

39th Plano Children's Christmas Parade

by Jack Durnin

The 39th Plano Children's Christmas Parade was well attended and filled with lots of marches and floats. Of course, Santa was also there! The weather started off in the low 30's, but once the sun came out, the temperature improved quickly. High School bands, drill teams, JROTC units, and cheer leaders were a big part of this parade. Their music was wonderful and reflected the Christmas Spirit. Many members of the bands, cheer leaders, and drill teams wore colorful red and white hats. Some even decorated their instruments for the occasion.

The crowds really seemed to enjoy the music! Many entries passed out candy to onlookers, both children and adults. This added to the festive atmosphere. Great costumes, clever floats, and inflatable reindeer were everywhere. There was even a Snoopy sitting atop his dog house with Charlie Brown close by. Children walked, rode their scooters, a unicycle, or sat on floats. This was a great community event.

The Plano Early Lions Club presented this parade as they have done in the past. Although it is still December, it's not too late to start thinking about the Independence Day parade that the Plano Early Lions Club presents. For information about the Lions, go to www.planolions.org.

WINNERS

PLANO SANTA AWARD - Santa's Workshop



BEST USE OF THEME - Narrow Trail Cowboy Church



WINNERS

BEST WALKING UNIT AWARD - Vines High School Band



Best Overall Float - Villages at Allen and Fairview



Grand Marshal Award - Orman Lang II Norwegian Society



WINNERS

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD - North Point Church Snoopy



Christmas Parade Judges



Front Row (left to right):

T.J. Johnson, Plano Early Lions Club

Suzy Jones, Executive Director - The ArtCenter of Plano

Rev. Gary Mueller, Pastor - 1st United Methodist Church Plano

Mazzie Moses, President - The Links, Inc., Plano North Metroplex Chapter

Graciela Katzer, President - Board of Directors, Plano International Festival

Cheryl Williams, Collin County Commissioner

Don Johnson Plano Early Lions Club

Back Row (left to right):

Horace Satisfield, President - Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce

Chief of Police Greg Rushing, Chief Parade Judge

Chris Oldner, Judge - 416th District Court, Collin County

Lynn Swartz, President-Elect - Plano Rotary Club