

Joyce Hornaday Packard
Tribute, Baylor University Round Table



Joyce was born June 21, 1925, in Fordyce, Arkansas, one of seven children to Nora Wright and John Wesley Hornaday. After graduating from Fordyce High School and attending business school, Joyce entered Baylor University, earning BS (1952) and MA (1957) degrees. While serving as Baylor's Assistant Dean of Women, she met Dr. Robert G. "Bob" Packard, and they were married on April 15, 1954, by then university president, Dr. W. R. White.

Joyce's contributions in the field of education were varied and widespread. At Baylor, she was a teacher, the Assistant Dean of Women, and Dean of Women. For twenty-three years at Richfield High School, she was student counselor and supervisor of Baylor student teachers. The Packards spent two years in Indonesia, where Bob taught in a medical school and Joyce was an active volunteer in many areas in the local community, including teaching English.

She served as President 1988-1989 with theme "Women of Vision." Joyce is remembered in [A Centennial History of Baylor Round Table](#) as committed to every aspect.

"Joyce Hornaday Packard first became aware of roundtable as a Baylor student in the late 1940s. Earning her way through college with dual jobs in the cashier's office and as a floor director in Woman's Memorial Dormitory, Joyce became well acquainted with Baylor administrators and professors and their wives. Joyce recollected that in her student days, "I knew about Round Table. Round Table was *the* organization on the campus....They were outstanding people, very influential. They were people that I wanted to be like someday." Upon graduation in 1952, Joyce stayed at Baylor as assistant to Dean of Women Gladys Hicks, who advised her protégé, "I must be a member of Baylor Round Table and that it enhanced one's position if they were a member of Baylor Round Table." Furthermore, Joyce remembered Dean Hicks telling her, that "if I managed to marry someday, it would enhance my husband's position. So, I became a Baylor Round Table member, loving every minute of it." The dean's words proved prophetic two years later when Joyce married Baylor physics professor Robert G Packard. From 1959 to 1961 Joyce was Baylor's Acting Dean of Women and from 1963 to 1986, a teacher and counselor in Waco schools. Throughout her career and well into retirement, Joyce continued to find time for Round Table, holding many offices, including that president, and serving as committee chair or committee member almost every year for more than half a century." (p. 83)

Joyce's love of adventure and young people was equaled only by her love of Waco. She enjoyed all her volunteer activities, having difficulty saying no when asked to serve. She was a member of Columbus Avenue Baptist Church and longtime teacher in the college Sunday school department.

In 1987, she helped organize the Waco Welcome Corps. Her extensive community leadership roles included serving as president of WISD Education Foundation, Historic Waco Foundation, Brazos, Forum, Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, Waco Literary Club, and Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Chi Chapter. Joyce has been noted in the following publications: Who's Who of American Women as well as Who's Who in American School Administration.

At Baylor, Joyce was an active leader of Baylor Round Table, Mayborn Museum, and Baylor Alumni Association, and cosponsor, with Bob, of Kappa Omega Tau. She and Bob were members of the Old Main Society, 1845 Society, Baylor Bear Foundation, and Baylor Tip-Off Club.

Joyce's leadership was recognized with the First Annual Waco Hospitality Award, Delta Kappa Gamma International Alpha State Achievement Award, Pathfinder Award, Athena Award, DAR Community Service Award, Bluebonnet Girl Scout Woman of Distinction Award, and the Distinguished WISD Retired Faculty Award. From Baylor, Joyce received the W. R. White Meritorious Service Award and the Abner V. McCall Service Award.

Patricia Hassell

"I first met Joyce when I was student at Baylor and was invited to a Kappa Omega Tau social. The Packards and the Gummelts, who were the off-campus sponsors played cards in another room to avoid the noise as we danced (or "foot functioned" as said in the 60's because there was no dancing on Baylor campus). Joyce took an interest in all the girls who dated "her" KOTs. She once asked me if there was anything that I had ever wanted to do, but did not. I replied that I always wanted to learn to play the piano, however, my parents had three children, and they were very careful to give to us equally. Since neither of my brothers had any desire to play the piano, and a piano was very expensive, so my parents thought that was beyond their budget. Every time I got near one, I would play it lovingly for hours, just picking out tunes by trial and error. When Joyce and Bob moved from Fort Faculty to Sugar Creek, I received a phone call from Joyce. "I have a piano in my garage because we cannot get it through the door of our house. Come and get it. It's never too late to learn." So, I inherited Joyce's upright baby grand piano.

Joyce's interest in me did not end. When I was diagnosed with cancer in 2018, she always checked on me to see how my treatment was progressing. We tried to keep them up to date on what the KOTs were doing, and when Bob became ill, we spent Sunday afternoons with them. Joyce cared deeply for the people whom she loved."

Dana Lee Haines

"Joyce was such an encourager to me whether we were walking around the block in lively conversation or discussing my pursuit of education. Often when we visited in her home, Joyce always talked about her students from WISD or Baylor and how thrilled she was for each student's success in life. I'll remember her gracious kindness when hosting for Baylor Round Table and with history about the event being held. When I needed some special care after a procedure Joyce immediately offered to be there and took care to ease any concerns. It's no coincidence that Joyce's name begins with "joy" as that was the essence of her whole being. Every time she smiled and began talking her voice and eyes portrayed that beautiful joy of her heart and soul."


Lynn Allen--

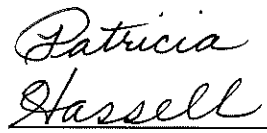
"Anyone who has had contact with Baylor University in the last 50 years has probably heard of Joyce Packard. I met her when my husband joined the Baylor administration. I became a member of Baylor Round Table, where I had a chance to work with her and get to know her. Then, we moved to Fort Faculty, a two-street faculty housing area in the center of campus. Suddenly we were neighbors. As we were unloading and unpacking boxes, I looked out the window and saw Joyce and Bob Packard walking down the street and carrying a big pan of roast chicken and vegetables, bringing us our dinner. Then two months later she organized an afternoon tea and invited all the ladies in the neighborhood to come and meet me. Talk about neighbors! We had a wonderful relationship for many years. In addition to being retired teachers we had another connection. When I retired, I joined Historic Waco Foundation and became a docent and board member of the McCulloch House, part of HWF. Joyce and Bob Packard were also board members of McCulloch House and we worked together on many special Waco events and celebrations. Board meetings were so much fun with Joyce polishing silver and Bob decorating his Christmas wreaths.

Over all these years, our lives were greatly enriched by the presence and influence of Joyce. If ever there was one who could be described as a sweet, considerate, willing, and generous spirit, it is Joyce Packard."

Her prayer each day was,

*"Lord, help me to see what you want me to be,
to expect the miracles of your grace in all I am called to be."*


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