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www.ava.org

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www.walktexas.org

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Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due: **Leon & Liz LeVan, Christine Anderson, Elanore Decker, Adrienne Hacker, Rachel Loreda, Bill & Pat Marcus, Pat & Laverne Middleswart, The Ryals family, Jim Speights, Dan & Jean Brock, Ruth Hemmi, Irma Obregon, Chris & Darby Riley, Freya & Ry Snyder, Dorothy Breezee, Totsy Miller, Kwadwo Offei-Nnoma, Debbie & Steve Wilke, Barbara Bornemann, Adalina & Dinah Lawson and Gene & Joyce Lysik.**

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.

Welcome new members!

Beverly Patton	San Antonio
Shelia & Robert Fleming	San Antonio
Bart Pickell	San Antonio
Julia Way	San Antonio
Kathy Crane	San Antonio
Susan & Darren Medllin	San Antonio
Nicole Davis	Universal City
Payton Storey	Universal City

Tales from the Trails

Part Two OST East

By: *Herb Laing*

For Part Two OST East, we headed to the AVA convention and a lot of walking.

Our first walk was in New Orleans, a wonderful walk through the French Quarter and around the Superdome. Always a fun walk to watch all the people and street performers. From New Orleans, Wiley and I drove to Mobile and walked around this beautiful city and got a good look at the Carnival (not so) Triumph. It was still early in the day, so we headed to Gulf

Shores State Park for the walk there, truly a must walk. It is a great beach area and natural area to walk through. We drove back to Biloxi for our Mississippi walk. We spent the night at Keesler AFB and met up with Ellen and Mike for dinner at the Beau Rivage. Ellen joined us in Ocean Springs the next morning for a great walk through this artsy town. Then we drove to Panama Beach, FL for the walk there only to find out that the starting point is only open certain days and we were not there for the correct day, bummer.

So the next morning, Wiley and I drove to Tallahassee for an excellent walk through the Maclay State Gardens. A gem of a state park to walk in. And then it was on to the final event: Orlando. Walk, walk, walk, walk, walk. Almost forgot there was a convention for the walks. Ellen, Mike, Wiley and I did the walks together and enjoyed all of them. We walked: Winter Park – a nice walk through the city with some excellent restaurants along the way. We skipped Titusville due to massive rain the night before and instead walked Celebration City – a planned development with some not so shabby shacks to live in; I don't think the four of us could even afford to rent the garage on some of these homes. Wetlands Park, Christmas – a great natural area full of wildlife, and yes, we did see some alligators (pictures in the TAW).



The next day was Leesburg. An overcast heavy misting day but a nice walk despite all that. And finally, Orlando, the President's Walk, a very nice walk through a residential area with much to offer walking along waterways and nice architecture.



But all good things come to an end and it was time to return home. But don't fret, we joined Ellen and Mike in Biloxi for another dinner and then Ellen joined us for a walk through Biloxi. I found it very interesting that there is still significant amounts of damage from Katrina that the city is slowly working on repairing.



It was also great to see what the city had done for the local walking club.



I hope all of you get the chance to walk the National Old Spanish Trail here. There are many many great walks along this route. A big thanks to Ellen for

organizing this program. It makes you wonder, what Ellen has planned for the 2017 Convention.

From the Desk of the Pres-

The next RR club meeting will be held at the Universal City Public Library, Universal City at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 17th. The membership voted at the April meeting to take a "Summer" vacation and not have meetings in the months of July and August. And there was no RR newsletter published for the month of July.

Hope your calendars are marked for:
10 August for the Stone Oak SunRise walk,
28 September at the Land Heritage Institute and,
14 December for the Boerne Christmas walk.

On 22 August from 1 to 2:30 Ellen will give a presentation at OASIS. On 29 October she will conduct a walking tour for OASIS using the Broadway YRE. Help will be needed for this event depending on the number of participants. Call or email Ellen, ellenott@sbcglobal.net if you can volunteer.

New County Walks:

Three new seasonal events that started 1 July and will close at the end of the year are:

Iraan (Pecos County),
McCamey (Upton County), and
Crane (Crane County).

These are all on the Texas Pecos Trail and each community is unique. You can get information on these events on the AVA web site or call Ellen since she is the one who set up these three walks for the Texas County Walkers.

The 35 on 35 program ends at the end of the year. There are a lot of YRE's on I-35 for the walking!

Starting in 2014 there will be year around walks in Ozona (Crocket County) and South Ilano State Park in Junction (Kimble County) sponsored by the Texas County walkers. The Roadrunners will feature a YRE in the town of Junction which will have 10 special programs.



Taco Cabana SunRise - In spite of the heat and humidity, 93 participants were at the 13 July SunRise walk at the Universal City Taco Cabana. A BIG "thank you" to the following volunteers who worked: Geri and Don Kraft, Tony and Nancy Paulson, Pat Gunter, Darlene Oner, Herb Laing, Wiley Smith, Suzanne Markgraf, Audrey Vertucci, Larry Cook, Marta and Rueben Knape, Joanne and Carlen Forinash, Pat Roberts and Bill Radigan.



Don't forget to always check the AVA website before doing the YRE walks listed in the "Starting Point." Sometimes information changes during the year and updates on walk times and walk information is posted and kept current on the AVA website.

Ellen

*Taco Cabana photos courtesy of Martin Callahan.



New AVA President Elected

Dennis Michele was elected by a close vote at the 18th AVA Biennial Convention to become the new president of the AVA. His two-year term of office will begin on July 1, 2013 and he will succeed President Heinz Johnson who did not seek a second term.

It's Salem, Oregon!

Yes...the state of Oregon in the Great Northwest was voted at the 18th AVA Biennial Convention to be the location for our next convention. It is slated to be held on June 15 – 19, 2015 and this moves the biennial convention back into the traditional June timeframe.

The Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association proposes to center the convention at the Phoenix Grand Hotel in Salem. Daily convention walks are planned to begin on Saturday, June 13 and end on Sunday, June 21. More information and convention details will be released in the days ahead as the convention organizing committee begins its planning process.

NEC Meeting

The next NEC meeting will be held on 24 August at the Fairfield Inn in Schertz, TX.

Coming Texas Events:

Write for more information to:

8/3/2013 - 8/3/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95825 10km/5km

Start: Dana Peak Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake

Event City: Harker Heights - Mary Blankenship Memorial/TVA semi-annual meeting

Host Club: Trotting Texas Turtles

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

Write for more information to:

712 Ridge St

Copperas Cove, TX 76522

Contact: Karl Kittinger, (254) 547 - 1403

E-Mail: walkabout@hot.rr.com

Club Website:

www.walktx.org/ttt2.html

8/10/2013 - 8/10/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95760 10 km / 5 km

Start: Taco Cabana #325

Event City: San Antonio - August SunRise Walk

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, (210) 723 - 8574

E-Mail: ellenott@sbcglobal.net

Club Website:

www.randolphroadrunners.info

9/14/2013 - 9/14/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95958 10 km/5 km

Start: Crestview United Methodist Church

Event City: Austin - Violet Crown Community Volksmarch

Host Club: Colorado River Walkers

Event Website:

coloradoriverwalkers.org

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

Write for more information to:

10806 Plains Trail, Austin, TX 78758

Contact: Elayne Barber, (512) 834 - 0492

E-Mail: elayne_barber@yahoo.com

Club Website:

www.coloradoriverwalkers.org/

9/21/2013 - 9/21/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 96070 10km & 5km

Start: Georgias Market Downtown

Event City: Houston - Georgia's Market Downtown

Host Club: Houston Happy Hikers

Event Website: **Error! Hyperlink**

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

Write for more information to:

P. O. Box 101, Orchard, Texas 77464

Contact: Catherine Kellner, (979) 478 - 6203

E-Mail: hhhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com

Club Website:

www.houstonhappyhikers.com

9/21/2013 - 9/21/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 96183 10km

Start: Alamo Springs Cafe

Event City: Comfort - The Bat Tunnel

Host Club: Kerrville Trailblazers

Event Website:

www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers

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: guadalupesigns@omniglobal.net

Club Website:

www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/

9/28/2013 - 9/28/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 96190 10km/8km/6km

Start: Hamilton Park

Event City: Dallas - High Five Walk

Host Club: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.

Event Website:

www.DallasTrekkers.org

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

Write for more information to:

15612 Overmead Circle

Dallas, Tx 75248

Contact: Shelia Brookshire, (214) 663 - 4652

E-Mail: scbrook@juno.com

Club Website: www.dallastrekkers.org

9/28/2013 - 9/28/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 95898 5 km/10 km

Start: Land Heritage Institute

Event City: San Antonio - Land

Heritage Institute

Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners

Event Website:

randolphroadrunners.info

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

Write for more information to:

26 Spring Lake Drive

San Antonio, Tx 78248

Contact: Leon LeVan, (210) 492 - 1778

E-Mail: leon4126@satx.rr.com

Club Website:

www.randolphroadrunners.info

VOLKSSPORT CLUBS OF TEXAS

SUMMER YRE & SUNRISE WALKS-2013

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August, 2013:

8/3/13 TTT Host for TVA traditional Walk, Dana Peak Park. See flyer or AVA Website

8/10/13 RRR Sunrise Walk, Taco Cabana, Stone Oak, 6:30 A.M. See flyer or AVA Website*

8/17/13 Dallas Trekkers, Creeks of Lake Highlands, #Y1902 7 A.M.

8/17/13 Houston Happy Hikers, Huntsville #Y1352 6:30 A. M.

8/24/13 Texas Wanderers, Salado Creek #Y0450 7 A.M. Start-Lady Bird Johnson Trailhead

8/31/13 Fredericksburg, Stonewall-LBJ State Park, #Y0547 6:30 A.M.

Check each event for start time.

ALL SUMMER YRE WALKS ARE
SCHEDULED TO BE STAFFED FOR
3 HOURS ONLY

For details of YRES check **STARTING
POINT 2013 (or)**

WWW.AVA.ORG: Locate Walking
Events/Event Details

*The RRR Sunrise Walks are "Fund
Raisers." Taco cabana will donate 20%
of purchases by the walkers to the
AVA.

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 _____

E-mail address _____

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

Family members _____

AVA Volkssport Associate Yes No

Amount submitted \$ _____

Eager to serve as club officer_____ or committee chair_____