

# Spotlight Story

**Dane Rauschenberg**

**Arlington, VA**

**BIB #52**

Dane Rauschenberg, of Arlington, VA, is out to do what most would consider impossible: run 52 marathons in one year. A member of the Washington Running Club, Dane considers himself a relative novice to long-distance running. He began tackling marathons in law school to lose excess weight. "I consider myself to be just an average runner who happens to be extremely stubborn."

He ran his personal best marathon time of 3:07:25 at the 2005 Marine Corps Marathon. Even while running a marathon a week, Dane manages to complete every marathon in less than four hours.

**INSPIRATION:** "I have the singular purpose of raising money for L'Arche Mobile," an international federation of communities in which people with mental handicaps and those who help them can live, work, and share their lives together. Dane's efforts can be tracked on his website: [www.fiddy2.org](http://www.fiddy2.org).

**WHY FREDERICK?:** "The race is close to home, and finishing a marathon inside a stadium always sounds fun!"

**ADVICE:** "The surest way to guarantee failure is to never try. Your only goal for your first marathon should be to finish. You will have plenty of time to make other goals later."

