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Not Another Failed Written by Kelsey Beckmann New Years Diet

It seems to be a topic every year. Some people are pro, some people are against, and some people flip flop. When working with Meteor clients for new beginnings, I like to get right to the point. Setting resolutions is neither wrong or right, or good or bad. For some people, they are a great opportunity to establish new routines that will help them grow emotionally, physically, and spiritually. For others, they do not feel like they need them and would rather set goals regardless of the calendar date.

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Save the Date!

Gate River Run: March 9, 2019 Join us before and after the biggest race of the year for friendship and fun!

Angry Tortoise: April 6, 2019 One of the best ultra trail runs offered in northeast Florida!

Run to the Sun: April 20, 2019 An excellent way to celebrate the upcoming Spring Solstice!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Do you have any resolutions for the 2019
New Year? Most of us recycle the usual
ones... lose weight... eat healthy... get more
exercise... chase after that new PR! While
these are all worthwhile resolutions, I would
like to challenge you to become more
involved with the best running club in the
Jacksonville area! Possibly, I'm a little biased
about this, but I firmly believe that the Florida
Striders consist of the absolute best people.
You (members of the running community) are
the positive-minded people I enjoy spending
time with.

Some of us will be starting off 2019 on January 1st at 9:00AM by participating in the annual Polar Plunge at Jacksonville Beach! Come join us for a quick dip in the ocean. It's crazy, but it's fun!

Our Resolution Run is on Saturday, January 5th. We did not expect this, but due to delays in construction, we will be running on River Road in Orange Park again. That is great news!

The Shark Bite Half Marathon and 5k is being held on Sunday, January 20, in New Smyrna Beach. This is one of our "Destination" runs. Please consider joining us for this out-of-town run!

We have a group going to New Orleans again this year for the Rock n' Roll Full and Half Marathon the weekend of February 10th. It's a flat, fast course, and you can be in and out of New Orleans before the craziness of Mardi Gras!

Of course, we will have our usual large presence at the Gate River Run on March 9th. The convenience of our private area, with food, drinks, and port-o-lets, is one of the best benefits of being a member of our club! Many non-members are envious of how popular we are!

If you enjoy trail running, you will love the Angry Tortoise. It's being held at Cary State Forest on Saturday, April 6th. There are 25K and 50K options for your run. It is a beautiful course! Mae Barker has taken over the duties as Race Director for this event. We are going to have a fantastic time!

The annual Strider picnic will be Sunday, April 14th. Watch for details.

Make sure you get Run to the Sun on your calendar. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019. This is one of our finest events. So don't miss it!

Our Strider cruise to the Bahamas departs on Thursday, May 2nd, and returns to the port of Jacksonville on Monday, May 6th early in the morning. This is a great opportunity to spend a few days with others in the running community. Sara and I are big fans of cruise vacations. If you have never cruised before, this is a great way to check it out!

The Memorial Day 5K is on Monday, May 27th. This 5K in Orange Park attracts a very large crowd and is a great way to honor the sacrifices of our armed forces.

The best place to get details on club activities is by viewing our Facebook page and looking at the "events" section. Please resolve to increase your involvement with your club. I guarantee you will have more fun!

Join us!

Jon Guthrie





Strider Running Classes Try a New Format Written by Vicky Connell

The latest Florida Strider Running Class was termed "Couch to 5k" which seems very popular these days! Not wanting to be like any old class you can find on the internet, this one was a little different and included much more than most classes you can download for free.

To start out, people who signed up for the class only paid for their Strider Membership. That's \$20 for a single, and \$25 for a family membership. Quite a deal since that included a year's membership in our club with all the discounts we include! Also, class members had three training programs to choose from, all developed by "yours truly" specifically for this class. Each program was designed for someone who is starting from a different point – total beginner to someone who is doing a little running already. In addition to the training schedule, each member got a workout program that included strength and mobility exercises, which would only take about 10-15 minutes each day. I'm a firm believer that every runner should be doing these exercises in addition to their running if they want to stay injury free!

The next biggest difference in this class was that each runner was assigned a personal mentor. Thanks to these Florida Strider runners who volunteered for this job: Frank Frazier, Jan Bullock, Vicky Connell, Christine Roken, Jon Guthrie, Lisa Weatherford, Doug Barrows and Regina Sooey. These mentors were tasked with the job of keeping track of their "mentees" and running with them at least once a week. Class members were also invited to attend any of our three weekly Strider runs.

At the end of the 8-week class, we put on a 5K run and invited not only class members and mentors but anyone who was a Florida Strider to participate. This was a free event that we held in Fleming Island on our usual Prediction Run course. About 30 people showed up as well as the majority of the class. We were lucky to have perfect weather and volunteers to help out. Thanks to Mike Mayse for doing most of the work setting up our course, and others who came to be course guards and hand out water: Frank Frazier, Kathy Murray, Dave Allen, Shelly Allen and Carolyn Krall.

After the run, most of the group headed over to Mellow Mushroom for some food and libation. Each runner received a free drink of choice and a goody bag with a few freebies. A good time was had by all, and we hope to see these class members at some future Strider events!



The Running Review

Written by Vicky Connell

Recently I read a book by Dean Karnazes called "The Road to Sparta". Most of us who consider ourselves runners have heard the story of Pheidippides and his run from the Greek city of Marathon to Athens, often referred to as the first ever "marathon". You may also know that after bringing news to the Athenians with results of the battle just fought at Marathon, he dropped dead. Quite a story, and maybe not the best inspiration for running your first marathon! But as it turns out, there's way more to this story than most of us know. Dean Karnazes tells us that story, and tells his own personal story at the same time.

If you follow any news about elite or famous runners, you've probably heard of Karnazes who was once named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World. He is an internationally recognized endurance athlete. He has raced on all seven continents to include a 135-mile ultramarathon across Death Valley in 120-degree temperatures and a marathon at the South Pole in minus 40-degree conditions! But in this book, he goes way beyond anything he's

done previously to complete a race called the "Spartathlon", which follows the entire route that Pheidippides ran, which in reality, was much more than a marathon.

If you're a history buff, you'll really enjoy the historical aspects of this book, although towards the end, Karnazes fills in some historical blanks with a fictional account. I didn't really mind this though, since this story begged for a definitive ending which we don't have in the history books. If you are also a runner who's ever done a truly hard race, you'll appreciate that perspective as well. I could identify with much of what he went through to complete this race, although of course, his race was on a scale that was way beyond anything I've ever even thought of doing! The physical effort he endured was truly amazing.

This book was very entertaining, and I highly recommend it, especially if you're a runner!

Florida Strider Bahama Cruise

Join us for a fun and sun-filled 4-night cruise with your Florida Strider friends!

Ship: Carnival Elation Sail Date: May 2, 2019 Number of Nights: 4

Departure Port: Jacksonville, FL Ports of Call: Freeport & Nassau



Pricing is based on Double Occupancy / Two Persons Sharing a Room (total including taxes and port fees):

Interior Stateroom - \$859.80 Oceanview Stateroom - \$939.04 Balcony Stateroom - \$1329.04 Suite Stateroom - \$1609.04

Group Incentive: \$25 onboard credit per stateroom

Group deposits are \$150 per person to reserve your spot in the group and to pick your stateroom number. Travel insurance is recommended. Prices range between \$45-\$95 per person depending on what stateroom category you select.

www.carinval.com for cruise specific information





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Bryan & Ellen Boyer Jason Dillaberry Marcee Graves Dawn Hall Cathy Krenicky Joe Landry Edward Rego Paul & Angela Seals Mark Sekelsky Paul Stevens Matthew Van Gilder Penny Bowyer
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Join the Florida Striders Track Club

The Florida Striders Track Club is a family oriented club that stages 5 races each year, offers free children's fun runs with our races, and has socials and other activities on a regular basis. Profits from our events are funneled back into community projects to promote fitness and health. Our Newsletter, the StrideRight, includes articles from our members, fitness tips, and pictures of our members in action, race results, and items of general interest. See our website, www.floridastriders.com, or contact our membership director, George Hoskins, 264-4372, or email membership@floridastriders.com for more information. Complete the membership application below and come have fun with us

	Florida S	triders Mem	bership Aj	oplication New Renewal	
Last Name	First	MI		/	
Address		Apt#	# in Family	Spouse's Name (Family Membership Only)	
City	State	Zip	Your DOB	Spouse's DOB	
Home/Cell Phone	Alternate Ph	none (Optional)	Children's Na	mes (Family Membership Only)	
Email Address (print clearly) Signature Would you like to make a donation to the Children's Running Program?		Single \$20	(2 years \$50, 3 years \$75) (2 years \$40, 3 years \$60)		
\$1\$2\$5	Other Amt \$ _	<u></u>	Junior \$15 (2 years \$30, 3 years \$45) (under 18) Senior \$15 (2 years \$30, 3 years \$45) (age 65+)		
properly trained. I agree to abide by volunteering to work club races inclu conditions of the road or the traffic or your acceptance of my application for	any decision of a race of ding, but not limited to a the course, all such ris r membership, I, for my their representatives a	official relative to my ability, falls, contact with other parsks being known and apprecyself and anyone entitled to and successors from all claim	to safely complete the ticipants, the effects of t lated by me. Having read act on my behalf, waive s and liabilities of any k	and run in club activities unless I am medically able and run. I assume all risks associated with running and he weather, including high heat and/or humidity, the I this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of and release the Road Runners Club of America, The Florida ind arising out of my participation in these club activities, agiver, Rev. 12/15.	

Strider Socials

Thanksgiving Day Social

Florida Striders had a great turnout for our Thanksgiving Day run! Thank you to everyone who participated. Lots of training and running was involved, but most importantly, the friendships and camaraderie that has developed is one of the best benefits! Everyone had a great run, and afterwards, indulged in a few extra calories!

On that Thanksgiving Day, being a Florida Strider and surrounded with team members that share our same passion for running and exercise is what made it a thankful day.





Strider Holiday Party

Our Florida Strider Christmas party was held Sunday evening, December 9, 2018 at the beautiful Haskell Building on Riverside Avenue with great views of the St. John's River! We had 84 attendees check in, which was a 33% increase over the 2017 party! It was a great evening of food, music, and socializing with some of the finest people in all of north Florida! Please check out our Facebook page for some photos of the event

Upcoming Events

January 20^{th} – Destination New Smyrna for Shark Bite Half Marathon

February 10th – Destination New Orleans for Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon

March 9th – Gate River Run Pre- and Post- Run Social Tent

April 6th – Angry Tortoise 25K and 50K Trail Run

April 14th – Annual Strider Picnic

April 20th – Run to the Sun

May 2nd – Strider Cruise to the Bahamas on Carnival Elation

May 27th – Memorial Day 5K



Upcoming Races

DATE	RACE	Тіме	RACE DAY LOCATION	WHERE TO REGISTER
5-Jan	Resolution Run 5K	8:30am	1st Place Sports in Orange Park	www.floridastriders.com
12-Jan	Best Damn Race 5/10K & Half Marathon	7:00am	Jacksonville Landing	runsignup.com
19-Jan	Winter Beach 5 & 10 Mile Run	2:00pm	Seawalk Pavilion, Jacksonville Beach	1st Place Sports (online or in the store)
21-Jan	Inaugural MLK Community 5K	8:00am	Historic Stanton Property, Jacksonville	1st Place Sports (online or in the store)
26-Jan	Wolfson's Children's Challenge 55K Ultra/55K Relay & 30K	7:00am	Baseball Grounds, 301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.	PRS Race Timing
26-Jan	Matanzas 5K	8:00am	St. Augustine	matanzas5k.com
2-Feb	Henry's 5K	8:00am	Oakleaf High School, Orange Park	1st Place Sports (online or in the store)
2-Feb	Fight For Air Climb	8:00am	Bank of America Tower	American Lung Association
16-Feb	8K River Day & Superhero Run	8:30am	Orange Park Town Center	1st Place Sports (online or in the store)
23-Feb	Ortega River Run	9:00am	St. Mark's Episcopal Day School	1st Place Sports (online or in the store)
23-Feb	Girl Scouts of Gateway Counci Thin Mint Sprint 5K & Cookie Crumble 1 Mile	7:30am	St. Johns Town Center	Ultimate Racing Inc.
24-Feb	Running of the Bulls 5K	TBD	Downtown Jacksonville	1st Place Sports (online or in the store)
2-Mar	The Players Donna 5k	8:00am	TPC Sawgrass	1st Place Sports (online or in the store)

Please note that this is published as a service and is not a complete list of races. All dates and time are subject to change. For a complete list of North Florida races, go to www.ameliaislandrunners.webs.com/kbendy/rrcacal.htm

Florida Striders Youth Team Members: Cross Country Season Highlights

The Florida Striders Running Team Jr. High and High School members had some outstanding prep cross-country seasons. Here's a review of the boys' seasons.

Written by Shelly Allen

Matthew Stratton, a freshman at St. John's Country Day School, stood out as Clay County's Top High School Cross Country Runner, as noted by the Clay Today. He placed 8th at the State 1A Cross Country Championship Meet at Apalachee Regional Park in Tallahassee with a 5K time of 16:19 and became the first athlete from St. John's to medal at the state meet! He also competed in the Foot Locker South Regional Cross Country Championship placing 3rd in the freshman race on a muddy, wet, hilly course.





John Keester IV ran for Oakleaf Jr. High as a 7th grader and had numerous individual title wins during his season, including 1st place at the Clay County Middle School Championships with a time of 10:14 for 3K, and a PR. He finished 17th at the state MS Cross Country Meet in 10:35. He also ran in the Foot Locker South Regionals in North Carolina on a cold, wet, muddy, hilly course and finished a very respectable 14th place in 10:59.

Keegan Emanuel ran for Green Cove Jr. High as an 8th grader and finished 2nd in the Clay County Middle School meet at Cecil Field. He also set a new school record this year of 10:41 for 3K. He had numerous races where he was very competitive and running near the lead. He competed in the state AAU Cross Country Championship and finished in 2nd place, and then went on to compete in the National AAU Cross Country Championships in Tennessee on a muddy, wet, hilly course – a taste of real traditional cross country!





Luke Bybee ran for Clay High School and finished his season with a 20:20 5K time at the District Cross Country Championships. Always an outstanding student-athlete, Luke represents his school and our club well.

Of course, there's always the fact that resolutions are easier to make than maintain, and there are certainly statistics that show a very small percentage of people following through with their Resolutions.

As a dietitian, January tends to be a busy month. Everyone wants to be fit, lose weight, be healthy, etc., and we applicant that! However, we find most people are setting unrealistic expectations for themselves. Meteor wants to help you with all the above within reason, but we cannot help if you think we are going to fix a lifetime of diet choices in one month. A lot of health and fitness goals are accomplished over the long term. Believe us, baby steps are the way to go. It seems trivial now, but 3, 6, or 12 months from now, you'll be amazed at how far you have come. Here are some tips to get you started:

Choose realistic and measurable goals: This year, strive to make goal oriented and measurable resolutions that focus on the process instead of the end result. Instead of selecting some unachievable and ambiguous goal, focus on something realistic that you can set your mind to. We are not talking Biggest Loser type weight loss patterns (10+lbs per week for multiple weeks is just not healthy or sustainable). We are talking lifestyle changes that set you up for success AND allow you to have your cake and eat it too.

Start small: Taking on too much is a common reason why so many New Year's resolutions fail. Altering your normal behaviors dramatically is a sure way to derail your steps toward your goal. Instead, you should try to focus on small steps that will help you to reach your larger goal. We don't all have to vow to lose weight, go on a Whole30 diet or "go keto", exercise 5 times per week, quit this, that and the other thing. Instead, we can focus on small changes that will add up over time.

Don't let small setbacks bring you down: One bad day doesn't make you a failure. Setbacks and unforeseen circumstances happen all the time. Encountering a set back is another main reason why many people give up on their New Year's resolutions. Instead of viewing a relapse or setback as a failure, view it as a learning opportunity. Maybe understanding what triggered the relapse will help you to prevent it from happening again.

Remember that changes take time: The habits that you are trying to resolve are ones that you have likely been doing for years, so how can you expect them to change in a few weeks? Although a behavior change may take longer than you would like, making a commitment to change and sticking to it will help you to be successful in the end.

If you are looking for more personal assistance in the New Year to help facilitate these concepts and/or improve performance, we have created 3-6-9 month 2019 programs that tailor interventions to the individual. Between personal meal planning that is dependent on personal fitness and performance goals, 5 day a week accountability, webinars, follow ups, grocery store tours, and more, Meteor is ready to establish sustainable habits with you. If you are interested or have questions about 2019 programs, please email meteornutrition@gmail.com. Also, we would love to extend 10% off any of the programs for any Florida Striders members!

The race location this year is Fleming Island High School, as River Road is under construction



Soft feel t-shirts and Finisher medals!

8K Grand Prix - 8:00AM 1 Mile FUN RUN -9:30AM

Runs Benefit Local School's Run/Walk Programs





8K starts at 8:00AM & 1 Mile Fun Run Starts at 9:30AM Saturday, April 20th, 2019 Fleming Island High School 2233 Village Square Pkwy

- Free 4 week training camp to the first male and female finishers,
 courtesy of Camp Gladiator
 - Overall winners and awards 3 deep in each age group
 - Register at www.floridastriders.com or at https://www.signmeup.com/128809
- •Online registration available until noon Wednesday, April 17th, or at any 1st Place Sports store thru Friday, the 19th
 - Day of race registration onsite opens at 6:30AM Race Director: Bill Krause rttsrd@floridastriders.com

ENTRY FEES

	<u>Striders</u>	<u>Non –Striders</u>	<u>Kids 13 & under</u>
Until April 5th	\$22	\$27	\$15
April 6th - 19th	\$27	\$32	\$20
Day of Race	\$35	\$35	\$35

PARTNERS









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10/13/18 - Avondale 5K Jacksonville, FL

Keegan Emanuel 18:55 3^{rd} overall and huge 5K PR

10/17/18 – North Florida JV Middle School Championships Jacksonville, FL

Keegan Emanuel 11:44 12th overall cross country

10/20/18 – USO Armed Forces Freedom 5K, Jacksonville, FL Jean Schubert 45:38

10/20/18 – Black Creek 5K Middleburg, FL Luke Bybee 19:56 1st overall

11/04/18 – Hog Jog 5K Green Cove Springs, FL

Shelly Allen 20:48 2nd overall Aldren Biala 18:35 3rd overall

Charina Biala 32:14 2nd AG Aren Biala 34:37 1st AG Eugene Biala 40:52 Jean Schubert 46:36 2nd AG

11/10/18 – Rock n Roll Las Vegas 5K, Las Vegas, NV Shelly Allen 20:26 6th female overall

11/10/18 - Mandarin Run 10K Jacksonville, FL

Jean Schubert 1:30:02 5th AG

11/22/18 – Thanksgiving Day Classic Half Marathon & 5K Jacksonville, FL

Jean Schubert 44:25 (5K) Perry Pelham 1:43:27 (1/2)

12/01/18 – Light Up the House 5K Jacksonville, FL Perry Pelham 21:26 3rd overall 12/02/18 – Guana 12K Trail Race St. Johns County, FL Jean Schubert 2:21:52

12/08/18 – Festival of Lights 5K Jacksonville, FL Perry Pelham 21:33

12/15/18 – Tannenbaum Cross Country/State RRCA Championship 5500 meters Tallahassee, FL Shelly Allen 22:29 1st overall

12/15/18 – Ameris Bank Half Marathon, Jacksonville, FL Jean Schubert 3:34:04

12/21/18 – Run Santa Run 5K Jacksonville, FL Perry Pelham 20:49 1st AG

STRIDERS AT THE RACES!