

SENECA VALLEY SUGARLOAFERS VOLKSMARCH CLUB
Monthly Meeting, Thursday, February 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order – Anthony Laing, President, 6:35p.m.

Attendees: Tony Laing, Darla Fera, David Fenster, Nancy Fenster, Pat King, Maribeth Evans, Mike Cannon, Alice Filemyr, Jeff Giddings, Kelly Tilton, Karin Mironescu, Carolyn Thurber

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

Treasurer's Report for December: Submitted by Tony Laing, on behalf of Alice Filemyr.

Membership Report (Carolyn Thurber): We acquired one new family member, bringing the total to 137.

Publicity (Diane White): Nothing to report.

Wellness Report (Jone Parr): Nothing to report.

Sales Report (Kelly Tilton): Club agreed to sale the back-packs (\$10) and coasters (\$3) remaining from the anniversary celebration.

Wednesday 5km Walks (Pat King & Nancy Fenster): Recent luncheons scheduled in conjunction with a couple of walks have proven very successful. So far, we have had 75 walkers in 2023.

Club Group Walks (Maribeth Evans): Maribeth will organize a group on February 25 in Washington Grove.

Old Business

Status of Airport Special Programs (Mike Cannon & Carolyn Thurber): 114 books sold; 33 finished. All walkers must complete the walks by Dec. 31, 2023.

Updated POC (Dave Fenster): Dave is in the process of adding final changes to the document, which will eventually be posted on the website.

Annual Meeting: Club agreed to hold its annual meeting on March 26 at Ashbury Methodist Village, beginning at 1:30. Diane White and Lee Powell are coordinating the meeting. Mary Beth will help with the refreshments. A 10k and 5K walk will take place before the event.

Starting Point books: Carolyn received the books and they have been distributed.

Master Calendar: The audit committee will soon convene (after the annual meeting on March 26).

Reminder: Atlantic Regional Conference: April 5-7, 2024, Dover, DE.

More PSBs move to OSB only. Verify at our website.

Jeff has established a Sugarloafers club area on the Plotaroute website. For help using the system, contact Jeff or Dave.

New Business

Yellow coupons: Club voted to allow the coupons to be used for *any* event.

SVSVC's new walk program: Because of the success of our 35th anniversary walk program (approximately 1,000 walks were completed, as reported by Carolyn Thurber), the club is initiating a new "Walk 20 in 2023" program. Three coupons will be awarded to anyone completing the walks. A new program book will be initially distributed at the annual meeting.

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New Business, continued

Nominating Committee Report (Nancy Fenster): Slate of candidates for positions for 2023-2024 are coming together.

Wandering Wheels: A group of walkers from Ohio will be coming to the DC area on April 29. Jeff would like help in welcoming the visitors to our area.

2023 Sanctioned Events

1. Olney Manor Park Neighborhood, March 4 — Tony Laing, Tom Peto. There is a charity breakfast scheduled for 7:30-9:30 at Oakdale Church, at the walk's start point.
2. Croydon Creek, Rockville, April 15 — Jeff Giddings & Alice Filemyr
3. Matthew Henson Park, June 24 — Darla Fera & Mary Beth Evans
4. Oktoberfest in Frederick - September 30 — Jone Parr, Alison Andrews & Ellen McAdams (POCs are revising a new trail for 2023 and will eliminate the airport walk.)
5. Kentlands East & West Halloween Walk — October 21 - Dave Fenster

Other 2023; 2024

Moonlight Walk, Saturday, November 16, 2024, as the moon rises at 5:16 p.m.

Traville Gateway (A new walk developed by Gwen Owens will be on the schedule for the first time on Jan. 18.)

Lake Hallowell; Sandy Spring Underground Railroad; Other suggestions?

Club Dinner: February 23 at Outta The Way Cafe (Rockville)

Door Prize & Adjournment (7:42 p.m.)

Next Meeting: April 13, 2023, 6:30 (No meeting in March due to annual meeting on March 26.)