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# The Wesley Bearkat

The Official Newsletter of the SHSU Wesley Foundation

SUMMER 2016 Edition

A newsletter designed to be experienced in 7 minutes, for people on the go!



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8/2/16: The Wesley during the summer

## A Few Quick Words from Greg

This summer has been one of my busiest summers ever. Yet, I am not complaining about it. Do you know why? We received HUGE news during Finals Week: the amazing people of the Board of Directors of the Permanent Endowment Fund at Moody UMC in Galveston approved our \$64,000 grant request to build a new tool shed and remodel our kitchen. Why did we need to remodel our kitchen? For years, we have operated with one oven with four burners. This is adequate for feeding 12 people or 15 people. Yet, throughout the last academic year, we had anywhere from 30 to 50 at our weekly dinners. We needed a bigger oven. To be specific, a Vulcan Grill with two ovens, six burners and a full griddle. In order to do that, it would call for a complete remodeling by doubling the size of our kitchen. The good folks at the Moody UMC saw our need and stepped up to help our ministry continue to thrive and flourish. We began in mid-May, and I am pleased to say we are nearly finished with the remodeling. The new kitchen will have a pantry with a washer/dryer, the Vulcan grill, a deeper sink, two new fridges, a new ice maker and wonderful cabinets.

In Christ's Service,

**Greg**

The new kitchen is almost finished! It will be ready for Welcome Week!



## Generosity Corner

We have been working hard to find other areas of funding, including a new category in our income we call "Partner Programs." One great community partner is Kroger! If you do your shopping at Kroger, anywhere in the USA, you can set your Kroger card to tell them you want a portion of all purchases to go the Wesley. We are group #43553 in their Community Rewards effort.

Our supporters (29 households) who shopped at Kroger between 2-28-2016 and 5-28-2016 have contributed \$150.72 total donation. If we raised \$150 for all four quarters of the year, that is \$600 more for the year! We can think of many uses for \$600 in our ministry! Why stop there? Let's get as many households on board as we can! Are you a Kroger shopper? The Wesley would certainly love to have your support!



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## Dates/Events on the Horizon:

- Aug 20: SHSU Move-In Day for Fall 2016
- Aug 21-Aug 24: Welcome Week Events @ Wesley:
  - Sunday (8/21)- Capture the Flag on campus (7p)
  - Monday (8/22)- Pancake Breakfast (10a)
  - Tuesday (8/23)- Water War (10a)
  - Ice Cream Feast (7p)
  - Wednesday (8/24)- First Weds Dinner & Worship of the 2016-2017 Year (6p & 7p)
- Aug 26-Aug 28- Fall Leadership Retreat at Christ UMC in College Station
- Fri, Sept 9: Wesley Late-Nighter
- Thurs, Oct 13: SHSU Homecoming Parade
- Sat, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 11am- Fifth Annual SHSU Wesley Alumni Lunch (cost: Free)
- Sat, Oct 29- Wesley Parents/Families Dinner (free) during SHSU Parents/Families Weekend
- Wesley Halloween Party TBD (Oct 27, or Oct 31)

Next Wesley Bearkat Newsletter:  
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## Wesley Work Day 2016

Each March or April, we do a spring cleaning and a round of minor improvements for the Wesley. We washed the van and clean it out. We cleaned out all the light panels in the building. We painted. We did construction projects. For the 2016 work day, it is my sad duty to inform you that we opted to disassemble the GaGa Ball Pit. It was hardly being used, and Student Council believed the courtyard zone could better used in a different way. On a lighter note, we also worked on building four new A-Frame signs. Two are now deployed on campus, and two are near the Wesley.



## New Windows at the Wesley June 2016

Installing new windows throughout the main areas of the Wesley turned out to be more complicated than our window guys thought. Plus, the rain of May slowed them down a bit. With that said, I am happy to announce that we have completed the installation of 14 new windows and all new window panels for the front window. This was our big building project for 2016 out of our general budget's building improvements. These new windows can open easily, have U.V.-shielding, and are double-panel energy efficient. A much needed improvement!



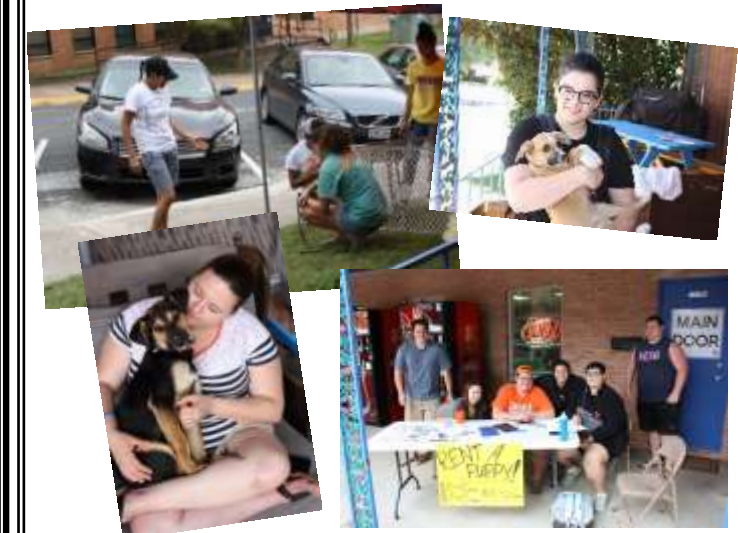
## Potato Fundraisers Raise More Funds for Our Ministry

We are grateful to our partnering churches for letting us crash at their place of worship on a Sunday. We bring potatoes with all the fixings, and the people name their price for a big baked potato lunch. Some give \$5, \$10, \$20. We also see checks of \$50, \$100, and a couple that were more than that! Wow! We raised \$1,700 from First UMC Huntsville's potato Sunday (April 17), and \$1,200 from Bays Chapel & Richards UMC (June 26). A big thanks to all of you, our supporters and volunteers!



## Fifth Annual Puppy Therapy 5/2/16 & 5/3/16

Every year, on the Monday and Tuesday during spring semester Finals Week, we offer a rent-a-puppy event. This is a big event in raising crew morale during the stressful week, as well as promoting our organization, as well as making for a great service project. Every dollar raised went to our local animal shelter, which recently became a no-kill facility.



## All Paws In 2016 4/9/2016



Every year, dozens of student organizations of SHSU join together in "All Paws In," a massive effort to unleash college students into the community, on a Saturday morning, to paint, clean up, and bless Huntsville in many ways. We joined with two other groups at Second Baptist Huntsville. We painted and did lots of landscaping. The Wesley's arsenal of tools were critical to keeping all three of these groups busy!

## Summer Recruiting at Passports to Sam!



I love summers at SHSU! One big thing we do during the summer is connect with new students and their families. We give away lots of free stuff, like cups, pens, stickers, brochures and Welcome Week flyers. We also give away great chocolate candy and fruit snacks. We have met lots of new, enthusiastic students! Special thanks to all who served. We were only allowed two per orientation, but we have 80 names of interested freshmen! Hooray!

## End of Year Program 4/24/2016



One of our bitter-sweet big events of the spring semester is our End of Year Celebration. We feasted at Bandara Grill. We went to the Wesley and "roasted" our graduates. We began a new tradition by giving Wesley chords for our graduates to wear on their big day. We gave out fun awards, based on votes from our crew. We saw a video of pictures from the year. We took a big group picture. We put 20+ more hand prints on the wall. We ate Farmhouse pie. We had a blast!

## U.M. ARMY Mission Trip to Nacogdoches, TX (May 22-28)



We doubled our group size to College UM ARMY this year! Hooray! In Nacogdoches, we combined with college students and older adults from all over eastern Texas to form our mission camp of 50 people. We built porches, wheelchair ramps, painted a lot, built fences, cleared out a basement, did lots of landscaping and helped a museum complex. We worshipped well, served well, loved well. We can't wait for next year!