

Chamber Lauds Education, Tech

Community Service Awards Presented

Celebrating education and a new cooperation with Texas Tech University, the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce honored outstanding achievement at their 81st annual banquet Friday night.

A Texas Tech theme was used as representatives from the Hill Country University Center were on hand and the evening's guest speaker was Meredith McClain from the German Department at Tech.

Top awards went to a recipient with over six decades of service to the community as well as a young woman who leads her class at Fredericksburg High School, a woman involved in planning community events, two enthusiastic supporters of those events and an agency that has sought to "fill gaps".

Chamber President Joe Kammlah announced that John J. Segner of Segner Jewelers was named Chamber Man of the Year and Debbie Farquhar Garner is Chamber Woman of 2002.

The Public Servant Award went to the Hill Country Community Needs Council and Joe and Lucylle Kunze were named Community Achievement winners.



HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE to the community at the 81st Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday were (from left) Joe and Lucylle Kunze, Community Achievement; John J. Segner, Chamber Man of the Year; Jill

Hannemann, Student Achievement Award, and Debbie Farquhar Garner, Chamber Woman of the Year. The Public Servant Award went to the Hill Country Community Needs Council. -Standard-Radio Post Photo

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Speaker for the evening Meredith McClain discussed the German fascination with Texas and talked about her research into German author Karl May and the tours that she leads for Germans into the Lubbock area.

Ms. McClain is associate professor of German and director of the Southwest Center for German Studies at Tech. She is also on the board of the German-Texan Heritage Society.

"I'm taking back so much," she said of her visit to the Fredericksburg Chamber banquet. "We have so much to learn from you."

She talked about the upcoming Van Der Stucken Festival that will feature faculty and graduates from Texas Tech and said that Tech President David Schmidly "understands the potential" of this area.

Winners of this year's Chamber awards represent decades of outstanding service to the community.



SPEAKER for the 81st Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Friday night at Pioneer Pavilion was Meredith McClain, associate professor of German and director of the Southwest Center for German Studies at Texas Tech University. -Standard-Radio Post Photo

Announcement in the Same Publication Prior to the Event:

Tech Professor Guest Speaker At Chamber Feed

Dr. Meredith McClain, associate professor of German in the department of classical and modern languages and literatures at Texas Tech University, will be the featured speaker at the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Friday, March 8.

The banquet will begin with a social at 6:30 p.m. at Pioneer Pavilion in Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park.

The theme for this year's banquet is "Education in the Hill Country" with the establishment of a university consortium led by Texas Tech University. Classes will begin at the University Center in May.

Dr. McClain was the recent recipient of the Cross of the Order of Merit of Germany for her service in the areas of political, economic, social and intellectual work. She received the

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award in Houston last month from the Consul General of the Republic of Germany.

Last year, Dr. McClain received the Lucius Clay Award, named after the World War II American commander in Berlin. It is presented to persons who have contributed to strong German American relations.

Her comments Friday will focus on the newly-created relationship with Texas Tech University and the Hill Country and the tremendous potential a campus of higher learning will have on this region.

In addition to the focus on education and the Texas Tech Hill Country University Consortium, the chamber honors several businesses, individuals or organizations for their business success and volunteer spirit.

Each year, the chamber honors the Chamber Man of the Year, Chamber Woman of the Year and Public Servant of the Year. A Community Achievement and Student Community Achievement Award is also given.

In 2001, Ollie Schaeffer of Schaeffer's Funeral Home was named the Chamber Man of the Year and Donna Mittel of Gästehaus Schmidt Reservation Service was named the Chamber Woman of the Year.

The Public Servant Award went to Hill Country Memorial Hospice and Larry Nevels of the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission received the Community Achievement Award.

Kyle Woerner received the Student Community Achievement Award and received a \$500 scholarship funded by the chamber and the Fredericksburg Academic Boosters.

The Public Servant Award is sponsored by Knopp and Metzger and the Student Achievement Award is sponsored by the Fredericksburg Optimist Club.

A silent auction and musical entertainment will also be part of the program.

Businesses who have donated items for the silent auction include Bell Mountain Vineyards, Texas Rock Art, Dodds Nursery, Enchanted Earth, Shearer Publishing, Der Küchen Laden, Comfort Inn, James Fox Photography, The Secret Garden, Granite and Iron Store, Gypsy Wagon, James Avery Craftsmen, Cross Mountain Stitchery, Fredericksburg Inn and Suites, Creative Marketing, Horstman and Company, Fredericksburg Carriage Company, Quantum Components and the Admiral Nimitz Foundation.



Dr. Meredith McClain

Also, Preferences, Crenwelge Motor Sales, Jenschke Furniture, Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest, Fritz Broadcasting, Partain Photographs, Becker Vineyards, Country Peddler Show, Mamacita's Restaurant, Community Education, Hill Country Music, Dooley's, Wonder Haus, Security State Bank and Trust, The Christmas Store, The Birdhaus and the City of Fredericksburg.

Also, Tranquil Pastures Day Spa, Wildseed Farms, Gillespie County Officials, Gästehaus Schmidt, Kleider Schrank, Edward Jones Investments and Behrends Feed and Fertilizer.

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Banquet**

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March 8, 2002

Pioneer Pavilion - Lady Bird Johnson Park



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PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors	Boy Scout Troop 137
Singing of the National Anthem	Karin Hartmann
Pledge of Allegiance	
Prayer	Rolan Schmidt
Dinner	
Recognition and Introdunctins	Joe Kammlah
Presentation of Awards	
Chamber Man, Chamber Woman, Public Servant, Community Achievement & Student Community Achievement	
Speaker	Dr. Meredith McClain Texas Tech University
Audience sings <u>God Bless America</u>	

Meredith McClain, a native of Georgetown, Texas, was trained in music at Oberlin College, (B. Mus. Flute Performance) and the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. Her education in German started in Vienna and Salzburg and resulted in M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from U.T. Austin, with one year at the Free University in Berlin. Since 1976 she has been at Texas Tech University, where she is presently Associate Professor of German and Director of the Southwest Center for German Studies. For her years of program building and diplomacy with Germany she has recently been awarded the Lucius Clay medal in Duesseldorf and the German cross of merit in Houston. Her publications are in the area of German-Texan Heritage, Karl May, and German poetry. She is a second term board member of the German-Texan Heritage Society.

