

## Neill, Turner win on first day of year



Men's winner Richard Neill's 2009 resolution is to improve his swimming so he can compete in a triathlon.



Women's winner Cora Turner said she doesn't make resolutions so she doesn't have to worry about breaking them..



Ray Andrews, 55, said his resolution is to be nicer to his wife and kids in 2009.



Robert Wright, 69, said he is resolved to run better and take more time off to avoid injuries. He had to take time off in '08 because of injuries.



John Ball, 56, said his resolution is to run smarter by curtailing his racing, saying if he runs too hard and too often he, as an "old man," gets hurt.

Richard Neill, 52, returned to Fort Worth this month after seven months in Thailand serving in a ministry and orphanage to win the inaugural Resolution Solution 5K at Trinity Park on a chilly Thursday morning (Jan.1) in 17:58.8. Neill said it's running season in Thailand and the shortest distance they compete in is 10 kilometers, which they call mini-marathons. He and his wife Christei are preparing to return Saturday for a five-month stint. He said about a third of the participants run barefooted, and are very friendly. "They will run next to me and start talking...practicing their English," he said. In the women's division on the sunny, but cool (low 40s) morning, Cora Turner, 39, of Alvarado won in 19:51.9. Several runners revealed their New Year's resolutions, including Neill. He said his resolution is to compete in a triathlon, but needs to work on his swimming. "I swim a lap and I'm hanging on the side of the pool," he said.