



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

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 Next Meeting – May 17, 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  
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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

[sw\\_rd@ava.org](mailto:sw_rd@ava.org)

**Renewal Time**

The following membership renewals are currently due: :

**Patti Paulson, Louis & Amy Amici, John & MaryAnn Dorlon, Douglas Eide, Frank Gresham, Norman & Pam Haines, George Hext, Dorothy Contreras, The Magness Family, Louise Underwood, Ann & Jennifer Angell, Gloria Castillo, Steve & Kathy Feinstein, Olga Flores, Young H. Forst, Russell Leigon, Leon & Liz LeVan, Lidia Martinez, Ariana Ramirez, Charlie & Nancy Redd, Anthony & Marcelle Schneider, Peggy Seifert, Regina Smith, Norma VonKriegenbergh, Cary Weldy, Marisa Alvarez, The DeAnda Family, Chris & Ellen King and Janine Osterberg.**

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 Members!**

Brenda Dever-Armstrong, San Antonio  
 Carolyn Chorak, Boerne  
 Beth Hammer, Boerne

**RR MEETING LOCATION-May**

Esplanade Gardens  
 10790 Toepperwein Road  
 Converse, TX 78109

The Roadrunners meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is May 17, 2016.

The **June** club meeting will be held on Monday, June 20 starting at 6 pm. It will be at the Rock House on the Oblate School of Theology campus, 285 Oblate Drive. There is a map at: [sanantoniopeace.center/where-we-are](http://sanantoniopeace.center/where-we-are). It will be dinner and a meeting. The speaker is Jenny Hay, the Preservation Outreach Coordinator for the City of

San Antonio. She will be speaking about our local historic districts. Call Ellen, if you have questions.

**From the Desk of the Pres-**

**King William/Beethoven Walk:**  
 Help is needed for the May 20<sup>th</sup> King William walk. If you can volunteer, please call or email John Ives, event coordinator, [jbives@texas.net](mailto:jbives@texas.net).

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:**

Volunteers are needed to staff the 4 events on Saturday, June 11th in Fredericksburg.

**Taco Cabana Summer SunRise Walks:**

July 9 – Nacogdoches & 1604  
 Aug. 13 – Blanco & 1604

The Baker's Dozen will continue through 2016. There's a beautiful patch or pin waiting for those who finish the program. Pat Roberts is the contact for this program.

Happy wandering,  
 Ellen



IVV World Walking Day- May 8



## **El Camino Real Dedication**

### **Caryl Swann-Membership**

On Friday, March 4, 2016, I attended the ceremony at Comanche Lookout Park for the final "Original El Camino Real" sign to be posted on Nacogdoches Rd. I knew our councilman would be there, but I didn't anticipate such a large turnout of other officials. Included were representatives from the National Park Service, SA Conservation Society, SA Office of Historical Preservation, Big Bend Conservation Society, and other council staff. Also Sheryl Sculley and Steven Gonzales, Exec. Director of the El Camino Real National Historical Trail Association.

I showed everyone present our walk booklet and all were impressed. Steven Gonzales had been to the McKinney Falls walk so he was already familiar with the AVA but no one else except the Big Bend person was. The National Parks rep, John Cannella, was very excited about our program and took a picture of the front and back of the walk book.

Mike Gallagher, District 10 councilman, is a fitness enthusiast and wants to include notices of our upcoming walks in the District 10 monthly newsletter. I talked with his Communications Officer, Rebecca Podowski, and said I would email her our contact information. I'll also include a copy of our newsletter and links to AVA and our club websites.



## **HQ Finance & Operations Director – Candace Purcell --**

### **May National Physical Fitness Month.**

Every year this National program patch is available just as is the National

Volkssport Patch for October, however; if there is not a good response from clubs this year these programs may be terminated. 350 patches have been ordered for 2016 for May. Please email order form to Theresa at [theresa@ava.org](mailto:theresa@ava.org) or fax or call Theresa at (210) 659-1212. Click here for order form.

**World Walk Day** - World Walk Day events can be held from Sunday May 1 through Sunday May 15, 2016.



### **NEC Meeting Updates**

The next NEC meeting will be held June 10-12, 2016 in Fredericksburg, Texas. The meeting location will be the Sunday House Inn and Suites, 501 East Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. (830) 997-4484 Fredericksburg, Texas.

### **National Special Programs - Susan Medlin, Chair**

#### **Come and meet the Mayor of Fredericksburg, your NEC Members, and the Headquarters Team!**

We are finalizing our plans for celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Volkssporting in Fredericksburg, June 10 - 12. For more information on the events scheduled click here for an event brochure. We have a beautiful medal (A Award) for the Footsteps of the Founders walk on Saturday morning. It is an updated replica of the original medal awarded in 1976. We will be selling the patch and a beautiful commemorative stein during the weekend. Quantities of both the Medal and the Stein are limited and pre-registration information for the Medal, the Stein and the Saturday night dinner at Andy's will be available soon  
Go to:

[http://www.ava.org/checkpoint/2016/MAR/Flyer\\_for\\_40th\\_Anniversary.pdf](http://www.ava.org/checkpoint/2016/MAR/Flyer_for_40th_Anniversary.pdf)

for the Flyer for the 40th anniversary weekend, which lists all of the weekend events; including the 4 events on Saturday, the YRE walks on Friday

night and Sunday morning, the other numerous Year Round Events that are available within an hour's drive, the NEC meetings, and specific Start times and locations for the events. Please join us in celebrating this joyous event.

So far, HEB, SAS and SORE No More are stepping up as sponsors for this celebration.



The Big Give press conference - featuring the ROADRUNNERS! Charlotte Phillips with Mayor Ivy Taylor and AVA Exec. Director, Henry Rosales.



Henry Rosales with State Representative Diego Bernal, Dist. 123 & Charlotte Phillips. (photos courtesy of RR Susan Ives)

### **AVA Executive Director-Henry Rosales--**

#### **The Big Give – Give BIG!**

I ask you to join the AVA National Executive Council and myself on May 3, 2016 by going online at [www.TheBigGiveSA.org](http://www.TheBigGiveSA.org) and making a contribution to support the mission of the AVA. Of course if you would like to send a check that is also appreciated and will be applied towards our goal of \$50,000. Mail your check to: 1001 Pat Booker Road · Suite 101 Universal City, TX 78148 Please be sure to put "Big Give" on the memo line and note that our annual fundraising campaign will run the whole month of May until the 31st.

This year the Big Give sponsors have announced over 100 prizes and \$374,500 in prize money. You can help

us win some of this prize money by participating in any of the following 4 ways on May 3rd.

### **1. Be a Unique Donor/Contributor**

A unique donor contribution is a donation that comes from a distinct individual - all different names, addresses, and credit cards. Simply put, no duplicate donors. There are 3 different areas of unique donors that AVA can win cash prizes in:

**A. Sports and Recreation Category-** The AVA is categorized as a medium Sports and Recreational organization that will be competing against 31 different agencies for some of this prize money. The nonprofit under this category that has the most unique donors will win \$7,500!

**B. Budget Size of the Organization –** The operating budget of the AVA falls into the \$250,000-\$999,999 Big Give category. The nonprofit with the most unique donors in this category will win \$5,000!

**C. Overall Grand Prize – The nonprofit with the most overall unique donors will win \$15,000!**

*Our goal here is to get as many individuals as possible to make a contribution in any amount online on May 3rd.*

### **2. Contribute During a Specific Time Slot**

Make your donation online during one of the two specified hours listed for our time zone (central is 12 to 1 or 6 to 7 pm) and you can help us better our chances to win an additional \$1,500. Every hour there will be a drawing for \$1,500. If the name of one of our donors is drawn then \$1,500 will be donated to the AVA. *The goal here is to get as many individuals as possible to donate during one of the two time slots*

**3. Be a District 123 Donor** (San Antonio Residents Only) - This is a local district in San Antonio, Texas. (Zip codes: \*78201, \*78202, &78203, \*78204, \*78205, \*78207, \*78028, \*78209, \*78210, \*78212, \*78213, \*78215, \*78216, \*78225, \*78230, \*78231) The AVA has residents from approximately 7 different clubs who live in this area. **We are asking if you live in this district that you make a contribution between the hours of 10am—11am, Central Time.** This will

give us a higher chance of winning an additional \$100 in prize money.

### **4. Make a Contribution in Any Amount at Any Time on May 3, 2016**

The Big Give online giving campaign will begin at 12:01 a.m. on May 3rd and close at 12 p.m. midnight. We ask that you invite all your family, friends, work associates and anyone else to go online May 3rd and make a contribution of \$20.00 or more to support the mission of the AVA. (The minimum online contribution per Big Give guidelines is \$10.00)

**Help us reach our goal of \$50,000!**

**You can track our \$ goal on our website at [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)**



### **Traditional Events in May:**

5/7/2016 - 5/7/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104609 10km/5km  
**Start:** Portico @ Holiday Inn  
**Event City:** San Antonio - World Walk Day: Hannibal Pianta Art Walk II  
**Host Club:** LoneStar Walkers  
**Event Website:**  
**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:** [lonestarwalkers@gvtc.com](mailto:lonestarwalkers@gvtc.com)

5/7/2016 - 5/7/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104738 10km/5km  
**Start:** Chambersville Tree Farms  
**Event City:** McKinney - RoseDango Celebration  
**Host Club:** Plano Walking Club  
**Event Website:**  
**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:** [maggiiec01@verizon.net](mailto:maggiiec01@verizon.net)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub](http://www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub)



5/14/2016 - 5/14/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104922 10km/5km  
**Start:** CherokeeRose Venue  
**Event City:** Comfort - James Kiehl River Bend Park  
**Host Club:** Hill Country Volkssportverein  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
P O Box 822, Comfort, TX 78013  
**Contact:** John Bohnert, (830) 995 - 2421  
**E-Mail:** [tinabohnert@gmail.com](mailto:tinabohnert@gmail.com)

5/20/2016 - 5/20/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104840 10km/5km  
**Start:** Beethoven Maennerchor Halle und Garten  
**Event City:** San Antonio - King William Walk  
**Host Club:** Randolph Roadrunners  
**Event Website:**  
[randolphroadrunners.info](http://randolphroadrunners.info)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**  
3614 Pinebluff  
San Antonio, Tx 78230  
**Contact:** John Ives, (210) 694 - 4584  
**E-Mail:** [jbives@texas.net](mailto:jbives@texas.net)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)

5/21/2016 - 5/21/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104830 10km/5km  
**Start:** Post Oak Pavilion-Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens  
**Event City:** Humble - Mercer Arboretum  
**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  
**E-Mail:**  
[hvhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com](mailto:hvhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.houstonhappyhikers.com](http://www.houstonhappyhikers.com)

5/21/2016 - 5/21/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104815 10km/5km  
**Start:** Chisholm Park Hurst, TX  
 Chisholm Park  
**Event City:** Hurst, TX 76053 - Hurst  
 Chisholm Park  
**Host Club:** Tarrant County Walkers  
**Event Website:** [www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers](http://www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
 917 Forest Oaks Lane  
 Hurst, TX 76053

**Contact:** Brooke Hudson, (817) 944 - 5191  
**E-Mail:** [brooke\\_hudson@hotmail.com](mailto:brooke_hudson@hotmail.com)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers](http://www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers)  
 5/28/2016 - 5/28/2016 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 104838 6K/11K  
**Start:** Desoto Civic Center  
**Event City:** Desoto - Desoto Roy Orr Trail  
**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:**  
 828 Clear Creek Dr  
 Desoto, TX 75115  
**Contact:** Karen Robinson, (817) 739 - 0398  
**E-Mail:** [mystical652001@yahoo.com](mailto:mystical652001@yahoo.com)  
**Club Website:** [www.dallastrekkers.org](http://www.dallastrekkers.org)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_