



Plano Pacers Running Club, Inc. Hall of Fame

The Plano Pacers Running Club was formed in 1978 by the City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department and a group of thirty local runners. The objectives of the Running Club were the promotion and encouragement of healthful jogging and distance running. The objectives were supported by stressing the fun and exhilaration of running and its contribution to physical fitness, weight control and health. The club was directed to stimulate and maintain motivation among runners by increasing communication among runners and prospective runners. The club's plan was to publish a newsletter, hold regular meetings, fun runs, races, running clinics and related programs. The club would also mobilize its influence to promote the development of trails, tracks and running support facilities within the city.

The Plano Pacers Running Club has successfully operated as a family-oriented organization for over three decades. A great number of runners and non-runners have contributed to meeting the objectives defined by the City of Plano and the founding members. Starting in 2009, the club established a Hall of Fame to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the club.

The Plano Pacers as an all-volunteer organization has been very fortunate to have dedicated members who step forward to lead the club and contribute to our mission. Jerry Powell has been and still is one of those dedicated members. He joined the club in 2002, served as President in 2007 and the first part of 2008. During this period Jerry was not only the President he was the Equipment Manager, Race Director for both monthly races as well as contributor to the newsletter. During 2011 and 2012 when the club could not find a candidate for President, Jerry and James Royal jointly managed the club. His contribution during this period kept the Pacers Running Club operational and moving forward.

Jerry is still active in the club both as a participant and a leader. He competes successfully in his age group. He comes to the races prepared to run but always asks the Race Director "do you need help", if the answer is "yes" he skips the race and works. Jerry's position is that the club comes first. He is an excellent interface to the Pacer community and is always giving the volunteers and runners encouragement and credit. He is also active in recruiting members to become volunteers.

Through his hard work and people skills, Jerry has made significant contributions toward meeting the objectives of The Plano Pacer Running Club. For all the reasons documented in this letter the club is proud to name Jerry Powell a member of the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

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