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!