



Plano Pacers Running Club, Inc. Hall of Fame

The Plano Pacers Running Club was formed in 1978. The Plano Pacers Running Club has successfully operated as a family-oriented organization for four decades. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, totally dependent on its membership's time contribution. A great number of runners and non-runners have contributed to meeting the objectives defined by 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 would like to recognize Bettye Haynes for her dedicated commitment to the Plano Pacers Running Club for the past 20 years. Bettye has been running with the Plano Pacers since 2001. She started volunteering at races soon after she joined the club. Her cheerful smile and friendly demeanor are often the first welcome that new members receive as they arrive to register for a race. She can also be found helping with raffles, awards, water stops, the Kids K race, and other odd jobs. When the Millet Mile was held on public roadways, she was stationed in the street to stop traffic. It should be noted that not a single racer was run over on her watch!

After suffering a tragic loss in 1978, Bettye began walking as a form of therapy. Several years later she added running to her routine and entered her first race for a children's cancer charity in 1994. Bettye regularly takes home age group awards, and she feels a special satisfaction in participating in worthwhile charity events, such as the Pacers' annual July race. While she runs occasionally with other clubs and in local races, she says that Plano Pacers events are her favorite because of the positive, friendly attitudes of the members.

Bettye's favorite volunteer position is assisting with the Kids K. She always enjoys meeting lots of new people and socializing with the many Pacers she has come to know over the past two decades. She feels that it is rewarding to enable other runners and spend time doing something worthwhile, but it really comes down to simply enjoying people.

From the time she greets a runner at the registration table, Bettye's dedication to making the race a wonderful experience for our runners is obvious. Her importance on race day is especially noticed when she is absent, and other volunteers scramble for help with pre-race and post-race activities. For all of the reasons documented herein we are happy to name Bettye Haynes as a member of the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

Fred Ellefson

President, Plano Pacers

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