

# Hill Country Women in Business



## Sue McCrary

Mc CRARY Interior Decorating

Originally from Bedford, Texas, I constructed window coverings and sold blinds. In 1988 I, Jim and Clint, our son, moved to Boerne where I continued my work. From 1989 to 1993 I held a sales position at Design Tex while Jim worked at USAA. He retired in 2001. Clint attended Boerne schools. Then came our terrific grandson, Derian, now 6 years old.

In 1993 the state began registering interior designers, including me. Later in the year McCrary Interior Design opened on N. Main Street, later moving to the Guarantee Bank Building on Main and Blanco and finally to our home. In 2006 I resigned my license and changed my business to McCrary Interior Decorating.

Boerne is a great place to have a business, and my clients are the best in the hill country. Over the years I have attended many seminars related to the design industry. I was awarded Window Fashions Certified Professional and won in team competitions at Window Fashions Seminars. The most exciting prize I earned was a trip to Maui, Hawaii for a window covering conference.

Other exciting events: client home featured in the San Antonio Express News, receiving the "Best Interior Decorator" awarded by Boerne Star readers and this year I was included in Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professionals, "Honors Edition". Working with upholstery, drapes, bedding, pillows, fabrics and accessories are my favorite projects.

### Decorating Tips:

- Repeat colors at least three times in an area
- A room's function is the main consideration for arranging furniture and traffic flow.
- Change out pillow to bring new colors into an area.
- Move accessories from one room to another to freshen a space
- Room diffusers with reeds are a great way to bring fragrances into a room without the danger of fire from a candle
- Shutters add value to a home and also give protection from the sun's UV rays, heat, and cold.
- Windows with great Hill Country views may need to be covered for privacy and UV protection. A cordless blind doesn't block the view. Use fabric toppers with cascades or just a decorative rod and side panels to bring color and frame the opening.
- Green is now easier to achieve. More manufacturing facilities are changing to green. Look for the environmental information or ask for information before you buy.

**You can reach McCrary Interior Decorating at 830-816-2292.**

Member  
in the  
Spotlight



## Board Meeting

Thursday  
December 4<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 PM  
Kathy Hubbard's  
Office

January  
FORCC  
speaker:  
Jefferson Morgenthaler  
- Texas/Hill country history  
8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

February  
Lunch  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM

## Next Meeting

*Christmas Party*  
Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5<sup>30</sup>PM  
Jeanne Buchanan's home  
18 Topperwein Rd.  
*Reservations Required*

### For reservations contact Shari Keyes:

210.478.6611 or skeyes35@msn.com by 5PM on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
*No Shows will be billed*

**Buffet Menu:** Baked Brie with jalapeno glaze and crackers, pumpkin fondue, caramelized onion tart with cranberry jam, Asian chicken tenders with ginger jam. Red leaf salad with Granny Smith apples, spiced pecans and blue cheese tossed in balsamic vinaigrette, beef burgenion with polenta, salmon picata with shipped asiago potatoes, asparagus and assorted holiday treats. Tea and water provided. Bring you own "Liquid Holiday Cheer."

# Notes from the President



## A Word from The Vice President

Kathryn Hubbard

Dear ladies,

I want to wish each of you a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. We are once again considering who will be on next year's board. Some of you have taken this opportunity before but others of you are new and have not served. I would like to know if any of you have a desire to serve and in what capacity. I think you would find the experience fun and rewarding. We are currently in need of a volunteer to chair the newsletter, publicity, telephone, hospitality, and programs. If you are serving and wish to continue, please let me know. Linda Tom and Helene Bachmann will continue in their roles as secretary and treasurer. Lynn Hoppe will continue to guide our website. This is a wonderful gift to HCWIB and will increase the stability of the transition come next April.

God's grace to each of you,

Kathy Hubbard

Thanks again for all your help with CWJC this past session and again have a blessed Thanksgiving.  
Kathy

As I sit to pen yet another memorable President's column (you are keeping all of them for posterity, aren't you?), it is two days until Thanksgiving. My husband, Mike; son, Dillon; and I are hosting both families this year, so my mind is bursting with all that I need to be doing. This morning at the breakfast table, I was recounting all this and lamenting the sorry state of the outside of the house and the drought-stricken yard when Dillon, 18 years young, graciously reminded me that the family was coming together to enjoy relationship, not a viewing of a home or a yard. I just hate it when a teenager's words are so direct and so wise!

My hope is that you were able to focus on relationship this Thanksgiving and that you continue that pattern throughout the Christmas season and on into 2009. Here at HCWIB, we have a couple of upcoming events to help build that relationship-based lifestyle!

First, on Saturday, December 6th, a group of HCWIB members will be gathering in beautiful downtown Boerne to view the Weihnachts parade. Mardi Collins, [mcollins@wealth-creator.com](mailto:mcollins@wealth-creator.com), has done a wonderful job pulling this all together and would love to have you join the ladies in this fun-filled event. Second, the following Thursday evening, December 11th at 5:30, we have our annual Christmas Party. Jeanne Buchanan, Folio Communications, is graciously opening her home and our very-own Nancy Fitch and Shea Ash, Peach Café, will be catering the festivities. Please remember that HCWIB pays for each member and one guest and that you must RSVP to Shari Keyes (210.478.6611 or [skeyes35@msn.com](mailto:skeyes35@msn.com)) by Friday, December 5th. Any "no shows" will be billed. Also, this is BYOB, so please plan to bring enough beverages for you and your guest.

May your Christmas Season and the New Year be blessed with family, friends and relationship!

Leah



## Notes from the Chaplain

Suzann M. Woodward

Debi Lamb's divorce is now finalized and we need to pray for her continued healing through this ordeal and that her new life is blessed and accepted by her children. Patrice Davison's granddaughter Cassandra has had an upper respiratory infection. Please pray for her quick healing and that Patrice has the strength to do all she needs to do for Cassandra and Chip while he continues to heal from his broken neck. Continue to pray for past president Kera Dutton's

family as they face the disease of her two boys. Pray for healing of the boys and to strengthen the faith of Kera in her husband in your prayers. Also continue to pray for my continued healing through the chemo treatments and that the cancer will never enter my body again. Pray for Sue McCrary's

complete healing from her heart issues and as always please keep Mike and Carolyn Fosdick in your prayers for their healing and strength to face the life they have been given.

## Boerne *Chamber* Events

Dec 2 Ribbon Cutting at  
**Century 21-Ruple Properties**

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**Adonai Aviation**

Dec 4 Ribbon Cutting at  
**Tin Roof Steak House**

Dec 9 Ribbon Cutting for  
Grand Opening Party at  
**Toyota of Boerne**

Dec 11 Chamber Luncheon -  
**Christmas & Holiday  
Program**

Dec 11 Business After Hours Mixer  
Hosted by  
**Falling Water Designs**

Dec 16 Chamber Board of  
**Directors Meeting**

Dec 18 Ribbon Cutting at  
**Action Restoration, Inc. &  
Pro Tech Carpet Cleaning**

## December *Birthdays*

11 Ann Davis

12 Leslie Schleyer

12 Rodda Yates-Dunham

15 Helene Bachmann

17 Candace Beasom

30 Leigh AnnGrasso

## *Our* Members

**Penguin Suits** is excited to announce our new product:

## DISCOVER THE HILL COUNTRY ***Boerne Adventure Guide***

This high quality, booklet is full of coupons and ideas for shopping and visiting the Hill Country Area. Our first edition came out in the Boerne Star the Thursday after Thanksgiving. If you didn't get one you can pick it up in a number of stores in Boerne or stop by our office. Don't miss the exciting offers in the holiday edition of the Adventure Guide.

**Prestige Carpet Cleaning & Floor Care** With guests and lots of family coming I am sure there are going to be lots of spills on your carpet over the next few weeks. Please remember that **HOT WATER** is the very best thing to use on these spots. Just douse and blot several times. We always have Anna stand on a folded up towel. She thinks it's great fun. **NEVER** use over the counter sprays such as Woolite or Shout. These products will typically make the stain **PERMANENT**. If you still have problems after using Hot Water, just give us a call for advice. **AND** don't forget our Housecleaning Service for any other messes your guests may leave behind. It's the Holidays. I am sure you have more important things to be doing like eating leftovers!!

**Kathleen McBride** once again has her fused *glass ornaments* displayed and for sale at Bear Moon Bakery... Be sure to go by and check them out for yourself or for Christmas giving.

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## Minutes from the Secretary October 9, 2008 Meeting



Leah Coyne, president, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm, on the deck, under the stars, at Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club. Leah then gave the invocation. Susan Odom introduced her guest, Dr. Shirley Merritt, of Boerne Personal Growth and Psychiatry Center.

Carolyn Dutson will chair the Woman of the Year nominating committee which includes Cindy Ogle, Kathy Hubbard and Linda Tom. Helene Bachmann will chair the Charitable Contributions committee, with Cindy Ogle, Shari Keyes and any other volunteers participating. Charitable Contribution application forms were available at the meeting and on the HCWIB website. Applications must be submitted by the end of January 2009.

Kathy Hubbard will chair the Audit Committee and Bobbie French will assist. Kathy Hubbard will also chair the Budget Committee, with Helene Bachmann and Linda Tom participating. If you are interested in participating with any 2009 committee, please contact Kathy Hubbard at [hubb@gvtc.com](mailto:hubb@gvtc.com).

The women from Christian Women's Job Corp will be graduating in November. The October HCWIB minutes were approved with a motion from Bobbie French and a 2nd from Susan Odom. Helene Bachmann reported a treasury balance of \$5,498.25.

Mark your calendars for December 11th, the HCWIB Christmas party! Jeanne Buchanan has graciously offered her home for the gathering to be catered by Peach Café. One member, plus one guest, are invited at no charge. However, if you make a reservation, and do not attend, you will be billed for your number of reservations. The party is BYOB, so if you would like an adult beverage, please provide whatever you plan to drink.

Helene Bachmann presented new member books to Karen Goins, Natural Awakenings San Antonio/Hill Country, a monthly magazine and Candace Beason, owner of Marlowe Candle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Tom, Secretary



### Board Members

President: Leah Coyne  
Vice President: Kathy Hubbard  
Treasurer: Helene Bachmann  
Secretary: Linda Tom

### Committee Chairs

Chaplain: Suzann Woodward  
Hospitality/Reservations:  
Shari Keyes  
& Mardi Collins  
Membership: Helene Bachmann  
Newsletter: Debi Lamb  
Programs: Susan Odom  
Publicity:  
Telephone: Cindy Ogle  
Website: Lynn Hoppe

Two new members were welcomed by Helene Bachman:  
Constance Beason and Karen Goins.

