

# Liberty Bell Wanderers – September 2017

*Come Walk in Nature during the LBW/CCR clubs' weekend in 4 Southeastern PA Parks – Oct 20-21-22, 2017:*

*Marsh Creek State Park, Nolde Forest State Park, Hopewell Furnace/French Creek State Park, Warwick County Park.*

*Fri/Sat 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m., Sun 9:00a.m. finish by 1:00p.m.*

*(See LBW website for more details [www.libertybellwanderers.net](http://www.libertybellwanderers.net) )*

## **From the President: Dave Brown**

-Thanks to everyone that helped out with the **LBW Annual Picnic** especially the food committee consisting of Linda & Pete Mueller, Jerry Speed and Larry Wagner. Without them there would have been no picnic. The weather at Norristown Farm Park was perfect.

-LBW will co-host **State Parks Weekend II** with the Chester County Red Rovers the weekend of October 20-22, 2017. **The deadline for being guaranteed the \$59.99 + tax rate including breakfast at the Quality Inn Hotel, Pottstown, PA has been extended to October 5.** After this date you may not be able to get the discounted "LIBERTY BELL WANDERERS" rate. There is no form on the brochure to register for the \$11 Meet & Greet to be held at the hotel on Saturday evening at 6 PM. **Anyone wanting to register for the Meet & Greet should contact me.** If you wait until Friday, October 20 to register for the Meet & Greet in person we will try to accommodate you but can make no guarantees. Reach out to your distant volksmarching friends and invite them to come to southeastern PA for the weekend.

-LBW made the following changes to YRE's for 2018: **dropped** Bryn Mawr & Radnor; **transferred** New Castle to the First State Webfooters; **added** walks in Skippack, King of Prussia Mall (Jan-

Mar), Appalachian Trail walks in PA & NJ near Stroudsburg (OLSB) and Port Jefferson NY (OLSB).

-LBW extends a welcome to the **two new PA, AVA clubs in the Pittsburgh area.** The **Mon Valley Trailblazers**, president Lori Lamberski and the **Steel Turtles**, president Stephen Edson III.

-**LBW #OptOutside Walk on Black Friday:** Thanks to **Gayle Hendricks** who has volunteered to be the group leader for the LBW #OptOutside walk on **Black Friday on November 24.** Anyone wishing to join her should be at the **Easton YRE Start point at 10:00 AM on Black Friday.** See you on the trails.

## **LBW Volunteers needed:**

The walking committee is looking for new members.

## **Upcoming Events Schedule – mark your calendars:**

Atlantic Region walk schedule –

[http://www.mdvolks.org/new\\_walklist.php](http://www.mdvolks.org/new_walklist.php)

Northeast Region walk schedule

[http://www.avaclubs.org/NE\\_RD/events.html](http://www.avaclubs.org/NE_RD/events.html)

Liberty Bell Wanderers Event Calendar: <http://lbwcal.nodegreen.com>

**Oct 7-10 – Three Capitals Bus Trip – LBW (\*)**

**Oct 20-22 – State Parks Weekend II – LBW & Chester Country Red Rovers (\*)**

**Oct 28-29 – Sea Witch, Rehoboth DE – Walk & Bike – First State Webfooters**

**Nov 10-12 – Haunted Gettysburg – Walk & Swim – York White Rose Wanderers (\*)**

**Nov 24-25 – Hershey Walkfest – Susquehanna Rovers**

**Dec 10 – LBW Holiday Party @ Vereinigung Erzgebirge (\*)**

**Dec 16 – Elizabethtown Christmas Walk – Penn Dutch Pacers (\*)**

**Dec 31 – Philadelphia East with dinner & fireworks - LBW**

**Dec 31-Jan 1 – New Years walks, Savage MD – Freestate Happy Wanderers**

Jan 12-15 – Golden Isles Weekend, Jekyll Island, Georgia – First Coast Trail Forgers (\*)

Feb 3-4 – York Winter Walk & Swim – York White Rose Wanderers

Feb 23-26 – Stowe VT Ski / Snowshoe Bus Trip – New Hope Nordics (\*)

Mar 16-18 – Sterling, VA - Atlantic Region Conference – Walk, Bike, Swim – VVA (\*)

(\*) – Indicates pre-registration is / may be required

## Minutes from the LBW General Mtg. Sept. 20, 2017

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance at Meeting: 22

Introduction of New Members: None

Vice President's Report: Betty Green is ironing out any problems with the **By-laws**, and will have more info at next meeting.

Betty continued to inform us about working with Lands End on ordering logo shirts. There will be a onetime fee of \$100 to have logo made up. We would then go on line to Lands End and click on LBW store and buy a shirt of various styles that come with various charges, add \$5 to have logo put on. You will be informed as to if and when this process will become available. Stay tuned!

Treasurer's Report: Doris Simon stated the following for **May-June** – Opening Bal. \$12,054.69, Total Income \$1,711.00, Total Expenses \$1,901.68, Ending Bal. - \$11,864.01, Operating Fund Bal. \$6,322.31.

**July-Aug.** – Opening Bal. \$11,864.01, Total Income \$15,337.00, Total Expenses \$1,117.45, Ending Bal. \$26,083.56, Operating Funds Bal. \$5,926, 86. C.D. \$3,014.04.

-Doris also stated that the AVA wants to **change the fiscal year** to coincide with a calendar year January to December, instead of June to June.

Bus Trip: Bill Ridge was not present, so Doris gave us a report. She said there are now **46 going on the trip**, and if you have any questions about Columbus, Ohio, ask Dave or Doris, and Bill for all other questions.

-Doris also stated that **we do not use a travel agent** for our trips but use members of our club to help save money. We thanked Bill and Doris for their time and energy they put in to these bus trips!

## Atlantic Region Officer: Mike Green:

-**Opt Outside on Black Friday.** All clubs should have a walk on Black Friday instead of shopping. Dave will send out ideas.

- Two new walking clubs in the Pittsburgh area, and are called the **Mong Valley Trail Blazers and the Steel Turtles.**

-**State College Nomads are breaking up! (sad shock!)** The Susquehanna Rovers will take over some of their walks.

### **-The Atlantic Conference:**

Dates: **March 16-18, 2018** (St Patrick's Day weekend)

- Location: Embassy Suites Dulles North (free shuttle from Dulles International Airport a few miles away); rooms \$99/night (we might be able to get the same rate for people arriving 1-2 days early and/or 1-2 days after; this is TBD); includes free Wifi, morning hot breakfast buffets, and evening social hours with drinks

**- 3 traditional walks nearby; swim at hotel; bike starts there too (we won't know distances until we finalize starting points and lay routes out). Designing conference patch and awards now.**

- Friday and Saturday socials. Costs TBD--we're looking at the catering menu. Saturday speaker TBD.

- We're hearing the NEC will come; president Bonewitz is confirmed and will say a few words.

- There will be no conference registration fee.

**We should have publicity details out not later than December. Watch TAW in the AT section.**

Sales: Bill was absent.

Membership: Jean Meyers stated that we now have **102 members.**

**-Following New Members – Pat & Jim Deveraux – Phila.**

-1 new LBW member for 2018

Newsletter: Betty Good – News to me by 9/27.

Circulation: Joyce & Nancy will be sending out the Newsletter.

Social Media/Web: Gayle – Absent, no updates.

**Publicity:** Tina – Absent.

**Sunshine:** Bev Robinson – Bal. \$65.96

- Fruit basket sent to Pat Graeber
- Flowers – Mary Simons
- Fruit basket – Betty Green
- Cards – Pat Treacy, Pat Graeber, Mary Simons, Ann Doerffel, Betty Green

**Trail Master:** Pat Graeber stated that we are **dropping** the following walks: **Radnor, Bryn Mawr, New Castle, Del.**

The Morrisville walk now includes a museum in Trenton.

**New Walks: Skippack;** a 5k level walk in Chestnut Hill; **King of Prussia Mall** (opens at 7:30 a.m., Start Box in Saber Coffee Shop, walks can start at 8:30 a.m.); **Port Jefferson, Long Island** (sign up online start box); **Appalachian Trail – Dave Brown** will be point of contact on the trail in PA & NJ. (Sign up on start box on line.)

**State Parks Weekend II in Oct 20-21-22, in conjunction with the Chester County Red Rovers. The LBW are responsible for Marsh Creek & Nolde State Park, the Red Rovers are responsible for Warwick State Park & French Creek where Hopewell Furnace is located.**

**Volunteers Needed:** Our State Parks event will be coming up soon. We are requesting help from our members with **registration and to stamp books.** We will have one of the banquet rooms at the Quality Inn for registration. Since we are responsible for just two of the walks, we will only **need two people (one person per walk) to work 2 hr. shifts** starting **Friday** morning (Oct. 20) at 8:00 until we close at 4:00 (8-10, 10-12, 12-2, 2-4). We will use the same schedule for **Saturday** (Oct. 21). On **Sunday**, start at 9 and close at 1. Most of the activity will take place on Friday and Saturday. If you would like to help, select a day and time period and **contact Pat Graeber – 610-287-3065 or [pgraeber17@gmail.com](mailto:pgraeber17@gmail.com).** On **Sat evening at 6:00 is the Meet & Greet.** Even though it will be a catered affair, we are providing the desserts. If anyone would like to bring a dessert, please contact Pat Graeber.

**Walking Club:** Carol Talaga, Carol Evans, and Tina Jenneray are now responsible for the walks with the following set up:

- Don't expect someone to lead the walk
- No car pulling, call a friend that drives to the walks
- Point of contact will, hopefully, be there. If not someone should take it upon themselves to send the money to Doris.

**By Laws:** Betty Green is ironing out any problems, and she'll have more info at the next meeting.

**President's Comments:** The picnic was a great success due to the outstanding help of Pete & Linda Mueller, Jerry Speed, and their helpers. Linda's only complaint was that everyone leaves too early, and she doesn't get to talk to everyone! There were 43 walkers, and \$83 donation.

-**Atlantic Regional Conference** will be held in the D.C. area, outside Dulles Airport, March 16,17,18, a social, walks, and biking. We will give some thought about to going there.

-**Stowe, VT Snow Shoeing Trip** – may fill up fast due to adding an additional place. Sign up if interested.

-There is a **Christmas Walk in Elizabethtown, Dec. 16.**

**Holiday Party:** Mark your calendar for **December 10, at the VE Club.** More info to follow.

**50/50 Drawing:** Won by Carol Evans and Stacy Doyle

**Program for the Evening:** AVA Convention in Billings, MT and surrounding area; slide presentation by Betty G., Jennifer Q., Irene S., and Carol E.

**Respectfully submitted by: Betty Good, Secretary**

**Social Media:** Gayle Hendricks

**Our Facebook page** is growing and growing. When it was first set-up I would have been delighted with 25 "likes". On Sept. 26, we reached **150!** Facebook a great source of free advertising and I get our name out to a larger community. It also has begun to connect us with other

walking initiatives in the greater Philadelphia area like "We Walk PHL", an initiative between the Fairmount Park Conservancy, Phila. Parks & Recreation, and Get Healthy Philly (health department). Since I am located in the Lehigh Valley, I generally only hear news about trails and walking opportunities in the greater Lehigh Valley. Since our club covers pretty much the southeastern portion of the Commonwealth, **I'd like you to submit trelevant news from your area to share.** Just copy/paste the link from your local newspaper and share it to the page or email it to me. Don't have a link? Tear the page out and mail it to me. I will digitize it.

You can also **share pictures from LBW (or other AVA events).** Pictures are always popular on Facebook. There are two ways to share: Post it on your page and then tag us. It's pretty easy. Just start typing "Liberty Bell Wanderers" and our name should pop up! Or **email the photo to me. I will attach them to the LBW page.**

My email is [e2feet@gmail.com](mailto:e2feet@gmail.com). My address is 619 Bishopthorpe Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

### **OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017**

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<b>LBW Website <a href="http://www.libertybellwanderers.net">www.libertybellwanderers.net</a></b>		

**Atlantic Region** [http://www.mdvolks.org/new\\_walklist.php](http://www.mdvolks.org/new_walklist.php)  
**KSVA (Keystone Volk Assoc.) website** <http://www.ksva.net>  
**Facebook** [facebook.com/LibertyBellWanderers](https://www.facebook.com/LibertyBellWanderers)  
**LBW Calendar:** <http://lbwcal.nodegreen.com>

### **Thursday LBW Walks Scheduled in Oct. 2017 (Start Time 10:00)**

Oct 5 No Walk (due to weekend bus trip)  
 Oct 12 Hatboro  
 Oct 19 No Walk (due to State Park Event)  
 Oct 26 New Hope  
 Nov 2 Easton + Del. Canals bike

### **Saturday LBW Walks Scheduled in Oct. 2017 (Start Time 10:00)**

Oct 7-10 Three Capitals bus trip  
 Oct 14 Bethlehem – South  
 Oct 20-22 – PA State Parks weekend  
 Oct 28 Bryn Mawr  
 Nov 4 Valley Forge Hist. + Schuylkill River Trail Bike

### **VE Club Menu for October 2017**

Oct 18, Wed. Barbecue spareribs Cream chicken with waffles