

The Guild

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Greetings from the PRESIDENT



As we celebrate the closing activities for the year and look forward to beginning our new schedule of events, I want to thank everyone who served on the 2016-2017 Board for an incredibly, wonderful experience. It has been a year where we had great participation at our functions and exceeded our underwriting goal. We are truly blessed.

The Installation of Officers was beautifully orchestrated by Anne Roper as she encouraged us to trust God from the bottom of our hearts and not try to figure things out on our own (Proverbs 3:5-6). She added that God is the one who will keep us on track, and He is the one to whom we should turn for direction and wisdom. This truth is so valuable in this day of bad news, no news and fake news.

How very proud I am that HBU's mission statement is all about enabling students to live a life that shows Jesus Christ is Lord.

Under this umbrella, The Guild supports HBU with scholarship money for graduate students working on either their master's degree or their doctorate in education or theology. Recently we presented students with scholarships totaling \$104,000. This is what The Guild does...thanks be to God.

I encourage you to check with The Guild's website (hbu.edu/TheGuild) to stay updated about activities and scheduled events. If you haven't spent time looking through our Yearbook, take the opportunity to learn about The Guild's history and bylaws. When our Calendar of Events is in place, mark the dates on your calendar and always think about bringing a friend... our membership chairs will love you!

Thank you all for your continued commitment to The Guild and to HBU. Please continue to pray for me as your president, and for Dr. and Mrs. Sloan as they continue to grow HBU into a comprehensive, national university that has a heart for student life. I am truly excited about the new opportunities The Guild will have during this coming year.

For His Glory,

Ruth Alford

First Lady's Special Event

The Magnolia Coffee honoring graduating senior girls was held on April 29 at the home of Sue and President Robert Sloan. This occasion has been named Magnolia because of the many magnolia trees planted on campus many years ago. The flower also symbolizes "friendship." Lovely magnolia blossoms were used to decorate the Sloan's home in order to carry out the theme.

Approximately 100 students attended the event, some bringing their mothers and sisters. Each young woman introduced herself and told what her next step might be after graduation. Nina Harrison, from HBU's Office of Advancement, gave an inspiring speech which encouraged the graduates to follow their dreams.

Another special thing about this coffee was the honoring of graduates from the first graduating class in 1967. One of the committee members, Jennifer Ferguson, represented her class from fifty years ago.

This was a lovely special event to honor these young women as they complete their university days and celebrate their accomplishments. After enjoying delicious refreshments provided by First Lady Sue Sloan and her Special Events Committee, everyone left with smiles on their faces and happy hearts.

Save the Dates!

OCTOBER 5, 2017

Fall Coffee

AT THE HOME OF
LAURIE & WADE PHILLIPS



OCTOBER 18, 2017

**The Guild Institute in
Christian Family Studies**

LYNNE JORDAL MARTIN, SPEAKER

Morris Cultural Arts Center, HBU Campus

2017 Silver Tea

The HBU Guild's Silver Tea was held on April 6, 2017. The stately home of Jan Duncan provided an elegant setting for this annual event which began in 1992 as an opportunity to provide scholarships for HBU graduate students. More than 200 Guild members and their guests gathered in the Duncan home, not only to support this scholarship initiative, but also to honor Sue Sloan in recognition of her tenth anniversary as HBU's First Lady.

Our gracious hostess invited all attending to wander through her beautifully appointed home. This provided our ladies and guests with a virtual tour around the globe as they admired the beautiful artwork, lavish European tapestries, exotic animal trophies, and the Biblically themed Delft tiles that adorn the kitchen.

Kandy Brittain and Judy Craig were the Co-Chairmen of the Silver Tea, with Debra Perich serving as the

Underwriting Chairman. They were assisted in the planning and execution of this effort by a committee of 47 committed volunteers.

The generous gifts from our Guild membership and their guests, as well as those from the HBU community, yielded \$136,039 dollars, which is an unprecedented milestone!



(Top) Sharon Saunders, Grace Gandy, Jan Duncan
(Below) Kandy Brittain, Jan Duncan, Judy Craig, Ruth Alford



Charissa Sloan Dvorak, Eraina Sloan Larson, Paul Sloan, Sue Sloan, President Sloan, Alatheia Sloan Holt



2017 SILVER TEA UNDERWRITERS

DIAMOND

Mary Ann Belin

GOLD

Grace Gandy
Dianne & Joe Reeves
Nancy Schissler

SILVER

Linda & Archie Dunham
Tana & Dale Jefferson
Judy & Dick Lupo
Debra & Tom Perich
Sharon & Les Saunders

BRONZE

Betty Beard
Ann & Charles Bussey
Kandy & Bill Brittain
Janet & LaRue Coleman
Barbara Taylor-Cox, Ray Cox
& Georgia Taylor
Judy & Bob Craig
Faye Dunwoody

Cynthia Ford
Rhonda & Michael Graff
Judy & Geren Graham
Nina & Edd Hendee
Linda & Earle Higginbotham
Cyndi & Keith Jacobson
Cristie Jo & Jerry Johnston
Becky & Stephen Kerns
Carolyn & Jack Little
Penny & Paul Loyd
Allene Lucas
Sue & Charles Marion
Ginny & Emmitt Nelson
Pinky Pampell
Ruth Penrod
Kim & Joe Reid
Anne & Hank Roper
Gina & Saib Saour
Sue & Robert Sloan
Sherry & Jim Smith
Martha Turner & Glenn Bauguss
Kathaleen Wall & Holly Frost
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Tonja & Charlie Ward
Elizabeth & Peter Wareing
Cathy & Larry Wheatley
Diane & Stanley Williams
Ruth Ann & Roger Williamson
Vivian & Kevin Winslow
Jan & Nyal Witham

It's not too late to *Renew* your membership!

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

Now Online! You may use a check, credit card, or **renew online at www.hbu.edu/guildmembership**. 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 2017-2018 Yearbook.

All information should be completed.

Name _____ Spouse _____ Date of Birth (mo./day) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 _____ CSC _____

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 current members.
- Recruitment** — outreach to prospective members.
- 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.

Guild Scholarship Committee

The 2016-2017 Guild Scholarship Committee met on April 25 to review the candidates provided by the College of Education and the School of Christian Thought. We met again on May 1 and May 2 to interview each applicant. Of the 30 applicants interviewed, we awarded 15 Annual Scholarships and 5 Endowed Scholarships. Two are continuing from last year.

This is such a wonderful committee to serve on because you see up-close-and-personal what The Guild's mission is all about! We are changing lives by providing a higher education. Committee members included Ruth Alford, Donna Goeser, Linda Higginbotham, Janet McGuire, Lynn Tyger, Ruth Ann Williamson and Sharon Saunders.

Jan Witham
Committee Chair



(Back) Sharon Saunders, Ruth Ann Williamson (middle) Donna Goeser, Ruth Alford (front) Jan Witham, Linda Higginbotham, Janet McGuire, Lynn Tyger

A Special Welcome



Kay Werlein, born in Big Spring, Texas, has been a Texas girl most of her life. She has a Texas-sized passion for what she holds most dear—her family, grandchildren, and teaching children to read. She earned a Master of Education in Reading at Houston Baptist University and became certified as an Educational Diagnostician at the University of St. Thomas. She developed a practice called Reading Right. Using the methods she learned at the Neuhaus Education Center, Kay taught reading, writing, and spelling to children with dyslexia and other learning differences. She has been active on the board at Neuhaus Education Center for many years, serving as chair of the board for three consecutive years. She now serves on the Alumni Council.

Kay and her husband Ewing raised two children. Her son Kenneth, pastor of Faith Bridge Church located in Spring, Texas, and wife Suzanne are busy raising Wesley and William. Their daughter Emily and husband Jason Pierce live in Dayton, Ohio, with their children Daniel and Vivien. Whether in Spring or Dayton, if the grands are involved in special activities, these committed grandparents do not let distance keep them away from any festivity.

When longtime friend Nancy Pressler was asked, “What makes Kay special to you?” ... there was no hesitation as Nancy responded, Kay has a heart for the Lord, a deep love of friends and family, and a sensitive and caring nature.” She added, “... and besides, she is just such fun to be with!” Perhaps a little known fact about Kay is that CHOCOLATE is her downfall. Can anyone relate?!!



Lia Nguyen, a native Houstonian, and her husband Chris are busy raising two young, active boys. Eight-year-old Lincoln and Carter, age 5, keep them on their toes. Lia’s current job in real estate allows her flexibility to be available for her family and the time to provide a loving home environment which brings much joy to her life. Past summers have included trips to Disneyland and Destin, Florida; but this year, with all passports renewed and the boys getting a little older, they look forward to enjoying more international travel. Prague, Greece, Rome and perhaps a little time in Hawaii are all on the wish list of places to visit.

Guild member Jennifer Ferguson has invited Lia to enjoy our Silver Tea events in the past, which led to her introduction to The Guild. (They met while working together at Westside High School where Lia was dean of students.) The Silver Tea certainly had impact on Lia, as she is now looking forward to helping Jennifer with the event in 2018! She has always had a heart for community service and believes strongly in giving back. She likes The Guild’s focus of granting educational scholarships, and she looks forward to meeting and working with other Christian women. She believes living a God-centered life helps everything else fall into place.



Sue Marion and her husband Charles will soon celebrate 43 years of marriage and five beautiful children, three of whom are still living. Sadly, her son died shortly after birth. Daughter Margaret, challenged with Cerebral Palsy, passed away as a young adult in 2015. When Sue speaks of Margaret, she becomes very animated when describing her many qualities. She confirmed that Margaret was able to add, subtract, multiply, and read. She also had a great sense of humor and could be a trickster! She enjoyed singing and art. This is a reminder that indeed a real person often lives within a struggling body.

Sue, with part-time help, cared for Margaret for 32 years in their home. For the first time in many years, Sue now has time to pursue her love of painting. She recalls being interested in art as a young child finding pencil-size twigs, then charring the broken ends to make charcoal—allowing her to create an imaginary world in her Red Chief tablet. This hobby provided a respite from helping to raise her brothers. Currently she is taking piano and dance lessons.

Sue is joyful with a smile that makes her lovely blue eyes twinkle. She is a very loving and caring woman who understands the importance of an education, and she has a heart to help children achieve that goal. (She received her own degree in marketing from the University of Arkansas.) Sue is a member of Houston Junior Women’s Club and now the HBU Guild. She made a profession of faith at the tender age of 10 and knows without a doubt the Lord has sent angels to her on three different occasions to help her through the difficulties.

How did Sue discover the The Guild? She was introduced to us by her friend and Guild member, Dana Grigsby. Do you have a friend you would like to introduce?



Gail Layne was introduced to The Guild by her friend, Cheryl Dalton. Cheryl and Judy Craig both agree that Gail is a people person! She is out-going, gracious, and often reaches out to minister to others. She really does desire the best for every person, perhaps because of her love for the Lord and her desire to be the type of Christian woman she witnessed her mother to be – a woman of strong principle.

Gail is actively involved in the business world as she and her nephew Jim co-own a pool maintenance company, Modern Pool. She also enjoys entertaining and spending time with many nieces and nephews, with her house becoming the “go to” place for holiday celebrations.

Gail has enjoyed snow skiing, playing racket ball, and still participates in regular exercise, specifically Zumba. Joy of Living Bible Study and reading are also pleasures she enjoys. An interesting activity she and her husband Norman shared years ago was riding motorcycles. Not to be confused with the “Bandidos” she said, but when Honda introduced their bikes, he encouraged her to give it a try. They made several trips that have become fond memories for her, especially their motorcycle trip to tour Europe. She recalls that it was her husband who was adventurous and credits him with pushing her outside her comfort zone. It was because of his encouragement that she explored many new things she would not have tried otherwise.

Gail looks forward to meeting new friends and giving of her time and talents to support efforts of The Guild. She knows the women of The Guild to be good-hearted and giving women who inspire her to live outside herself.

Installation Coffee

Ladies of the HBU Guild enjoyed the Installation Coffee on May 12 in the home of President and Mrs. Sloan. The lovely event was co-chaired by Betty Vernon and Jeanne Walker. Helping with the brunch were Debbie Andrews, Cookie Peeler, Lisa Hartman, Kathleen Evans, Jane Ann Bickham, Colleen Fellows, Janet McGuire, Kathy Thompson and Judy Childress who prepared a delicious menu. The beautiful table included colorful flower arrangements ... and with the attractive food presentation prepared by the committee, it was impossible to resist.

Guild President Ruth Alford presented to Sharon Saunders The Guild’s gifts to the University, and Anne Roper conducted a very inspiring Installation Ceremony for the 2017-2018 officers. Ruth’s scripture for this year is “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your path straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6. Anne’s presentation compared qualities of The Guild to conditions of the heart. The heart of The Guild is a Servant’s Heart: supportive, generous gifting, fruitful, good works, humility and service. Ruth presented each of her new officers with a cross made of white plaster, enhanced with gold paint with a heart in the center. These were created by the citizens of Brookwood.

Sharon Saunders provided us with an update of the progress and vision of HBU. It was a very heart-filled day and a special occasion for all who attended.



(top) Ruth Alford, Cheryl Kaminski, Ruth Ann Williamson, Deany Meinke, Jane Ann Bickham, Donna Goeser, Anne Roper



(l) Sue Sloan, Ruth Alford



Judy Childress, Jane Ann Bickham, Janet McGuire, Colleen Fellows, Jeanne Walker, Betty Vernon, Cookie Peeler, Kathleen Evans, Sharon Saunders



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From the Editor

While the Installation of Officers signals the close of this season's Guild event calendar, it also begins a very busy summer of planning and preparation by our new Board members and committee chairs. While many of us enjoy family time and distant destinations, other Guild members are working to set the stage for another year filled with fun, inspirational events and scholarship fundraising. We hope when your phone rings and an opportunity is offered for you to be on one of the many committees needed to support these events, you will say "yes." You might just get to meet someone who will become another long-time friend. Certainly you will be blessed to meet other committed, hard-working and generous woman all working to ensure a Christian influence in the classroom and enabling others to promote God's word as the Light of the World.

If you haven't already returned your Membership Renewal Form complete with your desired areas of service noted on the back portion, please do so quickly. Be certain to note any contact information changes you may have had since the last yearbook, and prepare for another great year with The Guild! Remember, you can now renew on line, making it fast and easy HBU.edu/GuildMembership.

Special thanks to Nan Donahoe, Patti Bailey and Sharon Saunders for their expertise and guidance with each newsletter. Enjoy a safe and wonderful summer!

1 Corinthians 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Jan Rule

