

# September 2016 - Ann Bentsen

*Congratulations to Ann Bentsen, our September Volunteer of the Month! Ann has been volunteering with us for more than 23 years. This All-Star Volunteer retired in 2004 and has never looked back because of her love of giving back. Thank you Ann for your tireless energy and love for Atlanta Track Club!*

**1. Do you remember your first time volunteering with Atlanta Track Club? If so, what event was it and what brought you back again?**

The first event was the Thanksgiving Marathon. I continued to volunteer because I liked the volunteers and the runners were so appreciative.

**2. What is your favorite Atlanta Track Club event? Why?**

My favorite event is Atlanta's Finest 5K. I volunteered at the first such race. As a new event, it was somewhat chaotic since the Atlanta Police Department Foundation had a lot to set up. I was amazed at the patience of the police men and women when things were so confused. It gave me a lot of confidence in the police. I have enjoyed seeing it evolve to what it is today. *(Note that under her Atlanta Botanical Garden apron, Ann is wearing her 2005 Atlanta's Finest 5K Volunteer Shirt!)*



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

The Club really knows how to treat volunteers. I have always felt very appreciated and valued.

**4. Do you have a preferred volunteer assignment?**

I like to do volunteer check-in because I am done early in the morning and it is a way to meet some of the other volunteers.

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

I volunteer for the High Museum and the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Both have wonderful, interesting exhibits, and the volunteers are great. I meet very interesting visitors at both. I also usher at the Symphony and the Cobb Energy Theatre for the chance to see many events for free.

**6. How many Atlanta Track Club events do you typically volunteer at during the year?**

I do at least 10 per year since I like being part of the All-Star group.

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

When I retired in 2004 I immediately volunteered at the Atlanta Botanical Garden because I love to garden. I never missed working even one day after I started there! I am always happy to be there.