

# Celebrating Our News & Views

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## President's Message



Dear Ladies,  
Happy Anniversary!!!!  
As we are preparing for the 45th Anniversary Luncheon, I have been reading through the history of our organization. All I can say is WOW!!!! The women who started and led this organization throughout the years are amazing. What an honor it is just

to be a part of it.

Now, I have a challenge for all of us. Let's do something awesome with our chance to contribute. I want to hear all your ideas. We have an opportunity to do great things for our community. So, let's get out there and do them. If you are not on a committee pick one! You are not going to want to miss out on the things we are planning for this year.

Because of all of you, the WKCYS kids will be getting a water fountain in their gym. Ask Debbie for details. What a group of giving women you are.

We are planning a new member orientation in April. It is going to be fun and informative. So, everyone plan on attending. Details coming soon....

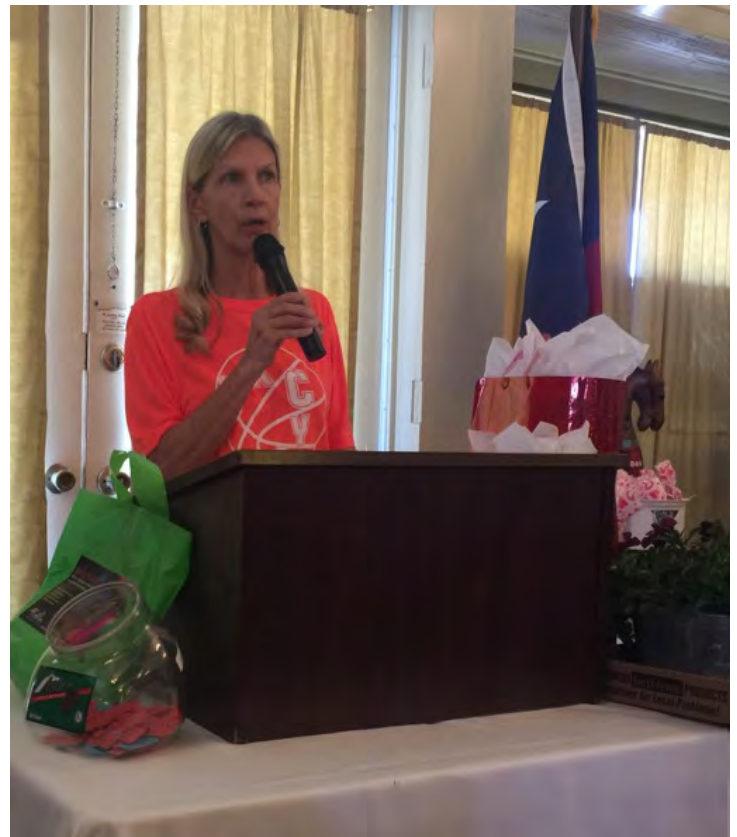
Very special thanks go out to Ann & Jo Carol for the work they have put in on planning the 45th Anniversary Luncheon. Great Job ladies.

I look forward to seeing everyone Wednesday.

Blessings, Tammy

## Whats Happened

Speaker of February Meeting - Debbie Barron with Youth Sports in Ingram.



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## Officers

Tammy Parkhurst-Rhodes .....	President
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Jannell Bullock .....	Treasurer

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Budget .....	Ann Buck
By Laws .....	Pat Dye
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Ways and Means .....	Ann Buck
Welcome/Ribbon Cuttings.....	Gaye Avery
Yearbook .....	Nikki Saurage
Volunteers To Go .....	Mary Sue Douville



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[www.kerrcountywomenschamber.org](http://www.kerrcountywomenschamber.org)

Our mission is to work for the betterment of the Kerrville area community through charitable, civic, and environmental projects and programs.

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## Important Notices



- Sew Toiletry Bags for Veterans, examples & patterns are available
- Diabetic Socks for Veterans- any size, men's or women's, both needed

•CAM food bank donations- non-perishables: cereals, instant potatoes, canned goods, peanut butter and jelly, popcorn, snacks, juices are needed. Also, laundry soaps, toiletries, and always cash donations are accepted.

*Don't forget about getting involved!*

*Let's help out ladies!*

*Join the fun!!*

*Bring a Door Prize!*

## FLASH

**NO MORE  
PILL BOTTLES**

**UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE,  
RAPHAEL CLINIC  
CAN NOT USE  
PILL BOTTLES!**

## Snap



*Congratulations!*

### DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS

February 2017

Brought by:

Jody Jacoby

Ruth Bauer

Tammy Parkhurst-Rhodes

Linda Pillow (2)

Rose Bradshaw

Pat Dye

Pat Dye

Linda Stilwell

Won by:

Margie Jetton

Symmantha Booth

Susan Goodwin

Liz Felton

*February Beautification Award Winner*



**Ruth Bauer**

*and the Beautification Committee search and present a monthly award for the business or individual that show beauty in our community.*

**Sombrero Jalisco**  
303 Sidney Baker South

## Committee Notes

### RIBBON CUTTINGS

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings - January 31st - R&R Pest Control @ Kerrville Chamber Office.

### OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF THE YEAR

PDF application on website.

### MULTIMEDIA

Please submit your pictures & happenings!

We want to feature YOU!

*Committee Chairs please remember to submit your happenings for the newsletter.*

### TELEPHONE

**If you are not receiving emails please contact Amber Newberry at [amber@hesterswindows.com](mailto:amber@hesterswindows.com). Reservations must be in by Thursday before meeting by request of Rails Restaurant.**

### GENERAL MEETING

We have lunch at 11:30am at Rails Events Hall on 615 East Schreiner Street with the meeting starting at noon. The buffet cost is \$13.00, so make your reservation. Please remember to get your reservation for you and your guest in BEFORE noon on the Thursday before the General Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. If you need to cancel your RSVP, please kindly notify me 24 hours before the luncheon date if you are unable to attend. Remember to try to pay by check for your lunch.

### DELI

Don't forget to bring your deli donations of non-perishables or dollars and manufacturer's coupons for the C.A.M food bank and get an extra door prize ticket for your donations! So, foods such as cereals, instant potatoes, canned goods, peanut butter, and jelly, popcorn, snacks, juices are needed. Also, laundry soaps, toiletries, and always cash donations are accepted.

### RECYCLING

Don't forget to bring your empty ink/ laser/fax cartridges. Please keep turning them in each month. Remember to bring your plastic shopping bags to each general meeting.



### VOLUNTEERS TO GO

Thank you to all of the members who continually show when called upon to do our community involved services!! Opportunities are forthcoming!



*This newsletter is for you, and we want to continue showing and sharing what we do personally and as an important part of our community. So, submit all happenings to [rose@sofastprinting.net](mailto:rose@sofastprinting.net)*



# Volunteer Opportunity

There is a lot of volunteer opportunities in the calendar , so please review and either call me at 830-370-9412 or go on-line to the designated program of your choice (s). I want to thank you ahead of time for your investment .

**1. Texas Mission of Mercy** - Mobile dental clinic that provides free dental care . The date is March 24, 25, 2017. The place is at The First United Methodist Church at 321 Thompson Drive in the gym. The link to go online is [Texas Mission of Mercy](#) Thanks to the following who have volunteered and remember they need alot more to help in those days.

Ellen, Chris Booker, Stephanie Ertel, Ginny Bull, Neva Pratt, Tammy Rhodes

**2. Point Theatre** - Ingram, Texas - Volunteer Usher - contact Lanza Teague at [boxoffice@hcaf.com](mailto:boxoffice@hcaf.com) or 830-367-5121 **to schedule a date**. The plays are as follows: Godspell, March 24-April 8(outdoor) / Doublewide, Texas , June 16-July 1 (outdoor)/ The Little Mermaid, July 14-29 (outdoor)/ Baskerville , August 11-26 (indoor ) , Of Mice and Men October 13-28 (outdoor )/ A Traveling Travesty November 17-December2 (Indoor)

**3. Texas Lions Camp** - Every year more than 1,500 participants gather from various organizations and good hearted people in one of three workdays held in March, April and May. I have chosen April 1 this year and am requesting you to go online to [Texas Lions Camp](#) and register for your designated time with your name and etc.

**4. Peterson Hospice** - They are looking for individuals to help with hospice patient visitation, No One Dies Alone, and Tuck In Program. There is a training involved and a short volunteer application (which will be a link on the Women's Chamber website to fill out . If you feel a tug to help please contact Rhonda Richter at 830-258-7401

**5. Easter Hill Country Tour** - There is several areas for an individual to help in this Bike Run. From April 12 - April 15 . One can go online to [Easter Hill Country Bike Run](#) . You can get a buddy or meet a new one and enjoy the day!

**6. Upper Guadalupe River Authority Clean Up** - The summer is months away, but our plans for the UGRAj Clean Up is Saturday, July 22, 2017 starting at 8 AM. The headquarters will be at Flat Rock Park. To register you can go online [UGRA Clean Up Day](#)

**7. ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY** - More information at next meeting as to the 2 mile stretch of highway we are responsible for .

*I want to thank each of you members for ALL your time in volunteering and reaching Kerr County Women's Chamber out into the public.*

*Marysue Decville*  
Volunteers to Go Chairman

Our mission is to work for the betterment of the Kerrville area community through charitable, civic, and environmental projects and programs.





## HISTORY OF WOMEN'S DIVISION

In 1969 there existed a Beautification Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Five Women, who each month went out and selected beauty spots in the county and made awards.

Also in 1969 in the Commissioners' Court Minutes, we find that the Beautification Committee received court approval for the fountain in the Courthouse Square. The County would provide water and electricity and the Beautification Committee

provide maintenance and upkeep. Failure to do so would then revert the fountain to the country.

The Women's Division was born on March 5, 1972 with seventeen (17) ladies present. With this birth, the Beautification Committee of the Chamber of Commerce ceased to Exist and we assumed all responsibility for beautification to include the fountain.

Mrs. Dan Auld, Sr., was our first President. Mr. Bill Dozier of the Kerrville Daily times was then President of the Chamber of Commerce. Ed Phelps was Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce and was a prime mover to establish this organization.

The Women's Division is a selfless group, individually and collectively for people who love Kerr Country and who want to be a part of the Women's Division and of the total Chamber of Commerce

You are invited and urged to lead in a selfless way. It is, from its' creation, a service organization-a selfless organization. It is made up of women who are concerned. No discriminations. The Women's Division is for those who love Kerr Country. It is a service organization and it must select achievable community projects.

"We must not rely on namby-pamby little Sunday School type projects. We must pick out big projects. It is high time the Women's Division collectively be more dynamic 'right now' here, today. Get started right now. We need gumption. 'Gumption' is where you separate the women from the girls. Start today by jumping in. Go ahead and do it."

And "go ahead" we did. Here is part of the record:

At our second meeting April 5, 1972, "Operation Brilliante" was born-a big beautification program for Kerr County. Clean up-clean it all up. Everybody present chaired one or more committees to clean up. Initially we wanted to clean up Ingram Dam, put decent trash containers on our downtown streets, and get a museum established.

At our third meeting on May 3, 1972, Mrs. Ruthe Jackson from Grand Prairie, Texas, an enthusiast in Texas beautification-fired us all up.

We did not meet that summer so the fire died down.

On Sept. 7, 1972 the Green Capers took over from the Green Coat Kerr Kountrymen of the Chamber of Commerce. We got our capes later and you will note that there are no horns on our deers.

In December 1972 the Women's Division participated in the Hill Country Arts Foundation Christmas show. The theme was "A Children's Christmas Tree." We had the tree; but, no ornaments. So a few of us got busy for two (2) days and a night using nylon net and foil and made a satisfactory showing.

About that time, we had lost our Treasurer; our President resigned and left town; Vice-President and the Secretary were trying to quit; but, couldn't find anybody to take our resignations, so we hung in.

In January 1973, we began major landscaping of the Chamber of Commerce grounds at the new building. It has been major-landscaped at least four (4) times since then.

Some of the things we've done:

Mrs. Zelma Hardy , Mayor of Kerrville was a member of the Women's Division.

She wanted the benches in the courthouse square painted. Several of us joined her and painted.

Stock Show in San Antonio

Competitions to select a Kerr County Queen, Miss Pecan Queen, etc.

Outstanding Woman of the Month and of the Year

Outstanding Young Woman

Chamber of Commerce Float cleaned up and put in parades-thank goodness it has been sold.

Home Furnishing Shows

Texas Arts & Crafts Fair selling our cookbooks. The books arrived late the night Before the Fair opened and the driver was drunk as a skunk-but we got the books to the Fair on time.

New Neighbor Teas New Member parties

Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquets

Filled Goodie bags for conventions

Our President is an accepted Director of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Beauty Spot of the Month moved from Women's Division to Extension Homemakers to the Hill Country Garden Council.

Awards: Ioma Jones Civic Award; 1st Miler; 2nd Miler; gave certificates for these:

Arbor Days

Style Shows

Hosted and serviced conventions: Texas Garden Clubs; BTC; Golf Tournament:

Brinks Brangus; Fly-Ins, etc.

Maintenance and repair to the Chamber of Commerce Building Rummage Sales

Bake Sales

Our women have distinguished themselves in many other projects in other organizations in our community, and we are proud of you.

For the Bicentennial in 1976, we sold flags to raise money to print our Historic Cookbook which is now a collector's item. One of our members did all the art work Our then President Naida Garvin created the logo approved for the Hill Country Bicentennial Commission.

We made speeches on flag history

Assisted our Hill Country Beautification Committee in many ways, individually.

This was a part of the application to the Beautify Texas Council for the Janey Briscoe Certificate awarded to us in San Antonio, Texas, in June 1976. This certificate is presently in the Time Capsule in the Courthouse.

Reprinted our cookbook and three more Christmas In The Hills cookbooks.

Two of our members were riding back from the Beautify Texas Council's June meeting in San Antonio and one jokingly said to the other, "Why don't we try for the big award?" From this joke the Women's Division organized PIK-Pride In Kerrville beautification effort. So for six (6) months we worked like Trojans, and applied for

the award. In June 1977 at El Paso, Texas the Women's Division received the Governor's Community Achievement Award for our population category-there were six categories of population. On top of that, the Women's Division won the Award of Excellence-the best of all categories. This Silver Bowl resides in a lovely cabinet in the Butt Holdsworth Memorial Library. The cabinet donated by one of our members.

In 1978 we reorganized for PIK-PIK-People in Kerr have Pride in Kerr and applied again. This was the time when the flood was on us. At Houston in June 1979, the Women's Division received the Governor's Certificate of Recognition. This was for our clean-up in 1978. We were in a three way tie for first place. Christmas In The Hills was born in this beautification effort.

In June 1980 the Women's Division hosted the annual meeting of the Beautify Texas Council, here in Kerrville. A tremendous effort and it was beautifully done. The Women's Division brought in Lady Senior Citizen Award for Lee Phillips; the Kerrville Young Sprouts Garden Club received a Special Youth Award; Cypress Creek 4-H Club was a runner-up in Youth Awards. (They had won first place in Houston for 4-H. Best in the State); and Linda Tate won the valuable Bluebonnet Award.

The Christmas in the Hills has now established itself securely. Following are the responsibilities of this committee:

Promote and spread goodwill and cheer in the Kerrville area.

Plan calendar for December for the community.

Aid the Convention and Visitors Bureau in promoting tourism in the Kerrville area during December.

Aid other organizations in promoting projects for Christmas in The Hills. Manage and coordinate such projects as may be approved by the Board. Submit annual reports from each chairman within the committee in triplicate. Include fund raising events that: (a) encourage community participation in Christmas events (such as Christmas Style Show, Mistletoe Ball, etc.) (b) support non-functioning community Christmas events (such as, Christmas Tree Forest, Children's Poster/mural, & Outdoor Decorating Contests.)

Act as advisors for the subsequent Christmas in the Hills project.

It has taken a lot of dedicated hard-working people doing a lot of hard work and long hours. We did not get to this Twelve Birthday without a struggle. We have known joy and sorrow; laughter and tears; success and frustration; love and hate; a miracle or two; despite our frailties, we have a successful, progressive Women's Division, and money in the bank.

The challenge is still there. There are things to be done and women who are willing to do them. Let's get on with it!

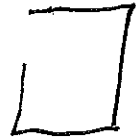
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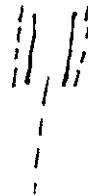
## Cloth Bags for Female patients at VA

Original cloth size: 44" x 12". Also need 37" yarn or heavy string and 2 buttons.

Iron cloth flat. Fold lengthwise with right sides facing and sew right side from top to bottom. Sew left side from bottom to 14 inches from the top; stop.

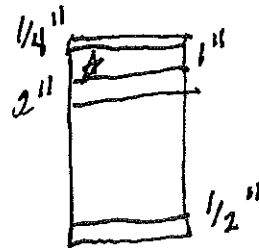



To create an opening on the left side, fold under remaining 7-8" on left side along seam line and sew each fold line from previous stopping point to the top on both sides of seam. Backstitch along the bottom split.



Fold top selvage down inside bag 2" all the way around the top from back left side to front left side; iron flat; do this again so there are two 2" folds. Iron flat. Sew the fold three times: 1/4" from top; 1" from top; 2" from top. Backstitch all ends.

Size should now be 18-18.5" long and 11" wide.



Use safety pin to pull 37" yarn or heavy string through middle casing line  from left front to left back. Thread each end of yarn through a large button and tie end securely under each button. Sew 1/2" seam along bottom of bag for added strength and to shorten the length slightly. Finished!