Officers/POC's for review and input in October. A webinar with members of the AVA's Governance Committee and Board Members was held on November 18, 2020. Clubs will be asked to vote on the changes sometime in March 2021. Details will be sent directly to club officers via email and will also be posted in the December and January Checkpoint.

### **AVA's National Office is Relocating in 2021**

The National Office of AVA is relocating in 2021 to a community that better reflects who we are and what we do. The ideal location would be a walking community with high visibility and complimentary businesses in the area. Our plan is to be in new office space no later than December 31, 2020. While we will have regular USPS forwarding services of our mail, we are suggesting that you hold off mailing any of your Event or Distance Books beginning December 10, 2020 and through January 10, 2021. There is so much mail traffic during the holiday season and we find that mail service becomes a bit slower and less reliable. We surely do not want anyone's books/records to get lost in the move. We will get our new address out to the AVA clubs and members as quickly as possible. The new location will also be posted on the AVA website. Thank you for your cooperation.