



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 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.

The Plano Pacers Running Club would like to recognize Joyce A. Stribling, posthumously, for her outstanding contributions to the club. The Plano Pacers Running Club is an all volunteer organization which depends on service by the membership. Some volunteers work in the foreground, some volunteers work quietly in the background. Joyce worked quietly in the background and provided a high level of service for over a decade. Joyce focused on her family, running and the Plano Pacers Running Club. She joined the club in October 1980 and volunteered to help with course set up for the fall race the next month. She integrated her love of family, running and the Plano Pacers for the betterment of all.

Joyce and husband Sid had a special needs daughter named Michele who accompanied Joyce as she worked and attended Pacer functions. Sid helped Joyce with her Pacer volunteer tasks as needed. From the time she joined the club she participated in virtually all club activities. She took responsibility for the membership list and mailing the newsletter, and held this responsibility for over 5 years. The Booster award was given to the member who made the greatest contribution to meeting the objectives of the club. She was always one of the top candidates and won the award in 1983 and 1984. The following quote is from a 1991 newsletter: "Joyce, with assistance from husband Sid, has put more volunteer time into the Pacers than probably anyone else. Each month she updates the membership list, picks up the newsletter copies from the printer, addresses and mails them, brings the donuts and trophies to the monthly race, arrives an hour early to handle registration, works at the finish line when needed instead of running, directs the monthly prediction run, plus is always first to volunteer for special events". During Joyce's decade as a Plano Pacer she logged 2000 mile years, won over 100 age group trophies, and ran 11 marathons, winning the women's division at The Woodlands marathon in 1985. To quote Joyce: "I am happy to be a Pacer".

Though running in a better place now, Joyce A. Stribling, Marathon Runner and Plano Pacer will always be remembered and appreciated for her contribution to the Plano Pacers Running Club. For all the reasons documented in this letter the Plano Pacers Running Club takes great pride in naming Joyce A. Stribling a member in the Plano Pacers Running Club Hall of Fame.

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