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Mark Your Calendars!

Next club meeting,
Wednesday,
January 18, 2023
6:00 PM
Park City Food Court

A Word from the President

Greetings, Penn Dutch Pacers members and friends,

We had our first traditional event since the pandemic on Saturday, October 1st, on the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail (a.k.a. The White Cliffs of Conoy Walk). It was a great place for a walk, but not such a great day for a walk. The weather did not cooperate at all, with steady rain most of the day. Consequently, we only had 14 walkers. The good part was, the rain kept away all the bikers who would have crowded the trail otherwise. So you take the bad with the good! Thanks, David, for setting up and tearing down the much-needed pop-up canopies and all your other hard work in setting up the trail for us.

Our Year-Round Events (YREs) are still open for your walking pleasure (and there is one bike event as well) and these will continue in 2023. Events are in Lititz, Ephrata, Lancaster, Mount Joy and Columbia. Our latest 2022 YRE counts, through the third quarter, are included in this newsletter. It looks like 2022 is on track to have higher numbers than 2020 and 2021, but this is a pretty low bar to reach.

We continue to try to meet every few months for a group walk of one of our YREs. The most recent group walk was in Mount Joy in September. The next one will be on **Saturday, December 10, in Hershey**, weather permitting. For this one, we are trying something new and will be walking a YRE hosted by a nearby club, the Susquehanna Rovers. Come join us.

We just celebrated Thanksgiving, and that brings to mind our gratitude to the PDP members who volunteer and keep our club going—hopefully for quite a while longer!

Stay safe and see you on the trail,

Virginia Hunsberger

**Be sure to check our
website!**

www.avoclubs.org/pdp



Events Report

Mount Joy Six Parks and a Cemetery Group Walk—Held on September 24th, with eight walkers participating.



(Number eight was the photographer.)

White Cliffs of Conoy Traditional Walk at the Northwest River Trail—Fourteen walkers participated on the event October 1st—a good turnout, considering the weather!



(Above) Val Cifuni, with some other walkers in the background, so the PDP folks weren't the only ones out there that day.

(Above right) One of the 14 walkers who braved the weather and reported having had a good walk. (Right) Thank you, volunteers!



Pacers By the YRE Numbers

2022	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			TOTAL
	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	
EPHRATA	6	0	6	15	1	16	7	0	7				29
LANCASTER—Th.Stevens	2	0	2	7	0	7	9	0	9				18
LITITZ WALK	15	4	19	5	0	5	6	0	6				30
LITITZ BIKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6				6
MOUNT JOY—6 Parks	1	0	1	3	1	4	9	2	11				16
COLUMBIA	5	1	6	5	1	6	5	0	5				17
2022 stats	29	5	34	35	3	38	42	2	44				116

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	
2021 stats	16	7	23	31	8	39	22	2	24	29	7	36	122
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



Our Banner Has Arrived!

AVA decided a while back to provide each club with a feather banner, and ours finally arrived! (The banner was in one package, the poles in a separate package). We had provided the AVA with the Penn Dutch Pacers logo to be put on the banner, and they did a beautiful job!





Home of Hershey Executive

Join us for the
Penn Dutch Pacers Group Walk
Christmas in Hershey
10K and 5K

Saturday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Start Point: Karn's Foods, 731 Cherry Drive, Hershey
(just off US-322, W. Governor Rd., 0.8 mile east of Hershey Medical Center)

*Come out and enjoy the town walk in Hershey,
sponsored by the Susquehanna Rover's Club.*

If walking for credit, bring \$3.00 in cash (exact change, please) or check,
and ideally your own pen for signing in.

Please try to arrive a bit early so we can start walking promptly.

If rain is predicted, the walk may be postponed;
notification will be sent out.