

Atlantic Region Ramblings #38

Just a reminder to please share this information with your club members.

1. 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. The first attachment is the brochure for the event. 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.

2. The second attachment has the participation for all of the 2016 Traditional events in the Atlantic Region. These events had 125 or more paid participants:

384 – Washington, DC (Embassy Walk) – 7 May – US Freedom Walk Festival Club
263 – Arlington, VA (Freedom Walk – Saturday) – 15 Oct – US Freedom Walk Festival Club
199 – Arlington, VA (Freedom Walk – Sunday) – 16 Oct – US Freedom Walk Festival Club
195 – Columbia, MD (New Year's Day) – 1 Jan – Freestate Happy Wanderers
194 – Hagerstown, MD (Region Conference – Hagerstown) – 18-20 Mar – MVA
188 – Hershey, PA (Candy Lane) – 25-26 Nov –Susquehanna Rovers
172 – Williamsburg, VA – 11-12 Dec - Peninsula Pathfinders
167 – Hagerstown, MD (Region Conference – Antietam Battlefield) – 18-20 Mar – MVA
164 – Hagerstown, MD (Region Conference – Shepherdstown) – 18-20 Mar – MVA
160 – Arlington, VA (Freedom Walk – Friday) – 14 Oct – US Freedom Walk Festival Club
156 – Savage, MD (New Year's Eve) – 31 Dec – Freestate Happy Wanderers
156 – York, PA (Winter Walk) – 6-7 Feb – York White Rose Wanderers
141 – Laurel, MD (Montpelier) 0.– 30 Apr – Freestate Happy Wanderers

Total participation for 2016 was 9,556. This compares with 9,153 for 2015.

3. The third attachment has the participation for the 2016 Year Round/Seasonal Events in the Atlantic Region. These events has 125 or more paid participants:

415 – Manassas, VA (Historic) – Wood & Dale Wanderers
243 – Alexandria, VA (Masonic Memorial) – Northern Virginia
242 – Reston, VA – Northern Virginia
202 – Bethesda, MD (Montgomery Mall) – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers
171 – Frederick, MD – Freestate Happy Wanderers
167 – Ellicott City, MD (Ellicott City) – Columbia Volksmarch Club
154 – Columbia, MD (Columbia Mall) – Columbia Volksmarch Club
148 – Ellicott City, MD (Centennial Lake) – Columbia Volksmarch Club
147 – Richmond, VA (Monuments) – Lee Lepus
147 – Newport News, VA (Battle of Dam #1) – Virginia Vagabonds
147 – Rockville, MD – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers
144 – Gaithersburg, MD (Lake Forest Mall) – Seneca Valley Sugarloafers
142 – Williamsburg, VA (Colonial) – Peninsula Pathfinders
131 – Hampton, VA (Fort Monroe) – Peninsula Pathfinders
130 – Chesapeake, VA (Greenbrier) – Gator Volksmarsch Club
127 – Hanover, MD (Mall at Arundel Mills) – Annapolis Amblers

Total participation for 2016 was 14,683. This compares with 16,038 for 2015.

4. February 25 is the deadline for submitting articles for the April/May edition of The American Wanderer (TAW).
5. This is from Sandi Cahill: Ken Wilson had a bad fall a couple of months ago. There were no broken bones, but he did get a concussion and was in the hospital for 2 weeks. He is now staying in Sunrise at Fox Hill Assisted Living Center (very near his home & church) for physical therapy and to remain through the winter in order to avoid being out in any bad weather. He is recovering well. He can have visitors and calls. His daughter will relay any comments anyone would like to send him by e-mail. If you call him, let the phone ring long enough for him to get across the room. Below is all the info.

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Catherine's phone: 301-461-4506
Catherine's e-mail: carold16@outlook.com

6. A memorial service for Kitra Burnham will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, at the United Methodist Church in Forest City, Iowa.
7. You can now register for the AVA Convention. To register online go to <http://2017AVAConvention.org> Note that there is a 10% discount for AVA Associate Members and 15% for Life Members. I have not yet tried to register but I have been told that it is pretty easy to go through the entire registration process and miss the point where you identify that you are entitled to the discount.
8. I have one copy of the AVA's Annual Audit Report. If you would like to read the report, it is on the AVA web site. There is also a link to the report on the February Checkpoint.
9. The fourth attachment is the February Checkpoint.
 - a. There is an article from the IT Committee. They are looking for suggested changes to the ESR system.
 - b. There are good articles on the On Line Start Box and the new IVV stamp.

Thanks,
Tom Jackson
Atlantic Region Director