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Next Meeting – February 17, 2015
Esplanade Gardens, Converse, TX
A member of the American Volkssport
Association (AVA) & the International
Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)
The Public is always welcome

**Randolph Roadrunners
Volkssport Club**
A Walking Club Established 1980
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Year-round Event, DeZavala Daily Bread

Year-round Event, Junction

Year-round Event, Leon Creek

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*Year-round Event, Crownridge & Friedrich
Park*

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Year-round Events, Schertz

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Club Website

www.randolphroadrunners.info

AVA Website

www.ava.org

TVA Website

www.walktexas.org

SW Regional Director

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Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:

Joan Whealen, Laura Cortez, Sandra Lamprecht, Gerry Wagner, Lana Collins, Merrill Rosas, Mary Stevens, Ofelia Garcia, The Roberts Family, James Hull, The Rocha Family, Howard & Lynn Tidwell, Steve & Rita Anderson, Diana Battan, Louise & Stephen Botts, John & Betty Dupre, Douglas Eide, The Genung Family, Mike Hughes, Gloria & Julia Hurtado, Sonja Montgomery, Christopher Sanchez and Nadine Sinclair . 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

Louis & Amy Amici San
Lisa DeLuna Katy
Glenda Parra Katy

New Walker Column - first in a series for new walkers

To explain the AVAs abbreviations in a featured column:

AVA - American Volkssport Association

TVA - Texas Volkssport Association

TAW - The American Wanderer newspaper

NEC - National Executive Committee

SWRD - Southwest Regional Director

IVV - International Federation of Popular Sports

RR MEETING LOCATION

Our new RR meeting Place is:

Esplanade Gardens
10790 Toepperwein Road
Converse, TX 78109

www.esplanadeseniorcampus.com

The Roadrunners meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next RR

meeting is February 17, 2015 with a "meet and greet" at 6:30 and general meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Food for Thought

Something was mentioned at the January Roadrunner meeting: we never see any of the AVA headquarters staff at walks. This comment went totally off my radar but merits some comment since this topic has surfaced on and off for the last several years.

A few years ago the AVA president required that all the headquarters staff participate in at least one Volksmarch a year and to "feel the pain" of coordinating a year around event from start to finish. This was when Mitchell Lake became a year around event. When that president resigned, the walk requirement went away. The year around event stayed in place.

The AVA office staff are hired to work in the office. We all think it would be great if they all participated in Volkssport events. They can do this voluntarily on their own time. If they are required to participate they have to be paid. If a walk box has to be checked like at Mitchell Lake and it takes someone out of the AVA office, it's not in their job description and liability issues arise.

I would suggest as part of a new employee's orientation that they attend one traditional walk to observe how things are done and how their position fits into the big picture. They don't have to walk; just observe the process.

If anyone would like to have further discussion on this topic, please send your comments to Audrey to publish in the next RR newsletter.

Ellen

Kudos to the following RR

Walkers – From February/March

2015 TAW

Events –

125 Darren Medlin
250 Susan Medlin
350 Caryl Swann
850 Suzanne Markgraf
1300 Patricia Heller
3800 Patricia Gunter



Distance –

17,000 KM Patricia Heller
17,000 KM Donald VanCleave
19,000 KM Bilita VanCleave

Congratulations to Patricia Heller who has already finished the RR Baker's Dozen!!



An INVITATION to...

Take part in Walkin' the **Seawall** a sanctioned walk and **TVA Business Meeting** in Corpus Christi, Texas on Saturday 7 February 2015.

The Start & Finish for the walk is in the lobby of the Conference Center at the Emerald Beach Hotel.

The Start Window for Walkin' the **Seawall** opens at 7:30am and closes at 10:30am.

Details on the walk are covered in the Event Brochure or at www.ava.org

The **TVA Business Meeting** begins at 1:30pm.

Heinz Johnson
President
Texas Volkssport Association



Special Programs ending 12/31/14:

America's Bakeries, Celebrating Golden Cinemas, Classic American Diners, Strolling Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Struttin' Down Main Street, Work Projects Administration, Walking Americas Murals. Participants have 1 year from the end date to complete and send the books to the clubs that hosted the special program for processing of the awards. Please do not send the completed books to AVA Headquarters.

Centurion Changes:

October 2014, the NEC made a decision to reduce the cost of the 2015 Centurion Challenge. The reduced price is \$15.00. If you ordered a 2015 Centurion in 2014 your account was credited \$10.00. The first book purchased each calendar year is \$15.00, and any additional books purchased the same year are \$10.00 each.

AVA Caf press Store:

To order a unique T-shirt, ball cap or other items an account has been set up with Caf press. You place your order directly and pay directly via Caf press not through AVA HQ. Check it out: <http://www.cafepress.com/avagear>



Join the Randolph Roadrunners on 14 February at Broadway Daily Bread on DeZavala Road for the year around event. The start will be "manned" from 8 am until 11 am, but you can walk any time.

This event is part of the Roadrunners Baker's Dozen program. Bring your sweetheart for a great walk and refreshments!

Contact Ellen at 210 - 723 - 8574 if information is needed.

Coming Texas Events:

2/7/2015 - 2/7/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101352 10km/5km
Start: Conference Center @ Emerald Beach Hotel

Event City: Corpus Christi - Walkin' the Historic Seawall

Host Club: Sparkling City Strollers

Event Website: walktexas.org

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

Write for more information to:

27727 Ramblewood

San Antonio, Tx 78261

Contact: Heinz Johnson, (830) 980 - 5723

E-Mail: tvapresident@gvtc.com

Club Website: groups.yahoo.com/group/SparklingCityStrollers/

2/21/2015 - 2/21/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 100741 10km/5km
Start: Del Webb's Hill Country Retreat Resort Center

Event City: San Antonio - Del Webb Hill Country Retreat

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@bcglobal.net

Club Website: www.randolphroadrunners.info

2/28/2015 - 2/28/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101259 10km

Start: Dunbar Center, 801 Martin Luther King St.

Event City: San Marcos - Prospect and Purgatory

Host Club: San Marcos River Walkers

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

Write for more information to:

100 E. Laurel Ln.

San Marcos, TX 78666

Contact: Barbara Piersol, (512) 396 - 4463

E-Mail: bpiersol@grandecom.net

2/28/2015 - 2/28/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101399 5k & 10k

Start: John Pundt Park Pavilion

Event City: Spring

Host Club: Houston Happy Hikers
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: hphpresident@HoustonHappyHikers.com

Club Website: www.houstonhappyhikers.com

TVA Reunion Walks:

3/7/2015 - 3/7/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101370 10km/5km

Start: Wedding Oak Winery

Event City: San Saba - Historic San Saba

Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.

Event Website: www.WalkTexas.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

3/7/2015 - 3/7/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101369 10km/5km

Start: Brady National Bank

Community Building

Event City: Brady - Historic Brady the

Heart of Texas - McCulloch County

Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.

Event Website: www.WalkTexas.org

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

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2015 - RR Walk Events

2/21/15 – Del Webb

3/14/15 – Walker Ranch

5/15/15 – King William

SunRise Walks – July & August

11/14/15 – South Lions Park

The Roadrunners had 876 walkers participate in the RR YREs in 2014.

January and April are the favorite “walking” event months during the year and draw the biggest number of participants.

Memorial Walk Dec.31, 2014*



St. Josephs Halle, Fredericksburg, TX



Pat Gunter & Darlene Oner working the Start Table.



The photographic and video Memorial for the walkers who passed away in 2014 at the start point.



Tina and John Bohnert stand next to the Memorial for Walkers lost in 2014.

Gary Speir designed the video program and poster board and John provided the audiovisual equipment.

**All event photos, courtesy of Martin Callahan*



Helen Hull & Carlen Forinash



Volkssporters leaving St Josephs Halle to begin the walk.



Tom Heller, Sarah Brown and Patricia Heller starting their walk.



Martin Callahan in front of the Christmas Pyramid that was dedicated at the Marktplatz on 27 November 2009.



Doug Eide stops along the walk trail at the entrance to the Der Stadt Friedhof cemetery established in 1846.

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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 _____
 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

This renewal fee includes each family member who paid \$2.00 with the original application.

Telephone number _____

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 _____