

January 2017

Hi there runners,

Don't forget our next club run, coming up this Saturday, Jan. 21:

Saturday, Jan. 21, 8 a.m.: **Frost Your Fanny 5K & 1-Mile Run/Walk**, Spring Lake Subdivision. Start and finish at the Fire Station at 1987 Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Also remember that memberships expire at the end of each calendar year. If you need to renew your membership, you can do so at the club run, or by sending a check for the appropriate amount (\$5 students, \$7 individual, \$10 family) to SHRC, P.O. Box 6804, Huntsville, TX 77342-6804.

In our meeting last Thursday, six club members received awards. Give 'em all a hand:

Female Runner of the Year: Angelina Santos. Angelina had a great year, coming in second in the Texas 10 Series' "Armadillo Cup" for her age group, and running her first marathon in Bryan/College Station.

Male Runner of the Year: Dan Byrne. Dan's had blazing times for years, which earned him the right to run in the Houston Half Marathon this weekend as an elite runner, where he finished second in his age group. Earlier this year he was chosen Spring Runner of the Season by the Houston Area Road Runners Association.

New Runner of the Year: Giovanni Valdivia. Giovanni also finished his first marathon in Bryan/College Station this year, capping a very active year of racing.

Trailblazer of the Year: Melissa Gillespie-Davis. Her year included a marathon, multiple 50Ks, a team 100K, and a twenty-four hour run, among others, held all over the state of Texas.

Volunteer of the Year: Jason Wallace. Jason did a fabulous job directing the Huntsville Half Marathon, which featured about 300 runners, and raised about \$2,000 for local charities and cross country teams.

Takes a Lickin' and Keeps on Tickin': Jody Slaughter. Jody's inspiring story of recovering from cancer can be found here in Postcards Magazine, at this link <http://www.postcardslive.com/inspirations-jody-slaughter/> . Family, faith, and running all played an important role in this amazing journey.

Finally, our 2017 club officers were elected on Thursday. Steve Allen, an active club participant for several years, will become President. Darren Grant will be Vice President, and Melissa Gillespie-Davis was elected as secretary. They replace 2016 officers April Russell, Cindy Pate, and Jessica Twardeski, who served the club well last year, as did Registrar Dana Formon and Treasurer Ken Johnson, who were re-elected to their positions. Congratulations to everyone.

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