

Baylor Round Table



President's message

Spring is surely in full swing. Foliage of trees and blooming of flowers. Are you in that same pattern of growing and blooming? Do you sense that sweet newness of life as we approach Easter with the glorious resurrection? Easter reminds us that every new beginning is wrapped in hope.

Celebrating Legacy & Leadership: Baylor Round Table Anniversary with Coffee and Conversation and Business meeting was held on March 17, 2026, organized by Grace Ouellette, Programs Chairperson with Stacey Voigt, Hospitality Committee Chair providing refreshments. Lois Ferguson, Past President, Tribute Committee member, presented a Memorial Tribute honoring Dorcas Bernard Beaver that noted Dorcas's time in Waco at Baylor and her enduring dedication to welcoming Newcomers to the Baylor Round Table. A written copy of the tribute will be included in the minutes, preserved in the Texas Collection, and given to her family.

Christine Wilkins, Special Appointments Bylaws/Membership Dues Chairperson thanked her committee – Lois Ferguson, Liz Palacios, Jenny Branson, Christina Chan-Park, and Tami Nutt working on Baylor Round Table Bylaws for bringing them in line with the new federal laws. Article III – which is our history and brings us to changes, Article IV – includes all Baylor family, Article V – neutralizes the language, bringing the language into guidelines of federal law. Proposed changes were presented to the membership for consideration and discussion on February 24, 2026, and approved on March 17, 2026. Grateful appreciation to this group for their insights.

Amy Swanson, Historian, presented a timeline of key moments in Baylor Round Table's history, since our founding on March 3, 1904 – 1912 – first musical Christmas gathering; 1937 – first Fall reception recognizing new members; 1957 – first International Thanksgiving Dinner; 1963 – first Style Show, and curated a related display from the Texas Collection as part of our 122nd Anniversary Celebration. Her presentation beautifully illuminated traditions that continue to shape and strengthen our organization.

Felecia Mulkey, head coach of Baylor's Acrobatics and Tumbling team, and assistant coaches Kelsey Rowell, Treasure Fields, and Shayla Moore joined Grace Ouellette for a panel discussion highlighting the team's achievements and vision. We have ten National Championships with 50 team members—28 in starting lineup. Each coach emphasized key values such as nurturing culture, learning from mistakes, open communication, gratitude, and the importance of asking for help. Discussion was both informative and inspiring.

Spring into Service – A Family Day of Giving Back, Partnering with Keep Waco Beautiful: Cleanup at the South Waco Library, Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9:00am to make this important neighborhood space cleaner, safer, and more welcoming for local families. Vote on March meeting minutes via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. prior to service work. Join us afterwards for Coffee & Chat at Pinewood Roasters, 11:00am, organized by Rose Flores, Coffee & Chat Leader.

Join us April 30, 2026 for "The Joy of Friendship," our Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Style Show. Sheri Dragoo, Lois Ferguson, Sabrina Camacho and their committees are preparing a creative program showcasing our Apparel Design students, Silent Auction benefiting the Baylor Round Table Endowed Scholarship Fund, Installation of Officers, and presentation of Scholarship recipients. Our afternoon promises to be a wonderful celebration of fashion and philanthropy.

Dana Lee Haines, Ed.D.
President, Baylor Round Table, 2025–2026

Program Highlights



Spring into Service A Family Day of Giving Back

Baylor Round Table is excited to join Keep Waco Beautiful for a community cleanup supporting the South Waco Library. Together, we'll help care for the surrounding fields and outdoor areas, making this important neighborhood space cleaner, safer, and more welcoming for local families.

Join us in partnering with
Keep Waco Beautiful: Cleanup at the South Waco Library
Saturday, April 25, 2026 • 9-11 AM • South Waco Library (South 18th St.)
Park at the library and look for Keep Waco Beautiful staff outside for instructions

What We'll Be Doing

- Walking the grounds around the library to remove litter and debris
- Supporting a project that strengthens community development, conservation, and climate stewardship
- Meeting at the library before dispersing into small groups for the cleanup

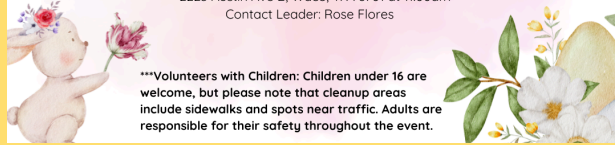
What to Bring & Wear

- Closed-toe shoes
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Water to stay hydrated

Please make sure to register with
Keep Waco Beautiful AND Baylor Round Table below

For those unable to attend in-person, but who want to join
for the Zoom meeting portion, please see how to join below

Join us after Service Project for Coffee & Chat at Pinewood Roasters,
2223 Austin Ave B, Waco, TX 76701 at 11:00am
Contact Leader: Rose Flores



*****Volunteers with Children: Children under 16 are welcome, but please note that cleanup areas include sidewalks and spots near traffic. Adults are responsible for their safety throughout the event.**

[Register with Keep Waco Beautiful](#)

[Register with Baylor Round Table](#)

[Email Rose Flores](#)

Vote Updates

Upcoming March Meeting Minutes Voting

During our Spring into Service program, we will vote to approve March Minutes as presented by Rochelle Peters, Recording Secretary. Zoom link is included below that members may utilize to access the business portion of our Spring into Service event. We look forward to your participation.

[Join the Meeting Online](#)

Meeting ID: 850 2073 5259
Passcode: LoveBRT



Celebrating Legacy & Leadership: Baylor Round Table Anniversary with Coffee and Conversation
Minutes for Business Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 10:00AM-11:30AM
White-Beckham, Bill Daniel Student Center

Call to Order/Welcome Dana Lee Haines called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone present. **Dana Lee Haines, President**

February 26, 2026, Business Meeting Minutes Approval Rochelle Peters, Recording Secretary Rochelle Peters asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes as written and presented. Grace Ouellette made the motion to approve the minutes, and Lois Ferguson seconded the motion. Dana Lee Haines asked those in favor to raise their hands and then likewise for those opposed. As there were none opposed, the motion passed.

Memorial Tribute – Dorcas Beaver Lois Ferguson, Past President, Tribute Committee Lois Ferguson presented an oral tribute to Dorcas Bernard Beaver. Lois Ferguson presented a biography for Dorcas Beaver which highlighted her time in Waco at Baylor in the Baylor Round Table particularly her lifelong commitment to ensuring Newcomers felt welcomed and joined us. The written copy will be placed in the minutes and the Texas Collection as well as given to her family.

Special Appointment- Bylaws/Dues Chris Wilkins, Special Appointment-Bylaws/Dues Chairperson Chris Wilkins thanked her committee – Lois Ferguson, Liz Palacios, Jenny Branson, Christina Chan-Park, and Tami Nutt working on Baylor Round Table Bylaws for bringing them in line with the new federal laws. Article III – which is our history and brings us to changes, Article IV – includes all Baylor family, Article V – neutralizes the language, bringing the language into guidelines of federal law. Dana Lee Haines conducted the vote. The Bylaws changes were presented, and the vote was taken from members present and members on zoom. Dana Lee Haines asked for a show of hands for those approving and likewise those opposed. Dana Lee Haines announced that the Bylaws changes vote passes effective as of March 17, 2026.

Baylor Round Table Anniversary Amy Swanson, Historian Amy Swanson highlighted the traditional events of the Baylor Round Table as we celebrated the 122nd year anniversary. The Texas collection preserves our history. The Baylor Round Table was established on March 3, 1904. 1912 – first musical Christmas gathering; 1937 - first Fall reception recognizing new members; 1957 – first International Thanksgiving Dinner; 1963 – first Style Show. We are honoring this year the seven members who began the Baylor Round Table.

Coffee and Conversation Grace Ouellette, Programs Chairperson Felecia Mulkey, head coach for Baylor's Acrobatics and Tumbling program/team with three assistant coaches Kelsey Rowell, Treasure Fields, and Shayla Moore joined Grace Ouellette for a panel discussion. The team's achievements and vision were highlighted. The team has won ten Championships. 50 members are on the team and only 28 are in the starting line-up. Key ideas: Culture is everything, culture must be nurtured, no captains on the team, be a good human, don't be dumb, mistakes are made- we own them and learn from them, communication is open, boundaries are set, gratitude can change everything, asking for help makes you smarter and not weaker. Discussion was informative and inspirational.

Closing

Baylor Round Table
presents
The Joy of Friendship
Scholarship Luncheon
& Style Show
Featuring Designs by Baylor Senior Design Students

SYL Show
APRIL 30, 2026
11:00 AM Silent Auction
11:30 AM Luncheon and Style Show

TICKETS
Questions? Contact Lois Ferguson 254.722.1474 Lois_ferguson@baylor.edu
Individual Tickets \$40 – \$5 goes to scholarship fund
Table Sponsorships \$500
• Reserved table & tickets for 6
• Program listing
• Table & event sign listing

Texas Life Bldg • 900 Washington Ave, Waco • Silent Auction and Tickets Supports Scholarship Fund

Please contact Lois Ferguson for more information - (254) 722-1474

[Click Here for More Information and to Purchase Tickets](#)

[Email Lois Ferguson](#)

Interest Group Highlights

Supper Club

Join a group that loves to eat and fellowship. We will meet monthly during the fall and spring semesters to dine out or enjoy a potluck at a member's home.

Contact Jane Lin if interested, or to join her mailing list

Upcoming Dates:

April 28th 6:15 PM

International Themed Potluck

At Lois' House

Coffee & Chat

Join us for coffee on a Saturday around 11:00 AM with conversation at selected coffee shops in Waco.

It's a great time for fellowship with new and old friends.

Meets monthly.

Contact Rose Flores for details.

Upcoming Dates:

April 25th

Pinewood Roasters

On-Campus Luncheon

McMullen-Connally Faculty Center

President's Room

11:30am-1:00pm

Max room capacity is 14, first 14 RSVPs and then waiting list or moved to new room if possible.

Contact Dana Lee Haines to RSVP

Upcoming Dates:

April 15, 2026

Off-Campus Lunch Group

Off-Campus Lunch Group meets several times during the fall and spring semesters at various Waco restaurants to enjoy good food and fellowship.

Please email Sara Goode Lefever to make reservation and learn additional about location of gathering.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, April 9, 11:30am-1:00pm, Cricket's

Wednesday, May 6, 11:30am-1:00pm, La Fiesta

[Email Jane Lin](#)

[Email Rose Flores](#)

[Email Dana Lee Haines](#)

[Email Sara Goode Lefever](#)

April Book Clubs: MY FRIENDS BY FREDRIK BACKMAN

In Person:

April 21st, 6:30 PM
Please RSVP to

Lois Ferguson to attend

Online:

April 30th, 7 PM CDT
Please RSVP to

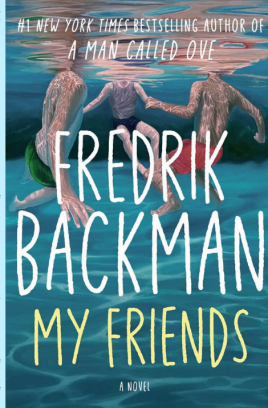
Christine Wilkins to attend

Winner for Readers' Favorite Fiction (2025), Nominee for Readers' Favorite Audiobook (2025) - #1 New York Times bestselling author Fredrik Backman returns with an unforgettably funny, deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later.

Most people don't even notice them—three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an aspiring artist herself, knows otherwise, and she is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.

Twenty-five years earlier, in a distant seaside town, a group of teenagers find refuge from their bruising home lives by spending long summer days on an abandoned pier, telling silly jokes, sharing secrets, and committing small acts of rebellion. These lost souls find in each other a reason to get up each morning, a reason to dream, a reason to love.

Out of that summer emerges a transcendent work of art, a painting that will unexpectedly be placed into eighteen-year-old Louisa's care. She embarks on a surprise-filled cross-country journey to learn how the painting came to be and to decide what to do with it. The closer she gets to the painting's birthplace, the more nervous she becomes about what she'll find. Louisa is proof that happy endings don't always take the form we expect in this stunning testament to the transformative, timeless power of friendship and art.



***** Also please note that we will be reading "1776" by David McCullough, in May, in honor of our country's 175th anniversary. It's a big book, don't delay to get started.**

Email Lois Ferguson

Email Christine Wilkins

What other interest groups are available?

Thank you to all who have participated in recent events!

March Zoom Book Club



Coffee with Coaches



Contribute to the Scholarship Fund!

Each year, the Baylor Round Table has the joy of selecting students to receive scholarships that help shape their journeys at Baylor and beyond. Through the Round Table Endowed Scholarship, donors come together to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives and futures of Baylor Bears. We invite you to be part of this tradition of generosity and support by giving to the scholarship fund. The 2026-27 scholarship recipients will be celebrated and announced at the Round Table Style Show on April 30, 2026. For more information and to see past scholarship recipients, visit the Baylor Round Table website.



Baylor Round Table Scholarship

Happy Anniversary Baylor Round Table!

Baylor Round Table

Anniversary Celebration

1904

Beginning

Seven women associated with Baylor University organize a women's literary and social club. They meet twice monthly and host a variety of programs.



1912

Early Celebrations

The first gathering of guests for a musical Christmas celebration takes place. The following year, members begin marking club anniversaries with a party.



1937

Fall Welcome

The annual fall membership reception is introduced, welcoming new and returning members alike after the summer break.



1957

Global Gathering

Members begin hosting international students for dinner. This evolves into an International Thanksgiving Dinner, a gathering of students, faculty, staff, and Round Table members.



1963

Full of Flair

The executive board and social committee organize a style show to accompany the luncheon being held at the last program meeting of the year.



1978

Giving Back

The Baylor Round Table Student Scholarship is first awarded. Fundraising efforts throughout the year support the scholarship endowment.



2026

Going Strong

Today, Baylor Round Table is a thriving organization with over 100 members. It continues to foster intellectual curiosity, fellowship, and service.



Christa's Chaplain's Corner

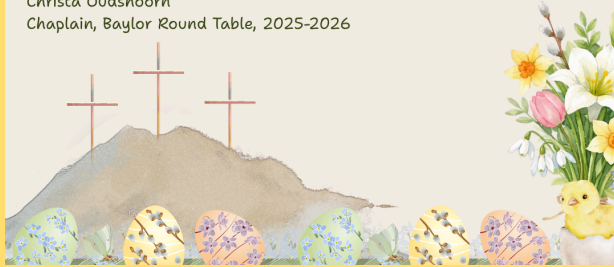
HAPPY EASTER

When I was a little girl, my church had a huge cedar cross at the front. On Good Friday, our pastor, Reverend Melvin De Vries, would cover the cross with a big black cloth. On Easter Sunday, the cross was covered in lilies. It's a strong visual reminder to me that even though Jesus endured the unthinkable, He indeed rose again and had victory over death and it is beautiful. In the words of S.M. Lockridge, "It's Friday night, but Sunday's coming!"

We all go through hard times, and sometimes life can be really challenging, like test your faith challenging. Yet, thankfully, we know that God has victory over this world, life, and heaven when all is said and done. He endured the cross; our debt was paid in full. We now have salvation and indeed the abundant life which Jesus talked about in John 10:10.

Resurrection Sunday is coming! I pray you have a blessed week and weekend, celebrating all that Jesus has done for us.

Christa Oudshoorn
Chaplain, Baylor Round Table, 2025-2026



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