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Next Meeting – September 16, 2021
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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, Laurie Stiteler, Patricia Gunter and Gregory Young. To renew your RR membership, fill out the application attached or print it off our website:
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
Taylor Young 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.

**First in-person meeting
September 16 Universal City
Library Activity Room.**

July 17 Taco Cabana Walk

Much thanks to the few folks who helped with the Taco Cabana walk in Universal City: Pat Gunter, Mike Hermes and John Ives and for Jill Troyer and Andy Thomas who were ready to work, but with only 50 walkers, limited help was needed. Thanks to all.
Ellen 



From the Desk of the Pres--

A community walk was sponsored by AVA and run by S.A. Pathfinders Club on Saturday July 24th at the Community Health Walk and Fair on the west side starting at Family Services Center, 83 folks signed in. Although it was a free walk, \$190 in donations was received for the AVA. Many of the participants were the AVA board members who were in town on this weekend for their leadership meeting with the new board. Also, a few members from the community walked and our Volksmarchers.

The first in-person meeting for the RR's in over a year will be on 16 September at the Universal City Library at 6:30 pm in their Activity Room. (Not the usual room we have met in.) There's a full agenda so please attend to help the club make plans for the next year. A full report on the 2021 Biennial Convention will be given.

I would like to thank the club for the generous donation that was made to send me to the AVA convention in Madison, WI, 26 June to 3 July which included the pre-convention walks and the post-convention walks.

SAY CHEESE! 2021 AVA BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The RR donation of \$100 worth of gift cards carefully secured to a “welcome” door hangar for the Silent auction sold at the auction for \$100.

Roadrunners who received awards as indicated in the 2021 Biennial Convention Awards Book:
Distinguished Achievement:
Heinz Johnson
Meritorious Service:
Martin Callahan

Pat Gunter
John Ives
Susan Ives
Ruben Knape
Herb Laing
Mike Schwencke
Kathy Schwencke
Ellen Ott

Commendable Service:

Bob Alton
Susan Alton
Diane Duesterhoeft
Doug Eide
Wayne Henry
Donnie King
David Prewitt
Caryl Swann
Andy Thomas
Jim Tree
Jill Troyer
Audrey Vertucci

Certificates of Appreciation: were given to the places that host a year around walk box or are used as a start venue for an event:

Beethoven Mannerchor Halle und Garten.
Comfort Inn and Suites: Texas Hill Country.
Corner Bakery Cafe in Quarry.
Broadway Daily Bread on Dezavala and Broadway.
Schertz Recreation Center (YMCA)
Drury Inn and Suites North and I-10 and 1604.
Hillview Inn.
Boerne Parks and Recreation Department.

“A Walk Around the Block...and Other Stuff you see Every Day and know Nothing About”

As I read an article in the Sunday Express News, I thought of Spike Carlsen, the keynote speaker at the banquet at the AVA convention. He has been writing about the world around us, stuff in it and how it all works for over 25 years.

He wrote a book "A Walk Around the Block...and Other Stuff you see Every Day and know Nothing About". How many of us have every given one thought about the faux tree bus stop in Alamo Heights on Broadway that we walk by on the year around event? This tree like structure on the corner of Patterson and Broadway has been around since street cars rumbled up and down Broadway and was built in 1927.

This mighty concrete structure is the work of the late Mexican sculptor Dionicio Rodriquez whose "faux bois" or false wood works branch out throughout San Antonio. His pieces include a foot bridge in Brackenridge Park and a gate at the Japanese Tea Garden.

An article detailing more information on this historic art piece will be in the walk box at Broadway Daily Bread on Broadway for your reading pleasure while you enjoy a delicious pastry.

The following RR events are scheduled for 2021:

14 August Taco Cabana – StoneOak
Start window: 6:30 to 8:30 am. finish at 1130.

***If you can work a Checkpoint or at the Finish please email or call: ellenott@sbcglobal.net. 210-723-8574**

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 goes through Hardberger Park to the Land bridge.
*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.

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

Second quarter 2021 YRE

participation numbers:		YTD total
Friedrich Park	3	10
CrownRidge	3	9
Eisenhower	4	21
Salado/1604	36	56
Leon Creek -w	5	21
Leon Creek -b	0	4
Broadway	16	22
Dezavala	9	2
Land Bridge	54 (for 1 month!)	54

Thank you to all the folks who supported the YRE walks.

If anyone has any questions or comments, please e-mail me at ellenott@sbcglobal.net
Ellen Ott, President
RRVC



CEO REPORT - HENRY ROSALES - ANOTHER GREAT CONVENTION!

Thanks to the support of AVA members and supporters, the convention was a huge success! Workshops that were recorded will be on the AVA website under the "clubs only/training videos" tab. A full report will follow in the August Checkpoint. Special thanks to Jerry and Pam Wilson, the Dairyland Walkers, and all volunteers and donors for your support!

Congratulations to the incoming National Officers, Board of Directors, and Deputy Directors! The board orientation and training will be July 22-24, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas. Deputy Directors have also been invited to attend this year. For more information, please contact henry@ava.org.

New National Officers

The following were elected at the AVA meeting in Madison, WI as the new National Officers for the period of July 3, 2021 to June 30, 2023:
Nancy Wittenberg, Chair
Puyallup, WA
Susan Medlin, Vice Chair
San Antonio, TX
Cecilia Miner, Secretary
Woodbridge, VA
Ed McCabe, Finance Chair
Dripping Springs, TX

We would like to thank them for agreeing to serve AVA and wish them the best of success over the next two years.

Tales from the Trails – Wisconsin!

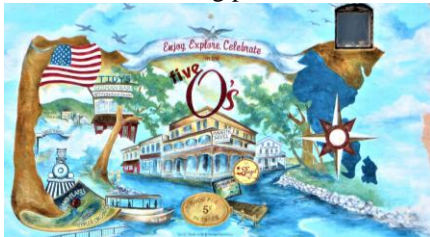
Enjoy, Explore, and Celebrate in the Five O's - Sunday, June 27, 2021

By: Susan Alton (condensed version-taken from her blog, *Travel Bug*)

This was the first pre-convention walk we did on our trip that was actually on the day they scheduled it. That means we saw lots of people we knew from far and wide. Diane Howell Evans from the Olympic Peninsula of Washington, Ellen Ott, and Susan and Darren Medlin from San Antonio, and we saw many other walking friends who were arriving in the Madison area.

In addition to the walk, there was also a Volkssporting bike event. Diane Howell Evans rode her bike first, and then she did a walk afterward. Wow! She's a bundle of energy.

In reference to the title of my blog, I submit the following photo:



I finally figured out that the five O's help you spell the name of the town; every other letter is an O!

Our walk started at the Oconomowoc Community Center. The first little bit of the walk passed through City Beach on Lac La Belle, just to give us a taste of what our walk would be like. It looked wonderful.

The old part of town on Wisconsin Avenue had murals and lots of shops and eateries. It was fun exploring.

Oconomowoc was a town that attracted people from the big cities of Milwaukee and Chicago to build summer homes on the lakes here. And, boy, are there some big, lovely ones.

From downtown, we set off into the neighborhoods of Oconomowoc where

we saw churches, parks, and nice homes.



Cityscape in Roosevelt Park

In Roosevelt Park, my six-year-old self would have loved to spend an hour playing at Imagination Station. It's an adorable playground with many fun play structures. My imagination was certainly captured!



Susan Medlin, Bob Alton and Darren Medlin.

Our next stop was downtown at Veterans Memorial Park. They did a very nice job putting this memorial together to honor all branches of the service and to include military symbolism.

The next portion of our walk circumnavigated Lake Fowler. This is a ritzy neighborhood! The gorgeous "summer homes" are here (most are dated from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s.) The homes in this neighborhood are pretty easy on the eyes!

Another house on the trail was owned by the Montgomery Ward family (an heiress: Marjorie Montgomery Ward).

This mansion, known as "Knollward," and has 52 rooms and 15 bathrooms! It was built in 1928 for \$80,000 and recently sold for \$3.1 million.



Montgomery Ward family mansion, known as "Knollward"

We walked past The Inn at Pine Terrace. The history of this place is very interesting. Quote from the historical marker in front of it: "This nineteen room Victorian mansion was the showplace of Oconomowoc when it was built by Peter and Henry Schuttler in 1879 at a cost of \$30,000. The Schuttlers were successful Chicago wagon manufacturers known not only for their serviceable farm and commercial vehicles and their fancy society carriages, but also for their sturdy 'prairie schooner' used by pioneers traveling westward across the plains and over the mountains. It has been said that the Mormons, setting out for Utah, insisted upon Schuttler wagons before beginning their journey. "Reflecting the prestigious lake country living of other wealthy industrialists, 'Mon Bijou,' as the Schuttler estate was called, was strictly a summer residence for the two brothers and their families. They owned the property until 1922.

For the next seventy years, it served vacationers as the Pine Terrace Resort. "In 1987, after much carefully detailed restoration brought the structure back to its original opulence and to the prominence it shared in the days when Oconomowoc was known as the 'Newport of the Midwest,' the house was entered in the National Register of Historic Places. Today the Inn at Pine Terrace is a unique bed and breakfast inn."

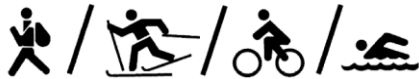
We continued through the neighborhoods around Lake Fowler and we made one more pass through downtown. It was time to check out what "The Wizard of Oz" movie had to do with Oconomowoc.

"The Wizard of Oz" was shown in downtown Oconomowoc at the Strand Theater on August 12, 1939, before its

big debut at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood on August 18. In fact, it was the first theater in the country to show the movie. The movie was based on L. Frank Baum's book, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz."

The Oconomowoc Historical Society and Museum has many items from "The Wizard of Oz" on display including flying monkeys, Glinda the Good Witch, the scarecrow, Dorothy, and the Wizard of Oz.

This Volksmarch pre-convention walk was wonderful. The points of interest were great and after the walk, it was fun to research things to learn more. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible. Your work paid off and we loved it.



Texas Traditional Events for August, 2021: (Please check the AVA website for any changes or cancellations)

8/14/2021 - 8/14/2021 - Walk
Event Number: 118892 10km/5km
Start: Taco Cabana on StoneOak Parkway

Event City: San Antonio - Taco Cabana Summer SunRise Walk

Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners

Event Website:

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

Write for more information to:

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 San Antonio, TX 78213

Contact: Ellen Ott, (210) 723-8574

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AVA Hosting 18th IVV Olympiad in 2023 – Help Us Plan!

Convention Committee - John McClellan

America's Walking Club will host the 18th IVV Olympiad in San Antonio, TX from 19-23 February 2023. This will be the first IVV Olympiad ever in North America, and we need your help! If you are willing to commit to the success of this effort – starting now and continuing through February 2023, please contact us at olympiad2023@ava.org

We have formed an executive planning committee and now it is time to start setting-up the sub-committees we'll need to pull off this international festival– a full week of events & activities back-to-back with the existing IML weekend that began in 2020. Our planning figure for attendance is 2,500 or more from the United States, Canada, and dozens of IVV and IML countries.

Any help is welcomed, but here are some of the attributes / experiences we are looking for:

People who can serve on a geographically distributed committee – expect to meet mostly by MS Teams or Zoom, at least monthly. You will need computer/internet access, and should be comfortable with MS word, PPT, excel products; and dropbox.com;

People with experience planning large sports events or similar big functions – among these might be –Crazy Horse; the last 2 or 3 AVA Conventions, or multi-event weekends;

People who have specifically attended past international walking events of IVV or IML; or have volksmarched in other countries; or who lived or worked overseas;

People with language skills, and specifically: German, French (official IVV languages), Italian and Korean (we'll be going to Seoul in 2022 to market ourselves);

People with other specific expertise: Marketing – to include graphic design, websites, and social media; Information Technology – to include website design; Trailmaster skills; Recruiting and organizing volunteers.

We are happy to have help from anyone who wants to see our Olympiad succeed, and we'd like to see representation for every region. Right now we're talking about committee work. As we draw closer to the events themselves, there will be a larger effort to gather the volunteers we'll need to actually run all of this – probably a couple of hundred! It's an exciting time and we are just getting started. Hope you will join us!



US Freedom Walk Festival (USFWF) 15-17 October 2021. It's a go! A Guided Walk will be held for all AVA walkers

Beethoven-King William Walk Event 5/21/21



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

