



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

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Next Meeting January 3, 2006  
7:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral  
Restaurant, Universal City  
A member of the American Volkssport  
Association (AVA) & the International  
Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)  
The Public is always welcome

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Volkssport Club**  
A Walking Club Established 1980  
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<http://walktexas.org/>

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**Renewal Time**

The following membership renewals are currently due: **John Mathis, Robert & Adele Meggers, Florence Tymrak, George Whitehorse, Mike & Carol Abbott, David Geary, Camille Fiorillo, Sunny Ann Nadeau, Howard & Lynn Tidwell, Herbert Wessell, & Rick Baysinger.** Please send in your renewal fees now. We value your membership. To renew your membership, fill out a renewal application attached or print one from the following website address: [www.geocities.com/RandolphRoadrunners/membership.html](http://www.geocities.com/RandolphRoadrunners/membership.html) and send it with your fees to Nancy Paulson c/o the club address.

**RR - Walks, Walks, Walks**

The Boerne Christmas walk at St. John's Lutheran Church on December 3rd had a tremendous turnout of 249 walkers, plenty of goodies for sampling and perfect walking weather. Many thanks to our volunteers: Nancy & Tony Paulson, Totsy Miller, Joan Whelan, David Toth, Sherry & Jim Scheurich, Ed Gluckman, Ellen Ott, Audrey Vertucci, Darlene Oner, Pat Gunter, Joanne & Carlen Forinash, Bilita & Don VanCleave, Alice Felder, Mary Marino, Jean Geary and event coordinator, Suzanne Markgraf. We love our volunteers!

The Christmas in Deerfield walk was held Sunday evening, December 11th starting at the Deerfield subdivision Recreation Center. The walk started between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. and finished at 9:30 p.m. Hot chocolate and baked treats were made available to the walkers. Many thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents and to event coordinator, Joanne Forinash for organizing our first time Christmas lights walk in this beautiful north side area.

**From the desk of the Pres:**

The Trinity University, Olmos Park/Monte Vista walk is scheduled

for January 7, 2006, with a check point at the Toilet Seat museum, for sure! Our January speaker, Barney Smith, curator of the Toilet Seat museum, is bringing a special surprise gift for the club Tuesday, January 3. Come to the meeting and find out what this surprise gift could be!

Please acknowledge our newly elected officers: Secretary, Pat Gunter and Vice President continuing service, Totsy Miller.

Just a reminder that Joanne Forinash has the new 2006 Starting Points available for sale. These books make great Christmas, birthday or anniversary gifts, as does a club membership.

F.Y.I.-- Erika Feaser from San Antonio won the FuelBelt gift at the Taco Cabana walk and Virginia Griffith won the New Balance shoe certificate.

Come join us December 31, 2005, for the Memorial Walk in Fredericksburg. **Start Point Address:** 212 W. San Antonio Street. **Event Description:** Walk will start from 12 noon till 2 PM. All must finish by 5 PM. The route will encompass scenic and historic portions of the city. This will be a new route, but may use portions of previous routes or of the year round routes. Trail is navigable by stroller but wheelchairs will have difficulty. Trail Rating "1+". Water and rest rooms will be available at start area. **Start Times:** 12 Noon till 2 P.M.

Also, Saturday, January 1, 2006 is the Midnight Walk in Fredericksburg. **Start Point Address:** 212 W. San Antonio Street. **Start Times:** Walk will start from 12 Midnight till 12:30 AM. All must finish by 3:30 AM. Enjoy the Christmas lights of Fredericksburg and begin the New Year with some of your favorite people. You will be required to carry a flashlight for this event.

**3 Houston YRE's** - The Houston Happy Hikers Club is sorry to announce that the three Year Round Events that Start at the Crowne Plaza Medical Center Hotel are temporarily suspended, effective December 14, 2005, due to the hotel closing down. We are negotiating a new Start/Finish nearby and will let you know when we are successful. The walks affected are Rice University and Museum District, Medical Center, and Hermann Park. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

*Andy Howard, Houston Happy Hikers*

### **Coming Texas Events:**

12/31/2005 - 12/31/2005 - Walk

**Event Number:** 71486 10 K

**Start:** St. Joseph Halle

**Event City:** Fredericksburg

**Host Club:** Texas Volkssport Assn.

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

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

**Write for more information to:**

712 Ridge Street

Copperas Cove, TX 765223137

**Contact:** Karl Kittinger, (254)547 - 1403

**E-Mail:** [walkabout@hot.rr.com](mailto:walkabout@hot.rr.com)

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1/7/2006 - 1/7/2006 - Walk

**Event Number:** 72285 - 72286 10km

**Start:** Trinity University

**Event City:** San Antonio

**Host Club:** Randolph Roadrunners

**Event Website:**

[www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/](http://www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/)

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

**Write for more information to:**

7711 Callaghan #807

San Antonio, TX 78229

**Contact:** Larry Cook, (210) 525 - 8900

**E-Mail:** [larcoo@texas.net](mailto:larcoo@texas.net)

**Club Website:**

[www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/](http://www.geocities.com/randolphroadrunners/)

1/21/2006 - 1/21/2006 - Walk

**Event Number:** 73946 10 Km

**Start:** Prairie Edge Museum

**Event City:** Eagle Lake

**Host Club:** Houston Happy Hikers

**Event Website:**

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

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

**Write for more information to:**

2017 Briar Ln. Richmond, TX 77469

**Contact:** Catherine Kellner, (979) 478 - 6203

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**Mail:** [hhhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org](mailto:hhhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org)

**Club Website:**

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

### **Mega Walking Events** - From

time to time, the [www.volks-ware.com](http://www.volks-ware.com), website highlights "Mega-Walking Events." This event in Savannah, GA, a biannual one, took place in January 2004. If you missed it, the next one will be in January 2006!

Enjoy our list of walking festivals. Look for Volks-Ware. We take pride in attending as many of these as we can!

On the Savannah city walks, we enjoyed seeing the sun filter through the Spanish moss. Marvin, one of the organizers, said that the club had decorated the trees with Spanish moss just for us! As we walked through the squares of historic Savannah, we enjoyed the beautiful homes and architecture.



### **Big Walking, Event Directory - volks-ware.com**

Looking for a great walking vacation or a weekend getaway? Want to go to the biggest and best events the clubs of the American Volkssport Association can produce? The events listed on [www.volks-ware.com](http://www.volks-ware.com) are traditionally annual ones with multiple events, and most of the time, opportunities for socializing with fellow walkers. Explore the possibilities below and catch the Spirit of Walking.

In using this list recognize that event information sometimes changes. We therefore suggest a call to the event contact before firming up your schedule.

#### **January - Event Name: Get Your Kicks in Savannah 2006**

**When:** January 20th - 22nd, 2006.

(Held every other year)

**Where:** Savannah, Georgia

**Event Website:**

<http://www.angelfire.com/fl5/happywanderers/index.html>

**Articles and Local Information:**

[Savannah Visitors Bureau](#)

**Contact Persons:**

[Marvin Stokes](#) - 386-788-4026

Ken Hogwood

Or write to: Happy Wanderers Walking Club, GET YOUR KICKS IN 2006, PO Box 290153, Port Orange, FL 32129-0153

**Hints:** 10 Events running continuously over the 3 days (8 walks, 1 bike, 1 swim). Headquarters Hotel: [Comfort Suites Historic District](#). Two additional hotel room blocks: Best Western Historic District & Hilton Garden Inn Historic District. Ask for the Happy Wanderers Special Event Rate.

Also new Start/Finish Hall - [Doubletree Hotel](#), Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor, 411 W. Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401

#### **February - Event Name: Floribama or Florabama**

**When:** President's Day Weekend yearly - but not 2005 due to hurricane damage

**Where:** Perdido Key, FL and Gulf Shores, AL

**Event Website:** [Pensacola Club](#)

[Alabama Clubs](#)

**Past Event Website:**

**Articles and Local Information:**

[Gulf Shores, Alabama](#)  
[Perdido Key State Park, Florida](#)

**Contact Person:**

**Hints:** These events are very close to each other. Most enjoy doing the Florida AND the Alabama events, socializing and having a fantastic long weekend.

**March - Event Name: Daffodil Festival**

**When:** Annually, a weekend in March during the Amity, OR Daffodil Festival

**Where:** Amity, OR

**Event Website:** None

**Past Event Website:** None

**Articles and Local Information:**  
[Festival article and photos](#)

**Contact Persons:** Margaret and Ford Forster,  
503.864.3517, <mailto:fmforster1@msn.com>

**Hints:** Stay afterward and enjoy the marvelous hot lunch served in the school cafeteria by local townspeople.

**Event Name: Du Pont Washington Walk and Bike Extravaganza**

**When:** Annually in March, usually the 3rd weekend.

**Where:** Du Pont, Washington

**Event Website:**

<http://www.theoverthehillgang.net/>

**Past Event Website:** None

**Articles and Local Information:**

[City of DuPont](#)

**Contact Persons:** Jack Maxy,  
253.927.4580,

[JackMaxcy@prodigy.net](mailto:JackMaxcy@prodigy.net)

**Hints:** Bring your bike too! This event has walk and bike events. It is very well attended.

**April - Event Name: Tri-State**

**When:** Annually, first weekend of April

**Where:** Laughlin, NV - Walks in AZ, NV and CA

**Event Website:** [Las Vegas High Rollers and Strollers Website](#)

**Past Event Website:** None

**Articles and Local Information:**

[Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Walking in Las Vegas](#)

**Contact Person:** Smith Reeves:  
[smithreeves@yahoo.com](mailto:smithreeves@yahoo.com)

**Hints:** If you enjoy views of the Colorado River, gambling and inexpensive hotels and restaurants, consider attending the Tri-State events.

**Event Name: Victoria Blossom Walks or International Walking Festival**

**When:** Annually in April

**Where:** Victoria, BC, Canada

**Event Website:**

<http://www.walkvictoria.ca/>

**Past Event Website:** None

**Articles and Local Information:**

[Victoria, BC Information](#)

**Contact Persons:** Don Evoy:

[d.evoy@shaw.ca](mailto:d.evoy@shaw.ca)

**Hints:** This is a major event. It is sanctioned by both the IVV and IML. Consider attending all the festivities. Walking during this festival is the best way to see Victoria bar none!

**Event Name: Vancouver Discovery Walk Festival**

**When:** Annually in April

**Where:** Vancouver, WA

**Event Website:**

<http://discoverywalk.org/>

**Past Event Website:** None

**Articles and Local Information:**

[Discovery Walk Review and Photos 2004 Photos](#)

**Contact Persons:**

<mailto:info@discoverywalks.org>

**Hints:** This is a major event. It is sanctioned by both the IVV and IML(IWA). Consider attending all the festivities. Enjoy this city right across the Columbia River from Portland, OR.

**May - Event Name: Canadian Convention**

**When:** Annually, in May

**Where:** The Canadian Volkssport Federation event is in a different province each time.

**Event Website:**

**Past Event Website:**

<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/CVF/>

**Articles and Local Information:**

None

**Contact Persons:** [cvf@chebucto.ns.ca](mailto:cvf@chebucto.ns.ca)

**Hints:** The Canadian Convention travels from province to province. Attendees have a great time. Open to all.

**Event Name: CVA State Meeting**

**When:** Annually, usually the first weekend in May

**Where:** As announced. California

**Event Website:**

<http://www.walkcalif.info/>

**Past Event Website:** None

**Articles and Local Information:**

None

**Contact Persons:** none listed

**Hints:** Always a nice time with nice people. See California on foot!

**June - Event Name: Crazy Horse**

**When:** Traditionally, annually on the first weekend of June.

**Where:** In the Black Hills of South Dakota on US Highway 16/385 just 17 miles southwest of Mount Rushmore.

**Event Website:**

<http://www.crazyhorse.org/>

**Past Event Website:** None

**Articles and Local Information:**

Same

**Contact Persons:** [Black Hills Volkssport Association](#) or [Sharlene Mitchell](#) 605-716-1813

**Hints:** Climb Crazy Horse Mountain and see progress on the sculpture of Chief Crazy Horse. This has become a "cult" event with thousands attending!

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS--

### AVA Special Event: Walking Europe in the United States

January 1, 2005 - January 2009.  
Complete 20 events anywhere in the United States where an event city is also located in Europe. A list of YREs will be available with registration, however, these will not be the only events that may qualify for this award. Send \$8 payable to *The East Texas Trekkers*, P.O. Box 7042, Tyler, TX 75711. Direct any questions to Jan Wood at 903-534-9301 or, [jpw6391@msn.com](mailto:jpw6391@msn.com).

### Great Lakes, Great Walks, Great Fun

January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2009  
Walk 10 walks along Great Lakes shoreline. Walk an event at three different Great Lakes. The program cost is \$8. An award will be presented at the end of the 10 events. To request approved booklet, send check payable to: *Jim Muma c/o Mackinaw Walkers Volkssport Club*, 1706 Pine, Belleville, IL 62226-4259. For more information contact Jim at 618-234-8706 or email him at: [michiganjim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michiganjim@sbcglobal.net).

**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 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  
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.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

AVA Volkssport Associate      Yes / No

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

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

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

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