

## Twenty-Six Two Member Profiles

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In this inaugural edition of the monthly TST member profiles, we spotlight two club members: **Katie LeBlanc Telle** and **Teresa Person**. TST will profile two or more members every month, and will vary the type of member – new member, founding member, former first-timer, board member, long-lost member, and more.

**Katie** was part of the 2007 first-time women's group that traveled to San Diego for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon. She is now living in New York, and is lucky enough to be in much cooler weather than what we're having in central Texas in July of 2011. **Teresa** joined Twenty-Six Two in March of 2011, and has an impressive number of races under her belt.

### Former First-Timer: Katie LeBlanc Telle



Katie as First-Timer 2007



Katie's Winter Run

Training for my first marathon with TST was definitely one of the best experiences in my life, and I consider running the San Diego marathon one of my greatest achievements. I still cannot believe how lucky I was to get to train with such a great group of people, and to get to run in San Diego. Growing up I was never really a runner, so now I love motivating other new runners, by letting them know that if I did it, so can they!

Since the marathon, I got married and moved to Rochester, NY. It took a while (and some special gear) to get used to running in the cold weather, but now I don't mind it too much. I even ran a few "Winter Warrior" races with a friend this past winter. I hope all the San Diego 2007 girls are doing great – I miss you all!!

## New Member: Teresa Person



Teresa's "Day Job"



Teresa at Warrior Dash

### Teresa's Marathons Completed (25)

Austin (Motorola) Marathon  
Bermuda International Race Weekend Marathon  
Boston Marathon  
Chicago Marathon  
Country Music Marathon – Nashville  
Cowtown Marathon – Ft Worth  
Flying Pig Marathon – Cincinnati  
Grandma's Marathon – Minnesota  
HP Houston Marathon  
Kentucky Derby Marathon  
Lake Tahoe Marathon  
Little Rock Marathon  
Marathon du Medoc - France  
Mardi Gras Marathon  
Marine Corps Marathon  
Midnight Sun Marathon Anchorage  
New York City Marathon  
Nike Women's Marathon – San Francisco  
Phoenix Rock 'N' Roll Marathon  
San Antonio Marathon  
San Diego Rock 'N' Roll Marathon  
San Francisco Marathon  
St. George Marathon – Utah  
Sunmart Ultra Marathon– Huntsville  
Tucson Marathon

### Teresa's Background

I was born in a little town in Northeastern Oklahoma, Pawnee, in 1955 so am 56 years old. I'm the youngest of nine kids. My family moved to Texas when I was 2 so I consider myself a Texan. Since graduating from UT with a BBA in Finance I've continued to bleed orange and have now lived in Austin for 28 years. I operate a company, 1031 Exchange Corporation, which handles Tax Deferred Exchanges for individuals or businesses with investment property. The service my company offers allows sellers of investment property to defer the capital gains tax associated with the sale of investment property. Not an "exciting" job description, like lion tamer or astronaut, but I really enjoy what I do largely because it allows me a great deal of contact with people from all walks of life. (continued...)

Running has always been my choice of exercise. I prefer long distances to shorter runs because that's time on the run works as a vehicle to relieve stress and come to terms with all my "problems." After my best friend was diagnosed with Lymphoma in 2002, I trained for and ran my first marathon at the age of 47 with Team in Training. My family has a history of health problems. In a very short period of time I lost my father, 2 sisters and 1 brother to cancer or heart disease. I keep running and exercising every day hopefully to stave off those same issues. I'm married (an Aggie), have 5 kids, two granddaughters, a boxer named Kobe and a cat named Sugar. I live in Georgetown now but have always worked and played in Austin. I'm an avid reader and enjoy quilting and anything outdoors. I'm looking forward to meeting some of the Twenty-Six Two group.