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Mark Your Calendars!

Next Group Walk

Mount Joy Six Parks
& a Cemetery YRE

Saturday, May 1, 10:00 AM

Start Point: Olde Square Inn

127 E. Main St, Mount Joy

(Corner with N. High St.;
park along North High)

Next Club Meeting

Wednesday, May 19,

7:00 PM

Location TBD

(either via Zoom or at
Long's Park)

A Word from the President

Greetings, Penn Dutch Pacers members and friends,

With COVID-19 restrictions still making it difficult to schedule any traditional events in 2021 thus far, we are limited to our year round events (YREs). We are trying to schedule some group walks of these YREs throughout the year, with the Lititz walk completed in February and a group walk in Mount Joy planned in May (see article and notice in this newsletter). Next up would be Columbia, and then back to Lancaster (last group walk on 11/30/19) and Ephrata (last group walk on 11/28/20).

Please consider doing any of our YREs on your own any time of year (with appropriate social distancing). Our YRE numbers are way down in recent years, but the lack of income from YREs is not such a problem for the club anymore now that the storage unit rental fee is no longer a concern.

Due to limited club activity, we have elected to cancel every other club meeting for the time being, with the February and April meetings canceled so far. The January and March meetings took place via Zoom. We'll see how it goes for the rest of 2021 if we will cancel other meetings. (Remember, there is normally no club meeting scheduled during the months of August and December.) Hopefully with warmer weather, we can start to have some in-person meetings at Long's Park again until the meeting room at the health campus will be open to us again. All club members are welcome to attend these meetings, which are announced via email. Ideas for future traditional events, when we can schedule them, are appreciated.

And as always, 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

Be sure to check our website!

www.avacclubs.org/pdp

Lititz YRE Group Walk Report



The Pacers continued to adjust to COVID-19 restrictions by holding a Group Walk in Lititz on Saturday, February 20 (postponed from the originally scheduled date of February 13 due to the weather).

- ◆ Start Point was the Lititz Rec Center
- ◆ All walkers were required to wear masks for the entire walk and social distance was observed
- ◆ Those walking for credit were asked to pay either by check or exact change

Eight walkers participated (4/credit and 4/free). In lieu of the regular Fire & Ice Festival, Lititz had an "Ice Walk" from February 12 through the 20th. There were ice sculptures, but instead of all sculptures displayed at once, they were brought out throughout the week so that every day there would be "fresh" ones. We were there for the last day, but got to see some nice, fresh sculptures (as well as some that were already in melting stages!).

Considering doing a COVID-adjusted 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).

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LANCASTER—Th.Stevens	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LITITZ WALK	8	5	13	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	13
LITITZ BIKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOUNT JOY—6 Parks	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
COLUMBIA	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2021 stats	16	7	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23

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

AVA NEWS

AVA New Address (where to mail your completed books)

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

AVA will host the 2023 IVV Olympiad in San Antonio, Texas: As stated in the January 2021 *Checkpoint*: “This event is a game changer for the AVA and will bring much needed local and national exposure to the AVA!” The IVV Olympiad takes place every two years in the country of an IVV member association. It is a Volkssport festival lasting several days. The IVV Olympiad includes walking, swimming, cycling, and additional types of Volkssport events.

2021 Biennial AVA convention: The 2021 Biennial AVA convention will be held June 29 – July 2 in Madison, WI, with pre-convention events June 26-29 and post-convention events on July 3.

Special Membership Video Conference

There was a Special Membership video conference meeting via Zoom on March 15, 2021, which Ginny participated in. The sole purpose of the meeting was to vote on AVA’s Certificate of Formation (formerly Articles of Incorporation) and Bylaws. About 90 AVA members from around the country participated.



KSVA's Fall Foliage Festival of Walks Rescheduled

KSVA's Fall Foliage Festival of Walks in State College has been rescheduled from October 2020 to November 4-7, 2021.

Hotel reservations can be made at the Super 8 State College at the discounted rate of \$59 plus tax for up to 4 people. Rooms have two double beds. Breakfast is included but right now it is just a bag picked up at the front desk. **Reservations must be made by September 30**; however, we expect all the rooms in our block to be reserved long before then. To make a reservation, call (814) 237-8005, wait for the front desk to answer, and **request the "VOLKS2021" room rate**.

As in past years, we plan to have the Pizza Party on Friday night and the Meet 'n Greet on Saturday night. We are hoping that the current COVID restrictions are lifted and that we will be able to have the social events. Information on registering for the social events will be given by mid-September.

The walk in Mifflinburg and the Pearls of Penns Valley are sanctioned for four days (Thursday thru Sunday). The other three walks are sanctioned for only three days (Friday thru Sunday). We will be doing walk registration on Thursday only at the Mifflinburg Community Park. You will only be able to register for the walks in Mifflinburg and the Pearls of Penns Valley on that day. Payment and stamping IVV books must be done at the Super 8 State College beginning on Friday.

Hopefully the COVID restrictions will have all been lifted by the time of the festival. If there are any restrictions, expect that State College and Penn State University will be enforcing them. Get vaccinated and we hope to see you in State College!

For questions, contact Tom Jackson (thomasjackson@embarqmail.com)