

The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2014 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the PRESIDENT



Some years ago HBU had a campaign, "Write Your Own Story"! It was a brilliant marketing campaign which proved to be successful for the University as students, faculty and alumni did indeed write their stories of how HBU helped to shape their lives. The campaign emphasized the benefits of an HBU experience and shined a light on a unique University family that was, and still is today, inviting in a way that stands out among universities.

Shortly thereafter came the writing of *The Ten Pillars*, a 12-year vision for HBU which was led by President Robert Sloan and created from ideas and initiatives from faculty, staff, students, trustees and alumni. The introduction states: "The vision we have for our university begins with a story. It is about something that happened more than a hundred years ago."

Ladies, we are a part of this wonderful story of HBU as we help Dr. Sloan promote the growth and development of this blessed University! The Lord desires that we discover His plan, obey, and become all that He intended. In other words, for success in the biblical sense, God sets the goals. As Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "**For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans for hope and a future.**" This Scripture can certainly be applied to the plans God has for HBU.

We all know and have experienced the truth that God's Word is timeless and is a treasure to us. We also know that the stories and principles found in the Gospels are just as applicable today as they were in Jesus' day. In John 6:1-14, Jesus asked, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" Although Christ knew all along what He would do, He was teaching His disciples that the perfect plan and the power to implement it comes only from God, not from human solutions and resources. Each step requires trust and obedience. The Guild Silver Tea Underwriting Committee experiences this truth each year as we raise scholarship dollars for HBU graduate education and theology students. As Jesus fed the five thousand with two fish and five barley loaves, likewise He provides the way for The Guild to raise the scholarship dollars needed each year. At this year's Silver Tea we raised more than \$70,000 which allowed us to award five Endowed Scholarships and 23 Annual Scholarships to very worthy Christian HBU scholarship applicants. **Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God!"**

The power of saying yes to God is beyond anything we could ever imagine. In His great love, He places us where He

wants us to serve. We ultimately serve Jesus, and when we step out in faith and obedience to Him, He does great things in us and through us. If you think your "yes" to serving has little or no influence, please think again and remember this: *we cannot begin to understand the plans God has for us.* There is always a far-reaching ripple effect when we say yes to God. We don't have to see the influence to know it's there. I encourage you to yield to God's agenda. I did, and I served as President of The Guild for two years! What a blessing it has been for me!

This is my last newsletter to you as your President. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you in this capacity. Your prayers, notes, letters, cards, phone calls, emails and texts have all been a great source of strength and encouragement for me for the past two years. I cannot say thank you enough!

As Sharon Saunders often quotes, "We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us." Thank you to all the Past Presidents who paved the way for me to serve as President. I also want to express a special thank you to Sue Sloan, Sharon Saunders, Grace Gandy, Judy Graham, Barbara Boek, Anne Roper, Patti Bailey, Cindy Duffy, Peg Harman, and to my biggest supporter, my husband, Tom!

As we approach a new Guild year, I look forward to serving under the leadership of Jan Witham and the new Guild Board, along with our Executive Director, Sharon Saunders. Let us keep Jan in our prayers asking God for guidance and direction every step of the way. Let us continue to support Dr. Sloan in his efforts to bring the city to campus and to bring "Athens and Jerusalem together." And let us continue to support HBU by raising scholarship dollars for those who teach and preach the Word of God and by promoting Christian families.

Although HBU's "Write Your Own Story" campaign ended years ago, I encourage each of you to take this opportunity to "write your own story" of how HBU has touched, shaped, or changed your life as a member of The Guild. I started writing my story years ago. I now have a new chapter to add of a deeper influence HBU has had on my life as a two-year President of The Guild!

In His Love and Service,


Debra Perich

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, And he will make straight your paths."

- Proverbs 3:5-6

Silver Tea

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 what a glorious day for The Guild Silver Tea, and a fun day, as well! The house was fabulous, the food was delicious, the music was perfect ... and the Lord answered our prayers giving us great weather as we gathered together to honor Judy Graham for her Christian leadership and commitment to HBU and The Guild. Those attending celebrated a wonderful atmosphere of Christian fellowship.

Jana and Scott Arnoldy opened their beautiful home to The Guild with kindness and hospitality to raise scholarship dollars for HBU's School of Education and School of Christian Thought. In addition, Jana Arnoldy created floral arrangements and placed them throughout the house and grounds to be enjoyed by all.

Co-Chairs, Donna Goeser and Cheryl Kaminski, along with their committees, planned it down to the wire and considered every detail, including the selection of delicious and elegant foods by Silver Stone Events. Faye Dunwoody used her many talents to create a beautiful invitation, which is the first introduction to the Silver Tea. And what a fabulous introduction it was! The beautiful guitar music by Latin Guitarist, Guillermo Serpas, could be enjoyed by everyone whether mingling inside the house or outside on the grounds. It was a perfect day for a Silver Tea!

We are extremely blessed with a wonderful President and First Lady, Robert and Sue Sloan, to work with and support in this great endeavor for HBU. We are also very thankful to the underwriters and donors who have made this year's Silver Tea and our Guild Scholarship Program a success!

"To God Give The Glory Great Things He Hath Done!"



Honoree Judy Graham and husband Geren Graham



Scott Arnoldy, Jana Arnoldy, Sue Sloan, Dr. Robert Sloan



Donna Goeser, Debra Perich, Judy Graham, Cheryl Kaminski, Sharon Saunders



Guests attending the Tea



Grace Gandy and Dr. Robert Sloan

2014-2015 Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Jan Witham
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Yearbook	Karen Carlson Allene Lucas
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU ... UNDERWRITERS OF THE SILVER TEA

PLATINUM
Dianne & Joe Reeves

GOLD
Debra & Tom Perich
Nancy & Richard Schissler

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Eraina & Bryan Larson
Ginny & Emmitt Nelson

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Faye Dunwoody
Reda & James Eubank
Cynthia Ford
Grace Gandy
Sue & Ted Getterman
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Cheryl Kaminski
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Anne & Hank Roper
Jan & Bob Rule
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Yearbook Updates ...

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Membership Renewal

All members should have received a letter from the Guild in April, along with a Membership Renewal Card. We want to thank those of you who have returned your card and your membership donation.
If you have not yet sent in your renewal card, you may complete the copy shown here. Return it with your gift to:

The Guild, HBU
7502 Fondren Road
Houston, Texas 77074

You may use a check or credit card. Make checks payable to "The Guild, HBU." Be sure to complete all items on the form. Committees are being formed, and we need to know your interests. We also need the names of all renewing members in order to include them in our 2014-2015 Yearbook.



Name _____ Spouse _____ Date of Birth (mo./day) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Returning Member - Last date of membership _____ E-mail _____
Phone: Home (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____
Office (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Here is my gift to the University:

Enclosed is my annual \$100 membership donation. (Make checks payable to The Guild, HBU.)
 Charge to my ___ VISA ___ Mastercard ___ Discover ___ American Express in the amount of \$ _____
Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____
 I am a past PA/Guild president Signature _____
I have matching gift capabilities with _____

Here are my interests: I would be interested in serving on the following committee(s):

- Chaplain** — in-reach ministry to Guild members through prayer and personal contacts.
- Communication** — provides communication with members through telephone and e-mail regarding special events and information.
- Membership** — outreach to prospective members and orientation of new members, including the New Member Orientation and the Fall Membership Coffee.
- Fall Membership Coffee** — annual event to honor and introduce The Guild's newest members.
- Hospitality** — hosting events and sponsoring activities for the President and First Lady.
- Christmas Luncheon** — annual luncheon held to celebrate the season and to introduce guests to the activities of The Guild.
- Special Event** — a "fun" activity held each spring.
- Silver Tea** — fundraising event held to provide resources for The Guild Scholarship program.
- Fundraising** — contacts potential contributors regarding funding of The Guild Scholarship program.
- Scholarship** — reviews applicants and interviews finalists for selection for The Guild Scholarship program. (by invitation)
- Installation Coffee** — honors outgoing officers and chairpersons and installs officers for the ensuing year.
- The Guild Institute** — assists in coordinating events related to The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies.
- First Lady's Events** — assists in hosting events for students.

I am willing to: Bake goodies Other talents _____

THE GUILD INSTITUTE IN CHRISTIAN FAMILY STUDIES

The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies welcomed Lee Strobel at HBU Convocation on February 19, 2014. Mr. Strobel is a recent addition to the faculty at Houston Baptist University and is a nationally known apologist, pastor and author. He has written over 20 books including *The Case for Christ* and *The Case for a Creator*. Pastor Strobel's address encouraged the students in their "unexpected adventure" as they walk with the Lord and talked about what Jesus meant to be salt and light of the world.

Following Convocation, a luncheon honoring the HBU faculty was hosted by The Guild in McNair Hall. During the program Dr. Robert Sloan and Pastor Lee Strobel engaged in a conversation about issues facing the Christian family today.

The Committee Chairs for this event were Anne Roper and Jane Caldwell.



Lee Strobel speaking at Convocation.



Sharon Saunders, Debra Perich, Lee Strobel, Anne Roper, Jane Caldwell



Dr. Sloan presented a gift to Pastor Strobel, a framed page from King James Bible dating to 1611, taken from the Dunham Bible Museum at HBU.



Faculty members attending luncheon.



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Letter from the Editor

As we reach the end of another Guild year and prepare for the more leisurely summer ahead, it's time to reflect on the accomplishments of this past year. HBU has been a beehive of activity throughout the year. Officers and Committee Chairs of The Guild have never been busier.

As Newsletter Editor for two years, I have had the opportunity to work with this amazing group of women. On behalf of all of us, I want to thank them for their service. I especially want to thank Debra Perich, our President, for all she has accomplished for HBU and for The Guild during her two-year term. She has been a tireless advocate for HBU and has given much of her time to Guild activities. In large part, it is because of her leadership that we have had continued success in awarding scholarships in graduate education to qualified students.

Let's enjoy our summer vacation and return in the fall ready to support our new President, Jan Witham.

Georgia Byrnes

