

The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2013 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the PRESIDENT



What a fabulous year this has been for The Guild! And what a blessing you all have been in my life as we worked together serving the Lord, Houston Baptist University, and The Guild. I have had such fun with you planning and organizing, decorating and taste-testing, meeting, lunching, and just hanging out with all of you! My life is richer and I have grown deeper in my spiritual knowledge and service because of you. I am so happy to be serving as your President for

another year. Thank you for inviting me to do so!

As a graduate of HBU, it is a double blessing for me to be able to serve with you in helping Dr. Sloan promote the development and growth of the University. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to be on campus regularly and once again be a part of the HBU Family. God has a plan for each of us and for HBU, and it is truly amazing to see all the progress and great things happening on campus!

"To God be the glory; great things He hath done!"

I thank you, Ladies of the Guild, for having a heart for service. At the beginning of our year together, I called upon you to say "yes" when you were asked to serve on a committee ... and you did just that. We have many "Marthas" in The Guild, as well as many "Marys." Each of us has a talent that can be useful unto the Lord, and I have witnessed firsthand the eagerness from you, individually and collectively, to serve in a manner that we know is pleasing to Almighty God. I have witnessed your passion for the Lord and your passion for HBU and for The Guild. I have watched as you looked for ways to be useful and I observed how you made yourself available to help in whatever task was necessary to meet our goals. The Lord desires that we be willing to serve and to seek His specific plan for us. He uniquely gifts us to serve according to His will. All He asks of us is that we say "yes." My prayer as your President is that as we, The Guild, seek ways to serve the Lord in our support role to Dr. Sloan in promoting Houston Baptist University and reaching out to the community, we will continue to grow in Christ and in fellowship with one another.

We have had a successful year of membership, a wonderful Fall Coffee, and a blessed Christmas Luncheon. We sponsored Trudy Cathy White to speak to the students and the community, hosted an elegant luncheon on campus honoring Guild Past Presidents, and had the most fun-filled spring fashion show.

We had a very successful Silver Tea where we honored our fellow Guild members, Mary Ann Belin and Faye Dunwoody, and raised an amazing \$75,000 for scholarships for our graduate education and theology students. We interviewed and awarded scholarships to very worthy applicants (names and information will come in the Fall Newsletter). We enhanced the Guild webpage to the latest technology and added more information to the Yearbook. We have created a wonderful picture album and produced three newsletters for your enjoyment. We have served with our precious First Lady, Sue Sloan, in her events with and for the students of HBU and we have served the faculty and community in the President's Home. We have had a very hard-working and talented Executive Board and I thank each of you for your time and service. And we have now installed a new Executive Board for our upcoming year of service. Yes indeed, what a fabulous year this has been for The Guild!

I would like to express a special thank you to our Executive Director, Sharon Saunders, who tirelessly and selflessly gives so much of herself and her time to The Guild. We are truly blessed to have her leadership. I would also like to thank Patti Bailey who is our "go to" person for everything and a heartfelt thank you to Karen Francies, Candace Desrosiers, Debbie Benignus, Nan Donahoe, Clay Porter, Mike Tims and all the "behind the scenes" HBU staff who helped us make this year such a success.

And now, as we prepare for a new year, I am once again emphasizing service. Trust that the Lord will empower you to do whatever He calls you to do ... and He will see to it that you are properly equipped and trained. ... for God is actually the One whom we serve. I look forward to serving with you again next year!

In His Love and Service,



Debra Perich

Isaiah 6:8

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"

2 Timothy 2:20

"In a large house there are utensils not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for special use, some for ordinary."

Silver Tea

The Silver Tea of 2013 occurred on April 11th in the beautiful River Oaks home of Vicki and Ken Douglas on a glorious spring day. Vicki was a gracious hostess and the Douglas's were helpful in every way.

Our honorees, Mary Ann Belin and Faye Dunwoody, greeted their friends in the living room and received their well-deserved congratulations. The food, flowers, music, and the weather were all wonderful, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves as we raised more than \$75,000 for graduate scholarships in education and theology.

Our thanks go to our Co-Chairs Ann Beeson, Angie Angel and Carolyn Williams and their hard-working committee members for such a successful event.



Honorees Faye Dunwoody and Mary Ann Belin



Dr. and Mrs. Sloan greet guests.



Co-Chairs Carolyn Williams, Ann Beeson and Angie Angel



Dr. Stewart Morris and Joella Morris



Dr. Sloan, Sue Sloan, Vicki Douglas and Debra Perich

Yearbook Updates ...

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

PLATINUM
Mary Ann Belin
Debra & Tom Perich

GOLD
Faye Dunwoody
Dianne & Joseph Reeves
Nan & Richard Schissler

SILVER
Amegy Bank
Linda & Archie Dunham
Ginny & Emmitt Nelson

BRONZE
Andrews Kurth LLP
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Grace Gandy
Nina & Edd Hendee
Margaret & Jim Hutton
Tana & Dale Jefferson
James L. Jones
Carolyn & Jack Little
Allene Lucas
Joella & Stewart Morris
Ruth & Van Penrod
Kim & Joseph Reid
Anne & Hank Roper
Sharon & Les Saunders
Kay & Rufus Schmidt
Sue & Robert Sloan
Sherry & Jim Smith
Kim Stevens
Leone Sturman
Janet & Stacy Taylor
Beverly Terrell

COPPER
Shirley & Ross Anderson
Ann & Read Beeson
Beverly & Mack Boykin
Kandy & Bill Brittain
Billie Brown
Jane & Chuck Caldwell
Lucy & Willie Carl
Madeline & Ted Collier
Sharon & Todd Corry
Judy & Bob Craig
Margaret & Orville Gaither
Judy & Geren Graham
Patricia & Ken Griffin
Marinell & Jack Grimes
Camille Hankamer
Patti & David Hatton
Irene & Wallace Henley
Linda & Earle Higginbotham
Sadie & Doug Hodo
Cathy & Neal Jackson
Mary & Karl Kennard
Hoda & Michael Kardoush
Betty Lou & Paul Martin
Marianne & Sterling McCall
Pat & Wayne Miller
Anne & Stephen Pouns
Nancy Prothro
Jan & Bob Rule
Gina & Saib Saour
Lenoir Seelhorst
Nancy & Stephen Shomette
Martha Turner
Cathy & Laurence Wheatley
Carolyn & Chris Williams
Dena & Jay Williams
Diane & Stanley Williams
Ruth Ann & Roger Williamson
Jan & Nyal Witham

2013-2014 Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Debra Perich	Communications	Ruth Alford Pat Ingram	Newsletter	Georgia Byrnes Linda Higginbotham
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Christmas Luncheon	Tommie Lejeune Odile Tyler Kathy Wheatley				

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 2013-2014 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 _____

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 _____



*President Debra Perich with Co-Chairs
Donna Goeser and Jan Rule*

It was a balmy day March 7th when 100-plus Guild members and their guests stepped out of their everyday and into the Spring Fling. The spirited group was greeted with sparkling punch to get taste buds ready to savor a ladies luncheon of warm potato soup and grilled chicken served aside the favorite strawberry spinach salad. Of course, calories were not spared with a choice of either chocolate or strawberry layered cake for dessert.

Helen Perry entertained us with her humor and presented a quick peek of spring fashions modeled by our own Guild members. Her tailor-made program just for us titled “Look Great Laugh Hard” left us with a positive look at life and fashion. She invited her favorite vendors to bring samples of clothing, accessories and fashion tips. Helen graciously gifted our scholarship fund with a percentage of any sales.

SPRING FLING



*Helen Perry as one of her hilarious
alter egos.*



Beautification Project

Members were surprised with several door prizes donated by Helen Perry as well as our own Donna Goeser, offering opportunities to enjoy meals at Ripps Grille. Everyone left with something as each guest had a cute note pad and pen at her place, just in case guests wanted to take notes during the program.

The table décor was created by Pam Lucas. She used zippy hot pinks, lime greens and zebra prints to set the tone for a lively Spring Fling.



Models Marsha Eckermann, Jan Witham and Judy Graham



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Letter from the Editor

As we look back on the past year which Debra has done in her message, we might feel a little exhausted. That's when I think it is worthwhile to focus on the object of our efforts. There is no better way to do that than to listen to what one of our scholarship recipients has to tell us.

Michael Emadi brought his family from Utah to study at HBU because of the reputation of the Biblical Languages program. He received the Sue Collier Sloan Endowed Scholarship. He says that he could not have attended HBU without that scholarship. He found the HBU Biblical Languages program to be unique and invaluable.

Michael graduated in December, 2012, and is now in Kentucky, hoping to go to Ireland to help a church. He has future plans to obtain a PhD.

In a letter to The Guild, Michael stated, "I am indebted to your generosity and give thanks to the Lord for your kindness in giving me that scholarship. It has opened doors I would not have had otherwise. Thank you all."

Have a great summer and return to the Guild refreshed in the fall.

Georgia Byrnes

