

The Hill Country Mountaineers Alumni Chapter Year-end Report for 2008

Charity Dog Walk Chapter members participated in this annual spring event which raises funds to train service dogs for the visually impaired. It was quite a sight on the Congress Avenue bridge! Thousands of pooches took the lead and (in most cases) never looked back.

Football game watches plus bowl game The HCM chapter hosted three game watches at The Legends Sports Bar & Grill during the regular football season plus the Meineke Car Care Bowl on 12/27/08 where WVU was victorious over North Carolina – a great finale for the season and for Pat White's college football career.

Paver purchase for new alumni center The HCM chapter will be acknowledged for all time on the walkway leading up to the entrance of the new WVU alumni center. Installation should begin soon. When you're next in Morgantown, you may want to stop by and take a look! A special thanks to all who made a contribution for this purchase.

Dolls to WVU Children's Hospital In the fall of 2008, our chapter made a commitment to gift handcrafted fabric dolls to the pediatric patients at the WVU Children's Hospital. To date, 48 dolls have been shipped and from all reports our chapter's efforts in this regard have been greatly appreciated. A picture of the dolls can be found on our website.

Craft show for scholarship fund. On November 8, the chapter had a booth at the Bethany Lutheran Church's annual Christmas craft show and proceeds from this activity have been added to the HCM scholarship fund. Note: We have topped the \$1,000 mark for the scholarship fund. Let's keep building on this!

Holiday donation A \$100 donation was made to the Partnerships for Children during the Christmas season. This organization makes sure abused or neglected children have pajamas, a toothbrush or a teddy bear to hold when they are removed from an unsafe home.

Support of firefighters and rescue team at Engine 6 On behalf of the chapter, home-baked treats are taken to the fire station on Congress Avenue six times a year. You should see the faces of the firemen and women light up (no pun intended) when the deliveries are made. You may wish to consider taking treats to your local fire station – these brave folks really appreciate it!

Main Street Morgantown membership On behalf of our chapter, the HCM president has renewed an individual membership (with personal funds) to support the revitalization efforts that are on-going in the downtown area. If you haven't visited Morgantown recently, I think you would be pleasantly surprised at what's happening on High Street!

We've had a lot of fun this past year and look forward to hearing about any ideas you have for 2009. You are encouraged to send e-mail messages at any time that is convenient for you. Remember our website is updated periodically to keep everyone informed about what your Hill Country Mountaineers alumni chapter is doing. Check it out:

www.hillcountrymountaineers.org

Pat White following the WVU victory in the 2008 Meineke Car Care Bowl:

“Once a Mountaineer, always a Mountaineer.”

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