



Alumni chapter for West Virginia University in Central Texas
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013

Background

The Hill Country Mountaineers chapter was formed due to the efforts of Pattie Roe in 2005. Initial fund-raising endeavors by the handful of members were for Hurricane Katrina relief and new uniforms for WVU's marching band.

From its modest beginnings, we now have 164 individuals as members of our Facebook page (an increase of 15 over a year ago), of which 35 are reliable attenders of our Chapter's events.

Current board members

President – Joe Mock
Vice President – Steven Schrom
Secretary – Nikki Kelley
Treasurer – April Wappes
President Emeritus – Pattie Roe
Website Manager – Betty Skaggs

2013 fundraising

During the first portion of 2013, we raised funds for the debilitating genetic disorder called CDKL5. \$200 was sent to their national office.

Devastating flooding ruined youth playing fields at the Oak Hill Youth Sports Association. We donated \$200 to their rebuilding project.

After the WVU baseball program donated time and money for tornado relief in Oklahoma City (and received national publicity as a result), we raised money at a baseball Game Watch, and donated the \$100 to their fund.

Our primary fundraising efforts for the year, though, were for the WVU Children's Hospital. In the spring, we delivered a donation of \$100 and 10 children's books to them while in Morgantown at the ALI. We then heard that they were in need of children's pajamas, so through the football

season, we asked our members to buy PJs and bring them to our Game Watches. We also raised money by playing “games” within our football games, taking on challenges for each quarter we led in our games and for touchdowns scored. At the end of the football season, we’d sent 52 pairs of children’s PJs, nine pajama bottoms and a check for \$225 to the Children’s Hospital.

We maintain a scholarship fund (which currently has a balance of \$1,200) to use for Austin-area high school seniors who commit to attend WVU.

Chapter-sponsored events in 2013 (numbers in parentheses indicate number of people who participated and, when applicable, donations collected)

January

- 9th – pregame dinner at Serrano’s (25 attended) then WVU at UT men’s basketball (18 of our members attended)
- 12th – men’s basketball game watch (12)

February

- 9th – women’s then men’s basketball game watch (13)
- 23rd – men’s basketball game watch (12)

March

- 2nd – National Game Watch (21), honored Pattie, raised \$200 for CDKL5
- 5th – attended women’s basketball at UT (8)
- 23rd – hosted dinner with women’s tennis team (15)
- 24th – women’s basketball watch party (5), attended WVU-UT tennis match (4), attended NBA-D game to support Alex Ruoff (3)

April

- 6th and 7th – attended WVU baseball at Baylor (4)
- 19th and 20th – Joe and April attended Alumni Leader Institute in Morgantown, donated 10 children’s books & \$100 to WVU Children’s Hospital; WVU baseball at UT (7)
- 25th – baseball watch party (4, \$100 raised for WVU baseball fund for Oklahoma tornado relief)

July

- 31st – Chapter Board meeting (all Board members attended)

August

- 31st – Football game watch (14, \$39 and 8 PJs for Children’s Hospital)

September

- 7th – Football game watch (21, 5 PJs for Children’s Hospital)
- 21st – Football game watch (24, 3 PJs for Children’s Hospital)
- 28th – Football game watch (12, \$42 and 3 PJs for Children’s Hospital)

October

- 5th – Chapter co-hosted tailgate at Waco for Baylor game (\$511 our cut)
- 19th – Football game watch (17, \$14 and 3 PJs for Children’s Hospital)
- 26th – Football game watch (14, \$17 and 3 PJs for Children’s Hospital)

November

- 2nd – Football game watch (4) and attended football game at TCU (10)
- 9th – Football game watch (28, \$55 for Children's Hospital)
- 16th – Football game watch (14, \$17 for Children's Hospital)
- 21st – attended WVU women's volleyball at UT (17) & dinner with team (5)
- 23rd – attended WVU women's volleyball at Baylor (2)
- 30th – Football game watch (15, \$37 for Children's Hospital)

Financial

The Chapter's beginning balance on January 1, 2013 was \$4,338.85. On December 31, 2013 it was \$4,513.85. This reflects the balance after checks were cut to Oak Hill Youth Sports and WVU Children's Hospital in December.

Dues

Members pay Chapter dues of \$15 per year (\$20 for a family). All members are strongly encouraged to pay national Alumni Association dues as well.

2013 accomplishments

In order to be better stewards of the Chapter's funds, we closed our account at Compass Bank (which started charging us outrageous service charges) and, after some difficulty, opened a new account at Austin Telco Credit Union. Those with signature authority on the new account are Steven and April.

We undertook a lengthy process of updating the e-mail addresses of our active members so that we could use e-mail to communicate Chapter activities. Some of our members had complained that they didn't always get the latest news because they don't use Facebook at all.

We continued to expand our use of Facebook to communicate Chapter events (to supplement e-mail) and to allow our members to post WVU items of interest.

Perhaps most importantly, we supported WVU's athletic teams when they came to Texas: we hosted a BBQ dinner for the women's tennis team and attended their matches in Austin; we attended the baseball team's games in Austin and Waco; we hosted a pregame dinner when the men's basketball team came to Austin; we attended the women's basketball game in Austin; we attended the women's volleyball match in Austin and their post-match dinner, and we attended their match in Waco; and we expended a great deal of effort in co-hosting the successful tailgate event (attended by well over 200 WVU alumni and fans) before our football game in Waco.

Note: we have not filed for non-profit status, but we did obtain a Federal tax ID this year.

--Submitted by Chapter President Joe Mock