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Next Meeting – January 17, 2017

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Association (AVA) & the International  
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**Randolph Roadrunners  
Volkssport Club  
A Walking Club Established 1980  
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*Year-round Events: Schertz*

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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:

Sylvia Rocha, Brenda Blackmon, Rodney & Diana Hammond, Karen Boyle, Betty Jarvis, Amanda Malone, Kim & Bart Thomas, Stephanie Vega, Anne & Margret White, Elias & Kathleen Abdulahad, Erika Bernardo, Neil & Beth Brown, Mary DeLargarza, Robert Fannin, Lucette Garza, Robyn Kelley, Bryon Kilgore, Norman & Antje Klaunig, Wayne Klucas, Joe Matava, Rose Mueller, The Nath Family, Meghan & Grayson Richter, Marabel Rolon and Susan Wright

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

Martha & Matt Williams San Antonio  
Maria Beisert Boerne  
Lisa Nixon Helotes  
The Grabow Family San Antonio

## 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.

## Kudos to the following Walker:

As listed in the TAW - Oct/Nov issue

### Perry Rawson

Events: 1,600

Distance: 22,000 km

## From the Desk of the Pres

The RR Christmas party at Raffles Restaurant & Bar, 1039 N.E. Loop 410,

Tuesday, December 20 was attended by 24 folks who enjoyed a good dinner and great company! Next year, if the RR's decide to have their Christmas party at Raffles, Thursday night is \$6 burger night (hope they still have it). Just ask Randy how good his burger was!!

**BOERNE CHRISTMAS:** A big “Thank You” to all the dedicated volunteers who worked the annual Boerne Christmas walk this year: Tom and Linda Elms, Pat Gunter, Darlene Oner, Caryl Swann, Patricia Heller, Heinz Johnson, Susan Medlin, Susan and John Ives, Rick White, Mike Hermes, Joanne and Carlen Forinash, Pat Roberts and our breakfast cooks; Herb Laing and Wiley Smith. We had 122 participants who signed up to walk the event.

A gift card for the Canyon Cafe was presented to Cecilia and Richard Simmons from the San Antonio Loafers who have provided their fresh baked bread for close to 20 years at this event.

**NEWS ALERT:** Universal City Library MAY be opening in mid January. As of 21 December there has NOT been an opening date since all the work is not complete.

In talking with the new librarian, Susan Ennis, we are first on her request list for a room. There are 2 rooms. One is a smaller room within the library that holds only about 15 folks and if we kept the meeting on Tuesday we would have to be out at 8 pm like we are doing now.

The other room has outside access and is much bigger with a refrigerator and a sink. We can be in this room as late in the evening as necessary; however, the meeting night would have to change to Thursday. In discussion with the other club officers we feel moving meeting night to Thursday is a prudent idea so we can have access to the larger room.

As soon as the library is completed and available to us, the change date for the meeting will be sent to each RR, put in the next (February?) edition of the club newsletter and placed on the "walklist" and new calling cards will be made.



## Texas Hill Country Trail Passport

If you don't have a Texas Hill Country Trail Passport (the little brown book) you may want to get one.

After getting 17 stamps, the last one I needed was at the Boerne Convention and Visitors Bureau (for a total of 18) where they kept the booklet to turn in.

I had forgotten about the prize until several weeks later, I received a \$25 gift certificate to Chocolat by Quintessential Chocolates Co., Inc. in Fredericksburg.

I enjoyed exploring the Texas Hill Country, although Volkswalks are close by many of the attractions where a stamp is provided. And you, too, may be wowed with such a great gift for doing what we like best, walking and exploring! *Ellen*



## First in a Series Featuring Roadrunner Year Around Events:

### Friedrich Wilderness Park

Friedrich Wilderness Park, a 600 acre preserve at 21395 Milsa Drive on the west side of IH-10, across from the Dominion, became San Antonio's first natural area after landowner, Norma Friedrich Ward died September 11, 1971.

Upon her death, Mrs. Ward gave the initial 180 acres for use as a public park. She wanted it to stay as natural as possible. Over the years, development has threatened to envelope this space. When financing for a resort that bordered the park fell through, that property became part of the park.

There are four levels of trail within the park with level 1 being the easiest with gentle slopes. The most difficult level has unimproved dirt trails with steep and vertical rock ledges.

The Roadrunners will feature this YRE on 4 February, 2017. Then you can see for yourself how the park is nestled in the middle of an exploding real estate market. Don't forget your walking stick.

*Ellen*



## Open Letter To RR Club Members From A Volunteer

As you sign up for a walk you may notice that it is always the same people working the registration, finish and checkpoints. This is not because we are part of some clique or an elite group or that we want control -- it is because we are volunteers who want more walks in the future and we know that if we don't do it there will be no walks.

Volksmarching is run by unpaid volunteers and without them there would be no volksmarches.

At our last walk we had a shortage of workers and there was discussion that we should discontinue some of our walks in the future. Several clubs in our area have disbanded because of a lack of volunteers, including but not limited to Boerne, Wimberley, Medina, and Sam Ramblers, so this has cut down on the number of area walks. It would be a sad day if we cut back on our walks or even caused the club to disband.

Many walkers have walked for years and never volunteered to assist.

Working a shift at a walk once in a while would not take a lot of time or energy. Most shifts are only two hours and there is plenty of time to do the actual walk before or after your shift, or at a workers walk. Working a shift is a rewarding experience as you get to know other walkers. I know that because of my volunteering I have made lifelong friends.

Think about this and help us keep volksmarching alive and well by volunteering at one of our walks.



## Stepping Out of Bounds in Billings –

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 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 and update in the convention newsletter. If you are flying in, Billings Logan International Airport services the following airlines: Allegiant, Alaska, Delta, Cape Air, and 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 the website.

To stay updated on our progress, connect regularly to our web site [2017AVAConvention.org](http://2017AVAConvention.org), sign up for our [newsletter](#), and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing you there 20th AVA Biennial Convention Committee  
1020 Parkway Ln  
Woodland Park, CO 80863  
Message Phone: 303-785-6177



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### **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:**

12/31/2016 - 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](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

**E-mail:**

[guadalupesigns@omniglobal.net](mailto:guadalupesigns@omniglobal.net)

**Club Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)

1/1/2017 - 1/1/2017 - Walk

**Event Number:** 105444 10km/5km

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1/7/2017 - 1/7/2017 - Walk

**Event Number:** 107440 10km/5km

**Start:** Corner bakery Café - Lincoln

Heights in Quarry - Lincoln Heights

Trail

**Event City:** San Antonio

**Host Club:** Randolph Roadrunners

**Event Website:**

[randolphroadrunners.info](http://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)

1/7/2017 - 1/7/2017 - Walk

**Event Number:** 107439 10km/5km

**Start:** Corner Bakery Café - Lincoln

Heights in Quarry - Museum Trail

**Event City:** San Antonio

**Host Club:** Randolph Roadrunners

**Event Website:**

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

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

**Write for more information to:**

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1/21/2017 - 1/21/2017 - Walk

**Event Number:** 107445 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

**E-Mail:**

[hhhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com](mailto:hhhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com)

**Club Website:**

[www.houstonhappyhikers.com](http://www.houstonhappyhikers.com)

1/28/2017 - 1/28/2017 - Walk

**Event Number:** 107429 11km/6km

**Start:** First Commercial Bank

**Event City:** San Antonio - Hardberger Park/Voelcker Ranch

**Host Club:** Selma Pathfinders

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

**Write for more information to:**

1726 Fawn Crest

San Antonio, Tx 78248

**Contact:** Joanne Forniash, (210) 872 - 2743

**E-Mail:**[sjforinash@yahoo.com](mailto:sjforinash@yahoo.com)

1/28/2017 - 1/28/2017 - Guided Bike

**Event Number:** 107513 13km/25km

**Start:** First Commercial Bank

**Event City:** San Antonio - Bike with

WoTSC 2017 #1

**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](mailto:btcotx@gmail.com)

**Club Website:**

**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 -3 nights, 12 walks/hikes

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



Carlen and Joanne Forinash, Gayle Weinraub, and Doug Eide with Dolly (left) and Rudy stop for a picture at the New Braunfels Wurstfest walk. 11/5/16



Martin Callahan with Dolly and Gayle Weinraub with Rudy stop for a picture in front of the historic Ferdinand Lindheimer House along the walk trail.



Passing by Gate number 3 entrance to the Wurstfest grounds along the trail on Elizabeth Avenue, New Braunfels.

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