

The Guild

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The Light of Christmas

"A light from on high will dawn upon us. To shine upon and give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death to direct and guide our feet into the way of peace." ~ Luke 1:78-79

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HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker

Laura Shook

"Forever Hope"

Author and Speaker



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

River Oaks Country Club
Registration 11 a.m. • Program 11:25 a.m.
Arrive early to purchase a centerpiece.

RSVP to theguild@hbu.edu or 281-649-3362.

Laura Shook is one of the founding pastors of Community of Faith in Cypress, Texas, where more than 8500 people now worship together each weekend. Community of Faith has been listed as one of the top 100 churches in the country. Laura is a gifted speaker and teacher. She sets the tone for the international ministries of the church, bringing an awareness of global issues as a tireless advocate for the broken and forgotten. She is a graduate of Baylor University and is a Registered Nurse. Laura is the author of Forever Hope, the story of her journey through cancer and recovery; and Prayers For My Children, a daily prayer guide for parents. Laura loves ice cream, reading, travel, and spending time with her husband, Mark, and their children and grandchildren.



Greetings from the PRESIDENT

Since hurricane Harvey, all of us have been changed to some degree. We have wept, prayed and asked God for strength and wisdom. One thing we have learned is that we must keep our eyes on the Lord, for He is our rock and shelter. I ask each one of you to continue to pray for God's protection and wisdom on all who had tremendous loss during this flood. Our scripture for this year is Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."



Believe it or not, our Christmas Luncheon is just around the corner on Friday, December 1st. Guild members have been busy preparing for this beautiful event, so I encourage you to invite a friend and make your reservations immediately. This year's speaker is Laura Shook, daughter of Archie and Linda Dunham. Her personal story reveals how prayer guided her through her fight with cancer. I am sure her testimony will be an encouragement for all, especially for those dealing with serious health issues.

Also, please make a note of additional celebrations in December ... and throughout the year as listed in the Upcoming Events on page 2. And remember that events such as the Christmas Luncheon, Special Event and Silver Tea are wonderful opportunities to introduce your friends to The Guild.

Recently we enjoyed honoring our newest members at our Fall Coffee held at the home of Laurie and Wade Phillips at which we were delighted to hear from one of our scholarship recipients, Calvin Williams. Another recent event hosted by The Guild was the Institute/HBU Faculty Luncheon, featuring guest speaker Lynne Jordal Martin. These events exemplify The Guild's mission to support HBU by providing graduate scholarships and supporting The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies.

Thank you for your continued love and support for The Guild and for Houston Baptist University. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of ladies, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Ruth Alford
President

Upcoming Events

GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 11:00 a.m.
 December 1, 2017 - River Oaks Country Club
 Chairmen: Gina Saour and Cathy Wheatley
 Speaker: Laura Shook

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, December 7, 2017
 Morris House - President's Home

SPECIAL EVENT 1:00 p.m.
 Tour of Lanier Theological Library
 Tuesday, March 6, 2018
 Chairmen: Kathleen Evans and Nancy Penney

SILVER TEA 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday, April 12, 2018 - Home of Diana and Todd Brock
 Chairmen: Marsha Eckermann, Jennifer Ferguson & Debra Perich

The Guild Scholarship Program

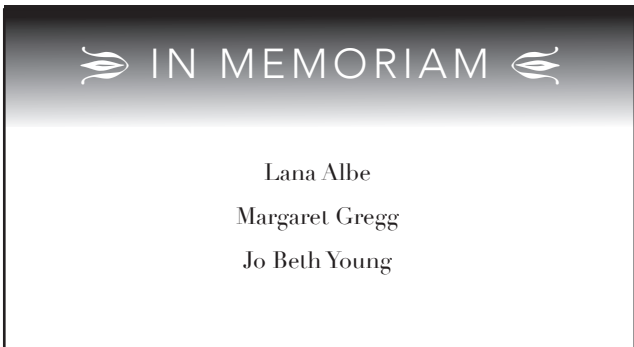
The Guild was honored and delighted to award five endowed scholarships and 15 annual scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Denise Imery
 Calvin Williams
 Ashley Wright
 Jeremiah Taylor
 Erwin Garcia-Valasquez

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kameel Atweh	Prestal Malloy
Melissa Bernu	Christine McKnight
Michael Birdwell	Jonathan Richie
Andrea Chevalier	Robert Schwartzbeck
Daniel Emery	Grace Shay
Maria Franshaw	Mary Kay Sherman
Van Ho	Shelby Stafford
Lester Leonares	



New Guild Members Wanted!

MEMO TO:

Members of The Guild of Houston Baptist University

FROM:

The Recruitment Committee:

Allene Lucas, Chairman, Ruth Alford, Shirley Asel, Cheryl Kaminski, Janet McGuire, Jan Rule, Sharon Saunders, Nan Schissler and Morna Wall

SUBJECT:

A new initiative – To Grow The Guild's Membership

Our new Recruitment Committee has accepted the challenge to help increase membership in The Guild. This task was undertaken in anticipation that we would have the support of persons most qualified and experienced in choosing worthy candidates ... that is, to ask YOU, The Guild Membership, to identify other Christian women willing to:

- Serve to benefit Houston Baptist University and its mission
- Develop lasting friendships through committee service and social activities
- Support our graduate scholarship program and The Guild Institute for Christian Family Studies

The process is easy. Call or email one of our committee members or Patti Bailey and request that a new-membership packet be mailed to an applicant who has shown an interest in joining The Guild.

Let's get started!

2017-2018 Officers & Committee Chairs

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Christmas Luncheon: Gina Saour & Cathy Wheatley
 Communications: Ginny Nelson & Jan Rule
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 Fall Coffee: Cookie Peeler & Dana Grigsby
 First Lady's Special Events: Tommie Lejeune & Lynn Tyger
 Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies: Freddie Greene & Heather Davis
 Hospitality: Jane Caldwell & Janet McGuire
 Installation Coffee: Rhonda Ekholm & Jodi Eby
 Membership: Linda Higginbotham
 Recruitment: Allene Lucas
 Newsletter Editor: Patti Hatton
 Scholarship: Jan Witham
 Silver Tea: Jennifer Ferguson, Marsha Eckermann & Debra Perich
 Special Event: Kathleen Evans & Nancy Penney
 Webmaster: Tana Jefferson
 Yearbook: Ann Bussey & Patti Bailey

Fall Coffee 2017

On October 5 Guild members and guests enjoyed perfect weather with a touch of fall in the air at our annual Fall Coffee honoring new members. Guests were welcomed into the splendid home of Laurie and Wade Phillips which was filled with collectable family treasures, including football memorabilia from both Wade and his dad, Bum. A whimsical frog décor was noted throughout the home, as well as in the beautifully landscaped yard. The dining room table was filled with delicious tea sandwiches and many wonderful treats provided by the Fall Coffee Committee, chaired by Dana Grigsby and Cookie Peeler.

Guild President Ruth Alford presided over the meeting and thanked our gracious hostess, Laurie, for opening their lovely home. Ruth then welcomed our sixteen new and returning Guild members and introduced Guild Committee Chairs who highlighted our upcoming events. Calvin Williams, recipient of The Sue Sloan Endowed Scholarship, thanked the Guild for making it possible for him to continue pursuing his master's degree in theology.

Dr. Robert Sloan gave an update on the University and upcoming HBU events. He then presented Laurie with a framed Bible page containing verses from 1st Corinthians 9 pertaining to athletes exercising self-control in order to receive an imperishable reward.

The coffee was attended by more than 90 guests who had fun visiting with old friends and making new ones. It was enjoyed by all.



Dana Grigsby; Cookie Peeler



Sharon Saunders, Calvin Williams



Ruth Alford, Dr. Sloan, Sue Sloan, Laurie Phillips



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The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies Luncheon

The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies welcomed Fox News Senior Opinion Editor Lynne Jordal Martin to the HBU campus to speak at Convocation on October 18. Following Convocation, The Guild hosted a luncheon in McNair Hall honoring HBU faculty. During the luncheon, Martin and Dr. Robert Sloan enlightened the audience discussing her career and faith paths; then Martin welcomed a wide range of questions from the audience. Heather Davis and Freddie Greene served as Committee Chairs and hosts for this event.



*Freddie Greene, Heather Davis, Sharon Saunders, Lynne Jordal Martin,
Dr. Robert Sloan*

