

Atlantic Region Ramblings #29

1. The AVA Database is back up and running. The web site has been reconfigured to allow access. All functions are now available and our customers can continue with their reporting.
2. Quarterly Participation Reports for the YREs and Seasonals are due to AVA by July 31. Please make it a goal to have them submitted by July 20. At that time, I will ask AVA for a status report.
3. You should be renewing your YREs and Seasonal Events for 2017.
 - Make sure the street address includes St, Ave, Rd, Ln, Way, Cir, etc. if appropriate.
 - The “times” should be when the start location is open. If there are extenuating circumstances that need to be explained, use the comments. For example, if the park office (where the start box is located) is open until 4:30 pm but the gate across the parking lot closes at 5:00 pm.
 - Make sure you identify the qualifying AVA Special Programs. They are NOT identified in the “Comments” paragraph.
 - The address of the Start Point does not go in the “Start Point paragraph; it goes in the “Address” paragraph.

4. The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers sent me this email:

At our June 4th walk in Germantown, the Montgomery County Cable TV came to do a video on the Sugarloafers. I was lucky enough to have them there when Bob Schmick arrived, so he added to the video. They edited it & I think did a good job of showing what volksmarching is all about. Here's the link:
Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club
<https://youtu.be/wCB3Co9rqPE>

This video does one of the best jobs I have seen explaining volksmarching. Please use it if you have an appropriate occasion.

5. This is from Nancy Wittenberg (Fund Development Chairman and Northwest Region Director):

You all saw my request in the Checkpoint for people who might be interested in joining the AVA's Fund Development committee. We are looking for 8-10 people with either experience or a desire to learn and be involved in this committee or in an advisory capacity to help diversify AVA's sources of income.

Please ask people in your region if they know anyone, volkssporters or outside the Volkssport family, we could contact to help us with this effort.

This is an important part of our strategic plan.

6. There is a link on the AVA web site to information about the Korea International Walking Festival in Seoul from October 29-30.
7. Effective July 1, Tony Laing is the new President of the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers. Tony is succeeding Diane White.