



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

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Next Meeting October 21, 2008  
7:00 p.m. at the Universal City Library,  
100 Northview Dr., 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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*Event Information*

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*TVA Website*

<http://walktexas.org/>

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**Renewal Time**

The following membership renewals are currently due:  
**Joan Lyman, Norma Busse, Darlene Oner, Bryon Simpson, Carol Singleton, Wendy Carr, Peggy Cooper, Shellie & Joshua Daniels, Charles Dill, Barbara Durkin, Claudia Holzhaus, Robert Irwin, Deborah Ivy, Linda & Walter Rogers, Jon & Jessica Stone, Leilani Nunley, Marte Kellogg, Maria Tovar and Sarabeth Kuzmak.**

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.

**MEETING PLACE & DATE:**

The next RR club meeting will be held at the Universal City Library, 100 Northview Drive which is one block west of the AVA with the side of the library on Pat Booker Rd. Our next meeting date is October 21st and we will meet on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of each month until further notice.

**From the Desk of the Pres.....**

Our program speaker for October will be podiatrist, Dr. Larry Czelusta

At our Canyon Lake event, we had 203 walkers who participated with fantastic Chamber of Commerce weather!

A BIG thanks to all the folks who worked where needed: Tony and Nancy Paulson, Darlene Oner, Larry Cook, Mike Hermes, Carol Shaner, Rick White, Joanne and Carlen Forinash, Bill Radigan, Randy Baker, Heinz Johnson, Betty Berry and Ellen Ott.

**Kudos** to the following walkers taken from the Aug/Sept TAW:  
75 events - Dorothy & John Creswell  
1900 events- Rick White  
19,000km - Martin Callahan  
25,000km - Jane Radigan  
45,000km - Bill Radigan

A New AVA club: Smithville Chamber of Commerce

**New event for 2009**

Mark your calendar now for MARCH 1, 2009 for the CROP WALK. Working with partners, Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations working to eradicate hunger and poverty - providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster, relief and refugee assistance in some 80 countries.

Millions of people world wide join in or support CROP WALKS each year because millions of people around the world have to walk just to survive----“We walk because they walk” in solidarity, in unity, to make a difference. Millions of dollars that are raised are shared with local hunger-fighting initiatives- food banks and community gardens across the U.S.

Volksmarch participants will not be required to take pledges for CROP, It will be voluntary. The 5/10km CROP walk will start at 2pm (VM window until 2:30pm) at Mission County Park. More details will be forth coming.

In 2008 there were 698 CROP walkers with a pledge amount of \$64,000. What a fantastic opportunity to expose more people to volkssports and at the same time help a great cause. Don Khan, the CROP walk coordinator, will be the club speaker in January, 2009.

## **AVA Checkpoint**

### **Notes:**

#### **Deserving Volunteers**

Remember: we need to submit our volunteers for awards. To be presented at the AVA Convention, we must have the nominations to the Regional Director no later than November 1, 2008.

#### **Report from 2008 IVV Congress of Delegates York, England**

The IVV Congress of Delegates was held in York, England on July 3 -5, 2008. AVA was represented by delegates Shirley Lindberg, Becky Forsythe, Martha Myron and AVA President Curt Myron. The following is my own highlights of the Congress meeting. Official minutes will be distributed to AVA clubs when received.

1. Background. IVV has 29 voting members, with the addition of Turkey and China at the 2007 Congress, and 20 non-voting countries, called direct member clubs, as they have not yet reached the minimum five clubs needed to apply for full IVV membership. Although at least nine members were not present this year, a majority of voting members were present.

2. Revisions of IVV Statutes. A day-long workshop was held the day prior to the Congress in order to review and allow comments from members as to the proposed revisions to IVV statutes. The Congress addressed only the statute changes, even though five documents were sent to IVV members for consideration. The four documents not considered were deferred until the next Congress in Japan (Routine Orders and rules related to the IVV Disciplinary Board, the Arbitration Court and Finance). Of the seven motions AVA submitted pertaining to rule changes, five were officially withdrawn in the Congress meeting when they were incorporated into the revisions and approved by delegates. Two other AVA motions, which pertained to applications for IVV Direct Member clubs, were referred to the Rules Committee for further review and presentation to the 2009 Congress in Japan.

3. Proposed IVV Statutes approved. The proposed statutes were considered

article by article. The article that pertained to allocation of votes to IVV member countries did not get two-thirds approval. AVA was opposed to the proposal as it reduced the authorized votes for 18 member countries by one vote while increasing the votes of the larger IVV countries. Approval of the initial proposal would also have given nine of the 27 member countries a majority of the total votes. A recess was allowed to consider a compromise proposal and AVA, Canada, Great Britain, Denmark, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and others presented a compromise (through the Czech delegate) that was approved. As a result, no country loses votes while some gain votes for the next Congress. And a majority of votes held by only nine members was avoided. AVA's votes will increase from four to six.

4. Rules Committee. The rules committee, formerly three members from Luxembourg, Austria and Germany was expanded to include representatives from AVA (Curt Myron) and the Canadian Volkssport Federation (Graham Fawcett). Graham and I will participate in forming future policy proposals.

5. Elections. Elections were held for positions on the IVV Disciplinary Board (3 members) and the IVV Arbitration Court (3 members) and the Audit Committee (2 members). Graham Fawcett and AVA Liaison Hans Dieter Fuhr were elected to the Disciplinary Board; Curt Myron was elected to the Arbitration Court and Brian Tilbury of Great Britain was elected to the Audit Committee. All positions were formerly held by Europeans.

6. New IVV Members. Brazil was approved for full IVV membership and Argentina was admitted to IVV as a direct member club. The American and Canadian delegations met with Ana Beatriz, the delegate from Brazil, and supported her application for full membership. Brazil is the third voting member of IVV in the western hemisphere.

7. AVA motion on boating as an IVV venue. The motion to make boating an approved venue for IVV was approved.

8. IVV Treasurer Resigns. Karl-Heinz Beckmann resigned as IVV Treasurer. He stated that he had an opportunity to serve an association that supported

elderly people and had chosen to pursue that opportunity instead of continuing as IVV Treasurer. IVV did not know of the resignation until the announcement at the Congress. IVV leadership will appoint an interim Treasurer, and the position will be filled officially at the next Congress.

9. Summary. The Congress closed as a positive experience for all. The success was due in large part to advance preparation by the leadership of the USA and Canada. Your AVA officers did their homework, and one can see the beginnings of more effective cooperation with our colleagues. The smaller countries and the English-speaking countries were pleased with the results and appreciative of AVA and CVF leadership and organization. All parties appeared satisfied with the results.

Questions should be addressed to Curt Myron, AVA President.  
president@ava.org.

#### **Coming Texas Events:**

10/4/08 – 10/4/08 - walk

**Event Number:** 80945 10K/5K

**Start:** Oak Grove Sports Complex at Grapevine Lake

**Event City:** Grapevine

**Host Club:** Tarrant County Walkers

**Event Website:**

[www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers](http://www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers)

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

**Write for more information to:**

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Grapevine, TX 76051

**Contact:** Carolyn and Paul Ernst, (817) 488 - 0235

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**Club Website:**

[www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers](http://www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers)

10/4/2008 - 10/4/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 80033 10K/5K

**Start:** LBJ National Park

**Event City:** Stonewall

**Host Club:** Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg

**Event Website:**

[www.walktx.org/AVA1](http://www.walktx.org/AVA1)

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

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**Club Website:**

[www.walktx.org/AVA1](http://www.walktx.org/AVA1)

10/18/2008 - 10/18/2008 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 77867 10K/5K

**Start:** Fairfield Lake State Park

**Event City:** Fairfield

**Host Club:** East Texas Trekkers

**Event Website:**

[www.walktx.org/EastTexasTrekkers/2008/FairfieldSP\\_10-18.pdf](http://www.walktx.org/EastTexasTrekkers/2008/FairfieldSP_10-18.pdf)

**More Details:** [Click here for](#)

[directions, ratings, etc.](#)

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**Club Website:**

[www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekkers/](http://www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekkers/)

10/18/2008 - 10/18/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 81165 10K/5K

**Start:** Training Area 2

**Event City:** Camp Swift - Oktoberfest & Volksmarch

**Host Club:** LoneStar Walkers

Volkssport Club

**More Details:** [Click here for](#)

[directions, ratings, etc.](#)

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10/18/2008 - 10/18/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 81407 10K

**Start:** Guadalupe River State Park

**Event City:** Spring Branch

**Host Club:** Texas Wanderers

**More Details:** [Click here for](#)

[directions, ratings, etc.](#)

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[www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers](http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers)

10/25/2008 - 10/25/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 80950 - 10K/5K

**Start:** Paschall Park

**Event City:** Mesquite - Historic

Mesquite Walk

**Host Club:** Dallas Trekkers, Inc.

**Event Website:**

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

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

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10/25/2008 - 10/25/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 81740 - 10K

**Start:** Main Plaza

**Event City:** San Antonio

**Host Club:** Trinity Trekkers

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

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10/25/2008 - 10/26/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 80331 10K

**Start:** Waring VFD Hall

**Event City:** Waring - The Harvest Trail

**Host Club:** Hill Country

Volkssportverein

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

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10/25/2008 - 10/26/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 80330 - 10K

**Start:** Waring VFD Hall

**Event City:** Waring - THE GREEN GOBLIN TRAIL

**Host Club:** Hill Country

Volkssportverein

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11/1/2008 - 11/2/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 80891 10K

**Start:** Schlitterbahn Water Park

Employee Cafe

**Event City:** New Braunfels

**Host Club:** NB Marsch-und

Wandergruppe

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

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New Braunfels, Texas 78132

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**Club Website:**

[www.muw.walktexas.org](http://www.muw.walktexas.org)

### ***Walklist - Wonderful Volksmarchers!***

My wife, Joanne and I took a cruise down the Danube from Linz Austria to Budapest Hungary with stops in Melk and Vienna Austria and Bratislava Slovakia. I heartily recommend this trip, we had a great time.

Prior to leaving the USA I attempted to obtain info on Permanent Walks along the way with no luck until I contacted the Wanderfalken club in Vienna. The secretary of the club, Helga Stejskal answered my email and sent a schedule of group walks their club put on. The scheduled walks did not fit the schedule of our tour so I told Helga I was sorry but we couldn't fit in joining them. She responded right away and offered to change the date of the walk to fit our schedule. They are very flexible with their dates, apparently. She asked where would our ship be docking in Vienna and date. I sent the info but by now we were on our way. I also thanked her for her efforts and said I guess we would have to wait for another time to

