



Meet Kye Hoehn, the woman who has been creating memories for others at Kye's and Kye's II special event facilities in Water Tower Square in Jeffersonville. She works with brides and grooms, their mothers and fathers, business men and women, and just about anyone else who wants to throw a reunion, fundraiser, or simply a good time.

It only makes sense that this lively woman knows how to create a comfortable life for herself.

From a 30-year career spanning time as a kindergarten teacher to an entrepreneur, Kye has deliberately woven the strands of her life together to make a most beautiful tapestry.

Oh sure, there have been a few needle pricks along the way, but nothing too bloody.

Kye is very sure what threads she needs to make her life beautiful. Family and friends, a comfortable home and work environment, travel, lists, and Elvis.

Yes, Elvis. You've got to love a 56-year-old woman who has a black-and-white photo triptych of a young Elvis Presley (with big hair) propped atop her kitchen cabinets. And on the kitchen counter, salt and pepper shakers of Elvis

and his guitar ready to shake, rattle, and roll.

"He epitomizes the American Dream to me," she says, "and sadly, the American Tragedy as well. It amazes me that 30 years after his death he is still the King of Rock 'n' Roll."

After three visits to Elvis's Graceland mansion in Memphis, Kye has accumulated a tour bus-load of Elvis memorabilia. "I have a velvet Elvis, a bust of Elvis, photos and newspaper articles, Bourbon decanters, calendars, and a denim jacket with Taking Care of Business (the singer's motto) embroidered on the back."

Her favorite Elvis song: *Can't Help Falling in Love*.

And, of course, love is an important strand in Kye's tapestry. Love of family and friends.

Kye, who is now single, has two sons, two daughters-in-law and two grandchildren.

"It is most important to have good solid relationships with family and friends. Memories are so important. Once a year in February, we all go to the beach for a week. We can focus on each other there without distractions."

Because her parents and siblings have all passed away, Kye is ever more vigilant about family time. She and her sons, Cory and Kyle, took a golf trip to Phoenix in November. Never mind that she doesn't play golf, the point was to be there with her sons, and she got to drive the cart one day.

She and daughter-in-law, Heather, have created their own family tradition around Christmas and spend two days shopping at Nordstrom's in Indianapolis. "I get all the

shopping done and then I don't have to think about it. I never total those receipts," she says.

On Thursdays, she takes her granddaughter, Zoe, to school and then spends the day with Jackson, her grandson. "They both are here for dinner and sometimes their parents come for dinner as well, sometimes not. It is all very casual, but in a planned way."

Kye admits to being a planner by nature. "I don't leave much to chance. In my business, planning is crucial. I only have one chance to make the wedding, the reception, the party, or the meeting right."

She lives by her lists, which she refers to many times during the day. "I keep a calendar with both personal and work appointments on it. I like to make lists and cross off tasks. Sometimes, if I do something I haven't written down, I write it down and cross it off anyway."

Dinners at home are sometimes eaten at the round kitchen table and sometimes at the rectangular dining room table. And comfort food—meatloaf and mashed potatoes—is high on the list of good things to eat.

Kye's home is comfortable, uncluttered, and calm. Tones of sand contrasted with navy blue and black accents assure a relaxing environment for Kye to entertain, or just sit back in her tiger-striped upholstered armchair with ottoman by the fireplace and read or reflect.

"I have to feel comfortable in my environment. If my space is jumbled, my mind is jumbled. I like things to be organized and efficient. I like to think that everywhere you are in my home, you are comfortable.

"If I really like something, I will keep it forever. But once it has lost its usefulness or doesn't work in the space anymore, it is gone. Last spring, I got rid of an iron headboard I had had since college. I used to have it in a guest room. But even though it had a lot of memories attached to it, I got rid of it. As I get older, I find it easier to get rid of things."

One thing or things Kye doesn't get rid of are her shoes. "I have a shoe fetish. I just had my closets custom-designed to hold my 200 pairs. I spent time in Florida with friends recently and ended up buying two pairs—a pair of bronze heels and a pair of t-strap sandals. I had to carry them both home in my purse on the plane as they raised the weight of my luggage and I would have had to pay a fee."

And what does this woman with shoes look forward to in 2009?

"I am so happy with my life right now. For so long the scales of life tipped toward the business end and now I feel as if I have earned the right to delegate and take time for myself, family, and friends. Every day doesn't always balance out, but overall I am happy with life."