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# Table Topics

## Baylor Round Table

### Newsletter for the Women of Baylor

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#### *Beginning our Second Century of Service to the Baylor Community*

Checkout our Website: [http://baylor.edu/Baylor\\_Round\\_Table](http://baylor.edu/Baylor_Round_Table)

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Following the jubilant centennial celebration of the Baylor Round Table, it seems appropriate that our theme for 2004-2005 is *The Roses Are Still in Bloom*. Hopefully, over the course of the year it will serve as a reminder of the faithful women who have preceded us and of our own legacy of service toward the development of the social and cultural life of Baylor University.

The theme should also challenge us to remember the colorful varieties of women who are part of Baylor Round Table. We have several new members this year, individuals I would equate to rose buds. They have yet to open fully and reveal their distinctive hue, beauty, and fragrance, yet they have tremendous promise to become significant blooms in our bouquet. Returning members, each possessing unique talent and leadership experience necessary for our overall efforts, represent different stages of growth. Our longtime members offer the richest beauty because they are in full maturity. They serve as models of the best and continue as they are able to make significant contributions of support, encouragement, and direction. Without them, we could not comprehend the possibilities before us and continue to press forward.

As we enter this new year, we remember affectionately three members we lost during the summer. Daphne Herring, Dottie Mathews, and Monette Gingerich served Baylor Round Table with enthusiasm and courage. They taught us about the depths of friendship. They will be missed.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of the many privileges of Baylor Round Table membership. Kay O'Brien and the Program Committee have planned extraordinary programs offering a variety of activities,

from a concert of Christmas music to a springtime gardening adventure. Wanda LeMaster and Wanda Raley-Pittman have organized exciting interest groups that share common pastimes and provide volunteer opportunities. Group meeting times vary in order to accommodate the planning needs of both young mothers and full-time professors. Our plans have been intentional because we want each member to have an opportunity to be involved at her highest level of interest and ability.

As we begin our 101st year, I hope each Round Table woman will realize just how lasting a bouquet we are creating together through our combined efforts. I look forward to sharing this year together and demonstrating with you how magnificently our rose bouquet continues to bloom.

Martha Lou Scott, President, Baylor Round Table

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN ROUND TABLE**

There are 274 active members in Round Table and 47 Newcomers who have registered for 2004-2005.

If you know someone who has not joined, encourage them to pay their dues and participate in this year's activities.

#### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!**

PLEASE USE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM  
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TO PROVIDE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION.

## **A LOOK AHEAD TO SPRING 2005**

Set aside these important dates for Round Table meetings next spring.

February 10

“Reuniting Families,” Dr. Lori Baker, speaker  
Baylor Sciences Building

March 23

Anniversary Luncheon  
Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center

April 12

Luncheon and Speaker  
Carleen Bright Arboretum

May 4

Scholarship Luncheon and Style Show  
Barfield Drawing Room

### **REUNITING FAMILIES**

In February we will meet in the new science building for an opportunity to learn about a compelling problem and a fascinating project. Round Table member Dr. Lori Baker of Baylor’s Forensic Science program will share with us her current project, “Reuniting Families.” Dr. Baker is working to set up a DNA bank for identification of illegal immigrants who die attempting to enter the United States from Mexico. An estimated three hundred people including women and children die each year in an attempted crossing. About a third of these are never identified and their families are left with no answers about their fate. Current systems are falling woefully short in addressing this need. To quote Lori, “Something had to be done.” Come hear what is being done and how Baylor professors are leading the charge. Make your plans to join other Round Table members on February 10, 2005, for this inspiring presentation and the opportunity to experience our new science facility. Refreshments at 3:00 p.m. in E201, meeting at 3:30 p.m. in E231.

### **ROUND TABLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Last year, Round Table Members added almost \$9,000 to the corpus of the Round Table Scholarship Fund. It was our most successful fund-raising year ever. Would you consider joining us again in this worthy effort? Another plaque will be hung in the Round Table Room in Harrington House at the end of the year, with the names of all those who have given \$100 or more, along with the name of the person in whose honor or memory each gift was given.

Our emphasis this year will be “Family and Friends.” Also, as in the past, all gifts, in any amount, will be acknowledged in the program at the Scholarship Luncheon. Please send your gifts, marked “Round Table Scholarship Fund,” to Gift Accounting Office, One Bear Place #97050, or donate online at: <https://www1.baylor.edu/univdev/>