

The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2014 FALL NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the **PRESIDENT**



What an exciting time to take the reigns as we celebrate the Guild's 40th Anniversary on the HBU campus! A 40-year anniversary is traditionally symbolized by the ruby. The ruby gemstone represents nobility, confidence, loyalty and love. It is a stone that all those who are in service to others should have upon them, because it helps you

feel more like giving to others and doing so with love and joy in your heart. This represents the ladies of The Guild. They are all gems, just like the ruby.

As Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ tells us in 1 Peter 4:10, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

A special thanks to our board and committees for their dedication. We have worked tirelessly over the summer to put together an exciting calendar of events. I hope you all will attend and bring a guest.

We can create an opportunity to expand our mission by growing our membership. I encourage each of you to help in this endeavor. Introduce your family, friends and those in your circle of influence to attend Guild events. Inspire them to become a part of this dynamic and fulfilling organization.

I thank you for this honor to serve as your President for the next two years.

To God be the Glory,

Jan Witham
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40TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014

GUILD INSTITUTE IN CHRISTIAN FAMILY STUDIES

Morris Cultural Arts Center

Speakers: Lee Strobel & William Lane Craig

Convocation 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014 10:00 a.m.

FALL COFFEE HONORING NEW MEMBERS

Home of Kandy & Bill Brittain

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014 11:00 a.m.

GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

River Oaks Country Club

Speaker: Martha Turner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014 . . . 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

President's Home

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - Faculty/Staff

President's Home

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT

ASIA SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Asian Museum

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015 2:00 p.m.

SILVER TEA

Home of Melissa & Brad Juneau

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015 10:00 a.m.

INSTALLATION COFFEE

President's Home

Installation Coffee

The home of President and Mrs. Sloan was a beautiful setting for our Installation Coffee on May 9. Guests enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by Co-chairs, Janet McGuire and Colleen Fellows, along with their committee

Nancy Shomette, Peggy Boyd, Kay Schmidt, Jane Ann Bickham, Patti Mark, Jody Weaver, Margo Cannom, Helen Perry, Ruth Ann Williamson and Deany Meinke.



Outgoing President Debra Perich presented The Guild's gifts to Dr. Sloan. He then surprised Debra (*above*) with a framed pre-1650 King James Version Folio leaf from the Duham Bible Museum collection containing one of Debra's favorite scriptures: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Betty Vernon, Jan Witham's mother, presented each Guild officer and committee chair a vintage cup and saucer, unique to their respective roles in The Guild. It was a very memorable ceremony!



Guild President Jan Witham & Betty Vernon



2014-2015 Officers and Committee Chairs

President Jan Witham	Communications Jane Caldwell	Installation Coffee Nancy Shomette Kathy Thompson
Vice President Ruth Alford	Newsletter Ruth Ann Williamson Shana Richardson	Hospitality Cyndi Jacobson Jan Rule
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS		
Membership/Orientation Maetha Smith Lynn Tyger		
Yearbook Karen Carlson Allene Lucas		

Scholarships

The Guild Scholarship Committee 2014, chaired by Kandy Brittain, met in May to interview candidates presented by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and the School of Christian Thought. During this time interviews were conducted, and the committee unanimously voted to award the following scholarships:

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Sharon Saunders Scholarship - Shelby Hooper
The E.D. Hodo Scholarship - Joshua Vance
The Sue Sloan Scholarship - Alex Solorio
The Guild Presidents Scholarship - Alyssa Grady
The Robert Sloan Scholarship - Andrew Johnson

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Andrew Adler	Dertrick Arnold
Nicholas Cole	Angela Miller
Samantha Bottoms	Donava Coleman
Lance Aubert	Teshana McDowell
Kesley Lewis	Stephen Farrell
Joshua Smith	Suzanne Bryant
Jaime Thomas	Nicole Hancock
Angela Harris	Dez Monique Johnson
Nathan Cook	

Sharon Saunders met with teachers from Fort Bend Christian Academy who are recipients of the Sharon Saunders Endowed Scholarship awarded by The Guild. Shelby Hooper was recently named a recipient of the scholarship and will be pursuing the Master of Education. John Williams received the Master of Education in 2006, and Mike Skinner received the Master of Arts in Theology Studies in May 2014.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

(Back row, l-r) Janice Good, Sharon Saunders, Jan Witham, Pam Lucas, Anne Roper; (seated) Kandy Brittain, Lynn Kiesewetter, and Debra Perich

Since 1995 The Guild has provided a total of 194 annual awards to new and continuing recipients and 33 endowed scholarships. Ninety-six graduates have completed the Master of Education degree through this scholarship program.

As of May 2014, The Guild has contributed \$1,607,786 to HBU for scholarships, special projects and The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies.



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Please visit hbu.edu/guild for information concerning upcoming events, general information, and for pics from previous events!

New Members

Membership Committee Chairs Lynn Tyger and Maetha Smith welcomed new Guild members and their sponsors to the New Member Orientation held September 4th in the Green Room of the Morris Cultural Arts Center. Following the opening prayer by Mon'Sher Spencer, Guild President Jan Witham spoke of upcoming Guild events and opportunities for involvement, Sue Sloan was introduced and welcomed everyone to campus, and Sharon Saunders gave an update on the University.

New and returning members include Klare Bambrick, Judy Butler, Pat Bertotti, Cheryl Dalton, Iris Collins, Rhonda Ekholm, Melanie Everson, Lisa Hartman, Melissa Juneau, Doris Looper, Penny Loyd, Sandra Parker, Cookie Peeler, Sandra Reinhold, Shana Richardson, Bobbi Robinson, Emily Speller and Elizabeth Stevenson.



New members Shana Richardson, Sandra Reinhold, Pat Bertotti, Rhonda Ekholm & Cookie Peeler



Elizabeth Stevenson & Melanie Everson



Lynn Tyger, Jan Witham & Maetha Smith

JOIN US!!

THE GUILD INSTITUTE OF FAMILY STUDIES
October 15, 2014

Join us for Convocation and luncheon featuring Lee Strobel, faculty member of HBU's Department of Apologetics in the School of Christian Thought, and Dr. William Lane Craig, Professor of Philosophy at HBU.

Convocation **11 a.m.**
Luncheon **12:15 p.m.**
Morris Cultural Arts Center - HBU
Tickets - **\$25**



Strobel



Craig

LEE STROBEL, on the faculty at HBU, is an award-winning legal editor of *The Chicago Tribune* and *New York Times* best-selling author of more than 20 books. Strobel holds a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri and a Master of Studies in Law from Yale Law School. Described in the *Washington Post* as "one of the evangelical community's most popular apologists," Strobel became a Christian in 1981 after a nearly two-year investigation of the evidence for Jesus. Beginning in 1987, he served on the staffs of Willow Creek Church in South Barrington, Ill., and Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., before shifting his focus to writing.

DR. WILLIAM LANE CRAIG is an internationally-known philosopher and theologian. He has authored or edited more than 40 books and over 150 journal articles, including his signature book *Reasonable Faith*. Recognized for his groundbreaking work in philosophy of time and in philosophy of religion, Dr. Craig is also well known as a teacher and debater. He is teaching two courses a year on campus at HBU for students studying philosophy in the School of Christian Thought, and he will also present one HBU-sponsored public event each semester for the benefit of the broader Houston community.

THE GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 5, 2014 • RIVER OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

"REST of the Story"

MARTHA TURNER, Guest Speaker



We anticipate many will want to hear this year's featured speaker - Martha Turner. Martha serves on the HBU Board of Trustees and is the founder of Martha Turner Properties, now Sotheby's International Realty. You've seen and heard about her great success for years - now you can hear the "REST of the Story" about this remarkable woman's faith and

dependence on God for strength, and learn how her tenacity and strong work ethic catapulted her to the top of her field as one of Houston's premier real estate companies.

Co-hosts are Judy Craig, Cheryl Kaminski and Deany Meinke. Centerpieces have been selected, and Mon'Sher Spencer is planning beautiful musical entertainment.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

Registration - 11:00 a.m.

Program - 11:25 a.m.

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

or by calling 281-649-3362.

Individual ticket - \$60 • Table for 10 - \$600



*Please join us as we start off
the Christmas Season.
Jesus is the Reason!*



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Letter from the Editors



Williamson & Richardson

As we begin the 40th year of The Guild, we are excited to have the opportunity to share with you news and events as they relate not only to The Guild, but also to HBU. As we perused the yearbook, we were reminded that The Guild, then known as the President's Advisors, was established in 1974. Its purpose then and now, is participating in the ongoing development of HBU. We have the unique opportunity to fill needs not otherwise met by other University support groups. We can take pride in knowing that our fundraising efforts have resulted in the creation of graduate scholarship programs.

Dr. Sloan, in his meetings with us throughout the year, keeps us apprised of the forward movement of the University toward the many positive changes occurring on campus as they relate to the Ten Pillars. These are exciting times on campus; the new football stadium is being readied to begin conference play, and campus housing is full! Programs have been and are being added, a new entrance will enhance the visibility of the University, and the list goes on!

As Dorcas (Acts 9:36) supported the apostles as they spread God's word, we, as sisters in Christ, have the opportunity to share God's love through our support of HBU under the leadership of Guild President Jan Witham, Executive Director Sharon Saunders, and the Board. We hope you enjoy the newsletters and use the enclosed calendar of events to save the dates!

— *Ruth Ann Williamson
 & Shana Richardson*

