

The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2018-2019 Fall Newsletter

Greetings from the PRESIDENT



The fall season officially marks the beginning of a new year of Guild activities and events...and that time is now upon us!

It all began on May 11 with the Installation of the Executive Board and Committee Chairs for 2018-2019. I would like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Sloan for graciously opening their home to us, along with Co-chairs Rhonda Ekholm and Jodi Eby and their

Committee members for orchestrating such an elegant reception. May I also offer a special thank-you to Peggy Jane Gibson for leading our program and for the heartfelt and inspiring message she shared with us about faith.

I would like to thank each of you who are returning members and to extend a very warm welcome to those who are new to this wonderful organization. I am truly grateful to have the honor of serving as your President for the next two years and look forward to getting to know you all.

Since May, the Committees have been working diligently in planning and preparation for the coming year. We begin with our Fall Coffee on October 4 introducing new members and featuring a scholarship recipient as our guest speaker.

On October 24 the Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies will have the exceptional privilege of sponsoring an historic event honoring Founding Father Dr. Stewart Morris with a special tribute and dedication on campus celebrating his 99th birthday. This celebration is not to be missed!

As the holidays approach, a highlight on our calendar is always the annual Christmas Luncheon which will be held this year on December 7 at River Oaks Country Club. We are especially pleased to announce that our featured speaker is one of our own, Mary Jo Sharp, who is assistant professor of Apologetics.

More memorable activities and events are planned for 2019, and I encourage you to attend as many as possible and to invite others to participate and to become part of our unique fellowship. Be sure to peruse The Guild's outstanding website (hbu.edu/TheGuild) to stay updated on all of the happenings!

May our Lord continue to richly bless HBU, Dr. and Mrs. Sloan, and The Guild.

Faithfully in His Service,

Cheryl Kaminski

Cheryl Kaminski

"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." ~ Matthew 17:20

THE GUILD INSTITUTE IN CHRISTIAN FAMILY STUDIES CELEBRATES DR. STEWART MORRIS

The presence of "The Guild" on the campus of HBU has been substantial and supportive of the University's mission over the years. The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies continues this tradition as it is our privilege to sponsor the dedication of a statue honoring one of HBU's great Founding Fathers and to celebrate his 99th birthday. **Who is this Founding Father? Well, of course ... Dr. Stewart Morris!**



Houston Baptist University, founded as Houston Baptist College, was chartered in 1960. The first class found themselves on campus in the fall of 1967, and Dr. Morris was there to welcome them.

You are Invited

The Guild is honored to sponsor this special dedication and host the HBU Faculty as our guests at the luncheon to follow. Guild Member luncheon tickets are \$25 each.

**Mark your calendars, look for your invitation
and JOIN US!**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

Convocation 11:00 a.m.

Dunham Theater

Luncheon: 12:15 p.m.

McNair Hall

Statue Dedication & Ice Cream Dessert

**For tickets, call 281.649.3362 or
email TheGuild@HBU.edu**

*Marsha Mathis '68 Eckermann and Jane Jester '68 Marmion -
Chairs ~ The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies*

Christmas Luncheon 2018

The Guild is pleased to welcome Mary Jo Sharp, MA, faculty member of HBU's School of Christian Thought, as featured speaker for the Christmas Luncheon on December 7.

Mary Jo is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society. She is the founder of Confident Christianity apologetics ministry through which she is an international speaker and debater. Her current work focuses on developing apologetics events, online apologetics education, and expanding the role of apologetics in social media as an influence in culture.



Individual ticket - \$70

Table of 10 - \$700

For reservations, please email:

TheGuild@HBU.edu or call 281-649-3362.

The Morris Family Center for Law & Liberty

On Thursday, September 6, 2018, an historical event took place on the Campus of HBU. A gift, funding the construction of The Morris Family Center for Law & Liberty, was presented to HBU by Dr. Stewart Morris and The Guild's own Lisa Simon, President of the Morris Foundation. Dr. Robert Sloan accepted the gift at the signing in McNair Hall. Many witnessed the event, including other Guild members First Lady Sue Sloan, Sharon Saunders, Cheryl Kaminski, Ruth Ann Williamson, Rita Tauer, Debra Perich, Pat Bertotti, Patti Bailey, Candace Desrosiers and Paige Meek.

Architecturally designed after Independence Hall, the completed center will be dedicated to the teaching of American founding principles, constitutional government, free enterprise, and all related political, social and economic implications of a nation truly committed to liberty and justice for all.

Dr. Morris said, "I have believed in HBU throughout my life as being a Christian University where students get a great education, and are encouraged to love the Lord and their country – in that order. Values like patriotism, duty and honor may seem old-fashioned, but they are important to the future of our nation. University students should be taught about our nation's Founding Fathers, and why the principles of liberty, limited government, the rule of law and free enterprise are important to their future."



We, The Guild, applaud the Morris family and The Morris Foundation for their generosity given HBU and especially the role model and legacy of Dr. Stewart Morris.



Ruth Ann Williamson, Rita Tauer, Cheryl Kaminski, Debra Perich, Pat Bertotti, Paige Meek, Sharon Saunders, First Lady Sue Sloan, and Lisa Simon.

Highlights of 2017-2018

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Laura Shook, a founding pastor of Community of Faith, and the author of *Forever Hope* and *Prayers for My Children*, served as keynote speaker for the 2017 Guild's Christmas Luncheon held December 1 at the River Oaks Country Club. More than 300 Guild members and their guests listened attentively as Shook, drawing from her experience as a cancer survivor, encouraged attendees to embrace hope in their lives and share it with others.

Luncheon keynote speaker Laura Shook with parents, Dr. Archie and Linda Dunham.



SPECIAL EVENT

On the afternoon of March 6, Guild members and their guests arrived by car and the HBU bus to explore the buildings and grounds of the Lanier Stone Chapel and the Theological Library for The Guild's 2018 Special Event. The tour began as Jennie Enright, assistant to the director of the Library, described the construction and elaborate ceiling illustrations of the 6th Century replica Byzantine Stone Chapel. Afterwards, members enjoyed a self-guided tour of the Library's extensive holdings of Christian books and ancient artifacts. The afternoon was capped by wonderful reflection and conversation as all shared an English Tea with sandwiches, scones, tarts, and tea in the Dining Hall of the Library's English Village.

Many thanks to Special Event Co-Chairs Kathleen Evans and Nancy Penney, and volunteers, Deany Meinke and Cookie Peeler, for introducing The Guild to this unique Houston treasure!



Upcoming Events for 2018-2019

OCTOBER 24, 2018

Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies Luncheon
Happy Birthday, Dr. Stewart Morris
McNair Hall – Morris Cultural Arts Center, HBU Campus

DECEMBER 7, 2018

Christmas Luncheon - Speaker, Mary Jo Sharp
River Oaks Country Club

DECEMBER 13, 2018

Christmas Open House
Morris House – HBU President's Home

DECEMBER 14, 2018

Faculty and Staff Luncheon
Morris House – HBU President's Home

MARCH 7, 2019

Special Event
Azaleas 'n Amazing Antiques and Lunch at "The Lodge"

APRIL 11, 2019

Silver Tea
Home of Elizabeth and Peter Wareing

MAY 10, 2019

Installation
Morris House – HBU President's Home

Highlights of 2017-2018

Silver Tea

On Thursday, April 12, 2018 more than 100 Guild members and their guests gathered at the beautiful home of Diana and Todd Brock for the Silver Tea. Proceeds from this annual event, which was established in 1992, provide scholarships for HBU graduate students. This year, thanks to the generosity of Guild members and friends, more than \$76,000 was raised to support this scholarship initiative.



Sue Sloan, Diana Brock, Dr. Sloan

Dr. Jennifer Ferguson and Marsha Eckermann were Co-Chairmen of this event, with Debra Perich serving as the Underwriting Chairman. A committee of 30-plus volunteers assisted in planning and executing the details. HBU's

Student Foundation was well represented and joined the committee members welcoming guests to this very successful 2018 Silver Tea.



Sharon Saunders, Cheryl Kaminski, Rhonda Graff



Marsha Eckermann, Ruth Draper, Dr. Jennifer Ferguson

Silver Tea 2018 Underwriters

PLATINUM

Mary Ann Belin
Dr. Stewart Morris

GOLD

Grace Gandy
Dianne & Joe Reeves

SILVER

Betty Beard
Debra & Tom Perich
Sharon & Les Saunders
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Lynn Tyger
Tonja & Charlie Ward
Elizabeth & Peter Wareing
Cathy & Larry Wheatley
Dena & Jay Williams
Diane & Stanley Williams
Ruth Ann & Roger Williamson
Vivian & Kevin Winslow
Jan & Nyal Witham

The Guild Scholarship Awards for 2018-2019

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Janet Cannon
Philip Morrow
Jade Myers
Lucas Newton
Brent Watson

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Rosemary Anthony
Kameel Atweh
Heather Douglas
Maria Franshaw
Brandy Gonzalez

Sheryl Jimerson
Tamber Jones
Roshundria King
Jan Kugelmann
Amanda O'Neil
Cristina Perez
Marci Ruderman

Mary Sherman
Shelby Stafford
Karen Tallon
Carnita Thomas
Justin Wall
Natasha Williams

Installation Coffee

Ladies of The Guild enjoyed the Installation Coffee on May 11, 2018 at the home of President and Mrs. Sloan.

The lovely event was chaired by Rhonda Ekholm and Jodi Eby. Assisting with the brunch and providing the delicious refreshments were Jane Ann Bickham, Nancy Penney, Cookie Peeler, Anne Roper, Debra Perich and Judy Childress. Dressing up the beautifully arranged table were gorgeous flower arrangements. The variety of foods, the beautiful weather and fellowship with members and guests made for a very special event.

Guild President Ruth Alford presented to Sharon Saunders The Guild's gifts to the University. Sharon spoke to the group of the Guild's many accomplishments of the previous year, especially donations received and the Scholarships presented to the recipients. Dr. Sloan presented Ruth with a framed Bible verse from a 1600's Bible as gratitude for her two years of service. He gave a very interesting and informative update on HBU, as well as mentioning the graduation ceremonies to be held the following day.

Peggye Jane Gibson gave an inspiring speech and heartwarming introduction of The Guild's incoming President, Cheryl Kaminski. Cheryl emotionally thanked everyone for their confidence in her and remarked that she is certainly looking forward to working with all of the ladies and such a wonderful organization. Presenting her theme of "Faith of the Mustard Seed," as found in Matthew, Cheryl encouraged us all to persevere and move mountains. Cheryl introduced the board members for 2018-2019 and gave each a lovely gold bookmark with a sweet mustard seed charm and Bible verse. We look forward to serving this devoted and wonderful woman as The Guild President for 2018-2019.

"... Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." ~ Matthew 17:20

2018-2019 Officers & Committee Chairs

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President ... Cheryl Kaminski
Vice President ... Judy Craig
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Chaplains ... Debra Perich, Carolyn Little
Historian ... Heather Davis
Parliamentarian... Kandy Brittain
Treasurer ... Anne Roper

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Communications: Ann Bussey
Fall Coffee: Gail Layne, Jeanne Walker
Installation: Gay Keys, Sue Marion
Membership Renewal: Janet McGuire
Membership Recruitment: Allene Lucas
Newsletter: Paige Meek
Hospitality: Jane Ann Bickham, Judy Childress
Scholarship: Ruth Alford Draper
Silver Tea: Cookie Peeler, Ruth Ann Williamson, Linda Higginbotham
Special Event: Jodi Eby, Deany Meinke
Yearbook: Patti Bailey, Pat Bertotti
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From the Editor

IN THE BEGINNING FALL 2018-2019

~ was the Installation Coffee

~ and what a beginning it was!

We were welcomed with smiles and hugs and “oh, you’re new, you have got to meet...” There were sweets and tarts and flowers and yes, COFFEE!!! Oh, and talking ~ lots of talking.

*Be sure to read all about it in the
Newsletter article by Rhonda Ekholm
and Jodi Eby; Co-Chairs of the event.*

On that beautiful May day a “seed” for thought was presented by President Cheryl Kaminski as she called us to action.

I ask you now ...
Are you in action?

OR -

Are you wondering how you can possibly do what seemed perfectly sane to offer at the time?

A few words of encouragement from Ms Mustard Seed ...



Paige Meek, Editor

