Correspondence: 1998 ASC Annual Meeting Activities

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Hi Nicky. I just wanted to update you on events in progress for the 5K fun run and two mile walk that Joann Ardovini-Brooker and I are in charge of organizing. Claire Renzetti has been helping out a lot too.

The biggest obstacles are getting a course for the event and insurance to cover it. I have arranged all of this with the National Park Service and Rock Creek Park, a location close to the conference hotel (walking distance—an admirable walk). Th Park Service will give us a permit for the event if we cap it at 300 people. This means we can only register 350 (some will register and not show). When all estimated costs are subtracted, we stand to make about $2,500 or $3,000 from the event. It will not be huge fundraiser, but as Claire notes, it will be great PR for our division. This is the kind of event that will get everyone involved, even those who are not nuts about us.

I am sending Sara Hall a registration form for the event to include along with conference registration materials. Prior to the conference (around November 1) people will send their check for $18 payable to ASC, and their registration form for Sara, along with their conference materials. Sara will keep track of the cash and send me copies of registration forms she receives so that we can assemble a mailing list, etc.

How does this all sound to you? I hope it’s okay. Please drop me a note soon if you have suggestions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tammy

p.s. we will need a DC contact to help us organize things locally and to seek food donations (fruit, bagels, muffins). Do you have anybody in mind? Can you help us with this one? p.s.s. we will also need about 30 volunteers to work the event on race day. I think we should contact our division members and ask them to volunteer and to get their grad. students to volunteer. How can we get out this message to our members?

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Thanks for your message of 2 July Re the DWC Fun Run race. You have done an incredible amount of research and organizational work, and I am grateful for the way you handle things independently as I’m already spending about 2 hrs a day on DWC work. I very much like working with the division and hearing from members, but sometimes I feel overwhelmed.

I would appreciate it if in Oct 99 you could give me a brief (2 par) report on the work of your committee this year, who worked with you, how you operated. I want to try to get DWC committees organized so that each year, people won’t have to reinvent the wheel, and records might be useful in this regard. Also, I hope you will give a brief oral report at one of our business meetings in November.

You say that "It will not be a huge fundraiser," but that depends on one’s point of view! One of the things Evelyn Gilbert (DWC vice-chair person) are working on this year is finances. We feel the Division is living too close to the edge, financially. (The main problem seems to be the huge amounts that hotels charge for food at our business meetings and Social.) Even if we clear only $2000, that would make the difference between financial worry and comfort. So thanks, from us all.

Please send me a copy of the registration form. My fax is now 802-635-1447, if you want to use that.

You ask for suggestions about a DC contact. I can’t find a Wash DC listing in the back of my ASC Directory, and in any case my Directory is out of date (1993-95), so you might begin by asking Sarah Hall at ASC HQs to give you a list of all DWC members in Washington area. Also you could contact the current ASC president, Marge Zahn, for the names and contact #s on members of the local planning committee (Sarah would know these too). Marge is margaret_zahn@ncsu.edu. Or you could ask Sue Martin for suggestions. Tell her I suggested you contact her: smartin@willco.niaaa.nih.gov. Let me know if you need more ideas. (Sue live in the DC area.)

You mention needing 30 volunteers to work the event on race day. Here’s one idea: if we had 7 point-persons and asked each to line up 5 volunteers, we’d have enough (allowing for some who overslept or forgot to show up). Evelyn has already offered to help, and she’s got good contacts, so she might know of others to ask. You could also ask Chris Rasche, the past president, to line up 5 people, and Brenda Blackwell, who is on the board, also Susan Krumholtz, another board members.

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Kim Cook at U Southern Maine seems awfully well organized, so punish her: kjcook@usm.maine.edu

Again, let me know if I can be of help.

Who’s a runner? Evelyn, should we try to get Julius to help out with this?
With best wishes,
Nicky Rafter
Hi Nicky.

Thanks for sending me the information on your move. It sounds fascinating to me an I can’t believe that you are working on eight book projects. That’s phenomenal!

I was wondering, do you need any entries for the encyclopedia? I’d like to contribute something on female drug abusers. Please let me know if you are accepting articles, entries, proposals or whatever. Thank you.

Also, I will be looking for a new tenure-track job this Fall and could use all the input I can get. Will Northeastern be hiring and, if so, at what level/areas?

Our 5K run fundraiser is going a long just fine. I’m doing a lot of work with Claire Renzetti. We have most of it figured out. My next major effort will be put into getting corporate sponsors to underwrite some of the things we will need for the event. I have to draft some text about what D. of W. does before I can do this. I plan to ask Gatorade, powerbar, and others for beverage and goodies.

Best wishes on your new position. Thaks for all your work.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I'm sorry to report that the Division on Women and Crime's 5K Run and 2 Mile Fun Walk for the ASC conference in D.C. has been canceled due to a lack of registration. Joann Ardovini-Brooker, Claire Renzetti, Nicky Rafter and I reached a mutual decision to cancel the event because the number registrants/participants did not even approximate what it would have taken to simply break even.

Please remember that the idea for this event emerged at a D. of W. Business Meeting last year while discussing fundraising. The purpose of the event, therefore, was to raise money for our Division. Unfortunately, we fell way short of this objective.

After three issues of advertising in the Criminologist, an advertisement and registration form on the ASC web page, a registration form in the conference packet, endless word-of-mouth campaigns, and a direct e-mail to all D. of W. members, we only received 25 registrations, totaling about $425. The costs of putting on this event would have approximated $1,200. That amount includes expenses for Park Police, insurance, transportation of runners, t-shirts, and miscellaneous supplies. Food and beverage would have been donated, thank to Claire R. and Tammy A.

We should not be too discouraged about the outcome of our efforts. Having competed in events like these for many years, I am all too familiar with
what it takes to make such events profitable. In the best of circumstances, it takes a few years for any race to get its feet off the ground. And an event like this at one of our conferences would never enjoy ideal circumstances (e.g., a stable location where resources and community/business ties can be developed over time). I will discuss all of

All registrants will be reimbursed within the next few weeks. An announcement will be placed on the ASC web page about cancelation, and I will hang up a sign at the ASC registration desk in D.C.

I am extremely grateful for having the opportunity to work on this project. I got to know many people a lot better and now believe that committee work is the best networking and mentoring devise available. I am extremely grateful to Claire Renzetti, Joann Ardovini-Brooker, Nicky Rafter, Matt Zingraff, Sara Hall, and Miriam Delone for all they did to try to make this happen. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you all in D.C.!

Tammy