



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Desk



Greetings! As your new President, I get to write a little in the briefs every month. Thanks to Ed, my predecessor for serving these last two years. I have a lot of respect for him, as do

I for Ed's fellow board members. John, Mickey, and Jack all worked with Ed as a well-oiled machine and leave a great legacy. It was their demonstration of commitment that lead me to step up and take on the responsibility of keeping things going, along with adding new and exciting things to keep our club strong.

I have tremendous faith in our new board. Kelly, Eric, and James are all great guys who love this club as much as I do. We all have personal reasons for being involved- and take pleasure in the responsibility. We have already met several times together and it looks like it's going to be another good year.

Our club is made up of close to 150 members. Among them, are people who are consistently involved in making things happen. We could not get along without them. It is my intention in this column to publicly acknowledge any member who contributes their time, effort, and resources to our club. As an all-volunteer organization, we depend on members like these to keep us going. We cannot thank them enough.

My Commitment to You

As President, I will make every effort to follow our bylaws. I reprint part of them here as a reminder of that commitment:

Sec. 1.2. Purpose

1. The [Heart of Texas Bears] Club is a social organization created to bring together gay and bisexual people who are either bears themselves or bear admirers, for friendship and fellowship, and shared common interests.

2. The purposes of the Club are to sponsor and promote social and recreational activities for its members and to conduct occasional fund-raising activities for selected charities.

3. The Club is a non-profit organization.

Sec. 1.3. Mission Statement.

The [Heart of Texas Bears] Club was founded on the truth that people need to maintain fellowship and fraternity with others of like mind and interest. The Club exists to:

- Support the eradication of discrimination, especially with regard to physical appearance;
- Provide social opportunities that enhance the personal growth and self-esteem of its members;
- Exemplify diversity and inclusiveness in our community;
- Promote the healthy expression of alternative lifestyles; and
- Foster positive community involvement and service.

In addition to the above, I encourage open communication among the board and membership. I invite you to our regular monthly meetings. The times and locations will be posted on the website and members only calendar. I invite your letters and emails. I will publish and respond to all in this column. As a regular human, I do not expect that everything I do will meet expectations of 100% of the membership. However, I will do my best and look for ways of doing better.

I look forward to working with all of you.

Woof.

-Peter

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Quarterly Business Meeting - July 8th

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The HOT Bears are grateful for the continuing support of the following people and companies. Please support those who support us.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 5

HOT Bear Board Meeting. Join the new officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:30pm. Your input will help make the Club better!

Saturday, July 7

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at *Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar*, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 454-1474. Join us at Trudy's for their great breakfast buffet!

Sunday, July 8th

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at **1pm** at the *Wyndham Garden Hotel - Austin* (formerly named The Woodward Hotel). The Wyndham Garden is located on I-35 at the Woodward exit. Their address is 3401 South I-35 (78741) and their phone number is 512-448-2444. They are a HOT Bears sponsor and are providing us a meeting room for our Quarterly Meetings. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, and share your ideas. Remember, it's **your** club. Bear Beer Bust will follow the meeting at the Chain Drive.

Sunday, July 8

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701) from **4pm — 8pm**. Join the Bears for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

Saturday, July 14

Guadalupe Tubing! Come join us for a tubing trip down the Guadalupe river starting at 11am. But wait! Gary & Denny have invited the HOT Bears to camp at their homestead on Friday and Saturday nights. **Please see** the article below for more information and a schedule.

Wednesday, July 18

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (Note: caffeine optional). This month we are meeting at *Jo'e Hot Coffee*, located on South Congress at 1300 S. Congress Ave. They offer a wide selection of food and drinks in a unique Austin atmosphere. See you there at 7pm. There number is (512) 444-3800.

Friday — Sunday, July 20 — 22

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite. At 1pm on Saturday the TCC

Summer Meeting will be held in the pole barn.

Saturday, July 21

2nd Bear Breakfast at 10am at *Austin Diner*, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin 78756, (512) 467-9552. This "2nd breakfast" for the month has become pretty popular. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood!

Saturday, July 21

Mid-Summer Splash Party. Once again Steve has invited the Bears over to his place for a fun day (and night) in and out of the pool. The splashing starts at 2pm. Bring a pot-luck item.

Thursday, July 26

Bears Night Out dinner this month is central. We're headed to *Aster's Ethiopian* on I-35 near 28th Street. See you there at 7pm (Bear Time). [2804 North IH-35, Austin, TX, 78722 (512) 469-5966]

Saturday, August 4

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at *Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar*.

Guadalupe River Tubing

Come for the tubing trip, come for the weekend, or just stay one night (Friday or Saturday). It's up to you! **Please note** that tubing on the Guadalupe river is a **physically demanding** activity in the hot Texas sun. If you have **any** concerns that you cannot carry yourself, your tube, and any thing else you bring along (such as an ice chest) down the river for the full five hour trip down the river, then we'd prefer that you stay and participate in the Bear Brotherhood with your Brother Bears in the cool of Gary & Denny's air-conditioned home during the afternoon. Tubing not required — y'all can just visit too! Here's our itinerary:

Friday, July 13

Come pitch your tent at Gary & Denny's starting at **2pm** on Friday. We'll have a group potluck dinner at **7:30pm**. BYOB. Stay the night or just come for the potluck.

Saturday July 14

We'll do a group breakfast on Saturday morning starting at **9am**. Bring breakfast foods to cook up and share with everyone.

Gather by **11am** at Gary & Denny's home for tubing on the Guadalupe. There is a **\$10** charge for renting the tubes. Bring sunscreen and drink. Sorry, no glass or polystyrene (coffee cups) on the river. We'll leave for the river at **11am**.

We should return by about **4pm** and we'll have a cookout and bear fellowship.

Sunday July 15

We'll do a group breakfast on Sunday morning. Bring breakfast foods to cook up and share with everyone. With the fuel of a good breakfast, it'll be easy to break camp and pack up.

Guerilla Queer Bar

Don't clone...Colonize!

Looking for some fun and camaraderie outside the traditional gay bar scene? Want to help "Keep Austin Weird"? Then join the

July Birthday Bears

Christopher Gibson ...7/1	Roy Adkins.....7/17
Don "Bowser" Breedlove	Michael Henderson ..7/21
.....7/2	David Low.....7/22
Gabriel Perez.....7/2	Craig L.....7/24
William Bohrer.....7/7	Shawn Fox.....7/26
Rob Blanchette7/9	Jeff Kennedy7/27

Guerilla Queer Bar movement. The GQB meets the 2nd Friday evening of each month at a different non-gay (ie; straight) bar in the greater Austin area. Go to www.smokingbanana.com to find out when and where the next "invasion" takes place and what the uniform will be for that takeover. You can also join the Yahoo group at groups.yahoo.com/group/gqb-austin to be notified by email all the information needed. And keep in mind....in order to keep the invasion a secret as long as possible...the bar is usually revealed 24 hours before the actual invasion begins. See you there!

Grrreetings from the VP

Well guys, it's that time again; the summer sun begins beating down, the humidity starts rising, and a new H.O.T. Board takes over the reigns from the previous. I would be remiss, if I didn't take this time to thank a few groups of people who have made and continue to make the Heart Of Texas Bears the biggest and BEST bear club in Texas.

First I would like to thank all the previous boards that nurtured this "little club" into what it is today. Without your vision, hard work, and dedication, none of this would be here today. GRRRR and THANKS! It is my hope and goal that we as a new board continue in that same tradition.

Secondly I want to thank all those who volunteer making the club just that much better. Whether you are slinging drinks at Bear Bust, selling raffle tickets for a good cause, getting things ready for a parade, volunteering your home for a party, or even just helping clean up after an event...you make things run so much smoother. We couldn't do it without you. YOU ROCK!

Lastly (and certainly not least) I want to thank the membership in general. Without your continued support and participation, this club would not survive. It's because of YOU we exist. Remember, this is YOUR club, not the boards club. We are only here to guide it along based on what we hear from you.

With that being said, I want to extend this invitation to you. Feel free to contact myself or any board member on how we can make things better. Have an idea for a club event? We want to hear it. Have an idea on making something better? Let us know. Want to volunteer or help out in any way? Here we are. Our doors and ears are always open

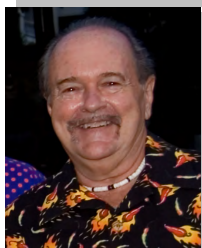
I look forward to this upcoming year and all the fun we will certainly have together.

Woof's and Grrrr's

Kelly

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Hawaiian Shirt Theatre Club



July 19th 8 P M @ Zach Tickets for our group \$28 that's a \$6 savings call or E mail me for tix to this show...I'm getting RAVE reviews from some that have seen it. Even a couple of New Yorkers have said that "The voices were incredible", "Worthy of any NY production", also from Austinites, "The best show Zach has put on in years" "Do not miss this show" I had my doubts about this show, but now am looking forward top seeing it. Call or E mail me ASAP so we can this show on the road.

Thanks Rob Blanchette

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**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR:
SUPERESTRELLA de JESUSCRISTO**
May 24, 2007 - July 15, 2007

From The Passion of the Christ to a high-tech Broadway revival of "JC Superstar," and from "The DaVinci Code" to "The Book of Judas," the story of Jesus' final days has been dominating recent conversations and writings about contemporary culture. As the title above suggests, now ZACH enters the dialogue with a fresh bi-lingual, re-invention of this popular rock opera inspired by a photography book of rural home altars throughout Mexico. These private shrines have profound personal and familial meaning, linking ancient traditions with modern customs. Likewise, ZACH's production will synthesize ancient and modern images with traditional and current Mexican musical styles to illuminate new personal truths and discoveries for everyone who call Central Texas home.

6th Annual Austin Pride Parade



July

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 7:30p: HOT Board Meeting – North	6	7 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star
8 1p: Quarterly Membership Meeting/Wyndham Garden Hotel 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive	9	10	11	12	13 TCC Austin Gay Nudists Guadalupe Tubing 2p onward – Arrive and setup your campsite 7:30p – Potluck Dinner and cocktail party	14 TCC Austin Gay Nudists Guadalupe Tubing 9a – Breakfast 11a – Tubing on the Guadalupe River 4p – Cookout and cocktail party
15 TCC Austin Gay Nudists Guadalupe Tubing 9a – Breakfast	16	17	18 7p: Bear Coffee Jo's Hot Coffee	19	20 TCC Activity Weekend (through July 22 nd)	21 1p: TCC Summer Mtg 10a: 2nd Breakfast Austin Diner 2PM Mid-Summer Splash Party at Grayrock South
22 TCC Activity Weekend	23	24	25	26 7p: Bears Night Out Aster's Ethiopian	27 TCC Touch Of Leather (through July 29 th)	28 TCC Touch Of Leather
29 TCC Touch Of Leather	30	31	View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site - www.HeartOfTexasBears.org			

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