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Stephen Hanz
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Dear Stephen:

It is a great privilege for me to inform you that you have been selected to receive the Chamber Chair of the Board Award in the field of tourism development. Only six such awards are bestowed each year, and your efforts in developing projects and initiatives for the Wurstfest Association more than qualifies you for this award.

In 2013 you coordinated the engineering of a 110-foot bridge on the Wurstfest grounds that is now providing a scenic walkway and the spot for many great photos of the waterfall that patrons didn't even know existed. You also led a group of members as they brainstormed how to develop the lower level of the Stelzenhaus and the surrounding area into more outdoor festival space. That led to the introduction of the Stelzenhaus in 2014.

Following the purchase by the Association in 2016 of 4.5 acres from LCRA, you coordinated weekly meetings with key players to create a new area that will open to the public next month. You are also the catalyst for an overall master plan for all of the property that will be further developed years to come. You also implemented practices that improve service to patrons and curb waste of product while on the Bars Committee that has greatly improved the organization's bottom line. You served as President in 2015.

You are a sixth generation New Braunfels resident that is a descendent of the original settlers. You are a partner and local business owner of HMT Engineering and Surveying. You lend your expertise to several City committees including the Drainage Impact Fee Committee, Past Chairman of the Watershed Advisory Committee, and City of New Braunfels Bond Advisory Committee. You are a Leadership New Braunfels Class of 1999 Graduate, Director of the Comal County Fair Association, Blue Coat and Board Member with the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Downtown Rotary Club of New Braunfels.

For these reasons and many more, you and Donna are invited to be our guests at the Centennial Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held on Friday, January 25, 2019 in the New Braunfels Civic Convention Center. At that time we will further honor you with a framed certificate as a token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Robin Jeffers
Chair of the Board