



**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

**Randolph Roadrunners  
Volkssport Club**  
A Walking Club Established 1980  
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*Year-round Events: Crownridge, Friedrich  
Park, Eisenhower Park*  
Susan Medlin 210-325-3523

*Year-round Events: Schertz*  
Caryl Swann 210-842-4128

*Club Website*

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

*AVA Website*

[www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)

*TVA Website*

[www.walktexas.org](http://www.walktexas.org)

*TVA President-Deputy SW Region*

Susan Medlin 210-325-3523

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## Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:  
**Samantha Goldstein, Glenda**

**Parra, Heather Hedquist, Bart Marlar, Rebecca Rozmus, Debbie Lindsey, Jerry Rehmar, Andy & Cindy Welch, Howard & Lynn Tidwell, Lisa DeLuna, Laura Burrell, Clare Vail, Sandra Machuca, Ian McCollum, Steve & Rita Anderson, Donna & Steve Crary, Beverly Ferreira, Linda & James Gavin, Denise Lasater, Ruth & Gabby McLain, Stephanie Porter, Connie & Jim Tree, Phyllis Wiggins, Sharon Winston and the Ellison Family.** 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!

Colleen & Steve Fehrman Leander  
Janice & Michael McMahan Adkins

## 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 until further notice.**



## From the Desk of the Pres--

Notes from the TVA February meeting: The TVA meeting was held by zoom on 6 February. The SW region was the biggest contributor to the Big Give fund.

It was announced at the meeting that there's a new club in the Beaumont area.

The Kerrville club is closing and the Comfort club will take over and host their yre's and some of the Kerrville members will join the Comfort club.

The Louisiana Parish yre's will be available to walk for all of 2021. San Antonio was awarded the 2023 IVV Olympiad which will be held just before the IML. The Olympiad is the meeting of all the leadership of the member countries.

A SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR will be needed since Sammy Hunnicutt will not be running for a second term. Total funds available in the TVA account \$9,505.27.

TVA Special Programs - E Camino Real de los Tejas, Historical Markers Walk Texas and Texas Coastal Cities and the Rio Grande Valley. Any questions about these programs or if you want a book, Ellen will direct you to the right person.

The AVA office moved to 1008 S. Alamo St., San Antonio, 78210. Make certain this change is made on your achievement books.

I would like to thank Pat Gunter and John Ives for their assistance with the Gonzales walk when 11 hearty folks came and walked. This walk has been rescheduled for 18 September.

Contact Dave Prewitt if you'd like a very special deal on a club sweatshirt.

Please everyone stay warm and healthy. Covid precautions will still be followed at all Roadrunner events as appropriate.

The Roadrunners have a new seasonal event that starts 1 February. Register at the Drury Inn at 1604 and I-10 and drive to the start at 3104 N Loop 1604 W. It starts at the Salado Creek Trail at

1604 which is between Bitters Rd. and NW Military on the south side of 1604.

There are 2 - 5km trails... one goes north toward Eisenhower Park and the other goes south and east toward Inwood. Also, the Rodeway Inn has had another name change to Hillview Inn.

Any questions can be directed to me. Ellen at: [ellenott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenott@sbcglobal.net)

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

14 March	Crownridge Pi Day
1 April	Any Schertz yre - Thursday - first day of International Walk Week
6 April	Salado Creek at 1604 yre - Tuesday - new yre this year
14 May	Beethoven/King William
17 July	Taco Cabana - UC
14 August	Taco Cabana - StoneOak
18 Sept.	Gonzales
9 October	a featured YRE
11 Dec.	Boerne Christmas

### Kudos to the following walkers for their VM Achievements -

As printed in the latest TAW:

#### Events:

275 events	David Prewitt
275 events	Kathy Schwencke
1,050 events	Jim Tree
1,250 events	Susan Medlin
1,700 events	Theodore Cieslak
3,200 events	Patricia Heller

#### Distance:

4,500km	David Prewitt
12,000km	Susan Medlin
18,000km	Jim Tree



**AMERICA'S WALKING CLUB**  
ESTABLISHED 1976

#NationalWalkingWeek



April 1 to 7 every year — Includes the traditional “National Walking Day” on the first Wednesday in April

In January 2020, the Board of Directors of the AVA: America’s Walking Club, declared the first seven days of April to be “National Walking Week” which would include the traditional “National Walking Day” sponsored by the American Heart Association from 2007 to 2019

AVA National Office will be posting available events on a National Walking Week Events page.

### AVA Virtual Programs

#### Administrator - Jan Van Vlack CALLING FOR VOLKSWALK INFO ON ROUTE 66!

Since Quarter 4 of VOP 2021: A New Adventure Every Quarter is along Route 66, let’s personalize it with info on our Volkswalks along the way. If you have a Volkswalk in your area that is along or crosses Route 66, please send a little blurb about the walk with the City/State and a picture to Jan at [vop@ava.org](mailto:vop@ava.org), and she will get it added to the Route. As we pass those points on the VOP Challenge, we will learn about the Volkswalks along the way, making our version of this challenge more interesting, informative, and applicable. Please email to [vop@ava.org](mailto:vop@ava.org).

### Awards and Membership – Karen Winkle

#### Books and Mailing

Thank you for your patience and understanding as I work to get your books and awards returned to you. Due to the holidays, relocation of the National Office, and reduced work hours I am staying very busy! Many members have taken the opportunity these past several months to mail in books that go back 20+ years! While so many of you were unable to continue volkssporting as usual at least you made good use of that time submitting books and receiving long overdue awards and certificates.

I have recently completed entering the Event and Distance books received in 2020. However, I am still printing certificates, pulling pins and patches and mailing some of those submissions. I hope to begin processing submissions received in 2021 beginning 02/10/2021. Please contact me with any questions or concerns

On a fun note ... I would like to congratulate Lynne J Grigor for the largest submission (so far) of 28 books in one mailing! I hope that 2021 has found you all happy and healthy.

### Convention Committee

#### Jerry Wilson - Chair

#### AVA CONVENTIONS AND THE 2023 OLYMPIAD

The 2023 IVV Olympiad has been awarded to the AVA. This is a major step in being further recognized worldwide. The IVV Olympiad takes place every two years in an IVV member country. The IVV Olympiad includes walking, swimming, and cycling, and additional types of Volkssport events. The supporting program offers participants many opportunities to make and cultivate international friendships in a harmonious atmosphere. The 2023 IVV Olympiad in San Antonio, TX will be the 18th international event held, following the rescheduled 17th IVV Olympiad in South Korea during October 2022.

With the awarding of the 2023 IVV Olympiad the AVA National Board voted in January to not hold a 2023 AVA Biennial Convention and instead convene a national general membership meeting on a convenient 2023 date, a meeting held in accordance with association bylaws. This move is deemed necessary to provide for robust AVA member attendance at the 2023 IVV Olympiad. This allows National Office to better focus on coordinating the Olympiad while not pressing potential attendees to travel for two separate national events or travel for a greatly extended time period away from home. To this end 2023 convention hosting applications will not be entertained.

The 2021 AVA Biennial Convention continues to be planned for June 29 – July 2, with pre-convention events June 26 – 29, and post-convention events on July 3. Online registration is open; please see the AVA website front page. While registering be sure to follow links to the Silent Auction to enter your donation for public auction, and to volunteer to support convention delivery. The AVA Convention Committee is keeping a close eye on

COVID-19 conditions and requirements in Madison, WI. The National Board in March 2021 will revisit convention plans to determine what health considerations need be adhered to, including but not anticipating, canceling the Convention, unless absolutely necessary. With an abundance of caution we approach the 2021 AVA Biennial Convention



22<sup>nd</sup> AVA BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
MADISON, WI | JUNE 26 - JULY 3, 2021

### AVA CONVENTION JUNE 29- JULY 3, 2021

The AVA is closely monitoring the impact of COVID-19 in Madison, WI, site of our 2021 Convention. The AVA Board of Directors in consultation with the Convention Committee, the National Office, and the Madison Sports Commission will meet in March to evaluate the situation and determine how to move forward with the planning or cancellation of the convention. Part of this evaluation will include the number of registered attendees. In the event the convention is cancelled all pre-registrants will receive a full refund. At this time we are exploring the following 4 options:

- Host the Convention in June as scheduled;
- Postpone the Convention to a later date this year;
- Cancel the Convention;
- Host a Virtual Convention and Membership Meeting.



### Texas Traditional & Special Events - March, 2021: (check the AVA website for any changes or cancellations)



**Saturday, March 6, 2021.** The Pathfinders will feature Martin Callahan's "SW Medical Center - Indie Memorial Walk" starting at Martha's Mexican Restaurant. The walks will have a slight modification to the trail so walkers can go by a 2019 sculpture entitled "Wings of Hope -

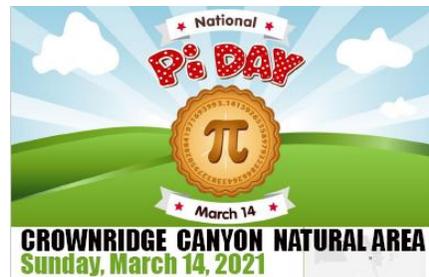
Hands of Healing". Martin has arranged for the restaurant to open at 9am. I would not come too early, since the walk box will not be available until then. Contact:

[mike.schwencke@outlook.com](mailto:mike.schwencke@outlook.com)

3/13/2021 - 3/13/2021 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 118687 5 Km, 10 Km  
**Start:** parking lot behind Llano County Museum, 310 Bessemer Ave, Llano, TX 78643

**Event City:** Llano  
**Host Club:** Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**  
310 Bessemer Ave  
Llano, Tx 78642  
**Contact:** Llano Historical District, (830) 992-7584  
**E-Mail:** [dloberts34@hotmail.com](mailto:dloberts34@hotmail.com)  
**Club Website:** [www.walktx.org/AVA1](http://www.walktx.org/AVA1)



Start: 8:00AM Finish by: 11:00AM  
Cost: \$3.00  
This **6km or 10km** walk takes you through the 200-acre Crownridge Canyon Natural Area and a very picturesque residential upscale neighborhood with amazing views of downtown San Antonio. The walk is rated 2B. Alcohol, bikes and pets are not allowed in the park. Crownridge Canyon was the first city natural area developed as part of the Edwards Aquifer Protection ballot initiative. The 200-acre preserve features Level 1 ADA trails and Level 4 hiking trails through a variety of habitats. Features include a canopy level bridge overlook, beautiful forested canyon bottoms, hillside vistas, and restored grasslands. *This year-round walk normally starts at the Hillview Inn at La Cantera but for PI DAY we will have a start table at the entrance to the park at 7222 Luskey Blvd.*



3/20/2021 - 3/20/2021 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 118689 10km/5km  
**Start:** Ingram City Park - behind Wells Fargo Bank. 3279 Highway 39, Ingram, TX 78025

**Event City:** Ingram: Guadalupe River, Stonehenge & the Arts - Guadalupe River, Stonehenge & the Arts  
**Host Club:** Kerrville Trailblazers  
**Event Website:**  
[www.walktx.org/Kerrville Trailblazers](http://www.walktx.org/Kerrville Trailblazers)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**  
446 Vicksburg Ave, Kerrville, TX 78028  
**Contact:** Robert Theis, (830) 896-3550  
**E-Mail:** [talpeyc2@ktc.com](mailto:talpeyc2@ktc.com)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/](http://www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/)

3/20/2021 - 3/20/2021 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 118685 13k 10k 5k  
**Start:** Pines of Flower Mound  
**Event City:** Flower Mound - Flower Mound First Day of Spring  
**Host Club:** Dallas Trekkers, Inc.  
**Event Website:**  
[www.dallastrekkers.org](http://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, (214) 549-0851  
**E-Mail:** [debwalk@earthlink.net](mailto:debwalk@earthlink.net)  
**Club Website:** [www.dallastrekkers.org](http://www.dallastrekkers.org)

3/27/2021 - 3/27/2021 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 118778 5k, 10k  
**Start:** The walk starts at Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road, in the historic village of Gruene. Gruene is within the city limits of New Braunfels.  
**Event City:** Gruene - within the city of New Braunfels - Spring Walk in Gruene  
**Host Club:** NB-Marsch-und Wandergruppe  
**Event Website:** [muw.walktexas.org](http://muw.walktexas.org)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**  
217 E. Tanglewood  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
**Contact:** Jan Engel, (830) 660-4935  
**E-Mail:** [jsengel@earthlink.net](mailto:jsengel@earthlink.net)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.muw.walktexas.org](http://www.muw.walktexas.org)

# Best of the Heights Walk - 1/9/21



Workers and walkers at the walk registration Start and Finish Bakery Cafe



Martin Callahan & Rudy on the walk route.



Joey Coolbaugh and his grandfather John Pavlovsky, and Gayle Weinraub with Rudy near the walk check point across the street.



Susan Alton and Susan Medlin along the walk trail.

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

**National Pi Day**  
**March 14**  
**CROWNDRIDGE CANYON NATURAL AREA**  
**Sunday, March 14, 2021**  
 Start: 8:00AM Finish by: 11:00AM Cost: \$3.00  
 This 6km or 10km walk takes you through the 200-acre Crownridge Canyon Natural Area and a very picturesque residential upscale neighborhood with amazing views of downtown San Antonio. The walk is rated 2B. Alcohol, bikes and pets are not allowed in the park.  
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 This year-round walk normally starts at the Hillview Inn at La Cadera but for **PI DAY** we will have a start table at the entrance to the park at 7222 Luskley Blvd.  
 From a left lane on IH-10 West, take the Camp Bullis Rd. exit (SS4). Travel approx. 1.5 miles, then turn right on Luskley Blvd. to the park entrance. We will have signs to the start point.  
**Free pie for all walkers!**  
**COME WALK WITH US**

**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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Family member(s) included (see instructions below) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER FEE:** \$4.00 for 1 \$10.00 for three years

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.

If the \$2.00 fee was not paid with the original application, add family members now by including \$2.00 for each person.

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

AVA Volkssport Associate  Yes  No

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