



## **Kathleen Krueger: New Hill Country Alliance Board Member** *Finding ways to improve the world where she lives*

Austin (March 15, 2011) – Kathleen Krueger, mayor pro-tem, New Braunfels City Council, and new Hill Country Alliance (HCA) board member, is a world traveler. She has lived and worked on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Living in Burundi, Africa, Krueger cared for her children and led volunteer projects while surrounded by warfare and massive genocide. But her roots are in the Hill Country. No matter where she is living, Krueger finds a way to help the people and improve the environment.



“I have an innate feeling that you should be helpful to others where ever you are,” Krueger says. “That was behind running for city council; I found myself preoccupied with international issues I couldn’t do anything about, so I decided to be helpful where I am. I have done this anywhere I live.”

After graduating from Texas A&M University, Krueger worked as a legislative assistant in the office of U. S. Representative Sam. B. Hall, Jr.

Krueger married Bob Krueger, former U. S. Senator and American Ambassador. During the years they lived in Africa, Kathleen was president of the Diplomatic Women’s Association. She also served on the board of an international children’s charity. She worked with Habitat for Humanity to build homes in remote African villages, and led an International Red Cross expedition into the Kalahari Desert to provide clothing for the Bushmen of Botswana.

Krueger was born in San Antonio. When she was 11 years old, Krueger moved with her parents and seven brothers and sisters to their family ranch near Bandera. “As a child, I had complete freedom to wander the pastures at will,” Krueger recalls. “I’d catch tadpoles in the creek and ride my horse alone through the hills for hours. It was an idyllic life.”

Kathleen and Bob Krueger have been married for 27 years. They live in the New Braunfels home where he grew up. They have three children: Mariana, 22, a graduate of Duke University who is currently teaching before entering Duke’s Graduate School in Global Health, Sarah, 20, is a junior with a Journalism/Spanish major at Duke University, Christian, 15, is a freshman basketball and trumpet player at New Braunfels High School.

In New Braunfels, Krueger has served as a board member of the Children’s Museum, a P.T.A. officer, a Wurstfest volunteer and a Red Cross volunteer. She was a New Braunfels High School Band Booster for

seven years and has been a board member of Eden Hill, Inc., a long-term care facility for the elderly. In 2009 she joined the board of Volunteers in Medicine, a non-profit organization dedicated to indigent health care in New Braunfels.

This is Krueger's sixth and final year on the New Braunfels City Council. This year she is serving as mayor pro-tem. Her strongest advocacy has been for protecting family neighborhoods from commercial encroachment, preserving historic districts and keeping the rivers clean and safe. "My work on these issues is about preserving the quality of life in New Braunfels and maintaining the small town, historic feel," Krueger says.

Krueger will continue her work to conserve the natural resources and cultural heritage of the Hill Country as a board member of HCA. "I am honored to serve on the board of the Hill Country Alliance with others who realize the importance of protecting the natural beauty and resources of this distinct region of Texas," Krueger says. "I believe we have a sacred obligation to protect this gift of nature for future generations."

The Hill Country Alliance is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country. To learn more about Hill Country Alliance initiatives, please visit the HCA website ([www.hillcountryalliance.org](http://www.hillcountryalliance.org)).