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**Randolph Roadrunners  
Volkssport Club**  
A Walking Club Established 1980  
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[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)

*SW Regional Director & TVA President*

Susan Medlin 210-325-3523

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

## Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:

**Ann Menchaca, Betsy Kernahan, Thomas & Betty Arbaugh, Mike & Carol Abbott, Leslie & Miriam Ellison, Angie & Bob Huxel, Kat & Jaquelin Jalali, Brenda Jordan, Kathy Amen, Mary Ann Coe, Rebecca Craft, Mary Dierolf, Carlen & Joane Forinash, Casey & Aaron Harris, Michelle & Malloreay Miller, Edward & Monica Roberson, Desiree Ruiz, and John & Ann White.**

To renew your RR membership, fill out the application attached or print it off 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.

## RR Club Meetings:

We meet at 6:30 P.M. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at: Universal City Library, 100 Northview Drive, Universal City, TX 78148. The next RR meeting is Thursday, January 17, 2019.



## Volkssport Christmas Party

StoneWerks Big Rock Grille in the Vineyard

We had a wonderful Christmas gathering at the StoneWerks Big Rock Grille on December 13th with all the local Volkssport clubs. The keyboard player was great and the food was great! It seemed everyone wants to go back to StoneWerks next year.

All attending were asked to bring new children's socks, unwrapped for children from infants to age 15.

The next morning, Kathy and Mike Schwencke, Connie and Jim Tree and myself delivered over 600 pairs of socks (then we stopped counting ) to the Children's Shelter. We received a tour by the director of development. The shelter is a cheerful place for children from new born to 17 years who come from a terrible situation. They were most appreciative. Thanks to all who donated.

Ellen

*Happy New Year*

## From the Desk of the Pres--



This might be your last chance to see 97 year old curator of the Toilet Seat Museum, Barney Smith and his collection at the Corner Bakery Café walk event January 5, 2019.

This will be the last time Barney will host a checkpoint at his museum in Alamo Heights. He has sold the collection and it is expected to move to Dallas in February. The Museum Trail and the Quarry Market/Lincoln Heights walks run from 8 to noon; finish no later than 3 p.m. Start in the Quarry Market at the Corner Bakery Café-Lincoln Heights, 255 E. Basse Rd., S.A.T.

## O.S.T. Centennial Conference

Mark your calendars for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 25, 26, 27, 2019 for the Centennial Reenactment of Old Spanish Trail Auto Highway 1919 Conference in Houston, Texas. Air conditioned historic walks, educational lectures, driving tour of the Houston O.S.T. and a Volkssport walk.

Breakfast, lunch, and lectures are all free. The only charge is for the Volkswalk. More information to come -- Check out the O.S.T. table at the Texas Trail Roundup.

**Roadrunners 2019 Walk Schedule:**

- 5 Jan. Quarry Market walks
  - 2 Feb. \*Friedrich Park – Featured YRE
  - 9 Feb. Del Webb Cookie Walk
  - 24 Feb. \*\*TTR multi-event weekend RR checkpoint @Roosevelt Pk
  - 30 Mar. Land Heritage – rescheduled
  - 17 May Beethoven Maennerchor
  - 13 July Taco Cabana – place TBD
  - 10 Aug. Taco Cabana – place TBD
  - 7 Sept. Lazy U Ranch
  - 5 Oct. Garden Ridge
  - 16 Nov. OST downtown in conjunction With OST 100 Centennial
  - 30 Nov. \*Southside Lions Pk. Featured YRE
  - 14 Dec. Boerne Christmas walk
- \*\*Many other “jobs” available  
\*Ellen will cover staffing



Gayle Weinraub & Rudy at St. John's Lutheran church Nativity scene.

**Boerne Christmas Walk**

The day started off with a light drizzle for the Boerne Christmas walk and it gradually dried off, but became much colder...brrrrr.

Mike Hermes and Herb Laing provided the walkers with sausage and pancakes. Wiley Smith sent fresh blueberries for those who preferred a more healthy choice in their pancakes. Pat Roberts and Pat Gunter worked where necessary making coffee, setting up the dessert table, working start, orienting our new sales person, Dave Prewitt and being the jacks of all trades.

Heinz and Priscilla Johnson capably handled the registration for the first shift and Darlene Oner and Pat Gunter took the second shift. Caryl Swann was

at the start table. Susan Medlin was at the finish table stamping books and reminding the walkers about all the upcoming events for the rest of the year. John Ives worked route patrol and set up the only check point that was staffed by Mike and Jenny Jones and Wayne Henry.

They all deserve an extra hot chocolate -- it was so cold out!

The San Antonio Loafers were with us again. It wouldn't be the same without them.



Cecelia & Rich Simmons & Joan Scambatti-S.A. Loafers

To every one of the dedicated volunteers, a BIG thank you...couldn't and wouldn't want to do it without you! Happy Trails ya'll! Ellen



**A Tale from The Trails River Walk Christmas Lights Sunday, December 16, 2018**

By: Susan Alton

The San Antonio River Walk is Awesome at Christmas. The Lone Star Walkers had the Volksmarch start at historic VFW Post 76 on the Museum Reach of the River Walk.



There is a new Cigar Deck at the VFW and they had the deck reserved to register walkers when they arrived.

Eighty-nine people came out to walk with on this 73 degree evening. The start window was 5:30-7:00 p.m. This is the last walk the Lone Star Walkers will be sponsoring.

Susan and Darren Medlin were working at the registration table until 7:00 p.m., so we met them there. We decided on the 10k walk which goes into the downtown portion of the River Walk, past the San Fernando Cathedral and Bexar County Courthouse, then returns to the VFW Post (7k). We added on the Museum Reach of the River Walk to The Pearl for the 10k total. It's one of our favorite city walks of the year.



Our first stop on the walk was at the musical Christmas tree atop the locks. The tree's lights are set to music. The show goes about every 15 minutes and we got there with 50 seconds left to the next show.

The Museum Reach of the River Walk is called "The River of Lights" at Christmas time. Colored lights glow from under the water.

When we got into the downtown core, we came off of the River Walk at Main Plaza where the gorgeous San Fernando Cathedral sits. Its fantastic lit normally, but if you really want to see a show, stay for "The Saga." It is the history of San Antonio in laser lights set to music and projected onto the facade of the cathedral. The show lasts 24 minutes and is shown Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights at 9:00, 9:30, and 10:00 p.m.



Across the street from the cathedral is the Bexar County Courthouse. This year's decorations made it look like a gingerbread house.

We went back down onto the River Walk and were thrilled with the fairyland of lights draping the tallest Bald Cypress trees and climbing up the sides of buildings. Photos don't do it justice...you have to be there.

We walked through La Villita (the oldest neighborhood in San Antonio) and made our way to The Alamo, passing Hilton Palacio del Rio. The lights on the hotel reveal a green Christmas tree and the word "Love" in white, all on a red background. We walked through Travis Park to see the City's Official Christmas Tree which is decorated with lots of 300s. (It's the city's 300th anniversary). Then we walked back to the VFW Post along the river.

At the VFW Post, we made a short stop to throw our jackets into the car. It was still so nice outside we were quite toasty. We had 3k left to do so back down to the River Walk and onward to the Pearl Springs at the Pearl which is the turn-around point for the 10km, and back to the VFW. We were almost done with our walk when we saw Santa fishing. It was a lovely evening walking with our friends!



## Texas Trail Roundup

### Events:

**Friday, 22 February, 2019** 10/6km  
START: 7:00-10:00AM FINISH BY: 1:00PM In downtown San Antonio; include the River Walk, the Alamo, La Villita Arts Village, Main Plaza and El Mercado.

**Saturday, 23 February, 2019**  
42/21/13/5km START: 6:45-7:15AM (42K) 7:30-10:00AM (all walks)  
FINISH BY: 5:00PM The Marathon takes River Walk South & city streets through all the UNESCO World Heritage Missions - and back! For the 21km you are bused to the furthest mission, Espada, and walk back. The

13km walk is to Mission Concepción & back. The 5km walk will be on the River Walk and city streets, including the historic King William neighborhood.

### **Sunday, 24 February, 2019**

21/13/5km START: 7:30-8:00AM  
FINISH BY: 4:00PM The walks head north on the River Walk through The Pearl, Brackenridge Park, Trinity University, and the historic Monte Vista neighborhood.

### **WANTED: for the TTR**

A person (or couple) to accompany the European Evaluators who will be in San Antonio and take them to the rodeo the last week in February. Rodeo tickets will be provided.

The Texas Trail Round UP's online registration is finally open. The website is:

[www.texasrailroundup.org/2019registration](http://www.texasrailroundup.org/2019registration)

Hope to see all of you there for our big weekend!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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### **National Executive Council (NEC)**

The next NEC meeting will be held January 11 – 13, 2019 at La Quinta Inn – Tucson Airport, 7001 South Tucson Blvd, Tucson, Arizona 85706. (520) 573-3333.



### **The TVA**

### **Grapevine Memorial Walk**

December 31, 2018 – Event ID 113443  
10km/6km – 1A  
Start: 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Finish by 5 p.m. The Start Point is the Palace Theater, 300 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX. Contact is Helen Hull 972-530-1026.

## **Swiss Ave. Historic District New Year's Day Walk**

January 1, 2019 – Event ID 113397

10km/5km – 1A

Start: 9 a.m. to noon finish by 3 pm.  
The Start Point is Whole Foods Market, 2118 Abrams Rd., Dallas, TX. Contact is Deborah Carter 972-285-8102.

The following 3 Special YRE Group Walks are also scheduled:

Friday, 12/28/18 at 6 p.m. Las Colinas YRE (bring a flashlight)

Saturday, 12/29/18 at 9:30 a.m.

McKinney YRE  
Sunday, 12/30/18 at 1 p.m. Ft. Worth Downtown YRE.



### **Volunteering**

### **at the AVA Convention – We want you!**

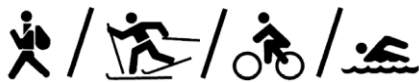
From June 9-16, 2019 the Empire State Capital Volkssporters will be hosting the 21st Biennial AVA Convention in the Great Northeast. The success of a convention is dependent upon many factors but one of them is **PEOPLE** and more importantly **VOLUNTEERS**. We are showcasing some great walks, workshops, entertainment, and vendors and to do them justice, we would like all hands on deck.

How can you volunteer? There are many places to help but here are a few to get you thinking. You can help setting up, taking down convention, Starting Point sign in and finish table, checkpoint, registration, parking attendant, transportation or information ambassador, meals, socials, charity events, selling merchandise, and as an event usher (such as a workshop).

Undecided and still want to help... sign up "Where I'm Needed" and a task will be assigned. To sign up simply go to [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org), select "Conventions" and click on "2019 Biennial Convention" which will take you to the convention website. Select "Volunteer", complete the form with your information, the days and times you wish to volunteer, and the places you would like to help

and then click "I VOLUNTEER".  
That's it!

Once all of the tasks have been identified and a final volunteer schedule is developed, you will be notified of your assignment. Don't let your favorite job get taken by someone else. Sign up to VOLUNTEER NOW! Thanks in advance for making the 21st Annual Biennial Convention in Albany, New York a huge success



## Texas Traditional Events January, 2019:



1/1/2019 - 1/1/2019 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 113397 10km/5km  
**Start:** Whole Foods Market, 2118 Abrams Rd, Dallas, TX 75214  
**Event City:** Dallas - Swiss Ave. Historic District  
**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:**  
1134 Thistle Drive  
Mesquite, Tx 75149  
**Contact:** Deborah Carter, (972) 285-8102  
**E-Mail:** [debwalk@earthlink.net](mailto:debwalk@earthlink.net)  
**Club Website:** [www.walktexas.org](http://www.walktexas.org)

1/5/2019 - 1/5/2019 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 113431 10km/5km  
**Start:** Corner Bakery Café - Lincoln Heights walk  
**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)

1/5/2019 - 1/5/2019 - Walk

**Event Number:** 113432 10km/5km  
**Start:** Corner Bakery in Lincoln Heights Museum walk  
**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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1/26/2019 - 1/26/2019 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 113471 10k/5k  
**Start:** San Antonio College and San Pedro Springs Park  
**Event City:** San Antonio - San Pedro Springs Park  
**Host Club:** Selma Pathfinders  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
12235 White Ash St.  
San Antonio, Tx 78245  
**Contact:** Mike Schwencke, (201) 679-7609  
**E-Mail:** [mike.schwencke@outlook.com](mailto:mike.schwencke@outlook.com)

1/26/2019 - 1/26/2019 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 113538 5k & 10K  
**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:** [hhhcontact@hourstonhappyhikers.com](mailto:hhhcontact@hourstonhappyhikers.com)  
**Club Website:** [www.houstonhappyhikers.com](http://www.houstonhappyhikers.com)

## Boerne Christmas Walk December 8, 2018



The start point at Luther Hall, St. John's Lutheran Church.



Best Cooks in the world; Mike Hermes & Herb Laing making blueberry pancakes for walkers.



Martin Callahan with Rudy & Dolly at Father Gander sculpture along the trail.



Robert Theis, Gerry Kamicka, Michael Marke, Sheri Logan & Andy Thomas on the Trail on Main Street, Boerne.



Susan Medlin and Ellen Ott working at the finish table in Luther Hall.

## Volkssport Christmas Party 12/13/18-Stone Werks Grille





*Ellen Ott & Kathy Schwencke next to the sock Donation wagon*



*Marian DeVaul, Hector Hernandez & Yuliana Ramirez*



*Elaine Talarski, Kathy & Mike Schwencke*

**\*all 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  
 this fee applies to the primary member. Additional family members require a \$2.00 fee per individual.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RENEWAL FEE:** \$4.00 for one year  
    \$10.00 for three years

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

AVA Volkssport Associate     Yes     No

Family members \_\_\_\_\_

Eager to serve as club officer \_\_\_\_\_ or committee chair \_\_\_\_\_

Amount submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_