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## THREE TO ENTER GRANDMA'S MARATHON HALL OF FAME AS CLASS OF 2023

*Barno, Dock, Korte to Be Officially Inducted Friday, June 16*

**(DULUTH, MINN.)** --- Elisha Barno, Dan Dock, and Barb Korte will all be inducted into the Grandma's Marathon Hall of Fame as the Class of 2023, it was announced today.

The three-member class, being honored for making longstanding and meaningful contributions to the race and the community, will be officially enshrined during the Grandma's Marathon Awards Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16 at The Garden Event Center.

### ELISHA BARNO

Still the winningest men's marathoner in race history, Barno enjoyed a streak of four straight victories at Grandma's Marathon from 2015-18. His last title run of 2:10:06 still stands as the fourth-fastest men's time ever in Duluth, trailing only Dominic Ondoro and Dick Beardsley.

Barno is the first athlete to enter the Hall of Fame since Amanda McGrory, who was part of the Class of 2017 after she won eight women's wheelchair titles between 2007 to 2017.

### DAN DOCK

Dock first started volunteering at the Grandma's Marathon finish line nearly four decades ago and while his exact duties have changed over the years, his excitement to be part of a great community event has stayed the same.

"I can't narrow it down to just a few favorite moments," Dock admitted. "It's been 37 years of wonderful memories. Every runner has a different path to Grandma's Marathon and being at the finish line, I get to show up on race day and soak up all these different stories. This is a humbling honor, and I'm thankful to be included with all the great past Hall of Famers."



Dock says his role in the early years was more labor-intensive with manual timing than it is today, but he's been happy throughout his time to be part of the finish line crew. Whether it's cheering as runners cross the finish line or being available to help those who are struggling, he says it's a day he looks forward to each year.

## **BARB KORTE**

Korte was a longtime Grandma's Marathon Board member, being first elected in 1994 and twice serving as chairperson. Describing it as a working Board on which everyone had a role, Korte served many – she coordinated the spaghetti feed for several years and worked at the finish line on race day.

Maybe her biggest claim to fame, though, is helping to coordinate for more than two decades the annual cleanup of a section of the marathon's racecourse along the Scenic Highway between Two Harbors and Duluth among other Board members.

"Running was my passion for many years," she said. "I have made many friends and had lots of adventures thanks to running. I am proud to have served on the Board for so long and to have worked with others to make running more accessible to all ages in our community."

With its three newest members, the Grandma's Marathon Hall of Fame is now made up of 91 individuals, organizations, and municipalities, all of which have made great and lasting impacts on the race itself and the northern Minnesota community.

For any questions or interview requests, please contact Marketing & Public Relations Director Zach Schneider via phone at (218) 343-9874 or via email at [zach@grandmasmarathon.com](mailto:zach@grandmasmarathon.com).

## **PREVIOUS GRANDMA'S MARATHON HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

### **Class of 2022**

Glenn Evavold  
Jim Greenfield  
Monica Halligan  
Deb Pawlowicz  
Rick Recker  
Dick Skogg

### **Class of 2021**

n/a

### **Class of 2020**

n/a

### **Class of 2019**

Kevin Peterson

### **Class of 2018**

Jeff Frey  
Lizette Mitchell  
Deanna Nordeen

### **Class of 2017**

Adele Hartwick  
Amanda McGrory  
Doug Nelson

### **Class of 2016**

Joe Hietala  
Erik Nelson  
Kraig Rudstrom

### **Class of 2015**

Tim Hollis  
John Kessler

### **Class of 2014**

Scott Keenan

### **Class of 2013**

Carol Gallinger  
Mike Krois  
Rudy Lundahl  
Saul Mendoza

### **Class of 2012**

City of Duluth  
City of Two Harbors



**Class of 2011**

Ron Francisco  
 Steve Harrington  
 Ed Hermel  
 GB Leighton  
 Chelly Townsend

**Class of 2010**

477th Medical Company  
 Chuck & Sally Hegg  
 John Leppi  
 Bill & Nancy Olsen  
 Kevin Pates

**Class of 2009**

John Docter  
 Steve Greenfield  
 Kellie Luedloff  
 Bill Wenmark

**Class of 2008**

Sharon Buchanan  
 Jerry Frederick  
 Jeno Paulucci  
 Mary Spiering

**Class of 2007**

Neil Franz  
 Greg Haynes  
 Dale Kusnierek

**Class of 2006**

North Shore Striders

**Class of 2005**

Candy Furo  
 Taire (Lind) Suliin

**Class of 2004**

Don Fennessy  
 Gino & Kathy Goedel  
 Michael Pinocci

**Class of 2003**

Candace Cable  
 Ken & Mona Rae Cich  
 John Kulick

**Class of 2002**

Rick Jackson  
 Joe Johnson  
 John Naslund  
 James Nowak

**Class of 2001**

Brian Daugherty  
 Jan Ettle  
 Brian Larsen  
 Paul Van Winkel

**Class of 2000**

Joan Dahlstrom  
 Herb Dillon  
 Cindy Nelson  
 Mac Welles

**Class of 1999**

David Eckstrom  
 Doug Kurtis  
 Lorraine Moller  
 Tami Oothoudt

**Class of 1998**

Dick Beardsley  
 Peter Graves  
 Barney & Janis Klecker  
 Wen Shi Yu

**Class of 1997**

Gerald Church

**Class of 1996**

Andy Borg  
 Garry Bjorklund  
 George Fink  
 John Foschi  
 Mickey Paulucci  
 Alex Ratelle  
 Dorothy Spencer

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**ABOUT GRANDMA'S MARATHON**

Grandma's Marathon began in 1977 when a group of local runners planned a scenic road race from Two Harbors to Duluth, Minnesota. After seeing just 150 participants that year, the race weekend has now grown into one of the largest in the United States and welcomes more than 20,000 participants for its three-race event each June.

The race got its name from the Duluth-based group of famous Grandma's Restaurants, the first major sponsor of the marathon. In addition to the 26.2-mile race, the organization has now added the Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon and William A. Irvin 5K to its weekend offerings.



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