



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 almost four decades. The club is an all-volunteer non-profit organization which is totally dependent on membership's time contribution. 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 would like to recognize Clyde and Kelly Shank for their dedication and hard work in support of the club. Clyde and Kelly joined the Plano Pacers in 1994. For a number of years they volunteered to work various assignments for club races and participated in club races. At the end of 1998 they volunteered to manage the membership position for 1999. Clyde and Kelly served the club in the membership position through 2004, for a total of six years. The office of President was vacant in 2003 and the club was managed by the Vice President. In 2004 Clyde and Kelly stepped forward to fill the President position. During 2004 Clyde and Kelly worked over and above expectations to keep the club moving forward. At the end of the year they had recruited replacement officers to take over which insured a seamless transition. Clyde and Kelly continued to work for the club after their presidential term was completed. Kelly served as the Awards manager for an additional 8 years. This task consisted of planning trophy needs, monitoring inventory, sorting trophies to expedite the awards process and delivering the trophies to the race. Clyde and Kelly served the club as an officer or manager for well over a decade.

Both Clyde and Kelly are avid runners. Clyde for example, has run 241 marathons, including running a marathon in every state and on every continent, twice, as well as running a marathon at the North Pole Ice Pack! The fourth person in the world to have accomplished that.

For all the reasons documented in this letter the Plano Pacers Running Club takes great pride in naming Clyde and Kelly Shank members of the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

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