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A *Christmas Carol* and DTC set a new record in collecting funds for the North Texas Food Bank! The Guild assisted in the effort.

(Photo by Dana Driensky)



Guild year 2015 - 2016

Upcoming Events

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| March 1 | Tech Dinner: All the Way |
| March 7 | Salon Series: All the Way |
| March 17 | Meet & Greet:
Deferred Action |
| April 3 | Spring Event at
Harlan Crow home |
| April 4 | Preston & Mary Sue
Jones Reading |
| April 17 | Tech Dinner:
Deferred Action |
| May 6 | Meet & Greet: Dreamgirls |
| May 6 - 7 | Off-Stage Outing in Houston |
| June 5 | Tech Dinner: Dreamgirls |
| June 22 | Guild Players |

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Read on and enjoy!

(Additional photos for Guild events are available on the Guild website and Facebook page.)

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Get involved! Please check out the Guild website or Yearbook for opportunities to support the DTC and the Guild!

Co-Presidents' Message

By John Howell & Nan-Elizabeth Byorum

As we mentioned in the previous Newsletter, the Guild's focus this year is on Theater Services. And we've been very successful in that regard. For each of DTC's five productions so far this season, we have provided our usual production-related Theater Services, including Adopt-an Artist gifts, Meet & Greet refreshments, Tech Dinners, and Lobby Greeters, all of which have been greatly appreciated by DTC. And our recent Staff Appreciation lunch was enthusiastically devoured by the DTC staff. Moreover, this year we have had the opportunity to provide several additional services in support of the Theater:

- With the able assistance of Carrissa Norman, DTC's Office Manager, we have been providing coffee service for the DTC staff at the Wyly Theatre.
- We once again provided a special Christmas Eve lunch for the DTC cast and crew between the noon and afternoon performances of *A Christmas Carol* on Christmas Eve.
- We assisted the DTC staff in collecting donations for the North Texas Food Bank after the performances of *A Christmas Carol*. This year those donations shattered all previous records, totaling more than \$138,000, including a \$57,000 matching grant.

And while we were proving extraordinary support for DTC, we have been able to enjoy ourselves at the fabulous Halloween and Holiday parties organized by Suzanne Caruso and Eleanor Casey and the Fall and Spring General Meetings arranged by Kathleen (Al) Lohr. *But wait, there's more!* There is a wealth of additional Guild events coming up in the next few months. First, there will be another stimulating Salon Series event on March 7. This event, coordinated with the *All the Way* play then being performed by DTC, will be held at the Sixth Floor Museum and will feature a panel discussion of notable authorities moderated by DTC Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty, who is directing *All the Way*.



Then we will have back-to-back events on April 3 - a fabulous event at the spectacular Harlan Crow residence with its world-renowned historical library - and then on April 4 - another edition of the ever-popular Preston & Mary Sue Jones readings at the Kalita Humphreys Theater. On May 6 & 7 our Off-Stage Outing will take us to Houston to enjoy a play at the prestigious Alley Theatre. And finally in June we are planning to let the Guild Players out of their cages once more to entertain us with another of their irreverent productions. Wow!

Thank you for being members of the Guild. We hope that you are enjoying the many opportunities provided by your Guild membership.

HOLIDAY PARTY!

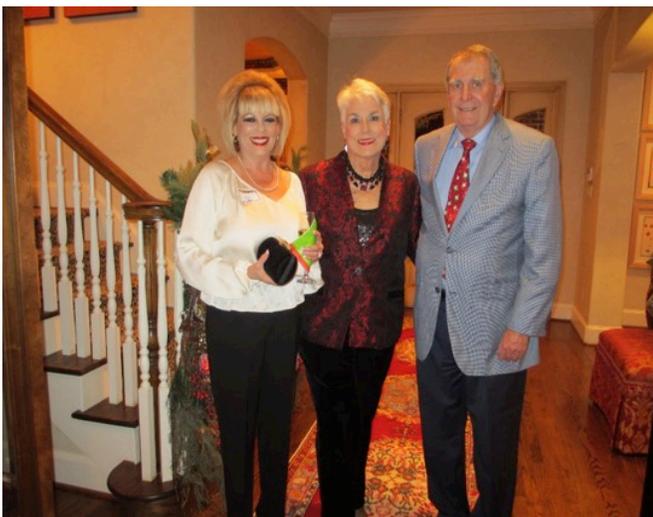
Someone once said “All that glitters is not gold”. Right about that – there was a lot of glittering at the “Jingle and Mingle” holiday party, and while some was indeed gold, there was abundant glittering of silver, red, deep purple, white and black – all woven into marvelous ladies’ holiday attire! Even the guys looked good. The setting for this stylish mingling was **Suzanne Caruso’s** elegant home, and a perfect setting it was. Her home is warm and inviting, with many attractive spaces inside and out, intriguing décor and objects d’art that call out for close attention and enjoyment. Suzanne and **Eleanor Casey** (both Guild Vice-Presidents – Special Events) added extensive holiday decorations that enhanced the good cheer of the event and provided perfect settings for photos.



Eleanor Casey, Suzanne Caruso



Guild members and guests did indeed mingle, to share interesting conversations and holiday stories. They enjoyed an array of tasty morsels and desserts while the champagne and wine flowed abundantly. A singer/pianist provided Christmas-themed entertainment, and then led the whole assemblage in a round of carols. Some Guild members and guests demonstrated real vocal talent, while we croakers generally made joyful noises. We all rose to the occasion of **Claire Cunningham’s** birthday, with the traditional musical salute



As this wonderful event wrapped up, most party people had one more treat. A team of very cute valet parkers returned their vehicles and wished them one more “Happy Holidays!”

Top left: Brenda Truitt, Claire Cunningham

Bottom left: Karen Randle, Judy and JC Mathis

THE HOLIDAY PARTY ROLLS ON!



Lindle and Jim O'Neil



Donna Marino and Gwen Lawe

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

The DTC staff does great work in their many tasks, over many hours each day. On February 11, the Guild thanked them for a year's worth of creativity, hard work and good cheer by providing a huge buffet of substantial goodies in the Wyly rehearsal space. Almost all staff members (except those in Houston, working on the Alley Theater's run of *All the Way*) lined up to enjoy a plateful and some conversation. They displayed a wide range of appetites, from the nibblers to the wolfers (who were nearly outpaced in mass consumption by certain Guild members).

Vice President – Theater Services **Ginger Snider**, Event Chairman **Lance Hancock**, and Ginger's mom **Betty Duncan** led the effort, and several other Guild members helped put on the party.

In their conversations with DTC staff, the Guild members gained some understanding of what happens backstage, and shared some laughs about the occasional surprises in that environment. It is amazing how stage sets, movements, lighting and sound, and costumes integrate to provide an effect, a tone, even an emotion, all to support what the actors are doing.

The lunch wrapped up with taking the now traditional “class picture”, available on the Guild website.

DTC managing Director **Jeff Woodward** sent this message the team: “I want to thank you all and the Guild for a wonderful staff lunch yesterday. I have heard from a number of the staff about how much they appreciated the lunch, the Starbucks gift cards, and year around coffee. These gestures make for a happier and thus more productive work force. ALL the things the Guild does for DTC are much appreciated.”

General Meeting – February 8



April Bosworth and Suzanne Palmlund

The eight block long Swiss Avenue Historic District is the largest and oldest historic district in the Southwest. Its 106 homes preserve a wide variety of architectural styles and exude the elegance and spirit of earlier times in Dallas. **Suzanne and David Palmlund** offered their spectacular home and served as active, involved hosts of this year’s “Champagne and Chocolate” event. Their home displays many unique decorating aspects and finishes, and many interesting objects that help emphasize the Palmlunds’ interest in cultural history.

The inimitable **April Bosworth** once again demonstrated extreme expertise in creative party planning and elegant delivery! April underwrote significant elements of the event, and **Andrea Redmon** assisted with the set-up. This February 8 event was close to Valentine’s Day, leading to a predominance of red. It was all “tasteful” in several dimensions of that word! Over 60 Guild members and guests enjoyed chocolate in such a variety of forms that it strained the imagination, and everyone was within easy reach of a piece of the dark delight wherever they stood. An abundance of champagne and an array of delightful hors d’oeuvres complemented the chocolate.



Another special treat was a short play, *Boy Meets Girl*, directed and performed by an RISD creative team (pictured above). It was very clever and uproariously funny. High school students played a kindergarten boy and girl who talk about kids’ activities and relationships that model adult situations. A memorable exchange is deciding whether or not to nap together, with Boy driven wild after discovering that Girl has already napped with three other boys. But it all works out and there is calm in the classroom. With that early experience in scandal, a potential sequel could have both of them running for high political office!

Since this wonderful evening was also a Guild General Meeting, Co-President **John Howell** announced the members of this year’s Nominating Committee: **Mickie Bragalone, Kristie Konstans, Kathleen Lohr, Vicki Newsom** and **Don Warnecke**. If you see one of these names in your caller ID, resist the temptation to hide in your closet and instead answer the phone!

Meet Our Leaders – Kathleen Lohr

Kathleen Lohr is one interesting person! This Dallas native has been active in the Guild at various times in its history, as Vice-President of Season Ticket Sales and Membership, among other things in the Womens' Committee days, Co-Chair of Dickens of a Christmas, and many, many productions of the Guild Players. She is currently Vice President – General Meetings.

After careers in Mechanical Drafting, Industrial Photography and Corporate Sales, she took a giant leap that finds her now practicing Ayurveda, the world's oldest healthcare system, which originated in India thousands of years ago. Her specialty is the hands-on bodywork techniques, which she practices in a charming little office at Dallas Yoga Center. Her therapy room is like a trip to India; a fascinating blend of oils and fragrances, lotions and potions, equipment and images. This mid-life career change began with studies in Kerala, India, which led to a scholarship for a 6-Month Residential Internship at the Arte de Vivre Ayurvedic Center in Quebec.

While she learned only one line of French in Quebec (which was how to politely say she doesn't speak French), she is very well versed in Sanskrit, the ancient Indian language required of all Ayurvedic practitioners. It's a good thing she considers her new career her hobby, because she says it will take the rest of her life to learn even a fraction of what she wants to know about it. That said, her knowledge can't be too limited, since she regularly teaches advanced classes in Ayurvedic Theory and Anatomy.

But that's only part of the story. In summers Kathleen lives off-the-grid in a cabin with her husband Richard near Haines, Alaska (which is on the Inland Passage between Ketchikan and Skagway). By day he works an alluvial claim (think panning for gold, but with bulldozers and excavators) while Kathleen makes healing salve from Balsam Poplar buds and stalks wild mushrooms with her camera. By night, he weighs the day's bounty of gold



while she snaps photos of the aurora borealis! Their 160 acres was the most populated area in the state during the Klondike Gold Rush, and even includes the ghost town of Porcupine, AK. Now the area is popular with tourists and sportsmen, along with plenty bear and moose.

Kathleen enjoys theater that leaves her in thoughtful silence, as do the plays of Tennessee Williams, John Steinbeck, Edward Albee, Tom Stoppard and Tony Kushner. And on the lighter side, "Moonshine," who didn't love that one!

In the Guild, Kathleen values social relationships and enjoys the creative collaboration that results in our fine events. We're very lucky that she does!

Guild Endowment Fund

By Rocky Ford

Are you looking for a way to honor a friend and at the same time support the Dallas Theater Center? Your yearbook has a section under Tributes on Pages 65 and 66 explaining our Endowment Fund, its history, purpose, and how it helps DTC financially.

We all have friends in the Guild that we want to thank or honor for a kindness, a birthday, other special occasion, or of course, a memorial to a loved one. No contribution is too small or too large.

A note is sent to the family or honoree of the contribution (not the amount) and a receipt is sent to the contributor.

Recent memorial contributions were received from Judy and J. C. Mathis, and from Glenda's Canasta Group when we lost long-time member of the DTC Guild Glenda Priolo.

New Members!

We're on a roll! The Guild added these members since November, 2015. Welcome to all!

- Susan and Prescott Andrews
- Daniel Waldmann and Giles Davidson

Encouragement and Remembrances

Hal Schneider on the loss of his wife Mary Jo

CH Moore on the loss of his wife Joyce

The Clancy family on the loss of Paula Clancy

Stephanie Nichols on the loss of her mother Glenda Priolo

Kate and Dana Juett, dealing with health issues

El Guild South of I-20

Three Guild members live south of I-20: Helen Boehning and Sherry Peel now reside in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and Sherry and David Sivils are in The Woodlands, a suburb of Houston. Helen reports that San Miguel de Allende has a significant American colony, which can present a bit of a challenge to immersing in the local culture.

Sherry and David have a wonderful home on Lake Woodlands in The Woodlands, Texas. They are close to David's office in the new ExxonMobil campus, The Woodlands Mall and Hughes Landing.

David's work took them to Moscow for a year's residence, where trips to St. Petersburg, Prague, Vienna and London added to the excitement.

The Sivils take in plays at Alley Theatre, and enjoy events at The Cynthia Woods Pavillion. Always the explorers, they have also traveled to Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, Niagara Falls, and Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural classic "Falling Waters".