



KEEPING PACE



The Official Newsletter of The Robins Pacers

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Warner Robins, GA

2003 Museum of Aviation Foundation Marathon/Half Marathon/5K

The Museum races were held January 11th and were a huge success! We had 217 5K runners; 205 half marathon runners; 87 marathon runners; and 5 marathon relay teams.

Totals and award winners have been posted to our website. (Thanks Marv!)

Many thanks to all the volunteers and Pacers who helped to make the event such a success! Special thanks to John Hunter for taking on the responsibility of race director. We know how much work is involved in this and we thank you for taking the lead!!!

Upcoming Races

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| Feb 8 th | Al Toll Memorial Masters 15K/Open 5K; Macon; Steve Corkery, 478-477-4571 |
| Feb 15 th | Sweetheart Run for Sight 5K/12K; Centerville; Larry Coy, 478-218-7763 |
| Mar 8 th | Forsythia Festival 5K; Forsyth; 888-642-4628 |
| Mar 15 th | Leprechaun 5K/10K; Dublin; Ken Carr, 912-275-7577 |
| Mar 29 th | Cherry Blossom Marathon & 5K; Macon; Susan Reese, 478-751-7429 |
| Apr 5 th | GEICO Duathlon and 5K; Macon; Gary Musolf, 800-841-9160, ext 5260 |



Happy Birthday to You!!!

January

- 2nd Don Hall
- 11th Fran Garrison
- 20th Craig Smoot
- 22nd Wendell Barker
- 27th Joe Reott
- 28th Todd Howell

February

- 7th Frank Shaffer
- 13th Albert Freitag
- 13th Chuck Reeves
- 15th John Gates
- 21st Joe Joe Howard
- 23rd Peggy Shaffer
- 25th Bill Likos
- 26th Donna Wilson
- 29th Mike Brown

2003 Cancer Society Relay for Life

We're in the planning stages of putting a team together for the upcoming Relay for Life to be held May 16-17 at the Agri-Center in Perry. For those of you not familiar with this event, the Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone in the community a chance to participate in the fight against cancer. For the Houston County/Warner Robins event, teams of 8 to 15 people camp out at the Agri-Center and take turns walking or running around a track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Our relay is 18 hours in length and goes overnight from 6 PM on Friday through noon on Saturday. The Pacers have had a team for a number of years now. We have raised a great deal of money in the past and always have a lot of fun as a group at the event.

Because Relay For Life is a community gathering rather than an athletic event, anyone and everyone can participate. Teams form from businesses, clubs, families, friends, hospitals, churches, schools, and service organizations. So you are bound to see many of your friends from the community. And team members share a common purpose - to support the American Cancer Society's mission.

The purpose of the Relay For Life is to raise funds. Each team member is asked to raise a minimum of \$100 before the event. Teams solicit donations, have garage sales, hold car washes, and more. In the past, the Pacer team has collected money at intersections and at the entrances of Walmart. Plans are still in development as to just how we'll raise money as a group this year. Any ideas?

I'll be acting as team captain again and will see that each team member receives your t-shirt and other Relay items. All I need from those who want to participate is a \$10 check written to the American Cancer Society (this gets you your t-shirt) and a promise to raise at least \$100 prior to the event. If you'd like to join the team, mail your \$10 check along with your t-shirt size to:

Caryl Deems
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I hope everyone joins us this year. We have such a good time and for a very good cause!

2003 Pacer Membership Dues are Due

I have included a membership application in with this newsletter for your convenience. Please forward it back to the address indicated. Thanks.

Next Pacer Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 PM at the Houston Health Pavilion on Watson Blvd.

If you have any news you would like included in the newsletter, please contact me at 956-2534 or 785-1176 or e-mail me at Caryl_Deems@pap.state.ga.us