

# **100 MARATHON CLUB NEWSLETTER #20**

## **February 24, 2010**

### **Upcoming Events**

March 26-28, 2010 – **Second Reunion of the 100 Marathon Club North America** at the **Yakima River Canyon Marathon**. March 26, 2010, there will be a meeting at the Selah Civic Center (just north of Yakima) at 4:00 p.m., followed by a group picture and a pasta meal (with reserved tables and guest speakers, noted author Joe Henderson and Marathon Maniac Don “The Rev” Kienz. On March 27, 2010, the marathon (*on an awesome course*) will start at 8:00 a.m. in Ellensburg.....and the **awards ceremony/meal** will be at the Selah Civic Center at 4:00 p.m. The next morning (Sunday, March 28, 2010) there will be a no-host breakfast at Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel in downtown Yakima at 9:00 a.m. [www.yakimrivercanyonmarathon.com](http://www.yakimrivercanyonmarathon.com)

May 2, 2010 – **Tacoma City Marathon**, [www.tacomacitymarathon.com](http://www.tacomacitymarathon.com), directed by club member Tony Phillippi. It’s a Marathon Maniac reunion. Register early.....and plan to have dinner with Dick Beardsley!

### **100 Marathon Club Merchandise**

Check the website, [www.100marathonclub.us](http://www.100marathonclub.us). T-shirts and pins will be available for purchase at packet pickup at the YRCM on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Medallions may be ordered then, also. If you plan to come to the reunion race and want to save the postage charge, let me know soon and your order will be waiting for you. The cost for personalized medallions is \$20.00 (without the \$3.00 postage fee) and for the short-sleeved, teal T-shirts and long-sleeved, white T-shirts it’s \$15.00 (without the \$3.00 postage fee).

### **WELCOME TO 17 NEW MEMBERS**

Newsletter #19 listed our total membership at 254. Add the names of the recent new members and the **total becomes 271!**

We’re happy to welcome our neighbor as a new member. **Marathon Maniac (MM) #74, Janet Burgess** lives less than a mile from our Renton, Washington, home. She ran her first marathon in May of 1998 at Vancouver, BC. With super planning she completed two goals in one day when she ran Marathon #100 AND became a **50 States FINISHER** on October 4, 2009, at the Maine Marathon in Portland, Maine.

The Los Angeles Marathon in March of 1990 was the first for **MM #662 Russell Cheney** of Torrance, California. Nine years later that race became #100 for him. On September 10, 2005, he ran his 200<sup>th</sup> marathon, the Bismark Y, in North Dakota. At the end of 2009 his total count was 231 marathons and 52 ultras for a grand total of 283. His special accomplishments list is: Boston three times; US Olympics Torch Bearer, “Russell B Cheney” 50K, DE; co-founder of the Marathon Drive Club.

God's Country Marathon in Galeton, Pennsylvania, on June 13, 1987 was the first for **Jim Collins** of Sarasota, Florida, and the Ocala Marathon in Ocala, FL, on January 31, 2010, was #100. His PR is 3:07:12. As of October 4, 2008 he became a **50 States FINISHER** at Bristol, New Hampshire. Another "special accomplishment" of his is that he's best friends with club member Claude Hicks and his wife Debie Johnson from Fort Worth, Texas. Good choice! They come from Texas each year to race and to volunteer at our YRCM.

**MM #515 Tom Craven** of Honolulu is our first member from Hawaii. The Honolulu Marathon on December 17, 1974, was his first, and the Redding Marathon on January 17, 2010, was #100. He holds the 60 year age division course record for Bandera 50K.

**MM #1616 Paul Fournier** from Gurnee, Illinois, ran the Lakefront Marathon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as his first on October 7, 1990. He became a **50 States FINISHER** on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, December 18, 2005, when he ran marathon #80. For #100 he traveled to Australia to run the Gold Coast Airport Marathon on July 1, 2007. Africa is the only continent left for him to run a marathon to become a "Continents Finisher." On May 22, 2004, he met his future wife running the Great Wall of China Marathon. They honeymooned in Australia when he ran the Gold Coast Airport Marathon on July 1, 2007.

It was on July 21, 1985 that **Famida Hanif-Weddle** of San Jose, California, ran the San Francisco Marathon, her first. The Forest of Nisene Marks Marathon on June 7, 2003, was #100. She finished **Western States 100 Mile Endurance Run** on June 28, 1997. Her current total is 155 (65 marathons and 90 ultras).

The "Dolphin Marathon Team" traveled to South Carolina for the February 14, 2009, Myrtle Beach Marathon. While we were there, we met **MM #1776 Richard Holmes** from Durham, North Carolina. He has a PR of 3:18:34. With a total of 222 marathons and 7 ultras, he's well on his way toward his 300<sup>th</sup> marathon. His first was the Calloway Gardens Marathon in Georgia on November 11, 1978, and his 100<sup>th</sup> was the North Central Trail Marathon at Sparks, Maryland, on November 24, 2001. The Umstead Trail Marathon in Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 8, 2009, was #200. Rich is a **TWO TIME 50 STATES FINISHER** with a third time finish projected for 2011. He has completed a marathon in **ALL CANADIAN PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES** with a second time projected finish in 2011. He's a goal setter and plans to reach the Marathon Maniac **Titanium Level** (top one) on March 7, 2010. He received the 50 States & DC **Humanitarian of the Year Award for 2010** for raising \$10,000.00 for fighting cancer in kids (see <http://www.50statesandddcmarathongroupusa.com/awards.cfm>). He's attempting to resurrect a marathon in the Canadian Territory of Nunavut There is none currently, so Canada cannot be "finished." (See [http://www.canadianarctic holidays.ca/northwest\\_passage\\_marathon.html](http://www.canadianarctic holidays.ca/northwest_passage_marathon.html) for information or contact him at [Rich-Holmes@nc.rr.com](mailto:Rich-Holmes@nc.rr.com)).

On July 27, 1986, **Leroy Kessler** of Turlock, California, ran the San Francisco Marathon as his first. He has a total of 155 (104 marathons and 51 ultras) and his PR is 3:13. He's run all of the California marathons except two new ones.

The first marathon for **Scott Ludwig** of Peachtree City, Georgia, was the Florida Relays Marathon in March of 1979. He ran #100 in April of 2003 at Boston and #200 in March of 2009

at Albany. His total now is 206 (160 marathons and 46 ultras), and he has a PR of 2:48:41!! His special accomplishments are: 2002, 24 Hour Run, Masters Champion; 2003, Badwater, 6<sup>th</sup> place; 2006, Western States Finisher; **31+ streak runner (began November 30, 1978)**; founder and president of Darkside Running Club, Peachtree City, GA; author of two books on running.

The 1992 Chicago Marathon was the first for **Kay McVey** of St. Peters, Missouri, and the same marathon was her 100<sup>th</sup> in October of 2009. She learned how to swim in 2003, went on to complete many triathlons including **THREE IRONMAN TRIATHLONS**. She became a **50 States and DC FINISHER** in June of 2007.

We have another “husband and wife” membership. After their marriage in Hawaii (in conjunction with the Honolulu Marathon) **MM #497 Sherry Mahoney** and her husband Jon have been traveling all over the world to run marathons together. Jon just completed his 300<sup>th</sup> marathon at the October 11, 2009, Victoria Marathon. Sherry completed her 100<sup>th</sup> marathon in Maui on January 24, 2010 just **five years since her 1<sup>st</sup> marathon in Las Vegas on February 1, 2005!** The Mahoneys live in Vernon & Vancouver, BC, and in Palm Desert, California.

When **MM #454 Dr. Philip E. Min (Dr. Phil)** of Mt. Olive, Alabama, crossed the finish line of a marathon last December, his friend Catherine Thompson was there from Birmingham, AL, to surprise him with a 100 Marathon Club Medallion that read “In Recognition Of 100 MARATHONS...PHIL MIN...Rocket City Marathon...Huntsville, AL...December 12, 2009.” Dr. Phil’s first marathon was the Tupelo Marathon on September 3, 2000. This is a quote from his registration, “I am a Band Director and have been teaching since 1977. I have taught every level from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through University level, and am presently teaching at Bragg Middle School in Gardendale, Alabama. I began running in January of 2000, while I was working on my dissertation. I lost 70 pounds in 7 months. It is a great honor for me to have achieved membership in the 100 Marathon Club!”

The San Francisco Marathon on July 12, 1998, was #1 for **Dennis Mori** of San Leandro, California, and the Surf City Marathon on February 1, 2009, was #100. He has run 11 international marathons (excluding Canada) and has a total of 117 (this includes one ultra).

**MM #502 Dean Peterson** of Appleton, Wisconsin, ran his first marathon and his 100<sup>th</sup> marathon in his home town...the Fox Cities Marathon in Appleton in October of 1999 and ten years later in September of 2009. He became a **50 States FINISHER** in May of 2006 at the Mid City Marathon in Rochester, Minnesota.

When **Karen Queally** of San Bruno, California, moved from “**Wannabe**” to “**Regular Member**,” of this club at the September 20, 2009, Yonkers Marathon in New York, she was featured in a story in the Yonkers Journal News. Like her first marathon on May 20, 1984, her 100<sup>th</sup> was at her hometown of Yonkers. On January 1, 1997, a few months after her twin girls were born, she made a New Year’s Resolution to run every day. **She hasn’t broken this record, and it was 4,649 days later that she ran Marathon #100!** In 2005 she kept her record intact during mastectomy surgery and the following chemotherapy! In addition to her 100 marathons, she’s completed four ultras and has run marathons in Bermuda, Rome, Italy and Dublin, Ireland.

The Marine Corps Marathon on October 27, 1996 was #1 for **Anne Rentz** from Marietta, Georgia, and the Florida Marathon on December 19, 2009, was #100. This total includes 39 ultras.

**Myron Sidloski** of Dallas, Pennsylvania, ran his first marathon on November 28, 1984, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his 100<sup>th</sup> on March 19, 2006 in Los Angeles. Injuries occurred after marathon #109 at Boston on April 21, 2008. He's still recovering from knee and back surgeries, so his future marathons are "on hold."

**Julia Thorn** from Brighton, Victoria, Australia, will run her 100<sup>th</sup> 26.2 mile marathon on March 27, 2010, at the Yakima River Canyon Marathon when she will become **the first woman from Australia to reach a total of 100 marathons of this distance**. She ran her first marathon on May 3, 1997, the Rotorua Marathon in New Zealand. Her 100<sup>th</sup> marathon/ultra was the Honolulu Marathon on December 14, 2008. She has a total of 24 ultras.

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The 17 page 100 Marathon Club North America Roster has been updated. For the club members who don't have e-mail, we send the Newsletters via snail mail but not the roster. If you want to see it, it will be necessary for you to go to the website [www.100marathonclub.us](http://www.100marathonclub.us).

The 100 Marathon Club North America has no dues but meets its expenses from donations and through a small profit made on the sale of club T-shirts, pins (in increments of 100) and personalized medallions. Please contact us if you're interested in making any purchases.....and let us know about your activities.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the *Yakima River Canyon Marathon* next month. If you can't join us, send your greetings.....and we'll share them with everyone.

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