

DRC rewards 2,000th member; moves into new clubhouse

Dallas Running Club president Libby Jones said 22 volunteers showed up Saturday (June 9) to help move equipment and merchandise into the club's new clubhouse on 1152 N. Buckner Blvd.

She said it took about two hours to complete the move into the 2,300-square foot space, which includes a conference room, kitchen and bathroom. She said part of the space is being to Wellstone's Dallas White Rock Marathon for storage and an office for its newly hired executive director, Marcus Grunewald.

“We are happy that this new space reflects the large growth the club has experienced in the last several months and will allow us to service the club as it continues to grow,” Libby said.

And speaking of growth. The club reached its 2,000th member, Libby announced June 20th, when Ed Countryman, who teaches history at SMU, signed up. Ed was rewarded with additional two free years of membership and a green DRC tech shirt.

Ed told the DRC on its website that he's from New York, and also taught history at the University of Warwick-UK. He ran cross country in high school, and when in England, ran 10 milers and a few half marathons.

His most recent running has been two to five miles. But Ed said some DRC members have inspired him to increase his running again. He ran the White Rock Half last fall and said he was astonished to finish.

Ed said he will help with the DRC's half marathon training program that Nikki Davis is organizing.

His next step(s), Ed said, is maybe to run the Wellstone's Dallas White Rock Marathon in December.