



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

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Next Meeting – 2/14/2024  
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: DeZavala Daily Bread, Broadway Daily Bread, Leon Creek, Salado-1604, Land Bridge at Hardberger Park, CrownRidge, Friedrich Park.**  
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**Year-round Events: Schertz**  
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**Club Website:**  
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**AVA Website:** [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)  
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**TVA President:** Dave Roberts  
**Deputy SW Region:** Andy Thomas  
**SWRD:** Susan Medlin

**Renewal Time**

The following membership renewals are currently due:

**December 1:** Shirley Banez, Joanna Bolsins, Karen Lunarodriguez, Nancy Hester and Pauline Royer.

**January 1:** Howard & Lyn Tidwell, Leila Rathburn, William King, Hilda Juarez, and David Estes.

**February 1:** Connie & Jim Tree, Jose Jimenez, Cassie White, Jen Ruiz and Ginah Vrooman.

To renew your RR membership, fill out the attached application 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 Suzanne Markgraf c/o: RR, PO Box 2744, Universal City, TX 78148. Lifetime Memberships are available for \$30 per person.

**Welcome New Members!**

Kathy Swoboda San Antonio  
Kapan Family Schertz  
Stephanie Johnson

**The next RR club meeting will be held February 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Universal City Public Library, 100 Northview Drive, Universal City, TX 78148.



**Desk of the Pres--**

Our RR club member, Joanne Forinash, is still residing at Estates of Shavano Park Nursing Center. Plan a visit with Joanne or send a note or card to say hello. She would appreciate the company!  
Estates of Shavano Park  
4356 Lockhill Selma, SAT 78249

**First Friday:** The First Friday walk is held each month starting at the AVA headquarters, 1008 S. Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78210. **There Will Be No First Friday Walk in February, 2024.** Questions? Call Ellen 210-723-8574



**Sneakers/Tennis**

**shoe fundraiser:** Ellen is still collecting gently used sneakers or tennis shoes for the AVA fundraiser. Bring to any RR meeting or walk event.

Also collecting medals for the King William Fair. Call the AVA at 210-659-2112 If you want to walk in the parade.

**Upcoming RR events:**

**February 10** – Del Webb Hill Country – We need workers – call Ellen  
**March 14**, Pi Day - feature YRE Crown Ridge.

**March 15**, Pi Day – feature YRE 1604 at Salado Creek - free pie treats at walks.

No Pi walk on the 16th due to a Traditional Event scheduled.

**March 23** - Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood in conjunction with OST100 weekend. More info to come.

**“Thank you” and Kudos for volunteering!**

**To the following Roadrunners:**

Susan and Darren Medlin  
Dee Repp  
Louise Menchaca  
Herb Laing  
Ted Cieslak  
and AVA CEO, Henry Rosales

And “Thank You” to Ellen Ott who worked all 16 shifts. Each shift worked made \$120 for the AVA nationally.

Thank you all for volunteering to work the Aramark fundraising program at the Frost Bank Center!

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## TEXAS TRAIL ROUNDUP 3-DAY International WALKFEST

San Antonio, Texas, USA  
23-25 February, 2024



### COME WALK WITH US!

The TTR will be hosted at the Beethoven Mannerchor Halle und Garten in the King William District just south of downtown. They have a rehearsal hall that will be used for ceremonies and start/finish, etc. There is a biergarten with food and drink available on Friday and Saturday afternoon/evening.

The website is

<https://texastrailroundup.org/> with the updated brochure and registration form on the website. All events start at: Beethoven Maennerchor, 422 Pereida St., San Antonio, Texas 78210.

### Friday, 23 February, 2024

10/5km (IVV credit only) START: 7:00-10:00AM FINISH BY: 1:00PM In downtown San Antonio; includes the River Walk, the Alamo, La Villita Arts Village, Main Plaza & El Mercado. 1:30 - 2:30PM: Opening Ceremony

### Saturday, 24 February, 2024

42/21/13/5km (IML & IVV credit) START: 6:45-7:15AM (marathon) 7:20 & 8:20AM (half marathon buses depart) 7:30-10:00AM (all walks) FINISH BY: 5:00PM The Marathon takes River Walk South & city streets through the UNESCO World Heritage Missions, and back! For the 21km you are bussed to the furthest mission, Espada, and

walk back. The 10km walk is to Mission Concepción & back. The 5km walk will be on the River Walk and city streets, including the historic King William neighborhood. **The Roadrunners have volunteered to man the Roosevelt Park checkpoint on Saturday from approximately, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. We need volunteers to work 2-hour shifts at this checkpoint. If you can help, please call Ellen 210-723-8574.**

### Sunday, 25 February, 2024

21/12/5km (IML & IVV credit) START: 7:30-8:30AM (21km) 8:30-10:00AM (all walks) FINISH BY: 1:00PM The walks head north on the River Walk through The Pearl, Brackenridge Park and the historic Japanese Tea Garden.

1:15-2:15PM: Closing Ceremony.

Parking is available on residential streets in the area, and Beethoven has a modest-size parking lot across the street with 40 spaces. Walkers should be careful not to park in the nearby Liberty Bar parking lot as they will get towed.



### Travel Partner and Lifetime AVA Member to Donate Back To AVA

Robert McDaniel, a former Southeast Deputy Regional Director and lifetime AVA member, will donate 30% of his commissions to the AVA, when you book travel or events through his new company New Vista Enterprises, LLC. His sponsorship of AVA is committed to the continuing sustainability of our organization. Every hotel stay, every flight, car rental, every cruise you book through New Vista is included. For questions email Robert at [rob@newvistaenterprise.com](mailto:rob@newvistaenterprise.com). Click Image to go to Facebook Page.

Thank you, Rob, we appreciate your support!



## San Antonio OST100 Conference

Join us March 22 – 23 for the final reenactment in the decade-long series of Centennial Reenactments of annual Old Spanish Trail auto highway conventions. To be most spectacular with: a stagecoach from San Diego, Bexar County Sheriff Mounted Patrol leading the equestrian parade, Ford Model "T"s and "A"s transporting the dignitaries.

The Exhibit Hall provides an opportunity for cities, counties, and parishes to display their unique OST highway corridor accomplishments or their area's tourism sites.

The San Antonio, Texas, March 22-23, 2024 Information Packet and attached Registration Forms are posted in the Info Packet on <http://www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com>

Ost100 Centennial Reenactment Registration Is Free and Open to The Public, Anyone Loving the Open Road. **Registration Is Required to Ensure Enough Complimentary Food and Materials Donated by Generous Businesses and Organizations. Registration Due by Wednesday, March 14, 2024**

This will be the last of our OST100 reenactments. Thank you for your continued interest in our scenic route to I-10 and your participation in our OST100 events.

Happy Trails,  
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## TVA Meeting Weekend in Kerrville

Join Us March 8 - 10, 2024 at The Inn of The Hills Resort For 5 Year-Round Walks and the TVA Meeting At 1:00 P.M. on Saturday.

Reserve Your Room asking for "TVA Group Rate" prior to March 7th: Inn of The Hills Resort, 1001 Junction Hwy 800-292-5690 \$149 Per Night W/Breakfast for Two \$139 Per Night W/O Breakfast.

Or at the Best Western 2124 Sidney Baker 830-896-1313 \$133.00 Per Night Includes Breakfast.



## 2024 VOLKSSPORTING CLUBS OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS CALENDAR

Note: This is NOT an official document. Always verify events/dates on.ava.org or with the applicable club.

### February:

SAT/10 – RRR, Del Webb  
SAT/17 – Buda, CRW  
FRI/23-SUN/25 TTR, IML, San Antonio

### March:

SAT/02 – VVF, Llano (T)  
SAT/09 – HCV, Inn of the Hills, Kerrville (Yre) TVA Meeting, Calendar Meeting  
THU/15-FRI/16 – RRR, π Day  
SAT/16 – TXW, Universal City (Y)  
SAT/23 – RRR, Old Spanish Trail Event  
SAT/30 – HCV, Comfort (T)

### Club Abbreviations

CRW – Colorado River Walkers  
HCV – Hill Country Volkssportverein  
RRR – Randolph Roadrunners  
SAP – San Antonio Pathfinders  
TTR – Texas Trail Roundup  
TXW – Texas Wanderers  
VVF – Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg



**Texas Traditional Events for February 2024:** (Please check the AVA website for any changes or cancellations)

2/10/2024 - 2/10/2024 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 126657  
**Event City:** Del Webb Hill Country Retreat - Del Webb  
**Host Club:** Randolph Roadrunners  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Club Website:** [www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)

2/17/2024 - 2/17/2024 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 126733  
**Start:** Dance Unlimited, 1019 Main Street, Buda, TX 78610  
**Event City:** Buda - Buda- Old and New  
**Host Club:** Colorado River Walkers  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Club Website:** [www.coloradoriverwalkers.org/](http://www.coloradoriverwalkers.org/)

2/23/2024 - 2/23/2024 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 126687  
**Start:** Beethoven Maennerchor, 422 Pereida St., San Antonio, Texas 78210  
**Event City:** San Antonio - TTR Friendship Walk  
**Host Club:** Texas Trail Roundup  
**Event Website:** <https://texastrailroundup.org/>  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Club Website:** [texastrailroundup.org](http://texastrailroundup.org)

2/24/2024 - 2/24/2024 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 125821  
**Start:** Beethoven Maennerchor, 422 Pereida St., San Antonio, Texas 78210  
**Event City:** San Antonio - Historic Spanish Missions  
**Host Club:** Texas Trail Roundup  
**Event Website:** <https://texastrailroundup.org/>  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Club Website:** [texastrailroundup.org](http://texastrailroundup.org)

2/25/2024 - 2/25/2024 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 125822  
**Start:** Beethoven Maennerchor, 422 Pereida St., San Antonio, Texas 78210  
**Event City:** San Antonio - Parks & Restaurants  
**Host Club:** Texas Trail Roundup  
**Event Website:** <https://texastrailroundup.org/>  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Club Website:** [texastrailroundup.org](http://texastrailroundup.org)

## NATIONAL WALKING WEEK April 1 – 7, 2024

**WALKS SPONSOR:** Randolph Roadrunners

### Walk Week Schedule:

**1 April Monday- Fredericksburg YRE** – registration at Kinder Hallé next to the playground - (the closest intersection is Austin and Crocket) start 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**2 April Tuesday — Boerne YRE** – Registration at Comfort Inn, 35000 IH-10W, Boerne, TX 78006 start 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**3 April Wednesday - Friedrich Park YRE** – Registration, stamp and directions at start 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**4 April Thursday — Salado - 1604 YRE** – Registration, stamp and directions at the start 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. SAS shoe factory tour is at 2 p.m. – limited to the first 8 people only who reserve with Ellen.

**5 April Friday — Hardberger Park YRE** – Registration, stamp and directions will be at park, start 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**6 April Saturday — Japanese Tea Garden** - (Traditional walk) see AVA website for details.

**7 April Sunday** — Wild Card! – (you may want to sleep in!)

**8 April Monday** - The RR's will host a traditional walk event on the eclipse day, starting at the Marquis Trail Head. Eclipse glasses will be available for purchase at the walks as supplies last.

We have reserved a block of rooms for National Walking Week and the total eclipse for 1-8 April 2024.

The hotel is Drury Inn & Suites San Antonio near La Canera Parkway. [15806 IH10 West San Antonio 78249](#)

**Cutoff date for reservations is on or before 15 February 2024.**

**Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-325-0720; refer to group # 10066742.**

- 1 April (Monday), 2 April (Tuesday) 3 April (Wednesday) 4 April (Thursday) the rate is \$169 + tax per night for 2 queen beds.
- 5 and 6 April (Friday and Saturday) the rate is \$199 + tax per night.
- 7 and 8 April (Sunday and Monday) the rate is \$269 + tax for each night with a minimum of those two nights.

Full breakfast is included, complimentary evening drinks and snacks and free Wi-Fi  
Social events are being planned for the week.

**POC:** Ellen Ott, (210) 723-8574;  
email: ellenott@sbcglobal.net - Event website:  
[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info).

**Best of the Heights Walk –  
Corner Bakery Café - Jan. 6,  
2024**



Pat Gunter, Louise Menchaca and Michael Marke at the Registration Table

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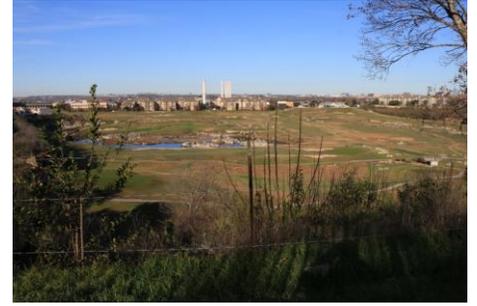
Walkers following the trail to the check point.



Martin Callahan with Winston in the roller and Dolly to his right.



Walkers Jimmy Young, Jean Ruffini, Steven Stechsulte, Mike Linnebur and Richard Gudmundsen stop for a picture along the trail.



A view of the over 100-year-old Alamo Cement Plant smokestacks at the Alamo Quarry Market.



John Pavlovsky and Doug Eide with Dolly along the walk trail.

**\*All 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.

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

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

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

by \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 including \$2.00 for each person.

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