## SARR Members,

Well, we're midway through July and this is my first letter as President. I'm going to try and keep this one fairly short and use it to say hello and share my excitement to be a part of such a great Running Club. I'm a little over three weeks into the position as President, and it's been eye opening on the many things the person in this position does. Somehow Scott Peacock seemed to have all of this down pat and I'm still trying to figure out just how he did it. He has yet to share with me the location of the that hidden fountain of youth he must have been drinking from! I'll keep working on him for that map! When I get it, I'll gladly share!

On behalf of our Board and membership, I would like to thank Scott Peacock, Lauretta Bateman, and Deb Acosta for their countless contributions to the San Antonio RoadRunners. They may have concluded their terms in their current Board positions, but I know that they each have SARR in their blood, so there's no doubt they'll continue to be very active in our club. On that note, Scott has already taken over as Director of Coaches from Jim Murray. Jim is taking on the newly created Safety and Compliance Officer position, so he'll continue doing great things for our club in those critical areas.

As I take over the position as President, I would like to give a big welcome to Merrianna Ramirez moving from Secretary to take over as Director of Racing and Glenn McRill (new to the Board) taking over as VP of Membership. I would like to also give a shout out to Ginger Murray, our Treasurer and David Fuller our Director of Training as they continue in their respective roles and continue to do great things for our club! We'll be filling our open positions in the near future.

Our annual membership meeting was on June 26th and what a great time that was! We had an awesome turn out and got to recognize some of our members with awards. Now, just three short weeks later I'm happy to report that we have since had our first two in-person SARR races after over a year of virtual running. The Freedom Day 4-Miler and the SARR Women's Run both sold out with over 500 participants each, and both races were hugely successful! When I say successful, I mean that runners loved them, and that's what it's all about! Both races had a kids run portion with a lot of little runners out there! It's impressive to see people teaching their children the importance (and fun) of physical fitness. I'm sure they will remember crossing that finish line! In fact, my wife Kathy got to push our two-year old Granddaughter in the Women's Run, and while she might not remember her first 5k, we certainly will!

It's also refreshing to see our Training Programs filling up so fast! We have some great programs, for both those interested on training on roads and those who would rather experience some nature and do some trail running. I truly believe we have something for everyone, despite age or ability! What a great club we have and we're always improving! 48 years strong and counting!

To put on such great races and conduct our awesome training programs, we must have people step up and volunteer. We definitely have some good ones in SARR! Hat's off to our many volunteers that give so much of their time to help make these events, from races to our various training programs go so well! If you're a volunteer for SARR, in any capacity, go ahead and take a minute to give yourself a little pat on the back, you deserve it! Our volunteers mean so much to our organization!

Lastly, we have a great "<u>Runner Resources</u>" area on our SARR website, I encourage you to check it out when you can. We continue to add content to provide our runners with valuable tips and resources.

Keep checking our <u>SARR calendar</u> and keep reading those emails with our upcoming events, we always have something going on and definitely have a lot of things coming up!

Take care, I look forward to seeing you out there!

Keith Click President, SARR