

Hello SARR Members,

I don't know about you, but my February is flying by (Interesting note - today is 2/22/22). I'd like to begin by welcoming Jan Stoliker, our new Director of Volunteers. Thanks Jan, look forward to you doing great things for our club!

Already? It's hard to believe our Winter Training Programs are already nearing conclusion. I continue to hear so many positive comments from our participants, it reaffirms SARR is doing this training thing right, and we continue to improve! This past Saturday the Winter Road and Off-Road Training Teams concluded their respective runs at McAllister Park for an informal social, and I have to say it was pretty cool! I never cease to be amazed at all the support and encouragement I see our runners giving each other. Next up is our **Walk2Run 5K Beginner Training Program**, another great one!

SARR in NOLA. Earlier this month, we had a big SARR group travel to New Orleans to run the Rock 'n' Roll NOLA. Wow, what a showing by SARR, very special to be part of that. Great job everyone! Special thanks to Rene and Yolanda Zamora for taking our SARR gear so we could get some great pictures of the SARR crew!

And Austin. Additionally at the Austin Marathon this past weekend, we had some of our members run the Half or Full. Kathy and I managed to drag ourselves out of bed at 4:30am to go cheer them on. We drove around to different spots along the route with our bright yellow SARR signs (and my brand-new bullhorn) cheering on our friends and other runners. Seeing others accomplishing great things and having so much fun in the process felt as rewarding as if we had run the race ourselves.

Coming in hot! The **SARR Prickly Pear 50K/15K/5K Trail Run** is quickly approaching on March 13th. Right after that is the **SARR Mission Half Marathon/10K/5K and kids 1K** Run on April 3rd. If that's not enough, we have the **May the 4th Be With You 4-Miler and Kids Fun Run** on May 4th. These are going to be fun!

Community means something. We had another successful SARR shoe and clothing donation for Street2Feet! Shout out to Lisa Kenyon for organizing that again. Additionally, with a portion of the proceeds from our 2021 Turkey Trot along with additional participant donations, the club provided a donation of \$2,252.50 to the San Antonio Humane Society and a donation of \$2,322.50 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Finally, a portion of the proceeds of our first SARR Santa Antonio Run coupled with additional participant donations went toward cancer research, as SARR provided a donation of \$2,000 to the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Take care and happy running!

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