



Bear Briefs



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The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

HEART OF TEXAS BEARS—FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

I wish Steve R and Ron K the best this life journey has to offer. They celebrated ten years together with a Commitment Ceremony at Zilker Botanical Rose on May 19th. The quote they have adopted from Walt Whitman pretty much sums it up, “To be with those I like is enough.” Amen.

My dog ate a hole in the kitchen wall. Most of you know Woodrow, the male of my brother and sister tag-team. The look cute, but I assume this is a common trait

shared by the “Spawn of Satan” variety of Pug. Poor Woody suffers from Separation Anxiety; he know in his little black heart that each time I leave the house, I will never return and freaks out. I have read all the Dr. Spock style puppy books and have visited countless websites on this disorder. We have had several therapy sessions where I offer him Ritalin or euthanasia. I practice tough love and he is learning to “embrace the crate”. I am considering substance abuse until his adoles-

cence is over. Contact me if you would like to puppy sit these precious Pugs or if you have a shock collar lying around the dungeon.

The Chain Drive has survived another round with “redevelopment” and we plan to make the Bear Bust on Sunday, June 10th, a special one.

Hugs,
Ed

BEAR BREAKFAST—JUNE 2ND

Hoover’s, 2002 Manor Road. This is a great way to start your weekend. For those of you that have

not done Bear Breakfast, we meet at ten, eat and usually plan a trip out and about Austin. We will be plan-

ning our booth for the Texas Gay Pride Festival so bring your ideas and a hearty appetite!

TEXAS GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL—JUNE 3RD

At Fiesta Gardens from 12 noon to 8 pm. Once again, the HOT Bears will have a booth at this fun filled

event. Come join us for a great day of music, local and national crafts-people, community organizations,

and friendly businesses and fantastic local food.



BOWLING NIGHT — JUNE 6TH

Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover at 7 pm. Bears and a great way to relieve stress. We average three hours. The beer is cold and the Dart Bowl has some of the best enchiladas in town.

This is fast becoming a regular event for the HOT playing three games and this usually takes about



HOT BEARS COFFEE NIGHT—JUNE 8TH

Ruta-Maya Coffee House in the downtown coffee drinks, Cuban sandwiches, pastries, bagels, and ice cream. Afterwards, well, it is Friday night...

Company, 218 West 4th St. at 8 pm.

The Ruta Maya Coffee and Cubita coffees, and

CAPITAL CITY GAY MENS CHORUS—JUNE 9TH

First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover, 8 pm. Advance tickets are \$12/\$15 at the door. For more information, call 477-8497 or www.cmcaustin.org.

The CCMC joins the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston for a musical union that features favorites from past seasons and premieres of music by some of Austin's own composers.

BEAR BUST—JUNE 10TH

The Chain Drive, 504 Willow St., 4-8 pm. and rub some fur. As always, the Chain Drive has many drink specials and upcoming events.

With the Chain Drive surviving yet another round with downtown HOT Bear "beartender"

THE PARAMOUNT MOVIE CLASSICS—JUNE 14TH

The Paramount Theater, 713 Congress Ave., is showing more than 50 classic films as they were meant to be seen-on the giant movie screen! The classic *Young Frankenstein* is showing Thursday night at 9:35 pm, tickets are \$6. If you don't like going to the movies alone join some HOT Bears for a night of comedy and check out the other great movies, program notes and hot links at their website: www.theparamount.org.

POOL PARTY—JUNE 16TH

Ed B and Marcus M are inviting the HOT Bears to "christen" the pool spa.. The party begins at 7 pm, hamburgers and hot dogs will be furnished, please bring a side dish, a towel and the mood to party! Directions and contact information are on the Member's calendar.

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DRIVE IN MOVIE—JUNE 19TH

Another event that is taking off with the HOT Bears is the drive-in movie night sponsored by aGLIFF. This month's movie is the spec-

tacular *Auntie Mame* with the divine Rosalind Russell. This movie received six Academy Award nominations. Beginning at dusk

(around 8 pm) and located at 600 River St. Tickets are \$5/\$4 for aGLIFF members.

BEAR CRAWL—JUNE 21ST

The HOT Bears will invade Splash Video Bar, 406 Brazos St.

at 7 pm. Thursday night is Showtunes night from 10 pm to 1 am.

BEARS NIGHT OUT—JUNE 28TH

China on the Avenue, located at 908 Congress Avenue at 7 pm. China on the Avenue servers classic Asian cuisine; dinner is served

ala carte, but you can also get spicy specials like Beef Imperial, duck with ginger root, Mongolian Beef, and General Tso's Chicken. Happy

Hour is from 5 to 8 pm. The great prices and relaxing atmosphere add to a very enjoyable dining experience.

HOT Bear Calendar June 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Bear Breakfast, Hoover's 10 am
3 Texas Gay Pride, Fiesta Gardens	4	5	6 Dart Bowl, 7 pm	7	8 Ruta-Maya, 8 pm	9 CCMC
10 Bear Bust, The Chain Drive, 4-8 pm	11	12	13	14 Paramount Movie Classics	15	16 Pool Party, Ed & Marcus'
17	18	19 aGLIFF Drive-in Movie <i>Auntie Mame</i>	20	21 Bear Crawl Splash! 7 pm	22	23 Houston Pride, 8:45 pm
24	25	26	27	28 BNO, China on the Avenue, 7 pm	29	30

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BEARTHDAYS AND NEW MEMBEARS

Wish the following HOT Bears a Happy Birthday this month!

Richard S.....June 5
Daddy Don.....June 6
Richard B.....June 7
David S.....June 8
Keith R.....June 12
David M.....June 14
Gene M-B.....June 17
Jon Scott R.....June 18
Eric P.....June 22
Walter M.....June 22

Michael H.....June 23

We now have 109 HOT Bears! Please welcome our newest members Bruce M, Richard G, Robert M, Gary R and Denny H.

The Board would like to express their thanks to the HOT Bears who served at the May Bear Bust at the Chain Drive. We certainly appreciate every one who shows up and the HOT Bear servers.

OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

Houston Pride Parade 2001, June
23rd 8:45 to 11 pm.

BEAR BITS...

Austin Bears eGroup—Chuck D, a member of the HOT Bears, has formed an eGroup for the Austin Bears and has invited the HOT Bears to join this mailing list. Yahoo hosts this eGroup and a member will not have to register with Yahoo to post or read messages, but have to register to access the eGroup's main page. Likewise, the Houston Area Bears has an eGroup that any one can subscribe to and post messages. They find this to be a valuable supplement to their regular club newsletter and calendar. Their members use it to look for rides to events, announce garage sales and discuss club business. Anything but soliciting for sexual favors. Due to the HOT Bears by-laws on member

confidentiality (Sec. 7.1) you will have to contact Chuck D via your roster to join this eGroup. This eGroup is NOT formally associated with the HOT Bears but we support Chuck and his fine efforts. The officers of the HOT Bears that subscribe will be moderators for this eGroup. NOTE: Ed B, the president of the HOT Bears, is a member of this eGroup and is excited that we have yet another way of contacting members and people wishing to contact Bears in Austin.

HOT Bears to volunteer for aGLIFF—The HOT Bears have volun-

teered our services as the annual Austin Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (aGLIFF). Did you know that aGLIFF is the largest Gay and Lesbian film festival in the Southwest? And, as one of the largest GLBT film festivals worldwide, they often show films that are not in general release for another year. aGLIFF has offered to allow us to sponsor a film in their festival. We will have the opportunity to promote the HOT Bears at the film that we sponsor. In turn, we plan to volunteer to usher an evening of the festival. To do so, we need 18 Bears. Each will serve a 2 hour shift. Jack L has agreed to coordinate the volunteers. Please contact him at ZJack@pobox.com to volunteer for this evening of fun!