May 28-29 Highlights

By Charles Clines

- * The **Firemen's 5K** in Fort Worth has the reputation as having possibly the fastest course in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and **Jonathan Swiatocha**, 24, took advantage of the layout by blazing to a 15:11 to earn the overall male award. Swiatocha, a former Keller and Texas Wesleyan runner and who also won the Komen Greater Fort Worth Race For The Cure on April 23, beat **Gregory Fehribach**, 17, by 55 seconds. The 17-year-old Fehribach, a Richland High School runner, won the Honor Connor 5K in North Richland Hills last week with a PR of 15:54. **Tara Upshaw**, a former Southlake Carroll and Texas A&M runner, won the female overall award with an 18:14.
- * While the fast course was the draw at the Firemen's 5K, the **Rock the Block 10K, 5K** & **Fun Run** in Plano had enough goodies to attract more than 1,200 participants. Even though race day registration fees were relatively expensive for a 5K (\$40) and 10K (\$50), several participants took advantage of a Groupon to cut the fees in half. Active military and U.S. veterans were granted free entrants by showing their military IDs.
- * The male and female races at the **Plano Pacers Remembrance Run 5K** produced some close finishes as **Jackson Vicary**, 16, held off **Matt Caterisano**, 33, to win by 12 seconds with a 16:43. In the female division, **Raquel Jimenez**, 31, won with a 20:33, 15 seconds in front of **Amanda Moore**, 29.
- * The competition was sparse Sunday morning, but still, the top three finishers at the Carrollton Runners Mile and 5K were past the 50 mark in age. Julio Lopez, 60, won with a 23:31.49, Doug Waters, 41, was next and was the masters winner with a 24:19.05, and Wally Capps, 75, was third and the seniors winner with a 27:13.08. Lopez and Capps are from Farmers Branch; must be something in the water there to keep them in relatively speedy running form. Oh, and the female winner was 53-year-old Yanira Lopez, 53, with a 28:58.77.