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 Next Meeting – February 16, 2016
 Esplanade Gardens, Converse, TX
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**Randolph Roadrunners
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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:

Clarence & Dianne Johnson, Jess Meyer, Sara Garcia, Gloria Scott, The Wolfshohl family, Patti Paulson, Jeff & Bridget Magness, Norman & Pamela Haines, George Hext & Dorothy Contreras, Doug Eide, John & MaryAnn Dornon, Frank Gresham, Louise Underwood, Mike & Kathy Schwencke, Louis & Amy Amici, Lisa DeLuna & Glenda Parra. 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.

Welcome, New Members!

Ed & Monica Roberson San Antonio
 Norm & Antje Klaunig Boerne
 Elias & Kathleen Abdulahad

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RR MEETING LOCATION

Esplanade Gardens
 10790 Toepperwein Road
 Converse, TX 78109

The Roadrunners meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is February 16, 2016.

**From the Desk of the Pres-
 Start Points & Shirts!**

Make sure you look up Joanne Forinash at the RR sales table at our walks and at

the club meetings. Joanne has the 2016 Start Point books and the new RR/AVA white sweatshirts for sale plus our club T-shirts. Get 'em while they're hot (or it's hot) before the cold weather!

A BIG "thank you" to all the walkers who participated in the Roadrunners 2015 year around events. The following are the totals for 2015:

Leon Creek walk	87
Leon Creek bike	12
DeZavala Neighborhood	180 *
Friedrich Park	98 **
Crownridge	59
Boerne Town	81
Boerne Cemetery	68
Boerne nature Center	66
Old Schertz	118
Schertz – Cibolo	123
Gonzales	51
Palmetto State Park	54
Broadway	82
Total	1,079 - plus Junction

(Junction - the walk box has not been picked up yet - waiting for nicer weather.)
 *featured walk in February
 ** featured walk in September

Hope several walkers will complete the Baker's Dozen in 2016... Eisenhower Park will replace Junction for that program.
 Happy wandering, Ellen



Dorothy "Fred" Brett from Quilts of Honor presenting a quilt to Rick White on 2/19/16.

Quilts of Honor At the January 19th RR meeting, we were visited by Dorothy “Fred” Brett, Coordinator from *Quilts of Honor*, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing healing, loving quilts to those who have served in harm’s way protecting our freedoms.

The mission of *Quilts of Honor* is to bestow a universal symbol and token of thanks, solace, and remembrance to those who served to protect and defend our lives and freedoms. *Quilts of Honor* are made by the loving hands of countless volunteers who wish to thank those who have served, so that they know their sacrifices are appreciated. *Quilts of Honor’s* hope is that these quilts will provide comfort, love and healing to those who have given so much.

RR member, Rick White, a veteran of the Vietnam era, was presented with “Quilted Hugs of Gratitude,” at the meeting in appreciation of his sacrifice and service to our Country.



Fred wraps Rick White in a quilt “hug” 2/19/16.

A TALE FROM THE TRAIL

By: Pat Roberts

On Thursday, 8 October 2015, Ellen Ott, Mike Hermes and I headed east on I-10 at “0-dark thirty”. We reached New Orleans later that day for a spate of gambling.

The next morning Ellen and I signed in at the French Quarter Police Station to register for the French Quarter Walk. The weather was beautiful, a great day for walking. As we meandered the historic streets of the French Quarter, I was wishing I had remembered to bring my walking stick. It had been about 40 years since my last visit to New Orleans. A lot had changed but a lot had not. The St. Louis Cathedral and the Square had not changed much. Always an enjoyable area. Stopped for a bit of shopping and refreshment at the French Quarter Market. Being “good girls”, we did not go to Cafe du Monde for beignets. (My arm could have been twisted so easily!)

Later that morning we headed east again, this time on I-90 to Biloxi, MS. After checking in to our hotel, Ellen and I drove across the Biloxi Bay Bridge to the Waffle House to register for the three Ocean Springs walks. We went first to the Gulf Islands National Seashore. This is a beautiful national park which should be tooting its horn! Beautiful trails, quiet and serene. It was Columbus Day Weekend and the park's camp grounds were full but everything was clean and peaceful. The Visitors' Center was rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina and was beautifully done. All this and there was no admission charge!

Next we attempted to do the Downtown Ocean Springs walk but everywhere we drove thru the city we found streets blocked off and nowhere to park. Giving up for the time being on this one, we returned to the hotel. As we were driving through Ocean Springs and Biloxi we kept seeing beautiful classic cars. Unbeknownst to us, we had arrived on the weekend of the annual Gulf Coast Cruisers All along the main drag the cars were driving up and down continuously. People sat in their lawn chairs with their coolers, some set up tailgate parties and all watched the cars. We heard that there were over 6,000 cars registered.



Pat with a 1934 Ford Convertible

If you can't beat them, join them. Ellen and I walked over to the Biloxi Visitors Center and weaving our way through craft booths set up on the grounds and in the Visitor Center, registered for the Downtown Biloxi walk. We ended up modifying the walk to dodge traffic and take advantage of the car show by staying on the Beach Blvd, walking both sides of the street. That night we were treated to a Beach Boys concert in the hotel. Mike had snagged us second row, center, seats!

Sunday morning Ellen and I drove back to Ocean Springs. We did the Biloxi Bay Bridge walk first. There is a beautiful tile mural on the Ocean Springs side. Then we found a place to park and did the Downtown Ocean Springs walk. Ocean Springs is a beautiful little city with a lot of history and charm. Much rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina has taken place but there are areas that have not yet been rebuilt. The Ruskin Oak, an ancient oak tree, is one of the highlights of the walk.



Ellen under the Ruskin Oak

Back to the hotel for a bit of rest and an afternoon massage. Heavenly!!! Headed home on Monday morning. Good memories!



TVA meeting

– Weekend on-the-border – McAllen, TX

This is a reminder about the TVA Weekend On-the-Border, 3-6 March, 2016. This weekend is open to ALL volkssporters and not just club officials. This is an excellent opportunity for walkers to get several YREs that are “off the beaten track” as well as a new Traditional Walk.

Lodging reservations at the official TVA hotel **MUST** be made **NLT Monday/8 February** to get the special room rate at the Drury Inn & Suites in McAllen. The complimentary “Border Buttermilk” Welcome Reception will be held on Friday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the hotel. This is hosted by the McAllen Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Drury Inn & Suites, McAllen. It is specifically for TVA registered guests staying at the Drury.

There are two workshops being held Saturday and these are open to all volkssporters.

- 1) 9:30 – 10:30 am. The Trailmaster Training & Certification workshop will allow attendees to get Trailmaster Certification.
- 2) 10:45 – 11:45 am. Using Online Tools workshop will help volunteers to be able to create and improve Event Brochures/Fliers.

The Events Schedule for the TVA Weekend On-the-Border:

Thursday/3 March:

YRE #Y0142, Mission – Bentsen Rio Grande State Park. 11km/5km. Details: *AVA Starting Point 2016*, page 595. Start Point: Visitors Center, 2800 S. Bentsen Palm. Mission, TX 78572. Registration: ON YOUR OWN. Distance from hotel: 12.11mi/16min.

YRE #Y0204, Mission – Bentsen Rio Grande State Park. 10km/5km. Details: *AVA Starting Point 2016*, page 596. Start Point: Visitors Center, 2800 S. Bentsen Palm. Mission, TX 78572-4848.

Registration: ON YOUR OWN.
Distance from hotel: 12.11mi/16min.

Friday/4 March:

YRE #Y1118, Weslaco – Valley Nature Center. 10km/5km. Details: *AVA Starting Point 2016*, See page 618. Start Point: Visitors Center, 301 S. Border AVE, Weslaco, TX 78596-5813. Registration: ON YOUR OWN. Distance from hotel: 16.69mi/17mins.

Featured YRE #Y0204, Mc Allen – Quinta Mazatlan World Birding Center. 11km/5km. Details: *AVA Starting Point 2016*, See page 594. Start Point: Center Parking Lot, 600 Sunset DR, McAllen, TX 78503-3146. Registration: 1:00pm to 1:30pm. Distance from hotel: 1.52mi/3mins.

Saturday/5 March:

Traditional Walk SW16/104538. McAllen, TX. Walkin’ the Greenway. 10km/6km. Details at www.ava.org: Events/Search Events/Texas/Traditional Events Only. Start Point: The Old Pump House, 201 N. 1st ST, McAllen, TX 78501. Registration: 7:00am – 10:00am. Finish by 1:00pm. Distance from hotel: 2.8mi/5mins. Sunrise at 6:51am.

Sunday/6 March (DST begins):

Featured YRE #Y2027, McAllen – Historic Casa De Palmas. 11km/5km. Details: *AVA Starting Point 2016*, See page 594. Start Point: Casa De Palmas Hotel. 101 N. Main ST. McAllen, TX 78501. Registration: 8:00am to 8:30am. Distance from hotel: 1.59mi/3mins.
TVA BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday/5 March: 1:00 pm – 4:30pm The Old Pump House @ Fireman’s Park 201 N. 1st St., McAllen, TX 78501 Distance from hotel: 2.8mi/5mins.

Let’s get the word out to encourage participation in the TVA Weekend On-the-Border.

Thanks, *Heinz Johnson*, President, TVA

Coming - Texas Traditional Events in February:

2/6/16 - 2/6/16 - Walk
Event #: Featured YRE Y1122
Seguin Historic Walk 8:00-10:00 am
Start: Super 8 Parking Lot, 1525 N. Hwy 46, Seguin, TX 78155
Club: LoneStar Walkers
Contact: Heinz Johnson
tvapresident@gvtc.com

2/13/2016 - 2/13/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 104576 10 km / 5 km
Start: Sports Authority - Caruth Plaza
Event City: Dallas - Sweetheart Walk
Host Club: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.
Event Website:
www.dallastrekkers.org
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:
1134 Thistle Dr., Mesquite, TX 75149
Contact: Deborah Carter, (214) 549 - 0851
E-Mail: debwalk@earthlink.net
Club Website: www.dallastrekkers.org

2/13/2016 - 2/13/2016 - Guided Bike
Event Number: 104412
13km/25km/43km
Start: Leon Vista Park
Event City: San Antonio - SoTex '16 Traveling Bike #2
Host Club: Whatever of Texas Sporting Club
Event Website: 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

2/13/2016 - 2/13/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 104456 10k/5k
Start: Del Webb's Hill Country Retreat Resort Center
Event City: San Antonio - Hill Country Retreat
Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners
Event Website: 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
Club Website:
www.randolphroadrunners.info

2/20/2016 - 2/20/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 104517 12k & 7k
Start: Hickory Hollow
Event City: Houston - Buffalo Bayou
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:
hvhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com
Club Website:
www.houstonhappyhikers.com

2/27/2016 - 2/27/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 104573 10km/5km
Start: Amtrak Railroad Station
Event City: Mineola - Historic Mineola
Host Club: East Texas Trekkers, Inc.
Event Website: www.WalkTx.org/EastTexasTrekkers
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Write for more information to:
2334 Saharah Dr., Garland, TX 75044
Contact: Helen Hull, (972) 530 - 1026
E-Mail:helenthehun@yahoo.com
Club Website:
www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekkers/

2/27/2016 - 2/27/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 104496 10km/5km
Start: McKinney Falls State Park, 5808 McKinney Falls Parkway, Austin, TX 78744
Event City: Austin TX. - El Camino Real de los Tejas in McKinney Falls State Park
Host Club: Colorado River Walkers
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Write for more information to:
3109 Rogge Lane, Austin, TX 78723
Contact: Carol Obianwu, (512) 771 - 9566
E-Mail: cobianwu@utexas.edu
Club Website:
www.coloradoriverwalkers.org/

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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 _____