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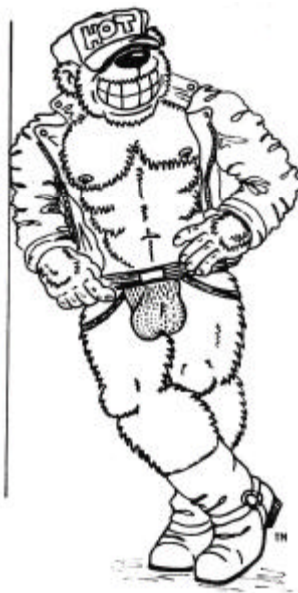
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The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

HEART OF TEXAS BEARS—FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy Third Anniversary Heart of Texas Bears! And here's to many more! We, the Heart of Texas board have been busy Oso's and I know that in the coming months you will see some of the fruits of our labor. I want to thank everyone that has worked in making my transaction an easy one. In the February Bear Brief's I had no idea of my goals or the direction I wanted to see the Club go in. At that moment, the most important thing was to get the Bear Briefs out to the membership.

The Club, much like us, is a work in progress. My goal as president will be to work towards the purpose the HOT Bears was formed for: To be a social organization created to bring together gay and bisexual people who are either bears them-



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selves or bear admirers for friendship and fellowship, and shared common interests. The purpose of the Club is to sponsor and promote social and recreational activities for its members and to conduct occasional fund raising activities for selected charities.

It is just that simple. And personally, I am going to have fun with being the president. I am going to make new friends and deepen the friendships I have developed within this group of men. All that I will ask of any of you is to respect each other and celebrate our differences. I believe keeping this as our focus being a HOT Bear will be a very rewarding experience for us all.

Hugs,
Ed

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH?

A warm thank you to Leonard S. for hosting the Super Bowl Party on January 28th. Drink recipes were explored for use at TBRU.

The HOT Bears braved road construction on IH35 to eat Bear Breakfast on February 3rd at Fran's on Cameron Road. The food and service were great.

The Bar Crawl on February 8th was quite a success as we invaded 'Bout Time. It was fun to watch the

regulars as the HOT Bears became a presence but they relaxed as they realized we were there to have fun and frolic. We were well received and I give 'Bout Time the Bear Paw Seal of Approval as being a friendly place for a Bear to quench his thirst and take in the local color.

Movie night on February 10th was the largest to date with 30 HOT Bears taking in "What Planet are You From?" As always, there was

plenty of good food and great company at Marcus and Ed's.

A Happy 25th Anniversary goes out to Jamie and Glenn, the HOT Bears hope you have many more. We love you guys.

Bear's Night Out was held at Romeo's on February 22nd. 28 HOT Bears were counted. How did that movie line go? "Have food and they will come?" Or something like that.

FROM THE SECRETARY, GARRETH H.

The month of February was another busy month for the HOTBs. The membership had one member renew, Rick J; and, we had three former members rejoin: Kirk L, Max S, and David J. I hope everyone will take some time and welcome these members back to the HOTBs. I hope you all are taking opportu-

nity to go up and meet someone you have not met before at the HOTBs events. You never know when we have a guest or when you will meet a member that does not go out very often.

We had four new members join in February: Jay R, Jerry P, Lloyd P and Robert C. Lloyd and

Robert are from Houston and signed up at IBR in San Francisco. If you have not had the opportunity to say hi, please go up and introduce yourselves when you get a chance.

Garreth H.
Secretary, HOTBs



March Events

BEAR'S DAY OUT, MARCH 3RD

Back to Hoover's! (2002 Manor Rd., Austin, (512) 479-5006) With ample parking and plenty of seating, we have decided to go back to Hoover's for

this month's Bears Breakfast. Afterwards, a trip to The Lady Bird Johnson Wild Flower Center should prove to be quite rewarding with the wet winter and

2000 pounds(!) of wild flower seed planted last fall. The Lady Bird Johnson Wild Flower Center is located at 4801 La Crosse Ave.

HOT BEAR'S ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND, MARCH 9-11

Can you believe it has been 3 years? Well, it has and it all begins on Friday, March 9th. That night, the Texas Lone Star Bears will be hosting a Cocktail Party at the Chain Drive in honor of the HOT Bears Anniversary! It all begins at 11 pm. Come on by and meet the Texas Lone Star Bears and celebrate our Anniversary!

On Saturday evening, we will have a celebratory dinner at Chuy's (10520 N. Lamar Boulevard Austin (512) 836-3218). It all begins at 7 pm. There will be awards given out (the ballots were in your member invitations). Who will win? You'll need to show up to find out.

Finally, we celebrate our longstanding tradition of the Bear Bust at the

Chain Drive on Sunday, March 11th. This is a great way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon from 5-8 pm. The Bear Bust is a great way to mingle with the Bears and patrons of the Chain Drive. We offer draft beer for one dollar and the Chain Drive has some great drink specials as well.

CELEBRATE THE MOVIES (PART 1), MARCH 24TH

Jeff M and Greg O have once again offered to host the HOT Bears in their lovely home. This time, it's Movie Night. It's the night

before the Academy Awards. This potluck event begins at 7 pm. Bring a dish and a movie. Ed still has his Pee Wee Herman

Collection, so bring something good, or it's Pee Wee! Let's keep this great event going strong by coming to movie night!

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CELEBRATE THE MOVIES (PART 2), MARCH 25TH

Join Max S and Kirk L in Temple for the 2001 Academy Awards. All HOT Bears and guests are invited to watch and

see who wins. It's a Sunday and may run until midnight, but Max and Kirk have said you're welcome to spend the night. Snacks

and beverages will be provided. Look for more information on telebear.

BEAR'S NIGHT OUT, MARCH 29TH

Voted "Best Barbeque" by the readers of the Austin Chronicle, The County Line on the Hill

(6500 Bee Caves Road) will be the spot for Bear's Night Out for March. The chow down begins at

7 pm. I think "Best Barbeque" says it all!

TEXAS BEAR ROUND UP VI, MARCH 29—APRIL 1

The Dallas Bears are hosting TBRU-6—A Bear Odyssey. Join hundreds of other hirsute men and their admirers for a weekend of Bear Pride and celebration in Texas' Most Visited City. TBRU is a premier annual international

bear event and features the Mr. American Bear contest, sponsored by American Bear Magazine. This year our own Mr. HOTBear Keith R will be a contestant and we wish him the best of luck. The HOT Bears will be

hosting the Saturday Cocktail party during and after the contest in the Hospitality Suites. For more information, go to www.dallasbears.org

SOME BEARS AT RECENT HOTB EVENTS



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BEARTHDAYS

Wish the following HOT Bears a Happy Birthday this month!

Ed B.Mar 5
Thad G.....Mar 12
JR D.....Mar 28
John F.....Mar 29



OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

March 1-4
Let Us Entertain You Weekend
Houston Council of Clubs
www.lueyweekend.com

March 29-April 1
Texas Bear Roundup VI
"A Bear Odyssey"
Dallas Bears
www.dallasbears.org

HOT BEAR WEBSITE

Did you know that Aldo W is our web master? Did you know you can have a link from the HOT Bear website to your own site? Many members have mentioned that they have

been contacted thanks to their link on our website. If you'd like to put your link up there, why not let Aldo know. His email is mrwrite@pobox.com

BEAR BITS...



LUEY in Houston!—Let Us Entertain You from the Houston Council of Clubs hosted their annual "LUEY" weekend in Houston on March 1-4. The event is free to everyone from outside of Houston. The only cost to you is transportation and lodging. There is a cost for the event if you live in Houston. Last year, there were 500 men and women in leather at the weekend event.

Bears at the Rodeo!—A member, Tom S., is interested in getting a bunch of folks together and going to see the hunky Toby Keith when he performs at the Austin Rodeo, on Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 PM. The tickets should be somewhere between \$20 and \$18 ... the more folks we can get together, the more of a price break (on the handling charges) we'll get. If you're interested in attending please contact Tom S. by e-mail at TeddyBear-Baron@yahoo.com or by phone at 512.302.5083.

Bears in the Damron Guide—The HOT Bears will appear in the upcoming edition of the well known Damron Guide.

March Against Hate!—The Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas will take over downtown Austin on Sunday, March 18th. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their allies from all over Texas will show their support for the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crime Act as well as other GLBT-related legislation by marching up South Congress Avenue to rally on the steps of the Capitol.



