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Next Meeting – April 20, 2010
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.randolphroadrunners.info

Event Information

1-800-830-WALK

TVA Website

www.walktexas.org

SW Regional Director

Heinz Johnson 830-980-5723
San Antonio, TX
svrd@gvtc.com

Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due: **Maria Alvarado, Don & Isabelle Burke, Mario Cepeda, Victor & Carlo Hernandez, Josephine Hernandez, E.J. & Cindy Livingston, Patti Paulson, John & Tania Walshe, Frankie Chacon, Susan Fowler-Nice, Anita Freestone, Pat Frost, Norman & Pamela Haines, Carolyn Livesay, Kwadwo Offei-Nnoma, Marcey & Jesus Perez, Carol Sedillo, Don & Linda Simmons, Carolyn Simpson, Cindy & Forest Taylor, John & Ann White, Mervin Buss, Jack Morgan, Chris Riley, Noemi & Max Rodriguez, Laura Tull, Peggy & Tim Weiss and Malcolm & Barbara Carter.** Please send in your renewal fees now. We value your membership. To renew your membership, fill out the renewal application attached or print one from the following website address: www.RandolphRoadrunners.info and send it with your fees to Nancy Paulson c/o the club address.

MEETING PLACE & DATE:

The RR club meetings are 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 4/20/10. We meet on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month.

Leon Valley Event

A beautiful spring day welcomed 217 participants to the Leon Valley walk on 13 March. A huge "thank you" to the loyal RR workers: Totsy Miller, Carol Shaner, Rick White, Pat Gunter, Darlene Oner, Audrey Vertucci and granddaughter Taylor, Diane Duesterhoeft, Pat Roberts, Herb Laing. Gloria and Alan Mick, Bilita and Don Van Cleave, Linda and Tom Elms, Carol Merle, Joanne and Carlen Forinash, Bill Radigan, Mike Hermes and Larry Cook.

Ellen O.

Attention RR members!

Please consider volunteering as our club secretary. We need someone to fill this position A.S.A.P.!

Kudos to the Following Volkssport Achievers:

(from April/May, 2010 TAW - Events and Distance Awards)

Marta & Reuben Knappe	175 events
Joanne Forinash	1,000 events
Marie Sorrell	600 events
Martin Callahan	1,350 events
Marie Sorrell	7,000km
Joanne Forinash	10,000km
Carlen Forinash	20,000km



RR Club News:

The RR's will celebrate FIESTA at the April meeting with a pizza party. Pizza, veggies and punch will be provided. Do Not eat dinner before the meeting!

The Roadrunners welcomed special guests Curt Myron, the AVA President; Wayne Hollowoy, the AVA Vice President and his wife Grace and daughter Cheryl at the March RR club meeting. Curt gave a PowerPoint presentation, "Focus on Growth."

On Friday Marcy 5th, Carol Shaner and Ellen represented Volkssporting at "Conversations in Converse" a New World Communities Heritage Trail strategic planning meeting. This was the first in a series of multi-cultural, local, regional, national and international initiatives to discuss cultural heritage, commerce, education, preservation and networking. Since the theme for this meeting was the Old Spanish Trail (OST) it was very fitting that the Roadrunners presented their

walking program and partnership with the OST.

Dr. Davidson Hepburn, President of the 35th Congress of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, was the honored guest and featured speaker for the Friday day and evening meetings and on Saturday also.

One might wonder, as I did, how Dr. Hepburn ever came to Converse, Texas. At an OST 100 elected officials briefing last October, a nice gentleman was brought along by the Converse Mayor. He asked Charlotte (the OST lady) if she knew anything about this New World Heritage Trail. She said, "nope." This nice gentleman was Leon Stubbs who happens to be from the Bahamas as is his friend Dr. Hepburn, so the conversation will begin and hopefully continue.

The Roadrunners had their display at the 2nd annual "Get Outdoors" day on March 6th at Mission San Jose from 10 am. To 2 pm. This is a free event designed to provide both environmental education information and outdoor recreation opportunities to the greater San Antonio community with the target audience being children (K-12_ and their families. There were so many people that came by our booth to get a stamp on their sheet (we used a punch with a foot) that it was very difficult to tell everyone about Volkssports, but Carol Shaner and I managed to pass out flyers that the folks in Leon Valley printed telling about Market Days and our walk. Mike Hermes helped us the last two hours. The Roadrunners have been invited back next year. It will take at least four people for the first two hours to do our sport justice.

On Sunday afternoon, March 7th, Larry Cook, Mike Hermes and I staffed the 10Km turn around at Mission San Juan for the CROP walk. The drizzle didn't keep the approximate 250 walkers away. The participation for the CROP on Saturday was close to 480. Now if we could get all these people out to volksmarch . . . and they wouldn't even have to spend money!

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Carol Shaner, Larry Cook and Mike Hermes for their time

and effort this last weekend. Thank you!

Workers for the anniversary events on Memorial Day weekend can pick up the route directions at the April meeting after signing up to work. Workers will be able to walk as their time allows.

Don't miss the great article on the front page of the April/May TAW written by Bilita VanCleave "Very Small Dogs Love Very Long Walks."

And don't forget to give Carlen Forinash your suggestions for changes to the TVA by the April RR meeting.

Ellen Ott, President

TVA Officer Nominations MEMORANDUM:

TO: TX Volkssport Club Presidents
FROM: TVA Nomination Committee
Priscilla Johnson, Chairman
Joanne Forinash
David Porter

DATE: March 9, 2010

SUBJECT: TVA Officer nominations

This memorandum is being sent by the above named nomination committee to all TVA club presidents in accordance with the TVA By-Laws. The committee request that you solicit and report back to this committee by May 1st, 2010, any and all persons who would qualify and agree to serve our beloved sport and help it become all it needs to be to keep it a growing and fun organization. You may respond by email to: Joanne Forinash at: sjforinash@yahoo.com or call Priscilla Johnson at 830-980-5723, David Porter at 903-534-1960 or Joanne Forinash at 210-872-2743.

We are especially looking for people that are not current club officers. There are many, many club members throughout Texas that have excellent leadership qualities and would offer a fresh, new approach to leading the Texas Volkssport Association. You are urged to make an extra effort to find some of your members that could be added to the slate of officers. Listed below are the officers to be elected this election period and the duties thereof as stated in the TVA By-laws.

ARTICLE IV

4.8.1 Nominating

Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three members. Its Chair and members shall be appointed not less than 60 days before the annual election meeting. This committee will receive nominations from any member club in good standing and will nominate for offices specified

Section 5.1. (see below) The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the TVA President, no later than June 1. All TV clubs will receive the proposed slate at least 30 days before the TVA Election Meeting in August.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

5.1 TERM AND DESIGNATION;

The officers of the TVA shall consist of a President (Chairperson of the Board), First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Newly elected officers assume their duties immediately following their election. The terms of office shall be such that the President (Chairperson), Second Vice-President, and Secretary are elected in even-numbered years, and the First Vice-President and Treasurer are elected in odd-numbered years. Elections shall be held at the annual election meeting. The officers of the TVA shall be the Board of Directors.

This being an even-numbered year, the officers to be elected are the President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary. The duties of these officers are listed below.

5.2 The duties of the officers shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

5.2.1 **President (Chairperson of the Board). The President shall:**

A. Preside at meetings of the Board and the TVA, and have prerogatives and responsibilities usual to such office.

B. Call special meetings of the Board and TVA.

C. Appoint all committees and committee chairs with the concurrence of the Board.

D. Render to the Board and the general membership an annual report at the election meeting.

E. Represent the TVA officially.

5.2.3 Second Vice President: The Second Vice President shall:

A. Assume the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the First Vice President.

B. Serve as special projects and public relations officer.

C. Act as Coordinator of the Texas Awards Program.

D. Perform such other duties as the President may direct.

5.2.4 Secretary. The Secretary shall:

A. Attend all meetings of the Board and General membership and record the proceedings thereof.

B. Maintain a separate file of all legal papers of the TVA (corporation) to include articles of incorporation, tax status determination letters, minutes of the meetings, annual financial reports and audits thereof. This file shall be transmitted to the new Secretary and a receipt thereof provided to the President.

C. Provide timely notice of all meetings of the Board and general membership.

D. Maintain a current listing of all member clubs and their officers and the TVA committee members.

E. Prepare such correspondence as the President shall direct.

F. Supervise verification of the credentials, presence of a quorum, and tallying of votes at all Board and TVA meetings, except votes to elect officers of the TVA.

G. Prepare and distribute all official reports of the Board and the TVA, as directed by the President or required by these by-laws.

H. Perform such other duties as the President may direct.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter and GREAT BIG THANKS for all you do to keep our sport going.

Nominating Committee

AVA News TAW Deadline

The deadline for the June 2010 issue of *The American Wanderer* is April 25. 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. Some folks continue to send these to AVA Headquarters and this causes delays in your information getting in.

AVA Publicity Committee

Welcome to Joan Lampart, who will assume duties as the Chair of AVA's Publicity Committee. Among Joan's duties is the biennial publicity contest for photos, brochures, event publicity and community projects done by AVA clubs. If you are interested in helping Joan, please contact her. AVA committee information is at the AVA website at

<http://www.ava.org/membership/avacom.htm>.

Awards News from Connie

When recording distance in record books, please remember to use whole numbers. Decimals and fractions of kilometers are not honored when book totals are added.

Any Volkssporters who do not wish to keep their event and distance IVV award pins and patches may donate them back to Headquarters, as long as they are in good condition. However, other club awards, foreign awards, old jackets with patches attached, and any other medal or trophy for Volkssporting cannot be accepted. Please check with local youth groups or *Special Olympics* as they sometimes use such awards for their events and appreciate the donation of such items.

Please remind everyone that postage must be added to all orders made to Headquarters except when you present a free shipping card. Only four books are allowed to be ordered on a free shipping card, if you order more, please include \$1.00 postage for each event, distance, or special program book ordered.

Please, please attend to new walkers at your events by explaining the awards program. This gives them an incentive and be sure to invite them to future events. You might want to print out the *Practical Guide to the IVV Awards Program* to hand out to new people. This handout can be found under *Publications* link, then *AVA Club Forms*.

Coming Texas Events:

4/3/2010 - 4/3/2010 - Walk

Event Number: 86770 5/10/15km

Start: Comfort Community Park Pavilion

Event City: Comfort - Easter Walk

Host Club: Hill Country Volkssportverein

Event Website: web.me.com/txtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html

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

Write for more information to:

P O Box 822 Comfort, TX 78013

Contact: John Bohnert, (830) 995 - 2421

E-Mail: tina.bohnert@comfort.txed.net

Club Website:

web.me.com/txtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html

4/10/2010 - 4/10/2010 - Walk

Event Number: 86785 10km/5km

Start: Dart North Irving Transit Cntr

Event City: Irving - Campion Trails

Host Club: Star Trekkers of Irving

Event Website: www.startrekkers.org

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

Write for more information to:

217 Chamberlain

Irving, TX 75060-5344

Contact: Gary Whitford, (214) 536 - 9756

E-Mail: grwhitford@gmail.com

Club Website: www.startrekkers.org

4/10/2010 - 4/10/2010 - Walk

Event Number: 86518 10km/5km

Start: Dunbar Center

Event City: San Marcos - Prospect Park Walk

Host Club: San Marcos River Walkers

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

Write for more information to:

100 E. Laurel Lane

San Marcos, TX 78666

Contact: Barbara Piersol, (512) 396 - 4463

E-Mail: bpiersol@grandecom.net

4/17/2010 - 4/17/2010 - Walk

Event Number: 84625 10km/5km

Start: Purts Creek State Park

Event City: Eustace - Purts Creek State Park

Host Club: East Texas Trekkers

Event Website:

www.walktx.org/easttexasrekkers/2010

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

Write for more information to:

901 Edgewood Dr.

Jacksonville, Tx 75766

Contact: David C. Porter, (903) 534 - 1960

E-Mail: d.c.porter56@suddenlink.net or helenthehun@yahoo.com

Club Website:

www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekkers/

4/17/2010 - 4/17/2010 - Walk

Event Number: 86694 10km/5km

Start: U. S. Army Medical Department Museum

Event City: San Antonio - Caminada de Fiesta

Host Club: Texas Wanderers

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

Write for more information to:

102 Wildridge Trail

Universal City, Tx 78148

Contact: Gerald Kamicka, (210) 658 - 2160

E-Mail: GeraldK726@aol.com

Club Website:

www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers

4/24/2010 - 4/24/2010 - Walk

