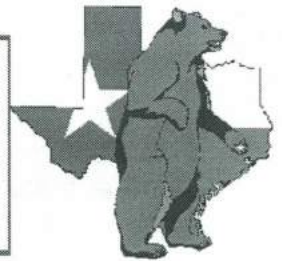


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## Special Interest Articles

- **Bearwatch Coming Up**
- **Houston AIDS Walk**
- **Membership Renewal**

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## Bearwatch 6

What is Bearfactor? What factors make one a bear? Many ideas come to mind but one factor stands above the rest as plans are made for this year's BearWatch 6 in Galveston. That factor is FUN! This is the one factor we kept in mind as we have planned for BearWatch 6. Some events planned include a strip contest at the undercurrent, tug o' war on the beach, and lube wrestling at the pool party. This year we ask what is your Bearfactor? Come join us this year at BearWatch 6 and experience Bearfactor!

Once again, this year our host will be the Sandpiper Hotel. We have arranged for overflow accommodations at the Holiday Inn express located just across Seawall Boulevard from the Sandpiper. Special rates at the Holiday Inn Express are available for BearWatch 6 attendees. IF reservations are made by April 20. Our traditional Saturday evening pool party will be at the Sandpiper Hotel.

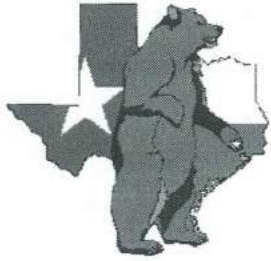
The Undercurrent Bar has relocated and will be hosting our Friday evening welcome party and Sunday wrap up. Their new location is much newer and a lot larger than last year. The new location is on Market Street and shuttle services will be arranged.

If you haven't registered yet, please do so now! The registration cost will increase to \$65 after May 1. Registration at the door will be \$80. Because of the limited accommodations we have limited the number of available registrations. Please get your registrations in soon if you haven't yet.

A great deal of work has gone into organizing Bearwatch 6 and I want to recognize Charlie C., Julio A., Robert C., Chuck N., Lloyd P., Patrick G., Jerry T., Shane, and Meynard P. Thank you guys for your energy, enthusiasm... for keeping me organized and on track... and for the work ahead.

-submitted by Jeff L

A graphic logo for Bearwatch 6. The words "BEARWATCH 6" are written in a bold, blocky, serif font. To the right of the text is a silhouette of a bear standing on a small patch of ground.



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#### HAB Business Meeting 03/09/05

Julio A. called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Guests and new members were introduced. February's minutes and financials were not available for review. They will be reviewed on April's meeting.

#### Committee Reports:

- Website: Meynard P. reported 11500 visitors to the site to date. Pictures from December social are now up and will have January & LUEY pics up later. Bearwatch 6 site has had 5487 hits and the message board is available to discuss BW stuff
- Newsletter: John D. – not at meeting, but given by Pelima I. March 20<sup>th</sup> is newsletter deadline and folding is March 27<sup>th</sup> at John & Pelima's house at 6pm
- Bearwatch 6: Jeff L. announced that host hotel is now full. 32 paid registrations, 56 total registrations received. Next meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> at Café Adobe.
- Merchandise: Julio A. announced that we still have merchandise for sale, including: hats, shirts, and pins.
- Social Committee: Patrick L. – not at meeting, but given by Charlie C. that Rodeo day out is Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. Bowling will be Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9pm at Dynamic Lanes of 59.
- Historian: Christopher P. gave the link to where some HAB pictures are located.
- Pride Parade: Jim C. stated that his apartment complex has agreed to allow us to set up the float the night before. All info is ready to send to Pride offices, just waiting on check.
- Membership: Mitch F. – not at meeting, but we do have 99 members

#### Old Business:

- AIDS Walk 2005 is Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations are still needed in person or online.

#### New Business:

- TBRU cocktail is Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3-5pm during pool party. Jeff L. is hosting and all volunteers are welcome. TBRU sent email stating that liquor had to be bought from the hotel.
- Nominations for Triad are coming up in April meeting

#### Announcements:

- Alton H. wanted to thank everyone for coming out to Brick's for the TCC landsite fundraiser with his debut of Sue Age Debris.
- Jim C. will be bartending at this March's social with the help of Alton H. and Rick P.
- Shane W. passed out information about Equality Rocks for same-sex marriage

A motion was made by Jim C. to adjourn at 8:02 pm and seconded by Rick P.

## Upcoming Social Activities

Tues April 5	Bear Bowling at Dynamic lanes (6121 Tarnaff) 8:45-midnight
Weds April 13	Dineout/Business Meeting 6:30/7:30 Biba's One's a Meal
Sat April 16	HAB Social at Mary's 9 pm till 11 or so

## Membership Renewal Time -

For the vast majority of H.A.B. members, your membership will expire in May. I will be sending out in March individual renewal letters to everyone who does expire in May. Please return your dues payment to the HAB PO Box or use the PayPal link on the website for membership renewals. I will be sending out a follow-up letter in late April to anyone who has not yet renewed to remind them. You must have renewed your membership and be a Full member in order to vote in the upcoming Triad elections. If you have any questions regarding renewing your membership, please feel free to contact me or any of the Triad members. We look forward to welcoming everyone back. Thank you!

-submitted by Mitch Froehlich, Membership Chair

## Social Events Survey Results

The Social Events Survey was a success. 52 bears responded (Yo Meynard, thanks for voting) providing a list of events we can enjoy!. The top ten items are: Pool Party, Movienight at someone's home, BOWLING, Camping, Rodeo, Six Flags, Movie Night at a Cinema, Galveston Beach Day, Float down Guadeloupe River, Board Games at someone's home. The majority of respondents are willing to spend between \$10 and \$20 for a once-a-month event. Some of the write-in events included Dining out, Progressive Dinners, Wine tasting, Rugby game, Picnic at Memorial Park, Art Walk Galveston, Ice Skating, Touring crack houses in the fourth ward and, last, but certainly not least, the funeral of whoever came up with the survey :).

A large number of these events are in the works and will be posted to the HAB events calendar and sent to the HAB Yahoo group as soon as more details are available. If you see something on the list that you'd really like to do or if there's something missing that just popped into your head, please let Patrick know.

-submitted by Patrick G., social director



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## Houston AIDS Walk 2005

The 16th Annual AIDS Walk Houston in partnership with Chase was heralded as a huge success. Thanks go out to all of those sponsors, teams, volunteers and participants that made this AIDS Walk Houston the best year ever! AIDS Walk benefits AIDS Foundation Houston. The HAB team headed by Robert Conn, raised \$625 for our Team Donation. Special thanks should go out to those active members that get involved in these events that take place early on a Sunday morning. -The Editor



Last year's intrepid team hoofed it through a rainy march morning

## Bears Seen in Local Bowling Alley!

A small group of Bears invaded Dynamic Lanes on March 1st for Bear Bowling. Meynard, Jerry, Charlie, Pelima, and Patrick had a great time. Charlie, who is apparently preparing for the PBA, was the bear to catch. He is the only bowler to break 100 in all three games. Meynard also did quite well after swapping balls – asking him about his balls. We had a great time and the price was perfect – 3 games and shoes for about \$8.

The next night of bowling will be April 5th from 9pm to 12am. All you 33 guys who wanted to go bowling – come on out!! We had a great time and would love to take over 10 lanes!!!

-submitted by Patrick G., your social director

Picture of a previous Bear Bowling night, featuring HAB members and their balls



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>April 2005</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Ken J. and Brad O. Birthday	<b>5</b> <b>Bear</b> <b>Bowling</b> at Dynamic Lanes 8:45pm - 12:00am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Sean A. Birthday	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> Jerry E. Birthday  Newsletter Deadline	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Chuck N. Birthday	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>May 1</b> Newsletter Folding (1) 2pm Hollywood Coffeeshop						

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## We Need You!

Lately there has been much discussion regarding what is decided at membership meetings. Whether you agree or disagree with the outcome of a vote, you have to be there to participate. In recent months we have had a membership of over 100. Most meetings over the last 6 months have had maximum of 23 people. There have even been two instances where we were almost unable to meet our requirements for a quorum. Every month we have issues that need to be discussed and voted upon, if you are not at the meeting you do not have a vote.

From our last meeting there was a heavily discussed issue, and when the vote was taken many did not like the outcome. Being a democratic organization, the motion either passes or fails. This is all decided by the membership present. The Triad does not make these decisions for the organization; you do by attending the meetings and taking an active part of this organization. Since the vote at our last meeting many members not in attendance have expressed their feelings, to the Triad and other members. In itself, this is a good thing. Unfortunately many that were not there for the vote, have either only partial information or down right misinformation. And this is being past on to others in the community that have reason to not believe what our members are telling them.

So why did I title this article "We Need You"? To let you know that if you have any desire to provide input into how this organization is operated, you need to become active. I am not just talking about attending a social once every four months. I mean coming to the business meetings, volunteering to work during some of our functions, and attending the activities planned by the Social chair. This organization was created as a social organization. That means we should be socializing with each other. That can't happen if the only time we see you is at the Anniversary party or the Holiday party. We try to have at least three different events each month where members can interact and have a good time. We will be deciding our next charity at the August Business Meeting. So if you want to make your voice heard and make your opinion matter, then you have to be there. I look forward to seeing every one of you at the next meeting.

Contributed by Robert C., HAB TRIAD

## HAB Bear 2nd Annual LUAU POOL PARTY

Saturday August 27 6pm -10pm .

Free for all HAB members that RSVP by Sunday August 21 \$5.00 for Guest  
After August 21 \$5.00 for members \$8.00 for guest. Party limited to the first 100 HAB members and guests

HAB will provide soda, water, and snacks. You may bring your own beer/wine but NO GLASS CONTAINERS. Must be 21 year old to attend

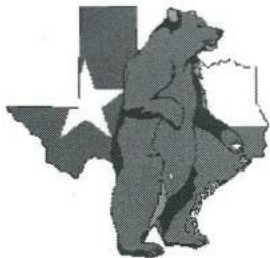
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## HAB Business Meeting 07/13/05

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Charlie C. called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Guests and new members were introduced. Chris Beck presented information on a event he is hosting on August 7, 2005. The theme of the show is TV Land. Each number is related to television shows. Tables can be purchased for \$100.00 each. Best-decorated table will win a \$200.00 prize for the charity of their choice. June's minutes were reviewed, then moved to accept by Jim C. and seconded by Alton H.. Motion passed. June's financial report was reviewed, then moved to accept by Augie R. and seconded by Mitch F. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

**Website:** Meynard P. not present. Reported the gallery has been updated. Time to renew website hosting services. If members have pictures for the website, please email them to [webmaster@houstonareabears.com](mailto:webmaster@houstonareabears.com).

**Newsletter:** John D. announced that the next deadline for the newsletter is July 20<sup>th</sup>. The folding will take place at Hollywood Cafe at 7:30pm on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Committee:** Patrick G. not present. Plans for a Six Flags outing on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20.56 and the deadline is July 8<sup>th</sup>. Putt-putt only had five people present, because of the weather, those in attendance when to dinner instead. Next monthly social will be on July 16, 2005. We need two bartenders.

**Historian:** Christopher P. has taken some recent pictures and will have camera at the social.

**Fundraising:** Elmer stated that Joe M and ERSICSS are cooking burgers and dogs each Sunday at Key's West. The last Sunday of each month, the money will go the Houston Area Bear's charity.

**Merchandise:** Julio A. announced that we still have merchandise for sale, including: hats, shirts, and pins. Currently have 4 left over shirts from Bearwatch for sale. Price is \$20.00. Quantities will be in next newsletter.

**Pride Parade:** Loyd P. reported that it is over. We were over budget by \$20.00. Lots of recognition from community. Unfortunately we did not receive any of the Pride awards..

**Membership:** Mitch F. announced that currently we have 54 full members and 6 associate members.

**Anniversary:** Charlie C. and Robert C. presented information on the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. Date will be Sept 17, 2005. Theme will be based on your prom. Currently looking at having an earlier dinner that evening and then party at Mary's.

**Holiday Party:** John D. has volunteered to organize this year's holiday party again. Currently looking at having the gathering again at Ryan's Steakhouse.

### Old Business:

- Trophy Case: Robert C spoke with Jaime at Mary's and it is looking like there will be a space for our trophy case at Mary's. More details to follow.
- By-law Review: Patrick G has been out of town and therefore the committee to review current by-laws has not met.

### New Business:

- Bear Luau: Charlie C presented plans for an August Bear Luau at Ron & David's home. Looking at last weekend in August. Planning event for later in day for more comfortable temperatures. (Continued on page 3)

## Upcoming Social Activities

Wens 10 Dineout/Business Meeting 6:30/7:30 Biba's One's a Meal  
Sat. 20 HAB Social, Mary's 9 pm -12 pm  
Sat. 27 HAB Luau/Pool Party 6pm-10pm

**HAB Business Meeting 07/13/05 (continued)**

Charity: Voting will be next month for our dedicated charity for this year. IF you know someone that can come and speak about their charity, please ask them to attend the August meeting.

Budget: The Triad presented the proposed 2005-2006 budget. Following discussion, Alton H. moved to accept and seconded by Christopher P. Motion approved.

TV Land: Discussion was opened to determine if HAB would like to purchase a table for the TV Land charity event. There being few people in town this weekend, the decision was not to sponsor a table.

Alton moved that donation of both last month's tips and the tips from this month be given to Jim C as a donation to the Miss Mint Julep contest. The contest benefiting Montrose Clinic. Motion Seconded by Joe M. Following must discussion, vote was taken. Motion approved by simple majority.

**Announcements:**

Christopher P. announced a charity show at Key's West on 07/15/05 proceeded go to Miss Mint Julep.

Jim C thanked everyone on the vote for the donation. Miss Mint Julep will be 07/17/05 at 1415 California starting at 3:00pm. The weekend of 07/29 to 07/31 Jim will be doing a triathlon for fundraisers, 07/29 at EJ's, 07/30 at Undercurrent and finally 07/31 at Keys West.

John D. announced that the River Oaks Theater would soon be showing "Muderball" about quadriplegic rugby.

Loyd P. passed on information for Texas Health Pool website and availability of personal health insurance.

Steve S. announced that his softball team qualified for the World Series and that they will be doing a car wash at Mary's from 9-11. Also planning a garage sale on August 6. September 25, 2005 will be Misfit's Ball This years theme is locker room. Venue is at Numbers.

Alton will be in show this Saturday called "IT don't get more bitter" sponsored by ERSICSS.

Joe M. reminded everyone of the cookouts at Keys West each Sunday.

HCC Pin & Poster contest deadline is July 20, 2005. Mary's clubs will be doing a cocktail during the unveiling on August 14 at EJ's. Rick P. volunteered to work the cocktail party

A motion was made by Jim C. to adjourn at 9:01 pm and seconded by Alton H.

**Health Insurance**

When faced with losing your health insurance, it is all too easy to become so upset that you feel lost, alone and hopeless. There are a few options available, and here are just a couple of them.

If you are a resident of Texas and fall under certain guidelines, the Texas Health Risk Pool may have a policy available to you. This is actually a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas policy. It includes a prescription drug card with reasonable prices. In many cases where there is no lapse or only a short lapse in coverage, some of the most costly and devastating illnesses can be covered without a preexisting clause or waiting period. It appears to be a very inclusive policy, with the only major drawback being that you have to pay all your annual deductible up front. You can find all the information about this policy at [www.txhealthpool.org](http://www.txhealthpool.org). The information is well organized and fairly easy to understand. If you have questions, the people who answer your questions at the phone number provided are very nice, very knowledgeable and know how to speak in layman's terms.

Whatever you do, do not call your favorite insurance agent to ask them questions about this policy. (continued on page 4)

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## Something Smells and it Ain't No Bear Shitting in the Woods

I want all members who did not attend the monthly business meeting to know what happens when you are not there to vote on issues that come up. We had one member who made a motion to donate all tips raised at both June and July's social to another member who is running for the title of "Miss Mint Julep". The motion passed because some members abstained as they did not want to rock the boat. Their abstentions allowed the motion to be passed (so people grow a pair and vote Yes or NO).

I am not slamming Daddy Jim because he worked hard to raise money for the community. The issue is where do we draw the line as a club? Do we support the next member who wants to compete for a title and other members who may want to run for titles too? Maybe I will start my own title, Mr. Big Stick up My Ass! Will the club open up the checkbook and support me?

We are a social club, which means that monies raised at events are for benefit of the whole club, not just for one member who is competing for a sash. The monies raised at our social events are applied to HAB events such as Bear in the Woods, Holiday Party, Pool Party/ Luau, Anniversary Party and for Awards for club members. Last year's Bear in the Woods event and Holiday Party were FREE to members and the other events were provided at a reduced cost. We are able to do this from the money received from members and guests at the monthly social. This income comes from tips, sales of Jell-O Shots and the 50/50 raffle. This money could have benefited ALL MEMBERS instead of helping one member win a title.

Yes, the money raised from his event will go to charity but the club decided on a charity last year. If we are going to donate to a charity, it should be to the one that the members voted on, not for someone to win a pretty pink sash. Members should make an effort to show up at meetings and participate in the voting. Your votes are very important. Did we not learn our lesson from last year's presidential election? So, as a member of a club of many and not just one, I will personally donate half of the amount of money being given to win this Title. I feel that it is a travesty if ALL members do not benefit. I also urge other members to donate whatever they can \$1, \$5 or more to help replenish the funds that benefit us ALL. So, Yes Virginia, there will be a free Holiday party for ALL members

Contributed by Julio Asencio-HAB Member and TRIAD member  
(This is a personal comment and not the full view of the TRIAD)

## Insurance (from page 3)

Insurance agents do not get paid to sell this policy. Therefore, most of them have never read the policy and will try to give you information based on what they know of other policies. If you have the option of going with a COBRA policy, check this one out too. You may find this to be more reasonable and more comprehensive.

The other bit of information that could be helpful for those who are left with no health insurance and a very large medication bill every month is that some drug manufacturers actually have a soft spot and have been known to provide medications at no charge to patients who need those meds to survive and cannot afford them. You will probably have to seek the help of your physician in communicating with the pharmaceutical company, but every effort is worthwhile. Having no health insurance is scary. Having a life-threatening illness and no health insurance is far worse. No matter how you look at it, health insurance is not cheap, but it is much better than paying full price for doctors care, testing, hospital stays and medication.

-contributed by Loyd P.

# August 2005

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Birthday - Kyler L	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Birthday - Richard R
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Birthday - Shane W	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> HAB Monthly Meeting 6:30 Dineout & 7:30 Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Birthday - Chuck D	<b>13</b> Birthday - John D
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Birthday - Michael A	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> HAB Social 9pm Mary's
<b>21</b> Newsletter deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Birthday - David S	<b>27</b> HAB BEAR LUAU POOL PARTY 6pm-10pm
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Newsletter Folding 7:30 pm Gabby BBQ			

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## Let's Get Soaking Wet!!!

On Saturday August 27 HAB entertained us with their second annual Luau (or Laua, whichever). The weather was a nut roaster all day and the thought of diving into a wet and wonderful pool sounded fabulous to this bear. Just like last year (which was the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Luau) it was held at the home of Ron and David and we really want to express our gratitude at the hospitality they showed the group.

There was a really good turn out with around 45 people there; lots of familiar faces and some new ones also. There was a sumptuous feast of your traditional picnic fare set out for everyone to nosh on, lots of cold soda and water to wet one's whistle and plenty of cooler space for the brews. The party was really low key, no shows, few announcements, just the informal cannonball/bear-nami contest (I think it was a tie between "Pipeline" Joe and David "Suma-nami") and lots of fun in the pool.

I left a little early just as the lightning began to pick up from the north, so I imagine the party broke up not too much later than that. Again, the triad put together a nice simple get together that was enjoyed by everyone. Good job guys and let's keep up the good work.

Contributed by John Davis, editor and former Triad member

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### HAB Business Meeting 08/10/05 Minutes

Julio A. called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Guests were introduced. Candidates for ICOH Emperor and Empress spoke about upcoming elections. July's minutes were reviewed, moved to accept with corrections by Elmer S. and seconded by Jack A. Motion passed with 13 votes yes. Financials were then presented, moved to accept by Jack A. and seconded by Sir Korwin. Motion passed with 12 votes yes.

#### Committee Reports:

- Website: Meynard P. – not at meeting. Report via email. He reported 24397 hits to website.
- Newsletter: John D. – not at meeting
- Social Committee: Patrick G. had nothing to report.
- Historian: Christopher P. had nothing to report.
- Fundraising: Elmer S. announced he was working with Robert C. on anniversary party.
- Merchandise: Julio A. announced that he still had stuff for sale.
- Membership: Mitch F. – not at meeting
- Anniversary: Charles C. announced tentative plans for anniversary. Theme is 80's prom with Jell-O shots and 50/50, with possible entertainment and photo opportunities.
- Holiday Party: John D – not at meeting.

#### Old Business:

- Trophy Case: Plans have been made twice to move the case to Mary's, but each time, plans had fallen out. The glass is going to be changed out and replaced with Plexiglas. We are currently looking for a place to temporarily store the case until renovations can be made.
- By-law review: Patrick will be sending out an email to volunteers to review and critique proposed by-law changes.
- Luau: Will take place on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Ron & David's. It is free to HAB members who RSVP by August 21<sup>st</sup>, then \$5 after that. Non-members pay \$5 before 21<sup>st</sup>, then \$8 after. Foods and sodas will be supplied. BYOB.

#### New Business:

- Award Voting: Members were given ballots to vote for the HAB awards. These awards will be given out during the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Charities: The choosing of a charity has been postponed until next month's meeting. (continued page 3)

## Upcoming Social Activities

Wens 14 Dineout/Business Meeting 6:30/7:30 Biba's One's a Meal

Sat. 17 "The Revenge of The 80s Prom" HAB 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Social, Mary's 9 pm -12

**Minutes (cont.)**

- **Open Discussion:** After much talk via email and website, an open discussion was held to talk about last month's motion to donate money from previous bar tips to help Jim Crawford win the Miss Mint Julep contest. Monies raised by contestants were donated to the Montrose Clinic. After discussion, this topic will no longer be allowed via email or website. No notes were taken during the discussion.
- **Change to Announcements:** Beginning with next month's membership meeting, all announcements should be emailed to the triad prior to the meeting. That way the meeting time will be decreased and members will have a typed page that they can take with them with all announcements detailed. This information will also be included in newsletter and calendar of events.

**Announcements:**

- Alton H. announced that he would be selling Jell-O Shots for \$1 at Sundance Cattle Company's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Mary's. He then announced that Mr. Prime Choice would be at the Undercurrent in Galveston at 9pm on the same night. He also announced that during the day Saturday, he would be performing at Mary's from 12 to 3 with "Drink, Food, and Tons of Debris". Then on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Mary's he would be performing in "Debris Debacles". On Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at EJ's was the pin and poster contest revealing for LUEY.
- Joe M. reminded everyone that he is at Keys West every Sunday for "Eat at Joe's" from 4 till dark. Burgers and Dogs are sold with proceed benefiting various charities, including our charity, the Houston Buyers Club, from the last Sunday of each month's proceeds.
- Sir Korwin reminded everyone about ICOH Emperor and Empress voting this Friday at EJ's from 4 to 9, then Saturday at 1415 California from 10 to 6pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sir Korwin at 8:45pm and seconded by Alton H.

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				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Jack Adam's Birthday	8 Ronnie Siebert's Birthday	9	10
11 See Alton H. at Mary's 5pm for Debris' Debacles	12	13	14 HAB Monthly Meeting 6:30 Dineout & 7:30 Meeting	15	16	17 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Social 9pm Mary's  Alton Howard's & Elmer Shehane's Birthday
18	19	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23 Bears of San Antonio's Bears to the Coast on South Padre Island	24 Bears of San Antonio's Bears to the Coast on South Padre Island
25 Misfit's Ball  Jerry Tumlin's Birthday  Eat at Joe's 4pm at Keys West with Joe M.	26	27	28  Newsletter Folding Hollywood Café 7:30 pm	29	30	