

# Atlantic Region Ramblings #33

1. By now, your club should have done the following (AVA's suspense is November 15):
  - Submitted to AVA your Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.
  - Updated your club officers on the AVA Web Site to include updating club membership.
  - Submitted your e-post card to the IRS after the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2016) and forwarded to AVA the confirmation from IRS that they received it.

At least two clubs have asked if they satisfied the IRS requirement when they re-registered with the IRS last Spring. The answer is NO. This had to be done on July 1 or later.

Several clubs have reported that they have submitted the e-post card to the IRS but have not yet received confirmation from IRS that they received it. Guidance from AVA Headquarters is if you still have not received the confirmation by the suspense, forward to AVA what you submitted to the IRS. You should have printed off a copy of your submission. You can send it to AVA by fax or email as late as November 15. If using snail mail, send it by November 12.

2. Attached is the November 2016 Checkpoint. On pages 2 and 6, there is a “call for action” from AVA President Dennis Michele, for all clubs to have a Group Walk of a YRE on Black Friday (November 25).

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> year that the Susquehanna Rovers have sponsored the Hershey Walkfest on Friday, November 25, and Saturday, November 26. There are four walks and I have already seen e-mails, club newsletters, Facebook posts, and/or Meet-ups from a number of Maryland and Pennsylvania clubs encouraging their club members to go to Hershey.

If in lieu of having a Group Walk of a YRE, your club is going to encourage your members to go to Hershey, please send an email to Hector ([hector@ava.org](mailto:hector@ava.org)) indicating this. Please copy me and your State Association President on the email.

3. There is a new club in Pennsylvania as of October 19. Welcome to the Chester County Red Rovers, AVA-0978. The President of the Red Rovers is Jeanne Clancy from Phoenixville.

Note that four of the last seven new clubs in the AVA are from the Atlantic Region.

4. The Canterbury Trails, the newest club in Virginia, is having their inaugural walk this Sunday, November 6, at Natural Bridge. Natural Bridge is the newest Virginia State Park.
5. There will be an Atlantic Region Meeting on April 15 in College Park, MD. Specific time and place will be provided later. This will be scheduled so that you can participate in the Traditional Event at College Park sponsored by the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers. In addition to the traditional event, there is a YRE at College Park and two YREs and a volksswim nearby in Greenbelt.

The primary purpose of this meeting is the election of a Regional Director and Deputy RD for the term of office from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

6. Tony Laing is the new President of the Seneca Valley Sugar Loafers, succeeding Diane White.  
Kathy Szczesiak is the new President of the First State Webfooters, succeeding Margie MacLeish.

Thanks to Diane and Margie for their service.

Thanks,  
Tom Jackson  
Atlantic Region Director