



**Official Newsletter of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS (AVA44)**

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 Next Meeting – January 19, 2016  
 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  
 PO Box 2744  
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*Club Website*

[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)

*AVA Website*

[www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)

*TVA Website*

[www.walktexas.org](http://www.walktexas.org)

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**Susan Medlin** 210-325-3523

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**Renewal Time**

The following membership renewals are currently due:

**Velma Herber,**  
**Maggie/Gus/Finn Roberts, Judge**  
**Marcia Weiner, Clarence & Dianne**  
**Johnson, Jess Meyer, Sara Garcia,**  
**Reuben & Marta Knape, Gloria**  
**Scott, Shaun/Michel Isaak Wolfshohl,**  
**John & Ann White, Carlen & Joanne**  
**Forinash, Patti Paulson and Jan**  
**Heyer.** To renew your RR membership, fill out the application attached or print off of our website: [www.RandolphRoadrunners.info](http://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.

**Welcome, New Member:**

Kim & Bart Thomas	San Antonio
Amanda Malone	Schertz
Betty Jarvis	Schertz
Rose Mueller	Converse

**RR MEETING LOCATION**

Esplanade Gardens  
 10790 Toepperwein Road  
 Converse, TX 78109  
[www.esplanadeseniorcampus.com](http://www.esplanadeseniorcampus.com)  
 The Roadrunners meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is January 19, 2016.



**From the Desk of the Pres-**

I wish each of the Roadrunners a blessed and safe New Year with many fun volksmarches!  
 Many thanks for all each of you do for the Roadrunners. Our club is blessed to have each of you as part of the Roadrunner family.  
 For those of you who make new year's resolutions and for those of you who don't, please think about helping

the Roadrunners in the new year. If each Roadrunner worked one shift a year at one of our many club events it would not be a burden on anyone and the club president would not have to beg for help. ( it's not very becoming! ).

If you can't help for the January events please let me know ahead of time what event you would like to work...when, where and time.

The club has a February event at Del Webb;  
 A May walk on the 3rd Friday in May at the Beethoven Halle and Gartens;  
 July and August SunRise walks;  
 November 26 at Southside Lions Park (a new place to hold a walk) and then the December Christmas walk in Boerne.

This may seem like a busy walking schedule, but it's what makes the Roadrunners the successful club that we are. It's a big team effort. Working a check point could be a fun way for a family to spend some quality time.

**Boerne Christmas Walk  
 12/12/15**



*John Ives and Herb Laing pancake & sausage Chefs!*

A thank you to the following worker's for their time and flexibility for the Boerne walk on 12 December:  
 Pat Gunter, Pat Roberts, Caryl Swann, Don and Bilita VanCleave, Susan Medlin, Jerry Rehmer, Audrey

Vertucci, Suzanne Markgraf, Mike and Kathy Schwencke, Rick White, Darlene Oner, Rose Mueller, Carol Shaner, Pat Heller, Nancy and Tony Paulson, Joanne Forinash and our wonderful cooks; Herb Laing and John Ives. The pancakes and sausages were enjoyed by many of the 129 walk participants. And the walkers were treated to the wonderful smells and samples of the coffee-can wheat and white bread prepared by the San Antonio Loafers again for us this year.

*Ellen*



*Breakfast at Boerne Christmas walk*



*Pat Gunter at Boerne walk start table*



*Ellen taking care of a 4-leg walker*



## **Upcoming - MLK Weekend Events**

**January 16, 17, 18, 2016:**

**SATURDAY 1/16 – Selma Path Finders - San Antonio**  
Featured YRE#1686  
Mission Conception & Mission Reach

**SUNDAY 1/17 – Texas Wanderers - San Antonio**  
Featured YRE#0055  
River Walk South (The Alamo)

**MONDAY 1/18 – Selma Path Finders - San Antonio**  
Featured YRE#1615  
Mission San Juan to Mission Espada

As always, event details are outlined in the special event brochure that was recently published or they can be found online on the AVA web site. These events fill a blank spot on the VCSWTX calendar and the long MLK Weekend is a good time for Fun, Fitness and Friendship. Thanks.

*Heinz Johnson*  
President, TVA



## **The Next NEC meeting**

The next NEC meeting will be held January 22 – 24, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Hampton Inn, 4975 Dean Martin Drive.

**AVA's 40th Anniversary - Susan Medlin, Chair, National Events**

Come to Fredericksburg, Texas on June 10 -12, 2016 and join in the celebration of the AVA's 40th Anniversary. The very first walking event was held in Fredericksburg on June 12- 13, 1976. Next summer we will celebrate this historic event with multiple walks, a bike event, and a swim. You'll enjoy the

scenic countryside, the Wine Road 290 (featuring 15 wineries just minutes apart), a world-class WWII Museum and our many fine restaurants. Join us on the Saturday morning Founders Day Walk. We also offer 6 Year Round Walks, with new routes updated in 2014, and 2 County walks (Mason & Llano) that you can enjoy.

In the spin up to the 40th Anniversary of Volksmarching in America, we are looking for human interest stories, humorous antidotes, lessons learned, and other interesting events that would encourage folks to become volksmarchers. Please forward your memories to John McClellan, President of the Happy Wanderers, johnmc82@cfl.rr.com by January 31, 2016. We hope to include your memories in articles for Reader's Digest, AARP magazine, TAW and other publications.

## **Use AmazonSmile-Goodsearch and Goodshop**

Take care of your Holiday needs and support AVA by shopping online at AmazonSmile Shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2164037> and 0.5% of your eligible amazonsmile purchase will be donated to AVA directly from Amazon! It's as simple as that. If you don't find what you need through AmazonSmile try using Goodsearch and Goodshop to fulfill your Holiday needs! Another great way to shop online is by using Goodsearch and Goodshop. Simply go to

<http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/american-volkssportassociation-ava.aspx> sign up for Goodsearch and Goodshop and just continue searching and shopping as you normally would!

Thank you to all our Volkssporters and friends who are already searching and shopping online and supporting AVA.

During this Holiday Season the AVA Headquarters team wishes all of our friend's tidings of joy and happiness. We are thankful for the support of all of our volunteers, donors, Volkssporting families, participants and the leadership of the National Executive Council. Special thanks to the Strategic Planning Team who has been burning the night oil researching and analyzing data in search of a better future for AVA.

## **Coming Texas Traditional Events:**

12/31/2015 - 12/31/2015 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104216 10km/5km  
**Start:** St. Joseph's Halle  
**Event City:** Fredericksburg - TVA Memorial Walk  
**Host Club:** Texas Volkssport Assn.  
**Event Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
215 Mineola ST  
Ingram, Tx 78025  
**Contact:** Brian Fisher, (830) 377 - 4239  
**Email:**  
[guadalupesigns@omniglobal.net](mailto:guadalupesigns@omniglobal.net)  
**Club Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)

1/1/2016 - 1/1/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104218 10km/5km  
**Start:** St. Joseph's Halle  
**Event City:** Fredericksburg - TVA Midnight Walk  
**Host Club:** Texas Volkssport Assn.  
**Event Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
215 Mineola ST, Ingram, TX 78025  
**Contact:** Brian Fisher, (830) 377 - 4239  
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**Club Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)

1/9/2016 - 1/9/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104247 10km/6km  
**Start:** Da Boyz Bar & Sports Grill  
**Event City:** Garland - Duck Creek Greenbelt  
**Host Club:** Dallas Trekkers, Inc.  
**Event Website:**  
[www.DallasTrekkers.org](http://www.DallasTrekkers.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:**[helenhull@yahoo.com](mailto:helenhull@yahoo.com)  
**Club Website:** [www.dallastrekkers.org](http://www.dallastrekkers.org)

1/9/2016 - 1/9/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104295 10km/5km  
**Start:** Mosquito Cafe  
**Event City:** Galveston  
**Host Club:** Houston Happy Hikers  
**Event Website:**  
[houstonhappyhikers.com](http://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  
**Email:**  
[hhrpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com](mailto:hhrpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.houstonhappyhikers.com](http://www.houstonhappyhikers.com)

1/9/2016 - 1/9/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104352 10k/5k  
**Start:** Corner Bakery Cafe - Lincoln Heights - Museum Walk  
**Event City:** San Antonio - Museum Walk  
**Host Club:** Randolph Roadrunners  
**Event Website:**  
[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.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](mailto:ellenott@sbcglobal.net)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)

1/9/2016 - 1/9/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104353 10k/5k  
**Start:** Corner Bakery Cafe - Lincoln Heights - Quarry Walk  
**Event City:** San Antonio - Quarry Walk  
**Host Club:** Randolph Roadrunners  
**Event Website:**  
[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
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1/23/2016 - 1/23/2016 - Guided Bike  
**Event Number:** 104411 13km/25km  
**Start:** Falcon State Park  
**Event City:** Falcon Heights - SoTex '16 Traveling Bike #1  
**Host Club:** Whatever of Texas Sporting Club  
**Event Website:** [http://faculty.sulross.edu/cbaulch/index\\_files/Page615.htm](http://faculty.sulross.edu/cbaulch/index_files/Page615.htm)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
21 Lowe, Quemado, TX 78877  
**Contact:** Clay Baulch, (210) 204 - 9301  
**E-Mail:**[btcotx@gmail.com](mailto:btcotx@gmail.com)

## **RR Christmas Party 12/15/15**



Chinese Gift Exchange table



Herb Laing and one of his many picks!



Andrew Magness, Ellen Ott, and Mike Hermes



Grace Pedroza and Martin Callahan at the Randolph Roadrunners Christmas Party

*\*All event photos, 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_