

# February 2017 - Virginia Harris

*Congratulations to Virginia Harris, our February Volunteer of the Month! Virginia has been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club for more than 25 years, and has been an All-Star Volunteer with us for at least half of those years! You're likely to see Virginia out on the course as a split timer or course monitor at our events. Be sure to look for her and thank her for her decades of service! She's part of the foundation of our success.*

## **1. How long have you been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club?**

My first race with Atlanta Track Club was at the Atlanta Waterworks in 1992. Within a year I became more involved with the Club, performing all kinds of volunteer assignments. I particularly enjoyed calling out splits during the races.

## **2. What brings you back as a volunteer?**

I returned as volunteer because of the great group of people who staff the Club and the wonderful volunteers. I always appreciated their support when I was diagnosed with cancer. Atlanta Track Club offers many programs benefiting all age groups, both competitive and non-competitive. Volunteering gives me a chance to give back to the community.

## **3. What is your favorite Atlanta Track Club event?**

I can't say that I have a favorite event. I enjoy them all. I miss Track Day at Agnes Scott. It was a lot of fun and always interesting to see what the weather might do. During the 1996 Olympics, I worked the race walk and marathon through Atlanta Track Club. I always felt very fortunate to have this assignment.

## **4. What do you do for a living?**

I am retired from the Governor's Office of Consumer Protection. This agency served as troubleshooter during the 1996 Olympics. I remember having to work one day at the office and the next day at one of the Olympic events. It was an exciting time as I was able to see things from two different perspectives.

## **5. Tell us something interesting about yourself – an interesting fact or story that will help us get to know you.**

Being a native Atlantan, I never thought I would live in Cabbagetown. However, that is exactly what I have done. I live in a Cotton Mill that has been converted to lofts. I am member of the Atlanta Preservation



Center, which is an advocacy organization for the preservation of Atlanta's historic buildings. Walking around here is a lot of fun. I especially enjoy Oakland Cemetery where I visit my family plot. My great-grandfather is buried there with two of his four wives!