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ANNAUL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCED Mark Your Calendar!

May 19, 2007 has been the date selected by the Board of Directors for our annual membership meeting and dinner. In addition to the great food and fellowship, we will also have a short business meeting and elect officers to guide the club for the next year.

We will meet at the Dynasty Restaurant (*shown below*), 1210 El Paseo Road, Las Cruces at 6 P.M. Cost for their Buffet is \$7.95 plus \$1.15 for drink if you want one. The Dynasty is at the north end of the K Mart parking lot.

Members and non-members are welcome. If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a club member, please invite them to our meeting. We always need new members. We look forward to seeing you there. Please call Doyle Piland at 523-7034 or email dpiland@zianet.com to make a reservation by May 16th so we can notify theDynasty of how many places to set up to accomodate us.



Entrance to the Dynasty Restaurant at 1210 El Paseo Road near K Mart.



Vice-President Trails, Derrill Rothermich stands at the Start-Finish table awaiting the rush of *Eleven* walkers during the whole day on Saturday at the Picacho walk

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME At the Monthly Board Meetings

Recently someone reported that some club members felt that they were not welcome at the monthly Board of Directors meetings. That certainly is not the case. Club members and other interested individuals are always welcome to attend board meetings, either to observe or make comments and recommendations. These meeting are held the second Wednesday of every month at the Thomas Branigan Library at 6:30 P.M. We usually meet in what is called the "Boardroom" on the second floor. To get there, after entering the Library climb the stairs or take the elevator to the second floor, walk to the end of the long hallway. The Boardroom is the last room on the left. If we have been moved, the Library staff can help you find us.

CLOUDCROFT YEAR-ROUND?

At our March 14 board meeting, Derrill Rothermich, our Vice President Trails, brought up the subject of a Year-Round Walk in Cloudcroft. As many of you know, the Holloman Sun Runners used to sponsor a YRW there, which many people enjoyed. However, that club went inactive and now there is no YRW in Cloudcroft. Derrill suggested that our club look into sponsoring a YRW there starting next year. He says he goes to Cloudcroft every couple weeks and could easily manage the event. Derrill was given permission to approach the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce to see about using their facility for the start finish point. When he has done that, the board will decide if we wish to sponsor the YRW there. If you have comments, let any board member know.



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Sun Country Striders' 2007 Schedule

Our 2007 schedule below needs all your support by participation and/or volunteering to assist with various tasks necessary to put these events on. We look forward to seeing each of you at these events and hopefully working with you to expand and grow our sport.

May 5 & 6, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Zia Middle School, Las Cruces, New Mexico walk.

June - August, HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

Sep 15 & 16, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Alameda Elementary School, Las Cruces, NM walk.

Oct 13 & 14, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... La Llorona Park River Walk, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Nov 10 & 11, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Walk at the Viña Winery in La Union, New Mexico.

Dec 22, 5:00 PM ... Christmas Lights Guided Night Walk (5:30 - 8:00 PM), Trails West Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla, New Mexico.

OTHER CLUBS & WALKS

For the **Amigo Amblers** in El Paso, their group walks for 2007 are listed below:

April 28, Rio Grande walk at 9:00 AM

May 19, UTEP walk at 9:00 AM

June 9, Fort Bliss walk at 9:00 AM

None scheduled for the summer months.

September 29, Rio Grande walk at 9:00 AM

October 27, UTEP walk at 9:00 AM

December 8, Fort Bliss at 9:00 AM

For detailed information on these group walks, see URL <http://www.zianet.com/dpiland/AmigoAmblers/> or contact:

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For **The Double Eagle Hike and Bike Club** in Albuquerque;

Sat, 14 Apr, 8 am: South Rio Walk
Sat, 28 Apr, 8 am: Mile High Meander
Sun, 6 May, 8 am: North Rio Walk
Sat, 26 May, 10 am: Los Alamos
Sat, 9 Jun, 8 am: Nature Center
Sun, 24 Jun, 8 am: Oldtown
Sat, 14 Jul, 8 am: UNM
Sun, 22 Jul, 10 am: Cmty College of SF
2 PM: Capitol 5 km
Sat, 11 Aug, 8 am: Foothills
Sun, 19 Aug, 8 am: Nob Hill
Sat, 8 Sep, 8 am: South Rio Walk
Sun, 16 Sep, 8 am: Mile High Meander
6-7 Oct, 7-12 am: Balloon Walk
13-14 Oct, 7-12 am: Oldtown/Bosque
Sat, 27 Oct, 8 am: North Rio Walk
Sat, 10 Nov, 10 am: Nature Center
Sun, 25 Nov, 1 PM: Foothills
Sat, 8 Dec, 10 am: UNM
Sun, 16 Dec, 1 PM: South Rio Walk

For interpretation of the event name and directions to the Start-Finish point go to <http://members.aol.com/abqdoubleeagles/> or contact:

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View along the trail for the East Picacho Elementary school walk on Saturday, April 14. The walk was a great walk in the country with lots of nice scenes like this and plenty of fresh air and sunshine.



Richard Eckert from El Paso walks along the canal bank shortly after passing the Check Point along the Walk Trail on Saturday, April 14th. There was plenty of water, trees and greenery along the trail.



Randy Ranels sets at the Check Point on Saturday, April 14 trying to keep warm as he protects himself against the chilly breeze blowing from the north.



Dean Hammond, on the left, **Diane Hammond**, and **Robert Macklin** walk along the Trail on Saturday, April 14th. The Hammonds are new to the Las Cruces area and were on their first Volksmarch.





Sharon and Pete Finarelli, new club members from Truth or Consequences, check in at the Start-Finish point after completing the walk on Sunday, April 15th. Seated is Robert Macklin with Derrill Rothermich barely visible to Robert's left.



Club member, Catharine Powers on the right, signs up at the Start-Finish point for the walk on Saturday, April 14th. At left is Joanne Poulos, who was the volunteer taking care of the Start-Finish.



Club member, Eileen Roberts on the right, checks in after completing the walk on Saturday, April 14th. At left is Joanne Poulos, who was the volunteer taking care of the Start-Finish, places the returned Start Card in the file box.

