

# The Guild

Houston Baptist University

2012 SPRING NEWSLETTER

## Greetings from the PRESIDENT



As I write this, I am still basking in the beautiful Silver Tea held at the lovely home of Sheryl and Doug Bech. What an event! If you attended, you know what I'm talking about. It was a special afternoon honoring two phenomenal ladies, Linda Higginbotham and Allene Lucas, who have been committed over the years to making our fundraising for scholarships so successful. Everything

about the afternoon was perfect and it was indeed a celebration of raising more than \$81,000 for graduate scholarships in the Schools of Education and Theology. The Scholarship Committee is in place to interview our applicants and award scholarships to deserving Christian men and women.

I find myself often saying that "time flies when you're having fun." Obviously I have had much fun this past year, because it has flown by! We are now approaching a new Guild year under the leadership of Debra Perich. I am looking forward to working on the Board with her. As I have gotten to know Debra over the past few years, her passion and love for The Lord and HBU are two characteristics that will make next year special. I want to encourage all of you to renew your memberships and serve in the areas of interest to you. Not only do we have the focus of our scholarships for graduate students in Education and Theology, but through The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies we are working toward strengthening the Christian family. Both of these areas give us an opportunity to make a difference in the world.

These are exciting times at HBU. As we join together to continue to support Dr. Sloan and his vision for the University, you can be assured that HBU's central confession, "Jesus Christ is Lord" will never change. This past year as I have had the privilege to work with so many of you, I have seen the "joy of the Lord" demonstrated in so many ways. I have truly seen that He "is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us." (Ephesians 3:20) I thank God for each of you.

Blessings,

Anne Roper

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

#### DIAMOND

Anne & Hank Roper

#### PLATINUM

Allene Lucas  
Dianne & Joseph Reeves  
Nancy & Richard Schissler

#### GOLD

Mary Ann Belin  
Linda & Archie Dunham  
Linda & Earle Higginbotham  
Ginny & Emmitt Nelson

#### SILVER

Georganna & Peyton Barnes  
Betty & Bill Beard  
Kandy & Bill Brittain  
Billie Brown  
Lucy & William Carl  
Reda & Jim Eubank  
Grace Gandy  
Sue & Ted Getterman  
Pat & Wayne Goettsche  
Judy & Geren Graham  
Marinell & Jack Grimes  
Camille & Raymond Hankamer  
Nina & Edd Hendee  
Margaret & James Hutton  
Carolyn & Jack Little  
Judy & Edward Lupo  
Joella & Stewart Morris  
Ruth & William Penrod  
Debra & Tom Perich  
Kim & Joseph Reid  
Sharon & Les Saunders  
Kay & Rufus Schmidt  
Sue & Robert Sloan  
Sherry & Jim Smith  
Kim Stevens  
Janet & Stacy Taylor  
Beverly Terrell  
Dena & Jay Williams

#### BRONZE

Ruth & Clifford Alford  
Shirley & Ross Anderson  
Barbara Boek  
Beverly & Mack Boykin  
Jane & Chuck Caldwell  
Madeline & Ted Collier  
Sharon & Todd Corry  
Judy & Bob Craig  
Faye Dunwoody  
Marsha & L.D. Eckermann  
Cyndi Ford  
Margaret & Orville Gaither  
Peg & David Harman  
Sadie & Doug Hodo  
Judy & Henry Jackson  
Tana & Dale Jefferson  
James L. Jones  
Hoda & Michael Kardoush  
Carol Harden Kellison  
Mary & Karl Kennard  
Betty Lou & Paul Martin  
Marianne & Sterling McCall  
Rita Mesec  
Pat & Wayne Miller  
Becky & Malcolm Morris  
Anne & Stephen Pouns  
Nancy Prothro  
Jan & Bob Rule  
Gina & Saib Saour  
Lesleigh Saunders  
Lenoir Seelhorst  
Martha Turner  
Elizabeth & Peter Wareing  
Cathy & Laurence Wheatley  
Diane & Stanley Williams  
Ruth Ann & Roger Williamson  
Jan & Nyal Witham

# “AN EVENING BACKSTAGE”

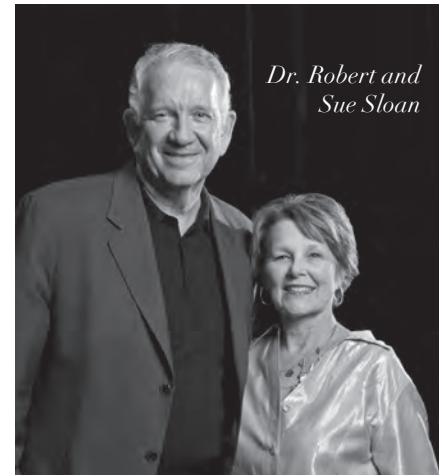
Our eyes adjusted to the darkness as we entered the backstage of Dunham Theater, March 22, and walked down the red carpet. We were immediately greeted by our own HBU paparazzi ... capturing each of us, the “stars” of “An Evening Backstage.”

This was the beginning of a night of back-stage delights. Instead of sitting in the audience, Guild ladies and their guests enjoyed Dunham Theater from the viewpoint of the actors, spending the evening up on stage. No acting was needed as we enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner, the tinkling of iced tea glasses, and the scrumptious desserts baked by our own Spring Event Gals. The tables were dressed in black napkins and bow ties, and lavender roses were graced with playbills of Broadway musicals. There was laughter of many friends enjoying a relaxing evening in a cocoon of green, purple and red stage lights all providing the ambience.

The view from the stage was striking as Rick Comeaux and Jerry Atwood sang and entertained us with popular songs and renditions from Broadway musicals. Their talent touched us all; their song and wit put a smile on all of our faces, and brightened up our evening. All too soon the spotlight dimmed, the music stopped, and the actors from the enchanting Spring Event drew the curtain on a night of fun and sweet fellowship. We wish to thank the wonderful Guild members who made all the cakes for our evening performance! The desserts were so tempting and tantalizing and our guests enjoyed them immensely.



*Cyndi (c) with daughters Justin and Brittney Jacobson; co-chairs/Spring Event.*



*Dr. Robert and Sue Sloan*



*Entertainers Rick Comeaux and Jerry Atwood*



*Jan and Bob Rule*

# TEA HONORS HIGGINBOTHAM and LUCAS

The 2012 Silver Tea was held on April 12. First came the flowers arranged by Suzie Miller; Ruth Terry arrived with trays of delicious food, the valet staff were in place, and harpist Deborah O'Donnell was ready to play when nine committee chairs arrived with their teams. The lovely home of Sheryl and Doug Bech was now ready as we honored Linda Higginbotham and Allene Lucas for their Christian leadership and dedication to The Guild. Our Silver Tea chair, Ruth Alford, was delighted as this annual event raised more than \$81,000 for graduate scholarships in the Schools of Education and Theology. We have been so blessed. This was indeed a very special day.



*Faye Dunwoody, Barbara Boek, LouBeth Mulqueen with honorees Linda Higginbotham and Allene Lucas*



*Betty Vernon*



*Sharon Saunders, Linda Higginbotham and scholarship recipient Ericka Landry*



*Sheryl Bech and Ruth Alford, chair*



*Allene Lucas, Grace Gandy and Linda Higginbotham*



*Tana Jefferson, Charles Bacarisse and Lynn Kiesewetter*



*Dr. Robert Sloan, Sue Sloan, Ruth Alford, Anne Roper, Linda Higginbotham, Allene Lucas, Sheryl Bech and Doug Bech*



# SUE SLOAN INAUGURATES W.O.W.

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Dear Friends,

Recently we enjoyed a house guest from the UK a friend of a current student and our son. As we sat in the kitchen one morning, the young man asked me what I did. I must have stammered or looked rather blank, and he said, "Do you just play?" I often wonder what I do. And I thought, "Yes, I just play." It is so much fun getting to live at HBU!

We had two students drop by on Valentine's Day with carnations. We had students drop by one rainy evening to say hello. We invited them in for cookies and they reminded me of our visit again when I saw them on campus. Recently we had the honor of hosting Paul Buhlman and several guests following the Brown Lecture on campus. What a great evening! Stimulating conversation about oil and gas and the economy was enjoyed by all. It is such a privilege to live and work here.

One of the great joys of my life is students. We, with the help of Sharon Saunders and our Student Activity Director, Becky Crandall, have planned receptions and some dinners for key groups of leaders on campus. This year we have hosted the student government, residence life assistants, honors college freshmen, Greek fraternities and sororities, and other such groups. Kathy Hooper and Cindy Duffy have been the Guild committee chairmen for First Lady's Special Events our go-to gals for greeting and helping with other details. They probably wonder what they have gotten themselves into when I call with "just another little idea."

This spring I had the joy of seeing long-time wishes come to fruition. Since we arrived at HBU, I have thought about having something to honor our graduating senior women. The plan finally took shape in my brain this fall. I invited a small group of girls to come over in November and we talked about some of the things I had been thinking about. Soon into the new semester, I met with staff involved in spiritual life, student activities, residence life and alumni, and shared with them my plan. They embraced it and helped immensely with details, and we had the first ever W.O.W Women of Wisdom sessions March 19. We had a five session event that took place in Belin Chapel on four consecutive Monday evenings. All speaking participants were members of The Guild. I began with "Faith Foundations." The other speakers were Patti Hatton, HBU graduate, and licensed counselor who spoke on Life Balance and Management. Following her was Debra Perich, who spoke on "Redemption," and Sharon Saunders followed speaking on "What to Expect in the Professional World." Our last Monday evening was a celebration reception for the senior women in our home. Kathy and Cindy helped us with weekly door prizes and a small gift was presented to each senior at the reception. Our goal was to honor the senior women, and help them know as they leave, that they are prepared and ready, with God's help, to move on to what God has for them.

Thank you for what you mean to HBU. We are grateful and thankful for your friendship and participation in this special place.

God bless you.  
Sue Sloan



*Sue Sloan speaks at first Women of Wisdom event.*



*Attendees of the first WOW session.*



*Dr. Sloan with Rachel Wells at WOW reception in the President's home.*



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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



*W*hy do we have a variety of friends who are all so different in character? How can we get along with them all? Each one helps to bring out a “different” part of us.

With one of them we are polite. We joke with another friend. We sit down and talk about serious matters with one. With another we laugh a lot. We listen to one friend’s problems. Then we listen to another one’s advice.

Our friends are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. When completed, they form a treasure box. A treasure of friends! They are our friends who understand us better than we do ourselves; they support us through good days and bad days. We all pray together and for each other.

Doctors tell us that friends are good for our health. One doctor calls them Vitamin F (for Friends) and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our well being. Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of stress, depression and serious illnesses.

This description of Vitamin F reflects The Guild and the friendships that we share with one another. We, too, fit together like pieces of a puzzle. Each year we trust God to draw The Guild’s master plan and choose the members to execute His will.

Aren’t you happy that The Guild has such a stock of Vitamin F! We plan, share, laugh, work and pray together to further the vision and goals of HBU. We are each proud to be one of The Guild’s Vitamin F.

*“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body; being many, are one body, so also is Christ.”*

*I Corinthians 12:12*

*“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.”*

*Ecclesiastes 4:9*

Linda Higginbotham

~ SAVE *the* DATE ~

### Installation Brunch

Friday, May 11, 2012  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Home of Jane Caldwell  
1206 Trace Drive, Houston, Texas