

March 2017 - Mike Cook

Congratulations to Mike Cook, our March Volunteer of the Month! Mike plays a critical leadership role in three of our major events, acting as a section leader for our PNC Atlanta 10 Miler & 5K, Thanksgiving Day Half Marathon & 5K, and Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon courses. His leadership, expertise and camaraderie have helped keep hundreds of thousands of runners safe and volunteers happy. Atlanta Track Club appreciates you, Mike!

How long have you been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club?

I have been volunteering with Atlanta Track Club since the late 1980s!

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

The first time I volunteered was the AJC Peachtree Road Race, setting up at the finish line. We started three days prior to the race and set up everything; snow fencing, water tables, built the scaffolding, hung the finish line banner, etc.

What is your favorite Atlanta Track Club event?

That would have to be the Thanksgiving Day Half Marathon. It is the start of the holiday season and whether you are running or volunteering, everyone is in great spirits!

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

Atlanta Track Club does an excellent job of appreciating their volunteers and always welcomes input on how to improve the events. It is like working for a small startup company.

What brings you back?

It is fun seeing the returning volunteers and meeting new volunteers.

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

All of my volunteering outside Atlanta Track Club is at my two boy's schools - Sweetapple Elementary and Elkins Point Middle School. I helped create the Dad's Club at Sweetapple with the goal of increasing the number of Dads we had involved with the school. My latest school



adventure was helping build the SAE float that was in the Roswell Youth Day parade this past September.

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

I typically volunteer for four events every year; AJC Peachtree Road Race, PNC Atlanta 10 Miler, Thanksgiving Day Half Marathon, and Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon. I mainly spend my time on working the course on race day.

What do you do for a living?

I work full time for Hewlett Packard Enterprise in Alpharetta.

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

I, like my wife, am a native Georgian. I was born and grew up in Decatur, and graduated from Shamrock High School. I went onto college at University of Georgia and Georgia State University. My wife grew up in Gainesville, graduated from North Hall High School and went to Kennesaw State.

