

GATOR ZONE



February 25, 2009 – A 2008 Recap from our Charities Committee

To The Members:

2008 started off with the Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park. BTS raised \$5,406.35 with 22 BTS members, friends and family registered to take the Plunge.

In the spring, collections of non-perishable food donations for North Arundel Church (NAC) food pantry began. By the summer, BTS ended up with five boxes of food and \$150 in grocery store gift cards. NAC was delighted!

For Easter, Hans suggested donating to a family from Baltimore Washington Medical Center. He worked with the Mom who had been diagnosed with cancer and was, at that time, undergoing chemotherapy treatments while she continued to work. All of which left her tired and not able to prepare a holiday meal for her family. BTS donated \$150. Dave and Stef Soler stepped in and made all of the arrangements for a meal to the family's liking from Heavenly Ham.

In May, Barb and Andy Franklin's son-in-law biked mountain trails in Colorado to benefit the Children's Hospital of Denver. BTS contributed \$100 to help him reach his goal of \$500. BTS also contributed \$100 to the Ride Across Maryland which was to benefit Susan G. Komen Cure of MD.

June and the end of school year festivities found some BTS members volunteering at Ridgeway Elementary School at an Olympics of their own for disabled children. In addition to the time given by our volunteers, BTS made a financial contribution of approximately \$500 toward portable toilets for the day of the event. Nest 14 held their annual Relay for Life walk in June as well. Some BTS members walked with the Nest 14 families and financial contributions were also made by the club and individual members of BTS.

OFFICERS

President – Brian Karseboom

Vice President – Dave Kraft

Treasurer – Don Owings

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BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Vorobyev – 02/10

Dave Dixon – 02/16

Andy Franklin – 02/17

Warren Henley – 02/17

Stacy Duncan – 02/18

Rob Harnsberger – 02/19

Heather Saffield – 02/20

Amber MacLean – 02/22

Jon Fincham – 02/24

Hans Pfeiffer – 03/06

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In September, BTS was notified of two small boys who were both ill with very different diseases and had very different needs. Fortunately, BTS was able to make contributions in both situations. One boy is a 3 year old with leukemia. BTS donated a \$100 gasoline gift card to his family to help offset the transportation expenses going between home and Johns Hopkins several times each week for treatments. The other boy is a 4 year old with Type 1 Diabetes. His family was trying to raise \$7,500 to obtain an alert dog who would be trained to know the child and be able to detect drastic changes in his sugar level, helping his family to live a more “normal” life. BTS donated \$200 and the family did reach their goal and now all live together.

November had Tailgators preparing for the holidays and the cold weather. BTS held a toy drive; and in conjunction with Bill Batemans; a coat drive. The results were amazing! Winter coats, hats and gloves were donated to two local area churches. The new toys were also included in the generous donation to these churches. Some members also attended a benefit dance for the Lupus foundation in November. A good time was had by those who attended.

With December and Christmas right around the corner, BTS was able to provide financial assistance to another family in need. Mom, Dad and their three children, ages 3, 7 and 10 are friends of Jennifer Kraft's. Jen's friend Kim took the lead in coordinating the shopping and wrapping effort, using the \$350 donated by BTS. The Mom passed away a few days after Christmas from breast cancer. Once again, God blessed us with the timing and means to make a difference.

NAC also had a request for Holiday sharing. That plea came in the form of a 5 year old girl. Her Mom went to NAC asking for help. She is a single Mother and was struggling to provide gifts to her daughter for the holiday. BTS had delivered toys to NAC earlier in the month but those had already been given out. Luckily, we were able to pull resources and provide a few nice outfits, pajamas and, of course, the toys for her Christmas morning.

Anniversaries

03/06/04 – Mr. & Mrs. Soler

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February 25, 2009 – 2009 Starts Off Strong

The 2009 Polar Bear Plunge had 35 BTS members, friends and family registered to plunge. To date, we have raised \$8,486.00 for Special Olympics of MD. Way to go Tailgators!

A Special Message from our Outgoing Charity Chairperson – Tresa Melvin

Thanks to everyone who has helped support my efforts and those of Baltimore Tailgators over the past two and a half years that I have served as Chairperson of the Charity Committee. We have continued to increase our donations every year and I'd love to see that trend continue. Please give Cal all of the support and encouragement he needs to keep Baltimore Tailgators Society out there making a difference in our community!

God Bless,
Tresa

BTS would like to say Thank You to Tresa for a job well done. And, Thank You Baltimore Tailgators for your continued commitment and generosity in making our community a better place!

Upcoming Events

- 02/28 – Atlantic City
- 03/13 – Ocean City
- 03/22 – Balto. Mariners
- 03/25 – BTS Meeting
- 04/25 – Spring Fling

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