



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 its 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 club established a Hall of Fame to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the club.

In June of 1980, a young employee of Plano Parks and Recreation Department was given the task of coordinating the activities of the Plano Pacers Running Club. She accepted the challenge with a smile and lots of patience. Sue Kemp was our new interface with the city and the world. When announcing Sue to the club the newsletter editor said: "Sue Kemp is our new contact person and Mother Superior at Plano Parks and Recreation. All of us....especially the guys.... will be looking forward to seeing Sue at future Pacers events". The guys were surprised a few months later when Sue Kemp changed her name to Sue Padden! Sue was responsible for interfacing the Pacers with the various departments of the city of Plano. She was also the point person for Pacers public relations with the community at large. Sue arranged for needed support from all city departments including Parks, Police, Fire and Plano School District for help with races and the use of city facilities and equipment. She also arranged for the use of the Park's van to transport runners to race events in the area and reserved school rooms for monthly meetings as well as reserving park pavilions for races. Sue was not a runner but she was always there for the more challenging club activities. She gave many weekends to help the club with the spring and fall races and helped with all the social activities. It was expected that Sue would do this for a year or two, but no, Sue was our interface to the city and community for over a decade. Her interpersonal, administrative and management skills, coupled with her willingness to do whatever it took for the task at hand, contributed greatly to the success of the Plano Pacers Running Club.

Sue Padden 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 Sue Padden a member of the Plano Pacers Running Club Hall of Fame.

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