



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 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 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 recognizes Mike Koskan for his outstanding contributions, commitment, and service to the club over more than three decades. Some volunteers work in the foreground, while others work quietly in the background. Since joining the Pacers in July 1979, shortly after its' founding, Mike has done both. Indeed, there are few club members, who can recall a time when Mike Koskan was not a member and key contributor to the Pacers.

By 1980 Mike Koskan was already volunteering for everything from course set-up, to committee assignments, as well as being a vital member of the Executive Committee. In 1988 he directed six of the twelve Monthly Club Races, and for many years thereafter he directed at least one race each year. Beginning in 1990 Mike started volunteering at virtually every Monthly Club Race, frequently serving in multiple roles. Since 1997 he has been a regular monthly director for our Junior Sprint, and many of our children have grown up enjoying the "Pacer Experience" thanks to Mike's enthusiastic, encouraging, and entertaining manner. He also served as club Treasurer in 2000, 2001, 2005 and 2006. Mike also served a term as a Director of the Plano Pacers Running Club starting in 2004.

In the early 1980's the Pacers conducted a Booster Awards competition to recognize members who excelled at promoting the club and introducing new members to the club. Mike was always 'in the hunt' for the Booster Award, and even though that competition ended in the mid-1980's the Pacers have had no better ambassador these past thirty years than Mike Koskan.

Mike Koskan 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 Mike Koskan a member in the Plano Pacers Running Club Hall of Fame.

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