

The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2016 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the PRESIDENT



I am truly humbled and honored to have served as your Guild President for the past two years. Thank you all who served on the Board and Committees for 2015-2016. It was a fun and eventful year and we accomplished a lot due to your dedication to The Guild and the University.

The Mission of Houston Baptist University is to provide a learning experience that instills in students a passion for academic, spiritual and professional excellence as result of

our central confession, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

In doing God's work and keeping our mission statement in our hearts, I am excited to announce that The Guild recently awarded seven Endowed Scholarships and 25 Annual Scholarships, including HBU's first doctoral scholarship The Guild Endowed Scholarship in Executive Educational Leadership. This is due to the efforts of all the ladies of the Guild. Thank you all!

Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him according to his purpose."

Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as He causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the Word and in the world. Serving in The Guild has brought me great joy! The Guild members give their time, talent and resources to help provide scholarships. This is truly a source of joy to those who participate. Joy is something that everyone wants, so let us share our source of joy with others and introduce them to The Guild. Volunteering should be fun and joyful.

As we approach a new Guild year, I look forward to serving in another capacity under the leadership of Ruth Alford. Please remember Ruth in your prayers as she leads The Guild to raise dollars for scholarships for those who teach the Word of God. Thank you for the honor of serving in The Guild.

Psalms 118:24 "This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

To God be the Glory,

Jan Witham

A SPECIAL THANK YOU ... UNDERWRITERS OF THE SILVER TEA

Platinum

Mary Ann Belin

Gold

Judy & Dick Lupo
Dianne & Joe Reeves
Nan Schissler

Silver

Betty Beard
Linda & Archie Dunham
Nina & Edd Hendee /
Taste of Texas
Ginny & Emmitt Nelson
Sharon & Les Saunders

Bronze

Patti & Tom Bailey
Ann & Charles Bussey
Anna & Jorge Diaz
Faye Dunwoody
Grace Gandy
Judy & Geren Graham
Linda & Earle Higginbotham
Audrey Holt
Tana & Dale Jefferson
Jean & Edward Johnson
Carolyn & Jack Little
Penny & Paul Loyd
Allene Lucas
John Montroy
Ruth & Van Penrod
Debra & Tom Perich
Kim & Joe Reid
Anne & Hank Roper
Sue & Robert Sloan
Beverly Terrell
Martha Turner & Glenn Bauguss
Lynn & Vernon Tyger
Jan & Nyal Witham

Copper

Ruth Alford
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Kandy & Bill Brittain
Billie Brown
Lucy & Willie Carl
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Betsy & Ed Hudson
Cristie Jo & Jerry Johnston
Cheryl Kaminski
Hoda & Michael Kardoush
Mary & Karl Kennard
Pam & Bill Lucas
Betty Lou & Paul Martin
Pam Moore
Lesleigh & Josh Morton
Anne & Stephen Pouns
Nancy Prothro
Jan & Bob Rule
Gina & Saib Saour
Elizabeth Stevenson /
KW Memorial Realty
Odile & John Tyler
Jeanne & Gene Walker
Kathaleen Wall
Elizabeth & Peter Wareing
Doris Warren
Cathy & Larry Wheatley
Dena & Jay Williams
Ruth Ann & Roger Williamson

2016 Silver Tea

The honoree for the 2016 Silver Tea was our own Patti Bailey. She certainly deserves special recognition for her dedication to The Guild and the special touches she adds that ensure all Guild events are successfully coordinated. Congratulations to Patti!

The Silver Tea was held at the lovely Memorial home of Rhonda and Michael Graff on April 14. The Graffs were very gracious and welcoming on a beautiful spring afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the fun, food, and fellowship.

Lynn Tyger and Jeanne Walker worked tirelessly in assuring that the details were coordinated with their committee chairs in making the Silver Tea a memorable and special occasion. Faye Dunwoody was again responsible for the lovely artwork on the invitations.

Debra Perich and the Underwriting Committee are to be commended for the fantastic job with the underwriting portion of the Silver Tea as are all the committee chairs who so willingly fulfilled their responsibility to make the Silver Tea an unforgettable event.

The Silver Tea served as the culminating event in a year of giving and sharing. Everyone was in a festive mood in their spring attire and celebration of all the Guild represents! Thanks to all who collaborated to make this possible.



Lynn Tyger, Jan Witham, Rhonda Graff and Jeanne Walker



Sharon Saunders, Sue Sloan, Jan Witham and Faye Dunwoody



Rhonda and Michael Graff displaying the gift from The Guild — a pre-1650 King James Bible leaf from HBU's Dunham Bible Museum.



Jan Witham, Patti Bailey and Dr. Robert Sloan

2016-2017 Officers and Committee Chairs

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Yearbook Update ...

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In Memoriam

Merrie Brigman

Guild President 1985-1986

Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Invite a Friend

If you have a friend or acquaintance you would like to recommend for membership in The Guild, please email her contact information to Patti Bailey at pbailey@hbu.edu or mail this form to **The Guild, 7502 Fondren Road, Houston, TX 77074.**

Member: _____ would like to recommend the following person(s) for membership in The Guild:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STREET & ZIP _____

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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 2016-2017 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 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 _____

“Texas History and Tradition”

The Guild Special Event

A glorious sun-filled morning on February 25 set the stage for The Guild’s 2016 Special Event chaired by Cheryl Kaminski and Janet McGuire. Nearly 50 Guild members and guests boarded the HBU Husky bus for a day of exploring “Texas History and Tradition” on Galveston Island. The first stop was The Bryan Museum, the exquisitely restored former children’s orphanage housing the world’s largest private collection of Southwestern and Texana artifacts. Following a private tour of the Museum, the group continued on to Gaido’s celebrating its 105th year--where they enjoyed a delicious lunch and warm fellowship in the original main dining room of the restaurant. The Guild was especially honored to welcome HBU’s Founding Father, Dr. Stewart Morris, who was in attendance for all of the day’s activities. As a fitting end to the event, the return bus ride to Houston included a short farewell tour of the Island. It was a truly memorable day for all.



First Lady Hosts Tea for Sorority Seniors



Judy Graham visits with sorority members.

On April 23, First Lady Sue Sloan hosted a “Magnolia Tea” for approximately 100 graduating senior sorority women. The sorority members helped with the plans and were excited to honor their graduating senior women. Ladies of The Guild helped with providing refreshments. Janet McGuire was instrumental in coordinating The Guild input.

Each organization honored their graduating seniors for 2016, and the invited guests were the senior, the immediate “big,” the “littles” and the executive board of the group.

Judy Graham gave a charge to the women, and they had a brief time of prayer and thanksgiving.

Saunders named “Most Influential Woman”



Sharon Saunders, vice president for Advancement and University Relations, has been named one of “Houston’s 50 Most Influential Women of 2015” by *Houston Woman Magazine*. The recipients of this award, chosen for their leadership, influence, and dedication to the Houston community, were honored at La Columbe d’Or Mansion in front of an audience of 260 guests at an afternoon tea in January. Congratulations to Sharon, who also serves as executive director of The Guild!





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Letter from the Editor



Richardson & Williamson

The walls of Jericho aren't falling around HBU, but in case you've not noticed, the walls of the unsightly strip center at the corner of Fondren and Highway 59 frontage road certainly are! Signs of progress are everywhere on campus it seems. We, as Guild members, are fortunate to be a part of what God is doing on campus to enhance students' university experiences as we work together in the growth and development of Dr. Sloan's vision as set forth in the Ten Pillars.

This has been another very productive year for The Guild as evidenced by scholarships, advancement, and good times experienced at our social events. This spring has given us opportunities to be a part of the wonderful Spring Event in Galveston and the Silver Tea. At all these events, we have opportunity to grow, share, and plan.

It has been our privilege to edit the newsletters for these two years. As mother and daughter, we've had great times getting together for lunch while we use information submitted by members to assemble, reassemble, and format files which then go into the capable hands of Sharon Saunders, Patti Bailey and Nan Donahoe, for final edit.

Hebrews 6:10 tells us this: *"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."* We hope you and your family enjoy a blessed and relaxed summer, and we will look forward to seeing you in the fall at our first event, The Fall Coffee!

Ruth Ann Williamson
and Shana Richardson

