

THE NEWSLETTER OF BAYLOR ROUND TABLE

Invitation to April Meeting

Join us **Thursday, April 21** for a San Jacinto Day Celebration hosted by Judge Ken & First Lady Alice Starr. The celebration will be held from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Allbritton House (306 Guittard). An invitation with more details will be coming soon!

Anniversary Luncheon Follow Up

Thanks to all of you who attended our Anniversary Luncheon, March 23. We had over 70 ladies in attendance, and I've received many positive comments about the speaker, the food, the hats, etc. I hope that we can make each year's anniversary luncheon special and that our new members can learn about Round Table History. I promised to send you the poem that Ann Miller wrote.

I remember when Ann read this poem at our anniversary banquet. Although the poem is not dated, it was read 9 decades after Round Table was organized (1904), so I believe Ann read it at Round Table's 90th anniversary, March 1994.

Ann was a Master Teacher and poet, and she loved Baylor Round Table.

Maxine Hart

"Other Voices, Other Rooms"

Nine decades now have come, and gone
and, Oh My Dear, we don't wear gloves, call roll
at meetings, or observe your delicate rule
of lifting left-hand fingers when we come to some

Round Table for our tea. Of course, the programs last
and last, and gossip grows like weeds. As in the past
our talk is of this dress, that hat, the classroom,
budgets, joy, drudgery, and who has married whom. But

the scene has changed. And now it seems we scarcely
know each other's names, or sometimes care.

The young and eager faces scattered here and there
are not the ones you knew, or were.....Other

voices, other rooms, new names on every door. Oh

we study still—but no more Greek or Shakespeare plays.
Banquets have fallen off, we're busier these days—
It's a Computer Age: we don't have time to look
at names and faces decades old. We keep the past in books.

We can't afford the slower pace, or take the time it takes
to learn your easy grace. Our careers, you know, and children
make
for car pools, frantic shopping, a pizza to pick up. Forgive,
but we have our untidy, present lives to live.

But oh My Dear, you'd be quite proud: the
Tower's on Old Main again, from Pat Neff Hall
the strong bells ring on Fridays still; they fill
the campus with old hymns you sang,
much the same way that they rang

when you were here. It's true
that now a Highway cuts the land in two.
I-35 and one-way streets run through the
campus where professors shuffle papers, lead
their cloistered, busy lives. And now, we read,

12,000 students walk the halls in shorts & blue jeans, pass
from gym to lab to dorm, lounge cross-legged in the grass,
absent themselves from Forum, and from class. There's
no place to park; they pack the campus with their cars.
--But My Dear, we still have the Brazos and the stars.

You understand, of course, that at our backs the clock
is ticking, too—irrevocable as flesh, the calendar unlocks
the days that turn the sun to rain to sleet to snow,
and birds will cry their songs across a season we won't know.

For after all, Omega never is aware of any message
Alpha sends. It has its own place: Ending, it begins
as trees come back to leaf again, or as fern unbends
in a spring that knows no name for winter—or for ends.

--Ann Miller

A Message from the Round Table Scholarship Committee

Gifts received into the Round Table Scholarship since June 1st total \$4,239. Thanks to everyone who has contributed through the donation of items for the silent auction, purchases during the auction, and memorials throughout the year to honor Round Table members.

Remember, you'll have another opportunity to purchase note cards and tags at the May luncheon. Each gift is important.

Madelyn Jones and Martha Lou Scott

Round Table Cookbook: It's Not Too Late!

Please continue to send in recipes for the Round Table cookbook. The cookbook will serve as a history of Round Table, and we'd love to have a recipe from every member. Submit your recipes by email to RT_Cookbook@baylor.edu.

Carolyn Keathley and Jane Gunn

Upcoming Spring Events - Mark Your Calendar Now

- May 10 – Style Show & Scholarship Luncheon, Barfield Drawing Room, BDSC, 12 noon

Interest Group Updates

Girls' Night Out

Come join us on **April 18th** at 5:30 p.m. for good food and fellowship. Location is TBA. Contact Julie at Julie_Covington@baylor.edu if you are interested in joining us.

Off-Campus Lunch Bunch

The Off-Campus Lunch Bunch is finalizing plans for April. More information to come!

On-Campus Lunch Group

Plans are in the works for the next on-campus lunch group. Allison will send an invitation when details are finalized. Stay tuned!

Theater Group

The final gathering this academic year of the Round Table Theatre Group will be on Friday, **April 29th** at 6:30 pm in the Hooper-Schaefer Faculty Lounge, before the Baylor Theatre production of The Odyssey by Homer, directed by David Jortner. Call the Theatre Box Office for tickets (710-1865). Mention you are with the Round Table Theatre Group if you wish to be seated with the group.

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

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