



# San Antonio RoadRunners

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Hello SARR members,

It sure seems like the year has flown by! I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. I feel very thankful for this club and how we come together to continually improve our lives through running, fellowship, and fun. It's amazing to see so many people sharing so many miles!

As I reflect on 2024, aside from all the positives, I do think of the loss we suffered in October with the passing of Al Becken, one of SARR's founding members. Al contributed more to running in our community than many of us will ever know, and his legacy will live on in our running club. Many of our current members didn't have the chance to know Al, Ken Bashore, or some of our early members, but I am deeply grateful for their decision to start this little running club back in 1973.

Reflecting further, I'm so proud of our great training programs and the many coaches, runners, and volunteers who contribute to their success. Each program this year was an incredible experience, as evidenced by the countless pictures captured, and they continue to get better every year! Additionally, we put on 12 races in 2024, and I was fortunate to attend each one, witnessing runners having fun and tackling their goals. We even had a marriage proposal at the Women's Run—what a special moment! Our kids' runs and kids' training programs were also a major success. It's so inspiring to see running instilled in young ones early on.

The year wrapped up with two fantastic SARR races: the **SARR Turkey Trot** and the **Santa Antonio**. Both events were so much fun and the weather cooperated! Kathy and I treasure the pictures of our granddaughters with Santa and Mrs. Claus—thank you, Santa!

**A special shoutout** to everyone who participated in the 16th and final SA Rock 'n' Roll series. I was truly impressed with the incredible accomplishments and individual journeys leading up to the races. Congratulations to all! And how about our awesome Pace Team...way to help those runners! Looking ahead, I'm excited about the new San Antonio Marathon coming in December 2025 and can't wait for our club to take part in this exciting event.

Our **Monthly Fun Runs** and **Weekly Meet-Ups** continue to bring the community together and provide opportunities for everyone to connect and run. I encourage you to get some accountability buddies. Mine sure hold me accountable when I miss events. Plus, running with a group adds a measure of safety vs. running alone.

Earlier this month, the Mayor's Fitness Council recognized SARR with a 2024 "Community Impact Award" and a "Most Valuable Group Connector Award" for our dedication to advancing fitness and promoting a healthier, more active and better connected city. Of note, all our 2024 Races and Training Programs were endorsed by the Mayor's Fitness Council.

As we move into 2025, our **Winter Training Programs** kick off in early January, and our first race of the year—the highly popular **SARR Great Greenway Relay**—is coming up on Sunday, February 2nd. That will be followed by our **SARR Prickly Pear 50k, 15k and 5k** on Saturday, March 8th. The 50K is once again a Road Runners Club of America National Championship Race. Be sure to check out our website [HERE](#) for details and to sign up!

Finally, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to my fellow Board of Directors. They dedicate countless hours to improving our club and making it one we all want to be part of. Recent transitions of members have

been seamless thanks to their shared commitment to the club. A big “thank you” also goes to the many volunteers who give their time and energy to support our running club. You are the heart of SARR, and your efforts make our club so special. To all our members: Thank you for being part of this amazing running community and for your commitment to improving your lives—big fist bumps to you all!

Good luck to all of you on your upcoming races!

Wishing you a very Happy New Year,

Keith Click  
President, SARR