

December 2021 – Marilyn Teague

Congratulations to Marilyn Teague, our December Volunteer of the Month! Marilyn has been an essential part of Atlanta Track Club since the 1983. Marilyn volunteers with us multiple times a year, and enjoys participating in other volunteer ventures outside of Atlanta Track Club, as well. Keep an eye out for Marilyn! If you see her, please extend a heartfelt thank you for all she does for the community!

How long have you been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club?

Officially, since 1983-

Do you remember your first time volunteering with Atlanta Track Club?

Like it was yesterday--in 1982 My sister worked at a bank, and they set up a water station on Peachtree St. near where the Publix is now. She recruited me and the next year I signed up with the Track Club. The rest is history.

If so, what event was it and what brought you back again?

I was at Lenox Square-Peachtree Road Race 1983, building snow fences and the Latrine – it was the thrill and excitement and the feeling of being helpful to others. Actually in 1987, the guy who was the crew chief said he couldn't fulfil his duties and gave me his shirt.



What is your favorite Atlanta Track Club event?

The 4th of July. So much fun. Hard to explain.

What is one of your best memories from volunteering at any race?

One year maybe 1989 (?) I was able to get my four sisters, my son and my husband all on one team. I wish I had a photo- that was before Volunteer Local and cell phones.

What is your favorite thing about volunteering with Atlanta Track Club?

I just like the excitement of standing in the middle of Peachtree Road and no cars- surrounded by people about to run and spectators. Surreal!

Do you have a favorite volunteer assignment?

If so, explain. Yes, the Hydration Stations – I loved when we used the Water Monster! My husband and I started at Wieuca Rd, then I was moved to Lenox Rd. in 2016. I had to switch to Traffic Monitor since the Lenox location was shut down, in 2021. So, I was at a Hydration Station again for Thanksgiving.



Do you do any volunteering in the community beyond Atlanta Track Club?

Yes, I do! Volunteering is in my blood! Since 1987 I have been with DragonCon my main event – because I LOVE the different genres. Science Fiction, fantasy, horror, etc. I was in Registration, then My late husband Robert and I were Co- Directors of Disability Services, and I was the first Director of the DragonCon Parade from 2001-2006. I also volunteer for the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl parade since 2007.

What do you do for a living?

My sisters think that I am a professional volunteer, but I am semi-retired – I worked for nearly 20 years as an Assignment Coordinator at a sign language agency, company, retired, then one month later I started working at LATN Language Solutions since 2016 as a Language Coordinator in the Sign Language Department. I coordinate requests and recruit new and returning interpreters. I also assist with spoken language requests. I like to work.

Do you have any advice or words of wisdom for any new Atlanta Track club volunteers?

It's a great way to meet new people! Oh, just come, sign up, stay in touch with your crew chief, go out and survey your assigned area at least a week in advance. I cannot run since I have asthma, but I love supporting those who can run.

Tell us something interesting about yourself - an interesting fact or story that will help us get to know you.

I graduated from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) with a BA in Psychology and from DeKalb College (now absorbed into GA STATE UNIVERSITY) in the Sign Language Interpreting Program. I love languages. I speak a little French, a little Spanish and fluent in American sign language. My son, Christopher, died in 2015 due to a blood infection and my husband, Robert, died in June, 2016 from glioblastoma (brain cancer). Everyone knows of this cancer since Jovita Moore had the same illness. I live alone now, with my cat, Ripley.