

Comal County CAC Member Biographical Information

MR. BEN A. APPLEBY

Place of Residence: Spring Branch
Current Occupation: Retired Corporate Executive, 44 year business career
Educational and Professional Background: BBA degree in Economics, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, 1956;
Executive MA degree in Management, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California, 1985;
V.P Corporate Development, responsibility for mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic planning for \$2 billion international manufacturer of self-propelled personnel lifts
Civic/Community Involvement: Property Owners Association Committee endeavors
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, Travel

MR. CURTIS W. BREMER

Place of Residence: New Braunfels
Current Occupation: Retired Real Estate Appraiser, specializing in farm and ranch properties
Educational and Professional Background: Texas A&M, Agriculture Engineering;
Real Estate Appraiser, Agriculture Related Activities
Civic/Community Involvement: New Braunfels/Canyon Lake Board of Realtors;
Spring Branch Volunteer Fire Department;
Wurstfest Association
Hobbies/Interests: Hunting & other outdoor activities
Other Information: Native born; Family owned and operated mercantile store, Smithson Valley

MRS. LINDA LAACK

Place of Residence: Lockhart
Current Occupation: Wildlife Biologist, Environmental Defense
Educational and Professional Background: B.S. Biology, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point;
M.S. Range and Wildlife Management, Texas A&M, Kingsville;
Wildlife Biologist for USFWS, 1990-2005;
Wildlife Biologist for Environmental Defense, 2005-present
Hobbies/Interests: Equine endurance riding, Bird watching

MR. CARROLL B. LINDEMAN

Place of Residence: New Braunfels
Current Occupation: Rancher
Educational and Professional Background: B.S., SWT '66; M.S. SWT '70;
Retired Educator, 33 yrs., 7-8 grade Science, Drivers Ed. (grades 9-12), Vocational & Academic Counselor (grades 7-11)
Civic/Community Involvement: Director Comal/Guadalupe SWCD/NRCS #306;
Member/Chair Comal County Community Environmental Committee;
Member First Protestant Church Lay Ministry;
Senior Citizens Meals of Wheels delivery
Hobbies/Interests: Conservation of Ranch Land, Any outdoor activity, Hunting, First Protestant Church activities

MR. ROY LINNARTZ

Place of Residence: New Braunfels
Current Occupation: School Administrator
Educational and Professional Background: B.S. Industrial Arts,
M.Ed. Education
Civic/Community Involvement: Comal County Youth Show Assn., Past President;
Educators Assn., Past President;
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Past President;
New Braunfels Schutzen Verein;
Wurstfest;
Peace Lutheran Church
Hobbies/Interests: Hunting, Fishing, Competitive Shooting

MRS. JENSIE S. MADDEN

Place of Residence: Northern part of Comal County, on "Devil's Backbone"
Current Occupation: Retired educator
Educational and Professional Background: M.A. in Education; 30 yrs., including teacher of preschoolers, director of a child care center, child care licensing worker for the state of Texas, and adjunct faculty in the child development department at San Antonio College, mainly in adult education
Civic/Community Involvement: Moved to Comal County in 2001;
League of Women Voters of Comal County;
Lindheimer Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists;
Gorge Preservation Society (Canyon Lake spillway gorge);
and regularly attend meetings of community interest, especially in the unincorporated areas of the county
Hobbies/Interests: Protection of the natural environment, husband and she try to live sustainably in the strawbale home they built themselves, relying on our rainwater collection system for all water needs;
Educate ourselves and others through our involvement in local organizations;

Physical activity of trail maintenance, hiking, and other outdoor pursuits

MRS. JUDY KARBACH MYERS

Place of Residence:

New Braunfels

Current Occupation:

Retired

Educational and Professional Background:

B.S. in Elementary Education;
Elementary Reading Endorsement;
Taught at Comal I.S.D.;
Taught for 26 yrs. (grades 2 - 6) in Midland, Taft, San Antonio & New Braunfels

Civic/Community Involvement:

Life-long member of First United Methodist Church;
Life member of The Sophienburg Museum;
Daughters of the Republic of Texas;
American Cancer Society's Relay for Life;
Texas Corvette Club;
past 4-H leader

Hobbies/Interests:

Travel to coast house on North Padre Island;
Other travel - cruises, road trips;
Reading;
Friends & family;

Other Information:

Watching deer, turkey & wild hogs from front yard
The Karbach Ranch received the Family Land Heritage Award in May 2007 for operation by the same family for more than 100 yrs. (Ranch founded in 1883)

MR. MIKE NORRIS

Place of Residence:

New Braunfels

Current Occupation:

President, Property Management Professionals, Inc. -
Real Estate Sales/Leasing/ Management/Development

Educational and Professional Background:

BBA Marketing from Texas A&M University; Masters of Business from University of Utah

Civic/Community Involvement:

Various City & County appointed committees over the past 30 years

Hobbies/Interests:

Fishing & Hunting

MR. JACK OHLRICH

Place of Residence:

New Braunfels

Current Occupation:

Retired

Educational and Professional Background:

High School Ranching & Real Estate

Civic/Community Involvement:

C of C President, '78;
Wurstfest President, '74;
Mayor, '69 - '72;
Director, Underground, 9 yrs.

Hobbies/Interests:

Fishing, Hunting

MR. ALAN R. STAHLMAN

Place of Residence: New Braunfels
Current Occupation: Ranching/Investments
Educational and Professional Background: Finance/Economics BBA, U of H
Civic/Community Involvement: Member of Canyon Lake Rotary;
Angel Flight Pilot
Hobbies/Interests: Tennis, Golf, Fishing, Hunting;
Mission Flying;
Friends

MS. CATHY CRIST TALCOTT

Place of Residence: New Braunfels
Current Occupation: Small Business Owner: 1. Construction (spray foam installation), 2. Self-storage warehouses
Educational and Professional Background: Bachelors & Masters Degrees from Texas Tech;
Executive Director of 3 Non-profit organizations
Civic/Community Involvement: New Braunfels City Council Member - 1996-99;
Boards of Directors:
Bexar Metro 911,
New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce,
Hope Hospice,
Mid-Texas Symphony,
Rock Art Foundation, &
Friends for Rivers
Hobbies/Interests: Camping, Hiking, Hunting;
Singing;
Conserving natural spaces;
Guadalupe River clean-ups

MR. TERRY TURNEY

Place of Residence: San Marcos
Current Occupation: Certified Wildlife Diversity Biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Educational and Professional Background: Range & Wildlife Management, Texas A&I;
19 yrs TPWD
Civic/Community Involvement: The Wildlife Society;
Ducks Unlimited;
Coastal Conservation Association;
The Nature Conservancy;
Texas Audubon
Hobbies/Interests: Hunting, Fishing, Outdoors;
Environmental issues;
Family

MR. DAVID WELSCH

Place of Residence:

Seguin

Current Occupation:

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Director of Project Development

Educational and Professional Background:

B.A. Business, Texas Lutheran College;
Real Estate Broker

Civic/Community Involvement:

Comal County United Way - Director, Past Food Drive Chair, & Volunteer of the Year (2X);
New Braunfels Natural Resources Committee;
New Braunfels Legislative Affairs Chair;
New Braunfels Chamber Blue Coat;
Wurstfest Association Director;
Comal County Small Dams & Waterline Committees;
Comal County VOAD President
PITCH, "42", guitar;
Soccer, dance, martial arts;
Woodworking, construction;
Sports photography

Hobbies/Interests:

MR. TRAVIS WUEST

Place of Residence:

San Antonio

Current Occupation:

Vice President, Natural Bridge Caverns

Educational and Professional Background:

B.S. Recreation, Parks & Tourism Science, Texas A&M

Civic/Community Involvement:

Oakwood Baptist Church Member,
NEW BRAUNFELS Chamber,
Comal County Junior Livestock Show & Sale Volunteer & Buyer

Hobbies/Interests:

All outdoor activities;
Hunting, fishing;
Sports

Other Information:

3rd generation farming & ranching/ nature tourism (owner/manager of Natural Bridge Caverns);