



## 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 Steve Purser, the man behind the lens. Steve has been the Plano Pacers volunteer photographer since 2013. You will see him at the start and finish lines getting great action shots and videos of all the runners. His wife, Sue, often accompanies him and has filled in for him occasionally.

When his sons came to run the Plano Pacers monthly run in November 2013, Steve was not able to run because of an injury. So, he brought his camera to the race and captured pictures of the runners. When Steve saw runners commenting on the pictures, he was hooked on photographing the runners every month. His injury turned out to be the catalyst for him to become the Plano Pacers photographer. Steve's contribution brings so much joy to all the runners at our monthly races. So many runners look forward to his posting of all their pictures on Facebook and the Plano Pacer website as well as the occasional drone videos. Whereas many races have photographers taking pictures of the runners hoping to sell them, Steve posts his pictures so that everyone can copy them. Steve's pictures of the Kid's K runners are priceless to their parents.

Steve has been running with the Plano Pacers since 2005. His last race was the Millet Mile in 2018. Steve, being a competitive runner, sacrifices his opportunity to run (and win awards!) to add so much to our club. Steve has captured pictures for other races in the Dallas area when his sons are running, and he was not running. The most recent race was the Dallas Half Marathon and Marathon in December 2021. When he does run, you can spot Steve at races around town often dressed in festive and party costumes while still running a great race. He also likes to run in Luna sandals. For all of the reasons documented herein we are happy to name Steve Purser as a member of the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

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Fred Ellefson

President, Plano Pacers

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