

State of Texas *
*
County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing 2022 Living Legend Linda Dietert

WHEREAS, Linda Kay Pfanstiel Dietert tells the stories of her beloved hometown of New Braunfels and the Republic of Texas where she is a teacher, a historian, an extraordinary volunteer, and now a Braunfels Foundation Trust Living Legend; and

WHEREAS, a fifth generation New Braunfelser and Texan, Linda grew up the youngest of four children in the fachwerk house where she and her husband live today, and during high school Linda waited tables at the original Krause's Cafe, wrote orders for senior rings at the Overall Company, and taught lessons during the Jaycees' summer swimming program where she met a young Canyon Cougar named Mike Dietert who she would marry several years later; and

WHEREAS, Linda graduated from New Braunfels High School in 1968 where she was a member of the Unicorn Band, a twirler, and drum major, and after graduating from Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education, she began teaching the second grade at Goodwin Elementary; and

WHEREAS, after son Brandon and daughter Allison were born, Linda remained involved by serving as Executive Director of the Sophienburg Museum and Archives; taught and served as director of First Protestant Preschool; served as the director of the Children's Museum of New Braunfels; and as the children grew she became involved at their schools serving as president of the Seele Elementary and New Braunfels Junior High School Parent Teacher Associations (PTA), as well as the Unicorn Band Booster President; and

WHEREAS, Linda's volunteer efforts included serving as president of the New Braunfels Conservation Society, where she was key to the Comal Independent School District donating the 1870 hand-hewn limestone Church Hill School to the Conservation Society; she is a founding member of the Heritage Society and docent at the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture; she and 2010 Living Legend Bobbie Purdum conceived the idea for Folkfest; and Linda chaired and was Grand Marshall of the Kindermasken Parade and Ball event, one of New Braunfels' oldest heritage traditions; and

WHEREAS, Linda has worked on every Heritage Exhibit at the New Braunfels Civic Center and chaired the event in 1990; served on the first New Braunfels Historic Landmark Commission; volunteered on the Downtown Development Board, the Downtown Design Review Committee, and the Landa Park Design Committee; served as Comal County Aggie Moms President; is a past president and member of the Ferdinand Lindheimer Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas; and worked on numerous projects celebrating the City of New Braunfels' 175th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Linda currently serves on the Comal County Historical Commission, is a 50-year member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and a member of First Protestant Church where she has played the handbells for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce inducted Linda into the Hall of Honor and she was twice awarded the Chair of the Board Award for Historic Preservation and again for Education, and the Braunfels Foundation Trust honors Linda, who along with her husband Mike (2018) are one of only four couples to be recognized as Living Legends; and

WHEREAS, the Braunfels Foundation Trust will celebrate the 2022 Living Legends of New Braunfels at a luncheon on October 3rd at the McKenna Events Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Comal County Commissioners Court, acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby recognize and commend Linda Dietert for being named by the Braunfels Foundation Trust as a Living Legend in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 29th day of September, 2022.



Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4


Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk

