

**Jim Guetter**  
**Employee Spotlight Community Page**  
**Finance Manager, Lexus of Wayzata**

There are many benefits to working for Village Automotive Group. One program our employees appreciate is our Wellness Program, "Drive to a Healthier You". Village Automotive Group has committed itself to employee well-being through the promotion of long-term health within the company.

We are excited to feature Jim Guettler under our Community Page Spotlight on behalf of Village Automotive Group. Jim Guettler has worked in the Sales and Finance departments at Lexus of Wayzata for over 5 years.

Fitness is an important part of Jim Guettler's life and has been for many years. Jim has been an active runner for 23 years, and has participated in a total of 53 marathons with plans to complete even more! He started running marathons in 1991; his first race was Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, MN. Since then he has not missed Grandma's Marathon once in 23 years.

Jim was first influenced to run a marathon from his peers; since then he has not stopped. Jim states "it allows me to live at a certain fitness level that I have grown accustomed to". To prepare for a race he plans out a 12 week ramp up. During the beginning of his training he will focus on increasing the frequency of his runs, and later building the miles; about a week before a race will be the peak of fitness.

When asked what races he has enjoyed the most he replied, "the Boston Marathon, and New York". His favorite still remains to be Grandma's Marathon because of the fantastic racecourse, scenery, and volunteers. Jim states "the whole town embraces the race". Jim has a goal to break 3 hours. His best race time was in 1997 at Grandma's Marathon, with a time of 3 hours, 1 minute, 13 seconds, so close!

In 2013, Jim participated in 5k runs, such as the Excelsior Luck of the Lake, and Get your Rear in Gear with Village Automotive Group. Jim took the first place medal for his age category at the Get your Rear in Gear race and says "doing 5k's are a blast I prepare for 5k's with different training, speed training in particular".

Jim will continue to run and Village Automotive Group will be there to cheer him on!