



The Strider

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President's Corner

By: Walter Baker

While Summer wasn't over at the time we put out our last Newsletter, needless to say, we've moved into the Fall of the year. The cooler days and the cooling down of the nights attest to this. Didn't we have a fantastic day to walk on Saturday, the 16th of October, at Ft. Selden? (The winds may have gotten to some of you on Sunday, the 17th.) I had some 25 walkers out by the time I went off watch at 10:30 AM at the Start/Finish Point on Saturday and I didn't find the wind situation too bad at Check Point 3 on Sunday when I left my watch at 9:30 AM. I certainly had a lot of people let me know how much they enjoyed the Walk and to let me know that the Ft. Selden Walk was their favorite of all our Walks.

We have the two end-of-the-Year 2004 Walks coming up in November and December (The brochure for these walks should be provided with this Newsletter)...our, what I used to call "my Christmas Shopping Walk" when we were at The Nutcracker Suite in November (20-21 November) each year. Unfortunately the Nutcracker Suite was sold and perhaps is no longer in operation. This year we're at La Vina Winery in La Union, New Mexico. Perhaps that location might just also turn out to be a Christmas Shopping Walk for me. Please come out and give this new Walk a try. I'm sure you will enjoy it...and, our Christmas Lights Guided Night Walk on 18 December, again with the Start/Finish Point being at the Trails West Clubhouse in Mesilla, New Mexico. For this Walk we start registration at 5:00 PM and

start getting walkers out on the trail as close to 5:30 PM as possible. As we have had in the past, there will be refreshments at the Clubhouse following the Walk. This has always been a most pleasant walk, with great Christmas Lights and atmosphere to see and share, and perhaps even a bit of Christmas Caroling as we walk. It's just a week before Christmas. The lights should be numerous and beautiful. They will hopefully get you in or keep you in the Holiday mood. I would ask that all of you Club members please join us for these Holiday Season Walks. Your Thanksgiving and Christmas will be so much better for you having done so. And, your Club Walk Workers will appreciate your presence. I know I will!

We are still a most viable Club. Our membership while growing slightly certainly provides for our several forms of attrition; we have in excess of \$1,600 in-the-bank; and we meet monthly as a Board, with a fine set of officers working hard to serve you well. While I am honored to be your President, it is the knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm of the fine group of officers you provided to work with me that gives this Club its continued successes. It is my pleasure to know and to work with each of them! Thanks Liz, Randy, Louis, Doyle, Carol, Bob and Joanne! Without you, I'm not sure we'd continue as a Club!

Since this will be our last Newsletter of this year, let me take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you the very Merriest of Christmases and the Most Happy and Prosperous of New Years! Let's dedicate ourselves to ensuring that our Club continues to prosper and grow.

Fondly,
Walt

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

The October/November 2004 issues of The American Wanderer lists the following IVV awards for local Volkssporters:

Distance (kilometers)

30,000 - Ruth Ann Glover
30,000 - Robert Glover

Congratulations to Ruth Ann and Robert. Keep it up!

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

2005

Jan 8 & 9, 8:00 - 11:00 AM ... Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

Feb 5 & 6, 8:00 - 11:00 AM ... Las Cruces Hilton - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

Mar 11 & 12, 8:00 - 11:00 AM ... Coas Bookstore - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

Apr 16 & 17, 8:00 - 4:00 PM ... Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, Las Cruces, New Mexico walk.

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.



Club member Jennie Larder at the first Check Point on the 10 KM course at the Fort Selden volksmarch on 17 October 2004



Above: Elisabeth Johnson readies the Start-Finish Point at Fort Selden.

Below: Marye Wagoner waits patiently for walkers at the Start-Finish at Fort Selden.

