

December 2017 Holiday Hustle Race Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Holiday Hustle 3K, 8K and Kids K will be held December 30 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start about 9:15AM. It will be a great way to start our New Year's Eve festivities.

Guest pre-registration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Pre-registration saves time for runners and volunteers on race day. Guests can pick up bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area. New members can pick up their bibs prior to the race in the membership area. Members that have a bib, please remember to bring it.

The final standings for our 2017 Prediction Runs have been tabulated. Congratulations to our winners Steve Corbin, Vijayan Nair, Gib Dawson, and Steve Russo. We averaged about 40 runners per event. We want to especially thank Mike Picard, Jim Middleton, James Gabhart and Ken Ashby for volunteering at each of the 12 events.

The Holiday Hustle will be our final race of the year and an opportunity to run with visiting friends and family. We will have special treats for the Kids K participants. It will also be a chance to say thank you to all the volunteers who have helped during the year with our events.

Let's get ready to run and enjoy the downhill on the 8K course!

November 2017 Turkey Run Off Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Turkey Run Off 5K, 15K and Kids K will be held November 25 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start about 9:45AM due to the time needed to complete the 15K.

Guest pre-registration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Pre-registration saves time for runners and volunteers on race day. Guests can pick up temporary bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area. Members do not have to pre-register and should bring their permanent bib. New members should check in with the membership desk to pick up their permanent bib if necessary.

The 15K course is now completely on the trail. Please be ready to listen to the pre-race instructions. It will be a beautiful run up to Oak Point pond, up and back on the Santa Fe Trail and finishing with a turnaround south of Park Blvd. and then back to the pavilion.

Please plan on staying for the awards ceremony. We have prepared custom medals and trophies which will be worth the effort to attain. We also have gifts for the Kids K participants as well as our raffle items. There should be plenty of competition with friends and family in town for the holiday weekend.

Let's get ready for a great run! Many runners will run a Turkey Trot Thursday, have a feast and need some more miles on Saturday!!

October 2017 Boo Scoot Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Boo Scoot 5K, 10K and Kids K will be held October 28 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start about 9:30AM. We will provide Halloween treats to the Kids after their run.

Guest pre-registration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Guests can pick up bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area. New members can pick up their bibs prior to the race in the membership area. Members that have a bib, please remember to bring it.

For our October race, along with our normal gift card raffle items provided by our generous donors, PlayTri is contributing a pair of running shoes to be part of our raffle – so be sure to stay for our post race food, awards, and raffle. Chuck, the PlayTri coach and store manager, will lead a pre-race warm up around 7:30.

Last month we had quite a few records set in the 5 mile race. This month we should have a perfect day to run our beautiful 10K course and set some more records! Good luck and see you there.

September 2017 Five-Mile Fling Race Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Five Mile Fling will be held September 30 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start about 9:15AM.

Guest preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Guests can pick up bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area. New members who recently joined can pick up their personalized bibs prior to the race in the membership area. Members that already have a bib, please remember to bring it.

We usually have 125-150 participants in the 5 mile race. We hope to see a good crowd this year as we start training for the longer distance events in our area over the remaining months of 2017.

Jeff and Donna Hashe have volunteered to coordinate our awards going forward. Please thank Jeff and Donna for assuming this important role for the club. Let's get ready for a great run! The course is perfect for a good result. If you mainly run 5Ks at our races, add some distance as it is all downhill after the turnaround!!

August 2017 Dog Days Relay Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Dog Days 3x3K Relay will be held August 26 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start about 9:30AM after the relay event.

Relay team preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Teams can submit their entry data online or print an entry form to fill out and bring to the race. Guests on teams can pick up guest bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area on race day.

Teams can also be formed on race day and team changes can be made as well in the registration area. We could use a few extra volunteers in the registration area before the race to audit and sort the team forms. If you are not running the first leg, please consider helping out.

We will have overall winners for Female, Male, Coed and Family teams. There will also be four age groups for each of these categories. Finally, there will be categories for Clydes, Athenas and C/A Mixed. There should be plenty of fun and competition.

We will do our best to compile the results and present the awards shortly after the race. We usually have about 70 teams and sorting the entry forms will take a few minutes. It would be very helpful if a team member that has finished his or her leg in the first or second team position could make note of their final team time when the third runner finishes in case we need to solve any discrepancies.

Our membership team has been working hard to get our membership database more accurate. Please check your membership status with the new link on the home page. If the expiration date is incorrect, let us know.

Let's get ready for some team speed work and think about the 'cold' races to come later in 2017!

July 2017 Race Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Charity Run 5K and Kids K will be held July 29 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start about 9AM after the 5K.

Guest preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Guests can pick up bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area. New members can check to see if their personalized bibs are ready at the membership table. Members with bibs, please bring them.

This year we will support Soles4Souls as our charity. Runners can bring an old pair of shoes for their contribution to Soles4souls. Put your old shoes in the car now so you don't forget. Our target is to collect more than 100 pairs of shoes. Please visit the website soles4souls.org to learn more about their mission.

We hope to have a great 5K and support our charity as the club always has in the past. See you there!

June 2017 Race Announcement

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – MILLET MILE and 5K

Our Plano Pacers Millet Mile, 5K and Kids K will be held June 24 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Millet Mile will be the first event. The 5K will start about 8:30 after the mile race. The Kids K should start about 9:20 after the 5K.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY: We will be providing chip timing for both the Millet Mile and the 5K. Runners can use their chip to run either or both events but everyone must obtain their chip before the Millet Mile starts. MEMBERS and GUESTS will need to arrive EARLY to pick up their chip. We will start chip disbursement at 6:45AM. All entries need to be in the system before we can start the mile race and registration WILL STOP AT 7:40AM. You do not need your member bib to race but you may want to bring it so we can cross-reference your member name and number when you receive your chip.

Guest preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. We will close preregistration on Thursday night before our event. Guests can pay their \$10 race fee in the guest registration area and then proceed to the chip disbursement line. The membership area will also be open for runners to join and new members to check if their Pacer bib is printed.

If you are only running the 5K, we could use your help as a course monitor for the Millet Mile. Keeping the mile course clear and safe will be much appreciated by the milers. The Dash Running Club will be helping us again this month so please let them know that we appreciate their help.

We will have custom medals for both the Millet Mile and the 5K at the awards ceremony. There will be gift card raffles and special Independence Day surprises for our young runners. This is the premier annual event for the club so get your speed work in to impress the crowd!

May 2017 Remembrance Run Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Remembrance Run 5K and Kids K will be held May 27 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start about 9AM after the 5K.

Guest preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Guests can pick up bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area. New members who recently joined the club can check to see if their personalized bibs are ready at the membership table. Members with bibs, please bring them.

The Remembrance Run is one of our largest races of the year and the first of three consecutive 5K club races. There should be some spirited competition and hopefully a few age group records will be set.

Our high school volunteers are off for the summer. The DASH running group, which has many club members, will be supplying volunteers for the water stop and the finish line. We can always use help with registration and membership as well.

Let's get ready for a great race. As we run, please remember all those who sacrificed their lives for us to be able to live in Freedom in this great state and this great country.

April 2017 Hall of Fame Run Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Hall of Fame Run 3K, 8K and Kids K will be held April 29 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start at about 9:15AM after the 8K.

Guest preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Guests can pick up bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area. Runners can join the club and new members can check to see if their personalized bibs are ready at the membership table. Members with bibs do not need to register but do not forget your bib!

Our club will induct new members into the Pacer Hall of Fame during the awards presentation. These honorees have been involved in the continued success of the club which is now 39 years old and counting. Please visit the website homepage utilizing the Contents tab to find the bios of the current HOF members that they will join.

We have an opening for the Awards coordinator position. It is a fun task that only takes a few hours each month. If you are interested, please contact Dawn, Charlie or Terry.

Our high school volunteers are off from May through August. We will need help during the summer months at the finish line and the water stop. Please sign up to volunteer using our link on the website home page.

It should be a great event as we honor the new HOF members. The history of our all volunteer club is inspiring. Hopefully our younger members will keep up the Pace in the future. See you at the race!

March 2017 Spring Scamper Race Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Spring Scamper 5K, 10K and Kids K will be held March 25 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start about 9:20AM after most of the 10K runners have finished.

Guest preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Guests can pick up bibs and pay their \$10 race fee BEFORE 7:30AM in the registration area. Runners can join the club, members can renew and new members can check to see if their permanent bibs are ready at the membership table. Members with bibs, please bring them as usual.

Our club communicates utilizing the website home page and the Plano Pacer Facebook page. Please check these sources for information on the club and especially if there may be a cancellation of a Prediction Run or Race due to weather. Last month there was some erroneous race time information in the newspaper. Remember, website and Facebook are our primary sources for race updates.

We are contacted often about other events in the area. We ask that the event information be posted on our Facebook page with a discount code for Pacers. When you access Facebook, be sure to check the 'posts by others' section. This will be our last 10K race until October. The weather is warming up and we have one of the most scenic 10K courses in the metroplex. Let's get ready for some good results and maybe winning one of our special Spring Scamper awards.

February 2017 Bead Bash Race Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Bead Bash 5K, 15K and Kids K will be held February 25 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. Runners tackling the 15K need to pay attention carefully to the pre race course instructions, especially if it is your first time out. The Kids K should start about 9:30AM after most of the 15K runners finish.

Guest preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. Guests can pick up a bib and pay the \$10 race fee before 7:30AM in the registration area. Members who recently joined can check to see if their club bib is printed at the membership table. If not, they will be issued a guest bib for this race. Members with bibs do not need to check in.

Terry and I have thoroughly enjoyed and treasured our time as co-presidents for the last 4 years. We have been looking forward to passing the baton, and with my illness, it has made the transition more urgent. We will still be active and volunteer when we can but needed to hand the reins over to others.

We are very grateful that Dawn Burke Colvin has volunteered to assume the role of President for 2017. I am sure she will have great support from our current volunteers and past leaders as we have. Please thank Dawn and all the volunteers who keep the club vibrant.

The website home page contains a link which allows Members to check their membership status. Members can input their bib number and view the expiration date. Members can renew online if the membership has expired. Note that only the main bib number applies when checking a family membership.

Let's get ready for a great race. We have prepared awards which will be worth having in your collection.

Charlie

January 2017 Fresh Start Announcement

Our Plano Pacers Fresh Start 5K, 10K and Kids K will be held January 28 at 8AM at Bob Woodruff Park. The Kids K should start at about 9:30AM.

Guest preregistration is open on our planopacers.org website home page. The website preregistration closes on Thursday before the race at 5PM. Preregistered guests and walk up guests can pick up bibs and pay the \$10 race fee before 7:30AM in the registration area. New members should check in with the membership team to obtain a bib. Current members that have a bib, please remember to bring it.

In 2016 we had a number of new volunteers take responsibility for important tasks in our operations. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers who help at each of our events and are always prepared to provide training for new volunteers. We do have an urgent need for an equipment manager beginning in February. Please contact Terry or Charlie if you are interested in the position.

Let's get ready for a great race day. Our 10K course is one of the most beautiful in North Texas and it is beckoning. We wish a Happy New Year to all Pacers and good luck with your races in 2017.