

# The Guild

Houston Baptist University

## 2015 SPRING NEWSLETTER

### Greetings from the PRESIDENT



Our Special Event held at The Brookwood Community with guest speaker Elizabeth Stone was a tremendous success. Following a fun-filled day of shopping, lunch and fellowship, our group was treated to a guided tour of the community which was so uplifting and touched our hearts. *Isaiah 40:31 "But those who trust in the Lord will find strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."*

Our annual Silver Tea was held April 9, 2015, at Brad and Melissa Juneau's beautiful French-style home on North Blvd. The event was well attended by Guild members, HBU staff, and friends. Everyone was dressed in their beautiful spring colors and delighted in honoring Sharon Saunders and celebrating the Guild's 40th Anniversary. Sharon is truly an Angel to all of us and a pillar to the University.

We had an outstanding underwriting team under the leadership of Sharon Saunders, Debra Perich, Patti Bailey, Linda Higginbotham, Allene Lucas and many others. The "Dream Team" surpassed our goal. I thank the committees for all their efforts, phone calls, and prayers. Well done Ladies!

As we installed our new board on May 15, I was truly humbled by those who have committed to serve for 2015-2016. Thank you all for your dedication, prayers, and willingness to serve. I am grateful to serve as President for another year, and it is truly my pleasure to serve with this great group of Godly women. You have surrounded me with your support and love, and I thank you all for your cards, phone calls, and prayers.

Thank you Lord for your love and care that we are in your watchful gaze. Thank you that each of us is so important to you that you have numbered every hair. Let this truth sink deep into our hearts. Help each of us to always come to you with everything in prayer. Thank you for guarding our hearts and minds and in this we shall know the peace of Christ.

To God be the Glory,

Jan Witham

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

##### *Emerald*

Mary Ann Belin  
Grace Gandy  
Nina & Edd Hendee  
Allene Lucas  
Dianne & Joseph Reeves  
Nan Schissler  
Sherry & Jim Smith

##### *Sapphire*

Cynthia Ford  
Linda & Earle Higginbotham  
Tana & Dale Jefferson  
Carolyn & Jack Little  
Judy & Dick Lupo  
Stewart Morris  
Ginny & Emmitt Nelson  
Debra & Tom Perich  
Sharon & Les Saunders

##### *Topaz*

Patti & Tom Bailey  
Betty Beard  
Kandy & Bill Brittain  
Linda & Brad Brock  
Ann & Charles Bussey  
Sharon & Todd Corry  
Judy & Bob Craig  
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Dena & Jay Williams

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Marinell & Jack Grimes  
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Jean & Edward Johnson  
Mary & Karl Kennard  
Tommye & Mike Lejeune  
Pam & Bill Lucas  
Betty Lou & Paul Martin  
Sandy & Frank Mooney  
Lesleigh & Josh Morton  
Becky and Malcolm Morris  
Anne & Stephen Pouns  
Brooke & Nathaniel Richards  
Martha Roddy  
Gina & Saib Saour  
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Odile & John Tyler  
Morna & Ken Wall  
Elizabeth & Peter Wareing  
Doris Warren  
Cathy & Larry Wheatley  
Judy & Harry Whittington  
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Diane & Stanley Williams  
Ruth Ann & Roger Williamson  
Vivian & Kevin Winslow  
Jan & Nyal Witham

# 2015 Silver Tea

Silver Tea 2015 was a celebration of two exceptional events in the life of Houston Baptist University: The Guild's 40th Anniversary and naming Sharon Saunders as our Silver Tea honoree!

As Executive Director of The Guild, our honoree Sharon Saunders has been our guiding light with her wisdom, her grace, and her love for the University. Under her leadership The Guild has developed into the outstanding organization it is today. In addition to her work with The Guild, Sharon serves as Chief of Staff to HBU's President and also serves as Vice President for University Relations.

This year's tea was held in the beautiful home of Melissa and Brad Juneau in Houston's historical neighborhood of Broadacres. Mrs. Juneau graciously welcomed Guild members and guests who thoroughly enjoyed touring her home which is French in architecture and décor and is filled with stunning French antiques. HBU President Robert Sloan and First Lady Sue joined Guild President Jan Witham in greeting Guild members and friends at this annual event.

In addition to enjoying this beautiful setting, we also experienced a tremendous outpouring of support for The Guild's philanthropy—the funding of scholarships for graduate students in HBU's School of Education and School of Christian Thought.

Silver Tea 2015, which was chaired by Colleen Fellows and Tommie Lejeune, was by all accounts a stunning success! Thank you to the chairs, their committee and to all donors who helped to make this such a memorable event.



*Sue Sloan, President Robert Sloan, Sharon Saunders and Jan Witham*



*Cheryl Kaminski, Cookie Peeler and Cynthia Hernandez*



*(Standing) Linda Higginbotham, Judy Jackson, Jan Witham, Debra Perich, Sue Sloan, Heather Davis (Seated) Colleen Fellows, Sharon Saunders, Tommie Lejeune*



*Omana Abraham and Annie Abraham Thomas*

# 2015-2016 Officers and Committee Chairs

President . . . . . Jan Witham	First Lady's Special Events . . . . . Odile Tyler	Scholarship . . . . . Anne Roper
Vice President . . . . . Ruth Alford	Cathy Wheatley	Silver Tea . . . . . Lynn Tyger
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Donna Goeser	Tommie Lejeune	Special Event . . . . . Cheryl Kaminski
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## Yearbook Update ...

### NEW MEMBER

Audrey Johnston  
20510 Sparrows Spur St.  
Richmond, TX 77406

## *In Memoriam*

Martha Berry      Betty Wood  
Barbara Ray      Pauline Wright

*Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*

## *Invite a Friend*

If you have a friend or acquaintance you would like to recommend for membership in The Guild, please email her contact information to Patti Bailey at pbailey@hbu.edu or mail this form to **The Guild, 7502 Fondren Road, Houston, TX 77074.**

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ would like to recommend the following person(s) for membership in The Guild:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STREET & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STREET & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 2015-2016 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 \_\_\_\_\_

*I have matching gift capabilities with \_\_\_\_\_*

**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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Spring Forward

on ENTERTAINING

Special Event chairs, Angie Angel and Carolyn Williams, planned a delightful event at The Brookwood Community on February 25, 2015. More than 60 Guild members enjoyed a delicious lunch, shopping, and a tour of the facilities. The luncheon speaker was Elizabeth Stone of silverStone Events, a local full-service events and catering company. Following lunch, Elizabeth had a book signing at which time ladies could purchase her book, *An Invitation to Entertain-Recipes for Gracious Parties*.

Transportation was provided by HBU on the Husky bus. A great day was enjoyed by all!



*Elizabeth Stone and Jan Witham*



*Angie Angel and Carolyn Williams*

*Please visit [hbu.edu/guild](http://hbu.edu/guild) for information concerning upcoming events, general information, and for pics from previous events!*



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## Letter from the Editor

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*Williamson & Richardson*

This has been another amazing year for The Guild. As we reflect on the events and accomplishments of the past year, we give God praise for helping us achieve many successes. The board and committees who have overseen these accomplishments are to be commended for their leadership in directing us to reach levels impossible to reach without the support of each member. The Spring Special Event at Brookwood Community Center and The Silver Tea were highlights of the spring season.

As you travel Highway 59, be sure to notice the beautiful Belin Tower currently being constructed. Its 85 foot height will be a beacon to passersby who may have heretofore missed HBU. The new entrance will soon be open and offer a more direct route to the campus for visitors and students, faculty and staff.

We hope all of you enjoy a wonderful, relaxing summer, blessed to be able to serve. Paul, in Corinthians 4:5 tells us, "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." We all possess unique talents to serve our Heavenly Father through our contributions to HBU as it continues to grow and produce students to lead us into the future.

Ruth Ann Williamson  
and Shana Richardson

