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Next Club

Meeting:

September 16

5:00 PM

Long's Park

Lancaster

A Word from the President

Greetings Penn Dutch Pacers members and friends,

This has been a challenging time for the Pacers, with the cancellation of our April 4 group walk in Ephrata and our April 24-26 Rivertowns event in Columbia, all due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each of these events, along with our YREs, would have produced income for the club. As it was, our income during this period has been very little. (See the table of YRE numbers for 2020 in this newsletter.) We do not foresee having any additional traditional events for the rest of 2020, due to the continuing pandemic. **But there is good news:**

1. Lancaster County is in the "green" phase since June 26, which means we can feel a bit more confident to get out of the house and do a YRE. We currently have 5 YREs (Lancaster, Ephrata, Lititz, Mount Joy, and Columbia), as well as a bike event in Lititz. Why not visit one of these YREs soon? Note that the Columbia YRE is new, just opened on July 1. The start point is the Columbia Crossing River Trails Center – which was the Start Point of the Rivertowns event in prior years (the center is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays). If you do any of our YREs, you are encouraged to wear a mask when in the business/establishment hosting the start box, wash your hands or use sanitizer after handling the start box, and practice appropriate social distancing along the walk or bike route. Stay safe out there!

2. Club expenses will be less now that we have cleaned out and surrendered our storage unit. This was costing the club \$57 per month. The clean-out was delayed by COVID-19. Thank you to a few generous club members who contributed the rental fee for several months. The last of our supplies was removed from the storage unit on June 17, so the June rental payment was our last - hooray! Our supplies currently "live" in my garage in Elizabethtown, where the rent is free. If any other free or low-cost storage option becomes available that is more convenient for our trailmaster David, who lives in Lititz, we would be glad to know about it.

3. On July 15 we had our first in-person meeting since our February pre-COVID meeting. We did this safely at picnic tables in Long's Park so that appropriate social distancing could be practiced. Our normal meeting location at the nearby health campus is currently not an option. Plans for our next meeting on September 16, also at Long's Park, are in place. Meeting time is at 5:00 PM (earlier than usual due to sunset time). Stay tuned in case this plan is changed. The club does not typically have a meeting in August.

What is next on the horizon? Well, we sincerely hope to have a Fire & Ice event in February 2021, but this would definitely hinge on whether the main festival is held. It's way too soon to know. My next project for the club is to update the various pages on the club's website that are outdated. I may need to request help from others as I work on this, so be patient. If you want to visit the PDP website and give me any feedback on specific pages, feel free. The website is at www.avaclubs.org/pdp. You can write to me at v_hunsberger@yahoo.com.

As always, thanks to all the PDP members who volunteer and keep our club going. We all play our part.

See you on the trail,

Virginia Hunsberger



Finally we meet again!

We were grateful the heat wasn't that bad, we had shade, and the rain held off! From left: Ginny Hunsberger, Donna Bashaw, Linda Hauns, Jeannie Schopf, George Resh, Chris Resh, and Kitty Glass (and Inge behind the camera). It was so good to see George and Chris again— who trekked up to this area, walking canes and all!



Someone Famous in Our Ranks!

Our own Kitty Glass has been honored by the Alumni Association of her Alma Mater, Millersville University, with Board Emeritus Status, which, according to the *Millersville Review*, is an honor that few have received.

Quoting the article, Kitty Glass, associate professor and catalog librarian emeritus, guided the library in its transition from print to digital catalog, and was responsible for archiving monographs, filmstrips, rare books, maps, prints and broadsides, among other materials (the list is too long to quote here). For the past two decades she has served on numerous boards and organized many special events, including Freshman Convocation, Move-in Day, Millersville Parade Committee, the Class of 1953 Reunion, and more. Kitty received her undergraduate degree in library science from MU and went on to earn a master's degree in library science from Drexel University. She is a member of the American Library Association and the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Congratulations, Kitty!



February 15 Lititz Fire & Ice Walk Report

- ◆ What turned out to be our only traditional event of 2020 had a total of 103 walkers, with 84 walking for credit and 19 free.
- ◆ Eight members braved the frigid weather to do the pre-walk (bottom right photo).
- ◆ One special feature this year was that we got to watch several artists sculpting their ice creations.



Pacers By the YRE Numbers

2020	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	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
LANCASTER—Th.Stevens	5	0	5	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
LITITZ WALK	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
LITITZ BIKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOUNT JOY—6 Parks	8	0	8	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
2020 stats	20	1	21	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	36

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	
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

Considering doing an 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.

AVA Big Give Campaign

Consider making a donation to the AVA to keep it on its feet. The AVA Big Give Campaign has been extended through September 10. To make a donation by mail, make your check payable to "American Volkspport Association" and send to 1001 Pat Booker Rd., Suite 101, Universal City, TX 78148. To donate online go to www.ava.org and scroll down to the "Big Give 2020" section and click on the green "Make a Donation" button.

Word from the AVA Leadership:

"These are difficult times and we are especially concerned for the people we serve. Your wellness is our priority and we want to continue to serve you for many years to come. While we are doing everything possible to sustain daily operations and provide services to our community, the postponement of events during our busiest time of the year is significantly impacting our budget. Now more than ever, AVA needs your support of the Big Give. If you're able to, please consider donating to our annual fundraiser, the Big Give."