

## **Hill Country Mountaineers Alumni Chapter Year-end Report for 2009**

This was another busy year for Mountaineers in the Central Texas area. We enjoyed meeting a number of new folks who attended our game watches as well as having the opportunity to share fun times with our loyal chapter members and friends of Mountaineers. Highlights of 2009:

Meet the Coach – July 18, 2009 in Cibolo, TX. By special invitation, our members were invited to meet Coach Stewart who was vacationing in Texas this summer and speaking at a local coaches clinic. While it was on very short notice we had a number of very enthusiastic folks in attendance.

Bat Cruise – July 25, 2009. Members enjoyed a cruise on Town Lake in Austin. Even though the cruise was in July, the temperatures were quite bearable and all who attended seemed to enjoy the evening and viewing the hundreds of bats which appeared right on time!

Football gamewatches. Four gamewatches were held scheduled during the 2009 regular season – three at The Legends and one at The Tavern. For the Homecoming game – WVU vs. Connecticut – The Legends management treated us to complimentary cake and ice cream. Many thanks to Nick Curra at the Holiday Inn for this!

Touchdown Tribute honoring the memory of Paul Domaruk. Chapter raised monies to be placed into a scholarship fund for Paul and Lydia's infant daughter. Note: Paul who was only 34 years of age passed away after a valiant fight with brain cancer.

Craft show. In November, the chapter sponsored a table at a neighborhood craft show at West Oak Woods Baptist Church in South Austin. Sales at the show yielded \$106.00 to be added to our chapter's scholarship fund.

On-going:

Mainstreet Morgantown. An individual membership is maintained on behalf/and in the name of our chapter.

Hand-crafted dolls gifted to WVU Children's Hospital – 16 dolls are prepared and mailed to the pediatric patients in Morgantown six times a year. As of December, a total of 144 dolls have been gifted to the youngsters as a result. This effort will continue in 2010.

Thanks to each and every Hill Country Mountaineer who has helped to make 2009 a successful year for our alumni chapter. We look forward to more fun and excitement in 2010.

*"Once a Mountaineer, always a Mountaineer."* -- Pat White