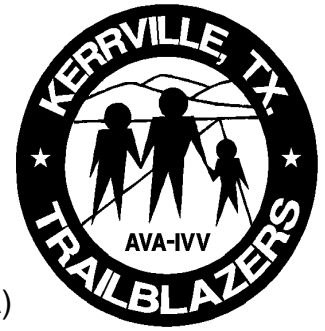


KERRVILLE TRAILBLAZERS NEWSLETTER

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From our President Pris Wright....

By this time, most of you have read about the news of an unfortunate accident involving three members of the Empire State Capital Volkssporters. The women were waiting for a friend outside a church in Voorheesville, NY to begin a guided walk. As they waited, they were struck and killed by an out-of-control SUV. The event, described as a freak accident.

Doug Reynolds, Director for the Northeast Region, said this in response to the accident: *Of our AVA's three cherished "F's", Fun and Fitness take a back seat to Friendship when a crisis occurs.* His statement reminded me of a phone call I received yesterday from a friend in San Antonio. I'd been thinking about calling her to get an update on her husband who had major heart surgery early in July. She reported he returned to work two weeks ago and things were going well. After we finished the conversation, I gave myself a good talking-to about not calling when I first thought of it. She's certainly had more on her mind than I. I had no real excuse beyond I just didn't get the phone call made.

The phone call and the statement of Doug Reynolds reminded me, once again, of our need to nurture our

friendships all the time rather than when a crisis occurs.

The many friendships developed among Trailblazers is something to celebrate. I had the privilege of participating in the New Year's Eve walk with Dotte and Alicia to begin 2011. During our drive to Fredericksburg, I heard their stories of participating together for over twenty years in the walk. Alicia traveled by bus from Georgetown, where she now lives, to participate with Dotte and her other Trailblazer friends. Their tradition, their commitment to walking and their friendship were honored on that beautiful New Year's Eve.

So, I say to you as well as to myself, let's nurture the friendships we have with our Trailblazer friends. Time moves quickly. Unexpected events alter our lives. Let's honor our friends with phone calls, with conversations and hugs as we walk, with cards and visits when illness and other crises come calling. Friendships are treasures and of great value to each of us. Friendships cost no more than a smile, a hug, a call, a shared laugh or cry.

Take care. Stay cool. Call a friend.

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AVA SANCTIONED EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2011

Details for walk events and directions to walk events may be found at www.ava.org

Select: Find Events – Find Events – State (Texas) – Event Types (Traditional) – Search Events

- Oct 29 & 30: Waring, Tx** Start/Finish: Waring VFD Hall; Contact: txtrailhead@gmail.com
- Several sanctioned walks in San Antonio during the next two months are listed on the AVA website.

IVV EVENT / Distance AWARDS (As of July, 2011)

Carol Talpey: 4,500 Km,

Robert Theis: 1,450 events & 22,000 Km

Walk Leaders for September

Bill Cantrell is our walk leader (896-3151)

Sept. 3: Bear Creek Rd. Kerrville Area #1

Sept. 10 Cade Loop, Ingram Area #1

Sept. 17: Workers Walk, Cypress Crk Community Center

Sept. 24: **Sanctioned Walk**, Cypress Crk Community Center

Many thanks to our host Arthur Bell who invited all Trailblazers to his pastoral home on the banks of the Guadalupe River for a wonderful afternoon of food, fellowship & fun. Love your hat.



Sitting next to Arthur is Mike Graxiola editor of the Kerrville Daily Times. To his left is Tom Terrell & Dick Fitch,

Walk Leaders for October

Dick & Nancy Norton are our walk leaders (896-4076)

Oct 2 Hassenwinkle Rd. Cypress Ck. #1

Oct 09 Japonica Hills Hunt Area #4

Oct 16 Bear Creek Rd. Kerrville Area #1

Oct 23 Camino Real Rte. 16S #1

Oct 30 Honey Creek Rd. Hunt Area # 2(b)

Directory Changes & new members:

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Information for Trailblazers September Sanctioned Walk

Our fall sanctioned walk will be at the Cypress Creek Community Center located at 1530 Stoneleigh Road, Comfort, Tx. The dates for the walk are Sat, 9/24 & Sun 9/25. Starting time is 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon; finish by 3:00 PM both days. To get there from either direction on I-10 between Kerrville and Comfort, take Exit 520 (FM 1341), to the top of the ramp. Turn north (from the east, turn right; from the west, turn left) at the top of the exit ramp onto FM 1341 West (confirming sign just ahead). Go approx. 2.8 miles, crossing under I-10, to Lazy Valley/Stoneleigh Rd. (sign), turn left and go a few meters. Turn left again onto Stoneleigh Rd. and proceed to Community Center just ahead.

more pics from our awesome picnic



"I'm immobilized by all this good food!"



Here is a very nice picture of our president Pris Wright with her lovely granddaughter, Hanna enjoying the picnic.



There's nothing like good food & good company to put a smile on everyone's face.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monthly Meetings – 7 p.m.

On Monday, August 22 we will meet in the dining room at the Dietert Center located at 451 Guadalupe St #101. The Board meetings are held at 6 p.m. and the general meetings at 7 p.m. Our program for August is Kevin Hartly who will speak on his experiences hiking Mt. Rainer's Wonderland trail. Our September meeting will be on 9/26 & the October meeting will be on 10/24. Both meetings will be at the Dietert Center.

Mark your calendars for Future Trash Pick-up Dates:

Sept 1st @ **7:00am** & Dec 1st @ 8:00am. Trash pickup meeting location TBA.