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Volkssport Club**
A Walking Club Established 1980
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www.ava.org

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www.walktexas.org

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Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:

Jennifer Angell, Jenee Gonzales, Gloria Hernandez, Mary Tibbs, Jill Troyer, Ann Angell, Krista Avalon, Stephen Shields, Richard Phillips, Katy Broderick, Kathy Carson, Janice Connor, Kim Carrell, Larry Cook, John & Dorothy Creswell, Frank & Sylvia Hamilton, Sharyl Madison, Raul & Susan Soto and Linda & Anna Townsend.

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.

Welcome New Members!

Dorothy Breezee Floresville
Debbie & Steve Wilke Garden Ridge

Did You Know?

The club name is always capitalized as RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS to show its uniqueness and set it apart from other clubs.

The club motto is: "the AVA Pacesetter: and the club slogan is: "Everyone's a Winner!"



Tails from the Trails

By: Ellen Ott

Have you ever been to New Orleans? If you haven't, you may want to stop in the Crescent City on your next trip east to wander around the French quarter on this unique 10km walk.

The walk registration box is located in the 8th District Police Station, a grand historic building located on Royal Street. To capture the distance, the walk crisscrossed most streets in the French Quarter until one reaches the far end of the French Market. Instead of stopping to shop, I decided to return to the market when I could take my time and enjoy beignets at the famous Café Du Monde.

After leaving the market area, the walk goes along a paved path adjacent to the Mississippi River where an assortment of street artists and a variety of live musicians are entertaining. The walk continues past the Superdome then back to the finish.

This was a great walk, but one has to leave time for all the French Quarter has to offer ... restaurants, historic buildings, markets and great shopping!

King William Walk Event:

The Beethoven May 18th King William walk had 131 participants this year. Thanks to all who volunteered and worked at the walk: Priscilla and Heinz Johnson, Herb Laing, Pat Gunter, Totsy Miller, Joan Whealen, Suzanne Markgraf, Audrey Vertucci, Carol Shaner, Randy Baker, Margie Kent, Pat Roberts, Darlene Oner, Mike Hermes, Ellen Ott, Brian Roberts Rick White, Wiley Smith, Caryl Swann and Nancy and Tony Paulson, the event coordinators.

From the Desk of the Pres-

A very nice email came in from an appreciative walker...

From: [Don Lahti](mailto:Don.Lahti)

Date: 5/19/2012 11:45:17 A.M.

To: ellenott@sbcglobal.net

Subject: King William Event

I just wanted to thank you again for the wonderful event the Roadrunners hosted yesterday. I have been through

the King William District by car, but have never seen it, as I saw it Friday. This was also my wife's 1st experience with Volkssporters, & I believe she will become more involved. Lastly, your treatment of my 6 yr old granddaughter made her feel very special. Thank you very much.

Don Lahti

The next RR club meeting will be held at the Universal City Public Library on June 19th. **THERE WILL BE NO meeting in the months of July and August and no newsletter published in July.**

Please mark your calendars for:
 9 June - SunRise walk starting at the StoneOak Taco Cabana.
 Start window - 6 to 8am.
 A NEW ROUTE designed by Pat Gunter.

Our Roadrunner featured Summer YREs –
 14 July - Boerne
 11 August – DeZavala

For those traveling east, the Baton Rouge YREs have been closed.

SPECIAL DEAL – The OST and 35 on 35 books are now \$2 each and both programs have been extended until December 2013.



Fiesta Flambeau Parade – AVA various club marchers at parade start point.

FIESTA FLAMBEAU Parade!

By now I'm certain everyone has heard about the Fiesta Flambeau parade experience and an experience it was! As walkers we like to walk not wait around for hours (about 31/2 hrs) to get into formation to secure our place in a parade lineup.

Some of the Randolph Roadrunners who turned out to march were: Ann Angell, Randy Baker, Terri Bolton, Martin Callahan, Maggie Carwell, Mike Hermes, Reuben and Marta Knape, Jeff, Bridget and Andrew Magness, Totsy

Miller, Deanna Repp, Pat Roberts, James Russell, Carol Shaner, Wiley Smith, Jackie Morris, Rick White and Ruth Hemmi.

Many of these folk brought family and friends to accompany us and walkers from the following AVA clubs also participated: Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg, Texas Wanderers, Houston Happy Hikers, NB Marsch-und Wandergruppe, West Texas Trail Walkers, Colorado River Walkers, Selma Pathfinders, Trinity Trekkers and the Kerrville Trailblazers.

The popcorn hat was a hit and I received comments that it could be seen on TV, along with Mike Hermes. Others carried posters that featured the parade theme, "Saturday Night at the Movies." Andrew Magness and his friend Richie each wore a sandwich board they made that looked like a giant popcorn container. Pretty cute!

It was appreciated by Chuck Blische, the Marketing Director for the AVA, that he saw so many Roadrunners in green shirts and other Volkssporting clubs marching for the AVA. I, too, would like to thank all of you who made the parade, an experience to remember!

Ellen



Walkers on their way to the start point.



The members of the AVA Walking Team carrying the AVA banner in the parade from left to right Joe Noonan, Jackie Morris, Ellen Ott and Susan Noonan.



***All photos in this newsletter are courtesy of Martin Callahan.**

Kudos to the following

walkers: (taken from the June/July TAW)

Events:

75 - 450 (16 books) – Randy Baker	(did you clean house?)
150	Elizabeth LeVan
150	Leon LeVan
400	Patricia Heller
700	Suzanne Markgraf
1350	Joanne Forinash
2300	Carlen Forinash

Distance:

1,000km - 4,000km (7 books) - Randy Baker
5,500km - Patricia Heller



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NEC MEETING

Our next official National Executive Council XVII Meeting will be held July 6 and 7, 2012 at the Fairfield Inn Orlando Airport, 7100 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, Florida 32822, telephone 407.888.2666. The meeting schedule is as follows: 1) Friday, July 6: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 2) Saturday, July 7: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Both of these meetings are formal meetings. We no longer have an informal meeting on Friday evening. The recommended dress is Business.

18th AVA BIENNIAL CONVENTION DATE CHANGE

This is written to set the record straight regarding the changed dates of the 18th AVA Biennial Convention. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The biennial convention is now scheduled for Monday, April 29 thru Friday, May 3,

2013 at the Orlando Airport Marriott, 7499 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, Florida 32822-5015. The overall dates including all convention volkssport events are Saturday, April 27 through Sunday, May 5, 2013.

The AVA National Executive Council conducted a special meeting on March 29 and voted unanimously on the date change. We waited to announce the dates until after the contract was signed, and that was only a few days ago. Why the change? We were informed quite unexpectedly in March by the hotel that all of the meeting space in the hotel had been booked by a sales agent two years ago and the hotel was committed to honor that reservation. The hotel for some reason was unaware of this overbooking until they began verifying the AVA contractual details.

With our convention just about one year out, the decision was also made to stay with this hotel that we knew could handle the lodging, meeting space and social event requirements. Trying to identify and negotiate with another hotel at this late date was not the expedient course of action.

An AVA room block to handle room reservations will be established by June 1, 2012. Reservations must be made no later than April 1, 2013 by calling 1.800.380.6751. Ask for the American Volkssport Association room block.

TAW DEADLINE

The August/September issue of *The American Wanderer* deadline is June 25. All articles, including Trails on the Trails, and photographs should be submitted directly to Laurel Parrott, Editor taw@bhi.com or mail to: 3526 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55412. Be sure to include "TAW" in the subject line if emailing.

DOCUMENTATION OF 50/51 SPECIAL PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENT

There was a recent ground swell of response to the article that was published in the April/May edition of *The American Wanderer* (TAW) newspaper, "*Biography of an international walking legend - Jan Jorgensen.*"

We welcome feedback, positive or negative. Some respondents expressed

amazement that one person could accomplish the 50 state/51 capital special program walk twice and was going to attempt it a third time. However, others were somewhat disappointed that they, or others known to have completed the 50 state walk more than once, had not received AVA recognition. All of us at AVA national headquarters congratulate these personal achievements and encourage local clubs to continue to recognize the 50 or 51 program completions and to submit articles to TAW that chronicle the achievements.

However, we cannot officially recognize individual achievements unless correct administrative procedures are followed. In some cases, individuals completing the walks for the first time submitted proper documentation to AVA and received recognition, to include a name placard on the AVA museum 50 state program wall plaques. However for whatever reason, subsequent 50 state walk documentation books were not submitted for official verification by AVA.

If you want to apply after-the-fact for past achievement in the 50 state program and can provide documentation of your efforts, simply purchase a Special Program 50/51 Book from AVA HQ, complete the requested information, and mail it in. Names are added to the 50 state achievement plaques for the year AVA processes the completed 50 state walk books. There is no ending date for program completion. Individuals completing either one of the basic 50/51 program walks receive a special recognition certificate. If you are planning to attempt this, e-mail Karen@ava.org and request your "Walking the United States" record book. You can also place an order by mail or in person to the American Volkssport Association, 1001 Pat Booker Rd., Suite 101, Universal City, TX 78148-4147.

Record books are \$6.50 each (this price includes shipping). A separate book is required for each program – please order two books if participating in both programs. For an additional fee of \$25, you can purchase an optional Deluxe Package available upon walk completion that includes a state or capital certificate, a large patch, and a

patriotic T-shirt. Details are on the back of each book.

Coming Texas Events:

6/2/2012 - 6/2/2012 - Walk

Event Number: 92741 10 km /5 km

Start: Joshua Springs Park & Preserve

Event City: Comfort

Host Club: Hill Country

Volkssportverein

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: txtrailhead@hctc.net

Club Website:

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

6/9/2012 - 6/9/2012 - Walk

Event Number: 92938 10 km/5 km

Start: Taco Cabana #325

Event City: San Antonio - Sunrise Walk

Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners

Event Website:

randolphroadrunners.info

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

Write for more information to:

11906 Pepperidge Cove

San Antonio, Tx 78213

Contact: Ellen Ott, (210) 723 - 8574

E-Mail: ellenott@sbcglobal.net

Club Website:

www.randolphroadrunners.info

6/16/2012 - 6/16/2012 - Walk

Event Number: 92990 10 km / 5 km

Start: Christ Lutheran Church at Cherry Springs

Event City: Fredericksburg

Host Club: Volkssportverein

Friedrichsburg

Event Website: walktx.org/AVA1

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

Write for more information to:

10014 Willow Wood Way

Houston, TX 77070-1764

Contact: Charliene Hooker, (830) 285 - 1195

E-Mail: hamhook1124@gmail.com

Club Website: www.walktx.org/AVA1

From: walk.texas
 Date: 5/2/2012 7:54:24 AM
 To: walklist@yahoo.com
 Subject: [walklist] (TX) Upcoming
 "New" County Events

Upcoming New Texas County Events -
 come walk with us!
 Possum Kingdom - Palo Pinto County
 5/5-5/6
 Veron - Wilbarger County - 5/19
 Copper Breaks State Park - Hardeman
 County - Seasonal
 Lubbock - Lubbock County - Seasonal
 Stanton - Martin County - Seasonal
 Clarendon - Donley County - Seasonal



*Martin Callahan and Indie next to the
 "La Quinceanera" (15th birthday) mural
 by artist Fidencio Duran at the Austin
 Holly Street walk.*



*Patricia Heller crossing Longhorn Dam
 at Austin Holly Street walk.*

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 1 year
 \$10.00 for three years

Address _____

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

_____ Apt No. _____

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

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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.

Telephone number _____

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 _____