

# The Pacer Pulse

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## A Word from the President

Dear Penn Dutch Pacers & Friends,

In January we had officer elections and I became the new president of the Penn Dutch Pacers. First, I want to thank Maria Roshon for serving as president for two years. She took on a leadership role when it was desperately needed and helped reconnect PDP with other area clubs. The wonderful Rivertowns event was fantastic last year and brought us into closer friendship with the Susquehanna Rovers and the York White Rose Wanderers. We'll be holding it again May 4-6 this year, so don't miss it!! I also want to thank Inge, Kitty, Ginny, and Carmie for continuing to serve the club so faithfully for yet more years! And thanks to David Barber for his great ongoing work as trail master, despite how busy his life is. Thank you all for keeping PDP alive.

I'd like to introduce myself. I'm a PA native who lived on the west coast for many years, first in California, then Seattle, then California again. I got into volkswalking in 2001 and was president of the Four-Plus Foolhardy Folks where I served for four years. The Four-Plus club held hiking-volkswalk events in Washington state. I've always particularly loved walking in national and state parks and other hiking venues. While I was president we instituted an annual "Northwest Hiking Weekend", where we'd have a 3 day event with 4-5 sanctioned hikes in a different place each year such as at Mt. Rainier. We also, as a club, did trips to national parks to scout out YREs which we then sanctioned for others. We sanctioned hikes in Yellowstone, Glacier, Bryce, Zion, and Yosemite.

More recently, I was VP of the PDP under Maria for the past two years. I currently serve as VP for KSVa and I am in charge of the Appalachian Trail Through PA program. I work full-time as a writer and sometimes have to travel for my work, so my AVA time is somewhat limited. While I still love hiking volkswalks, I also walk more city routes and I have gotten into biking. I put together a few sanctioned bike routes for the PDP in Mount Joy and Bird-In-Hand last year that are continuing in 2018. So if you love biking and have some suggestions for routes, please let us know!

My goal for serving as president is to simply continue to hold quality walking events in Lancaster County. We overhauled the YREs in 2017 and are keeping the new ones going in 2018. I hope to add a few new routes for 2019. I'm also interested in doing a Poconos multi-walk event with other clubs at some point in the future and I'm open to sanctioning walks in other counties. We now have a pay-per-use option and online registration which allows us to do events further afield and sanction things that might not get a ton of participation.

I've still endeavoring to learn names. So please introduce yourself to me at our next event, which is Rivertowns—or wherever you may find me.

Thank you for continuing to support PDP walks with your membership and continued participation. If you aren't a member and would like to be, you can join here.

*Jane Holmes*



Jane Holmes, on the far right, with members of the Four-Plus Foolhardy folks in Yellowstone National Park.



# Lititz Fire & Ice Report

## Total Participants: 128

- ◆ 20 Award & IVV Credit Walkers
- ◆ 72 IVV Credit Walkers
- ◆ 33 free walkers
- ◆ 12 did the pre-walk



*Above: Twelve walkers braved the cold to do the pre-walk.*



*Left: It was still cold on event day, but that didn't keep 128 committed walkers from showing up.*

# YRE Annual Report

2018	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			TOTAL
	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total	
EHRATA	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
BIRD-IN-HAND—Walk	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIRD-IN-HAND—Bike	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LANCASTER—Cty. Park	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
LANCASTER—Th.Stevens	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
LITITZ	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
MOUNT JOY—6 Parks	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
MOUNT JOY—2 Bridges	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
MOUNT JOY—Bike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STRASBURG	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
BENTON—Ricketts Glen	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018 stats	42	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42

	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			TOTAL
	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	Paid	Free	Subtotal	
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



## **Join us for the Susquehanna Rivertowns Weekend**

**May 4-6, 2018 — Daily from 8:00 AM—1:00 PM ♦ Finish by 4:00 PM**

**Start Point: Columbia Crossing River Trails Center, 41 Walnut St, Columbia**

This walk will feature the Civil War and Underground Railroad history of Columbia as well as the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail. Some historic sites that you will pass include Wrights Ferry Mansion, Mt. Bethel Cemetery and the Turkey Hill Experience. You will also pass Zion Hill Cemetery—the burial site of many black soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

*We hope to see you there!*



**And remember: All are welcome to the  
Penn Dutch Pacers Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, May 16, 2018 7:00 PM  
Lancaster General Health Campus Main building, 2nd Floor**