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Announcing The Annual General Membership Meeting

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Sun Country Striders, Ltd., will be on Saturday, 28 May 2005 at the Dynasty Chinese Restaurant beginning at 6:00 PM. For those not familiar with the Dynasty Chinese Restaurant, it is located at 1210 El Paseo Road, in Las Cruces. They have a fantastic buffet with a great selection of good food for your dinning pleasure. Since it is an "all-you-can-eat" buffet, you can go back for seconds to your heart's content – or you stomachs content.

The General Membership Meeting is mostly a social event with a short business meeting after everyone has finished eating (and before they go to sleep). The business session will consist of remarks by our current president, Walter Baker, and the nomination and election of Officers to serve on the Club's Board of Directors for the next year. The nominating committee is still searching for people who might be interested in being a member of the Board. They will have a slate of candidates ready for the meeting on the 28th.

Once the New Board has taken office on 1 July, they may appoint up to three "at-large" members to serve as full members of the Board of Directors. So, if anyone would like to or would be willing to serve on the board as an at-large member, or would/could serve as a club officer, please contact any of the current board members.

So, please plan to attend and renew old friendships or start new ones with your fellow club members. You will enjoy it very much. ■



Club members Robert Macklin and Marye Wagoner head out in search of the finish point at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course walk on 16 April 2005

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

The April/May 2005 issues of The American Wanderer lists the following IVV awards for local Volkssporters:

Distance (kilometers)

Elisabeth Johnson: 2,000KM

Congratulations to Elisabeth. Keep it up!

new balance 

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Editor's Notice

When I agreed to edit this Newsletter, I agreed to take timely inputs from various board members, arrange them, along with photos, into a Newsletter ready to print. I did not agree to write the Newsletter.

Since our first edition back in September 2003, inputs have been constantly late or not submitted at all. Despite numerous requests that I not be placed in a situation where I'm boxed into having to rush and rearrange my schedule to get the Newsletter out when it needs to be, things have only gotten worse.

So, until we have club officers who can and will submit timely inputs for the Newsletter, I regret to say this will be the last edition prepared by me. - Doyle Piland ■



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Meet and Get to Know Your Club Secretary! Louis Bevacqua



Louis Bevacqua is the current Secretary for Sun Country Striders. He was born on July 7, 1954 in Liberal, Kansas. His dad worked for Cities Service Oil Company and was transferred to different cities throughout the southwestern part of the United States. Some of the cities which Louis resided included the following: Amarillo, Texas, Broomfield, Colorado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Roswell, New Mexico, Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Midland, Texas.

Louis graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas in 1972. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences in 1977. He worked for Cities Service Oil Company as an oil field roustabout in Odessa, Texas during the summers while he was attending college. The money he earned as a roustabout helped to pay his way through college.

Following graduation, Louis worked for a company named Rangeland Resources in the summer of 1977. This company conducted rangeland and soil surveys for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

He later worked for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Balmorhea, Texas State Park in the summer of 1978.

Louis started his career with BLM in Socorro, New Mexico as a Rangeland Management Specialist in 1979 and 1980. He

moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico in 1981 and has worked for the BLM in Las Cruces as a Rangeland Management Specialist since 1981.

Louis has also served as Treasurer for Sun Country Striders. ■

Below is a listing of our **UPCOMING EVENTS** for 2005. Mark your calendar and be sure to participate in all these events.

May 21 & 22, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... New Mexico State University walk.

June - August, HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

Sep 10 & 11, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Zia Middle School, Las Cruces, NM walk.

Oct 15 & 16, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Fort Selden, Radium Springs, NM walk.

Nov 19 & 20, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Walk at the La Viña Winery in La Union, New Mexico.

Dec 17, 5:00 PM ... Christmas Lights Guided Night Walk (5:30 - 8:00 PM), Trails West Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla, New Mexico.

Volksmarch - A Walk Just for the Health of it!!!



Louis Bevacqua assists participant Pauline Horn who is registering at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course walk on 16 April 2005

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A Montage of photos from the 16 & 17 April 2005 walk at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course





A panoramic view from along the walk course at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course walk on the 16th & 17th of April. You can see some of the golf course fairways with the Roblado Mountains on the horizon to the left and the Dona Aña Mountains to the right. There is an apartment complex in the foreground and single family homes around the Golf Course.

