



## **Double Your Pleasure!**

*by Neal Katz*

Patrick Seifried, a long-time volunteer in the Plano Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (PCPAAA), was recognized as the organization's Police Volunteer of the Year.

"I wish to congratulate Patrick for receiving this well deserved recognition, and thank him for his service to the Police Department and the community. He exemplifies the volunteer service provided by the many citizens who volunteer to help our department. Plano was recently name by Forbes magazine as the Safest City in America over 250,000 for the second consecutive year. The Police - Community Partnership in Plano is fueled by programs like the Police Volunteer Program, and only by working together are we able to maintain this high level of safety in our City".

*- Gregory W. Rushin, Chief of Police*

After completing the academy in 2004, Patrick became a key member. He is an original member of the Citizens Assisting Plano Police (CAPP) Program, certified for citizen patrols, Segway patrol, writing handicap parking tickets, and is the only CAPP member who is a field training officer solely for Plano's three Skywatch platforms.

Patrick has doubled his volunteer hours for the past three years. In 2009 Patrick contributed over 220 volunteers hours; 2010 over 500 volunteer hours, and again in 2011, doubling that number by contributing 1025 volunteer hours.

When asked why he volunteers for the Plano Police Department, Patrick stated "I enjoy working with the Department and our other volunteers, and really enjoy meeting and talking to the citizens while on patrol." It is his positive attitude, and his dedication, that made him the ideal choice for PCPAAA Volunteer of the Year.

In 2010, while on handicap parking patrol at Medical Center of Plano, Patrick and his volunteer CAPP partner, C. S. Randall, discovered an unconscious woman in the stairwell. Quickly contacting hospital personnel, who told them their quick thinking and action probably saved that woman's life. In 2011, both gentlemen were awarded a Lifesaving Award Pin and are the only members of the organization to receive this award.

As a professional photographer, Patrick specialized in the field of Medical Photography and was working in the emergency ward of Parkland Hospital on November 22, 1963 when President Kennedy was brought to the hospital.

Patrick and his wife Bernice moved to the metroplex in 1961 and have been married for 47 years. The couple enjoys traveling around the world and particularly Paris, France.