Dear Guild Member:

It is my happy privilege to invite you to attend the sixteenth annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild, to be held on the campus of Valparaiso University on July 25 and 26. "A Mighty Fortress," Luther’s stirring battle-hymn, will furnish a most fitting and appropriate keynote for these two days.

Of especial significance to us and to our many friends is the fact that at this convention we shall actually see before our very eyes the answer to our prayers to the Almighty God and the fulfillment of our five-year dream: “The cloud with a silver lining.” By the grace of God we shall be privileged to join with the University in dedicating Guild Hall and Dormitory II. Our hearts will be filled with happiness and thanksgiving that through God’s gracious benediction we are able to witness the glorious ceremonies of dedication, and we shall be thrilled to inspect the building which has received our foremost consideration these past six years. The words, “With might of ours can naught be done,” will be forcibly impressed upon us at that moment.

Nor shall the Guild rest upon its past record of achievement, for at this convention we shall determine our major objective for the coming years. Just which of the many worthwhile and necessary projects of the University is to be sponsored by the Guild will depend upon the sentiments of the members attending the convention. We shall need your assistance in making a wise and suitable choice. We urge you to join us in our deliberations, and thus once again enjoy a truly inspirational and encouraging session with your fellow members of the Guild.

Many and unusual are the plans being made for your comfort and enjoyment, chief of which will be the banquet in the gymnasium. For the first time in the history of the Guild, members of the sterner sex – the gentlemen in our lives – are invited and welcomed to this festive affair. After the banquet we shall wend our way to the newly remodeled Auditorium where our convention will officially close with a candlelight Vespers and where we shall reverently hear and receive encouragement from “the Word they still shall let remain.”

It is our sincere hope that you will find it possible to accept our invitation to attend this joyous celebration. We shall be looking forward to the privilege of personally greeting you and of sharing with you the inspiration and enthusiasm gained from a great and memorable convention.

Very sincerely yours,

Louise F. Nicolay, President

Airplane view of Guild Hall and Dormitory II
To all Those . . .

. . . whose grateful hearts take pride in the Guild's past and whose dream for the Guild's future will bring them to the National Convention of 1947:

Plans are being made for the sixteenth annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild on July 26, 1947. Business sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. (daylight-saving time) and will be held in the University auditorium.

The Executive Board will meet on the evening of July 25, at seven-thirty, in Recital Hall in the music building.

Our convention serves a very useful purpose as we meet to review the work of the past year and to plan our undertakings for the future. Every member of the Guild is urged to come. In addition to taking a vital part in the business of the convention she will have the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends and to grasp the spirit of the Guild. So mark the date, make your plans, send reservations early, come to convention!

July 26 will be a red-letter day for all members of the Guild as they witness the dedication of Guild Hall — the crowning achievement of many years of interest, work, loyalty and service toward helping to build one of the finest dormitories for women. Little did founders of the Guild realize that in these short years their dream would grow to such proportions of service and good work. The dedication of Guild Hall will take place immediately after the afternoon session of the convention. The University is making interesting plans for this service, and none of us will want to miss it. After the dedication the building will be thrown open for inspection, and hospitality will be extended to all by the dedication committee.

Many fellow-Lutherans will be in Chicago attending the Centennial sessions of Synod. They will be invited to participate with us in this celebration. Many of our friends from all over the country will join us in this service of dedication.

At seven-thirty on the evening of Convention the traditional convention banquet will be held in the gymnasium. An elaborate menu will be served by the American-Swedish Catering Co. For the first time in the history of the Guild this banquet is being thrown open to "the man in your life" and to friends of the Guild. Of course, reservations must be limited to accommodations in the gymnasium. So get your reservations in early!

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL DINNER RESERVATIONS IS JULY 5. RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY MONEY ORDER OR CHECK.

Since the date for the convention comes at a time of the year when dormitory space is available, we are planning to house convention guests in dormitories on the campus. To cover the cost of laundry and janitorial help, a charge of One Dollar ($1.00) will be made for these rooms.

Instead of the usual convention program for Sunday, members of the Guild are invited to journey to Chicago on that day and to participate in the Centennial service at Soldiers' Field.

Let's all help to make this the best Guild convention ever — by going to the convention — participating in the service of dedication of Guild Hall — by attending the convention banquet — by worshipping with fellow-Lutherans at Soldiers' Field on the day following the Guild convention.

MRS. J. F. WOESSNER
Pennsylvania Field Secretary

MRS. OTTO ROSENBUSCH
Michigan Field Secretary
"Probably one of the most persistent questions which arises in our minds today is, What will be the immediate future of the world and of civilization? The adjective 'atomic' and the noun 'Communism' have become so omnipresent in our thinking that many of us are reduced to studying a textbook with one eye while concentrating the other upon the latest newspaper headlines.

"What, then, is the future of Christian higher education? An outstanding theologian recently stated the issue very clearly: 'What the world needs,' he said, 'is not a church which is right when the world is right, but a church which is right when the world is wrong.' The world has never been so wrong since Calvary.

"That, precisely, is the mandate for the existence of Valparaiso University. That is why it must live—why it must grow and prosper and flourish.

"The question then becomes What is the function of the Christian University in the modern world?

"In the first place and most obviously, it must teach. Teaching involves a two-fold obligation. There is first the responsibility of the school's administrators. There is no substitute for top-level academic standards. They must be maintained at all costs. The practical demands of high-speed modern society dictate that the material progress of any individual is to a large extent proportional to the amount of well-integrated knowledge he has absorbed.

"In the second place, a Christian University must not only teach, it must inspire. The process of Christian education is not strictly a mechanical process. It is no magic equation which is solved by the substitution of the known for the unknown. The key to inspiration is stimulation.

"Stimulation depends largely upon the personalities with whom one is associated. The rapid early growth of the Christian Church can be attributed in direct means to the powerful personalities of men like Peter and Paul. The Reformation provides examples of men given additional strength and courage by the power of their faith. The impact of Christian personalities upon each other may well be calculated to produce not only men who are anxious to learn but men who are inspired to act according to what they have learned as well.

"In the third place, a Christian university must act. It must act primarily through its students. Valparaiso University has only one classroom! Its classroom is the world!

"Paradoxically, its real teachers are its students.

"To them falls the responsibility of carrying the message of Valparaiso University to the world. It is a simple message; its strength lies in its simplicity.

"Now more than ever before the Christian church must meet the challenge with which it is confronted by a troubled and uneasy world.

"The cause of Christian higher education must never be permitted to become a lost cause. Its fate is in our hands."
The National Secretary Reporting . . .

Valparaiso, Indiana
February 28 -- March 1, 1947

The semiannual meeting of the Executive Board of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order by the president, Miss Louise Nicolay, at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 1947, in Recital Hall, on the University campus.

The meeting was opened with a prayer read by the president.

In a brief address of welcome Miss Nicolay stressed the fact that the Guild is in no sense of the word just another "ladies' organization." The Guild, she declared, is an important adjunct to the University proper, and the growth of the Guild must keep pace with the growth of the University. The members of the Guild are dedicated to fellowship and service. From the deliberations of the Executive Board, Miss Nicolay reminded us, must come the spark which kindles enthusiasm in all the Guild chapters as well as the pattern necessary to the execution of plans made for and by the Guild.

The minutes of the September meeting of the Executive Board were read and approved.

Miss Nicolay called on the first vice-president, Mrs. E. F. Stegman, to preside over the meeting during the presentation of the president's report.

"It has not been customary in the past," the president said, "to include a president's report in the agenda of the Executive Board meetings." But, since the Guild has just weathered a severe crisis, Miss Nicolay felt that it would be wise to recount the steps taken by the Administrative Committee to keep the wheels of Guild activities moving smoothly during the months which followed Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert's resignation from the post of Executive Secretary on November 1, 1946. A temporary arrangement, which authorized Dr. O. P. Kretzmann's office to supervise the work of the Guild, successfully carried us over the period in which the office of the Executive Secretary was vacant. On January 11, 1947, the Administrative Committee, with the sanction and the approval of Dr. Kretzmann and Mr. W. C. Dickmeyer, president of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association, asked Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, who is widely and affectionately known as "So," to accept the post of Executive Secretary. Mrs. Heidbrink accepted the appointment with the proviso that her connection with Dr. Kretzmann's office should not be completely severed until arrangements satisfactory to Dr. Kretzmann can be worked out. "For the time being, then," Miss Nicolay said, "it will be necessary for Mrs. Heidbrink to divide her time between his office and that of the Guild. It is hoped that she will take over full-time duties immediately after the national convention." Miss Nicolay's introduction of Mrs. Heidbrink to the assembly was received with warm applause. Mrs. Heidbrink expressed her appreciation of the confidence reposed in her and pledged herself to further the work of the Guild with vigor, enthusiasm, and loyalty.

"The Guild is most fortunate in securing the services of 'So,'" Miss Nicolay declared. "I know that all those in attendance today join me in pledging to her our loyalty, cooperation, and helpfulness in this all-important office of the Guild. We pray that God will shower His choicest blessings upon her and her efforts, that He will give her strength, courage, and health, and keep her in His protection always."

Continuing her report, the president said the fall meetings of the state units had been fairly well attended and, on the whole, had been profitable and informative. At least one representative from the Administrative Committee was in attendance at all the state unit meetings.

Miss Nicolay called attention to the changed appearance of the Guild Bulletin. New type faces, a better grade of paper, and the use of a larger number of cuts have enhanced the appearance and increased the readability of the Bulletin. The president urged all Chapter chairmen to contribute interesting or unusual snapshots of special events as well as colorful news items for the Chapter Chatter column.

The new edition of the national and state unit by-laws, Miss Nicolay reported, will be ready for distribution within a few weeks.
Copies will be mailed to all Guild members. New chapters have been organized at Broadlands, Illinois, and Cincinnati, Ohio. The constitution submitted by the Broadlands chapter has been read and approved by the Administrative Committee. Other constitutions, still to be submitted and acted upon, are those of Akron, Ohio; Gary, Indiana, and Rockford, Illinois.

The following committee appointments were announced:

**Activities:**
- Mrs. E. N. Moore, Chairman
- Mrs. N. E. Bishop
- Mrs. H. C. Vogel

**Revisions:**
- Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Chairman
- Miss Mary Prentice
- Mrs. A. L. Leman

**Project:**
- Mrs. William Holtz, Chairman
- Mrs. Ad. Haentzschel
- Mrs. E. R. Jordan

Field secretaries appointed to serve for the year 1946-47 are:
- Northern Illinois: Mrs. A. A. Taube
- Southern Illinois: Mrs. E. T. J. Birner
- Indiana: Mrs. Erwin Kurth
- Michigan: Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch
- Missouri: Mrs. Karl Kurth
- New York: Miss Emily Doell
- Ohio: Mrs. H. W. Bartels
- Pennsylvania: Mrs. J. F. Woessner
- Wisconsin: Miss Lydia Schultz

Miss Nicolay concluded her report with an expression of sincere gratitude to Dr. Kretzmann for his unfailing courtesy, for his wise counsel, and for his generosity in releasing Mrs. Heidbrink to the Guild. We are grateful to Mrs. Louis F. Bartelt and to Dr. Kretzmann's secretarial staff for the splendid assistance so cheerfully given during the months in which the Guild was forced to function without an Executive Secretary.

The treasurer's report, submitted by Mrs. G. E. Penson, showed that a total of $15,332.8 has been received and disbursed during the period from July 1, 1946, to February 20, 1947. Mrs. Penson commented briefly on the excellent showing of the treasury at this time. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was seconded and carried.

At 10:30 o'clock the meeting was recessed to permit the members of the Executive Board to attend the matins in the University Chapel.

After the recess the reports of the chairmen of the standing committees were given. In the absence of Mrs. E. N. Moore, chairman of the Activities Committee, Miss Nicolay delivered a brief report submitted to her by Mrs. Moore. The Activities Committee urges all chapter chairmen to make use of the splendid material which has been gathered and compiled over a period of years. Mrs. Moore asked that ideas for novel social and educational programs and for successful money-making projects be sent to her by the various chapters.

Mrs. William Holtz, chairman of the Project Committee, asked that she be permitted to postpone her report until her committee should have an opportunity to meet with Miss Nicolay and Dr. Kretzmann.

Mrs. A. O. Kampe, chairman of the Revisions Committee, reported that her committee had completed the revisions of the national and state-unit by-laws prior to the last convention and had no special report to make at this time. The resolutions submitted to the 1946 national convention are to be considered in a meeting to be held in the near future. A report will be submitted at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

Miss Nicolay then invited the Board to enter into a general discussion of plans for the 1947 national convention. According to tentative plans formulated by the Administrative Committee, the sixteenth annual convention of the Guild will be held on July 25 and 26. This time was chosen because (1) the triennial convention of Synod will be in session in Chicago and (2) the selection of this date will permit Guild members and visitors to the synodical convention to participate in the dedication of Guild Hall, tentatively set for the afternoon of July 26. Expressions of approval from the floor clearly indicated that the members of the Executive Board approved the tentative plans submitted to them by the Administrative Committee. The execution of these plans will meet with difficulties; but the Administrative Committee feels sure that any difficulties which may arise can be successfully ironed out.

At 12:30 o'clock the meeting was adjourned for luncheon.

The adjourned meeting of the Executive Board was reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call by the secretary disclosed that one past-president, six national officers, five state-unit presidents, eight field secretaries, and
the chairmen or representatives of thirty chapters were in attendance.

Since the growth of the Guild is of paramount importance to the University, the entire afternoon was given over to an open forum on Guild expansion. Brief talks on this vital issue were made by the field secretaries, state-unit presidents, and chapter representatives. The discussion showed clearly that in spite of problems of one kind or another the one bright thread which ran through the reports indicated that the courage, vision, and devotion which moved a small group of women to organize the Guild under heart-breaking conditions in 1931 are still the motivating forces in the Guild today. The importance of personal contact was emphasized as the most effective method to be employed in furthering the growth of the Guild.

In an able summary of the discussion period, Mrs. Heidbrink made three important points: (1) there must be a close contact between the Executive Secretary and the field secretaries, and their work must be carefully and effectively co-ordinated; (2) we must really SELL the University in the localities where we hope to establish chapters so that our Lutheran women must actually be eager to serve the cause of the University; (3) the Church needs the University, hence this is a cause which not only deserves but demands our whole-hearted support. Mrs. Heidbrink thanked the members of the Board for many excellent suggestions, and she declared confidently that a workable plan for the expansion of the Guild can and will be worked out.

During a brief rest period Mr. Ib Valeur-Jensen, an exchange student from Denmark, presented a fascinating musical program made up of the folk music of many lands.

At 5:15 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried.

The meeting was closed with a prayer read by the president and with the singing of the hymn, "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill." Miss Lena Mae Ashpaugh served as accompanist.

The second session of the semiannual meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by the president at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 1. Miss Ashpaugh again served as accompanist for the opening hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be." Chaplain H. C. Vogel, now attending Valparaiso University, delivered an inspiring devotional address. He reminded us that women performed the last loving service to their Master when His torn body was laid to rest in the tomb and that, through the ages, Christian women have sought to emulate this service by serving God and His Kingdom. Valparaiso University, Chaplain Vogel said, is dedicated to the cause of Christian higher education and to the building of an environment which will promote spiritual growth. In bringing the youth of our land to a realization of the true meaning of the Cross the University aids in the extension and preservation of the Kingdom of God. If the University succeeds in turning its students into disciples of Christ, it will have had a part in sending out ambassadors to speak for God and His Kingdom. The Guild, too, Chaplain Vogel declared, has a part in this great work. Therefore we must not grow weary of well-doing, nor should we lose courage. Our prayers for guidance will not fall on deaf ears, and faith will make us strong in the Lord and carry us through to the victory.

The first order of business was the acceptance into the Guild of the newly organized chapters of Broadlands, Illinois, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Nicolay then asked the secretary to read the by-laws governing the election of the Nominating Committee, which is to draw up a slate of candidates to be presented to the 1947 national convention. The following nominations were made:

Mrs. A. A. Taube, Mrs. Otto Sohn, Mrs. William Holtz, Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, Mrs. N. E. Bishop, Mrs. William Moesta, and Mrs. William Pruemers.

A motion to close the nominations was seconded and carried. The chair appointed Miss Martina Brauer and Mrs. Martin Garbe to distribute the ballots and to act as tellers.

A resolution submitted by the Buffalo chapter was read and discussed. Mrs. Karl Kurth moved that the resolution be referred to the Administrative Committee for further study. The motion was seconded and carried.

Miss Nicolay reported that the overture submitted to the 1946 Guild convention is being studied by the Revisions Committee and that a report will be made at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

The chair then called on Mrs. Holtz for the report of the Project Committee. Mrs. Holtz stated that after a meeting with Miss Nicolay and Dr. Kretzmann her committee had resolved to offer the following suggestion:

That the Guild adopt as its new project the erection of a small chapel to be built with-
in the University Chapel. The cost of this small chapel would be approximately $100,000, and the Project Committee suggests that this important undertaking should be planned to extend over a period of five years.

Mrs. Holtz's proposal met with wholehearted approval. Dr. Kretzmann spoke of the many ways in which a small chapel could be used and expressed the hope that the Guild would sponsor this fine new project. In this way, Dr. Kretzmann said, the Guild would have a direct share in the building of the very heart of the University; for the University Chapel will minister to the spiritual needs of the entire student body. Dr. Kretzmann pointed to the splendid achievements of the Guild in the past and expressed complete confidence in the Guild's ability to raise $100,000 in the next five years.

The report of the Project Committee will be presented to the Executive Board and to the national convention in their next regular meetings.

After Dr. Kretzmann's announcement that Radio Station WGN had rejected a series of programs prepared by the University on the ground that these programs were "too religious" a motion was made to instruct the secretary to send a letter of protest to WGN. The motion was seconded and carried.

Next, Miss Nicolay called on Dr. Kretzmann for a general review of University affairs. Dr. Kretzmann reported an enrollment of approximately 1,560 students in the second semester of the current school year. The enrollment for the year 1947-48 will be limited to 1,800, he said. In this way overcrowded conditions will be greatly relieved. More than 100 freshman applications have already been accepted. One of these applications comes from far-off Hawaii. Fifteen foreign students are in residence at the University at the present time, and the Administration hopes to establish a working arrangement with European universities in order to increase the number of exchange students. Student morale has been good, the president said, and, on the whole, the presence of veterans tends to raise academic standards. The crisis in American universities, Dr. Kretzmann continued, will come in 1948. By that time the enrollment flood will have reached its peak; by that time those who are now in the lower divisions will have moved into the higher divisions. This will throw an additional burden upon the schools which are equipped to meet the requirements and the demands of upper classes.

Dr. Kretzmann reported that ten new classroom units and a cafeteria, recently supplied by the Government, will greatly relieve the present situation. There is a probability that other equipment may be obtained by fall. The Board of Governors of the Lutheran Laymen's League recently adopted a plan to conduct a special campaign to raise $500,000. This sum is to be used for the University's proposed new Administration Building.

Touching briefly on the current L. U. A. campaign, Dr. Kretzmann said that approximately $1,000,000 should be realized this year and that, if this figure is reached, the financial worries of the University will be considerably alleviated.

Dr. Kretzmann reiterated the fact that it is most important that the growth of the Guild should keep pace with the growth of the University. He, too, declared that the final answer to the problem of expansion lies in personal contact whenever and wherever possible.

The president concluded his remarks with an expression of confidence in the high purpose and the consecrated service to which the Guild is dedicated. "Our task," he declared, "is to take boys and girls and to prepare them for a world far different from the world of the past." The University is, and always must be, a powerful force in the training of lay workers, just as Synodical institutions train theological students for the ministry. The University, he said, must be boldly religious, and the University and the Guild must look forward.

Mrs. Erwin Kurth's request for a specific plan or outline to be used by the field secretaries in their campaign for Guild expansion led to a spirited discussion. It was agreed that a program which would carefully coordinate the efforts of the Executive Secretary, the field secretaries, and the Public Relations Department would be most effective in furthering the growth of the Guild.

In response to a question from the floor, Dr. Kretzmann said that, in all likelihood, upperclass girls would be given an opportunity to live in Guild Hall.

Miss Brauer announced the election of the Nominating Committee:

Mrs. N. E. Bishop, Chairman.
Mrs. A. A. Taube.

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THE SHOW WINDOW  
through which we can  
see what goes on in  
OUR ORGANIZATION

Chapter Chatter — —

FLINT CHAPTER REPORTING

Our “Hollywood Breakfast” in October was very successful, both in attendance and financially. Our annual Christmas concert and tea also was very delightful and well attended. In spite of the sugar shortage, beautiful and delicious cookies were contributed by our members. The committee on decorations had made and used several dozen large wreaths, which sold like “hot cakes” and added to our receipts.

We have had two business meetings since September, with a speaker after the conclusion of each business session. Pastor Kuehnert, Institutional Chaplain in Saginaw, told us about his work in the Children’s Center, Juvenile Home, Convalescent Home, etc., here in Flint. Pastor Voges, who has charge of the Children’s Home at Bay City, spoke at the second meeting, telling some very interesting experiences as a social worker here in this part of the state. We believe such talks help to increase the attendance at the business meetings. Also, we have the arrangement whereby a dozen or so members phone a list of members assigned to them. This is done a day or two before each meeting.

THE HAMMOND CHAPTER TRAVELOGUE

The Hammond Chapter sponsored an imaginary “Trip Around the World” on Wednesday evening, April 16. With the whir of an airplane propellor, and the singing of “The Star Spangled Banner,” the vast assembly left the New York skyline behind and took flight under the able direction of Miss Lily Fedder, pilot.

Interesting scenes followed. The St. Paul’s Girl Scout Troop demonstrated the ways of the Irish Washerwoman. Highlights in England, Wales, and France were pointed out through slides and lecture by an ex-soldier. The Land of Dikes and Tulips was portrayed by Hans and Hilda in “A Little Dutch Garden.” The Land of the Midnight Sun was featured by a reading in native dialect. The beautiful Blue Danube came into view with the playing of “Hungarian.”

There were dances in native costume to represent Spain and Italy. In Italy the organ grinder also put in his appearance. Africa was portrayed by a group of grammar school boys under the role of Hottentot hunters. The story of India was told in song. Shanghai exhibited a little Chinese dancer. An interpreter during World War II, attired in Japanese garb, sang a group of Japanese songs.

The tour ended with Hawaiian music. As the shores of America again came into view the group — thankful that they had encountered no mishap on their trip around the world — sang “God Bless America.”

Refreshments were served at tables representing the various nations of the world. Many of the curios which graced the tables were souvenirs brought from overseas by those in military service.

NOTES FROM THE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

With the arrival of spring and the approaching close of another Guild year, the Pittsburgh Chapter reviews with pleasure a season of successful activities and many benefits to its membership.

Our meetings have been filled with interest and enthusiasm for the making and executing of plans. In the fall we were privileged to hear Pastor Walter Schroth, who represents Valparaiso University in the Eastern states. He brought us a first-hand report of our University. Then the Christmas season was ushered in with a very beautiful and inspiring musicale rendered by candlelight amid appropriate decorations.

The Valparaiso University choir gave a fine concert in Pittsburgh on February 13 under the sponsorship of our local Chapter.
With Mrs. J. F. Woessner as chairman the committee was composed of Mrs. W. F. Brunn, Mrs. James Demart, Mrs. John Ehlers, Mrs. W. E. Luley, Mrs. E. C. Malte, Mrs. C. W. Muhlenbruch, and Mrs. H. E. C. Succop.

The Rev. Paul Martens, who is home on furlough from China, was with us at a special evening meeting in November, held for those who cannot attend in the afternoon, and spoke on "The Place of Christian Missions in Chinese Education." The Rev. Theo. Martens, recently returned from the Philippines, favored our Chapter at the regular spring meeting in March with an informative talk on "Life in the Philippines."

Thus as we scan the events of the past year we must say with the Psalmist, "Unto Thee, O Lord, do we give thanks." God has been good to us and blessed our efforts. We petition Him to guide and strengthen us for whatever tasks lie ahead.

THE ELGIN CHAPTER DINES

The Elgin Chapter recently sponsored a spaghetti supper. Two hundred fifty-three persons were served at tables attractively decorated in red, white, and blue. Cook books compiled by members of the Guild and boxes of miscellaneous cards were sold. A sum of $134 was realized, thereby enabling the Chapter to fill its special quota, which made them very happy.

A "rid and reap" sale will be held in the near future.

THE SHEBOYGAN CHAPTER REFLECTS

The Sheboygan Chapter of the Valparaiso Guild was organized fifteen years ago this coming October. During all these years we have always had a group of loyal members who were ever ready and willing to work for Valpo and the cause of Christian higher education.

During the past five years we have been especially active raising money to pay for our pledge toward the building of Guild Hall, and more recently the additional pledge to furnish a room in the new dormitory. In addition, we have always met our yearly quotas, paid our state dues, and remembered the "Guild Special" fund.

The main event of the year is the traditional Christmas tea combined with a gift and bake sale. This holiday function has become very popular with friends of the guild. In February we sponsored a Valentine party which was most successful socially and financially. Mrs. Walter Bauman, vice president, was chairman of the committee planning the party. Other officers include Mrs. Victor Schulz, president; Mrs. Oscar Langner, secretary, and Mrs. O. H. Bahr, treasurer.

THE SAGINAW CHAPTER SPEAKS

Our fall meeting opened with the annual presidents' and guest day luncheon in the Bancroft Hotel. About 200 members and guests greeted our very capable presiding officer, Mrs. Firchau. We honored our past presidents by presenting them with corsages. Our speaker for the day was our National President, Miss Louise Nicolay, whom we enjoyed very much.

Our Disposal Sale in October netted us nearly $250. In November we had a successful Subscription Party and bake sale at Holy Cross School. This year we sold plants which Mrs. Moeller and her committee started from seeds. Mrs. Moeller donated all the plants for our prizes. We had a record crowd and made over $400. In December we had our Christmas musicale in beautiful St. Paul's church—an ideal setting for such an occasion. Lovely arrangements of Christmas greens and a beautiful creche added much to the occasion. Our proceeds were $118.50. In April our "Breakfast in Hollywood" was held at Bethlehem parish hall. Nearly 300 members attended. The hall was decorated with palm trees, forsythia branches and pussywillows. Mr. Fred Lietz, teacher at Peace school, took the part of Tom Brennan, assisted by Mr. Arnold Salvner, member of Peace parish. Awards were given for age and youth, good neighbors and honored guests. Mrs. Martin Hemmeter was honored as one of the organizers of the Valpo Guild in Saginaw and its first president, and she was presented with a gift. It was a most enjoyable affair, and we hope to repeat it some day. Proceeds for the day — also derived from a bake sale—amounted to $200.

At our business meetings we have had the Rev. Kurt Voss speak to us. He has been in China the past seven years. Also, Rev. E. C. Kuehnert, a former chaplain and now Missionary of Institutions in our District, spoke to us.

THE VALPARAISO CHAPTER ENTERTAINS

The graduating senior girls of the University were dinner guests of the Valparaiso
Chapter on April 16. A delicious menu was served at beautifully decorated tables. Places were marked by miniature Easter hats, each individually and cleverly styled. A delightful musical program given by the senior girls added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

PLEDGES TO GUILD HALL

As of May 1, 1947

The first floor reception room
Saginaw, Michigan ........................................... $3,500.00
Office and Lobby, Indiana Chapters ........................ 2,500.00
Dining Room chairs and tables
Cleveland, Ohio .............................................. 2,500.00
Silver, glassware, china
................................................................. 2,500.00
Second floor living room
Detroit, Michigan .............................................. 2,000.00
Third floor living room
Chicago, Illinois .............................................. 2,000.00
Matron's Suite
Milwaukee, Wis. ............................................ 1,500.00
Three student service rooms
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One guest room
Columbus, Ohio .............................................. 750.00
Prayer Chapel
Miss Louise Nicolay and
Miss Emma L. Heine .......................................... 500.00
Fifty-eight student rooms, each ................................ 500.00
(In the order received)
1. Chicago West, Illinois.
2. Flint, Michigan
3. Merrill, Wisconsin (Memorial: Mrs. P. Amos Gruet)
4. Merrill, Wisconsin (Memorial: Mrs. A. F. Lueck)
5. Detroit, Michigan (Memorial: Helen Branch Higgins)
6. Bay City, Michigan
7. Bay City, Michigan
8. Lansing, Michigan
9. Chicago, Illinois (Thankoffering: Mrs. Herman G. Amling)
10. Fort Wayne, Indiana
11. Mishawaka-South Bend, Indiana
12. Buffalo, New York
13. Sheboygan, Wisconsin
14. Lapeer-Hadley, Michigan
15. Miss Olga Staatz, individual gift
16. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
17. St. Louis, Missouri
18. Monroe, Michigan
19. Plymouth, Wisconsin
20. Mt. Clemens, Michigan
21. Dundee-Fox River Valley, Illinois
22. Valparaiso, Indiana
23. Sebewaing, Michigan
24. Hammond, Indiana (Memorial: Mr. Charles L. and Mrs. Caroline Gieseler)
25. Lorain County, Ohio
26. Reedsburg, Wisconsin
27. Mrs. R. A. (Elsie E.) Spletzer (Memorial: the Rev. R. A. Spletzer)
28. Broadlands, Illinois
30. Appleton, Wisconsin
31. Rockford Redeemer, Rockford, Illinois
32. Mishawaka-South Bend, Indiana
33. Fort Wayne, Indiana

34. Michigan Chapters 6/19/47

TO THE TREASURERS OF
ALL GUILD CHAPTERS

As you know, the Guild Hall campaign officially ends on June 30 of this year. In order that your Chapter will receive proper credit we would urge that you empty your treasuries and send all remittances to me not later than June 15.

Guild Hall is more than a mere building of stone and wood. It represents the loyalty and devotion of the entire Guild membership during these past six years. Let us all make one final effort in our donations to this noble cause and remit all contributions by the June 15 deadline.

FRIEDA J. PENSEN, Treasurer

Memorial Wreaths

Bay City Chapter
Henry Dirker ............................................. $ 1.50
Mrs. Emma Reer ....................................... 2.00
Mrs. Bertha Laetz ..................................... 2.00

Chicago Chapter
Mrs. Bertha Kroock .................................... 111.50
Mrs. Clara Tatge ........................................ 100.00

Chicago West Chapter
Rev. W. Grothman ...................................... 10.00
C. Mahne ............................................... 2.50
E. C. Stenzel .......................................... 2.50

Cleveland Chapter
Mrs. Julius Berndt ...................................... 5.00
Miss Eloise Haak ....................................... 3.00
Mrs. Augusta Haker .................................... 3.00
Arthur Jordan .......................................... 15.00
August Lindstaedt ...................................... 3.00
Mrs. Elsie Maag ........................................ 10.00
Mrs. Sarah Nienhuser ................................ 12.50
Henry Schaefer ......................................... 50.00
Mrs. Anna Scherler .................................... 10.00

Detroit Chapter
Mrs. H. C. Knust ........................................ 26.00

Ft. Wayne Chapter
Fred Schaefer ........................................... 10.00
Mrs. Leonard Friedrich ................................ 3.00
Mrs. Caroline Rodenbeck ................................ 5.00
Rev. O. Lussenhop ...................................... 5.00
Eugene Bell ............................................. 13.00
Karl Seemeyer .......................................... 6.00
Alton Bleeke .................................. 5.00

Gary Chapter  
Charles W. Henke, Sr. .......................... 5.00  
Rev. August Bister .................................. 7.00

Hammond Chapter  
Messrs. Albert & Paul Parduhn and Mrs. Anna Schroer ........ 20.00

Lancaster Chapter  
Edwin N. Bloom and Charles Fishbaugh ........ 18.00  
Charles Fishbaugh .................................. 5.00

Lorain County Chapter  
Arne Hedstrom ..................................... 5.00  
Jacob Doll ........................................ 2.00  
Hugo Diederich ..................................... 10.00  
Mrs. Edna M. Kissinger .................................. 2.00

Merrill Chapter  
Mrs. A. F. Lueck .................................. 100.00  
Mrs. Erna Mews ..................................... 10.00  
Wm. Johannes ........................................ 7.00  
Mrs. Emilie Stuemke .................................. 3.00  
Gustav Meyer ....................................... 1.00

Milwaukee Chapter  
Mrs. Bertha Callies .................................. 5.00  
Mrs. E. Prange ...................................... 5.00  
Rev. Herman Kuechle .................................. 5.00  
Miss Betty Selle ..................................... 5.00  
Walter Boeder ...................................... 3.00

Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter  
Louis Lueker ..................................... 10.00  
Albert Schnaeble, Sr. .................................. 3.00  
William Walter ..................................... 3.00

Mt. Clemens Chapter  
William Kracht ..................................... 2.00  
E. O. Thompson ..................................... 3.00  
Mrs. Paul Neimas ..................................... 2.00  
Helmut Messner ..................................... 12.00  
Mrs. Emma Neinas .................................... 10.00  
Charles Wehr ....................................... 12.00

Plymouth Chapter  
Rev. R. A. Karpinsky .................................. 5.00

Reedsburg Chapter  
Mrs. Dora Hemer .................................... 10.00

Rockford, Ill. Chapter  
Joseph Mittelstadt .................................. 11.00

Saginaw Chapter  
Edward Rittmeier .................................. 2.00  
Chas. J. Schartow ..................................... 2.00  
Mrs. Kuniigunda Clark .................................. 8.50  
Norman Mould ......................................... 3.00  
Mrs. Heber Howard .................................... 5.00  
Wm. Bohstedt ......................................... 2.25  
Mrs. Anna B. List ...................................... 8.00  
Mrs. Augusta Hacker .................................. 3.00

Sheboygan Chapter  
Wm. Kaufmann ....................................... 2.00  
Mrs. Augusta Steinke .................................. 5.00

Toledo Chapter  
Walter Arndt ........................................ 5.00  
Lawrence Clark ....................................... 3.00

Valparaiso Chapter  
Frank Scribner ....................................... 15.00

Individual Memorial  
Rev. R. A. Spletzer .................................. 500.00

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
is pleased to announce the appointment of  

MRS. C. R. HEIDBRINK  
as Executive Secretary of the  
Valparaiso University Guild.

It is our prayer that God will shower His  
choicest blessings upon her and her efforts,  
that He will give her strength, courage, and  
health, and that He will keep her in His pro-  
tection always.  

Louise F. Nicolay  
President

OUT PRESIDENTIAL WAY

Dear Friends:  

We are indeed grateful to you for the  
hearty reception given to our son, Mark. The  
United States Savings Bond has been care-  
fully tucked away. I'm sure that some day  
he, too, will be grateful. Perhaps we should  
save it for his first year at Valpo in 1963.  

I certainly hope that many of you will find  
a spare minute during the Convention in  
July to stop by and say "hello" and to meet  
our two young men to whom you have been  
so kind.  

Sincerely yours,  

FLORA R. KRETZMANN
In the Field...

During the month of April LaPorte, Indiana, decided to join the ranks of the Valparaiso Guild. A very delightful tea at the Rumley Hotel was attended by 40 women. At the first business meeting a week later 65 women signed applications for membership and the LaPorte Chapter was officially organized. The charter membership list will be held open until April 29, at which time the constitution for the new chapter will be presented. The enthusiasm for the cause displayed at the organization meetings and the delightful fellowship and spirit radiated by the members promise to make this one of the outstanding chapters in the Guild.

Groundwork for new chapters has been laid in Bremen, Huntington, Hobart, Decatur, Crown Point, Evansville and Elberfeld (all of Indiana); St. Paul, Minnesota; Red Bud, Illinois; Oshkosh, Shawano and Racine, Wisconsin.

One of our recent alumnae, Miss Norma Bunke, was invited to speak to the Manhattan Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in New York about Valparaiso University and the Guild on May 1.

Your Executive Secretary has been invited to talk on the work of the Guild in Cincinnati, Ohio, on May 7; in Rock Rapids, Iowa, to the women of the L.W.M.L. of the Northwest Circuit, Iowa District West, on May 14; in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on May 23; and in Chicago, Illinois, on May 27.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The art work on the cover of this issue of the Guild Bulletin was done by Mrs. Dan Wallace, a newcomer to Valparaiso, and formerly of Toledo, Ohio. You will note that the pen and ink sketches portray various entrances to Guild Hall. Our gratitude to Mrs. Wallace!

NOTICE
Deadline for Guild Special
JUNE 1

ALL MEMBERS OF THE GUILD WILL PLEASE NOTE!

The town of Valparaiso is on Daylight-saving Time again this summer. The time of all meetings and events for the Convention will be scheduled for an hour earlier than Central Standard Time.

THE NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORTING...

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Mrs. Otto Sohn.
Mrs. William Holtz.
Mrs. William Pruemers.

A motion to instruct the tellers to destroy the ballots was made, seconded, and carried. Mrs. Ad Haentzschel moved the adoption of a resolution of thanks to Mrs. Heidbrink and the members of the committee which had arranged the delightful Guild Gambols on Friday evening. The motion was seconded and carried.

Miss Nicolay expressed her gratitude to the Executive Board for its cooperation.

Closing devotions included a hymn, the Lord's Prayer spoken in unison, and the benediction, which was pronounced by Dr. Kretzmann.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. WALTER A. HANSEN

PROJECTS FOR NEXT YEAR

When planning projects for next year many chapter chairmen may wish to make use of some of the material which has been gathered and compiled by the Activities Committee. The name and address of the chairman of this committee is listed below:

Mrs. E. N. Moore
1195 Lakeland Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio.

THE VALPARAISO CHAPTER PUTS OUT ITS WELCOME MAT

TO ALL FELLOW GUILDERS!

The day we've all been looking forward to! Dedication of Guild Hall! July 26 is the day, and it's to be a one-day convention of Valparaiso University Guild, the only national convention of the Guild for 1947. Valpo Chapter rings the welcome bell to all Guild-
ers near and far who can possibly come, re-
joye with us and thank God with us.
This welcome bell will keep on ringing; so
come, Guilders, one and all! Guild Hall,
which you've all been working for so faith-
fully, is built and now stands ready to greet
you. It wants you all to be on hand so you
may have a part in its dedication.

GUILD HALL sends this message to each
and every one of you: "Here I am, GUILD
HALL, ready to serve your beloved Univer-
sity. I like it here. Please Come To My
BIRTHDAY PARTY — July 26."
Gertrude Haentzschel
President, Valparaiso Chapter

REGISTRATION

Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, Executive Secretary
Valparaiso University
University Place No. 1
Valparaiso, Indiana

Please find enclosed $_________ to cover the following:

(Please check)
( ) Registration, $.50
( ) Banquet, $3.00
( ) Lodging, campus, $1.00
( ) I shall make my own room reservation.

Name

Address

Chapter

Time of arrival

Room-mate

MAIL BEFORE JULY 5, 1947