

The Pacer Pulse

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Mark Your Calendars!

Next Club Meeting

Wednesday,

July 20, 2022

6:00 PM

Long's Park

(Near Pavilion 2)

Rain Location,

Park City Food Court

A Word from the President

Greetings Penn Dutch Pacers members and friends,

I finally have some good news – we have our first post-pandemic (if we are “post”) traditional event scheduled. This will be our first event since the Lititz walk in February 2020. We are planning a walk on Saturday, October 1st, on the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail, starting northwest of Marietta at Riverfront Park and traveling towards Bainbridge. The 10K trail will feature the “While Cliffs of Conoy” (worth a look if you haven’t been there before) as well as views of the river, the scenic Shocks Mill Railroad Bridge across the Susquehanna, and an island where eagles frequently nest. The 5k will have views of the river and will go to the railroad bridge. Details are available at ava.org: go to Events/Programs, then AVA Events Search, and event city “Marietta.”

Our Year Round Events (YREs) are still open for your walking pleasure (and there is one bike event as well). Events are in Lititz, Ephrata, Lancaster, Mount Joy and Columbia. The bike event is in Lititz. If you haven’t done one of these walks in a while, why not go out and enjoy the nicer weather and help our club with your \$3.00 sanction fee (if doing for credit).

We are still trying to meet every few months for a group walk of one of our YREs. Recent group walks have been in Lancaster, Lititz and Ephrata. The next one will be in Mount Joy, perhaps in late August or early September. Details will follow once a date is selected.

The club is in need of someone who would be willing to keep our club’s Facebook page up-to-date with more current information. Inge can supply you with some photos from recent walks. Let me know if you can help.

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.avaclubs.org/pdp



Group Walks Report

Continuing to adjust to COVID-19 restrictions, the Pacers held only group walks in 2022—three since our last edition of the *Pacer Pulse* in edition of Fall of 2021:

Lancaster, November 27—We had fairly good turnout—ten walkers joined us for this after-Thanksgiving walk that started on a cold and chilly note, but finished a bit warmer.



Three walkers left the group to walk at their own pace, while seven stayed together for most of the walk.



Lititz, February 19—This walk was held during the borough's Fire & Ice festival. Turnout was low due to fears of impending snow squalls, which did not materialize until after we had completed the walk.

Ephrata, May 28—A total of 8 walkers came out on a day when showers were predicted, but none occurred. It turned out to be a pretty nice day.



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	3	0	0	13
LANCASTER—Th.Stevens	1	0	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	13	3	0	21
LITITZ WALK	8	5	13	6	1	7	9	1	10	11	4	0	45
LITITZ BIKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MOUNT JOY—6 Parks	3	1	4	12	2	14	5	1	6	1	0	0	25
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	29	7	36	122

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

IVV Olympiad/IML Texas Trail Roundup By Tom Jackson, KSVA President

For the first time ever, the IVV Olympiad is coming to North America in San Antonio, Texas. It is a back-to-back event with an IML event creating seven days of walk, bike, and swim events. The Olympiad is February 19-23, 2023, followed by Texas Trail Roundup, February 24-26. The American Volkssport Association will not have a Convention in 2023.

The IVV is the governing organization for all Volkssports; it governs the national organizations that belong to the IVV, like the American Volkssport Association. If you can think that the AVA Conventions are the biannual gathering of the Volkssporters in the United States, the Olympiad is the biannual gathering of all of Volkssporters in the world.

The International Marching League (IML) Walking Association endorses multi-day walks to promote health, international travel and friendship through walking. AVA clubs in the United States currently host two IML calendar events annually – the US Freedom Walk Festival in Arlington, Virginia (October 14-16, 2022) and the Texas Trail Roundup in San Antonio.

If you plan to go to San Antonio in February, you should be making hotel reservations and registering for the events now. If you want more information, there are links on the AVA web site. There is also a lot of information in the June 2022 The American Wanderer. If you have a specific question, please contact me at thomasjackson@embarqmail.com.