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SHNS Columnist Sharon Randall Giving Keynote Speech at Texas Luncheon to Benefit Cancer Clinic and Women's Health Services

NEW YORK, April 13, 2010 – Award-winning Scripps Howard News Service columnist Sharon Randall will speak about motherhood to the Abilene Women's Club next week. Titled "Things My Momma Taught Me or Would Have If She Hadn't Been Worn Out," Randall's talk headlines a two-day event – April 21 and 22 – that raises money for a local women's health facility and cancer clinic.

"It is with great pleasure that the Abilene Women's Club announces the annual spring benefit luncheon featuring national columnist and author Sharon Randall," event organizer Johnnie Lou Avery Boyd. "Guests will enjoy her warmth and wholesomeness."

Randall's family-oriented persona is an ideal fit for the event. Her weekly SHNS column is deeply personal, but centers around themes of family and faith, which are relatable to everybody. Randall receives thousands of letters and e-mails each year from readers who connect with her stories.

Randall's column is distributed to 400 newspapers nationwide through SHNS. Her writing has won awards from the AASFE, APNEC of California and Nevada, and "Best of the West." A self-described "full-time homemaker, Sunday school teacher, Little League scorer and PTA volunteer" for a 10-year stretch as she raised her three children, Randall began her newspaper career at the *Monterey County (CA) Herald* in 1982. She joined SHNS in 1994.

Her children now grown, Randall lives the empty nest life with her husband, splitting time between California and Nevada.



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