

Message from the Hill Country Mountaineers alumni chapter president: 2005

In the first year of our chapter's existence, the focus has been on establishing an identity and in getting the word out (via web site, e-mail, snail mail, and telephone) that we are alive and well in Central Texas. Here's what we have done --

Where your dues have been spent:

1. Purchase of chapter banner (for use at all chapter events/functions)
2. Hosting of chapter web site
3. Contribution to Band-Aid fund-raising project for new band uniforms.
Note: A portion of the chapter's operating expense account was used to make up the shortfall on raffle ticket sales.
4. Miscellaneous postage and mailing supplies expense

In addition, individual gifts and in-kind donations have made possible:

1. Meeting space
2. Event refreshments and prizes
3. Food baskets and toys to Katrina/Rita evacuees
4. Establishment of chapter scholarship fund
5. Floral tribute to Coach Beilein (following Sweet Sixteen appearance)

Summary of first-year events:

1. Football and basketball game viewing get-togethers (including Elite to Sweet March Madness celebration)
2. Spring picnic at Zilker Park
3. Watermelon Thump in Luling, Texas

Additional note: We lobbied for the creation of a Don Knotts Memorial Scholarship and the WVU Alumni Association has made a commitment to make this scholarship a reality.

Your officers have given generously of their time, talents, and resources to ensure the success of our chapter in its first year of existence. In order to sustain the chapter's forward progress and its spirit of community, it is crucial that all members offer their suggestions and input regarding our events and activities.

We are excited about the future and hope you will continue to support the chapter through your membership and attendance as your schedule and circumstances permit.

**** Updated information on chapter activities and events is posted to our website:**

www.hillcountrymountaineers.org

Please spread the word of our chapter throughout Central Texas and

GO MOUNTAINEERS!

