

The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2012 FALL NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the PRESIDENT



Thank you for the extraordinary honor of serving as your president for the next two years. As we enter the 38th year of the Guild, its history shows us much has been accomplished. And yet as we study the Ten Pillars, the 12 year vision for Houston Baptist University, we realize there is so much more to do. With prayerful guidance, we will help Dr. Sloan

promote the growth and development of the university in an effort to achieve these visionary goals.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our returning members and a very warm welcome to our new members. We, as Christian women, receive a special joy in coming together in support of Houston Baptist University, where we enrich and enhance people's lives through funded scholarships and Christian education.

This year I have chosen scriptures that help us focus on a year of "service" and remind us that we are to use our gifts to glorify the Lord. The Holy Spirit has equipped each of us to serve the Lord and to share the gospel. We have the opportunity to do just that when we work year round to organize the Silver Tea in an effort to raise scholarship dollars for graduate education and theology students at HBU. Keeping Christian teachers and administrators in our classrooms and school systems is vital in this society in which we live. Likewise, helping theology majors excel in their knowledge to teach and preach the Word of God is critical in this day and age. And, we must continue to promote Christian families through the Guild Institute. Telling others about Jesus Christ is the greatest service that we can offer to God. The Lord Himself has called us to this task.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ..." - Matthew 28:29

It is the result of your individual and collective efforts that help to "make disciples of all nations," as Jesus commanded us. Since 1995, The Guild has provided 155 annual and 28 endowed scholarships to graduate educators, and most recently to theology students, as well, in HBU's Schools of Education and Theology. This amounts to more than \$1.4 million contributed by the Guild for these scholarships, special projects, and The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies. This would not be possible if it were not for your continued financial support and willingness to volunteer. Thank you!

I am grateful for a hard-working, talented and very dedicated Board which is eager to serve and do God's work. Since being installed in May, much has been done by our Board and Committee Chairmen in planning and preparation for the upcoming events. We've worked really hard, but we have had a lot of fun too! I encourage our new members to serve on a committee and get involved. Say "yes" to the invitation of serving. You are doing God's work!

In His Love and Service,

Debra Perich

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you ... plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1 Peter 4:10-11



Sue Sloan and John Wethington

Fall Coffee

On a crisp, cool fall morning, Guild members were welcomed to the annual coffee on October 4 by a colorful, harvest display at the home of Carole Look. As the members gathered in the beautifully decorated living area and mum-adorned deck, they renewed friendships and met new members. All in attendance enjoyed the sound of familiar hymns and tunes played by Jackie Bond. The dining table was inviting with a bountiful seasonal arrangement and a gourmet selection of “goodies” provided by the committee.

The program, led by Guild President Debra Perich, featured enlightening words from Dr. Sloan concerning the University’s vision for the future and current developing plans. In addition, all in attendance were impressed by the words from scholarship recipient, John Wethington.

Co-chairs Lucy Carl and Judy Craig were grateful for the enthusiastic members who attended and for the committed volunteers who worked diligently to make this event a success.



Dr. Robert Sloan speaking to the group



Attendees enjoying the beautiful weather on the deck



Carole Look, Lucy Carl and Judy Craig

2012-2013 Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Debra Perich	Fall Coffee	Judy Craig	Special Event	Donna Goeser
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Christmas Luncheon	Shirley Asel	Silver Tea	Kandy Brittain	Webmaster	Tana Jefferson
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A Special Thank You . . .

What a year 2011-2012 was for me, and I thank you all for allowing me to serve you as president. As I write this thank you, I can't help but smile as I think of my new and deepened friendships. It has been a pleasure to serve alongside a group of beautiful women who love the Lord like you do. I appreciate every one of you who served on the Board and as a committee chair. I was blessed beyond measure with your support and hard work. I also know I speak for the Board and our chairs when I say "thank you, Patti Bailey" for making everyone's job easier. You are the best!

In addition to having fun, we accomplished some important things. The Sue Collier Sloan Endowed Scholarship was completed. At the Christmas Luncheon, a gift of \$25,000 was given to The Guild Institute endowment. Extensive work was begun on The Guild's website making it not only a resource for current events, but also for documenting the history of The Guild. Our Silver Tea, honoring Linda Higginbotham and Allene Lucas, raised more than \$81,000 for graduate scholarships in the Schools of Education and Theology. We awarded 14 scholarships - five endowed and nine annual. As we interviewed our applicants, I was overwhelmed by their passion for Christ and for serving others. I love the scripture, "O taste and see that the Lord is good" and He surely is!

I could not leave without thanking Sharon Saunders for her amazing leadership and wisdom. Sharon, you are truly a gift to Houston Baptist University and to The Guild.

I know this will be a great year with Debra Perich. Her focus on service defines her as she truly has a servant's heart. My prayers are with you, Debra, and I remind you that He "is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us." (Ephesians 3:20).

Thank you,
Anne Roper

Guild Board Meeting

Guild President, Debra Perich, kicked off the new year with a Board Meeting on June 13 held at the Sugar Creek Country Club. There were 34 board members present. Chaplain, Janet Taylor, led a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing. Reports were given by Secretary, Ann Bussey, and Treasurer, Pam Lucas. All Board Members and Committee Chairmen were introduced and welcomed. HBU President Robert Sloan and First Lady Sue Sloan were not present because of the birth of their newest grandchild. In the absence of the President, Sharon Saunders brought greetings from the University.

Installation Coffee

The Installation Coffee was held on May 11, 2012, at the lovely home of Jane Caldwell. The decorations were reflective of the beautiful spring day with colorful quilts, potted plants, and pewter serving pieces the theme of the day. The committee, chaired by Brenda Hederhorst and Claire Turner, provided delicious and colorful refreshments.

Anne Roper, outgoing President, presented the Guild's gifts to Sharon Saunders who accepted them on behalf of HBU.

Cindy Duffy did a wonderful job installing the new officers. Each officer and committee chair was presented a serving piece of flatware tied with ribbon and flowers. This was in keeping with new President Debra Perich's emphasis on service. Attendees were inspired to make this a year of service to HBU and the students we help to support.



Debra Perich and Cindy Duffy



Anne Roper and Jane Caldwell



Brenda Hederhorst and Claire Turner



Officers and Committee Chairs

THE GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 7, 2012

*“Jumping Jehosephat -
Lessons from the Wilderness”*

JUDGE JENNIFER WALKER ELROD
Guest Speaker

For all of us, Christmas is steeped with traditions and for many Guild members and their friends, the Christmas Luncheon on the 1st Friday of December is the beginning of their celebration of this special season.

Co-Chairs Shirley Asel and Peggy Hicks, along with their committee members, have a fabulous Christmas Luncheon planned this year with great entertainment, a wonderful Christmas menu, and beautiful decorations. As in past years, the table centerpieces will be for sale ... and you will definitely want this centerpiece.

President Robert Sloan will bring a special Christmas message. We will hear from one of the recent scholarship recipients and see how the Guild affects the lives of these amazing young students.



Join us this year at the Hilton Post Oak on Friday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. to hear Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod, Federal Judge on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, speak about her journey to the bench.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

**Tables can be reserved by e-mailing
theguild@hbu.edu
or calling Patti Bailey at 281-649-3362.**

Individual ticket - \$60

Table for 10 - \$600

Begin to think of the dear people in your life with whom you would like to fill your table and share this special day to make this an enjoyable kick-off to the Christmas Season!

Guild Scholarships Awarded

The HBU Guild Scholarship Committee 2012, chaired by Ginny Nelson, met in May to interview candidates presented by the School of Education and the School of Theology. The following scholarships were awarded:

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

John Wethington Sue Collier Sloan Endowed Scholarship
Mike Skinner Sharon Elaine Saunders
Endowed Scholarship
Nathan Wagner E. D. Hodo Endowed Scholarship
Linsey McCoun The Guild Endowed Scholarship
Allison Lopez The Guild Presidents' Endowed Scholarship

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Francisco Barocio-Ramirez Carmen Reyes
Olufolake Ladipo Larkaya Gant
Karla Castellon Sarah Weber
Jessica Parks Amber Yoder
Errica Dotson

2012-13 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 7, 2012

11:00 a.m. Christmas Luncheon
Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod, speaker
Hilton Houston Post Oak

DECEMBER 11, 2012

6:00 p.m. Community Christmas Party
President's Home

2013

MARCH 7, 2013

11:30 a.m. Special Event
Lunch with Helen Perry, Image Consultant/Speaker
Dillon II, Hinton Center

APRIL 11, 2013

2:00 p.m. Silver Tea
Home of Vicki and Ken Douglas

MAY 10, 2013

10:00 a.m. Installation Coffee
Home of Sue and Robert Sloan

New Member Orientation

The New Member Orientation was held on September 11th, 2012, at the Morris Cultural Arts Center. Committee chairs Jane Ann Bickham, Judy Childress, and Kay Haines, along with their committee welcomed new and returning members. Among the guests were sponsors of the new members and Guild officers. Delicious refreshments, provided by the Membership Committee, were enjoyed by all.

New and returning members include Dr. Leslie Adams, Lisa Covington, Kathleen Evans, Kara Green, Cynthia Hernandez, Tommie Lejeune, Sally Madio, Kelly Matte, Ruth Pulido, Hope Reynolds, Nancy Shomette, Cynthia Simpson, Mitzi Sisk, Maetha Smith, Angel Traweek, Lynn Tyger, Kathrin Yokubaitis, Mary Lynn Hollis, Melissa Marse Hopwood, Rosemary Laird, Susan Lynn, Kathy St. John, Lucia Street and Carla Stutts.

The new members were given an overview of the Guild and the upcoming events as well as information about HBU's growth and development. We look forward to getting to know these remarkable women and participating with them in Guild activities.



Debra Perich speaking to attendees



Judy Childress, Jane Ann Bickham and Kay Haines



New members and other attendees

The New Yearbook ...

We want to thank our Yearbook chairs, Heather Davis, Helen deGeurin, and Cheryl Kaminski for our fabulous 2012-2013 Yearbook. The Yearbook, which was distributed at the Fall Coffee, contains information on all of our members, events, Constitution and Bylaws, in addition to information on the history of the organization.

We hope you enjoy going through the Yearbook and refreshing your memory of those great events and outstanding leaders who have played such important roles in the Guild's accomplishments.

Yearbook Updates

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Please note correction on page 11:
Special Event for 2009 - "Dazzling Devine Design Details" produced by Cindy Garbs at the home of Cindy and Randy Garbs



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Letter from the Editor

Almost 17 years ago, having just retired, I was looking forward to a more leisurely life—gardening, reading, cleaning out closets, etc. Soon afterward I received a call asking me to join the President's Advisors, forerunner to the Guild at HBU. What could be more fun than getting together socially with some very nice ladies and telling the HBU President what we'd like him to do. I was happy to join. Shortly after I became a member I was asked to chair the next Special Event. That's when I learned what the organization is really about. Several very special ladies became my Committee and helped me every step of the way. They became good friends and are still helping others with their tasks today. Through the years I have had various assignments in the Guild and made many new friends.

President Debra Perich has called upon her officers and committee chairs to make this a year of service to the Guild and the students we serve. My message to the new members and possibly some inactive members is that we should all consider an area of service that fits us. Not everyone has the time, skills, and abilities to serve in the same capacity as others. By volunteering to serve wherever you can, you will receive an abundance of blessings knowing you have helped some wonderful students reach their goals through Christian higher education. We can all be advocates for HBU wherever we go. Yes, I've had lots of fun along the way. Some of those closets still haven't been cleaned out. But my life has truly been enriched. See you at the Christmas Luncheon!

Georgia Byrnes