

Ladies of The Guild,

This is the 39th year we celebrate The Guild and with the progress being made on campus at Houston Baptist University, there is much to celebrate! In our role of promoting the growth and development of HBU ... bringing the community to campus through various events and raising scholarship dollars for young men

and women in graduate education and theology studies ...

the light on Houston Baptist University. The Houston community, as well as areas far beyond Houston, are becoming more aware of the University due to the many new developments on campus including the expansion of academic programs, the addition of outstanding new scholars to the faculty of HBU, the admission of greater numbers of students who are interested in a Christian education of the highest quality, and of course, a football team! Dr. Sloan was recently quoted in the *HBU News*: "For years the University has been hidden from public view ... I think we have a story worth telling ... and a plan in place that will help us do that."

Jesus is the light of the world and is that shining light of righteousness. His light shines bright upon HBU. "No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light." (Luke 11:33)

This year we have 24 new Guild members to help us shine the light on HBU. I welcome each of you and encourage you to serve on a committee, joining us in Christian fellowship throughout the year. In preparation for this year, the Board and Committee Chairs have been busy planning and organizing during the summer months.

At this writing we have held our New Member Orientation and Fall Coffee, both events honoring New Members. Our next event is the Christmas Luncheon with guest speaker, Mary Willis of Merry Ministries, speaking about "Jesus, the Light of the World." We plan to bring the community to campus to experience a Houston Symphony Concert on stage in Dunham Theater in January. And in February we will hear from Lee Strobel, Christian apologist and author of *The Case for Christ*

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Fall Coffee

The fabulous home of Brad and Linda Brock was the

weather was perfect as the guests were welcomed by the hostess and Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr. into the grand foyer and living area. As the members enjoyed touring the spacious home of the gracious hostess they renewed friendships and met new members. Those in attendance were surrounded by

songs played on the grand piano by Jessamine Grace Sikes, a student from HBU. The exquisite dining room and dramatic dining room table with a bountiful seasonal arrangement was the gorgeous scene for the delicious selection of homemade treats provided by the committee.

Debra Perich, The Guild President, led the program by giving the members an overview of the exciting activities for the coming year. A wonderfully informative update was provided by Dr. Sloan about the vision for the future and developing plans for the University. In conclusion, heartfelt

grateful appreciation were expressed by Linsey McCoun, the Guild Endowed Scholarship recipient.

Co-chairs, Heather Davis and Kathleen Evans were appreciative for all the lovely members who attended and for the committed volunteers who helped to make this event a huge success.

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Installation Coffee

Although a severe rainstorm was occurring, quite a number of our members braved the weather to attend. Sue Sloan was our gracious hostess.

The Installation Coffee Committee was co-chaired by Sharon Corry and Colleen Fellows. Committee members Janet McGuire, Peggy Jane Gibson, Ruth Ann Williamson, Jane Ann Bickham, Kay Schmidt, Beverly Terrell, Pam Lucas and Peggy Boyd provided delicious refreshments and support for the event.

Debra Perich presented The Guild's gifts to HBU President Dr. Robert Sloan. Peg occasion to prepare us for the coming year.

SAVE THE DATE

THE GUILD INSTITUTE OF FAMILY STUDIES
February 19, 2014

Join us as we attend a Convocation featuring speaker Lee Strobel, Christian apologist and author of *The Case for Christ*. The Convocation will be followed by a luncheon and a conversation with Lee Strobel and President Robert Sloan.

11:00 a.m.
Morris Cultural Arts Center

THE GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



How will you begin this Christmas season? For many, the thought of the holidays means blurred schedules creating frantic paces while we attempt to set the spirit of Christmas in our hearts. This year The Guild Annual Christmas Luncheon has raised the

food, inspiring speakers mixed with fun and laughter.

The Guild is especially blessed to have Mon'Sher Spencer return to share the gift of her beautiful singing. Mon'Sher returns by popular request from four years ago, again bringing what has been described as her velvety voice that will be not only heard but felt, pouring the true meaning of Christmas over all of our hearts.

Mary Willis of Merry Ministries, will set the tone for this holiday season by challenging us to "Get Your Sparkle On," delivering a motivational and inspirational message capturing the essence of Christmas "Jesus, the Light of the World," born at a time when His birthplace was considered the "crossroads of the world." This needs to be heard by as many Guild members and friends as possible since HBU sits in Houston, rapidly being referred to as one of the key cities in the world for its global presence.

centerpieces contributed by Georgia Pennington, owner of The Accessory Place, and uniquely designed for The Guild by Keith

Co-chairs Tommie Steverson, Odile Tyler and Cathy Wheatley have promised all who attend that this celebration will send you

on the gift of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful opportunity to spend time of sweet fellowship with our close friends.

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your seat at one of the most special and memorable events of this holiday season.

Prayer Outreach Committee

Committee is in place and ready to serve you! Each member of this committee has been assigned certain pages of The Guild Yearbook which gives her the names of Guild members to keep in her daily prayers. Your prayer captain will be contacting you via email and/or phone to introduce herself to you and let you know she is prayerfully available to you at all times. Please let your prayer captain know of your prayer needs. Thank you to our Prayer Outreach Committee:

Janet Taylor – Chaplain	
Angel Traweek – Prayer Outreach Committee Chair	
Brenda Agee	Jane Marmion
Ruth Alford	Debra Perich
Shirley Anderson	Gina Saour
Beverly Ditchko	Mon'Sher Spencer
Faye Dunwoody	Jan Witham
Marsha Eckermann	

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”
- James 5:16

New Member Orientation

The New Member Orientation was held on September

Center. At the present time we have 24 new members and several, along with their sponsors, were able to attend the orientation. The refreshments were provided by members of the Membership Committee. Judy Childress welcomed everyone and led in prayer. Debra Perich gave a brief history of The Guild and spoke about the committee opportunities and upcoming events. Sue Sloan was introduced and welcomed everyone to the HBU campus. Sharon Saunders closed with remarks about the University's growth and development. She encouraged the new members to become involved by volunteering for one of the various committees.

The Membership Committee is chaired by Jane Ann Bickham, Judy Childress, and Rita Mesec. Committee members are Lynn Halford, Nellwyn Harris, Odean McKenzie, Kay Schmidt, and Beverly Terrell. New members are:

Leslie Adams	Shirley Mears
Brenda Agee	Betsy Missimer
Jana Arnoldy	Kim Perich
Bo Brock	Helen Perry
Linda Brock	Judith Pyburn
Lynn Conrad	Renae Schumann
Stephanie Cunningham	Holly Shealy
Beverly Ditchko	Cheryl Toler
Jodi Eby	Carol Townsend
Trasa Ford	Jeanne Walker
Leigh Anne Goodwin	Judy Whittington
Cynthia Hernandez	Nancy Zimmerman

The Guild Special Event

Maetha Smith are busy planning a wonderful evening for our Special Event on January 18. “Celebrate the Arts” on Campus at HBU with an elegant dinner followed by VIP seating to experience The Houston Symphony on stage in Dunham Theater in the Morris Cultural Arts Center. The program will be:

Vivaldi: The Four Seasons
Intermission
Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings

The museums in the Morris Cultural Arts Center will also be open. A “Save the Date” will be emailed soon.

A few new members of The Guild: Jodi Eby, Nancy Zimmerman, Beverly Ditchko, Jeanne Walker, Lynn Conrad and Carol Townsend.

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