



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From The President's Desk

Happy Holidays to all! A couple of events are planned for this time of year and we are hoping that most if not all of our members can attend at least a few get together. Marcus and Ed have again graciously invited our members and our guests to their home on December 13th for a holiday gathering and feast. You might recall some of the tans we got from the tree lights of parties past! Bring along a stuffed teddy bear to the party. As they did last year, Marcus and Ed are collecting stuffed bears to donate to children for Christmas. Of course December 31st, offers us another opportunity to get together at Jamie and Glenn's house for New Years Eve. All who have attended in the past enjoyed the heated pool, fireplace, outdoor bar and heaters, not to mention the edible creations of our members.

After our Bears Dinner in December last year, some of us walked 37th Street to witness Austin's Weirdest Christmas Light Display. I had though some of us might like to do that again or take in Austin's Trail of Lights in Zilker Park. We are eating south this month so either is convenient. We can decide when we meet for dinner at Johnny Carino's on December 18th.

A few of us ventured to New Braunfels to eat heartily at the Wurstfest in November. The music was great, so much so, it inspired a couple of our members to dance among the straight folks. The food was really great although a bit pricey. The Pork Chop on a Stick was my favorite. The music and sights made the trip a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. Thanks, Tim and Mark for including this on our November calendar.

The HOTB Contest was both a lot of fun and a great way for our organization to raise funds in order to allow our club to contribute to charitable organizations this time of year. Our contestants were sent out to solicit the crowd at the Chain Drive to participate in the raffle. We had a number of great prizes and happy winners. The contestants raised \$650.00 dollars for our fund drive this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for participating. Overall 7 contestants competed this year for the coveted title Mr. HOT BEAR. Our Gold Medal winner, selected by the Judges was Steve Cronin. I think Steve will represent the bears in Central Texas well in the coming year. Our Silver medal winner Ed Casler entered the contest to represent our older bears and he did that for sure. Our bronze medal winner was

Billy Hipp. All displayed those endearing bear qualities.

I know that Tim included a thank you in his weekly updates but I want to add mine too. Thanks to Chain Drive, Donald and his staff for making us feel welcome and libations handy. Other sponsors who made this event possible are: TapeLenders, Dr. Chocolate, The Leather Chest, Lobo, Phil Nelson (Registered Massage Therapist), Soy Sisters, and Ed Burleson for his contribution. Special thanks for stage set up that truly supported this event are extended to Ray Hayworth, Rick Davis, John Cowart, and Mickey Ferguson.

Lastly, I would like to invite the membership to contribute to the newsletter if you are involved in something you would like the club to know about or have attended and event and wish to express your comments. I think this will add to the overall interest in our monthly Bear Brief. The Executive Board reserves editorial rights.

Hope to see you at one of our December happenings!

Tom Bolt, President



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Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, December 6

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am. This month we are again having breakfast at the **Luby's** at 8176 North MoPac Expressway, 78759 (MoPac at Steck Ave).

Saturday, December 13

Holiday party hosted by Marcus and Ed. Always a wonderful event. The fun starts at 7pm. Ed and Marcus have once again graciously opened their home to the members of the HOT Bears and their guests. Bring along a

stuffed teddy bear. All of the bears collected will be donated to children for Christmas. We did this last year and it was a big success.

Sunday, December 14

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive) from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears at our home bar for \$.50 draft beer. We need at least two volunteers to help out during a couple of shifts.

Thursday, December 18

Bears Night Out dinner Johnny Carino's down south at 5601 Brodie Lane. Join us at 7pm (Bear Time) for some good Italian food.

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, December 31

Happy New Year's! Glenn and Jamie's annual New Year's party starts at 8pm. As usual it's a pool party, so bring a towel!

Saturday, January 3

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at Luby's.



Mr. HOT Bear 2004 Steve Cronin
Master of Ceremonies John Cowart
Silver Medal winner Ed Casler
Bronze Medal winner Billy Hipp



Halloween Party



December

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3	4	5	6 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast (Lubys, 8176 N. MoPac Expy)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 7p: Holiday Party at Ed & Marcus' Home
14 4-8p: Bear Bust (Chain Drive, 504 Willow Street)	15	16	17	18 7p: Bears Night Out at Johnny Carino's 5601 Brodie Lane	19	20
21	22 ★	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 ★	27
28	29	30	31 8p: Glenn & Jamie's Annual New Years Eve Party			

View the latest calendar information for this month and future months at the online calendar on the HOT Bears web site @ www.HeartOfTexasBears.org

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