



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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## From the President's Den



### Happy New Year 2009!

I am looking forward to a new year. The last quarter of 2008 was hard- with one exception: the election of a new President. I hope his message of change is real. It's hard not to be a cynic right now. Those of you who know me know that I am a "glass-is-half-full" kind of guy. However, seeing so many friends loosing jobs, a needless war, scandal involving greed in politics and business, people loosing homes, etc. that it is hard to stay positive. Lets figure out how to make 2009 a better year.

One small thing helped: The Premier showing of the "Back to the Woods 4" video at the Christmas Party. For those who attended B2W4, a copy is coming to you before the end of the month. Seeing the smiling faces, remembering the hard work the volunteers did, laughing again at the many great moments in the show- it all made me feel good again. It was a great time and I look forward to doing it again in 2009. It will be our 5th year and promises to be the best ever.

The board is now planning new things for 2009. We have our UnRun the weekend of April 25-27. A new Board will be elected by then and we look forward to working with them and maintaining traditions and creating new ones. One of the recent proposals is to try a second beer bust held at the Rusty Spur. I was talking to Jim, the owner, over the weekend. He is a good guy who is very community minded. As a result, he is actively supporting many clubs in Austin and their charitable work. I think a second beer bust will attract new members and expose our club to the larger community- always a good thing. I sure would like to hear from members on this subject- or any other activities or interests you have. The board welcomes your involvement. It makes me feel great to be of service to the membership. It's your club and we are here to help support any ideas you have.

Over last weekend, I attended many Christmas Parties. At one of them, Ed, the former president of this club, told me a story of a random act of kindness. He was walking past a 75-year-old woman who was struggling to help her 95-year-old senile father get into a wheel chair to get to a doctors appointment. Many folks walked by, ignoring her plight. Ed almost did, but turned on his heels and stepped up to help her get her father situated in his chair- and then stayed with him while she went and parked the car. "It made her day" Ed said to me. Well, Ed, it "made my weekend" hearing that story. So, as my first New Years Resolution, I will look for, perform, and note random acts of kindness and "play it forward" as often as I can. With so much bad news these days, I sometimes forget how a small act can brighten another person's day.

I hope this year brings good news and times to all of you. As always, I welcome your emails about how we can help this club remain strong and a good one.

Happy New Year,  
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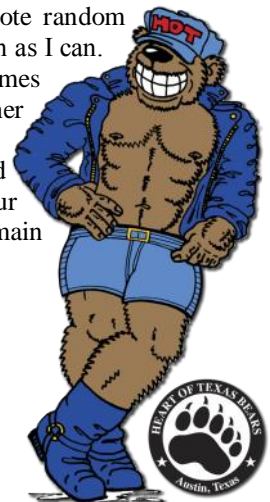
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# Quarterly HOT Bears Business Meeting January 11th



## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, January 3

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!

### Thursday, January 8

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. This time, it will be at the home of Kelly Stephens. See the HOT Bear Happenings email for the address. Your input will help make the Club better!

### Friday, January 9

Guerilla Queer Bar from 6pm to 9pm. See [SmokingBanana.com](http://SmokingBanana.com) for details.

### Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at 2pm. The meeting will be held at the Austin Library, Carver Branch, room #2. The library is located at 1161 Angelina, Austin 78702; which is a few blocks east of IH-35 on 11th Street. Their phone number is (512) 974-1010. See the HOT Bears website for a map. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, and share your ideas.

### Sunday, January 11

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** 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. [504 Willow Street, Austin, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

### Friday — Sunday, January 16 — 18

**Activity Weekend** at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite. The **TCC Winter Quarterly Meeting** will be held on Saturday at 1pm in the Pole Barn.

### Thursday, January 22

**Bears Night Out.** Join us for an Asian noodle feast at **TC Noodle House** in the Austin Chinatown Center. Join us there for dinner at 7pm. [10901 N Lamar Blvd Ste B-203, Austin, TX 78753, (512) 873-8235]

### Saturday, January 24

2nd Bear Breakfast at 10am at **The Bakehouse Restaurant & Bar** ([austin.bakehouse.com](http://austin.bakehouse.com)). Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood! [5404 Manchaca Road, Austin, 78745 (512) 443-5167]

### Saturday, January 24 — 1pm

**BearTender Certification Party.** RSVP requested but not required. Bear-Tenders Wanted! Have you ever thought about serving beer at a beer bust? Wondered what it takes to serve? Well, wonder no more! We are holding a Bear-

Tender Certification Party to certify additional HOT Bear members with TABC Server certificates. Come join your fellow bears and obtain your TABC certification together. The cost is only \$25 for a two year certificate. The class takes a minimum of 4 hours and must be completed within 6 hours, with breaks. You will be able to print your temporary certificate that day, and will receive your permanent certificate in the mail. Once you have your certificate, as required by law, you will be allowed to serve beer at our monthly Beer Bust. Please RSVP to [VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org](mailto:VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org) or (512) 369-9650 so we can plan a seat for your certification.

### Saturday, January 31

**Bear Bowling.** Join your fellow "Kingpin" bears as we hit the boards at **Dart Bowl.** Join us at 7pm sharp for lots of Bear Brotherhood as we take aim at those little white pins! [5700 Grover Ave. Austin, Texas 78756, (512) 452-2518]

### Saturday, February 7

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

**HOT Bears visit the Trail of Lights**



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## January 2009 HOT Bears Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> 4pm » Rusty Spurs Sunday Beer Bust - YEEEEHAW!	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Years Eve with Chris and Simon New Years Eve	<b>01</b> New Years Day	<b>02</b> TCC Fire & Ice	<b>03</b> TCC Fire & Ice 10am » Bears Day Out Breakfast
<b>04</b> ☾ TCC Fire & Ice	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b> 7:15pm » HOT Bear Planning Meeting	<b>09</b> 6pm » Guerilla Queer Bar	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> ☀ 2pm » Quarterly Meeting 4pm » Bear Beer Bust	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> TCC Activity Weekend	<b>17</b> TCC Activity Weekend 1pm » TCC Winter Meeting
<b>18</b> ☾ TCC Activity Weekend	<b>19</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>20</b> Innauguration Day	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7pm » Bears Night Out - North	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10am » 2nd Breakfast 1pm » BearTender Certification Party
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> ☾	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7pm » Bears Bowling!!!!

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