



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 Russo for his contribution to our club. Steve began running in 2009 at age 45. Since then, he has competed in events ranging from track races to marathons, establishing himself as a strong competitor in his age group. Steve started his membership with the Plano Pacers in 2009. In 2019, he joined the Plano Pacers volunteer team, and over the years, he has contributed in many ways. He began by bringing the water and setting up the water stations at the monthly races. After that, he took on more tasks, including retrieving the race equipment from the storage shed, serving as the MC for our runs starting in 2021, organizing the weekly Track Tuesday Facebook posts in 2023. In 2022 he started assisting with the monthly Prediction Runs by bringing water and filling in for other volunteers as needed. Steve is consistently one of the first to arrive to set up at our monthly races and often the last to leave.

Beyond his involvement with the Plano Pacers, Steve also participates and volunteers with the Carrollton Runners Club, is active with the Dallas Running Club (DRC), runs with the TI track team, and frequently competes in local running events. Despite his heavy involvement in setting up Plano Pacer races, he rarely misses running in our events.

Members like Steve are the heart and soul of our running club. His dedication, time, and contributions are truly remarkable. For all the reasons outlined in this letter, the club is proud to induct Steve Russo into the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

Fred Ellefson

President, Plano Pacers

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