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Next Meeting – March 19, 2013
Universal City Library, Universal City
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**Randolph Roadrunners
Volkssport Club**
A Walking Club Established 1980
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www.randolphroadrunners.info

AVA Website

www.ava.org

TVA Website

www.walktexas.org

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Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:

Thomas & Betty Arbaugh, Mary Miller & Travis Perez, John & Anne White, Leon & Liz LeVan, Preciliana Cabral, Jacqueline Morris, Beverly Ahrens, Christine Anderson, Elanore Decker, John & MaryAnn Dorlon, Adrienne Hacker, George Hext & Dorothy Contreal, Susan & John Ives, Cheryl Lardy, Rachel Loreda, The Magness family, Bill & Pat Marcus, Pat & Laverne Middleswart, Brian Roberts, Lesley Rubin, The Ryals family, Jim Speights Ann & Jen Angell, Dan & Jean Brock, Ruth Hemmi, Irma Obregon and Chris & Darby Riley.

Please send in your renewal fees now.

We value your membership. To renew your membership, fill out the renewal application attached or print one from the following website address:

www.RandolphRoadrunners.info

and send it with your fees to Nancy Paulson c/o the club address.



Del Webb Walk Events

We had two different 5 km / 10 km walks and a bike event starting at the Del Webb Amenity Center on February 9. Approximately 200 people enjoyed the Del Webb Hill Country Resort walks and the Alamo Ranch walk events.

A BIG “thank you” to all the volunteers who worked these events:

Joanne & Carlen Forinash, Bill Radigan, Pat Roberts, Pat Gunter, Darlene Oner, Janis Witt, Suzanne Markgraf, Audrey Vertucci, Pat Heller,

Carol Shaner, Herb Laing, Wiley Smith, Rick White, Jackie Morris, James Lytle, Don & Bilita VanCleave, Scott Hermes, Larry Cook, Mike Hermes and Doug Eide.



Hotel Galvez-Galveston

Tales from the Trails

Galveston: By Pat Gunter

Ellen, Darlene and I headed down to Galveston for the TVA meeting on 2 February at the Rosenberg Library, Harris Gallery and the scheduled walk. No-one had mentioned that it was Mardi Gras and our first clue was the sight that greeted us as we turned onto the seawall to our hotel. Both sides of the seawall were lined with RV's, trailers with mobile bleachers and double-decker viewing posts, and rows of port-o-pots.



We had planned on doing the Galveston YRE that afternoon, so since our hotel was at the 10Km turn around we checked into the hotel and then set out to walk to the Hotel Galvez, the start point. As we headed down the seawall we realized that many of the RV's had huge generators and large barbecues, and people were sitting on the pavement next to the RVs. Apparently they had all been there since Thursday morning because that is allowed during Mardi

Gras. Everyone was chilling and we were invited back for jello shots and BBQ, but being the good people we are, we declined and kept on walking.

It is always fun to walk along the seawall but now there is something new to see. The old Flagship Hotel which sat out in the ocean was destroyed by Hurricane Ike, and in its place the owner of Landry's has built an old-fashioned pleasure pier with many rides and restaurants. Also at the far end of the seawall many of the little T-shirt and trinket shops were destroyed, and new eating places have gone in. The Hotel Galvez is a fantastic start point. It is a beautiful stately place full of old world charm, and everyone was very pleasant.

As we headed back to the hotel, we continued to see everyone still there waiting for the parades and all the festivities of Mardi Gras. Halfway back we stopped for a seafood dinner, and then back to our hotel.

From the Desk of the Pres-

The next RR club meeting will be held at the Universal City Public Library at 7 p.m. March 19, 2013.

At the 19 February Roadrunner meeting, Joanne Forinash announced she would be running for SWRD. The last day to make nominations for SWRD is 20 March, the day after our March meeting. This will not give us time to have candidates make a presentation at a Roadrunner meeting like we have done in previous years. I will give Joanne time on the 19 March meeting agenda to make a presentation and to have a question and answer session. Thank you.

Ellen Ott, Pres.



Fun, Fitness, Friendship

Website Redesigned

The official AVA website has gotten a facelift. The redesigned website was launched 18 December 2012 per

approval of AVA President, Heinz Johnson. Following is a brief synopsis of some of the revisions:

We have created more user friendly and faster navigation schemes to help streamline communications and to enhance and simplify your overall online experience. As part of this, we added a Google search link to retrieve specific subject matter from anywhere on the site.

The Homepage features a customized photo slideshow. Easy access links to revenue producing programs such as membership, donations and sponsorship have been prominently displayed and grouped together on the homepage. The Donations page was created to provide an alternative for companies unable to support a major sponsorship with AVA and to donate a lesser but still substantial amount. Also, individuals who wish to donate more than the current membership amounts can do so. Two new updated fact sheets and a second walking video have been included under the About Us link. Other materials for this link are currently being developed.

Duplicate and unnecessary information listings have been eliminated. Subject matter areas have been reorganized and some major links consolidated. The existing links from the old site have been consolidated from 19 to 11. In keeping with social media demands, you can now access the AVA website through their smart phones or tablets using multiple browsers. We installed an AVA Facebook page link on the Homepage. However, you need a personal Facebook account to access it. Click the blue "f" button and follow the Facebook sign up instructions. Another new feature is a blog with direct postings to the AVA Facebook page. A feasibility study will be conducted regarding use of Twitter. The listing of Associate level membership benefits has been clarified and new benefits have been added, with more on the way. Administratively, selected forms are being made interactive so you can enter requested information and e-mail them, thus eliminating the fax or postal mail process. This process is ongoing. We have incorporated Google Analytics software to find out how many people are visiting our site, where they visited

and for how long. This is important information for potential sponsors and marketing activities.

We hope you will agree that this represents a major step forward for the AVA to provide a professional looking, updated, user friendly and promotional site for our organization.

Special recognition for many months of time and effort goes to Linda Rebmann, the AVA Webmaster and Chuck Blische, Marketing and Publicity Director as well as appreciation to the AVA IT Committee for their confidence in assigning this task to the Headquarters.

Omnium owner, Joseph Slocum, ensured us that his staff will be available following the launch for any site tweaking and further site development. As of 27 December, some individuals are experiencing difficulties searching for AVA Event Information using a smart phone or the AVA website. Some phones seem to work and other instruments do not. An Omnium official has suggested that everyone should delete "old site" saved favorites and cached web pages before using the new site again. If you have any comments or suggestions about our new website, please send them to avawebmaster@ava.org

GoodSearch.com

Support the American Volkssport Association each time you search online at **GoodSearch.com**. Also, shop online at **Goodshop To-Go**, a part of the goodsearch.com family of products, where 15 million people have raised nearly \$10 million for more than 100,000 non-profits and schools from their daily actions. Goodshop To-Go enables users to earn up to 20% of each purchase for their favorite cause through 2,800 top stores (including Amazon, Macy's, PetCo, Sephora, Staples, Target, Toys R Us, and more.) And, it provides more than 100,000 coupons, so users can save money and give back with every purchase—all for free!





18th AVA Biennial Convention

Manatee T-shirt sign up: Sign up has been extended until 1 March 2013 for the special 2013 Save the Manatee Tee T-shirt with an AVA logo on the sleeve. This supports the convention charity, Save the Manatee Club, and provides you a neat shirt.

Silent Auction: Continue your support of the Convention Silent Auction by donating and volunteering. Please see the convention web site for more information at

<http://ava.org/clubs/2013Convention/2013Convention/Volunteering.html>.

Volunteering links are on the convention web site at

<http://ava.org/clubs/2013Convention/2013Convention/Volunteering.html>.

Coming Texas Events:

3/2/2013 - 3/3/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 94977 10 km/5 km
Start: Start cards will be available for purchase at the Anna Koch Pavilion in Cuero Municipal Park. You will then drive to nearby Meyersville for the walk.

Event City: Meyersville - Walk
Historic Meyersville

Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.

Event Website:

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

17314 Springhill Dr
San Antonio, Tx 78232

Contact: Phyllis Eagan, (210) 496 - 1402

E-Mail: papre1947@yahoo.com

Club Website: walktexas.org

3/2/2013 - 3/3/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 94976 10 km/5 km
Start: Anna Kock Pavilion

Event City: Cuero - Walk
Historic Cuero

Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

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3/16/2013 - 3/16/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95357 10 km/5 km

Start: St. Paul Catholic School gym
Event City: San Antonio - Monticello
Park Historic District

Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners

Event Website:

randolphroadrunners.info

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

11906 Pepperidge Cove

San Antonio, Tx 78213

Contact: Ellen Ott, (201) 723 - 8574

E-Mail: ellenott@sbcglobal.net

Club Website:

www.randolphroadrunners.info

3/23/2013 - 3/23/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95569 10 km/5 km

Start: Boy Scout Woods Sanctuary

Event City: High Island - High Island
Bird Sanctuary

Host Club: Houston Happy Hikers

Event Website:

houstonhappyhikers.com

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

P. O. Box 101, Orchard, Tx 77464

Contact: Catherine Kellner, (979) 478 - 6203

E-Mail: hvhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org

Club Website:

www.houstonhappyhikers.com

3/23/2013 - 3/23/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95587 10 km / 5 km

Start: The Mecca Restaurant

Event City: Dallas - Swiss Avenue

Host Club: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.

Event Website:

www.dallastrekkers.org

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

1134 Thistle Dr.

Mesquite, Tx 75149

Contact: Deborah Carter, (972) 285-8102

E-Mail: debwalk@earthlink.net

Club Website: www.dallastrekkers.org

3/23/2013 - 3/23/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95633 10 km

Start: Kerrville Texas

Event City: Kerrville - Singing Wind
Spring Walk

Host Club: Kerrville Trailblazers

Event Website: walktx.org/kerrville-trailblazers

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

215 Mineola

Ingram, TX 78025

Contact: Brian Fisher, (830) 377 - 4239

E-Mail: brian_in_kerrville@yahoo.com

Club Website:

www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/

3/30/2013 - 3/30/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95619 10 km/5 km

Start: Comfort Community Park

Event City: Comfort

Host Club: Hill Country

Volkssportverein

Event Website:

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

P O Box 822

Comfort, TX 78013

Contact: John Bohnert, (830) 995 - 2421

E-Mail: tinabohnert@gmail.com



Martin Callahan, Indie & the Rattlesnake mascot at the St. Mary's University walk.



Doug Eide and Indie – at St. Mary's University walk.



Pat Roberts, Joanne & Carlen Forinash at the Sale Table – St. Mary’s walk



Checkpoint at the St. Mary’s University walk



Joanne & Carlen Forinash in front of Abram Alley Lob cabin, Columbus walk event.

***All photos are courtesy of Martin Callahan.**

RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS
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RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS APPLICATION
 PO Box 2744, Universal City TX 78148-1744

Please check applicable box (es):

Renewal New Member Family member(s) included (see instructions below) DATE _____

Name _____

NEW MEMBER FEE: \$4.00 for 1 year
 \$10.00 for three years

Address _____

This fee applies to the primary member. Additional family members require a \$2.00 fee per individual.

Apt No. _____

RENEWAL FEE: \$4.00 for one year
 \$10.00 for three years

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

This renewal fee includes each family member who paid \$2.00 with the original application. If the \$2.00 fee was not paid with the original application, add family members now by including \$2.00 for each person.

Telephone number _____

Lifetime membership for (1) one person is available for a \$30 fee.

E-mail address _____

AVA Volkssport Associate Yes No

Family members _____

Eager to serve as club officer _____ or committee chair _____

Amount submitted \$ _____