



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 William H. Fatt for his outstanding contributions to the club. Bill is a charter member of the club and took a great deal of interest in the growth of the club. He quickly became involved in most, if not all of the club's activities. He was a volunteer for the first two club races which were very successful and received positive feedback from the running community. He quickly understood the club's procedures and became the race director for the third club race, which attracted some 365 runners. Bill's organizational skills, his attention to detail and his recruiting ability made him stand out among all members.

Bill became the club's Vice President in 1980 and was responsible for organizing all club activities for the year. He got in his training miles, ran the informal fun runs, but he worked all other club events. Bill was an excellent recruiter, and for the remainder of the first seven years he was responsible for recruiting volunteers and managing club events.

In 1983 Bill authored a paper covering the early history of the Plano Pacers Running Club. His paper was used as the basis for a Plano Pacers story which ran in the January/February issue of Running Through Texas. The paper was also published as a series in the club newsletter. There is no question that Bill is responsible for building the foundation that the Plano Pacers Running Club sits on today. By participating in the club's fun runs and by his unselfish donation of his time to all other club events, he has set a shining example for Plano Pacer members who have followed him.

William H. Fatt, 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 William H. Fatt a member in the Plano Pacers Running Club Hall of Fame.

Don Wallace, President

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