

The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2013 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the PRESIDENT



Last Sunday I was sitting in church preparing myself to take communion to the sick, when the congregation began to sing “Here I Am, Lord.” As I listened to the words of the song and allowed them to filter into my soul, I realized how sweet the words were to me, and the desire was so great to share them with you, my fellow Guild members and friends ... here they are:

“I, the Lord of sea and sky; I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin ... My hand will save. I who made the stars at night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”

In that moment I realized that we, The Guild, are saying just that in our thoughts, our words, our actions ... “Here we are Lord, we are here to serve you in this capacity.” We are here to serve you in the capacity of sharing the story of Houston Baptist University and all that this University has to offer.

As we have just celebrated the glorious birth of Christ and read about the three wise men who traveled afar to find Him ... to pay homage to Him ... and to tell His story that would last for generations to come ... we, the Christians of today, are the disciples and the wise men ... the ones who God will send and put in the path of those whom He feels are so needing of His light. And our response: *“Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”*

Another old hymn that comes to mind and I love so dearly is *“I love to tell the story ‘Twill be my theme in glory; To tell the old, old story; of Jesus and His love.”*

When Jesus called His disciples, they immediately dropped everything and followed Him. I recently read: *“We might think the Christian life must have been simpler for them than for us. When Jesus started walking, they fell in line behind Him. As He taught, they heard His voice. By watching His interactions with people, they learned from His example. But how are we to follow Jesus, since He’s no longer on earth? We can’t touch, see, or hear Him the way they could.”*

When Christ was about to leave this earth, He promised His disciples that He would send them a Helper who would never leave them. In fact, this Helper would actually live within them (John 14:16-17). Today we follow Jesus by hearing and heeding His indwelling Holy Spirit ... that’s the closest guidance we can ever have.

The Spirit does for us all the things Christ did for His disciples. He guides us each step of the way and teaches us the truths of God. But His work actually goes beyond that. The Holy Spirit transforms us from the inside out and enables us to serve and obey the Lord. He helps us discover God’s will for our lives and then gives us the desire and strength to follow the path He’s planned for us. All we have to do is follow. “Here I am Lord!”

With each phone call I make to share the story of The Guild and the scholarship program and letting people know about the Silver Tea ... and with each phone call I make to ask a Guild member to serve on a committee ... I realize I am doing God’s work and in that moment I am saying, “Here I am, Lord.” There are so many positive things happening on campus at Houston Baptist University and we, The Guild, are in a position to help Dr. Sloan and his faculty and staff to spread the word of the progress being made every day on this campus. I invite each of you to join me in yielding to His guidance as we share the story of HBU ... and at the same time ... we are telling the old, old story of Jesus and His love. As you respond affirmatively and with such passion, I hear you saying, “Here I am, Lord.”

Thank you, Ladies of The Guild, for your love and passion for HBU and The Guild scholarship program ... and more importantly, for serving Christ in this capacity. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve with you.

In His Love and Service,

Debra Perich

John 14:16-17 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

Guild Christmas Luncheon

On December 7 the Hilton Houston Post Oak ballroom was aglow with lighted, decorative lanterns on each table as ladies gathered for The Guild's Christmas Luncheon. The Kings Men of HBU, accompanied by Dr. John Yarrington, set the tone by opening the program with beautiful Christmas carols.

Scholarship recipient Mike Skinner, who currently serves as a teacher and pastor, spoke of the many benefits his scholarship had afforded him; and Dr. Sloan gave an update on the University. Guild President Debra Perich presented Dr. Sloan with a \$10,000 gift to The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies.

After a delicious lunch, The Honorable Jennifer Walker Elrod gave a very inspiring message about the journey she had travelled to become appointed judge on the 5th Circuit Federal Court. She related her appointment, overcoming many obstacles, to King Jehosephat of Judah in II Chronicles. Her inspirational message was accentuated with quick wit and humor and was a great way to start our Christmas season. We concluded by singing Christmas carols to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.



Sue Sloan, Dr. Robert Sloan, Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod



Judy Graham, Grace Gandy, Sharon Saunders, Allene Lucas



Guest Speaker Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod



Justin, Cyndi and Brittney Jacobson



Scholarship Recipient Mike Skinner



Debra Perich with Christmas Luncheon Co-chairs, Shirley Asel and Peggy Hicks



Barbara Taylor Cox and Georgia Taylor

THE GUILD INSTITUTE IN CHRISTIAN FAMILY STUDIES



Trudy Cathy White

Trudy Cathy White, daughter of Jeanette and Truett Cathy, founder and CEO of Chick-fil-A, Inc., was guest speaker on October 23 at the 4th annual lecture of The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies. In her lecture, entitled *Along the Way ... Real Life Stories and Lessons Learned Along the Way*, she cited three lessons: Learning to Love, Learning to Listen and Learning to Live. She reminded the audience that it's not how long you live, it's how you live.

Addressing the students at Convocation the following day, Ms. White spoke of the values for which Chick-fil-A is known: Attitude, Service and Loyalty. She further endeared her audience by handing out coupons for free Chick-fil-A sandwiches.

Following Convocation, Dr. and Mrs. Sloan hosted a luncheon in the Green Room honoring Ms. White.



Debra Perich with Madeline Collier, Tana Jefferson, Anne Roper and Cyndi Jacobson



Anne Roper, John White, Trudy Cathy White, Dr. Robert Sloan, Debra Perich



Trudy Cathy White and HBU students



Spring Event

Look Great, Laugh Hard!

with
Helen Perry
Image Consultant/Humorist
www.helen-perry.com

Step out of your day and into a fun Spring Fling with other Guild members. Join us for lunch and *Look Great, Laugh Hard* presented by image consultant, Helen Perry. A seasoned wardrobe stylist in her 30th year, Helen will present spring trends on member models. Not your mama's typical fashion show, she'll also entertain us with a few of her hilarious alter egos.



Helen Sage Perry was born the 7th of eight children in Houston. By the time she strolled into the family, so many roles had already been assumed, that Helen became "The Funny One." She won the talent show in junior high for her impersonation of Ladybird Johnson and pulled pranks on substitute teachers using various accents, having them convinced she was a foreign exchange student.

Come enjoy a glimpse into the lives of a few of her alter egos from Anita Mo Taste to Martha Stewpot. HBU Guild members will also have the pleasure of experiencing Helen's seasoned fashion talents as she guides us through wearable solutions to dressing in Houston's heat.

MARCH 7, 2013

Dillon II on HBU campus
7502 Fondren Road

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Door prizes will be given.

Expect to be in and out in 2 hours.



Watch for your invitation via email.
Those without computers will receive their invite by mail.

Bring a friend.

Your check for \$25 or credit card number
is your reservation.

RSVP to Patti at 281-649-3362.

*We promise a very fun event for the
first 100 ladies who respond!*

Yearbook Updates ...

NEW MEMBERS:

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~ SAVE *the* DATE ~

INSTALLATION COFFEE

Friday, May 10, 2013



*at the home of
Robert and Sue Sloan
7706 Fondren Road
Houston, Texas*

~ SAVE *the* DATE ~

Silver Tea

April 11, 2013

Join us as we honor two very dedicated Guild members,
MARY ANN BELIN & FAYE DUNWOODY
and support graduate scholarships for
outstanding Christian students.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Home of Vicki and Ken Douglas • 3260 Del Monte, Houston, Texas



Mary Ann Belin



Faye Dunwoody

Past Presidents Honored

On February 5, the Past Presidents came together on the HBU campus to share their memories of The Guild. Following a delicious lunch in the Green Room, each lady was recorded as she recalled fond memories of leadership, fellowship and activities during her tenure. These 'moments in time' will be added to The Guild's website for all to enjoy. What better way to capture the history of The Guild!



Sharon Corry, Peg Harman, Linda Higginbotham, Marsha Eckermann



*(standing) Gina Saour, Sharon Corry, Beverly Boykin, Anne Roper, Shirley Asel, Judy Graham, Ginny Nelson, Faye Dunwoody, Kathy Mayfield, Kandy Brittain, Peg Harman, Marsha Eckermann, Barbara Boek
(seated) Morna Wall, Linda Higginbotham, Debra Perich, Mary Ann Belin, Allene Lucas*



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Letter from the Editor

As we approach the Silver Tea, our major fundraiser for the scholarships we provide, it is well to keep in mind why we do what we do. This is always a beautiful occasion in a beautiful home. A recent letter to the Guild from Linsey McCoun, recipient of The Guild Endowed Scholarship, reminds us of the real value of this event. Below is a portion of Linsey's letter:

"Ladies of The Guild,

This letter is my humble attempt to thank you for an opportunity that has meant more to me than words can express. Your recognition and belief in me has imprinted on my heart and continues to drive my spirit toward success here in the School of Education. My first semester was an incredible one. ... Thank you so much again for blessing me with the Endowed Scholarship. I promise to continue to represent you well (I ended the semester with all A's) and to grow in both mind and spirit. ..."

As we contribute to the Silver Tea, let us give thanks that we are able to help influence these scholarship recipients and the individuals they will continue to influence. See you at the Silver Tea!

Georgia Byrnes

