

Atlantic Region Ramblings #23

1. The Atlantic Region Conference is going to be in Hagerstown, MD over the weekend of March 18-20 with walks in Hagerstown, Antietam Battlefield, and Shepherdstown, WV. There is also a swim event at the hotel in Hagerstown.

- Please go ahead and register for the Conference. Don't wait until the last moment. As of last week, only four residents of Virginia have registered.

- Please support the Silent Auction by donating an item(s) or buying something. All items are welcome. The instructions that went out about the Silent Auction said that incremental bids would be \$5. That has changed. The incremental bid amounts will vary depending on the value of the item.

- Please bring at least 30 copies of the brochure for every traditional event scheduled in April, May, and June. Take the brochure to the Start/Finish area.

2. I want to thank everyone for submitting their 4th Quarter Participation Report on time. The Atlantic Region was the only one to accomplish this.

3. The attachment is the 2015 Participation Report for Year Round and Seasonal Events. The top 15 events for 2015, based on paid participants, are:

593 – Y0340 Manassas, VA – Historic Manassas - Wood & Dale Wanderers
302 – Y1539 Bethesda, MD – Montgomery Mall – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers
266 – Y0065 Alexandria, VA – Old Town – Northern Virginia Volksmarchers
235 – Y1271 Reston, VA – Northern Virginia Volksmarchers
188 – Y1042 Columbia, MD – Hickory Ridge – Columbia Volksmarch Club
185 – Y1367 Gaithersburg, MD – Lake Forest Mall – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers
182 – Y0287 Williamsburg, VA – Colonial Williamsburg – Peninsula Pathfinders
164 – Y0370 Columbia, MD – River Hill – Columbia Volksmarch Club
150 – Y0383 Hanover, MD – Arundel Mills Mall Walk – Annapolis Amblers
149 – Y0887 Rockville, MD – Rock Creek Park – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers
138 – Y0874 Hampton, VA – Fort Monroe – Peninsula Pathfinders
132 – Y1163 Dumfries, VA – Montclair – Wood & Dale Wanderers
132 – Y0285 Yorktown, VA – Town – Peninsula Pathfinders
127 – Y1278 Philadelphia, PA – East – Liberty Bell Wanderers
126 -Y2031 Silver Spring, MD – Tacoma Park – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers

With 593 paid participants, the Wood & Dale Wanderers event in Manassas was the most of any Year Round Event in the United States. Congratulations!

Total participation for the 2014 Year Round Events was 15,094.

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There was an increase in participation of 944 from 2014 to 2015.

4. Plan to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Volkssporting in the United States on Saturday, June 11. There are three events in the Atlantic Region:

- Fredericksburg, VA sponsored by the Germanna Volkssport Association
- Hanover – Codorus Status Park, PA sponsored by the York White Rose Wanderers
- Laurel, MD sponsored by the Freestate Happy Wanderers

5. Most of the seasonal events start on April 1. Make sure your POCs have the "16" slug for the IVV slug. If not, it is a lot easier to do something about it now vs on March 31.

Thanks,

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