



Volume 2011 - November No. 11
 Next Meeting – November 15, 2011
 7:00 p.m., Universal City Library
 100 Northview Drive, 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

AVA Website

www.ava.org

TVA Website

www.walktexas.org

SW Regional Director

Bill Hamilton 830-285-7062
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sw_rd@ava.org

Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:
Shirley Conrad, Shelta & Bob Reese, Danielle Colera, Marilyn Doyle, Michael Chitty, Charles & Sandy Hunnefeld, Diana Lacy, Herb Laing, Linda & Jeff Large, Patricia Muse, Joe & Jan King and Rodney Koch. 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.



Saturday Walk-Friedrichshafen-Fischbach



Sunday Walk- Murg-Hänner

Tales from the Trail

Submitted by Randy Baker

Black Forest, Germany

After almost a year of planning, in September we finally went on our European vacation. We flew into Milan, Italy, and then rented a car and drove up into Germany where we spent three nights at Edelweiss, the Armed Forces Recreation Center in Garmisch.

Next, we drove up to the Black Forest (Schwarzwald), where we stayed in Bad Dürreim for three nights. I had found two Volksmarches for the weekend we were there.

On Saturday September 10, we walked in Friedrichshafen-Fischbach, along the shore of Lake Constance (Bodensee in German). The walk started late, at 1100, which was a good thing because we didn't get to the start hall until past 11. This walk took us through apple orchards and into some woods along farmer's and forest worker's roads. It isn't actually in the Black Forest, but it was an interesting walk, and we enjoyed the Bratwurst and Bier at the finish.

Sunday's walk was in Murg-Hänner, close to the Swiss border. This walk was in the Black Forest, and there were plenty of tall trees around to make sure we knew we were in the black forest! We almost didn't find the start. We drove through one little village after another, about to give up, when Margie suggested we go to just one more, and of course, that was it. It was a wonderful walk. We came across some cows grazing right next to the trail. Their bells rang a little melody as we walked by. There were some interesting other folks on the trail, as well. A group of men from a nearby club were all wearing kilts. You can see one of them in the photo of the checkpoint. There was a family walking with their little dog, not much bigger than a Chihuahua. We passed them, and when we were about 50 meters ahead, their little dog surprised us by appearing under our feet! He would circle us a couple of times, get called back to his family, and then re-appear next to us again.

After the walk, we stayed in the start hall for lunch, where I ordered *grillbraten*. I was thinking of a bratwurst for some reason, but it turned out to be a pork steak. It was quite delicious, even though it wasn't what I

expected! This was our last day in Germany and the Black Forest. We had to head back to Milan to return the car so we could go on the next leg of our journey, Rome! There were no Volksmarches in Rome, but we walked all over the city to see the sites, probably getting over 50 km in four days.

From the Desk of the Pres.- The RR club needs a Secretary!

Contact Ellen if you have any questions or want more info about this position.

Mark your calendar for:

3 December – Boerne Christmas walk
7 January - Trinity - 2 walks
11 February - Del Webb
17 March - Boerne for Family Fun Day
18 May - King William

The next RR club meeting will be held at the Universal City Library, 100 Northview Drive 11/15/11 at 7:00 P.M.

We will have our annual Christmas party, in lieu of a monthly meeting, on December on 20th this year. The party will be held at the El Chaparral Restaurant, 2838 N. Loop 1604 East, San Antonio, TX 78232, (210) 490-8302 elchaparral.com

If you wish to participate, the Chinese auction for the party is limited to no more than \$15.



Fun, Fitness, Friendship



Phyllis Eagan & Joanne Forinash

The AVA Headquarters could not run properly with such a small staff without the dedication and tireless efforts of many Administrative volunteers. To honor these volunteers, a series of pictures will be posted in the up and coming months to our home web page of our unpaid staff and what they do to assist and help AVA.

It takes patience, organization, and a great love of Volkssporting to sort, catalogue, and put together displays from the overwhelming number of boxes of medals and patches for the Volkssport Museum. A museum housed at Headquarters has been a project since 2007, however; until now the right people to do this job had not been found. Phyllis Eagan and Joanne Forinash are dedicating their time to making the Museum a reality. As the museum curators, they are working to have their displays ready by the next Board meeting in January. In addition to taking on the tremendous job of the museum, Phyllis and Joanne were responsible for insuring that the 2011 *Biennial Convention* actually took place by entering all the hundreds of Registrations into the Headquarters database.

Phyllis Eagan has been a Volkssports Associate Member since 1987, President of the *Selma Pathfinders* since 1991, and current Vice President, in charge of walks, of the *Texas Volkssport Association* in San Antonio, TX. "Because of Volkssporting, I have learned so much history just by absorbing what is around me. I have made many good friends on these trails, and I can truly say that Volkssporting has greatly influenced my life" says Phyllis.

Joanne Forinash has been a Volkssports Associate Member since 1996, and has served as the Sales Chairperson for the *Randolph Roadrunners* of Universal City, TX for the past nine years. "My greatest joy is to sell *New Walker Packets* and tell people about Volkssporting" says Joanne.

Call for Agenda items

Clubs wishing to submit an item for the NEC meeting agenda should send it to their Regional Directors by Monday, November 21 for consideration, by

using the form attached. The next NEC meeting will be held in Schertz, Texas in January 2012, on Friday evening (20), Saturday (21), and Sunday morning (22), if necessary.

Special Event Programs starting January 1st of 2012:

Bakeries

Runs January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. Walk 20 AVA sanctioned Volksmarches that pass a family-owned bakery to earn the Bakery patch. Any sanctioned AVA event that includes a family-owned bakery and whose walk route goes by the bakery will qualify for the Bakeries program. Chains such as Krispy Kreme or Panera Bread, for example, do not qualify nor do pizza restaurants. Books cost \$10. Order from *GVA, PO Box 7674, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-7674*. Contact *Kay Collie* at sydnakay@yahoo.com

Classic Cinemas Theaters

Runs January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. Celebration Golden Cinemas. Any sanctioned AVA event in the U.S. that passes a building that currently or historically served as a classic movie theater, defined as being built more than 50 years ago, qualifies. Use an event stamp once per calendar year. Not retroactive. Book costs \$10. Direct questions to kitsapwalks@hotmail.com POC *Stephanie Pollard, PO Box 981, Suquamish, WA 98392*. Make checks payable to *Kitsap Volkssporters*.

Diners

Runs January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. Classic American Diners. 20 walks fill the book. The book is \$10, and will be available in December of 2011. Historically, a small restaurant owner had a prefab dining car type diner shipped to a site, set up, and went into business. Generally, if it calls itself a "diner" it qualifies. Restaurants without the word "diner" qualify if they are in a traditional diner building, OR serve diner style. Closed diners qualify. Old dining car style diners now used for something else also qualify. What doesn't qualify? Fast food chains, coffee shops, and donut shops are not diners. We will maintain a website with more information, and a Facebook page. The name and location of the diner is the

only identification required. Award is a beautiful color patch. Send your check payable to "Twin State Volkssport" to Carolyn Adams, P. O. Box 757, Wells River VT, 05081. Information available at carri@vtlink.net



Carlen Forinash, Priscilla Johnson, Bill Hamilton and Charlene Hooker-Land Heritage Institute



Phyllis Eagan, Tom Elms, Jim Chesnut & Linda Elms at Land Heritage Institute walk



Martin Callahan & Indie at Applewhite house ruins-Land Heritage Institute walk

Coming Texas Events:

11/5/2011 - 11/5/2011 - Walk
Event Number: 90404 10km/6km
Start: Mount Vernon City Plaza
Event City: Mount Vernon - Historic Mount Vernon
Host Club: East Texas Trekkers
Event Website:
www.WalkTx.org/EastTexasTrekkers
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:
2334 Sahara, Garland, Tx 75044
Contact: Helen Hull, (972) 530 - 1026
E-Mail: helenthehun@yahoo.com
Club Website:
www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekkers/

11/5/2011 - 11/6/2011 - Walk
Event Number: 89852 10km/5km

Start: Schlitterbahn Employee Cafe
Event City: New Braunfels - Wurstfest Walk
Host Club: NB Marsch-und Wandergruppe
Event Website:
muw.walktexas.org/re_wurstfest.htm
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Write for more information to:
746 Shady Hollow
New Braunfels, TX 78132
Contact: Marlin Brendsel, (830) 226 - 7035
E-Mail: mbrendsel@hotmail.com
Club Website:
www.muw.walktexas.org

11/11/2011 - 11/11/2011 - Walk
Event Number: 90284 10km & 6km
Start: 1501 Texas Drive, Glen Rose, TX 76043.
Event City: Glen Rose - The Country Walk
Host Club: Hood County Hummers
Event Website:
www.walktx.org/hoodcountyhumeurs
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:
1408 E APACHE TRL
GRANBURY, TX 76048
Contact: SONNY BYINGTON,
(817) 437 - 2882
E-Mail: sonnyrae@yahoo.com
Club Website:
www.walktx.org/HoodCountyHummers

11/12/2011 - 11/12/2011 - Walk
Event Number: 92334 10km/5km
Start: Castell General Store
Event City: Castell - Walk Llano County, Historic Castell
Host Club: Selma Pathfinders
Event Website:
<http://selmapathfinders.com>
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:
17314 Springhill Dr
San Antonio, Tx 78232
Contact: Phyllis Eagan, (210) 496 - 1402
E-Mail: papre1947@yahoo.com
Club Website:
www.selmapathfinders.com

11/12/2011 - 11/12/2011 - Walk
Event Number: 89818 10km/5km
Start: Pavilion @ Dinosaur Valley State Park

Event City: Glen Rose - Dinosaur Valley State Park Walk
Host Club: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.
Event Website:
www.dallastrekkers.org
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Write for more information to:
1134 Thistle Dr, Mesquite, TX 75149
Contact: Deborah Carter, (972) 285 - 8102
E-Mail: dahv@earthlink.net
Club Website:
www.dallastrekkers.org/

11/13/2011 - 11/13/2011 - Bike
Event Number: 90292 26km
Start: Parking area across from D'Hanis post office.
Event City: D'Hanis - Sunday Fall Bike 3 - D'Hanis
Host Club: BTC Oddsports Club
Event Website:
faculty.sulross.edu/cbaulch/index_files/Page615.htm
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
Club Website:
faculty.sulross.edu/cbaulch/index_files/Page615.htm

11/13/2011 - 11/13/2011 - Walk
Event Number: 90796 5K, 10K, 15K
Start: Plowman Creek Park at Lake Whitney
Event City: Kopperl - Lake Whitney Hike in Park
Host Club: Tarrant County Walkers
Event & Club Website:
www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:
2426 Warner Road
Fort Worth, TX 76110
Contact: Susan Fine, (817) 925 - 5447
E-Mail: finesusan@sbcglobal.net

11/19/2011 - 11/19/2011 - Walk
Event Number: 92053 10km/5km
Start: Veteran's Athletic Park
Event City: College Station - Hot Rocks and Cool Walks
Host Club: Brazos Valley Trailblazers

Event Website:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brazos-Valley-Trailblazers/135879343120778>

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

Write for more information to:

4044 Bird Pond Rd

College Station, TX 77845

Contact: Patricia Salzmann, (979) 774 - 9038

E-Mail: bvtrailblazers@gmail.com

11/19/2011 - 11/19/2011 - Walk

Event Number: 91716 10km & 5km

Start: Miramar Park and Pool Pavilion

Event City: Seabrook - Seabrook

Host Club: Houston Happy Hikers

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

Write for more information to:

P. O. Box 101, Orchard, Texas 77464

Contact: Catherine Kellner, (979) 478 - 6203

E-Mail: hvhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org

Club Website:

www.houstonhappyhikers.com

RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS

PO Box 2744

Universal City TX **78148-1744**

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

Address _____
Apt No. _____

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

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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

Telephone number _____

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.

E-mail address _____

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

Family members _____

AVA Volkssport Associate Yes No

Amount submitted \$ _____

Eager to serve as club officer _____ or committee chair _____