

SENECA VALLEY SUGARLOAFERS VOLKSMARCH CLUB  
**Monthly Meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2022 7:30 pm**

Gaithersburg Library, Room #2, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave, Gaithersburg MD 20879

Call to Order – Anthony Laing, President, 7:35 p.m.

Attendees: Tony Laing, Darla Fera, David Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Mike Cannon, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Pat King, Val Rea, Carolyn Thurber, Diane White

Minutes of the September monthly meeting (prepared by Darla Fera): Approved.

Treasurer's Report for September: Submitted by Alice Filemyr.

Membership Report (Carolyn Thurber): We currently have 158 members. However, we are in the midst of a renewal campaign, and not all members are renewing.

Publicity (Diane White): Publicity completed for the Kentlands walk on Oct. 29 and the Moonlight Walk on Nov. 12.

Wellness Report (Jone Parr): Nothing to report.

Sales Report (Kelly Tilton): Nothing to report.

Wednesday 5km Walks – Pat King & Nancy Fenster (600 walkers year to date in 2022). Nancy said they are working on finalizing the schedule for November.

Club Group Walks (Maribeth Evans): Most recent walk was Oct. 8 in Frederick. We had 6 participants.

### **Old Business**

August newsletter is online. Deadline for next edition is December 15. Send articles/ideas to Darla Fera, dmfera@starpower.net.

Status of Airport Special Programs (Mike Cannon & Carolyn Thurber): 112 books sold; 31 walkers completed the book.

SVSVC Club's 35th Anniversary celebration, Nov. 19: Anniversary Planning Committee reports planning continues apace.

Big Give Sept. 22-23: Sugarloafers contributed \$100.

Updated POC document (Dave Fenster): Send changes/suggestions to Dave by the end of October if possible.

Starting Point Books (Carolyn Thurber): Books have been ordered and should be available on Dec. 1.

MVA Meeting: Tony and others will attend the MVA monthly meeting on Oct. 15 in Havre de Grace.

### **New Business**

October Checkpoint released: The San Antonio Olympiad & IML is scheduled for February 2023. All are encouraged to attend.

Annual Meeting: This year we had our annual meeting in conjunction with our regular monthly meeting. Should we proceed similarly next year, or schedule a separate annual meeting, perhaps at Asbury Methodist Home, a facility used in the past.

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**New Business, continued**

Nominating Committee: Val Rea volunteered to join Nancy Fenster on the nominating committee for club officers.

Donation: Mike Cannon announced that his family would like to donate a gazebo to the club to be used at walk events. It will be housed in the club's shed.

**2022 Sanctioned Events**

1. Oktoberfest at Frederick: We had 30 walkers, plus 12 pre-view walkers at the recent event. The rain kept many walkers away.
2. Kentlands East & West, October 29: POC, Dave Fenster
3. Moonlight at Seneca Creek, November 12: POCs, Tony Laing & Maribeth Evans (35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary — Group Walk & Luncheon — November 19)

**2023 & Future Traditional Events** (goal is to sanction by November 19)

1. Croydon Creek, Rockville, April 15: POCs, Jeff Giddings & Alice Filemyr
2. Olney Indoor Pool Park/Oakdale Emory Church Breakfast, May 6: POCs, Tony Laing & Tom Peto
3. Matthew Henson Park, Wheaton, June 24: POC, Darla Fera
4. Oktoberfest in Frederick, September 30: POCs, Jone Parr, Ellen McAdams & Alison Andrews
5. Kentlands East & West Halloween Walk, possible October 21: POC, Dave Fenster
6. Lake Hallowell: POC Tony Laing
7. Westminster
8. Sandy Spring Underground Railroad

Club preliminarily discussed the possibility of scheduling another bus trip in the not-too-distant future. Volunteers to help with the arrangements are needed.

Club Dinners: We will attempt to revive this practice in 2023.

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2022, Gaithersburg Library , 7:00 p.m.**