



Member Newsletter

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President's Corner, Kathy Beer



I wanted to use this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting. I would also like to share with you who I am and how I came to be the President of the Board for Friends of Hospice.

In my career, I have had the opportunity to work with end-of-life care in many ways. First, as a pharmaceutical representative working with physicians, hospitals and hospices on pain management care and later as a hospice marketing representative with several hospices, including Christus VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, the hospice that we support. All together, I have 30+ years of professional experience in Hospice care and education, so I know the importance of providing end-of-life services to everyone in our community.

I have also experienced the gift of hospice care in my own family and know what a tremendous help they were to me and my family, friends and loved ones.

It was about five years ago that Ginger Cave and the Board invited me to join the Board of Directors, and I was very honored to do so. The work of raising funds for families who wouldn't have the help without Friends of Hospice's tireless efforts is so important to our community. I have experienced many meetings with families who expressed gratitude and relief that we were able to help them free of charge in their time of need.

This is a snapshot of how I arrived as President of our great organization and I know that we have the greatest volunteers of any group in San Antonio! I am looking forward to accomplishing three things in the upcoming year with your help. Our goals are to increase membership, increase community awareness of hospice and to increase our funding to eligible patients.

I know that we can work together to reach these goals, and I look forward to working with all of you to do that.

Stay cool this summer and I hope that I will see you on October 3rd for our Fall event at the San Antonio Garden Center!

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Calendar of Events



Fall Social October 3, 2023
San Antonio Garden Club

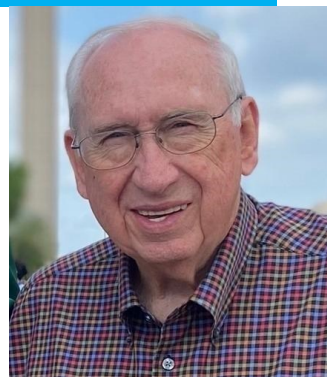


Poinsettias and Prosecco Party
November 30, 2023
San Antonio Country Club



Valentine Luncheon
February 10, 2024
San Antonio Country Club

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FRIENDS**



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