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**Randolph Roadrunners
Volkssport Club**
A Walking Club Established 1980
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www.randolphroadrunners.info

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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:

Charles Dill, Leanne Blackburn, Carrie Blackburn, Laurie Taylor, Patricia Heller, George & Ginny Klotzbach Rueben & Marta Knappe, Hal & Marilyn Leonard, Caryl Swann, Bilita & Don VanCleave and Anne White. 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!

Robert/Mary Bresnsinger San Antonio
Merrill Rosas San Antonio
Lana Collins San Antonio

Wreaths Across America

On 13 December at 10 a.m. at the Fort Sam Cemetery, the Wreaths Across America project could use all hands available to unload and unpack thousands of wreaths for the grave sites which will then be laid on Saturday the 14th.

Since the worker's walk for Boerne is on Thursday I'm going to volunteer. Shorty, the fellow who called me said he use to Volksmarch. Perhaps, we could wear the RR long sleeve T-shirt and/or the blue jacket.....something Roadrunnerish. This would be a nice service project for the RR club. If anyone is interested in volunteering, let me know, 210-723-8574 or ellenott@sbcglobal.net

Thanks,

Ellen

Kudos to the following walkers:

Taken from the latest issue of TAW:

EVENTS:

10 - Cheryl Lardy
100 - Susan Medlin
200 - Susan Alton
350 - 375 - 400 - 450 - Douglas Eide
475 - Nancy Paulson
500 - Anthony Paulson
700 - 750 - Carol Shaner
1600 - Joanne Forinash
4000 - William Radigan

DISTANCE:

1000 km - Susan Medlin
2000 km - Elizabeth LeVan
2000 km - Leon LeVan
3000 km - 35000km - Douglas Eide
4500 km - Nancy Paulson
5000 km - Anthony Paulson
7500 km - 8000 km - Carol Shaner

From the Desk of the RR Pres-

The next RR club meeting will be held at the Universal City Public Library, Universal City at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

The election for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary of the Randolph Roadrunners was held at the November meeting and Susan Medlin has been elected Vice-President and Pat Roberts Secretary.

Don't forget - Wednesday, 4 December 8 a.m., Friendship Walk in Friedrich Wilderness Park. Meet at the Rodeway Inn on I-10. Water and an awesome snack will be provided.

Worker's walk for the Boerne Christmas event will be Thursday, 12 December at 9 a.m.

Joanne Forinash has the 2014 Starting Points.

Workers are needed for the 4 January RR events that will start at the Corner Bakery in the Quarry. Call Ellen 210-723-8574 or email at ellenott@sbcglobal.net. The 2nd shift at Barney Smith's Toilet Seat Museum and the 2nd shift at registration have been filled. The more volunteers, the shorter the shifts. Workers can do the walks as their schedule allows.

The Texas Volkssport Association Special Program books for the Texas Historical Marker Program are available from Ellen Ott and also at all traditional Volkssport events. Checks for \$10 made out to the TVA will purchase a program book.

Spare Parts, Inc. wants to thank everyone who saved paper towel rolls, shoe boxes, etc. For the moment they are done with that project. But still save pill bottles for Gerry Kamicka for the zoo.

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Christmas Party - 2013

This year the Roadrunner Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 17 in lieu of a regular club meeting.

We are meeting at 6 P.M. at the River City Seafood and Grill which is located at 115 N. Loop 1604, suite 1108. The restaurant is located on the north side of 1604 between 281 and Stone Oak Parkway (and there are other items besides fish on the menu). We will be able to order off the menu and receive separate checks.

We will also have our traditional Chinese Auction with the gift costing between \$10 and \$15. So, come join us!

Tales from the Trails

By Caryl Swann

From 9/15 – 10/1, I joined 49 other people on a Tater Tours 16 day trek through 6 western states, including 4 national parks, 4 state capitals, and numerous natural and man-made attractions. During the trip I did 16 walks totaling 141km. We started in Denver, CO, with the Capital walk in

the morning and the Denver Univ. walk in the afternoon. The Capital walk included a stretch of Denver's downtown river walk, similar to ours but with rapids. The picturesque university was in an attractive residential area. The next 2 days were supposed to be in Rocky Mountains National Park but the extreme flooding prevented that. We detoured first to Loveland, CO, where our walk included the Benson Sculpture Garden, a residential park filled with amazingly life-like wildlife sculptures. This is not to be missed if you ever get close to Loveland. The next day we detoured to Windsor, CO. and did their town walk, which started at their very impressive recreation center. We tried to get someone to climb the center's rock wall by offering an additional 5k credit, but everyone had better sense. The next day we were back on schedule with a Capital walk in Cheyenne, WY, where we passed many cultural and historic sites.



Jenny Lake

By now I was itchin' to get away from towns and cities and visit our next destinations, Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks in WY. At Grand Teton, we hiked around the crystal blue Jenny Lake bordered by the famous chain of jagged mountain peaks. The evening was spent touring art galleries and shops in Jackson Hole. The next morning we headed for Yellowstone and walked around all of the geysers and pools at the Old Faithful area. And keeping to its name, Old Faithful erupted with a wall of water at its scheduled time. We were also treated to views of elk, bison, and rolling rivers as we drove down the park roads. We stayed in West Yellowstone, MT, enabling us to get credit for another state by doing a walk through the pine

trees lining the Riverside Park path. We then headed back to Yellowstone to stop at various views of the upper and lower falls.



Mormon Tabernacle

The next day was on the road all day to Boise, ID. This enabled people to get another state and capital stamp on the Boise Micro-Brewery Walk (OK there was another side benefit to this walk.). We left Boise to go to Salt Lake City, UT for another capital walk which included the Mormon Temple Square and a canyon trail. The next day we headed for Bryce National Park and stopped at a couple of viewpoints overlooking the famous ridges of hoodoos, pillars of reddish-pink rocks shaped by millions of year of erosion.

The next day we were on our own to walk along the canyon rim or descend into the depths of the canyon. I elected to walk the entire 10k rim which provided constantly amazing views. I encountered a girl on a steep gravelly section who was coming down at a fast pace like it was nothing - on crutches, with one foot suspended in a brace. Shoot, I was lucky to navigate with both feet at a slow pace. From Bryce, we headed to Zion National Park, where our bus driver got to demonstrate his skills at handling a stretch of numerous tight switchbacks dropping precipitously down to the park's visitor center. At the northern end of the park road we did the Riverside Walk which is bordered by a river and towering canyon walls displaying many hanging gardens. If you pause along this trail, you will be approached by a number of squirrels who have perfected their begging skills. We also walked a trail leading to the Lower and Upper Emerald Pools.



Hoover Dam

We ended our walking adventure by visiting Las Vegas (also known as “Lost Wages”). Our first day included the North and South Strip walks where we went in and out of various famous casino complexes. In addition to the casino and hotel sections, each contained movie and live theatres, and numerous walkways lined with shops and restaurants. It was easy to get lost inside these behemoths. The second day, our last day of walking, we headed to Hoover Dam where we walked across the expansion bridge and descended to the bottom of the dam. In the afternoon we walked through an older section of Las Vegas, past interesting architecture and various wedding chapels. The start/stop point was in an outlet mall where I purchased a small suitcase so I could cram in all the new stuff I accumulated during our 16 days. Unfortunately, I had no gambling winnings, but what do you expect when you only bet \$1.00? The next morning we all woke early, gathered our suitcases for the last time, hugged and headed home. Now I’m looking forward to another Tater Tours trip (www.tatertours.com).



Byrce *Trip photos by Caryl Swann.

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Coming Texas Events:

12/7/2013 - 12/7/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 97529

14km/10km/5km

Start: Arlington Visitors Center, 1905 E. Randal Mill road, Arlington, TX

Event City: Arlington - Arlington Christkindl Market Volksmarch

Host Club: Tarrant County Walkers

Event Website: www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers

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

Write for more information to:

P. O. Box 100325

Fort Worth, TX 76185

Contact: Susan Fine, (817) 925 - 5447

E-Mail: finesusan25@gmail.com

Club Website: www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers

12/7/2013 - 12/7/2013 - Swim

Event Number: 97712 - 330 Meters/6

Laps

Start: Community Aquatic & Skate Park

Event City: Rockport - Tropical Christmas- Swim

Host Club: Rockport City Trailways

Event Website: www.cityofrockport.com

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

Write for more information to:

622 E. Market Street

Rockport, TX 78382

Contact: Jackie Hattenbach, (361) 727 - 2158

E-Mail: parks3@cityofrockport.com

Club Website:

www.cityofrockport.com

12/7/2013 - 12/7/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 97385 10km/5km

Start: Community Aquatic & Skate Park

Event City: Rockport - Tropical Christmas

Host Club: Rockport City Trailways

Event Website: www.cityofrockport.com

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

Write for more information to:

622 E. Market Street

Rockport, TX 78382

Contact: Jackie Hattenbach, (361) 727 - 2158

E-Mail: parks3@cityofrockport.com

Club Website:

www.cityofrockport.com

12/14/2013 - 12/14/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 97074 10km/5km

Start: Jones Building, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church

Event City: Houston - Museum District

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, Texas 77464

Contact: Catherine Kellner, (979) 478 - 6203

EMail: hvhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com

Club Website:

www.houstonhappyhikers.com

12/14/2013 - 12/14/2013 - Walk

Event Number: 97111 10 km / 5 km

Start: St. John's Lutheran Church, Luther Hall

Event City: Boerne - Boerne Christmas Market Days Walk

Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners

Event Website: www.randolphroadrunners.info
 More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
 Write for more information to:
 1726 Fawn Crest
 San Antonio, TX. 782481315
 Contact: Joanne Forinash, (210) 493 - 8543
 E-Mail: sjforinash@yahoo.com
 Club Website:
www.randolphroadrunners.info

12/31/2013 - 12/31/2013 - Walk
 Event Number: 98086 10km/5km
 Start : St Joseph's Halle
 Event City: Fredericksburg - Memorial Walk
 Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.
 Event Website: www.WalkTx.org
 More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
 Write for more information to:
 2334 Saharah, Garland, Tx 75044
 Contact : Helen Hull, (972) 530 - 1026
 E-Mail: helenthehun@yahoo.com
 Club Website: walktexas.org

1/1/2014 - 1/1/2014 - Walk
 Event Number: 98087 10km/5km
 Start: St Joseph's Halle
 Event City: Fredericksburg - Midnight Walk
 Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.
 Event Website: www.WalkTx.org
 More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
 Write for more information to:
 2334 Saharah, Garland, TX 75044
 Contact: Helen Hull, (972) 530 - 1026
 E-Mail: helenthehun@yahoo.com
 Club Website: walktexas.org



left to right-Barbara Piersol, Randy Baker, Margie Kent and Mary Seaborne stop for a picture before starting the walk at Rio Cibolo Ranch, Zuehl.



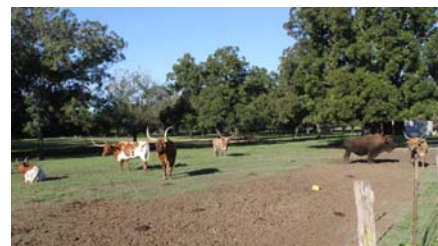
Nancy & Tony Paulson working at Zuehl Field at the 1st checkpoint.



Bilita & Don VanCleave with Sadie & Shadow at site of former Clemens School used from 1891- 1966.



Martin Callahan with Indie pose for a picture in front of the Double Ringer Saloon in Zuehl along the trail on Gin Road.



Texas Long Horn and Buffalo along the walk route on Rio Cibolo Ranch.

***Photos courtesy of Martin Callahan**



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 _____ Apt No. _____

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

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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

Telephone number _____

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.

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 _____