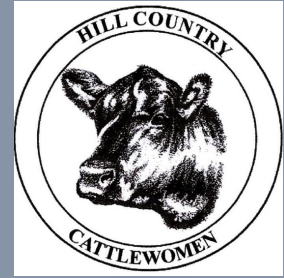


Hill Country CattleWomen

Newsletter

January 2024



President's Message

Karen Schneider

Hello, CattleWomen,

I hope you are all doing well and had a blessed Christmas and happy new year too!

I am including the Bylaws for HCCW and also HCCWCF (Hill Country CattleWomen Charitable Foundation) that have been approved by your executive board on November 20th. We are asking for your approval of these at our January meeting. Our Bylaws committee has worked very hard to get this right and I'm sure that there will probably be some tweaks to them in the future but we feel that we have got a good start with these.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I will be asking for a motion and a second to approve these at the meeting on January 16th in Kerrville. We are all very excited to have the 501c3 Charitable Foundation up and running and I feel that this will be a real asset for us in the future.

Thank you all for your support of HCCW.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-Karen

CattleWomen's Creed

Believing that the livestock industry is of basic importance to world existence, we, the Hill Country CattleWomen, dedicate ourselves to support it with our labor and finances; to promote it through information and publicity; to encourage its producers with our understanding and love, to do all in our power to install in the coming generation the love of the land and of life, the humility and awe before Nature, and the hope and faith in the future that is inherent in cattlemen and cattlegwomen.

Scholarship News

Bonnie Eckhardt

Tis the season to reflect and refocus. The HCCW Scholarship Program has come a long way since 1990. Together we can continue educating the Hill Country youth for years to come. As active members of your communities, you know best where to focus our scholarship giving. Take a minute to consider where your community gathers. Once we know where, it's easy to figure out who will help to spread our scholarship news. Could be a counselor, teacher, secretary, pastor, business owner, livestock show coordinator or a neighbor. You may know someone that knows who to contact. Your WHO and WHERE ideas are important. I will provide index cards to gather your information at our January meeting or email them to me at bonniejeckhardt@gmail.com.

You will find the "3 piece" information set. Both the High School and College applications are one page to facilitate coping for distribution. The flyer is in color but also copies well black & white. Some schools may have a Career Center as the hub for scholarship information. Others use English classes. It can vary among communities, so the more coverage the better. Just sending information to a principal or posting a flyer in a business may not be enough to get the word out. Personal contacts matter. LET'S GET CREATIVE. Remember CHANGE matters \$\$\$\$\$. Bring those extra coins to fill the jug.

Scholarship Links:

2024 College Scholarship Application



2024 High School Scholarship Application



HCCW 2024 Scholarship Flyer



Publicity Report

Teresa Ganis

Happy New Year, CattleWomen! 2024 is going to be a Wonderful Year for The CattleWomen. Can't wait to see y'all at the YO in January. God Bless Y'all and Your Families in the New Year!

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

— Charles Dickens

Treasurer's Report

Christi McAllister

Happy New Year Cattlewomen! I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving and Christmas break. A lot happened behind the scenes, and I want to acknowledge the hard work that Karen Schneider has done to get the 501(c) 3 foundation established. The by-law committee is also to be commended for all the hours spent working on making the document clear, concise and current. We should all be proud of the accomplishments of the board and committee chairs and everyone who stepped up to make this chapter successful. I'm excited about the future of our organization and know that our fundraising efforts will be used to help educate and inspire our youth. I'm looking forward to learning and growing along with you this year. See you in Kerrville!

Chaplain's Message

Claire Honsalek

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Wonderful CattleWomen!! Are you ready for 2024? My brother used to say "keep your powder dry"! I think this year we're going to need some dry powder that is ready to use right when we need it!!

Lately, I have had this really encouraging thought... God Is For Us. Let's be real, almost all of our hard issues are with people and relationships. We are all going through difficult situations with family or loved ones. We all are praying "God please help this one I love, I don't know how to help them".

One day when I was praying and trying to figure out what would be the biggest help I realized that God is For Us!

God does not want us to fail. He wants our families to love each other. He wants to restore relationships. He wants us to win and be successful in life. "What then shall we say to these things? 'If God is for us, who can be against us?'" Romans 8:31

So when you get discouraged remember this, that God is on your side.

I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. Psalm 37:25

Beef is an excellent source of protein and supplies 10 essential nutrients including B-vitamins, zinc, and iron that support an active and healthy lifestyle.

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RoundUp Report #1

Suzanne Crowe

Happy New Year from the Roundup crew! We all hope that this holiday is especially full of joy, love, family and cheer! We are happy to announce that we have received our first Sponsorship check from McLane Ford in the amount of \$1000! Sponsorship letters are being sent out to real estate offices, banks, insurance companies etc. and personal visits to some of these establishments are being made as well. If you have a business that you patronize we would love your help in getting their support for our 2024 RoundUp! The RoundUp flyer and sponsorship letter and form links are included below. It is much more effective when asking for a donation to make it in person to a place where you actually do business.

We will be holding a RoundUp Committee meeting at the First United Bank in Fredericksburg on January 9 at 10:30 am. Please come and bring your ideas for gathering donation items. Our goal is to have a group from each county that will be actively soliciting items for our silent auction raffle, especially in the Fredericksburg, Llano, Mason, Kerrville and Boerne markets. This should be a fun event and members can go in teams and walk the streets of Fredericksburg, for example with all its cute shops and ask for donations. Also be thinking of feed stores, hunting stores, your veterinarian, your oil change place, etc. that you can go to and ask for a donation. It doesn't always have to be a physical item, in the case of a veterinarian, it could be for free vaccines or similar service. Now that we are officially a 501c3, it will be easier to get donations made to our organization. As a reminder, Gene Witt is in charge of the Silent Auction and Vicki Miller is in charge of the Live Auction. January is when we will need to start hitting the pavement hard to get out there and get donations. You can also bring your own donations to the general meetings starting in January if you have one. Behind the scenes Alice and Suzanne have been busy securing the hotel room block, locking down the caterer, sending out sponsorship and celebrity letters and securing even more financial support from bigger entities.

We hope to have the RoundUp dinner tickets available in January. We are planning on having both physical tickets you can purchase but also, for the first time, tickets will be able to be purchased from our website. We now have a QR code to put on our flyers that will lead people to our website and the page where they can purchase tickets. Thanks to Teri Stone for all her hard work on the new foundation website!

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RoundUp Report #2

AliceAnderson

Happy New Year to each of you! The RoundUp suddenly feels like it is very close with lots to do for a super successful event. We need every member to help to make this happen. Here are some ways you can be a part of this success:

Raffle Tickets- Sell the raffle tickets for the Kawasaki Mule you have received and get some more from Claire Honsalek (830-431-3319). Our minimum goal is to sell 1,150 tickets but our BIG Goal is to sell 1,500 which would mean every member would sell approximately 15 tickets.

Auction Items- Ask the businesses, shops, places you eat, your ranch equipment/car dealers, insurance agents, etc. to donate something for the silent or live auction. This is the core of how we make a profit. Bring your items to the monthly meeting or contact Gene Witt (432-661-3443) or Vicki Miller (325-456-8840) who will arrange to get the items. Remember monetary donations are also welcomed!

Tickets- Tickets for the event officially go on sale at the January 16 meeting in Kerrville. Consider purchasing a Premier Table (\$1,500 for a table of 10). Regular tickets are \$100/person. We have 350 seats to sell which is approximately 100 more than in 2022. Go online and buy your tickets or contact Gaye Thomas (713-502-1721).

This is now a bi-annual event so we must make enough to support our scholarships and other charitable causes for 2 years at this one event. With everyone participating it will make the event fun and successful! If you have any questions, ideas or want to participate in other ways please contact us. Our thanks to each of you for your dedication and help.

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HCCW Foundation

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. The Foundation website is up and running for 2024. It now has the new Scholarship applications available and waiting. Recall that you go to the HCCW website and click on "Foundation" in the white menu bar to access the Foundation page. Scholarship information will be found on the Foundation page as will the Spring Roundup information.

If you know any upcoming 2024 graduates, steer them our way. We are working to get all the Spring Roundup purchasing capabilities functional and hope to have those available soon.

Also, the proposed Bylaws both for HCCW and for the HCCW Foundation can be found on the website for your perusal. Remember that we will vote for their implementation at the January meeting. Should you have any questions or note any errors, please email me at terilstone26@gmail.com. Also, if you have any pictures from meetings or events, please send them my way.

Looking forward to seeing you all in January at our legislative meeting in Kerrville.

For whomever has a need for the QR code to direct donors for Roundup or Scholarship Applicants for applications or information for our Food Bank donations, here is the appropriate code. Remember that you may still go to our HCCW website and access the Foundation on the top menu bar, as well as the button on the home page that will take you there.



Beef Vegetable Soup

Recipe Courtesy of:
recipetineats.com

Ingredients:

- 1.5 tbsp olive oil , separated
- 1 lb stewing beef , cut into cubes
- 1/2 tsp salt and pepper
- 1 onion , chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 3 carrots, sliced
- 4 tbsp flour
- 2 1/2 cups beef broth/stock, low sodium
- 1 1/2 cups dry red wine or Guinness
- 1.5 cups water
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp thyme dried
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 2 potatoes, any kind, cut into 1 inch cubes
- 1 tbsp butter or oil
- 6oz small mushrooms (optional)

Directions:

- Heat 1 tbsp oil until very hot in a large, heavy based pot over high heat.
- Pat beef dry with paper towels, then sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Brown beef aggressively in 2 or 3 batches, adding more oil if needed. Remove browned beef into a bowl.
- If pot looks dry, add a touch more oil.
- Add garlic and onion, cook for 2 minutes.
- Add carrot and celery, cook for 2 minutes or until onion is translucent.
- Stir in flour, then slowly pour in beef broth while constantly stirring.
- Add beer, water, tomato paste, bay leaves and thyme, stir well. Then add the beef back in.
- Cover, adjust heat to medium low so it's bubbling gently. Simmer 1 hr 15 min or until beef is pretty tender.
- Add potatoes and peas, simmer for a further 20 minutes without the lid. Add cooked mushrooms (see below) in the last 5 minutes.
- The soup is ready when the potatoes are cooked and beef is very tender.
- Adjust salt & pepper to taste
- Ladle into bowls. Sprinkle with parsley, serve with crusty bread if desired.
- BUTTERY MUSHROOMS (OPTIONAL):
- Melt butter in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add mushrooms and cook for 5 minutes until browned. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

