

Atlantic Region Ramblings #35

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and thank you for your work this past year. I encourage everyone to start off the New Year with a volkswalk. We have traditional events in Savage, MD and Smithfield, VA. Many clubs are planning a group walk of a YRE. Join them!

1. Sam Tollett from Hampton, VA died on November 21. Although Sam had been ill for some time, his death was unexpected. Sam was currently the President of the Virginia Vagabonds and Treasurer of the Virginia Volkssport Association. Sam also served two terms as the Atlantic Region Director between 2009 – 2013. Sam's wife, Annette, is currently the President of the Virginia Volkssport Association.

A memorial service was held for Sam in Newport News, VA on November 27. Annette requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the AVA.

The graveside services for Sam will be on Monday, January 9 at 11 am at Arlington National Cemetery. All are welcome.

A memorial volksmarch for Sam will be held in Hampton, VA on Saturday, January 7. The brochure is attached.

2. There will be an Atlantic Region Meeting at 1 pm on Saturday, March 18, in Greenbelt, MD. The primary purpose of the meeting is to elect a Regional Director (RD) and Deputy RD for the term of office from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Make sure your club is represented at the meeting.

The Great Greenbelt Volksmarch club has sanctioned a traditional volksmarch on that day. You will have plenty of time to do the walk, eat lunch, and then attend the meeting.

For those who want more exercise, the Greenbelt Aquatics Center is across the parking lot. This is the start point for the two Greenbelt YREs and Year Round Swim.

3. Joan Lampart is Chairman of Nominating Committee for the Atlantic Region and is the primary interface for clubs from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Sandy Lynch is the interface for the Maryland and Delaware Clubs. Bill Lowell has the Virginia clubs. Guidance should be coming out shortly.
4. Go to the AVA Events Web site and make sure all of your events (YRE and Traditional) appear and the information about the event is really for your event and not another one. For various reasons, we recently identified three events that were approved but do not appear. One of them was one of my Haunted Gettysburg events. We also found one event that identified the town and POC from one of our clubs but everything else is about a walk in Indiana.

If there is a problem, send me an email and I will take care of it.

5. The 2018 Atlantic Region Conference will be held March 16-18 in Sterling, VA. The host hotel will be the Embassy Suites – Dulles North. The current plan is to have three walks, a swim, and a bike event. The room rate of \$99 includes breakfast and a happy hour. That is a great value for the area!

As was done for the last Conference in Hagerstown, no club should schedule a traditional event, group walk of a YRE, or a bus trip over this weekend.

6. December 25 is the deadline for submitting articles and photos for the Feb/March edition of The American Wanderer.

7. Marcy Lucas will be the new President of the Keystone Volkssport Association (KSVA). She succeeds Joan Lampart.

Thanks,
Tom Jackson
Atlantic Region Director