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**JW MARRIOTT SAN ANTONIO HILL COUNTRY RESORT & SPA  
READY FOR SPECIAL EVENT, WEDDING AND GALA BOOKINGS**  
Resort appoints catering and sales management team

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas - October 29, 2009** - The [JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa](#) is pleased to announce the appointment of Petro Lemmen as director of catering sales and Greg Higdon as senior catering sales manager for the resort, which opens January 2010. Petro and Greg will be responsible for planning and booking events for the resort that include private parties, weddings, meetings, non-profit and corporate galas, destination events, reunions and conferences.

With more than 30 years of experience with Marriott, Petro Lemmen has developed an extensive knowledge of catering and event management. He has served as the director of catering in numerous Marriott properties including the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, Amsterdam Marriott Hotel, Orlando World Center Resort, and most recently, as the director of catering at the Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk hotels in San Antonio. Petro has a contagious enthusiasm for events and leads his sales and services team with a focus on exceeding client expectations. "Everyday, we have the opportunity to make our customers' special event dreams a reality," he says. Petro has facilitated numerous charity balls, galas and corporate events for local non-profit agencies and is eager to introduce clients to the newest resort in the JW Marriott family. In his new role, Petro will oversee the sales and booking of [catered events](#) for the resort.

Greg Higdon joins the resort from the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa in Tucson, Arizona where he held the position of director of catering. Throughout his 13 year Marriott career in sales and catering, Greg has demonstrated a passion for hospitality. This dedication led him to become a [Marriott Certified Wedding Planner](#), which has provided him with extensive experience in planning and executing custom events of every size, style and budget. Greg will assist clients with all aspects of event planning including décor, floral choices, entertainment and customized menu design.

"Petro and Greg each bring tremendous talent and seasoned knowledge to the resort services team," said Arthur Coulombe, general manager for the resort. "Because of the resort's unique location and world class amenities it will be the ideal location for special events ranging from intimate weddings to large-scale conferences. These gentlemen will provide guests with superior attention to detail and the ultimate in personalized event planning services."

The JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa boasts 1,002 richly appointed guest rooms with expansive views of the Hill Country terrain. Designed to host events of all sizes, the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa offers the largest flexible convention, meeting and event space in the market, with more than 140,000 square feet of space designed with the latest audio visual technology.

**Meeting and event facility options include:**

- 40,000-square-foot Grand Oaks Ballroom
- 21,000-square-foot Cibolo Canyon Ballroom
- 40,000-square-foot Exhibit Hall
- 20,000 square feet of space in 19 breakout rooms

**Sunday House:**

A destination wedding site, the resort offers unique facilities such as a traditional Hill Country Sunday House offering 1,200 square feet of dining or entertaining space. Historically built by German-American farmers and ranchers who came to town on Saturday for supplies and spent the night for worship services the next day, Sunday houses were small second homes. The JW Marriott Sunday House honors this local tradition as a charming one story, free standing building accented with limestone walls, a metal roof, wood floors, an indoor fireplace, paned windows and spectacular hill country views. The facility is perfect for intimate weddings, rehearsal dinners or bridesmaid luncheons.

**Three Outdoor Entertaining Options:**

Distinct outdoor venues ranging from 8,000 to 30,000 square feet offer three incomparable experiences. Just outside the conference center, guests can enjoy 23,000 square foot lawns customizable for outdoor dining and entertaining. At the heart of the resort lies the largest venue, a 30,000-square-foot lawn accented by limestone waterfalls, fireplaces, and views of the rolling hills, the 1st hole of the AT&T Canyons course and a canopy of starlit skies. For nuptials al fresco, the wedding pavilion is a covered stone patio framed by majestic oak trees, fountains, views of the 18th hole of the AT&T Oaks course and a private scenic overlook.

**Golf:**

Overnight event guests will enjoy exclusive access to the newest [PGA TOUR Tournament Players Club \(TPC\)](#) championship golf courses with 36 challenging holes and stunning views. Two of golf's most legendary names designed the courses – Pete Dye for the AT&T Canyons Course and Greg Norman for the AT&T Oaks Course. The Norman-designed course will begin hosting the Valero Texas Open in May 2010. The club is private and only accessible to members and guests of the Resort.

Located less than 20 minutes from San Antonio International Airport and 30 minutes from downtown, the Resort will offer guests outstanding entertainment features, including a six-acre water park, the 26,000-square-foot Lantana spa, and seven restaurant and lounge options. To schedule your next event or learn more about our event services please visit [www.jwsanantonio.com](http://www.jwsanantonio.com) or call (210) 403-3434.

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