



Official Newsletter of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS (AVA44)

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Next Meeting – November 15, 2016

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The Public is always welcome

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A Walking Club Established 1980
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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 :

Nelson Karaklis, Jane Radigan, Nicole Davis, Michael Cantu, Sylvia Rocha, Brenda Blackmon, Elaine Talarski, Rodney & Diana Hammond and Mary Quandt.

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 member:

Perry Rawson, Hendersonville, NC



RR MEETING Date:

The next club meeting will be held November 15. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. with a “meet and greet” at 6:30 at the Esplanade Gardens in Converse.



A great big Thank You to everyone! We have booked all 200 rooms at the 20th AVA Biennial Convention hotel, the Red Lion Hotel and Convention Center, Billings. We were unable to accommodate everyone who wished to

stay there, so either make arrangements with your favorite hotel chain, or check out hotels close to the convention center for their available rooms.

We are recommending you drive. However, if you fly, please be aware there is no transportation configured to get to the pre-convention events or the post-convention events. I am in the process of setting up a car pool schedule site so those folks with rentals or just driving can help out anyone that needs a ride. I will post the information here and update in the convention newsletter.

If you are flying in, Billings Logan International Airport services the following airlines: Allegiant, Alaska, Delta, Cape Air, United. It is also served by the following rental car companies: Enterprise, Thrifty, Dollar, Hertz, National, Alamo, Avis and Budget. If you only need to get to the convention hotel, they offer free pickup at the airport - just call 406-248-7151. If you are staying at one of the other hotels in town, contact them to see if they provide free pick up from the airport. The registration for the convention will not be available until January 2017. It will be available online through this web site. Be sure to check out the Volunteer tab. To stay updated on our progress, connect regularly to our web site 2017AVAConvention.org, sign up for our newsletter, and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

20th AVA Biennial Convention Committee

1020 Parkway Ln

Woodland Park, CO 80863

Message Phone: 303-785-6177

AVA National Special Programs-Susan Medlin, Chair

San Antonio RRs Present: Saddle Up for the Texas Trail Roundup!

Fall weather is slowly starting to arrive, and we are polishing our spurs and

dusting off our cowboy hats in San Antonio in preparation for our first IML-prequel, 24-26 February 2017. We will host this 3 day walking event each February for the next 3 years, as we work toward IML accreditation. We can't give IML credit in 2017, but all walks are AVA sanctioned. Our own Computer expert Hector created an awesome image for our event. Join us here in San Antonio as we build this international walking event, which showcases our beautiful and endlessly entertaining city.



Tales from the Trails Danville, Virginia

By: Pat Gunter

When I visited my husband's home town of Danville, Virginia last year, once again, we did the volksmarch which starts in the Danville Science Museum. Right across from the science museum is a small natural history museum in the old railway station. When we came to the United States we flew into McGuire AFB in New Jersey and then took a train to Danville. In 1967 my husband, son and I arrived in that very station so that brings back a lot of memories including meeting my in-laws for the first time.

The walk starts by going through the tobacco warehouse district, once thriving and now deserted. The radio station in Danville is WTBM, World's Best Tobacco Mart, but the tobacco business has moved to more modern plants and warehouses in North Carolina. Some of the warehouses are being converted to offices and condos, but the area is huge so there are still mostly deserted buildings. The whole area is on the National Register of Historic Places. Other now deserted buildings near there are from the mill. Dan River Fabrics was another huge employer in the area and that too is long gone.

The walk then goes through the downtown area, bustling when I arrived in 1967, but now like so many American downtowns just hanging on by a thread. Walking with my husband, I get the history of all the buildings which makes it more interesting. We passed the headquarters of the Danville Bee where my husband picked up his papers every morning when he was a paper boy. We saw the old movie theater where blacks were allowed to attend only on Wednesdays and only if they sat in the balcony. Also the old Woolworth's building had a side window where blacks could pick up their food since they were not allowed in front. Further along Main Street is the Danville Fine Art and History Museum housed in the Sutherlin Mansion which was once the last Capital of the Confederacy.



We also passed a row of impressive Victoria houses on Main Street, once known as Millionaire's Row. There is a historical marker stating that Lady Astor once lived in one of those houses.

Returning to the start we pass a really nice walkway down to the Dan River. This used to be a bridge that was built to alleviate some of the heavy traffic from the Main Street bridge near the mill, but when the bridge was torn down a few years ago parts of it were converted into an impressive walkway. There is another walk in Danville which goes along the Dan River, out and back to a park, but the town walk is much more interesting.



Fun, Fitness, Friendship

Traditional Events:

11/5/2016 - 11/6/2016 - Walk

Event Number: 105068 10km/5km
Start: Schlitterbahn Employee Cafe
Event City: New Braunfels - NBW
Wurstfest Walk
Host Club: NB-Marsch-und
Wandergruppe
Event Website: muw.walktexas.org/re_wurstfest.htm

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

Write for more information to:

746 Shady Hollow
New Braunfels, TX 78132
Contact: Marlin Brendsel, (830) 226 - 7035

E-Mail: mbrendsel@hotmail.com

Club Website:

www.muw.walktexas.org

11/12/2016 - 11/12/2016 - Walk

Event Number: 105694
13km/10/km/5km

Start: Martha's Mexican Restaurant
Event City: San Antonio - Medical Center--INDIE MEMORIAL WALK
Host Club: Selma Pathfinders
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

12235 White Ash
San Antonio, Tx 78245
Contact: Mike Schwencke, (210) 679 - 7609

E-Mail: mschwencke@satx.rr.com

11/12/2016 - 11/12/2016 - Walk

Event Number: 106406 5K & 10K
Start: Miramar Park & Pool Pavilion
Event City: Seabrook - Seabrook
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:

hkhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com

Club Website:

www.houstonhappyhikers.com

11/12/2016 - 11/12/2016 - Walk

Event Number: 106549 10km/5km
Start: Norma's Cafe
Event City: Frisco - South Frisco
Sculptures
Host Club: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.
Event Website:
www.DallasTrekkers.org

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

Write for more information to:

2334 Saharah Dr

Garland, TX 75044

Contact: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.,

(972) 530 - 1026

E-Mail: helenthehun@yahoo.com

Club Website: www.dallastrekkers.org

11/19/2016 - 11/19/2016 - Walk

Event Number: 106283 10km/5km

Start: Fisherman's Park, 1200 Willow St. Bastrop Tx. 78602

Event City: Bastrop - Bastrop Town and the El Camino Real

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/

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



11/26/2016 - 11/26/2016 - Guided

Bike

Event Number: 105888 13km/25km

Start: South Side Lions Park Pavilion #2

Event City: San Antonio

Host Club: Whatever of Texas Sporting Club

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

11/26/2016 - 11/26/2016 - Walk

Event Number: 106101 10km/6km

Start: Southside Lion's Park Pavilion #2, 4000 Pecan Drive, San Antonio, TX 78210

Event City: San Antonio - Enjoy Southside Lions Park

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@sbcglobal.net

Club Website:

www.randolphroadrunners.info

Salado Creek & Walker Ranch Walk-15 Oct 2016



Mike and Kathy Schwencke with Dolly (left) and Rudy stop for a picture at the pumpkin patch in the parking lot at the front entrance to the Coker United Methodist Church complex before walking along the trail to Salado Creek.



Start/finish point for the Salado Creek Greenway and Walker Ranch Park Walk – Taylor Vertucci with Kona, Audrey Vertucci and Suzanne Markgraf



Martin Callahan with Rudy in his lap, Tina Bohnert with Dolly, and John Bohnert holding Livvy take a short break at the water point before continuing on the second leg of the Salado Creek Greenway to Jones Maltsberger Road.



First checkpoint - Walker Ranch Trailhead.



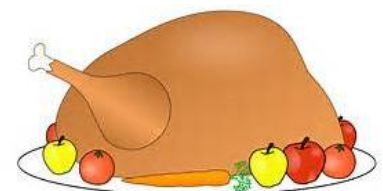
From left to right, Darlene Oner, Rose Mueller, and Pat Gunter all working at the first check point pose for a picture.

Castroville Walk – 10/1/16



Nancy and Tony Paulson pose for a picture at the beginning of the walk trail in front of the St. Louis Catholic Church made of locally quarried limestone and completed in 1870.

***All Photos Courtesy of Martin Callahan**





The start point for the 1 October 2016 Castroville Walk that was at the Jean Merian House built Circa 1851. The house serves as the Castroville Chamber of Commerce building



From left to right, Mike and Kathy Schwencke, Darren and Susan Medlin, and Jerry Rehmar stop for a picture next to the pool house at the Castroville Regional Park where the first check point was located.



Martin Callahan with Rudy (left) and Dolly stop for a picture along the walk trail in front of the Arcadius Steinle House built in 1847

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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.

E-mail address _____

If the \$2.00 fee was not paid with the original application, add family members now by including \$2.00 for each person.

Family members _____

Lifetime membership for (1) one person is available for a \$30 fee.

Amount submitted \$ _____

AVA Volkssport Associate Yes No

Eager to serve as club officer _____ or committee chair _____