The Newsletter of Baylor Round Table

Round Table Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.
Cashion 510
\$12.50 per person
Reservations due by November 7, 2011

On **Tuesday, November 15, 2011** Baylor Round Table will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner honoring the international students. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with students and to share an American tradition. Please come and join us for a festive evening. A reservation form is attached to this email if you have not filled one out already.

October Meeting Recap

Approximately 90 Baylor Business Women, Round Table members, and campus and community guests gathered at the Mayborn Museum Complex on **Thursday, October 13** to hear Merrie Spaeth's presentation titled "Caring How We Communicate" including "Dos, Don'ts and Trends in the YouTube Age: The Most Common Mistakes and Why Storytelling Is Part of Leadership and Other Critical Skills."

Following a reception, Julie Covington called the meeting to order. Baylor's First Lady Alice Starr told of their friendship as she introduced Merrie Spaeth and detailed her many accomplishments in government, politics, media, entertainment, and business. Spaeth's presentation included personal stories, real-life examples, and video clips as she demonstrated communication from the audience's point of view and explained both informal and formal influence networks. A brief question and answer session followed.

Thursday morning, Ms. Spaeth spoke to about 85 undergraduates in the Journalism Department and at 2:00 p.m., she joined more than 50 MBA students for a graduate Business seminar focused on crisis communication. At the end of the day, one young woman who had already heard Merrie twice asked if she would be speaking again in the evening. She wanted to hear her again!

Mark Your Calendars!

The Baylor Round Table Christmas Concert and Luncheon will take place on **Tuesday**, **December 6, 2011** at 11:30 a.m. in the McLean Foyer of Meditation at the Armstrong Browning Library. Please plan to bring a guest and enjoy this delightful event to celebrate the Christmas Season.

Round Table Stitchers Group News

The Stitcher's Group met on October 18th and shared ideas for future projects. In the meantime, we each worked on those "incomplete" projects – quilts, cross-stitch, knitting, and crochet – that any stitcher has. Members' skills and interests are very varied from beginner to expert and we enjoyed swapping stories about our creative projects and fiascos. We have plans to prepare items for a silent auction basket for this year, and are planning a group project that will display all of our talents as an entry for the 2012 Heart of Texas Fair Creative Arts Show. We hope to have a blog in the near future to display some of our creative endeavors, ask questions, keep in touch, and "brag" about our successes. There is room for new members of any skill level in any needle or fiber craft. We will continue to meet once a month on Tuesday nights from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the home of one of our members (next meeting date not yet determined). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Eileen Bentsen@baylor.edu.

Order Your Round Table Cookbook Today

Carolyn Keathley continues to take orders for the Round Table cookbook. Cost is \$15 per book. Checks should be made out to Baylor University.

A Message from the Scholarship Fundraising Committee

The Scholarship Fundraising Committee has met and we are planning for the Silent Auction on **December 6** at Armstrong Browning Library. We will also have gift baskets and cards. If you know you will probably be interested in either of these, tell us and that will help us plan how many to have for purchase.

We need donations of items for the auction. These can be anything from books to jewelry to paintings to Christmas decorations, etc. If you have anything, please drop items off at Liz's office at the SLC. Call 710-1595 and you can park by the Student Life door and someone inside will be glad to take them from you!

We'll also take any gourmet food items, gift items, kitchen gadgets, etc., for the baskets.

Thanks so much for any help you can give us. Our scholarship is probably the most important thing that Round Table does every year!

Liz Palacios and Connie Powell, Chairs, Scholarship Fundraising Committee

Interest Group Updates

<u>Girls' Night Out</u>: Girl's Night Out will gather on **November 1** at 5:30 p.m. at Bangkok Royal located at 215 S. University Parks Drive. Come join us for great food and fellowship. Contact Julie Covington if you are planning to attend. <u>Julie Covington@baylor.edu</u>.

<u>Off-Campus Lunch Group</u>: The next off-campus lunch is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **November 16** at 11:30 a.m. at Ninfa's. All are welcome! Email Judy Maggard at <u>judy maggard@baylor.edu</u> to make a reservation.

<u>On-Campus Lunch Group</u>: The next on-campus lunches will be at the McMullen-Connally Faculty Center on **Tuesday, November 8** (Green Room) and **Wednesday, November 9** (Yellow Room) from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Contact <u>Allison Yanos@baylor.edu</u>.

<u>Photography</u>: Photography Interest Group meeting **Wednesday, November 9th**. Using the computer to work with digital photographs -- how to download, email, and archive photos; and publish your own photo book. Jones Library, Baylor University. Contact Tresa Gilchrest (Buddy Gilchrest@baylor.edu) for details.

Theater Group: The next gathering of the Round Table Theatre Group will be on **Friday**, **November 18**th **at 6:30 p.m.** at the Hooper-Schaefer faculty lounge, before the **7:30 p.m.** performance of *The Ruby Sunrise* by Rinne Groff and directed by David Reed. The box office (710-1865) is holding a group of seats for those who identify themselves as members of the Round Table Theatre Group through Thursday, November 10th.

We'll ask the director to speak with us informally about the play while we enjoy some light refreshments. Please let one of us know if you plan to attend, as well as if you can help with refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Janet Sheets (710-2335; <u>Janet Sheets@Baylor.edu</u>) and Cyndie Burgess(710-4959; <u>Cyndie Burgess@Baylor.edu</u>)

<u>Trip to Salado</u>: Shopping and lunch in Salado is set for **Friday, November 11**. If you are interested in a fun day of shopping in the quaint village of Salado located 40 miles south of Waco and a delicious lunch at a local tea room please contact Judy Maggard at <u>judy maggard@baylor.edu</u> to make your reservation. Transportation will be provided and the approximate departure time from Waco is 9:30 a.m. and returning no later than 4 p.m. All are welcome!

For additional information about Round Table, visit our website at: http://www.baylor.edu/baylorroundtable/