

SARR Members,

Hey, what rhymes with RUN? *Sun* (we have plenty of that), *Fun* (we have plenty of that too), *Gun* (as in the start of a race), *Nun* (as in praying for the race to be over), *Stun* (as in how your body feels when you do a mid-day run in July), *Won* (as in all runners are winners), and *Bun* (umm...nevermind). We have 2 great races and 2 great training programs kicking off this month. Your excuses? *None*.

Votes are Counted. Thanks to all of you who showed up to the annual **SARR Membership Meeting** and cast your ballots for Board members. Re-elected for another 2 years are: Laretta Bateman for VP Membership, Deb Acosta for Director of Racing, and yours truly for President. Congratulations to Laretta and Deb!

Roadrunner of the Year. We gave away a special award at the Membership meeting, our first annual **Roadrunner of the Year** award to the person who most exemplifies the spirit of SARR through participation, volunteerism, and enthusiasm. The winner this year is Edie Kenney-Perez! Congratulations Edie and thank you for all you do for SARR! (*You may see Edie walking around in the Roadrunner of the Year jacket we gave her, even in the middle of summer.*)

America the Beautiful. Our annual **Freedom Day** race has a brand-new course. We begin at Mission County Park but now run along the Mission Reach Riverwalk. This race features a chip-timed 4-Miler, a 2-Mile Family Fun Run, and a Kids 1/2 Mile Fun Run. We have almost 800 runners already signed up for this race. It's going to be a big one. More info [HERE](#).

40 Years of Beauty. This is the 40th year for our **SARR Women's Run!** One of the oldest all-female races in the entire country. Kathrine Switzer, the first woman to officially enter and run the Boston Marathon in 1967, kindly offered to make this [VIDEO](#) to promote the race. Join us for this beautiful 5K/10K thru the shaded streets of Alamo Heights. Register soon as this race is close to selling out; special 40th anniversary swag to first 700. More info [HERE](#).

Beauty is in the Eyes of the Beginner. Know someone who wants to start running but is not sure how? Our **Walk 2 Run 5K** program kicks off on July 6th. This is a great program for beginners. Group runs twice a week at McAllister Park. More info [HERE](#).

The Beauty of Nature. Need some more shade during your runs? Try the trails. Our **SARR Off-RoadRunner Training** program starts July 20 and if you register now you can participate in the Base Builder program for free. Train on natural trails in our city and state parks and natural areas. Have fun, get dirty. More info [HERE](#).

Keep our Trails Beautiful. As the biggest running club in town, our runners use the parks and greenways daily. The city needs our help to keep the trails looking great and trash-free. Join us for our **Adopt-A-Trail Clean-Up Event** on July 21. More info [HERE](#).

My Fellow Americans. After a hard-fought campaign with plenty of mud-slinging and comments about my parentage, I was re-elected President of SARR during our annual membership meeting. Ok, that's not really true. I was re-elected but there was no campaign, no opponent, no moment on stage with my family and confetti raining down. Too bad. I was psyched for it.

My original campaign slogan was "I'm *running* for President". Get it? (*Yes, I know how stupid that sounds and that's why I abandoned it.*) I decided on the slogan "Why Not Me Again?". This is a rhetorical question as I really don't want to hear the answer to that.

I thought about a few Facebook ads showing me kissing babies, but since babies don't run I'm not sure that would have helped me much. I thought about coming up with a grand 10-point plan for improving the club and reducing world hunger. But, I settled for a 5-point plan for the club, but I'll spare you the details and only bore the Board with it. (*I'm still working on the world hunger thing.*)

In the end, there were no other names put on the ballot. So, my re-election must mean one of three things:

1. I'm doing a good job.
2. I may or may not be doing a good job but I'm better than an empty chair.
3. Nobody else wanted the job.

Though I think #2 and #3 are closer to the truth, I'll keep telling myself that I'm doing okay. Thank you for your votes (all 10 of you!)

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President, SARR