



# News & Views

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## Presidents Message



As fall approaches, let us give thanks for what God has blessed us with. The beauty in the world and the opportunities we have in the hill country. Our options for child care, education, health are vast, as are our spiritual and entertainment options.

We support our local schools and churches, and organizations through fund raisers and volunteerism. With our Volunteers To Go Program, we as an organization can definitely make our mark on allowing the community to see first hand about the benefits of being involved with the Kerr County Women's Chamber.

This month we are doing the annual Belk Charity Fund-Raiser and through the participation of the Women's Chamber, we are able to make a difference. That difference in countless lives from young to old are what our mission is all about.

I believe in what we as an organization stand for and am proud to say that I belong and represent this group with all my heart.

I challenge you to be active and join me in making the Kerr County Women's Chamber that group that everyone wants to belong to. Be active and join me in making that difference I know we can.

God Bless You and all you do.



## Program Speaker



Brenda Thompson

Brenda Thompson shared with us the history of the Kerr County YMCA.

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Kerr County Day Care Center.

For more information on the Kerr County YMCA go to [kerrymca.org](http://kerrymca.org)



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## Officers

Rose Bradshaw .....President  
 Debbie Barron .....1st Vice President  
 Vicki Roark.....2nd Vice President  
 Jo Carol Smith.....Secretary  
 Robbin Burlew .....Treasurer

## Committee Chairs

Auditing ..... Brenda Beaty  
 Beautification..... Ruth Bauer  
 Budget.....Jannell Bullock  
 By Laws..... Pat Dye  
 Chaplain..... Ginny Bull  
 Christmas Lighting..... Paula Wilson  
 Deli Program .....Andrea Neely  
 Goodwill .....Dolores Vinas  
 Historian .....Linda Stillwell  
 Hospitality.....Debbie Barron  
 Hostess .....Margie Jetton  
 Membership.....Vicki Roark  
 Multimedia .....Tammy Parkhurst  
 Outstanding Woman..... Jennie Motheral  
 Parliamentarian..... Pat Dye  
 Photographer .....Raye Haney  
 Property .....Neva Pratt  
 Publicity .....Bonnie Arnold  
 Recycling .....Janell Bullock  
 Scholarships .....Brenda Craig  
 Telephone .....Suzanne Speckine  
 Ways and Means .....Jannell Bullock  
 Welcome/Ribbon Cuttings .....Gaye Avery  
 Yearbook.....Tammy Parkhurst  
 Volunteers To Go.....Ann Buck

## Chamber banquet honors 'Outstanding Woman'

Submitted By Bonnie Arnold  
 Staff Writer

Eight Kerrville area community leaders were celebrated with awards at the 92nd Annual Chamber Banquet on Sept. 18, with the husband / wife duo of Tim and Mary Ellen Summerlin named "Citizens of the Year" for 2014.

Other award winners were:

Linda Speck, Outstanding Woman of Year;  
 Linda Garrett, Jack Fournier Memorial Ambassador of Year;  
 B. K. Cody, Fundraising Committee Person of Year;  
 Dr. Mirelle Foster, Health Care Leadership Award;  
 Sherri Jones, Mary C. Williams Volunteer of Year;  
 Jeff Talarico, Business Person of Year.

### Outstanding Woman of the Year

Speck was described by last year's winner Rose Bradshaw not tooting her own horn, but preferring to do everything behind the scenes. She is a real giver not only to her family, but to any task she places in her hands, Bradshaw said.

"As her three children grew up in Kerrville, she was involved with those tasks that involve us all in our children's lives, but she did not stop there. She served on numerous boards in school and in fundraising activities," she said.

Linda Speck's resume includes, chairman and co-founder of the ACS Huntsmans Ball in 1984, past president of ACS in Kerrville, president of Starkey PTO where she chaired the Sausage Supper, Art Days and many other committees; board member of Tivy Upper Elem PTO and chair of its Taco Supper fund raiser, Tivy Project Graduation Prize Committee chairperson for three years; and president of the Kerr, Kimble, Gillespie, Bandera Medical Auxiliary.

"Her biggest accomplishment is our Hill Country Soccer program. If you have ever had a child or grandchild in this program, you have seen the work this woman has laid out," Bradshaw said.

"By helping get the over \$200,000 in funding to make the complex in 1995, her 25-plus years of service to Hill Country Youth Soccer has touched many, many children's lives. Her dedication to the program, even after her children left the program, sums up how this giver deserves this award. Here's to 'Mama Speck' (the name given by her children's friends because she was always there for them and fed them well)."

"I'm flattered and honored. It's a privilege to serve the children," Speck said.



*A Very Special Thank You to Jennie Motheral  
 our Outstanding Woman Committee Chair!*



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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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## Committee Notes



### 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.



### RIBBON CUTTINGS

- Texas Hill Country Bank - August 28th
- Navajo Smith, LLC - September 17th
- Saki Home Cooking and Sushi Bar - September 25th
- Hill Country Distillers - October 2nd
- Remax - October 8th
- Basic Body Kneads - October 9th



### BEAUTIFICATION:



Ruth Bauer and the committee presented the September Beautification Award to Kerr County Federal Credit Union at 2335 Junction Highway. The award was accepted by Bridgette Benson.



### 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.



### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

We will be having lunch at 11:30am at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel Resort with the meeting starting at noon. The buffet cost is \$14.00. Please remember to get your reservation in before noon on the Friday before the General Meeting each month.

Call Suzanne Speckine at 830-928-5808 (cell) or email her at [suzannespeckine@yoranchhotel.com](mailto:suzannespeckine@yoranchhotel.com) for your reservations or reply to her reservation email request. Remember that when you make a reservation you are expected to pay for the lunch even if you don't attend. This includes your guest. You must cancel 24 hours before the luncheon date. Please pay by check for your lunch.



### YEARBOOK

The New Yearbook will be going to press in the next week or so!



### MULTIMEDIA

Please submit your pics & happenings! We want to feature YOU!



### MEMBERSHIP

Membership forms will need to be completely filled out again for this current year, checking off the committee on which you intend to serve along with your dues of \$25.00. Please remember to make out a separate check for your membership when paying at the meeting. Thank you!

Please get your Membership forms and dues in right away! Send the form to: Kerr County Women's Chamber Inc., P.O. Box 290621, Kerrville, TX 78029.





## June Door Prizes

Designs and Finds by Dottie  
Peterson Hospice  
A + 1 Transmission  
ACprint  
Wild Birds Unlimited  
Jody McCulley  
Brenda Craig  
So Fast Printing  
Ruth Bauer



## NEWSLETTER!

**We want to hear from  
you! Send newsletter  
submissions to  
tammyp@acprint.net**



## Mark Your Calendars!

**HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY AND COMING YEAR!**

Liz Felton - 10/04  
Sharon Norlander - 10/06  
Mary Gray - 10/07  
Edna Vandiver - 10/09  
Cathy Willson - 10/10  
Jo Carole "Jody" McCulley - 10/16  
Jeanette Ricks - 10/19  
Halsey Bascom - 10/26



## Meeting Moments



## Members in the News



Gaye Avery is the new Gift Shop Manager/Buyer at Peterson Regional Medical Center. Stop by and check it out clothes, purses, jewelry, Christmas...



Rose Bradshaw was presented with an appreciation plaque for 35 plus years of service to high school volleyball from the state of Texas.



### **Arnolds win national awards in Press Women contest**

Bonnie Arnold and husband Larry of Kerrville are winners in the National Federation of Press Women 2014 Communications Contest.

Winners were honored on Sept. 6 during the annual national conference held this year in Greenville, S.C. All first place entries in the Press Women of Texas state contest compete in the NFPW Communications Contest where awards were presented during a banquet in Greenville.

Bonnie Arnold won the following national awards: honorable mention, news story; second, feature story; honorable mention, specialty articles - education; second, specialty articles - social issues, and honorable mention, specialty articles - travel.

Some of the judges' comments about Bonnie's work include:

Feature story, print-based newspaper, headed "Bringing the Horror to Life:" "This well-told story – gripping and inspirational – puts an indelible face on the horror of 9-11 as the strike on the Pentagon unfolds through the narrative of Texas State Sen. Brian Birdwell."

Specialty articles-social issues, two articles, May 22, "Cautionary tale of abuse, rescue;" July 10, "Volunteers needed:" "The two stories were both effective and affective: well-written, well-sourced, inspirational, and they contained a wealth of quotes that made them come alive. Packed with useful information, they were perfectly targeted to the community newspaper audience."

Larry Arnold won the following national awards: honorable mention, news story magazine, newsletter or other non-newspaper, June 2013 for Texas Concealed Handgun Association; first, editorial/opinion magazine, newsletter or other non-newspaper, June 2013 for TCHA; and third, audiovisuals.

For more information on PWT, visit the website at <http://www.presswomenoftexas.org>; or email Bonnie and Larry Arnold at [larnold@ktc.co](mailto:larnold@ktc.co)