



2007 RUTH AWARD RECIPIENTS: (l-r) Barbara Pedersen, Mary Stuart, Maxine Day, and Donna Spence Slette.

DBU Women's Auxiliary Board

2007 Ruth Awards Christmas Luncheon

The Women's Auxiliary Board (WAB) recognized four outstanding women during the annual Ruth Awards Luncheon on December 6 in the Hillcrest Great Hall on the DBU campus.

Barbara Pedersen, Mary Stuart, Maxine Day, and Donna Spence Slette were co-recipients of the 2007 Ruth Award.

The Ruth Award takes its name from the chief character in the Old Testament book of Ruth. Each year, DBU selects similarly outstanding women to receive the distinguished Ruth Award for their dedication to God, family, and Christian education at DBU.

WAB President Amy Jones greeted those in attendance and welcomed them to the DBU campus. Following the welcome, Dr. Gary Cook, DBU president, shared a brief word about the importance of the Women's Auxiliary Board in the life of the University. He also took a special moment to thank everyone in attendance for their prayers and their encouragement while he was undergoing treatment for acute myelogenous leukemia. The award ceremony was one of the first public events he attended since his diagnosis and hospitalization on October 12, 2007.

Ellen Dean, chair of the 2007 Ruth Awards Luncheon, introduced the four recipients and their presenters. Each of the four women received a statue of the biblical figure Ruth molded by famed artist Helen Boehm. In addition, the Ruth Award recipients' portraits will be displayed alongside those of past recipients in the Ruth Awards Portrait Gallery on the DBU campus.

Serving along with Ellen Dean on the luncheon committee were Tena Barkley, Christy Brashier, Kelly Burgin, Billye Buxton, Julie Carlisle, Carole Clem, Lisha Czerwinski, Leigh Gettman-Allen, Becky Gose, Frankie Hendricks, Nell Hoffman, Ann Kelley, Wanda Kirkpatrick, Betty Moody, Leslie Moulton, Barbara Sleeper, Jan Spann, Raleigh Mae Stevenson, and Phyllis Tresnicky.

DBU alumna and adjunct professor Elizabeth Averill portrayed Ruth in a special dramatic presentation of the biblical story.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, Candice Wright, who currently serves as the executive director of the Women's Auxiliary Board, delivered the closing prayer.