



Official Newsletter of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS (AVA44)

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Next Meeting – January 17, 2017

A member of the American Volkssport Association (AVA) & the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)
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:

Nicole Davis, Michael Cantu, Sylvia Rocha, Brenda Blackmon, Rodney & Diana Hammond, Karen Boyle, Betty Jarvis, Amanda Malone, Kim & Bart Thomas, Stephanie Vega, Anne & Margret White.

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

Carol Maxwell
Marion Cathro
Mike & Ginny Jones
Andy Thomas

RR MEETING Date:

The next club meeting will be held January 17. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. with a “meet and greet” at 6:30 at the Esplanade Gardens in Converse.



The **RR Christmas party** will start at 6 p.m. at Raffles Restaurant & Bar, 1039 N.E. Loop 410, Tuesday, December 20. Tuesday night is steak night, \$12 for a steak, salad and baked potato. Of course, other entrees are available. We will have the use of a private room where the noise level should be low. We will have our traditional “Chinese Auction”, also. The suggested gift limit is \$15.

From the Desk of the Pres

It was a perfect Chamber of Commerce day on 26 November for the Roadrunner’s fall event with 82 walkers, a delicious hot dog lunch with Susan Medlin’s homemade desserts and

a gorgeous view of the lake.

I’d like to thank Susan Medlin and John Ives for coordinating this new route and for all their efforts to include donating all the food for the hot dog picnic.

Thank you, too, to all the volunteers: Pat Gunter, Darlene One, Susan Ives, Caryl Swann, Rick White, Priscilla and Heinz Johnson and Kathy and Mike Schwencke and Mike Hermes. Couldn’t have such a wonderful walk without this great help. Thank you!

Please welcome the following new club members: Mike and Ginny Jones, Carol Maxwell, Marion Cathro and Andy Thomas. Looking forward to having you become active members of the club.

Hope to see many of you on 4 December at the River Walk Lights walk and the next Roadrunner walk on 10 December in Boerne.

We Need workers for the finish and check points for the Boerne Christmas walk on 10 December. The worker’s walk is scheduled for Friday 9 December at 9:30 a.m.

Have you finished the Baker’s Dozen book? One has to the end of 2017 to complete; Eisenhower Park has replaced the Junction yre.

For now my walking friends,
Ellen

Kudos to the following Walkers:

30 events	Byron Kilgore
30 events	Rose Mueller
125 events	Carole Hernandez
175 events	Deanna Repp
275 events	Darren Medlin
575 events	Susan Medlin
950 events	Suzanne Markgraf
2100 events	Patricia Heller
2900 events	Carlen Forinash
3400 events	Darlene Oner
4000 events	Patricia Gunter

Distance:

1000km	Kathy Schwencke
15,000km	Theodore Cieslak
40,000km	Darlene Oner



**Stepping Out of Bounds
Crazy Horse to Billings and
Beyond - Lynette Reagan-20th
AVA Biennial Convention Committee**

Member - The main convention activities will be in Billings, but the travel to and from Billings offers trails, history and beautiful scenery.

We are encouraging travelers to begin their Convention adventure at the Crazy Horse event, June 3-4. This is NOT a convention event, but it certainly is the perfect way to begin your travels with the 10K trail up to the monument, meeting the many other walkers (usually over 10,000 walkers) and enjoying the beautiful countryside in South Dakota.

When you leave Crazy Horse, the first convention event on Monday will be 191 miles west in Buffalo, Wyoming. Yes, we go to Wyoming and then into Montana—easy-peasy! This trail parallels Clear Creek along rolling trails with small rock gardens and trees that smell like butterscotch. You will pass an old rundown historic power plant and head into the mountains where the trail turns around at one of the other trail heads.

The second convention event on Tuesday is 92 miles from Buffalo at Crow Agency, Montana, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. This national monument memorializes the site of the Battle of the Little Bighorn which took place on June 25-26, 1876 between the US Seventh Cavalry Regiment led by Lt Col George Custer and the Sioux and Cheyenne under the political and spiritual leadership of Sitting Bull.

After the historic battlefield experience, we will drive to Billings, Montana 75 miles away. Get ready for three days of convention activities (fun, fitness and friendship) with three trails in and around Billings! The Convention activities will be Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday.

A second block of rooms for the 2017 AVA Convention was reserved with the Radisson Hotel Billings. We have blocked room nights for June 6-9 at a discounted group rate of \$89.95++ per night. For those arriving early or departing late, the discounted rate will be honored three days prior and three days post-convention.

There are still a couple of rooms left. Don't miss out!

To make your reservations: please dial **1-800-333-3333** or **406-248-7701**.

Make sure to mention the group block code **0606AVASSO** to get your discounted rate. Rooms will be booked on first-come, first-served bases so please plan accordingly. Stay tuned for hotel updates on Facebook and the Convention Website.

Radisson Hotel Billings,
5500 Midland Road
Billings, MT 59101

20th AVA Biennial Convention
Committee
1020 Parkway Ln
Woodland Park, CO 80863
Message Phone: 303-785-6177



A Walk with the Mayor

A perfect cool walking morning welcomed five Roadrunners plus about twenty other walkers to Mayor Ivy Taylor's walk in District 9 on Saturday October 8th at 8 a.m.

Starting at Walkers Ranch, the walk continued for two miles. Mayor Taylor got a ride back to the park the Roadrunners continued.

The Mayor is walking in all ten City Council districts to help promote fitness, meet constituents, check out the trails and get some exercise for herself.

It was great to see the Roadrunners in their green shirts; Rick White, Maggie Carswell, Betsy Kernahan, Shirley Conrad and myself.

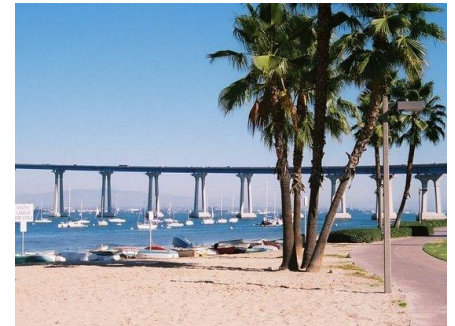
**A Tale from the Trail
San Diego/La Jolla, CA**

By: Ellen Ott

What lengths would you take to finish an AVA Special Program?

There was a Roadrunner couple who flew to Hawaii to finish their 50 states book for their 50th wedding anniversary, and others have taken extensive trips to finish a particular program.

The first of October, I had the opportunity to fly to San Diego for three days to finish the Old Spanish Trail Special Program. I was met at the airport by a growing-up friend, Joe, and stayed at he and his wife's condo in Coronado that is on the market for \$2,450,000! It was fun in the morning to watch the Navy Seals train just a stone's throw down the beach from the condo.



Joe accompanied me on the three sanctioned walks that I did. If you have never walked in Coronado, that Volksmarch is highly recommended. The walk wanders along the perimeter of this charming village to include a bayfront park along the Pacific Ocean. We walked through the world famous Hotel Del Coronado and viewed lovely historic homes.



The other two Volksmarches were the San Diego Harbor Island walk and the San Diego downtown. If one wants a parking place for more than three hours it's very difficult to find a parking spot for these San Diego walks. We ended up parking at the cruise terminal that was only a block from the start.

The day I left, I opted out of doing a sanctioned event to walk in downtown La Jolla. This is a very busy community that has a lengthy paved walking path along the Pacific Ocean; more quaint shops, many restaurants and absolutely perfect weather. La Jolla should definitely have a year-around event.

Now on to another adventure and special program that only Volkssports has to offer!



Fun, Fitness, Friendship

NEC Meeting Updates & Deadlines -

The next NEC meeting will be held January 20-22, 2017 in Bentonville/Rogers, Arkansas. The meeting location will be the Fairfield Inn & Suite-Rogers, located at 4611 Rozell Road, Rogers, AR 72756. Point of contact is: Leah Hendricks/Director of Sales, (479) 936-5901.

Traditional Events:

12/3/2016 - 12/3/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 107313 10km/5km
Start: Jones Building, St. Pails United Methodist Church
Event City: Houston - Museum District
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

12/3/2016 - 12/3/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 107309 10km/5km
Start: Homewood Suites

Event City: Wichita Falls - Christmas in Wichita Falls
Host Club: Lawton Walkers
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:
1714 NW 49th St
Lawton, OK 73505
Contact: Sharon Snyder, (580) 357 - 2930

E-Mail:
walkingfan@aol.com
[facebook.com/pages/Holy-Family-Walkers-Volksmarching-Club/205700619489502](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Holy-Family-Walkers-Volksmarching-Club/205700619489502)

12/4/2016 - 12/4/2016 - Night Walk
Event Number: 107325 10km/7km
Start: VFW Patio (in front of band stand) @ VFW Post 76
Event City: San Antonio - Christmas Lights River Walk II
Host Club: LoneStar Walkers
Event Website: www.walktexas.com
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:
27727 Ramblewood
San Antonio 782612013
Contact: Heinz Johnson, (830) 980 - 5723
E-Mail: lonestarwalkers@gvtc.com

12/10/2016 - 12/10/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 107311 10k-5k
Start: Mama's Pizza
Event City: North Richland Hills - Hometown Christmas walk
Host Club: Tarrant County Walkers
Event Website: 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
Club Website:
www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers

12/10/2016 - 12/10/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 107308 10km/5km
Start: St. John's Lutheran Church, Luther Hall
Event City: Boerne - Boerne Christmas Walk
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

12/17/2016 - 12/17/2016 - Guided Bike
Event Number: 107356 13/25 km
Start: San Jacinto State Historic Site picnic area
Event City: LaPorte
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



12/31/2016 - 12/31/2016 - Walk
Event Number: 105443 10km/5km
Start: St Joseph's Halle
Event City: Fredericksburg
Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.
Event Website: 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
E-mail:
guadalupesigns@omniglobal.net
Club Website: walktexas.org



1/1/2017 - 1/1/2017 - Walk
Event Number : 105444 10km/5km
Start : St Joseph's Halle
Event City: Fredericksburg
Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.
Event Website: 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

E-Mail: guadalupesigns@omniglobal.net

Club Website: walktexas.org

Las Cruces in January. The Sun Country Striders are a small club that is rebuilding. They hosted 10 YREs and one traditional walk this year, and are sanctioning 12 YREs for 2017. They need your support to keep these wonderful walks open. New Mexico is a lightly populated state, with only 3 clubs – come join us!

January 13 – 16, 2017
The Sun County Striders
Welcome you to Las Cruces,
New Mexico - The Land of Enchantment

Ruidoso City 10/5km Walk:
The 5km goes through the main shopping district and a residential neighborhood. The 10 km adds a wooded residential canyon with wildlife common.

Ruidoso Grindstone 20/12/6km Hike
along beautifully well groomed trails through the forest and hills behind the lake.

Guadalupe Mountains National Park – Pine Springs Canyon and Guadalupe Peak 19/14/6km Hike:
The 6km (3C) goes through Pine Springs Canyon and the ruins of an old stagecoach station. The 14km (4D) climbs 3500 ft to the summit of Guadalupe Peak, the highest point in Texas
3 nights, 12 walks/hikes

RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS

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RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS APPLICATION

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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 _____