



## 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 Mary Ann Miller for her outstanding contributions to the club. She became active in the club from its inception, and she has been an inspiration to club members through her focus on family activities, as well as to runners by her example.

Mary Ann fostered member interactions and camaraderie that became the social fabric of the club members and their families. She volunteered to be the Special Activities Coordinator/Social Director, a position that she held for a decade or more. She planned and hosted the awards presentation dinners and provided refreshments for monthly club meetings and races. She directed, along with the Plano Pacers, not only a triathlon, but also the 24/48 hour track run that was held every Thanksgiving weekend through the 1990's. She hosted holiday parties at her home following the December and New Years Eve club races.

Mary Ann set an exceptional example for club members and other runners. She started running after age 40 and after becoming a Plano Pacer. Her first goal was to run 1000 miles in one year. She wrote about accomplishing this goal and also other running goals in the Plano Pacers newsletter. While a member of the Plano Pacers she competed in races in Canada, Greece, India, The Netherlands, Peru and South Africa. At the Jackson Five-O, fifty miler in 1982 she broke the national age group record for women 45 to 49, and then ran another fifty mile race the next Saturday again setting a new record. In 1986 she completed her first 100 miler in less than 24 hours. She further helped other Plano Pacers, especially women, by her articles in the newsletter about her experiences training alone and the potential dangers involved.

Mary Ann Miller 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 Mary Ann Miller a member in the Plano Pacers Running Club Hall of Fame.

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Don Wallace, President

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