



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 Running Club is proud to recognize Marylyn Patrick for her significant contribution to the club. Marylyn joined the club in 1994 after relocating to Plano from Houston. She has been a major contributor to the club as a volunteer, and was club co-president in 2002. Marylyn has been and still is one of the core volunteers in the club. You can count on your fingers the number of times in the last two decades that she did not work the club monthly race. Marylyn is an early morning person and arrives at the race, before sunrise, to work registration. Marylyn's contribution is not limited to the club monthly race, she has also worked charity races, prediction runs and social events.

Marylyn is a regionally recognized runner. She holds Plano Pacers age group records, in one or more age groups, for the mile, 10K and 15K distances. When asked by the Pacers news reporter what running meant to her she responded: "running is a unique friend who does something special for my soul".

Members like Marylyn Patrick are the force behind our running club. For all the reasons documented in this letter the Plano Pacers Running Club takes great pride in naming Marylyn Patrick a member of the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

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