

Our 2011 recipient of the annual Phyllis Bahner Pacesetter award is a long-standing member of the Kansas City Express, having given generously of her time wherever and whenever needed. She has served as president and race director, the two most important roles in our club and continues donating her time and professional expertise long after those roles have ended. Other accomplishments include contract(s) mediator for our MD5K insurance and race site; assisted with financial planning and started our club's investments. She has worked diligently providing legal advise to revise the bylaws of the Express, a task requiring many hours of painstaking reading, interpreting and rewriting and was instrumental in obtaining our corporate and non-profit status, while, as one member described, she calmly and eloquently addressed the questions and concerns leading to our independence as we continue to grow. She has worked tirelessly for the past seven years managing and perfecting the food supply for our annual Mothers Day 5K, which required obtaining food sponsors, then delivering and setting up to feed over 4,000 this past year! Also a great hostess to many of our race committee meetings, she is the go-to for a good bottle of wine! Always a smile on her face, and a great mixer, she has truly been an asset to our organization, not just as a fellow runner, but as a dedicated member who always has the best interests of the club in her heart.

Janet Baker: COME ON DOWN!!