

Liberty Bell Wanderers – November 2017

*Not too late to sign up and come to the LBW Holiday Party –
12/10, 1:00-4:00, Call Larry Wagner at 215-442-1337*

*Celebrate New Year's Eve with LBW for an East Phila. walk, dinner,
and fireworks in the city. Watch for email with details*

*Join us for another fun Bus Trip to the Atlantic Region Conference
in Sterling VA, 3/16-18. 3 walks planned; dinner included. Send a
\$50 deposit to Doris Simon as soon as possible. Form attached.*

Happy Holidays and the best New Year ahead

From the President: Dave Brown

There are still seats remaining on our **next bus trip to attend the Atlantic Region Conference near Dulles, Virginia on March 16-18.**

This is a trip that you do not want to miss. There are 3 new easy rated 5 and 10 K walks (the historic town of Leesburg, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, and the Broadlands community). Included is a 2-night stay at the Embassy Suites Dulles North. Each suite has a fridge and microwave. Full hot breakfast, with an omelet station and the Saturday evening conference social is also included. Send a deposit to Doris Simon (dorissim@msn.com) to guarantee a seat on the bus.

Our Holiday Party will be held from 1 – 4 PM at the VE on Sunday, December 10. Contact Larry Wagner (215-442-1337). Send Jean Meyers (jkmteach@verizon.net) a renewal form and \$10 if you have not paid your 2018 LBW dues.

Don't miss our annual **New Years Eve Philly East walk** followed by a meal and fireworks at Penn's Landing. Watch for email updates regarding the departure time. For those interested in trying their hand at **snowshoeing**, LBW will be joining the New Hope Nordics on our annual pilgrimage to Stove, Vermont, February 23-26. Contact me (610-906-6252). It's not too early to line up your partner for the Eugene Maier Memorial March Madness **pinochle** tournament to be held at the VE on Saturday, March 24.

The York White Rose Wanderers are planning a **bus trip to 1000 Islands / Alexandria NY on June 8-10** which sounds great. Contact Keith Choiniere (ktmanpa@comcast.net).

The next LBW general meeting will be held at the VE at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 21.

See you on the trails.

LBW Volunteers needed:

Walking committee is looking for new members.

Upcoming Events Schedule – mark your calendars:

Atlantic Region walk schedule -

http://www.mdvolks.org/new_walklist.php

Northeast Region walk schedule -

http://www.avclubs.org/ne_rd/events.html

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

Dec 9 – Twin Lakes Park, Latrobe, PA – Mon Valley Trailblazers

Followed by trip to Overly's Country Christmas Village – Greensburg PA

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 17 – Lititz Fire & Ice – Penn Dutch Pacers

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

Mar 16-18 – **LBW Bus Trip - Sterling, VA - Atlantic Region Conference – VVA (*)**

Mar 24 – **Eugene Maier March Madness Pinochle Tournament – LBW / VE (*)**

May 4-6 – Susquehanna Rivertowns Weekend – Columbia, MD – YWRW, SR, PDP

June 8-10 – 1000 Islands – Alexandria Bay, NY Bus Trip – York White Rose Wanderers (*)

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

Minutes from the LBW General Mtg. Nov. 15, 2017

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance at Meeting: 19

Introduction of New Members: None

Vice President's Report: Betty Green reported on the progress of ordering LBW shirts from **Land's End:**

- They will set up a store front link to the LBW apparel.
- Make sure you say you want the logo.
- You may order on a week they offer no charge for logo
- Betty will have Tina send out an email when it is all set up with Land's End.

(Since our meeting, everything has been completed, and you can now purchase the apparel. See the article by Betty Green further along in this newsletter.)

Bylaws: Betty Green also spoke on the completed Bylaws that were discussed at the last meeting. The Bylaws were sent out to everyone and no one had issues or particular changes. Dave asked for a vote on the changes that the committee, consisting of Betty Green, Doris Simon, Joyce & Nancy Deibert, proposed, and the **club members in attendance voted unanimously to accept the new Bylaws. The Bylaws will be reviewed every 5 yrs. now.**

Treasurer: Last month Opening Balance - \$19,782.73, Income - \$1,237.00, Expenses - \$15,270.77, Ending Balance - \$5,748.96, **Operating Funds Balance - \$5,328.96. The 3 Capitals Bus Trip, 10/7-10/17** – Income \$22,340.00, Expenses - \$20,446.92, Net Income - \$1,893.08. **State Parks Weekend** – Income \$1,094.50, Expenses - \$1,274.55, Net Loss \$180.05.

The Atlantic Region Conference Bus Trip: So far **21 people have signed up.** The total cost of the trip includes a nice dinner Saturday which includes an afternoon social. We should have at least **35** to have this trip a go.

Sales: Bill still has merchandise to sell.

Membership: Jean Meyers stated we have **117** paid members for 2017, and **25** for 2018. **Form attached to become a member.**

Circulation: With Joyce & Nancy away, Sandy Beckius mailed 31 copies of last LBW newsletter.

Social Media/Web: Gayle (absent) will add bylaws during her yearend website maintenance.

Publicity: Tina was absent

Atlantic Region/Technology: Mike Green was absent

Sunshine: Bev stated a balance of \$159.96. She also stated that Ruth Kilburn was in the Abington Hospital.

Trail Master: Pat Gaeber thanked all volunteers for helping at the **State Park weekend.** The walks this year were more difficult which seemed to keep people from participating. The hotel was very accommodating; everything was reasonable which attributed to a very good weekend. She especially thanked Betty & Mike Green and Carol Rautenstrauch for their excellent help in making this a good weekend. -Pat also let it be known that the **Start Box at the 30th Street Station** is a new location in the train station. **It has been moved from the Cosi Café to Au Bon Pain Café.**

-Several walks will be deleted in 2018: Bryn Mawr & Radnor.

-There will be a new walk in the King of Prussia Mall Thurs., Jan. 11, & Sat. Jan 13. (Watch for the email closer to the date for details)

-A new walk in Skippack will also be offered in 2018.

-Our webpage link will take you to all the walks until the KSVA book comes out listing the walks.

-Bill Ridge's YRE walk on **Long Island, NY at Port Jefferson** is still available and you can sign up and get directions through the **On Line Start Box.**

Raffle: Winners were Matt Green and Bill Ridge.

President's Comments: Dave thanked everyone for helping out during the **State Park** weekend, especially Carol R., Jeanne Clancy, Pat G. and Mike & Betty Green.

-Dave talked to Helen Missfeldt and Tova Burger and they are doing fine. Tova walks around her area.

-Holiday Party – As of our meeting, we have 18. (Since then it has risen to about 30 so far.)

-Membership – If you haven't done so yet, please fill out the form and send it to Jean Meyers.

-Atlantic Region Conference in VA March 16-18. Join us by sending in your \$50 deposit to Doris Simon.

-Eugene Maier March Madness Pinochle Tournament is Mar. 24.

Contact Dave if you wish to participate. Held at VE Club.

-Dave will continue to sell the State Parks **Creamsicle patches** if you want one.

-Dave is giving away his mint condition **encyclopedias**. See him if interested.

-Dave passed out **boxes of cookies** to be taken to places we keep our Start Boxes to say "Thank You" from the club.

-Gettysburg weekend – 160 attended. It was very nice but cold & sunny. Ten from LBW club participated.

-Stow trip – possibly adding a new snow shoeing location – Craftbury.

-Dave will be leaving for Ohio and returning in January.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting was adjourned.

Presentation of slides: Matt & Holly Green shared their lovely trip down the Danube River and the Kriskindle Markets visited 2 yrs. ago during the month of December. It was very festive with decorations, people walking, and booths filled with items to buy in the cities they visited, especially Austria and Germany. They were met with a lot of overcast days that time of the year. Thank you for your presentation.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Good, Secretary

Our next meeting will be February 21, 2018

Membership: by Jean Meyers

The club has 103 members for 2017

So far, the club has 25 members for 2018

Welcome new member: Wendy Liu – Blue Bell, PA

Ordering LBW Apparel: by Betty Green

The Liberty Bell Wanderers apparel store of Lands' End Business Outfitters set-up has been completed. Go to <https://business.landsend.com/store/lbw/> to access the LBW storefront.

For questions related to the usage of this website, use the Lands End Business Outfitters phone number (1-800-587-1541) for assistance.

You can **order** any product listed on the storefront. For consistency the preferred product colors for LBW are red, white, and gray. The **logo text** will be white on dark colors and black on light

colors. If the item you want does not offer these preferred colors opt for black or khaki.

To **start shopping**, select a category from the tabs, click on the product, choose your size, select the LBW logo as well as where you'd like it positioned, then add it to your cart. Once you're done shopping, you'll go right to the **one-page checkout** through the shopping cart. Currently, the Lands' End Business Outfitters site does not accept gift cards; Lands' End guarantees everything you buy can be exchanged or returned for refund, even after the logo has been applied.

If you want to order Lands End products without the LBW logo, please go to the Lands End website and not to the Lands End Business Outfitters LBW storefront.

As of this writing, although the storefront is set-up and confirmation email received, I was having difficulty getting the storefront page to open. Be patient and try a day or so later if it doesn't work for you. I'm hoping the glitch will be fixed by the time the newsletter is completed.

Trip organized by White Roses of York, PA,
1000 Islands Alexandria Bay New York June 8-10

<https://www.sites.google.com/site/yorkwhiterosewanderers/> ; If this link to the brochure about the White Rose Wanderers bus excursion does not work, then visit the club website under AVA.org --- Clubs - ---Pennsylvania ----York. The Best Western and La Quinta Inn are across the street from the departure point which is Dicks Sporting Goods.

Regarding long bus rides, the first day it takes four hours to arrive at first walk in Binghamton. On way home it is a five hour drive from the last walk in Cortland New York; the drive is punctuated with a dinner stop. There are two hotels across street from the departure point: Best Western and La Quinta Inn.

The walking clubs have a lot of interesting things to do:

Celebrate the holiday dinner with us on Dec. 10

Take a bus trip with us and wash away the winter blues 3/16-18

Take a bus trip in June to a Thousand Islands with York Club

Come out and do a weekly walk with us which includes walking, talking, laughter, friendship, and of course eating.

We hope to see you on one or all of these fun happenings!

Walking Committee: by Carol Talaga & Carol Evans

We are resuming our group walks a week earlier than originally planned in January to take advantage of the new seasonal at the King of Prussia mall.

THURSDAY WALKS

December

7 Princeton Historic/Capital
14 Lansdale
21 A break
28 Collegeville

January

4 A Break
11 King of Prussia Mall*
18 Doylestown Historic
25 Pennypack – Bryn Athyn
Non-sanctioned

SATURDAY WALKS

December

2 Phila. –Chestnut Hill
9 Phila. – West
16 Xmas in Elizabethtown
23 Christmas break
31 Phila. – East Sunday – fireworks*

January

6 A Break
13 King of Prussia Mall*
20 Hatboro
27 Downingtown – Historic

*An email will be sent by the walk committee to let you know the details of these walks.

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017

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LBW Website	www.libertybellwanderers.net	
Atlantic Region	http://www.mdvolks.org/new_walklist.php	
KSVA (Keystone Volk Assoc.) website	http://www.ksva.net	
Facebook	facebook.com/LibertyBellWanderers	
LBW Calendar:	http://lbwcal.nodegreen.com	

**Happy Holidays and a
Healthy 2018 New Year!**