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Next Meeting – 19, 2015
Esplanade Gardens, Converse, TX
A member of the American Volkssport
Association (AVA) & the International
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The Public is always welcome

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

& Broadway Daily Bread

Year-round Event, Junction

Year-round Event, Leon Creek

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*Year-round Event, Crownridge & Friedrich
Park*

Susan Medlin 210-325-3523

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

Joanne Forinash 210-493-8543

sw_rd@ava.org

Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:
Steve & Rita Anderson, Betty & John Dupre, The Genung Family, Mike Hughes, Gloria & Julia Hurtado, Sonja Montgomery, Christopher Sanchez, Nadine Sinclair, Randy Baker, The Kent Family, The San Miguel Family, Frankie & Robert Sorrell, Sharon & Michael Tinnon, Marisa Alvarez, Marlene Garcia & Irene Garcia, Alice Felder and Tom & Linda Elms.
To renew your RR membership, fill out the application attached or print off of our website:

www.RandolphRoadrunners.info and send it with \$4 for 1 year or \$10 for 3 years, to Caryl Swann c/o RR, PO Box 2744, Universal City, TX 78148.

Remember: Lifetime Memberships are available for \$30 per person.

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 May 19, 2015 with a “meet and greet” at 6:30 and general meeting at 6:45 p.m. Because of the AVA convention, the RRs will not have a club meeting in June.

**Attention RRs –
Newsletter news**

We are looking for input from our RR readers and want to make *The Roadrunner* truly a “club newsletter.”

So please feel free to submit an article, or a topic, or any information that would be of interest to our club readership for printing in the RR monthly newsletter.

Also, If any RR member would like to volunteer to take over the newsletter

publishing/editing/circulation, please feel free to email audreyve@aol.com.

RR - Baker's Dozen Program

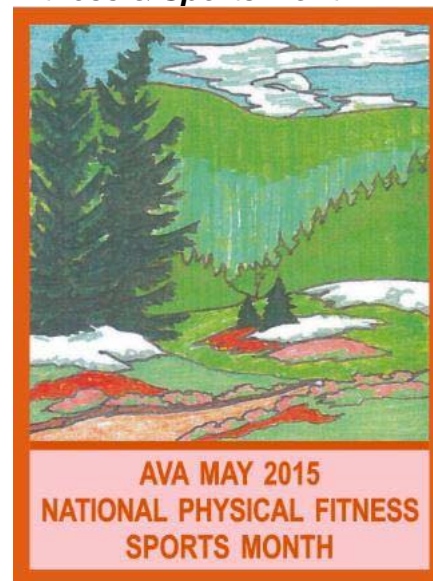
175 Baker's Dozen books have been given out and as of 4/21/15, Susan Medlin is the 2nd person to have completed a book.

Our next RR walk is the King William/Beethoven walk on 5/15/15. If you can Volunteer, workers are still needed.

Contact: Leon LeVan, (210) 492 - 1778

E-Mail: leon4126@satx.rr.com

**2015 May - National Physical
Fitness & Sports Month**



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From the SW RD...

Joanne Forinash
"BIG GIVE" MAY 5, 2015 DOUBLE YOUR GIFT TO AVA!!
The BIG GIVE S.A. is a 24-hour day of giving that will take place from

midnight to midnight on May 5, 2015. The AVA has a very loyal, dedicated and generous Lifetime member who has offered to match up to \$30,000 the AVA could get donated by other contributors. Our Executive Director, Henry Rosales knew of the BIG GIVE and thought this would be the perfect "MATCH." Thus the AVA is one of the registered Non Profits that will be participating in the BIG GIVE. Just take a look at the possibilities: If 3,000 people donate \$10 each, that's \$30,000.; If 300 people donate \$100 each, that's \$30,000; If 30 people donate \$1,000 each, that's \$30,000. Sounds easy, right? Let's do it and honor our generous donor. What better way to have your giving doubled as you invest in our future and help us take the AVA to a new level of success?

On May 5th beginning at 1 a.m. and on through 12 midnight friends, families, club members, NEC members, etc. are encouraged to go online at <https://thebiggivesa.org/#npo/american-volkssport-association> and click the donate button to make an online contribution. To learn more please go to <https://thebiggivesa.org/#home>. I also refer you to the April, 2015 AVA Checkpoint for more information and our Executive Director's statement on how the funds will be used by the AVA. By turning giving into a shared region-wide experience, we can significantly impact the future of South Central Texas and make a huge collective difference. Last year's event raised over \$2,000,000 for 467 participating agencies!



HEADQUARTERS 2ND ANNUAL WORLD WALK DAY—MAY 9TH 2015

The AVA Headquarters, along with the the Randolph Roadrunners, the Texas Wanderers, the Lone Star Walkers, and the Selma Pathfinders will be hosting

the 2nd Annual World Walk Day on May 9th from 8 am to 12 noon. The starting point will be at the AVA Headquarters 1001 Pat Booker Rd, Universal City, Texas 78148. Henry Rosales, the new Executive Director, wants to make this a "Traditional Event" in every aspect, bringing back memories to many of us of the beginning days of Volkssporting in Germany, with Bratwurst, beverages, music and lots of fun, fitness and friendship. This also provides an opportunity for our Volkssporters to meet the Headquarters staff, visit the Volkssport Museum at the headquarters and enjoy a walk around the Universal City Park and neighborhoods in Universal City.



AVA 19TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, SALEM, OREGON— JUNE 13-21, 2015

If you have not marked your calendar for the AVA convention in Salem, Oregon, June 13 thru 21, then it is time to do so. The committee has designed, mapped out and planned 9 walks (including pre and post events), a swim and a bike for our enjoyment. In addition to the events (walks, swim & bike) there is a week of activities, workshops, and socials that are sure to meet your desire for "Fun, Fitness and Friendship."

You may read the descriptions of each event, the schedule of activities and register by going to: <http://www.nationalavaconvention2015.com/information>



World Walking Day occurs on May 8 every year. Walks are held by IVV clubs around the world with a special stamp slug and certificates for walkers. AVA Headquarters with the support of local clubs will be hosting its 2nd annual IVV World Walk Day Event. A Traditional Event or a group walk of a

YRE both qualify as World Walking Day events if they are held on May 8th or between the weekends on either side of May 8th. This would mean that this year an event held between May 2nd and May 16th would qualify. T-shirts will also be available for purchase through Café Press.

Another opportunity for a national event is National Trails Day held on the first Saturday in June. This year National Trails Day will be on June 6th. This idea for a national event first came to our attention with a Facebook posting by Missy McBride who counted 12 clubs with Traditional Events on June 6th. More may have been added as her posting began to generate interest. If you have other ideas for a national event that we might be able to use to generate more interest, excitement, and fun, please send the idea along to SERD4AVA@gmail.com.

Finally, watch for more information on the next really big national event — AVA's 40th Anniversary in 2016. We have plenty of lead-time to make this the next "Time to Walk."

From Helen Hull - TVA

Don't forget the next TVA meeting in North Texas scheduled for July 31 thru Aug 2. We are planning a group walk in Fort Worth on Fri, July 31 for those arriving early. Saturday, Irving, Texas will be hosting a walk starting early that morning and then the TVA meeting that afternoon. Sat. early evening, Plano will be hosting a group walk at one of their YREs along with hot dogs and fixings (for a nominal cost). We can visit and walk or walk and visit. Finally Sunday morning, Dallas will be hosting their first Sunday of the month group walk at Cedar Ridge Preserve in the southwest part of the city. The group walks starts at 7 AM. So join us for a "Hotter than Hell" weekend this summer.

Helen Hull, TVA – 1st Vice President

Coming Texas Events:

5/2/2015 - 5/2/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101643 10 km/5 km
Start: Stagecoach Pavilion, Stagecoach Park, 880 Main St. Buda, Texas 78610
Event City: Buda - Stagecoach Park in Buda, Texas

Host Club: Colorado River Walkers
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

3109 Rogge Ln., Austin, TX. 78723

Contact: Carol Obianwu, (512) 771 - 9566

E-Mail: cobianwu@utexas.edu

Club Website:

www.coloradoriverwalkers.org/

5/9/2015 - 5/9/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101840 1km/9km/6km

Start: Ridgpointe Park

Event City: The Colony - World Walk Day 2015

Host Club: Plano Walking Club

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

Write for more information to:

4221 Whistler Dr, Plano, TX 75093

Contact: Margaret "Maggie" Cole, (469) 233-0161

E-Mail: maggiec01@verizon.net

Club

Website: www.walktx.org/planowalkinclub

5/9/2015 - 5/9/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101713 10km/5km

Start: AVA Headquarters

Event City: Universal City - 2nd

Annual World Walk Day 2015

Host Club: AVA Headquarters

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

Write for more information to:

1001 Pat Booker Road, Ste 101

Universal City, TX 78148

Contact: Karen Winkle, (210) 659 - 2112

E-Mail: karen@ava.org



5/15/2015 - 5/15/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 10165 10 km/5 km

Start: Beethoven Maennerchor Halle und Garten

Event City: San Antonio - King William Area walk

Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners

Event Website:

randolphroadrunners.info

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

Write for more information to:

26 Spring Lake Dr.

San Antonio, Tx 78248

Contact: Leon LeVan, (210) 492 - 1778

E-Mail: leon4126@satx.rr.com

Club Website:

www.randolphroadrunners.info

5/16/2015 - 5/16/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 101675 10km/5km

Start: Visitor's Center-Brazos Bend State Park

Event City: Needville - Brazos Bend

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: hphpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com

Club Website:

www.houstonhappyhikers.com

5/16/2015 - 5/16/2015 - Walk

Event Number: 1016 10km/5km

Start: Fort Richardson State Park

Interpretive Center

Event City: Jacksboro

Host Club: Tarrant County Walkers

Event Website:

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

Write for more information to:

1049 Creek Hollow Lane

Fort Worth, TX 76131

Contact: Bill Wigton, (817) 729 - 3339

E-Mail: billwigton@gmail.com

Club Website: www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers

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

TVA Reunion Walks – 3/7/15 Brady & San Saba, TX



Darlene Oner, Ellen Ott, Pat Roberts & Carol Obianwu working the TVA San Saba Reunion walk event.



Mill Pond House – San Saba Springs walk.



Martin Callahan at McCulloch County Courthouse in Brady which is designated the geographic center of Texas.

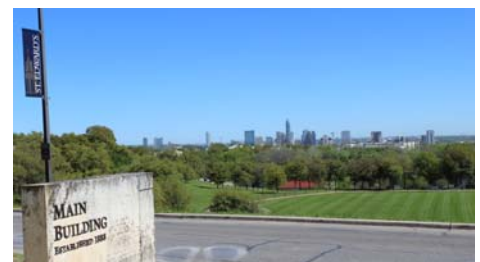


Brady walk event Start/Finish tables at Brady National Bank Community room.

Austin Volcanoes Walk 3/28/15



Reuben & Marta Knape, Priscilla & Heinz Johnson on the trail in S. Austin.



Austin skyline from St. Edwards - 3/28/15



Workers & walkers at the Comfort Easter Walk event – 4/4/15



Tina & John Bohnert, Hill Country Volkssportverein – Comfort Community Park Pavilion – Easter walk



Walkers on the trail at Comfort Easter Walk – 4/4/15

**All event photos, courtesy of Martin Callahan*

RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS
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 Universal City TX 78148-1744

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.

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 _____