



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

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Next Meeting - January 20, 2009  
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

**Randolph Roadrunners  
Volkssport Club**  
A Walking Club Established 1980  
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*Club Website*

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

*Event Information*

1-800-830-WALK

*TVA Website*

<http://walktexas.org/>

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**Renewal Time**

The following membership renewals are currently due:  
**Jon & Jessica Stone, Shellie & Joshua Daniels, Wendy Carr, Claudia Holzhaus, Roberta Irwin, Marte Kellogg, Maria Tovar, Sarabeth Kuzmak, Rodney Koch, Sherry Patterson, Betty Ferguson, George Whitehorse, Mary Miller/Travis Perez, Mike & Carol Abbott, Peggy Cooper, Deborah Ivy and Cindy & Trey Warner.**

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.

**WELCOME New Members!**

Jeff Lanpher & Christina Jessen  
San Antonio  
Linda & Jim Morgan San Antonio

**MEETING PLACE & DATE:**

The RR club meetings 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 is 1/20/09. We will meet on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of each month until further notice.

**RR Members, F.Y.I...**

The Forest Waters, Garden Ridge event on 11/15/08 had a great walker turnout, great weather and great volunteers!  
Special thanks to all who worked to help make it happen: Suzanne Markgraf, event coordinator, Robert Markgraf, Ellen Ott and Mike Hermes, Larry Cook, Rick White, Mary Quandt, Joanne and Carlin Forinash, Suzy Krisak, Totsy Miller, Randy Baker, Heinz Johnson, Darlene Oner, Nancy and Tony Paulson, Carol Shaner, Sandra Wilkinson, Sylvia

Castillo and Audrey and Taylor Vertucci.

**Christmas Party!!**

Instead of a December meeting, we will have our annual Christmas party, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Quicksands Café and Bakery (across from the Embassy Theater). Bring a \$15 or less, gift to participate in the Chinese auction. The dessert will be provided by the club.



**Trinity Walk--** We need workers for the Trinity University walk on January 10th. Call Larry Cook at 566-5603 if you can volunteer.

**Storage Space Clean Up--**

We also need volunteers to help clean up and do an inventory of the Roadrunners storage space. Contact Ellen Ott at 525-8574 or [ellenott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenott@sbcglobal.net) if you can organize and spare some time.

**Wrapping for Elf Louise--**

If any RR member is interested in volunteering some Christmas spirit, plan to meet on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. to wrap presents for Elf Louise. Details will be emailed as soon as Ellen gets the information.

**Memorial Event--**

If anyone is interested in working at the Memorial Event or the midnight walks, please call Ellen Ott, 525-8574, or Carol Shaner, 979-2981. Usually the worker's walk is the morning of the Memorial Event.

## 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: 1-800 Number

Due to provider changes to our 1-800 number, we will close it down effective 12/31/08. The cost to host the boxes more than tripled. That along with the fact that we are receiving only about 20-25 calls a month have made it a marketing item that is no longer cost effective.

## TAW Deadline

The deadline for the February, 2009 issue of *The American Wanderer* is December 24. All articles and photographs should be submitted directly to: The American Wanderer, Laurel Parrott, Editor, 3526 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis,

MN 55412, email TAW@bhi.com Be sure to include “TAW” in the subject line of the email.

**Publicity Awards:** The Publicity Committee which handles the awards for websites, newsletters, event announcements, etc. needs volunteers. This Committee will do its thing starting April 1, 2009 and be finished before the 2009 Convention. Please express your interest to Joan Lampart, Committee Chair, at [jmlampart@aol.com](mailto:jmlampart@aol.com)

Details for submitting these award nominations will be in the next issue of *The American Wanderer*

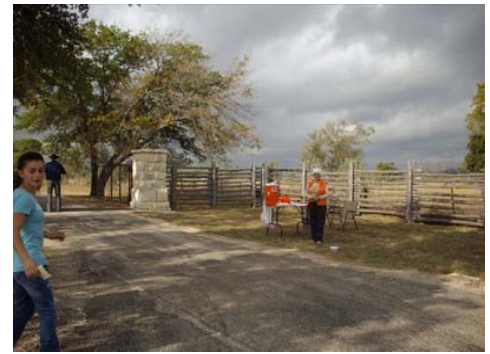
## The Halloween Waring Event



*A few of the locals joined walkers at the Waring event - 10/25/08 & 10/26/08*



*Downtown Waring*



*7km checkpoint*



## Special Event Programs Celebrate America's Gardens: Public Flower Gardens and Flower Festivals Program

Runs January 1, 2009 through 2011. Criteria: Participate in 20 different sanctioned events where the route actually utilizes the pathways of a named flower garden open to the public. Private gardens open to the public only on specific dates can count if the regular walk event is also scheduled on those same days. For seasonal and year-round events, the gardens must be open to the public on all applicable days to count. Arboretums, plantations, botanical gardens and parks containing named gardens may also be considered. Routes that include temporary display gardens set up for the occasion of a public flower festival count only during the actual days of the festival. Send \$10 for booklet to: Lois Head, Central Minnesota Volkssports, PO Box 2162, St. Cloud, MN 56302-2162. Point of Contact, Lois, email [lmhead@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:lmhead@stcloudstate.edu) or phone (320)252-7348.

## America's Artistic Heritage Event Program

Runs January 1, 2009 through 2011. Cost is \$10. Criteria: Participate in 25 different sanctioned events where the



route passes an active or historic community theatre, opera house or fine arts museum; previous or current home of an organized ensemble; site of historic, annual or pivotal art fair or musical "happening" or festival; designated or named artistic arena/venue; or home/statue of an American composer, playwright or performing artist. If you find the connection, it counts. Point of Contact, Lois Head, Central Minnesota Volkssports, PO Box 2162 St. Cloud, MN 56302-2162. Email [lmhead@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:lmhead@stcloudstate.edu) or phone (320)252-7348.

## Museum Walk America Event Program

Runs January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

Criteria: Complete 25 events anywhere in the United States that passes directly by a museum. A museum is defined as a building, place or institution devoted to the acquisition, conservation, study, exhibition and educational interpretation of objects having scientific, historical, or artistic value and/or a building or location that has a name or sign that includes the word "museum". Each museum may only be used once, however; an event that may have 2 or more museums may be used, provided the event is walked on a different date for each stamp. We encourage you to visit these fine institutions, they have a wealth of knowledge to enlighten you, however; it is not necessary to qualify.

The cost of the program will be \$10.00 per booklet and all participants will receive a colorfully embroidered patch upon completion of the program. Make checks payable to Penn Dutch Pacers. Mail to Point of Contact: Robert Cooney, 453 Fort Ross Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543-2414. Direct any questions to Robert Cooney, email [rdcwalk@ptd.net](mailto:rdcwalk@ptd.net) Current walk information can be found on the Penn Dutch Pacers website:

<http://www.penndutchpacers.org>

### Coming Texas Events:

12/6/2008 - 12/6/2008 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 80875 10km/5km  
**Start:** St. John's Lutheran Church  
**Event City:** Boerne  
**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:**

1726 Fawn Crest

San Antonio, TX 78248

**Contact:** Joanne Forinash, (210) 493 - 8543

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

**Club Website:**

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

12/6/2008 - 12/6/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 83122 11km/5km

**Start:** City Hall

**Event City:** Smithville - Festival of Lights

**Host Club:** Smithville Volkssport Club

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

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

**Write for more information to:**

100 NW 1st ST

Smithville, TX 78957

**Contact:** Adena Lewis, (512) 237 - 2313

**E-Mail:** [chamber@smithville.org](mailto:chamber@smithville.org)

12/13/2008 - 12/13/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 80985 10km

**Start:** Houston Arboretum and Nature Center

**Event City:** Houston

**Host Club:** Houston Happy Hikers

**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:** [hkhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org](mailto:hkhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org)

**Club Website:**

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

12/13/2008 - 12/13/2008 - Night Walk

**Event Number:** 80627 10km

**Start:** Highland Park Village - Starbucks Coffee Company

**Event City:** Highland Park - Christmas Lights Night Walk

**Host Club:** Star Trekkers of Irving

**Event Website:**

[starttrekkers.org/events/20081213highlandandpark.pdf](http://starttrekkers.org/events/20081213highlandandpark.pdf)

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

**Write for more information to:**

217 Chamberlain, Irving, TX 75060

**Contact:** Gary Whitford, (214) 536 - 9756

**E-Mail:** [grwhitford@gmail.com](mailto:grwhitford@gmail.com)

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

12/13/2008 - 12/13/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 83071 10km/5km

**Start:** Sul Ross State University - Rio Grande College

**Event City:** Uvalde - BTCO Winter Oddwalk

**Host Club:** BTC Oddsports Club

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

**Write for more information to:**

6438 Hill Creek Dr.

San Antonio, TX 78256

**Contact:** Clay Baulch, (210) 204 - 9301

**E-Mail:** [btco@satx.rr.com](mailto:btco@satx.rr.com)

12/31/2008 - 12/31/2008 - Walk

**Event Number:** 81244 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.](#)

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

1/1/2009 - 1/1/2009 - Walk

**Event Number:** 81246 10km/5km

**Start:** St. Joseph' Halle

**Event City:** Fredericksburg

**Host Club:** Texas Volkssport Assn.

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

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

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### Carpooling to Events-

If anyone is interested in carpooling to any of the walks or meetings, please contact David Toth, 521-8684, or E-mail [dntoth@scbglobal.net](mailto:dntoth@scbglobal.net). It's never too early to start planning for the Dallas AVA convention in 2009!

