

## **Changes for 2009**

Libby Jones' reign as president of the Dallas Running Club ended Dec. 31. She has been overseeing the club as it has undergone record growth with membership rising from about 1,500 to more than 3,300 since she took over in 2007. This makes the club the third largest among Road Runners Club of America's members. She also is one of six on the RRCA's selection panel for Kids Run The Nation grants. Libby helped choose kids' running programs in the U.S. to receive \$5,000 in funding from the RRCA. She and club member Chris Phelan serve on the RRCA's Road Race Committee, which acknowledges RRCA nonprofit member races that provide safe, well-designed and enjoyable races, and promote grassroots running and the mission of the RRCA.

Greg Hall will lead the club in 2009. He has helped coach runners and was the pace leader for the inaugural DRC Half. Hall has said he'll focus on quality, among other things, rather than much more growth for the club that has more than 3,300 members.

The Fort Worth Runners Club has had a new president since October when long-time member Sam Balandran took over for Lisa Stingley, who had to step down to pursue a career change. She's staying on as one of the vice presidents, taking Balandran's old spot, and is on the board of directors. The FWRC also enjoyed growth and had a record turnout of about 1,200 at its annual Labor Day 15K, 5K, which also was the first race in the D-FW area to use the new d-chip that's used by Run-Far's timing service.