



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

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Next Meeting – To be Announced  
A member of the American Volkssport  
Association (AVA) & the International  
Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)  
The Public is always welcome

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A Walking Club Established 1980  
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[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)  
**AVA Website**

[www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)  
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**Renewal Time**

The following membership renewals are currently due:  
**The Ellison Family, Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Dorothy Creswell, Raul & Susan Soto, Janice Connor, William Hamilton, Joan Lyman, Linda Canas and Laurie Stiteler.** To renew your RR membership, fill out the application attached or print it off our website:  
[www.RandolphRoadrunners.info](http://www.RandolphRoadrunners.info) and send it with \$4 for 1 year or \$10 for 3 years, to Caryl Swann c/o RR, PO Box 2744, Universal City, TX 78148.  
**Remember:** Lifetime Memberships are available for \$30 per person.

**Welcome New Members!**

Stephen & Jacqueline Ackley San Antonio  
Cynthia Dsouza San Antonio  
Cheri Gillis San Antonio  
David Rodriguez San Antonio  
Craig Van Deutekom San Antonio  
Wilma Van Deutekom San Antonio

**RR Club Meetings:**

We meet at 6:30 P.M. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at: Universal City Library, 100 Northview Drive, Universal City, TX 78148.

**No in person meetings will be held until further notice.**



**From the Desk of the Pres--  
Beethoven-King William Walk**

In spite of the humidity, 71 walkers participated in the Beethoven walk on 21 May. A grateful "thank you" to all the workers: Audrey Vertucci, Mike Hermes, Susan Medlin, Herb Laing, Mike Jones, and Jill Troyer and her walking friend Michael Ann Merlanson.

The food was delicious as always and the music was great. Hope to see all the

folks who bought new walker packets...7 were sold!!

**The following RR events are scheduled for 2021:**

- 17 July Taco Cabana – U City
- 14 August Taco Cabana - StoneOak
- 18 Sept. Gonzales
- 9 October \*New - at Marquis Trail head
- 26 Nov. Southside Lions Park (new 5km route)
- 11 Dec. Boerne Christmas walk

May 28 to December 31, 2021, - we have a new Seasonal Event that will go through Hardberger Park to the Land bridge. A Featured Walk Event will kick off on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - start and park behind the Starbucks. It will be manned from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

\*A new traditional event for 9 October will start at the Marquis Trail Head at 17009 W. I-10 off the access road just before the I-10 exit to the Rim. (By that time, the trail from the Rim to Eisenhower Park may be finished.) A 5km route has already been made. Information thru Google for the trail head and the Rim.

I asked Brandon Ross, AICP, City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department when the Eisenhower Park from the Rim trail was going to be finished and he responded that their target opening date was the end of Summer but with all the rain lately, It might be September instead.

**And don't forget our Year Round Events listed on the AVA and RR websites.**

- Boerne downtown
- Boerne cemetery
- Boerne nature center
- Broadway Daily Bread
- DeZavala Daily Bread
- Crownridge Canyon
- Eisenhower Park
- Leon Creek walk

Leon Creek bike  
Salado Creek at 1604  
Friedrich Wilderness Park  
Southside Lions Park  
Schertz-YMCA

The AVA convention is 29 June to 2 July in Madison, WI. Information on the convention can be found on the AVA web page. The Roadrunners will donate \$100 worth of gift cards for the silent auction.

If anyone has any questions or comments, please e-mail me at [ellenott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenott@sbcglobal.net)  
Ellen Ott, President  
RRVC



**KUDOS to the following RR walkers as published in the June TAW-- Events:**

400	David Prewitt
1,300	Susan Medlin
4,700	Pat Gunter

**Distance:**

3,500 km	Andy Thomas
22,000 km	Ellen Ott



**2021 AVA BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

As we get closer to the 2021 AVA Biennial Convention we are coming down to the wire and things keep changing! Change apparently is the name of the game. What we need from everyone intending to come to Madison is that you get registered as soon as possible. Final numbers as of May 15 will affect our planning; some low numbers may result in cancelling specific plans. Sooner registration will aid convention planners.

June 23: Final day to register online through midnight. Payment via USPS should be received by June 25.

June 28: In-person registration will begin on site at Monona Terrace, One John Nolen Dr., Madison.

June 28: 1:00 - 5:00 pm will be a soft convention registration opening with

fully staffed registration starting the morning of Tuesday, June 29.

Our plans for multiple options on Wednesday evening of the Convention are dwindling. One big attraction was to attend a weekly Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra concert on the grass of the state Capitol building, however it has been canceled due to Covid-19 precautions. The National Office will handle refunds for those having already ordered the Wednesday food and beverage package and picnic blanket.

Committee members and National Office representatives have had several discussions with representatives from the Monona Terrace Convention Center and the Concourse Hotel, our convention hotel, about Covid-19 cleaning precautions. The Monona Terrace Convention has worked with us to move inside events to larger rooms so we can better spread out, and we are planning some functions held outside with inside weather precaution areas just in case, larger than needed so attendees can spread out.

Monona Terrace has received GBAC Star Accreditation for their Covid-19 related cleaning procedures. All areas are sanitized following use for your protection.

On the AVA website, under the Convention information button you can find FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions). Look for updates from now until the end of the Convention. We learn as we go.

Volunteers are still needed: We are always looking for volunteers, both at the four pre-convention sites, but also every day in Madison, Tuesday through Saturday mid-day. Those that put their name in during the 2019 general session in Albany will be contacted during May to confirm their availability and area of interest.

One additional cancellation that was a potential draw for people to stay in Madison before the actual convention and drive daily to each pre-convention event site was the Madison fireworks display scheduled for the Saturday preceding the Convention, Saturday, June 26. Referred to as Shake the Lake

in early TAW convention articles, with fireworks displayed over one of our four lakes. It too has been cancelled. Sorry! Madison remains a site central to the four pre-convention sites for those that prefer not to change hotels/motels nightly. Stay healthy! See you in June in the upper Midwest!



**AMERICA'S WALKING CLUB**  
— ESTABLISHED 1976 —

**2021 VOLKSSPORTING CLUBS OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS CALENDAR**

**As of May 8, 2021**

**June 2021:**

SAT/05 – \*BHV Crazy Horse Hike, SD  
SAT/12 – TXW Brook Hollow YRE  
SAT/19 – OPEN

**\*Wisconsin Convention Walks:**

SAT/26 – Galena, IL Walk/Bike  
SUN/27 – Oconomowoc, WI Walk/Bike  
MON/28 – Green Bay, WI Walk/Bike  
TUES/29 – Sparta, WI Walk/Bike  
WED/30 – Pheasant Branch Conservatory Walk

**July 2021:**

**Wisconsin Convention Walks:**  
THU/01 – Monona Bay Walk  
FRI/02 – Olbrich Gardens Walk  
SAT/03 – UW Campus Walk\*

SAT/10 – VVF LBJ - YRE  
SAT/17 – RRR Taco Cabana, Universal City  
SAT/24 – SAP San Antonio Night Walk  
SAT/31 – HCV 5 Kerrville YRE's



**Texas Traditional Events for July, 2021:**

**There are no traditional events for June – see above YRE event info. (Please check the AVA website for any changes or cancellations)**

7/17/2021 - 7/17/2021 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 118891 10km/5km  
**Start:** Taco Cabana on Pat Booker Rd

**Event City:** Universal City - Taco

Cabana SunRise Walk

**Host Club :** Randolph Roadrunners

**Event Website:**

[randolphroadrunners.info](http://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](mailto:ellenott@sbcglobal.net)

**Club Website:**

[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)

**7/24/2021 - 7/24/2021 - Walk**

**Event Number:** 118941 10k/5k

**Start:** Family Service Neighborhood Place, 3014 Rivas St., San Antonio, Texas 78228

**Event City:** San Antonio -

Neighborhood Place

**Host Club :** San Antonio Pathfinders

**Event Website:**

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

**Write for more information to:**

12235 White Ash St.

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**Contact:** Mike Schwencke, (210) 382-0367

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### **36th Annual Spring Volksmarch - June 5 and June 6, 2021**

**Registration:** Registration for the Volksmarch occurs the day of the Hike. Registration tables are located in the parking lot west of the Welcome Center, near the starting line. Cost: Admission to the Memorial for hikers is discounted to \$10/one person, \$15/two people, and \$20/three or more people. Additionally, hikers pay \$3 to the Volkssport Association upon registration (cash or check). Non-hikers visiting the Memorial pay regular admission rates. Parking is free, with complimentary shuttle service to and from outer parking lots. Hikers are encouraged to bring 3 cans of food as a

charitable donation to local food drives. Donations of food are not a substitute for the admission fee to the Memorial or fee to the Volkssport Association.

**Time:** Gates to the Memorial open at 6AM. Registration is from 7AM-1PM. The Hike begins at 8AM and hikers must be off the trail by 4PM. The complex and Laughing Water Restaurant® open at 6AM.



### **America's Walking Club to Host IVV Olympiad in February 2023**

The Olympiad will be held in conjunction with the Texas Trail Roundup - another international event cosponsored by America's Walking Club's Texas state association and the International Marching League (IML). This arrangement will afford international travelers the opportunity to spend a full week or more experiencing the best San Antonio and the USA have to offer. The back-to-back festivals are timed to showcase one of the most uniquely American of sporting events – San Antonio's award-winning annual Stock Show & Rodeo.

It is a great honor for the international community to award America's Walking Club the opportunity to host the 2023 IVV Olympiad here in San Antonio, the home of our national organization.

For the first time the Olympiad will be held in the Americas. Planning for the 2023 IVV Olympiad has begun and further updates will be available as it progresses.

A second IML walking festival in America known as the US Freedom Walk Festival, is held annually in Arlington, VA with the next scheduled event 15-17 October 2021.



### **Crownridge Canyon Featured Walk 3/14/21**



Pat Gunter and Ellen Ott working the start point on Pi Day, Sunday 3/14/21.



Martin Callahan and Rudy at the Park Entrance Sign.



Stephanie Knight along the walk trail.



Robert Theis, Michael Marke, Gerry Kamicka, Sheri Logan, and Linda Goodman. On the 10k trail.

## Ingram Walk 3/20/21



Start Point at Ingram City Park pavilion for the last Kerrville Trailblazers walk event.



A view of Johnson Creek from the bridge.



Judy Perry and Carol Talpey with their "last walk event" cake.

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## Beethoven-King William 5/21/21



Susan Medlin, Herb Laing & Ellen Ott at the walk Registration.



Gayle Weinraub, Doug Eide & Rudy, Frank Ellis, Jeff Busse, Robert Theis, Michael Marke and Sheri Logan on the walk route.



Susan & Bob Alton, John-David Griffin & Charley Watt, Jr. walk along Flats at Southtown Apartments & condos.



Historic Gazebo checkpoint



Frank Ellis, Doug Eide & Rudy and Gayle Weinraub at 332 Adams St. historic home.



Maifest dance at Beethoven Mannerchor halle Und Garten after the walk event.

**\*All Walk Photos Courtesy of Martin Callahan**

### 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

\$10.00 for three years

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

This renewal fee includes each family member who paid \$2.00 with the original application.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Family members \_\_\_\_\_

AVA Volkssport Associate  Yes  No

Amount submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Eager to serve as club officer \_\_\_\_\_ or committee chair \_\_\_\_\_