



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 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 club established a Hall of Fame to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the club.

Bob Wilmot contributed to the Plano Pacers Running Club almost from the day he joined. Within a few years of becoming a member he became the public face of the club, and ultimately served the Pacers for more than a decade. His work spanned the spectrum from handing out water to serving as President. Bob was well organized, hard-working and exhibited excellent interpersonal skills. Like so many club leaders before him, Bob made personal sacrifices to work unselfishly for the club. He directed numerous races, from the smallest to the largest and excelled at fund raising for our annual charity race. He became the club's Vice President in 1997 and served two years, until assuming the position of President, where he served from 1999 through 2000. When elected President Bob announced to the membership: "I will be asking more and different members to help with the races including being Race Director". Perhaps his greatest strength was his inveterate recruitment of club members to 'volunteer' or fill officer positions. Many of the members who have subsequently served the Pacers as officers and dedicated volunteers were initially recruited by Bob Wilmot.

In 2003, Bob was once again called upon to step back in as Vice President. With the President's position open he fulfilled the duties of that office as well. In the history of the club no one has served at the President and Vice President level longer than Bob Wilmot. He was also a tremendous ambassador for the Pacers with other running organizations, the city of Plano, and with the community at large. Bob always made it his business to know the membership and was always there to acknowledge and applaud our volunteers and recognize the athletic accomplishments of all, from our most-gifted runners to those at the back-of-the-pack. Bob not only took on the positions he was elected to, but readily filled in wherever help was needed. Lastly, Bob was devoted to the fun, low-key Prediction Run and for over a decade he was a regular at that race to work or participate.

Robert K. Wilmot, Officer, Race Director and Plano Pacer, 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 Robert Wilmot a member of the Plano Pacers Running Club Hall of Fame.

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