

The Plano Pacers Running Club was formed in 1978 by the City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department and a group of local runners to promote fun and fitness through distance running. The Plano Pacers Running Club has successfully operated as a family-oriented organization for over three decades. Many individuals have contributed to the growth and success of the club. 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 is extremely pleased and proud to induct three members into its Hall of Fame for 2010. William Faitt, Mary Ann Miller and Joyce Stribling will be recognized immediately before the club's Hall of Fame Race on March 27, 2010. They will join last year's inaugural Hall of Fame inductees, Ken Ashby, Daniel Millet and Donna Smith. William, Mary Ann, and Joyce have played significant roles in the founding, development and operation of the Plano Pacers Running Club. The presentations will be made at 7:50 a.m. at the Bob Woodruff Park Pavilion in Plano.

William Faitt is being recognized as a founding member of the Pacers and a major force in growing the club's membership in its critical early years. Bill's organizational skills, attention to detail and ability to recruit made him a standout among his peers. He also served as the club's Vice President in 1980. Through his selfless service, Bill played a major role in helping to shape the foundation on which the Plano Pacers Running Club sets today.

Mary Ann Miller played an active role in the club from its inception. For more than a decade she was the club's Special Activities Coordinator / Social Director, planning and hosting awards dinners, holiday parties, and arranging for refreshments for monthly club meetings and races. Mary Ann directed the 24- and 48-hour track competitions held in Plano on Thanksgiving weekends during the 1990's. Through her contributions to the Pacer's newsletter, she provided valuable advice and inspiration to all runners.

Joyce Stribling is being recognized posthumously for her extraordinary dedication to the club. She worked Pacer events from the beginning of her membership and participated in virtually all club activities. For more than 5 years, Joyce maintained and updated the Pacer membership roster and mailed the monthly newsletters. Joyce, with help from her husband Sid, worked tirelessly on behalf of the Pacers doing tasks from the mundane to directing the monthly prediction runs.

The Plano Pacers Running Club currently has a membership of more than 400 families. The club is one of the largest running clubs in the southwest. The Plano Pacers Running club holds monthly races the last Saturday of each month from the Bob Woodruff Park pavilion. The club holds Prediction runs on the second Tuesday of each month starting at the Schimelpfenig Library. The club also sponsors numerous group and training runs at various locations in Plano.