



## 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 their 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 Plano Pacers Running Club established a Hall of Fame to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the club.

Les Ehram is a founding member of the Plano Pacers Running Club. He was elected the third President of the club and remained in office to serve for a second term. Les, as a member of the Texins Striders Running Club, brought a lot of experience and members to the new Plano Pacers Running Club. Prior to becoming President, Les took on the fund raising assignment for the club's major race. He accepted a number of race day work assignments and later arranged for the Plano Pacers to use the Strider's race clock and road signs. Since most Pacer members were new to running, Les participated in a January 1979 panel discussion to teach members how to train and run a marathon. On December 1, 1979 eighteen Plano Pacer members completed the White Rock Marathon. As President, Les organized monthly meetings with interesting speakers, social activities and fun races. He introduced races of varying formats such as Pot Luck Relays, Handicap Runs and Normalization Runs. Les was also responsible for popularizing the very successful Monthly Club Race, which continues to this day. Les brought experience and vision to the new running club; he was the right man at the right time.

Les Ehram has made significant contributions toward meeting the objectives of the Plano Pacers Running Club. For all the reasons documented in this letter the Plano Pacers Running Club takes great pride in naming Les Ehram a member in the Plano Pacers Running Club Hall of Fame.

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Chairman, Plano Pacers HOF Committee

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