

The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2011 FALL NEWSLETTER

Greetings *from the PRESIDENT*



Last February I sat at a luncheon given by Sue Sloan for past presidents of The Guild. In my mind, even then, I was looking ahead to what 2011-12 would be like. Listening to the ladies relate highlights from each of their years, I knew I had big shoes to fill.

As I look back on this past year, I am thrilled at what God has done through the leadership of Sharon Corry. Eight Christian educators were given scholarships to further their graduate education. Interviewing each of them encouraged me as I listened to their stories and realized how dedicated and passionate they were about teaching. In December, The Guild initiated a sixth endowed scholarship - the Sue Collier Sloan Endowed Scholarship in Graduate Education in the School of Theology. Our first recipient was named this spring. We also added \$50,000 to the endowment for the Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies. The impact that we are having on our community is a result of your generosity and your willingness to volunteer your time.

As we begin the 37th year, I hope it will be one of relationships. I love you ladies. Every time I leave a Guild or HBU event, I go away smiling. Getting to know you over the last 10 years has been a blessing, and your friendships have enriched my life. As I think about this year, I have chosen two verses as a reminder that God is able and He has much planned for us.

Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. - Zechariah 4:5

Now to Him who 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

Aren't those wonderful reminders that if we will just be obedient to the tasks to which He has called us, He can accomplish more than we ever dreamed? I want to encourage you to get involved and get your friends involved. HBU is a light in this community dedicated to academic excellence in a Christian environment.

Lastly, I am blessed to have a board of special women who love the Lord. They have been hard at work this summer in planning our events and activities for this coming year. I thank God for each of them and ask that you pray for them as they give of their time.

And speaking of events ... I can't wait to see you there.

May God richly bless you and keep you,

Anne Roper

Save the Date ...

FALL COFFEE

October 11, 2011

10:00 a.m.

at the home of

LISA CALVERT
823 Ourlane Circle
Houston, Texas

Installation Coffee

Seventy-five members attended The Guild Installation Coffee held Thursday, May 12, in the beautiful home of Sherry Smith. The event was co-chaired by Janice Good and Sue Manning and supported by a wonderful group of 17 committee members. Everyone enjoyed the delicious assortment of food and the beautiful centerpiece arranged by Kandy Brittain who provided flowers from her very own yard.

Sharon Corry, the outgoing president, presented our gifts to HBU, and Sharon Saunders accepted the gifts on behalf of the university. Marsha Eckerman did a beautiful job officiating at the installation ceremony. Marsha presented each incoming officer with a flower and compared that person's character traits to those of the flower chosen to represent her. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed another opportunity to socialize with the wonderful ladies of The Guild.



The 2011-2012 Guild Board Members



Sharon Corry, outgoing president



Barbara Boek and Allene Lucas



Marsha Eckermann, Anne Roper, Debra Perich, Karen Carlson, Lu Frazier and Tana Jefferson

Guild Board 2011-2012

President Anne Roper
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Fall Coffee Peg Harman, Marsha Eckermann
 Christmas Luncheon Angie Angel, Jane Caldwell
 Silver Tea Ruth Alford
 Installation Coffee Brenda Hederhorst, Claire Turner
 Hospitality Janet McGuire, Terry Newkirk
 Special Event Brittney, Cyndi, Justin Jacobson
 First Lady's Events Cindy Duffy, Kathy Hooper
 Guild Institute in Christian
 Family Studies Kandy Brittain, Allene Lucas
 Directors Sharon Corry, Kandy Brittain, Gina Saour
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 Executive Director Sharon Saunders

A special thank you ...

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president this past year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of an outstanding organization with dedicated Christian women who love and support HBU. The Lord truly blessed me with a fabulous Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen. Through their hard work and dedication, it has been a successful year for The Guild.

The highlight of the year was the establishment of the Sue Collier Sloan Endowed Scholarship presented to our First Lady at the Christmas Luncheon. In addition, we presented Dr. Sloan with a gift of \$50,000 for The Guild Institute endowment. With the success of the Silver Tea, we were able to award four endowed scholarships and five annual scholarships for a total of \$61,000. God's Word tells us in 1 Chronicles: 16:8-9, "Oh

give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders." God is good.

As "the Year of the Sharons" ends, I would like to thank Sharon Saunders for her indispensable guidance in serving The Guild and Houston Baptist University. Also, I express my gratitude to Patti Bailey for her continued support throughout the year to my board and to members of The Guild.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to grow spiritually in my walk with the Lord throughout the year. My prayers are with Anne Roper, and I wish her and her board a great year.

Thank you,
Sharon Corry

*You are invited to attend a lecture of
The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies*



GARY THOMAS

Guest Lecturer

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

7:00 p.m.

**HBU, Morris Cultural Arts Center
Belin Chapel**

The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies will present a lecture by Gary Thomas on Wednesday, October 26. Mr. Thomas is an international speaker and best-selling author whose desire is to bring people closer to Christ and closer to others.

Mr. Thomas' challenging and encouraging writings emphasize marriage, parenting and spiritual growth. His books include *Sacred Marriage*, *Seeking the Face of God*, and *Pure Pleasure*. He lives in Houston where he serves as writer-in-residence at Second Baptist Church.

The lecture will be open to the entire community. Please plan to attend and bring guests to this inspiring and insightful lecture by Mr. Thomas.

Guild Scholarships Awarded

This year the Scholarship Committee had the privilege of awarding five annual scholarships and three endowed scholarships to those seeking graduate degrees in education.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Kim Davis
Eboni Thomas
Cindy Shieh

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Francisco Barocio-Ramirez
Sjerrie Colburn
Greg Ditch
Folake Ladipo
Renji Paul

There is a new endowed scholarship this year named the Sue Collier Sloan Endowed Scholarship which is designated for students seeking a Master's Degree in Theology. The recipient, Michael Emadi, who is moving to Houston from Utah, was awarded \$12,000 for two years of study.

Ginny Nelson, chair of the Scholarship Committee, said it was a blessing to be a part of this process. A big thank you to all who participated with their prayers and finances.

THE GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 2, 2011

“The Christmas Journey”

DEBBIE TAYLOR WILLIAMS, GUEST SPEAKER



For all of us Christmas is steeped with traditions and for many Guild members and their friends, the Christmas Luncheon on the first Friday of December is how they begin their celebration of this special season. Join us this year at the Hilton Houston Post Oak as we welcome Debbie Taylor Williams, founder of P.R.A.Y. with Passion Across the Nation as our guest speaker. Debbie will share not only her prayer journey, but the journey of Joseph and Mary as they waited for the Christ child to be born.

Have you ever thought that God has a Christmas journey for you? In our Christmas busyness we often miss what God is saying to us. You don't want to miss this luncheon! Debbie is an author, national speaker, Bible study leader, wife, mother and grandmother. We know you will be blessed by this special message, “The Christmas Journey.”

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

Christmas Luncheon co-chairs, Angie Angel and Jane Caldwell, encourage you to invite friends and reserve your table today.

Individual ticket - \$60

Table for 10 - \$600



Tables can be reserved by e-mailing
theguild@hbu.edu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

10:30 a.m. New Member Orientation
Green Room, Morris Cultural Arts Center

OCTOBER 11, 2011

10:00 a.m. Fall Coffee
Home of Lisa Calvert

OCTOBER 26, 2011

7:00 p.m. The Guild Institute in
Christian Family Studies
Gary Thomas, speaker
Belin Chapel, Morris Cultural Arts Center

DECEMBER 2, 2011

11:00 a.m. Christmas Luncheon
Debbie Williams, speaker
Hilton Houston Post Oak

DECEMBER 8, 2011

6:00 p.m. Christmas Community Party
McNair Hall, Morris Cultural Arts Center

2012

MARCH 22, 2012

6:30 p.m. Special Event
“An Evening Backstage”
Dinner with music by Atwood & Comeaux
Dunham Theater, Morris Cultural Arts Center

APRIL 12, 2012

2:00 p.m. Silver Tea
Home of Sheryl and Doug Bech

MAY 11, 2012

10:00 a.m. Installation Coffee
Home of Jane Caldwell

THE GUILD SPECIAL EVENT HELD AT *the Houston Museum of Natural Science*

The Guild Spring Luncheon Event, "Texas! Making History Since 1519," was held on April 28 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science Arnold Space Hall. Texas Historian Nina Hendee was the special guest speaker. The Texas theme was carried out with Texas bandanas on the center of the tables with "Texas" ceramic boots filled with silk Texas wildflowers as centerpieces. Nina intrigued the ladies with a wonderful, entertaining and informative talk on our great state of Texas. The speaker was followed by a delicious lunch buffet by Melange. After the meal, ladies were dismissed at their leisure to go through the Museum's special exhibit, "Texas! Making History Since 1519." Then, for the cost of the event, they had passes to go through all the permanent exhibits. Co-chairs for the event were Judy Childress and Jane Caldwell.



Speaker Nina Hendee



Co-chairs Judy Childress and Jane Caldwell with speaker, Nina Hendee



Marsha Eckermann, Sharon Saunders and Ginny Nelson



Sharon Corry, Peg Harman and Linda Higginbotham



Debra Perich, Sharon Corry and Anne Roper



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Letter from the Editor



The Guild celebrates the lives of our dear friends and members Nan Bruce, Dr. Joyce Fan, Hattie Kennedy and Jo Mitchell. Nan and Hattie were long-time members and contributors to The Guild. Dr. Fan was founder of HBU's pre-med program and remembered for her dedication to her students.

Galatians 3:23-24: "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance" describes Jo Mitchell, The Guild member whom I knew best. My first Guild memory of Jo is when I, as a new member, was asked by Jo to be on her committee

to decorate for the Christmas luncheon. She was a joy to work for and had the sweetest spirit. No one ever heard her say a harsh word. She was dedicated, always dependable, and a true servant of the Lord. She worked quietly and efficiently and was so humble that many did not know of her outstanding contributions to The Guild. Jo and her husband, Jim, have been staunch supporters of the Silver Tea, and have made significant financial contributions to our graduate education scholarship program.

Jo and these other members are missed, but it is comforting to know that God provided The Way and that by the grace of God, they chose to walk in it ... forever.

Linda Higginbotham