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THE GUILD'S NEW PROJECT

Dean Alfred Meyer

I am delighted to respond to Betsy Nagel's request that I write a few words about the construction of the addition to our law building. First of all, it gives me the opportunity to express appreciation to the Guild for having "adopted" a portion of the addition as its project for the current year. And secondly, it provides a public relations opportunity to say something about legal education in general and the Valparaiso University School of Law in particular.

The education of lawyers was a rather prosaic enterprise in the past. It took place in major universities throughout the country, but was little noticed outside the confines of the classrooms and libraries. If law students had an image, the picture was that of a group of students pouring over musty tomes of the past, mastering the intricacies of technical rules and the "foreign" language of the law. On university campuses, the law students were probably noticed only at the time of the graduation exercises as the group who wore the purple tassels. But all of this changed in the fifties and sixties as the "law" became a highly visible phenomenon in the context of civil rights, anti-war, and environmental concerns. In the seventies, Watergate and its aftermath, the role of women, pro-life concerns, and economic crises have kept law on center stage. As I write these comments, the feature stories of Time and Newsweek are detailing the tragic legal issues of the Patty Hearst and Karen Quinlan cases.

Legal education has been the beneficiary of these developments. Every accredited law school is operating at capacity, compelled by the law of supply and demand to reject applicants who in former years would have been scholarship recipients. At Valpo the administration wisely anticipated the law population explosion by constructing Wesemann Hall in 1963. This event can best be seen in perspective when we realize that in the first year of its occupancy, Wesemann Hall greeted an entering class of 35 law students. For the past three years, we have been admitting first-year classes slightly in excess of 100 students from applications which have averaged...
1200 per year. Another striking statistic is that our law school is almost 100 years old and one-fourth of our alumni are graduates of the past three years.

Wesemann Hall has served us well, but it became woefully inadequate as the stacks of books overflowed the library space. Although we remain committed to a "small" school in which communication can take place between the teacher and student — and student and student — an addition to the building was necessary to accommodate not only the library needs but also the requirements for seminar rooms and offices for faculty members and student organizations. Once again, the administration has taken the bold step of recognizing and responding to the need by the construction of a new facility. As I write these words and gaze out of my office window, the addition is outlined against the sky by the steel girders which have just been anchored to the foundation. I recently wrote a letter to the law alumni in which I facetiously described the addition as having a view of a parking lot, the trucks of Highway 30 and Graceland Cemetery. But the view is an attractive one, and in the architect's design, the aesthetic highlight will be a bay-windowed, informal reading room area which will look out on the expanse of open space to the south. This is the area of the building which you, the members of the Guild, have chosen to subsidize by your efforts and this is the portion of the new addition about which the students are most enthusiastic. While the needs for all the facilities which the new addition will provide are obvious to everyone at the law school, the informal reading area perhaps best epitomizes the atmosphere desired in a "small" school. It will provide an appropriate setting for the supplemental reading and exchange of ideas which enrich legal education, but which heretofore in Wesemann Hall have taken place in that area of the library which preferably should be reserved for quiet study and research.

Both students and faculty will be in the Guild's debt. I can assure you that we will attempt to be a deserving beneficiary by offering the kind of legal education which will prepare the students to be lawyers in the highest calling of the legal profession and, with their counterparts from the other departments and schools of the university, to be the servants of their Lord and Saviour with competence and conscience. We thank you!
The Valparaiso University Guild adopted the following resolution at the recent convention:

WHEREAS,

By his wise counsel, his unselfish and patient understanding, Dr. O.P. Kretzmann helped the Guild participate in building the Kingdom, and

WHEREAS,

Dr. O.P. Kretzmann has touched all of our lives directly or indirectly, and

WHEREAS,

Dr. O.P. Kretzmann was called home by his Lord on September 14, 1975, and

WHEREAS,

The Valparaiso University Guild would like to show its appreciation for all that Dr. Kretzmann has done for the Guild therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

That the Valparaiso University Guild contribute to the Dr. O.P. Kretzmann Memorial, the amount to be decided at the next National Convention after the family designates its use.

September 1975
He heard the sound of trumpets in one of his favorite months. For Dr. O.P. Kretzmann they played a September song.

Falling leaves and melancholy fall reminded him of man's mortality. "Once more," he said, "we see the great paradox of life and time. . . . We die to sin to live to God. . . . Surely this is always and forever true: If we have not learned to die, we have not learned to live. . . ."

It was appropriate, then, that on Holy Cross Day in September 1975 the founding editor of The Cresset and President Emeritus of Valparaiso University discovered for himself how his autumn contemplation of death was at last succeeded by immortal life.

As the readers of The Cresset know, this man whom everyone called "O.P." with respect and affection, lived fully and vigorously. His three-fourths of a century spanned one of the most interesting and troubled periods of human history. In his writings and addresses he had the remarkable knack of taking all of life's complexities and boiling them down to the essentials. Part mystic, part prophet, part average man writ large, O.P. expressed the inchoate feelings of the human heart. He brought together in poetic language the fears of man, their secret yearnings, and their unvoiced hopes.

Dr. Kretzmann was, in the best sense of the word, a visionary. He held his convictions about God, the world and man's place in the scheme of things. But he could visualize better than most what men and women might achieve. He set out for them the ideal and helped them exceed themselves in trying to achieve it. He was not simply a dreamer. The details of administration may have bored him. Yet he was able to persuade, cajole, and sometimes browbeat his co-workers into moving forward to a goal.

As President of Valparaiso University, he launched a thousand ventures, not all of which succeeded. He had courage and a readiness to risk. His batting average for success was remarkably good, considering what few resources he had to work with. His restless spirit was never satisfied. Having pushed his colleagues up one hill, he hardly let them enjoy the view before prodding them toward mountains to climb.

In his service to the Church, he left his mark on Lutheran ministerial education and on theological thinking. Several generations of clergymen will remember him especially for his wise and witty publication called Campus Commentary. And they did not hesitate to borrow heavily from his books and columns, thus extending his influence far and wide.

Dr. Kretzmann's broad range of interests brought him many contacts in high and low places of society. He could walk with kings and not lose the common touch. His sense of humor, his unpredictable and sometimes outrageous behavior, and his small-boy grin endeared him

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In These Days of Aloneness

From my heart I ask you to accept my sincere gratitude for the overwhelming evidence of your love in which you have enveloped us since that moment when God reached down and our loved one knew what eternity is all about. He lived for that moment. Now it is imperative that my rebellion of separation and the loneliness which seems to become more acute with each day be refocused and in faith and hope enter a new life of new purpose supported by gracious God-given verities.

In these days of aloneness, O.P.’s (my unpublic name for him is “John”) writings provide consolation and strength. I have been particularly entranced reading through the columns he wrote for the Guild Bulletin. This sometimes very private man never hesitated to reveal his very real love and respect for the “Guildies.” In the November 1, 1969 Bulletin he wrote — “When I closed my eyes for a moment I could look back upon the years and decades of achievement which marked the Guild as one of the most important factors in the ongoing progress of the University.”

In the April 1971 Bulletin, John recaptured an “on-the-impulse” visit with President Kreinheder on campus in August of 1938. In reflection he wrote — “I tell this story here at the end of forty years of the Guild’s existence as an example of the kind of thing which the Guild has done with great and astonishing success. Much of its contribution to the welfare of the University lies not in the obvious and tangible project which it has sponsored, but

in the day by day consciousness of their ‘standing by’. For the past forty years the greatness of the Guild has been the faithful, constant doings of the little things which make up the support of the University. I am sure that it will continue to be so in the years to come. Quietly and tenderly the Guild has provided the atmosphere in which the University can do its work most effectively. It has done this by understanding the problems and opportunities of the school and bringing to bear on its life the constant prayerful interest of women who have understood the tremendous possibilities which especially at the end of forty years now lie before us.”

Many of you enjoyed knowing John personally and officially. The fact is he treasured each encounter with each one of you and en masse. In this forty-fifth year of urgent endeavor on the part of the Guild, I share with you the blessings of love and direction which this dreamer-man bequeathed to us who are left to revel in the Kindom of Grace. He is now a saint who shares the amazement of divine grace revealed in divine glory.
VALPARAISO, INDIANA . . . The O.P. Kretzmann Lectureship in Christian Ethics has been established at Valparaiso University in honor of the late President Emeritus, according to an announcement by VU President A.G. Huegli.

Dr. Kretzmann, who served as VU's 14th president from 1940 to 1968, and as its chancellor and president emeritus in the years following, died on September 14, 1975.

"Numerous gifts have been received since that date for an O.P. Kretzmann Memorial Fund," said President Huegli. "They speak eloquently of the high esteem with which Dr. Kretzmann was regarded by alumni, faculty, students, and friends.

"Seeking a tangible and permanent way to keep alive and vivid the memory of O.P. Kretzmann on the campus of Valparaiso University, and to carry on his interest in the relevance of the Christian faith to secular affairs," Dr. Huegli continued, "the VU Board of Directors with the concurrence of the Kretzmann family has established this annual lectureship."

The topics and speakers each year will be designated by the President, after consultation with his advisors. Earnings from the O.P. Kretzmann Memorial Fund will underwrite the expenses.

At the direction of the President, the lectureship may periodically be replaced with a memorial sermon on a topic related to Christian faith and social issues. This would be delivered in the Chapel of the Resurrection, the magnificent worship center built on the VU campus under Dr. Kretzmann's direction.

Gifts for the O.P. Kretzmann Memorial Fund should be directed to Valparaiso University, Office of the President.
GUILD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...
Dear Members of the Guild:

The weather was beautiful — the banners were beautiful — the bazaar was beautiful — the installation was beautiful — the program for Ber was beautiful — the Sunday Service of Thanksgiving was beautiful — and the smiling faces of all the Guild members on campus for the weekend were beautiful!! It was really a lovely weekend.

The attendance was quite large — over 300 — but I wished that EVERY ONE of the Guild members could have been present. But, of course, I know that this is not possible. So many exciting things happened that I wished all could share. It was truly a weekend of thankfulness.

How very fortunate the Guild has been, for the entire time of its existence, to have had such tremendous women willing to give of time and talents. We paid special tribute to Ber Ruprecht for her 23 years as Executive Director of the Guild, and we welcomed into our midst our new Executive Director, Betsy Nagel. Two new officers were elected: Mrs. Roy (Barbara) Maas of Louisville, Kentucky, as Secretary and Mrs. Edward (Chita) Easton of Rochester, New York, as Treasurer. And in so doing, we had to bid farewell to two other very faithful workers, Mrs. Nelson (Vera) Doty as Secretary and Mrs. Reynolds (Shirley) Honold as Treasurer. It is a source of constant awe to me to see the talent with which members of our Guild are blessed. The Lord surely does provide!

There have been a number of times lately when I have enjoyed looking back. A real source of enjoyment for me is seeing old builds, old furniture and other such items of past history. I like to contemplate just what the family must have been like who lived in a certain house or had certain pieces of furniture, etc. My own family history is especially interesting to me. I like to think that this love of "old" things is "just the nature of me," but perhaps it is simply that I am getting older. But, for whatever reason, the fact still remains that I like to know about "what has gone before." This interest in things that have gone before has also carried over into the Guild.

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Amen Corner Welcomes Ber . . . .

For members of the Amen Club, (as we Past Presidents and Executive Directors smilingly call ourselves), Convention time is not only “greeting time” — a time to renew long established friendships and to meet new friends — but a time to “Build with the Guild.” The members of the Amen Club continue to watch with interest the work of the University and the Guild. These ladies may be part of the PAST — but they give of themselves with an ongoing service of:

—praying for the Guild and the University
—giving their time, talents and financial gifts as God has prospered them
—publicizing the University in their own communities
—supporting Valpo Sunday activities at the congregational level and
—serving on boards and committees for the Guild, the Alumni Association, the University Council and the Church.

At the 1975 Guild Convention, members of the Amen Club welcomed a new member, Ber Ruprecht. Ber’s initiation luncheon was highlighted with:

—tasty food
—hand-painted programs by Wilma Jacobs
—ladies’ adorning their heads with hats — circa 1950, ’55, ’60, etc.
—a Memory Book presented to Ber with messages from Dr. A. G. Huegli, President of Valparaiso University; Dr. Karl Henrichs, Director of the Round Table; the Past Presi-

dents and Past Executive Director of the Guild; and the now sainted, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann.
—a Guild- or VU-related memory (given by each President).

Here, in capsule form, we present memories from the Presidents. They appear in the order the Presidents served the Guild.

Emma D. Hoppe, 1939-’42

“Recounting unforgettable experiences were the order of the day when many of the Past Presidents, two Past Executive Directors, and the present Officers of the Valparaiso University Guild were gathered around a festive luncheon table at the annual 1975 convention of the Guild.

“This was a time

—for remembering
—for recognition
—for honoring Ber Ruprecht for her many years as the Guild’s Executive Director
—for congratulations and words of welcome spoken to Betsy Nagel as the newly appointed Executive Director.

“As always, there was much enjoyment in the fellowship of these co-workers as they each in turn remembered and told experiences. Whether
thrilling or embarrassing, whether touching or jocular, they were all very real and interesting.

"Now I am prompted to proceed to a more or less personal item. This relates to the Valparaiso University Lumen Christi medal presented to me by Dr. O. P. Kretzmann at the Valparaiso University Commencement in 1956, during which time I was serving as an officer of the international LWML. Several months ago a request came from the LWML that I share the beauty and the significance of this gold medal with more interested persons by securing a reproduction of the award in order that it might be preserved in the archives of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We complied with the request, which resulted in a graphic art reproduction beautifully mounted. This is now in the possession of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Historical Institute, St. Louis, Missouri.

"It was interesting to learn recently that another Guild member is the recipient of the Lumen Christi medal, namely "So" Heidbrink. "So" has served on the campus of Valparaiso University for many years, both for the administration as well as for the Guild. She was the

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During her college years Betsy was sent to the World Council of Churches conference in Wales, and later became editor of the Yearbook and columnist for her college paper.

Following graduation she served as Assistant Director of Admissions for Bard College.

After her marriage to Norman Nagel she served as pastor's wife in Luther Tyndale Church in London, England, later moving to Cambridge where her husband was Preceptor of Westfield House, the Lutheran Seminary in England. During those years she organized various activities for Lutheran Women's groups, taught music at Romsey Junior School, and also came to the States to speak to L.W.M.L. groups. She has traveled to Australia and New Guinea to visit her husband's family. Presently she serves as a member of the Board of Directors at Holden Village.

The Nagels have three sons — Richard at Harvard, Christopher at V.U., and Matthew, a Junior at Valpo High School.

So, dear members of the Guild, welcome this capable, charming, efficient person whose sterling qualities and excellent background have adequately prepared her for the challenging position as Executive Director of the Guild.

... and Ber welcomes Betsy

Have you ever had to turn over your child whom you have loved, raised and nurtured for 23 years to another person? Well, I have. I needed to make this difficult decision with many feelings of uneasiness, but praise God with me and rejoice! The person chosen has been God-sent to all of us in the Guild, for now we have a new Executive Director whose name is Betsy Nagel. She can be trusted to care for "my child" in a most competent and affectionate manner — guiding and leading and directing the Guild with confidence and pleasure in all she does.

Priscilla Elizabeth Nagel (called Betsy) grew up in New Jersey and spent most of her early life in the East. After graduating from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina — from which she graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa — she went on for her Master's Degree in English Literature and Language at the University of Michigan.
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second Executive Secretary of the Guild, serving from 1947 until 1952. Perhaps more important was her service as secretary to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann while he was President of the University, then Chancellor and President Emeritus of Valparaiso University. Our warmest congratulations to you, So, and may God continue to keep and bless you."

Louise F. Nicolay, 1945-'48

"On July 26, 1947 the Cloud with a Silver Lining was dedicated. I can remember the day very vividly — bright blue sky, warm sunshine and a very still breeze. Butterflies were in my tummy as I looked at the great sea of faces in front of me, especially the members of the Board of Trustees of Valparaiso University to whom I would now speak directly.

"The breeze and the floppy hat that I wore gave me a rough time. I had to clutch my hat tightly with my one hand and the page of my little speech with the other. I hoped it wouldn't blow way as I said these words:

By the grace of God and with the united prayers and efforts of 4,000 members, the Valparaiso University Guild has been privileged to bring to a successful conclusion the six-year campaign for Guild Hall. Therefore, on behalf of the Guild, I now present Guild Hall to the Board of Trustees of Valparaiso University. May all those who dwell within its walls come under the influence of God's precious Word and be strengthened in the faith.

"The dedication by Dr. O. P. Kretzmann followed. This was a thrilling event for me. As I come to the campus, as I frequently do, my eyes immediately and automatically turn to Guild Hall. My thoughts are filled with nostalgia and my heart with gratitude to a loving Heavenly Father who brought so much happiness to one just ordinary humble human being, ME."

Louise Ilse Drews, 1954-'57

"Memories of my close association with Ber Ruprecht during 1954-1957 are like a string of variegated beads. There are somber ones to be sure, but they are interspersed with bright and sparkling beads, making the whole a beautiful strand, indeed.

"At the February 1954 meeting of the Guild, Ber made the following announcement about me. 'Usually these announcements are sent by mail and tied with pretty blue ribbons but I want to be the first to tell you that our First Vice President just became a brand new grandmother last night.' Later, during his report, Al Looman suggested the new baby be called 'Guilda,' but the child had already been named 'Mark.'

"On the somber side...it was November 1956, I had just arrived on the early morning Nickel Plate. Ber and I stood side by side watching that pillar of smoke and fire as it ascended into the heavens and completely gutted the Auditorium.

"These are but two of the many beads I cherish in my treasure chest of memories."

Mabel C. Frank, 1957-'60

"Vivid are the many interesting travel experiences from Washington, D.C., to Valpo — Happy are the memories of the many fine people I met and satisfying are the accomplishments of the many chapters that were organized during my term of office."

Irma K. Schmalz, 1960-'63

"Many warm memories come to mind —

—the first Guild Seminar in the Poconos and the impressive, candle-light vespers service led by our late, dear O.P. on the shores of the lake
—the Pilot Plan, fore-runner of the current Person-to-Person program
—lengthening the convention to the current number of days
—the addition of sixteen new chapters.

"And to you, dear Ber, I am indebted for much of the challenge, help, joy and reward it has been my privilege to experience in working together with you for the Guild. As you so often have said to us, I now say to you, 'May God's angels go with you.'"

Wilma Jacobs, 1966-'68

"My fond memories include

—being installed at the 35th anniversary convention
—the cold reception for our February Executive Council meeting with 20 inches of snow
—selling VU calendars to buy band uniforms
—daughter Jane, a VU student then, thank-
ing the women for placing sewing machines in each of the dorms
—Dr. Norman Nagel becoming the Dean of the Chapel
—dedication of the Loke Home Economics Building
—the change in administration in June 1968 from Dr. O.P. Kretzmann to Dr. Albert Huegli
—changing the Chapel Memorial Wreaths to the Living Book Fund for the Library.

“All of these changes under the supportive direction of dear Ber Ruprecht, and as you always wished for all of us, I now wish for you, ‘May the angels go with you.’”

Bette Froehlich, 1968-'70

“Highlights of this president's term:
—representing the Guild at the inauguration of Dr. Albert Huegli
—marching in the procession for the dedication of the Loke Home Economics Center
—serving on the University Board of Directors, but above all,
—the wonderful and lasting friendships made with the women of the Guild (and especially, you, dear Ber!)

Lynn Bahls, 1970-'72

“It is nigh impossible to relate in a few sentences Ber’s accomplishments plus the personal and humorous events shared by Ber and the officers. Therefore, how else would a Parliamentarian proceed but to offer a resolution:

WHEREAS, Ber Ruprecht has proven through her many accomplishments that the Guild could not have done without her for 23 years; Be it
RESOLVED, That Ber is now entitled to all rights and privileges of us other ‘has been’s; and be it further
RESOLVED, That we all love Ber Ruprecht.”

Beata Madoerin, 1972-'74

“This president wishes to pay tribute to the Presidents of the Guild who served before her whose forethought and hard work made it possible for her to:

—serve the Guild as an officer
—represent the Guild on the University Board of Directors and
—to serve with Ber Ruprecht to promote the goals of the Guild and the University.

“My personal thanks to all the men and women who are dedicating their lives to implementing the high goals of our University.”

And so, dear Ber, the members of the Amen Club welcome you into our membership and commend you to God’s loving care.

And to you, dear Betsy, we now give the reins of the Guild as our new Executive Director. We extend to you a very warm welcome. You have already pleased us by demonstrating that the Guild is in very capable hands. May God bless you too!

As a closing thought we repeat for both of you, Ber and Betsy, the closing prayer as offered by Louise Nicolay at the luncheon:

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we are truly grateful for the gifts of food to nourish our bodies which we have enjoyed at this meal and for the friendship and fellowship around the table this day.

As Thou didst take Ber into Thine arms and make her Thine at her baptism, let her feel Thy nearness always. And in the days that lie ahead, let her confidently place her hand in the nail pierced hands of her Savior, Thy Son. Bring her to a full measure of that joy and happiness that she has brought to her family and to so many of us, Thy children. We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for letting Ber share her life with us, for endowing her with the gifts of a deep and abiding faith, of wisdom, energy, sensitivity, optimism and the expertise necessary for her service to the Guild and to Thy Kingdom. Be with her dear Lord, and bless her, our great lady of the Guild.

We commend to Thy gracious benediction, O most loving father, Betsy Nagel, who this day will assume her duties as Executive Director of the Guild. Give her now we pray Thee a wise and understanding heart, and skill to meet the challenge of the responsibilities of her new position. Keep her in the shadow of Thy wings.

All these petitions we ask in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who loves us, and Who taught us to pray ‘Our Father. . . .’ Amen.
The days of the summer have been full indeed and I am sure many of you wondered when you would find time to prepare your Guild programs for the coming year. When, with the help of your officers and committee members, surprisingly a fine new list of activities was completed and you were able to relax and take on the responsibilities facing you for the coming year.

Just so it has been in the Guild office. The months following last year’s convention were filled with plans for the February Council meeting, with visits to chapters, with publishing the Bulletin, and with the normal run of correspondence that is always a pleasure to cover on a daily basis. Then came a time in December when the Lord whispered “stop a moment, you need to take time to reflect and listen to My Words,” and I did. His merciful kindness permitted me to return to work and to finish the task He had set for me to do.

Then came another directive when it was time to turn over the reins of the Guild to another Director — to a splendid, charming young woman with sterling qualities who has since carried on the program in a most enterprising and skillful manner. She will carry on the tasks and the programs that have been started by our founders and carried out by those following, and will come to you with new ideas, new visions, and new opportunities, while still holding fast and supporting the old which you have tried and found to be successful. Please give Betsy your loyal support, just as you have given to me through twenty-three years of service in the Guild office.

During the past year we rejoiced over the addition of three new chapters; namely San Diego, Peoria, and Orange County, California. We regret the loss of Stevens Point and Logansport, but know that many of the dedicated members will continue to support the Guild.

There are some people who find it difficult to live with today’s challenges and cannot let go of yesterday. Obviously we cannot continue to live in the past, tied to its memories so that we are unable to venture into tomorrow. We simply cannot afford to be so stuck fast in yesterday that we cannot see the possibilities of today. We need to cling to our tradition, but we also need to go forward into the future with joy.

The creativity of the Guild has produced many outstanding ideas — the women of the Southwest Florida Chapter, for example, who created the Cross of Nails, now worn by hundreds all over the country, did not just labor for the satisfaction of the work they created, but visualized the benefits for young men and women whom they might never know or see. Just so have all of you served with your own particular talents and labors in whatever you have undertaken.

I see the Guild with great days ahead, great days possible to women of will and vision. The Guild is made up of people of all walks of life, motivated by the same cause — to leave a legacy to all their “student god-children.”

The officers and members of committees and each individual Guild woman have together been able to make a real contribution to the University. The national officers have given freely of their time, countless hours of difficult planning, decisions to make, weariness in travel — all pouring into their labors their strong faith in Valpo. I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to these faithful officers, servants of the Lord, for their wise counsel, and for their loyal support; to President Huegli for his guiding hand; and to Quin Koeppke, my ever faithful co-worker. I also must include the members of the local Valpo Guild chapter whose constant cooperation and love have made my work so much easier and pleasurable. To all of you women here I owe deep and abiding thanks as well as to the countless other Guild members who cannot join us in this celebration today.

When Christ first chose His disciples He did not seek highly trained, specialized workers, but men and women who would serve Him. So, to-
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day, if you are asked to accept an office, or become chairman of a committee, please offer yourself wherever you are in service to Him.
For we must share if we would keep
Those blessings from above
Ceasing to give we cease to have
Such is the law of love.

It is an enormous pleasure — and great privilege — to stand before you now as your new Executive Director. Everyone of us here feels both pride and accomplishment — and very great loss — in the lovely person who just this minute has given you her last report as Executive Director. And here, now, stands somebody very new, feeling very new, really, and — after these short weeks of frenzied Convention planning and preparation — a little the worse for wear, perhaps.

But I am really very thrilled to be able to address you now, because I want to say something to you about the Guild. I hope that that won’t sound presumptuous. Because, of course, you have been the Guild here in this place for forty-four years — have worked together, have given together, have grown together through these many years as you worked to help make the University the place that it is. You’ve helped it grow, you’ve helped it stretch, you’ve helped to give it its Christian excitement. You’ve helped to shape it. And this vision that the Guild has, and the dedication and ability that I’ve seen — in Ber, in our national officers when we’ve met and in all of your phone calls and talks and in all of our correspondence — this vision is so splendid to see. And I am very excited — and very grateful — to have the opportunity to work with and for such a great group of women. Imagine, we are 6,000 women, from all over this country, banded together to work for Valparaiso University. And for all this University stands for and still stands for.

At first, when I walked alone into Heritage Hall, Office number 7, in the first week of July and sat, for the first time, in Ber’s swivel chair in a very quiet and empty office — yet very full of all of you — I wished so very, very much that I had come into that chair at another time of year. That I could work more with the Guild instead of just immediately with the Convention — if you see the distinction. But as all the reports and material came in, names became people with personalities to me — even on the page or over the phone; and as all the Area Directors reported and as all the chapter reports came in — and as all the thousands of small things that have to come together somewhat sensibly in order to have a convention run at all smoothly — as all this began to shape up for this weekend, I saw what a great gift had been mine. For, if I may paraphrase something that we talk about more often — I had been given the gift to prepare for and organize a hopefully exciting and meaningful weekend for what I might call the “Visible Guild.” Yes, I know that there are 5,700 more of us at home — but we here are for each other the “Visible Guild.” I’ve sensed and you already know, so much, how each chapter has its own life, its own being, its own spirit. And, put together, the Guild really has a life and spirit of its own, quite apart from the great hunk of itself that it gives so fully into the life of the University. And for somebody new it is quite stunning to see — almost as if in August I were up on a mountain at night — and suddenly, in one flash of light, I saw the whole national Guild spread out before me. Pieces had fit together and suddenly, there you were — the Guild, spread out for me to see, thrillingly. This was my gift this August.

And then came September. And my gift in September, in the midst of printing problems, speaker changes, committee requests, arrangements for program, bazaar and banquet — my gift in
September was Quin Koepke! Quin got there early and left there late — nearly every day. She prepared a really accurate membership list from all of your chapter reports — imagine, nearly 6,000 names. She typed nearly all of the names and numbers in the Agenda — she was there when I said, “What do you think?” or “Hey, guess what now!” or “Isn’t she the president in Westfield?” And so we carried on, Quin and I, mostly alone — with our convention nets, however, beginning to spread over the campus a bit and tied together for us by so many of you. But we made it! I think. But what we did, we did together. And if it were not for Quin I’m sure that not only would I not be standing here this morning, I doubt if I’d even be standing up. So Quin, please come forward and be recognized by us all.

Quin....

And the gift now is this Convention time when you are all here. For in these days we see each other in sessions. We work things out together, we get to know each other — we sing and clap and sometimes cry together — we pray and work and plan. We’ve done a lot and we’ll do a lot more, this “Visible Guild.” But I would hope this year to be able to visit a good number of you in your chapters so as to really have a much fuller “Visible Guild.” Perhaps some of you might ask me to visit you.

We saw a great deal of what the Guild was and is last night. But the Guild — at this moment in 1975 — is exactly what Janie said yesterday: it is really what it is becoming. Just as you and I are what we are becoming. And what the University is becoming. And what the church is becoming. Christ is sure, his forgiveness and love are sure. Christ our solid ground. But other things are changing. We see them in our country, in our people, in our church. We have heard about them during this convention — from this platform. And with these things the Guild must deal. We are in many ways. The Person-to-Person people — as all of us realize, really, know that if each chapter could interest just one person in Valpo there would be no Admissions problem here. Each membership chairman, every officer, every AD, Lois Bohde — each of us — knows that the Guild must grow in order to live — and to give and to make sure that there is this Christian University.

Things cannot coast along just pleasantly and casually and easily with us. Things around us

Dear Special Guild Friends:
You have given so much to me through the past twenty-three years — a true vision of what loyal, devoted, dedicated women can do for a Cause — namely, for Valparaiso University — through the Guild. I have seen all around me kindnesses too numerous to mention, both to me personally and to my family, and we feel indebted for this great outpouring of Christian love and fellowship afforded us through the past years.

Now again, you have presented me with another tangible evidence of affection with the monetary gift you presented to me at the September convention. The choice for using the gift has not yet been made, but when it has, believe me, it reflects a heart filled with gratitude to all of you from

Ber Ruprecht

make other things harder. The University needs the Guild, certainly as much as it ever did. Probably much more. It needs, perhaps, for us to find some new ways. But it so needs the great, slow, surging, constant support of the Guild that it has had through the years. Every year has been an exciting and accomplishing one for the Guild. You felt it last night and you know it deep down. These next few years are going to be particularly challenging, particularly demanding. The Guild and the University that it loves and supports are really going to be putting themselves on the line for what they believe in. What we do is so important.

May God continue to give us all the insight and the will and the ability and the dedication that we’ve known — and the power that we’ve felt — to do His good in this place.
Our New Officers

BARBARA (Mrs. Roy W.) Maas, of Louisville, Kentucky, is a Valpo alumna, is married to a Valpo Engineering alumnus and has three children — two in college and one in third grade. She is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church where she has been a Bethel teacher, chairman of the Fine Arts Committee and has served on the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee. Active in the local Guild, she has been treasurer, person-to-person chairman, and chairman of other committees. Barbara has been president of the Kentuckiana Zone of the L.W.M.L. (71-75) and served in 1971 as Decorations and Properties Chairman for the International L.W.M.L. Convention in Louisville. She is First Vice-President of Cedar Lake Lodge Auxiliary, a residential facility for the mentally retarded. She has taught in both public and parochial schools and has been owner and operator of a boutique for two years.

Rutheda, "CHITA" (Mrs. Edward) Easton, of Rochester, New York also graduated from Valpo with a B.A. in accounting, married a Valpo graduate and has three children, ages 3 to 8. A member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, she is on the Board of Christian Education. As a member of the Rochester Chapter of the Guild, she was co-chairman of the Western New York Rally last year. This year she will be co-ordinator for the same rally to be held at Camp Pioneer, near Buffalo. Her accounting experience over the last 16 years includes teaching accounting in the National College of Business in Lawton, Oklahoma, and four different accounting positions in four different cities. She presently has a part-time position doing the bookkeeping for two small businesses. This work includes making the financial statements and all tax reports.

We know that all of Chita’s past experience, both in accounting and with the Guild, will combine to make her a splendid National Guild Treasurer.
The University Honors Itself

and it honors the Guild when, in just one year, it chooses to make four very special awards. Three of those awards were presented during the 10:30 service in the Chapel on Sunday, October 19. This service was the concluding event of the 1975 Homecoming celebration. Of the ten people honored at that time by the University Alumni Association, three were women — and all three were past presidents of the Valparaiso Guild! The fourth award, presented at Valparaiso University's 101st annual commencement on Sunday, May 18, is the highest honor VU can bestow. And it was awarded to a former Executive Director of the Guild!

"SO" HEIDBRINK executive secretary to President Emeritus O. P. Kretzmann, was awarded the Lumen Christi Medal at commencement on Sunday, May 18. The Lumen Christi Medal is presented to a layperson for distinguished service to Lutheranism. It is the highest honor VU can bestow. "So" will be the 16th recipient of the award.

She will be recognized for "dedicated service to Valparaiso University, for kindnesses innumerable to members of its faculty, staff, and student body, and for the example of a life lived close to her Savior."

"So" joined the VU staff as social director in January 1941. Her assignment was to organize a social program which would make students forget that they wanted to dance, then forbidden on the campus! She quickly won the hearts of students and staff and became a central figure in the life of the University for almost 35 years. In 1947 she assumed the position of secretary to the president. From 1947 to 1952 she served also as executive secretary of the VU Guild. She helped organize the VU chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, women's professional music fraternity, and now is an honorary patroness. In 1945 she was named "The First Lady of Valparaiso" by Beta Sigma Phi civic sorority. In 1962 she was designated an honorary alumna by the VU Alumni Association.

Honorary Alumni Membership was granted to BEATA MADOERIN of Omaha, Nebraska.

Honorary alumni status is given to those not having graduated from VU who, in the opinion of the Alumni Association, exemplify the ideals and achievements for which VU stands. In making this award, the University recognized her excellent leadership as president of the Valparai-
so University Guild from 1971 to 1973. Beata is also presently a member of the University Council. She has served First Lutheran Church in Omaha in many capacities, and is a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Active in civic affairs, she has been a member of the Women's Chamber of Commerce in Omaha for over 15 years, belongs to Zonta International and the National Association of Parliamentarians. She is a staff supervisor for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.

The Alumni Service Award was presented to BETTE FROEHlich, of Appleton, Wisconsin. This award is given to those alumni who have rendered outstanding personal service to the University over a period of years, have participated in and contributed to the Alumni Affairs of VU, or have made an unusual and singular contribution to the development of cultural or spiritual life. Bette ('41-43), is a past vice-president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and currently serves on its Services Committee. She is a past president of the Valparaiso University Guild. She is the "Valpo Sunday" representative in her local church, Faith Lutheran, and has been active in Appleton area recruitment and fund raising efforts for VU. She recently was named a director of the State Realtors Association.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was awarded to LOUISE NICOLAY of South Bend, Indiana. This award is granted to those who have enhanced the University's prestige through personal accomplishments, have made an unusual and singular contribution to the development of cultural or spiritual life, or have displayed character and integrity and are a credit to their alma mater. Miss Nicolay had previously been honored in 1963 when she was given honorary Alumni membership. She is a member of the University Council and is a past president of the VU Guild. She helped organize and has served as a moderator for the Estate Planning Seminars for Women Program conducted by the University Council and Public and Alumni Affairs. She organized the "Meals on Wheels" program in South Bend, and has stimulated interest in this program in other places in Indiana. Active in her home church, St. Paul's Lutheran, she is a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Concordia Historical Society.

Yes, the University honors itself and it honors the Guild when it honors these women. And we, the Guild, also recognize and congratulate these special leaders among us. We take sisterly pride in their achievement and, together with them, give gratitude to God for our opportunities to serve Him.
State of the University Address

PRESIDENT HUEGLI

In his report on the State of the University, President Huegli developed the theme "The Past is Prologue to the Future." He pointed to the coincidence of three events of historic significance for the Guild and the University.

The first was the passing of Dr. O. P. Kretzmann on September 14, 1975. As President of the University from 1940 to 1968, Dr. Kretzmann was the dominant figure of an era now past. He was particularly influential in the activities of the Guild. We shall need to carry forward the great ideals which he set before us.

At this meeting of the Guild we also pay our profound respects to Ber Ruprecht for her splendid services as Executive Director of the Guild during the past 23 years. Her contributions to its life and activities are immeasurable. We are not only grateful for her efforts in the past but confident for the future because we have her ideas upon which to build.

The third event is the observance of the 50th anniversary of Lutheran re-establishment of Valparaiso University. The first classes under Lutheran administration were held September 28, 1925. Recently conversations were taped of several men who had played significant parts in the acquisition of the University. These included Dr. Gallmeyer, Dr. Henrichs, Dr. Scribner, and Reverend Hemmeter. We need to remind ourselves of the expectations of the men and women who built the University during the past half century and how well they have been fulfilled. Our celebration of the golden jubilee will be marked by a Service of Thanksgiving on September 28; a Service of Recognition with Immanuel Lutheran Church on October 12; a Day of Special Observance on October 23; and a Reformation Convocation on October 31. Other events, artistic displays, and similar presentations will be part of the celebration.

As we look back on 50 years of history, we can see great strides of progress which have been made. A letter from Mrs. William T. Schreyer, daughter of Dr. W. H. T. Dau, the first Lutheran President of the University, reveals some of the problems which her father confronted. That we have made progress is obvious, but how do we measure it? Perhaps a clue to the development of the University can be discovered in the expressions of those whom the University has sought to serve, particularly its students, parents and alumni.

President Huegli then went on to list some indicators of achievement as reflected in letters received. Among those indicators a significant one frequently mentioned is the handsome campus which has emerged in the past half century. It was appropriate that Dr. Kretzmann's funeral cortège made the trip from the Chapel through the old campus and the new on the way to the cemetery. The lines of Ralph Waldo Emerson come to mind:

He builded better than he knew;
The conscious stone to beauty grew.

During the past summer construction projects included the new Union turn-around; new campus lighting; rehabilitation of several dormi-
tories; and a start on the construction of the addition to the Law School library.

A second indicator is that we have a good academic reputation. This is reflected in the teaching and the standards of our program. Recent developments include the strengthening of our proportion of doctorates in the faculty to over 50% and the introduction of some new courses, such as the Department of Journalism, the Special Education major, and a major in Speech Therapy.

A third indicator is that we have provided opportunity for close association with one another on our campus. This is a largely residential campus where students can get to know their fellow students, where classes are still relatively small, with two-thirds of them enrolling less than 30 students. The retention rate of our students is good, indicating that once the students are here, they like the University.

A fourth indicator is that we have tried to encourage personal growth. The student personnel program was considerably developed under the leadership of Vice President Rubke, who took a call into the ministry in the past summer and has been replaced by Acting Vice President Alfred Looman. We feel that the dormitory directors and the resident assistants have been most helpful in working with the students. Our counseling program is among the best on college campuses. We have consciously sought to carry out the concept of a college education which encourages growth, including growing up "into Christ in all things."

The fifth indicator is that we have tried to provide Christian insights and spiritual enrichment for our students. The Chapel stands as a symbol on our campus of the centrality of this objective. It is a rallying center for worship and for moving out into life renewed with the Lord's enlightenment. We have a continuing challenge to make the Christian faith meaningful in the everyday life of our students.

The sixth indicator is that we have stimulated a sense of service. Many programs on our campus, such as the Prince of Peace Corps and the current projects sponsored by the Chapel for individual involvement in voluntary service, as well as the attractiveness of service professions among our students, are evidences of the kind of progress we would like to make.

But, President Huegli pointed out, the past is always prologue to the future. There continue to be many complexities which challenge our ingenuity, and only God can supply us with the insight that we need to overcome serious obstacles in the path toward our goals. Nevertheless, we have an obligation as well as an opportunity in looking to the future. Four imperatives prod us on.

First, we must let prospective students know who we are and what we have to offer here, and invite them to come and join us in the pursuit of learning. Our enrollment is up this fall in the professional schools of business, law, nursing, and engineering. Our evening enrollment has increased, and our Merrillville extension is doing well. But the enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences has slipped down, partly because those who are undecided about their vocational goals in many instances have stayed at home; prospective teachers have been discouraged by reports of overcrowding in the teaching field; and financial problems plague some families in this period of recession. We have therefore geared up all of our recruitment efforts. Mr. Warren Muller, the new Admissions Officer, has devised some new approaches to secure the students we need and want. The Guild's help in the recruitment effort is more important now than ever. It is the personal touch of Guild members which can be decisive in a student coming to the campus.

During the past 50 years the enrollment situation has been up and down. To maintain our diversity and our attractiveness, we need to keep enrollment at full strength.

The second imperative is that we must continue to build up the quality of our academic offerings. This is the age of "new vocationalism." Our response at this University is to be concerned about guidance for careers, but it also includes strong emphasis upon the liberal arts, which in the long run will prepare our students for their future activities with the basic knowledge they will need. Our faculty must continue to be supported with good salaries in inflationary times so that they can fulfill their functions of teaching, research and service.

The third imperative is that we must provide for the needed physical and financial resources of our academic programs. Some facilities and equipment are still required. We look forward to the construction of an Academic Center,
which will include facilities for the College of Business Administration. Certain buildings on the West Campus should be rehabilitated. An instructional computer is required, and in the years ahead we should add a Center for the Performing Arts and additional athletic facilities.

Our current financial situation is still stable. We ended the fiscal year on June 30 in the black by $24,000. One reason for this success is the increased participation of our friends in the Century Club, the Dean's Club, and the President's Club. Another is the excellent support of the Guild.

Our Forward to the Eighties program is moving along on schedule. We now have $9,586,187 toward our 1980 goal of $28,150,000. The Endowment Fund of the University is presently at $8,500,000. In this connection, the funds from the Guild cook-book sales will provide an excellent endowed scholarship fund amounting to some $20,000. The Class of 1975, like the five classes before it, has pledged to have its members join the Century Club by 1980, as an expression of appreciation for its teachers.

The fourth imperative is that we must continue to build up the spiritual resources of our students. The problems of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at this time add to our difficulties. I enunciated our policy in my opening convocation address, pointing out that "even if the church body with which we have been affiliated for half a century should be torn apart and new organizations emerge, we must remain true to our calling as a university, dedicated to the search for knowledge and passionately devoted to the Lord of light and truth. Our integrity must not be compromised by an uncritical attachment to any group in the ecclesiastical conflicts that swirl about us. Rather, we must commit ourselves with whole heart to the high principles of Christian learning as they are embodied in the Lutheran tradition, reaching out in academic fellowship and freedom to all who wish to share these treasures with us."

The most important task we have is to make the Christian message an imperative for living among our students and our faculty.

Dr. Kretzmann always had a special feeling about the month of September. In one of his September writings he said: "Only when we realize that we are the property of eternity which has been lent to the world for a little while can we become fully aware of the power and glory of our mission... . This indeed can give us the perspective which we need for our task today and tomorrow... . Full of energy for our daily work we do it with the calm of one who may not stay to see it finished... . Our zeal is unflagging because our time is short, and the last glory draws near... . We live in the power and glory of Him who is great enough to fill the heavens... . and small enough to live in our hearts... ."

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Mark Bromann addresses Convention.

GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Three Guild scholarships were awarded this year to children of Guild members. Winners of the scholarships are freshman Rudolf Breese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Breese of Beloit, Wisconsin; sophomore Cynthia Silhan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Silhan of Chicago, Illinois; and junior Mark Bromann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bromann of Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Next year proceeds from the Cook Book Fund will make four scholarships available. Each recipient may hold his scholarship until he graduates, provided he maintains an adequate academic average.

These awards are made to children of Guild members only. An application form for these awards appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Our congratulations to the winners and to their parents!
BANNERS, BAZAAR, BER, and BETSY — these were but a few of the “Beautifuls” which highlighted the 44th national convention of the Valparaiso University Guild. Psalm 100 directs us to “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” As the 300 women moved through the weekend’s events there were numerous opportunities to see how this theme of thanksgiving and praise so aptly describes the Guild’s response to Valpo. We are so thankful for the many blessings God has heaped upon this university and the people associated with it through the years. We praise Him for continuing to give us the excellent leadership in all areas which maintains Valpo as a unique institution of Christian higher education. And the Guild itself has been privileged to play a vital role in the growth of the university. How thankful we are for the dedicated women who began this organization, the enthusiastic women who keep it going, and the ambitious women who are mapping plans for meeting future challenges.

The creative women had a chance to display their talents this year in the design and construction of the truly beautiful banners used in the procession which marked the beginning of the convention on Friday morning. Over forty chapters were represented in this “Parade of Banners” and since these splendid creations were then used to adorn the walls of the Great Hall, even the business sessions had an added note of beauty this year! Incidentally, the inventive women were given the task of figuring out how to transport these banners to and from the convention. Another report could be written to tell the tales of ten-pound flag stands that were never designed to travel in a suitcase, six-foot poles which refused to fit in even a large station wagon, or carefully rolled and packaged banners which must have raised eyebrows at several airports as gate attendants wondered if that sweet little lady with the strange parcel could be a potential hijacker! In any case, the problems were solved and the combined efforts produced a handsome and memorable exhibit for the first order of business which saw the responsibilities of Executive Director being passed from our beloved Ber Ruprecht to the very capable hands of Betsy Nagel. Then followed the first of many convention tributes to Ber for her 23 years of faithful service to the Guild and the University. Words of encouragement and support were given to Betsy as she assumed her new duties, having proved in three short months that the Guild will continue to flourish in her care.

Convention Over Coffee

Phyllis Schuessler (Mrs. Ted)
St. Louis, Missouri
The address given by Dr. Huegli is usually a highlight of the Saturday session but this year we didn’t have to wait that long for his informative and welcome words on the state of the University. After the installation of the new Executive Director, Dr. Huegli began his talk with a much deserved word of tribute to Mr. E. H. Ruprecht who must qualify as an “honorary” Guild member by now. A large thank-you was extended to Dean Nagel for the inevitable amount of sharing he will have to do now that his wife has become the Executive Director. As always, Dr. Huegli’s remarks brought us up to date on current projects (such as the Law School addition) and let us peek into the future as he talked of such things as a new academic center for the Business School and still another type of computer. In all, the Guild ladies seemed to have their ears tuned and their lips ready to say “How can we help?” These women with vision can see the University’s need for the Guild now more than ever, and they are ready to accept the new challenges. Following his address, Dr. Huegli remained to accept a gift from the Home Economics Department in appreciation for the new equipment they were able to purchase with Guild Special funds. As the noon hour was upon us, that homemade bread and jam for Dr. Huegli really looked appetizing to all of us as we were quite ready for our various luncheons here and there.

But alas, who could think about food with that marvelous array of Guild Goodies awaiting us on the Union balcony? The first annual Bazaar had begun, and for many ladies this was the first opportunity to see what tempting bits of merchandise were offered for sale. The agenda had provided us the luxury of a two-hour noon break so that shopping and lunch could both be managed. And shop we did! The aisles were jammed and the marketplace buzzed with “Ohs and Ahs” as we admired the products of our talented Guild sisters. The Kokomo Chapter was there with a display of nature crafts that would be the envy of any gift shop. Omaha showed us how to “sweep in new members” with their colorful hearth brooms. The new Valpo Christmas ornaments from Saginaw will enhance many of our trees this year while the delicious baked items were bought and even sampled at lunchtime by at least two ladies who just couldn’t wait to taste. It was no surprise to learn that the Friday Bazaar sales alone netted $1500 for the Project Fund—some things just never change and women still love to shop!

One thing women apparently don’t love anymore are hats, as evidenced by the lack of them at recent Guild conventions. However, those ladies who attended the Past Presidents’ luncheon decided that the time had come to revive the custom. Accordingly, they appeared en masse at the beginning of the afternoon business session wearing the greatest (if not always the latest!) millinery creations from their closets. We all applauded these fashion trendsetters, but time (and next year’s convention) will tell if hats are really back!

Chapter representatives were observed busily taking notes all afternoon as the business of the Guild was transacted. Voting on the main project to bolster the funds for the new Law addition brought a satisfied smile to many a face. Even the bylaw changes went smoothly! But if the numerous reports seemed at times to numb the ears as we tried to absorb all the information to take back to our chapters, what a refreshing change of sound it was to hear Ella Pennekamp sing the last part of her Person-to-Person report. And Dr. Strietelmeier’s interesting topic on the history of Valpo before it became Lutheran acquainted us with some of the early people after whom many of the buildings are named. Few of us knew that there was an earlier “O.P.”—not Kretzmann, but Kinsey! The business of the day concluded, the session was adjourned.

Conversations again buzzed as the energetic Guild women left the Union for a late afternoon stroll to Gellersen Hall to see a videotape of a Chicago television feature on the Chapel of the Resurrection. What a thrill it must have been for those lucky Chicagoans to sit in their living rooms and view this piece of film firsthand. However, we certainly enjoyed it on the closed circuit equipment (now wasn’t that a Guild project in 1969??) and were quite proud to see this fine bit of publicity given to the University. Back outdoors, we began to cautiously comment on the beautiful fall weather we had enjoyed all day, but afraid that too much optimism would bring the inevitable clouds, we were careful with our praise. After a tour of the newly furnished undercroft at the Chapel and a visit with Dean Nagel it was time to hurry back to the dorms to prepare for the evening’s activities.
As usual, our student hostesses had thoughtfully done everything to make us feel welcome and comfortable in our rooms. Many of us snatched this brief time for conversations with the girls in the dorm while others took naps and showers to freshen up, and very soon it was time to leave for Lankenau. Awaiting us there was a smorgasbord designed to corrupt the dieter with the best intentions. The good food and the informal atmosphere encouraged us to become better acquainted and we all enjoyed a look at the latest fashions being worn for the evening. That piece of pecan pie I shouldn’t have had made me welcome the walk back to the Union for the evening program. And what a treat it was! Members of the Valparaiso Chapter really outdid themselves in music, story and slides of “Valpo’s Leading Ladies.” We laughed, we learned, and we loved it as we were taken though the earlier years of Valpo’s history with an eye to the feminine accomplishments. A fitting end to this program was the presentation of gifts to Ber Ruprecht, the Guild’s “star attraction” and dear friend for the past 23 years. She seemed truly surprised, touched, and for once, almost speechless! An inspiring closing prayer by Anne Springsteen marked the end of the formal portion of the program but not the evening’s entertainment. The gals from Valpo were on duty again serving more goodies as we listened to a delightful performance by a student musical group called “Time and a Word.” Gradually the small clusters of ladies began to dissolve as the day’s activities caught up with all of us. But the chatter continued into the night for many roommates who were unwilling to surrender that stimulating first day to slumber. Others (veterans of previous conventions) knew that those Saturday breakfast meetings seem to come earlier every year and so require more than a brief nap.

Thus many awoke refreshed and some still sleepy to a gorgeous fall morning which had even the skeptics (like me) admitting that maybe this year the weather would cooperate after all. Enthusiasm was high as area chapters met to share experiences, make plans, and exchange ideas for the coming year. Then it was back to the Great Hall for morning sessions highlighted by a special pride in meeting the very first recipients of the new Guild scholarships. The noon break on Saturday provided some of us with more time to shop at the Bazaar or the bookstore, while others chose to grab a quick bite and squeeze in a walk down to West Campus for a truly magnificent display of fall color. The recess over, the efficient women of the Guild once again gathered in the Great Hall to conclude the year’s business. Barbara Maas and Chita Easton will be new faces on the Board next year. We were delighted to welcome the three new chapters, while charters for existing chapters were proudly accepted by their representatives. A pleasant interlude of chamber music by students of Professor Eldon Balko provided an entertaining pause, as did the interesting topic by Dr. Walter Rast and alum Jeannine Schonta concern-
ing their archaeological excavations in Jordan. After the tasks of this convention had been accomplished, the final resolution adopted, and the closing prayer offered, the official adjournment was declared at 4:30 p.m. That left but two short hours to pack up Bazaar items, dismantle banners, pick up expense vouchers, deliver cookies to that student from your hometown, and make oneself beautiful for the gala banquet that evening. So you see, Guild women really do wear hats at the convention — and quite a few of them at that! But all of it is accomplished year after year and 1975 was no exception. At 6:30 the lovely ladies began arriving at the Union attired in their best and continuing to marvel at the weather, which could not have been more perfect that evening. Inside, the Great Hall had taken on the appearance of a dream vacation spot as the ladies of the Florida chapters had brought a bit of their world to us. Palm trees, oranges, and sand dollars all reminded us of the gentle climate they enjoy, and the beautiful mural painted by Wendy Brusick truly brought Florida closer to all of us in that room that night.

Art student Wendy Brusick puts final touches on her Florida Banquet Mural.

V.U. alums in the area, the nation's capital must be feeling some of the effects of "Valpo-power" by now. An added attraction on the program was the appearance of a gifted instructor from the Music Department, Carolyn Staley, who sang a medley of songs about famous ladies as a tribute to 1975, the Year of the Woman.

As the evening's festivities drew to a close, Guild women felt the warm glow of friendship coming from the two days of sharing among themselves their concern and love for Valpo. The new Executive Director, on the other hand, felt a bit of panic. For you see, the program had finished ahead of schedule and she realized that the Chapel was occupied and unavailable for the evening service as planned. But Betsy rose to the occasion and bravely stretched her closing remarks to the hilt, finally admitting that she and the Dean of the Chapel had "compromised" by postponing the Guild service one half-hour! She may have been slightly embarrassed, but she had endeared herself to all of us and proved her ability to cope with the inevitable little "emergencies" which crop up during a national con-

The meal was superb and again, no help to the diet-conscious. But a bit of post-convention calorie counting was a resolution easily made by all in order to enjoy that wonderful dinner. The ever-present warmth of our president, Janie Lichtfuss, and the dry humor of toastmistress Bette Froehlich provided just the right setting for the evening's entertainment. The featured speaker, Dr. Victor Hoffmann, a former V.U. professor, gave us an inside view of Washington, D.C. as he told of his experiences as an assistant to Senator Vance Hartke. With the numerous

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The evening prayer service and installation at the Chapel may have been delayed, but it was no less impressive as we worshipped in the silence and splendor of the spiritual center of the campus. Tired as we were, the renewal of our spirits seemed to come as we sat together reflecting on the events of the weekend and looking ahead to another year of "Guilding" for Valpo. The convention was now officially over but the goals had been set and our real work was yet to (Continued on page 35)
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Recently I decided that I would start at the beginning of the recorded Guild History and read it through, thinking in the back of my mind that perhaps it might be a chore or boring. But I was determined that I would do it, regardless. Well, what a lovely, pleasant surprise to begin my reading and find that I could not put the book down! Not only has our Guild History been written in a very interesting manner by our Guild Historians, but the information about which they have written is absolutely fascinating. I would emphatically recommend that ALL OF YOU READ THE GUILD HISTORY.

The need for the Guild and its close relationship with the University is most apparent from the very first. Then to watch it grow in numbers and stature through the years is really inspiring. If there was ever any doubt about the faith, dedication and talent of the Guild women through the years, it only takes a few minutes' reading of the History to set the facts straight. And this goes on and on through the years right through our time now in 1975. Guild women have always had a distinct talent for seeing needs and for dreaming dreams and then for putting the two together into finished tangible fact. That just must be a God-given talent! How else could such marvelous things happen?

It was much fun reading the Guild History and getting the “feel” of our organization from its very beginning. There were a number of things I had heard about through the years, but to read about them in the context of the time that they happened, along with all the other events through the years, made those years seem very close. And I found it an honor to then “turn” and work toward the future.

JOY!!

Fresh as the day they were picked — for years! Real roses sealed with a patented solution in a crystal-clear glass bowl recall the beauty of June year-round. The Geiseman Memorial-River Forest, Illinois Chapter offers this “Goodie” in two styles: Traditional — with a DeLux metal base — and Modern — with a chrome pedestal base. Flowers can be ordered in red, pink, white, yellow, and orange. Please send check for $13.50, for the DeLux base, or $12.50 for the chrome base (prices include shipping and handling) to:

Mrs. Rose Poellot
1046 Bonnie Brae
River Forest, IL 60301
Dear Members of the Guild:

What a pleasure it is to look out and see so many people in attendance at this Convention. Perhaps you can tell from what already has taken place, that this is indeed a special Convention. We welcome Betsy into our midst as the new Executive Director of the Guild, and in so doing, we must necessarily bid farewell to Ber Ruprecht as the former Executive Director of the Guild. And as if this is not enough, our Convention is being held on the very weekend of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Lutheran affiliation of Valpo. A very special time!

I am not known to be a particularly introverted person and recently there have been two instances that speak to this. Just recently, my mother wrote me in response to something that I had written to her and she said, "Janie, you meet life head on," to which my reply might be "Yes, and notice the lumps on my head." And the other instance had to do with my Pastor in Boulder. As organist at Grace Lutheran Church in Boulder for the past 13 years, I have worked closely with Pastor Hattendorf and we have come to know each other quite well. We are quite open and frank with one another, both in praise and in criticism, and because of our trust and affection for one another have found that we can take either without being unduly embarrassed or self-conscious. I had a criticism of Pastor about something and upon arriving at church one Sunday morning, I said to Pastor, "I really have a crow to pick with you." My husband heard me say this and said to Pastor, "Well, one thing about Janie. You always know where you stand with her." To which Pastor replied, "If you don't mind, I'd rather sit." So, with these two instances in mind, and knowing that YOU are sitting down, I would like to express a personal opinion and that is: That at this time, right now, September 1975, the Valparaiso University Guild is at a cross-roads! We have some decisions to make.

What are these decisions? I believe that we must decide whether we are going to be just another woman's Guild connected with a University or whether we want to be a renewed, vital, totally important organization with its final goal being help to Valparaiso University. You say — but we have always directed our work toward a goal of help to the University. That is true, but lately I feel that we have begun to lose our direction. We have lost the ability to state the specifics connected with our work. When the Guild began 44 years ago, it did so because of definite and seeable needs — mattresses, for one — and women joined in response to those needs. As the years have passed, each goal was met: the buildings were built, the landscaping done. You joined and have remained dedicated workers. But, you see, you can recall all the work and all the goals met.

But I think that now it is sometimes a little more difficult to explain our goals, our reason for being, to someone else. This may be reflected in the fact that our Current Fund for this past year is down by about $2,000.00. The Current Fund is the amount of dues collected from members, so a drop in this Fund would seem to reflect a drop in membership. However, I must applaud all of you, because even though the membership is down, our Project Fund for the year remained very high, even after paying for 10,000 puzzles! There are probably a number of explanations for a drop in membership, but perhaps one of them is our inability to explain our goals in a tangible way. We can speak of the social aspect of the Guild, and it is indeed wonderful, but I think that it is the "cream on top" — a side benefit. And because of the many varied demands made upon the time of women today, I think that they are very "close" with their free time. They do not give up private and personal time easily. When they do, they want it to count. They want to feel needed and necessary. In the past, I have heard the following statement made to prospective members (and I have been as guilty as anyone): "Join us — we only meet four times a year — it won't take much of your time." Perhaps this is the wrong approach and tends to "play down" the importance of the Guild and its work. I think that we must redefine our goals, restate them, as they relate to the University, and then we must approach prospective members with these goals and tell them that it may mean MUCH work, MUCH giving, MUCH time and dedication but if they are willing and if this is a response that they would like to make, we would
like very much to have them join us.

Redefine our goals? What about our work now? Never underestimate the work that you have been doing and still are doing. We have national projects — cookbooks, puzzles and calendars — but even more important, I think, are the individual chapter projects, the things that the members in your chapter like to do together. After having been with each of the State Units this past year and having seen some of the items in the bazaar, I am convinced that there is no substitute for the variety, the imagination, the creativity that comes when each chapter does its own thing. In July, I attended a University Board meeting

and I heard thousands and millions of dollars discussed, worked with, decided upon. It made me gasp! When I gave my report, I expressed this to the members of the Board. But, then I also told them that it never ceases to amaze me how the dimes, dollars, $2.50's, add up into thousands of dollars as shown in the Guild's contributions to the University. So, our present work is of absolute necessity.

Since being a member of the University Board of Directors, it seems to me that the University feels that it is also at a cross-roads. The enrollment is down this year by about 100 people. The falling number seems to be in the College of Arts and Sciences. The percent of the students who are Lutheran is about 59%, each year going a little lower. A possible reason for this is that the majority of Lutherans are middle class and the rising tuition fees hit them the hardest. The spread of students from throughout the country shows that Valpo is becoming more local. There are approximately 1000 students from Indiana, 1000 from Illinois, 1000 from Ohio, Michigan and Missouri together and 500 from all the other states. Because of all this, I hear the University Board working to redefine their goals.

And redefine we must. Our synodical problems and conflicts can drive us apart, confuse us, hurt us or they can bring us closer together, help us set our goals and needs in a positive manner as they relate to the University. I believe that the University needs the Guild! We have always had enthusiasm in our work for the University and have always been able to interpret its mission to others. In fact, I think that the University depends upon our ability to do so.

And what is this mission? Valpo has done its very best to remain out of the synodical conflict. The overriding endeavor of this University is to be a Christ-centered University doing its very best to be an excellent school, providing the best possible in curriculum and staff for ALL LUTHERAN STUDENTS. It is unique. It is the largest, strongest Lutheran University assertion in the United States today. There has been great progress in the Chapel activities. It is not only the largest University chapel in the nation, but its programs encompass a larger span than any other chapel in the United States. Valpo covers a larger framework in religious life than any other university. Regardless of conflict, Valpo can continue to serve the instructional needs of our young people. It has a tremendous mission and, as President Huegli has said, it could become the Lutheran University in America.

And there arises the Guild's mission. Can you respond positively to this? Can you get excited about this work and promotion for and of Valpo? Can you express this mission to prospective students through our Person to Person Program? Can you enlist the help of other women, neighbors, friends, relatives, parents of students, alums and professional women, if you will — in this exciting time for the Guild? I have always been convinced that when women decide to really work for something, it gets done. There is just no stopping you. I hope that you can see and feel the tremendous need that there is for YOU and for those women you will bring into the Guild. It seems to me that there is real excitement for the future — an excitement that is almost irresistible.

Thank you.
WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA

Camp Pioneer, Angola, New York, was the setting for the annual rally on May 3 and 4. Keynote speaker and preacher at the Sunday service was Prof. Edgar Senne of the VU Theology Department. The rally was planned by members of the following chapters: Buffalo, Colden-Springville, Niagara Falls, Northeast, Rochester, Southtowns. The Pittsburgh and Tonawanda chapters were unable to attend.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Among the chapter's most successful projects were the advent Vespers, pecan sales, bazaar and sale of Quiet Books. A summer pool party was planned for VU students in the Class of '76 through the Class of '79. Programs for the year include a taster's luncheon with recipes from the Guild Cookbook; a meeting of prospective students with Jim Siebert; a fashion show; a joint alumni-Guild banquet.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Jo Rath, Area I Director, reports that the Buffalo Chapter will sponsor a reception on December 14 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Valparaiso University as well as the 20th anniversary of the annual Christmas candlelight service of the Greater Buffalo Area at the Lutheran Building, 2500 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo.

CHICAGO SOUTH SUBURBAN

Dorothy Brosius reports: “The Chicago South Suburban Chapter had a dinner meeting and election of officers at the Tivoli Restaurant, Chicago Heights, in May. Maybelle Owen was elected President; Elaine Tatge, Corresponding Secretary; and Elnora Dutton, Treasurer. The Sweet Adelines Quartette provided an interesting program of barbershop singing after dinner. At the March meeting Lee Wards presented an interesting arts and crafts demonstration.”

CHICAGO

The May luncheon meeting was held at the Golden Age Restaurant in Oak Lawn at which the speakers were retiring Executive Director Ber Ruprecht, new Executive Director Betsy Nagel and Area II Director Virginia Amling, according to Chapter President Dorothy Zoollick. One of the successful fund raising projects of the group is the Theatre Party at Drury Lane.

DUPAGE

“We once again sold stationery, Cookbooks and Calendars as well as 200 pounds of fruit cakes,” Carol Frazier writes. “Working with other chapters, we are proud to have some of the Florida Chapter-made black nail crosses for sale and also to report that the joint Elm-Geisemann-DuPage Theatre-Dinner party in the spring was a great success.” The DuPage chapter came to the rescue of students from their area just prior to spring finals and presented each one with a package of cookies, candy and other goodies. Tucked into each package was this note:

"'S.O.S. We are starving!
Came the call from you.
So Valpo Guild-DuPage Chapter
Sends some help to see you through."

“In addition to all that,” Carol says, “we proudly announce that our membership has grown about 25% since last year!”
NAPERVILLE

Carol Findling writes about Valpo Sunday: “We had a smashing banner at the front of Bethany Church for two Sundays, the design taken from the cover of one of the old yearbooks. It incorporated the Valpo seal and the Chapel window, complete with felt stained glass worked by Barbara McKisick, Ginny Boyer, Eileen Schumann, Judy Stuebe, Carol Findling and Sue Dumford. It got the message across!”

Jim Siebert met with the chapter and prospective students and their parents in May. The group planned a brats and beer picnic for July. This is a new chapter just completing its first year.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Under the able leadership of Pat Sunderlage President, a number of young women have joined the Elgin Chapter. Plans are being made to invite the Naperville Chapter to the December meeting and Christmas luncheon. Recently the members participated in a bazaar at a local church and from their booth sold puzzles and Cookbooks. The pastor requested the special exhibit be kept up through the following Sunday.

Area III

BOULDER

The Boulder Board decided to begin the year with a New Member Brunch at Sandi Trenka’s home. Each member wrote and delivered at least five invitations to friends who were not members of the Guild. An impromptu garage sale netted more than $130. The chapter sponsored a Rally Day on Nov. 8 at Grace Lutheran Church in Boulder. Speakers included National Guild President Janie Lichtfuss, Area III Director Norma May and students from the University.

QUAD CITY

Doris Gates, outgoing chapter President, writes to Quad City members: “Please don’t hesitate to invite someone to Guild — I am proud that the two new members gained in our Chapter this year were from my personal invitation — Try it, they’ll like it!” Guild members were active in supporting the Valparaiso Choir concert in the Quad Cities in March and were “pushing puzzles” as gifts for Mothers Day, Fathers Day, or any day one wished to say thank you for a favor.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

“Joy in the Morning” was the theme of the Spring Project when centerpieces, Cookbooks and puzzles were sold. . . . The new President, Margarethe Hanson, had never been to Valpo until convention time and she received an abundance of enthusiasm.

Area IV

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Chapter President Peg Woiwod writes, “Our San Gabriel Valley chapter is planning a social for students attending VU at present and also those who are entering as freshmen or transfers.”

Area V

APPLETON

“The Appleton Chapter got off to an early start this year serving the wedding dinner for the son of one of our members,” writes Chapter President Bette Froehlich. “This was followed in quick succession with serving food for two art fairs. These three early projects enabled us to send in $1,000 in October, almost the total sent in last year. We have challenged our entire group to be a membership committee — each one to reach one — and it seems to be producing results. One of our members...
attending convention bought Guild Calendars for
the mothers of students attending Valpo and sent
them with a letter inviting them to attend our next
meeting. Excellent results!”

MILWAUKEE AFTERNOON CHAPTER
Marilyn Krueger, Wisconsin State Unit President,
spoke at the May luncheon meeting at Bethany
Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. . . A book review
on “The Hills is Lonely” by Beckwith was spon­
sored in October at the Wauwatosa Civic Center.
This was preceded by a bake sale and dessert lun­
cheon (homemade apple cake and coffee). Articles
brought back from the National Convention
Bazaar were also available for sale. A goodly profit
was netted on the entire venture.

Members of the group also have “Talent Banks”
in which they deposit their earnings from “doing
their own thing.” They are presented periodically
to the treasurer for the Project Fund. Each member
is given an opportunity to make a contribution
through the “Special Tax to Raise Funds for Val­
paraiso,” a clever individual tax list.

DETROIT EAST
Vogue, Variety and Violets was the theme of
the third annual spring luncheon and fashion
show held April 30 at the Roostertail Restaurant.
Programs printed on violet stationary featured
the stained glass windows in the chancel of the
Chapel of the Resurrection. Hostesses wore
violet corsages. In addition to the fashion show,
a boutique and gourmet shop provided unusual
gifts and home-prepared foods. The project
netted $1,500 for the Guild.

DETROIT WEST
Marion Oberst writes that the Chapter’s annual
Musicale was scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 23. Fea­
tured was a local public high school concert choir
of 100 voices. Special invitations were sent to stu­
dents in the area’s Lutheran high schools. “We want
to get these young people interested in Valpo and
to show them what Valpo has to offer.” Copies of
the Valparaiso University Bulletin and “Valparaiso
University, a Profile” were made available to inter­
ested parents and students.

GRAND RAPIDS
Alice Weissman, Chapter President, reports
on a successful Hobby and Craft Show at which
more than 40 persons — men and women, Guild
and non-Guild — exhibited their crafts and hobb­
ies in a show that was open to the public on a
Friday evening and all day the next Saturday.
Among the exhibits were decorated eggs and
egg shell crafts, ceramics, quilting, paintings,
macrame, woodworking, collections of coins,
rocks and postcards, Chrimson, leather, antiques,
candles and weaving. There was a special Valpo
table at which informational material was dis­
played and Cookbooks were sold.

MT. CLEMENS
A demonstration of crafts and handiwork was
featured at the May meeting of the Mt. Clemens
Chapter. New Officers were elected and there was
a report on the State Unit Convention in Ann Arbor.
“About Weddings” was the group’s April fun night.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
The Indianapolis Chapter celebrated its 30th
anniversary on October 4 with a brunch held at
Calvary Church. Grace Wolf, Guild President,
welcomed and introduced the speaker, Mrs.
Betsy Nagel, Executive Director of the Guild.
A special history of the 30 years of Guild life in
Indianapolis was given by Mrs. Wilma Eickhoff.
Georgiana Schroeder introduced the new mem­
bbers and Marilyn Ochs told of the plans for the
next meeting which was a Tasting Luncheon.
Homemade doughnuts, fresh fruit cup and cof­
fee were served.
KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

The Kendallville Chapter enjoyed a delightful evening, September 15, 1975, when their annual guest night was observed with Mrs. Clarence Rivers, Area VII Director of the Guild, as guest speaker. The meeting was held in the spacious multi-purpose room of St. John's Educational Building. Members and friends of St. John's were invited guests. Mrs. Rivers, who was introduced by Vera Doty, member of the Kendallville Chapter, showed slides of Valpo. She gave a most interesting and informative talk on the growth of the University in its 50 year history since it became a Lutheran University. She also told about the diversified courses of study offered. There was inspiration in her words; her own devotion to the cause reawakened new interest in her hearers to support the work with renewed efforts. A moment of silence was observed as a tribute to Valpo's President Emeritus, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, after Mrs. Rivers announced the news of his death the preceding day.

Mrs. Kenneth J. Gerike, the wife of one of St. John's pastors, accompanied the group on her accordion for the opening hymn, "Amazing Grace," and for the Sing-Along later. Light refreshments of punch, coffee and cookies and a social hour followed the program.

KOKOMO, INDIANA

"Forget the Bazaar" carry-in banquet for husbands and wives on Sunday, October 26, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Parish Hall wrapped up five months of concerted project activity for the Kokomo Chapter. The program included recognizing certain people who had had a great deal to do with making the Bazaar a huge success. Evelyn Vandre and her husband, Lee, who set up shop in their garage and directed the workshop activities; Jean Albers, whose talents along with Evelyn's include teaching others to make artistic sale items as well as creating things themselves; Mary Quinn, who shaped 1400 bells from tin-can tops to make 100 windchimes; husbands and fathers who did the woodworking; Carlyn Laubenstein, who made all the corn-husk dolls used on many items, were specially recognized by Mary Anne Whited, President. .Betsy Nagel, Executive Director of the Guild, and Midge Rivers, Area VII Director, and their husbands were guests of the Chapter on October 26. All were very impressed with the enthusiasm and spirit of the Chapter which has earned over $3,400 with their bazaar items. The Kokomo Chapter is selling on consignment the few remaining items and still taking orders on others. By placing second in the booth contest at the Markland Mall, the chapter received $75 in prize money. The newly constructed booth was made by Bruce Gerber.

LAPORTE

Organized in 1947, the LaPorte Chapter has 46 members. Ber Ruprecht installed Mrs. M. E. Reinke, Mrs. John Hartigan, Mrs. Wm. Kalsow and Miss Imogene Dahl as new officers at a meeting at which Karl Krueckenberg spoke on "Reflections on Fifteen Years of Valpo." LaPorte's projects include a card party and boutique, Bakeless bank sale and silent auction.

ELMORE, OHIO

Karen McKay writes that Area Director Dodie Goncher attended their June meeting at which officers were elected for a two-year term. These are Mrs. Emilie Semrock, Mrs. Ervin Wegert and Mrs. Carl Kontak. One of the chapter's most successful fund raising projects is operating lunch stands at auction sales.

For creating your own personalized Christmas gifts this year or as a thoughtful gift for a creative friend, order these fine-crafted sewing shears (brand name Fiskars) from our Detroit Suburban West Chapter. These Swedish-style shears are available in both right- and left-handed styles and are priced at $7.50 (no shipping charge!). Send check payable to "Karen Mai" to:

Karen Mai
41133 Crabtree Lane
Plymouth, MI 48170
STATE UNIT MEETINGS

INDIANA

The 11th Retreat of the Indiana State Unit was held April 12-13 at the Geneva Retreat Center, Rochester, with 47 members representing 9 chapters. Opening devotions were led by Dolores Cenkus. A special feature of the Retreat included a presentation by Prof. Robert Weinhold and 4 V.U. students on the Chapel's Residential Ministry Program. Janie Lichtfuss, national president, presented her report on progress in the National Guild, and Ber Ruprecht spoke on campus activities. She announced the appointment of Betsy Nagel, wife of the Dean of the University Chapel, as her successor when she leaves the office of Executive Director in June.

Area Director Midge Rivers, who also serves as President of the Unit, explained the Indiana gift-sharing law by which a couple can donate up to $200 to the University and receive half the amount as credit on Indiana state income taxes. The contribution can also be used as a deduction on Federal tax returns so that the total donation is actually about one-third the original amount. The same procedure can be used on individual tax returns, but the limit is $100 in that case.

In the evening Pastor Charles Felton of South Bend gave an outstanding talk on "The Humanness of the Biblical Authors." Following devotions several chapters presented comical skits.

On Sunday morning, students, Dennis and Debbie Johnson, led a most interesting Bible class discussion followed by a worship service led by Dr. Walter Keller, Chairman of the Department of Theology at V.U.

MICHIGAN

A bright, sunny day found a large number of women attending the Michigan State Unit Convention held on May 7th at the Concordia Junior College campus, Ann Arbor, Michigan hosted by the Ann Arbor and Detroit Suburban West Chapters. Following registration and coffee, devotions were led by Pastor Arthur Spo- mer of Divine Shepherd Church in the beautiful Chapel of the college. President M. Pohl of the college greeted the guests following Mrs. Helen Firnhaber's welcome. Mrs. Eleonora Junke, state president, conducted the business meeting and reports were given. Mrs. Bernice Ruprecht, Guild Executive Director, reported on various activities of the National Guild. Mrs. Helen Knecht, in her Historian's report, quoted remarks written by Mrs. Adeline Eberline. Ella Pennekamp, Person-to-Person Chairman, reminded members of the importance of contacting prospective students. Roll call showed 104 women in attendance.

Following the luncheon at the Concordia Cafeteria, Mark Sellach gave a short organ concert on the chapel organ. Janie Lichtfuss, national president, encouraged the women to attend the September convention and urged the chapters to try to increase the Project monies by 25%. Mrs. Esther Lutze, a member of the Chapel Ministry Counselling Staff at V.U., gave a moving talk on her experiences in this field. The Trophy for best attendance by percentage was presented with a $50 check to the Sebewaing Chapter. Mrs. J. O. Ort- wein was elected president following Mrs. Junke's term of office.

WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin State Unit held its 29th annual convention at Plymouth on Tuesday, April 22, 1975, in St. John's Lutheran Church. Mrs. George Miller, Plymouth Chapter President, welcomed the guests and Mrs. Raymond J. Schmidt, Wisconsin State Unit President, conducted the business of the day. Mrs. Roger Rouse reported on activities in Area V and Mrs. John Jungemann, National Area Director, encouraged chapters to give full cooperation to the program. Fifteen chapters out of eighteen were represented. The noon luncheon was held at the school gym where
1st and 2nd grades presented a delightful program titled “Sesame Street.” Mrs. Lester Nimmer of Appleton suggested many clever ideas for her “Creative Craft Shop” presentation. The afternoon was devoted to a “This is Your Life Ber Ruprecht Day” with Mrs. Raymond Schmidt narrating the program and comments from the national officers, Janie Lichtfuss, Jackie Jungemann, Shirley Honold and past president, Bette Froehlich. Gifts were presented to Mrs. Ruprecht, since Wisconsin was her native state, and all those attending shared in the joyful celebration.

Officers were installed by the pastor, Rev. Robert O. Wudy with Mrs. Ralph Krueger as the new president.

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In sharp contrast to the quiet solitude our small group enjoyed Saturday night, on Sunday morning the Chapel reverberated with music and words of praise as a throng of worshippers gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Valpo becoming a Lutheran university. It is always a joy to participate in a service at the Chapel, but it was indeed a thrill to be present on this special Sunday for Dr. Oswald Hoffmann’s inspiring message enhanced by the magnificent music, both choral and instrumental. Unbelievably, the day had again dawned beautifully clear, and the sunshine streaming through those Chapel windows provided a sight we’re not likely to forget for a long time.

We didn’t really want to leave the campus that afternoon, but car pools had been arranged, plane tickets purchased, and plans made for our separate journeys back home. It had been a good convention — one which gave each of us a large helping of enthusiasm to carry back to our chapters along with all the facts and figures. Perhaps this “boost” is the most important by-product of all, because being on campus for even one weekend gives us that necessary stimulus for the work we do in our local chapters all year long. For some, attending a national convention may be a one-time treat, but for this reporter, “See you in September” means I hope to meet many of you next year at the 45th. Will you be there??

CONVENTION’S BAZAAR GREAT SUCCESS

The first of what may become an annual affair at Convention time — the Bazaar — was certainly a very exciting part of Convention this year. Forty-two chapters participated and more than $4,000 was made!

The whole upper lounge of the Union was filled with bazaar tables, attractive items of all sorts, and swirling and swarming people eager to buy. The bazaar this year was open to the whole campus and many students, faculty and local Guild women and their friends were there. Some chapters arranged to do their own selling, Detroit East, for instance, not only did their own selling, but they did their “own thing” even more by being dressed in Early American costume to add even greater festivity to the occasion. Most of the selling, however, was arranged for and managed very capably by the Phi Beta Chi Sorority. These students volunteered their time for the two Bazaar days as their contribution to the work of the Guild! As the Bazaar was open for eight hours a day for two days — and as four girls were needed every hour to care for it — the Beta’s help was a very big gift indeed. Help from a sister sorority, the KTZ’s, was also offered freely. Released from the selling duties, all those attending the Convention were free to participate in the Convention sessions. But they quickly flew to the Bazaar to browse and make quick purchases between meetings and meals!

Next year is already in mind, and many chapters are even now planning their participation in an even bigger Bazaar next September.

Marty Mattes, Activities and Bazaar Chairman.
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Janesville, Wisconsin .................................... 53.00
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Port Huron District, Michigan ......................... 66.50
North East, PA ......................................... 100.00
Washington, D.C. ...................................... 107.00
Michigan State Unit .................................... 290.00

"VALPO'S LEADING LADIES" — an historic evening available to all and a wonderful idea for a chapter meeting!

Bring your whole chapter to the 1975 Guild Convention! You can, and have a wonderful meeting filled with the views — and the sounds — and the feel — of this year's special Friday evening presentation prepared by the Valparaiso Chapter and entitled "Valpo's Leading Ladies."

"Valpo's Leading Ladies" is just that — a combination of a visual history of the outstanding women of the Guild and of the University and, in conclusion, a tribute to Ber Ruprecht.

This program, recorded with the narration by Arline Phipps, the music of the VU musical group, "Time and a Word" and the actual "ooohs" and "aaahs" of those at Convention, is available, free, to chapters requesting it. The complete packet includes the thirty minute long tape cassette, the 94 slides (many taken from pictures in the University Archives, and some in color), and the full, printed commentary with excellent directions so that even the most amateur projectionist can synchronize pictures and sound.

We know that very many chapters will want to present this very interesting and moving program. To produce the set is costly; however, and there are two, only, available for circulation. Please write to Betsy Nagel, Valparaiso Guild, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383 to request your packet — giving, if possible, alternate dates in your request. Then all that we ask is that you return the packet to us as soon as you have finished with it; that you insure it (for $100); and that you have a certain amount of patience as we try to arrange the mail schedule!

It is really an historic document, taking two months of research and planning to produce. It will be a memorable and historic evening for all who share it.

From our Saginaw, Michigan Chapter comes a charming idea for holiday gifts — the first in a series of annually-issued Christmas ornaments. Embellished with a picture of the Chapel of the Resurrection on one side and the Seal of Valparaiso University on the other, this unique decoration can be ordered in gold, red, blue, or clear, all with tinsel garland glittering inside.

The Valparaiso University Christmas Ornament for 1975 sells for $3.00 and can be ordered from the address below or purchased at the Valparaiso University Bookstore.

Insured shipping & handling charges:

Mrs. Elmer P. Simon
2 Mueller Court
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

1 ornament $1.50
2 ornaments 1.75
3-6 ornaments 2.00
6-12 ornaments 2.50
SPECIAL NOTES ON “GUILD GOODIES”

1. It is important when you consider an item for a “Guild Goodie” that you consider the over-all quality of the product; its sales appeal; and its uniqueness. The product’s popularity during a particular holiday season might also be considered.

2. When your Chapter completes a form for an Ad Application, several preliminary things need to have been done. (1) you need to have found all the information concerning your product; (2) you need to know that your price is correct (3) you need to decide on an “increase” over the firm’s price and the shipping costs involved, so that your Chapter can make a small profit for your project fund; (4) you need to have a person or committee ready to take charge if your Ad is approved.

3. If your Ad is approved by the Guild Board (a notice will be sent to you) the Ad will appear in the next two Guild bulletins.

4. If your Chapter wants the Ad to appear any longer than the above, you will have to resubmit your Ad through the whole process again.

5. Remember, each individual Chapter takes full responsibility for handling all of the details of its product. Once the National Board approves the Ad, the National Office does not have the responsibility of handling inquiries regarding the item, orders, etc.

6. Consider using United Parcel when shipping your orders — it is often cheaper; faster; and parcels are handled more carefully.

“GUILD GOODIES”

Here is a golden opportunity for your chapter to financially profit from a specialty item that is unique to your area of the country.

This project will be initiated through “Guild Goodies” Ads to be published in our Guild bulletins. A typical Ad might read: “Delectable Pralines” — direct from New Orleans; plain or chocolate; $2.50/box of 12. Order from Mrs. John Doe, Sunshine Lane, New Orleans, La.

After the Board reviews your Chapter’s Ad Application, a notice will be sent to you of approval or not. If your Ad is approved, the Ad will appear in the next two Guild bulletins. If your Chapter wants the Ad to appear any longer, you would have to resubmit your Ad application through the above process again.

Submitted by Martha Mattes, Activity Chairman

“GUILD GOODIES” APPLICATION FOR AD

GUILD CHAPTER SUBMITTING APPLICATION:

ITEM: 

FULL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM: (Including picture, brochure, etc., if available)

PRICE PER ITEM: 

(plus) SHIPPING AND/OR POSTAGE COSTS:

(equals) TOTAL COST PER ITEM:

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING ORDERS: NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

ANY OTHER INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PLACE IN YOUR AD (such as all information your Chapter would need to fill an order)

SEND APPLICATION FOR AD FORM TO:

Mrs. Armin Lichtfuss, President
Valparaiso University Guild Board
3180 Lane Court
Boulder, Colorado 80303

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to almost any company. The legends about him are legion. People sympathized with his failings and shortcomings because of their own, and still they sensed in him a man committed to higher callings which he persuaded them to make a part of their lives also. If on occasion they could not quite understand what he was saying, they nevertheless felt lifted up because he had said it, and they felt more capable of being better than they were.

In his later years, Dr. Kretzmann's facial features resembled those of Winston Churchill. They were alike in other ways, too. Both had the gift of language, commitment to a purpose, and stubbornness of will. Both also had the capability of inspiring others to great endeavors. In both men there was a somber sense of the movement of time into history.

O.P.'s brooding thoughts about September have a significance we should not miss. "Slowly but surely," he wrote, "we move from the hollow in which the leaf rests and the graves of the great to the high altitudes of faith." He was not an optimist who ignored the realities of sin, death and the defeats of life. Neither was he a pessimist who had no expectations of the future. He saw himself and others as Christian pilgrims headed for eternity. "It is the essence of the pilgrim's life," he said, "to begin by looking toward the end." For all our labors, trials, and woes, we can by grace achieve the heavenly Kingdom. "The miracle is," he added, "that a human soul in face of death, loaded down with guilt which it can never make good, finds rest and immortality in an Eternal High Priest who loved the dying world even unto death."

In this issue of The Cresset is reprinted the 1956 September column by Dr. Kretzmann. Over twenty years ago in another such column, he summed up his pilgrim thoughts for all of us who are still walking along the way: "And so I am content to move toward Him as He waits at the end of the years. . . . The trumpets are still there, and their sound is as kind as ever. . . ."

May we ever hear them as perceptively as O.P. did!

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L.W.M.L. LEADERS ON CAMPUS

Celebrating Valparaiso's 50 years as a Lutheran University, a Golden Anniversary Symposium entitled "Church-Related Higher Education at the Crossroads" was held on the campus on October 23, 1975. Attending this important event were Helen Morris, president, and Florence Montz, past president, of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The president of the Valparaiso University Guild was also here for the occasion. The visitors are pictured here with Dr. Huegli, Janie Lichtfuss and Ber Ruprecht. Mrs. Montz is on the left, Mrs. Morris on the right.
MINUTES OF THE
44th ANNUAL CONVENTION
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD

September 26, 27, 28, 1975

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise."  Psalm 100:4

Ceremonies for the 44th Annual Convention opened at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 26, 1975, with a Banner Proces­sional accompanied by a Brass Ensemble. Chapter banners were carried by the respective Chapter presidents and placed in standards on either side of Great Hall. Included in the processional were the National Officers, President Huegli, the immediate past Executive Director, and the present Execu­tive Director.

Following the processional the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Armin Lichtfuss.

Opening devotions were conducted by President Huegli with the reading of Col. 3:13-15, and prayer.

INSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Installation of the new Executive Director, Mrs. Norman Nagel, was conducted by President Huegli.

APPRECIATION TO BER RUPRECHT

The installation was followed by words of appreciation by the Guild President, Mrs. Armin Lichtfuss and President Huegli to Ber Ruprecht for her many years of devotion and guidance to the Guild. Mrs. Lichtfuss said "you have given us love all these years, and we have taken it, and you have taught us to love and it is now our turn to pass it on to others. Please know that you are loved and will be missed."

President Huegli commented that: "If you see someone without a smile, give him one of yours." This, he said, is characteristic of Ber. There have been times when it has been difficult to smile, but we have been cheered when she shared one of her smiles with us. She has given grace to her work. Grace is that pleasing quality or charm of expression which some people have in considerable abundance. It is also an expression of love given freely and Ber has manifested this quality in an unusual measure, because she has appreciated the grace which God has given her by freely giving her services to others. We have all been enriched by it.

"Our hearts are filled with gratitude for what she has done for the Guild and what she has meant to the University. In behalf of the Guild and the University I want to extend to you our warmest good wishes and God's blessing in all of your future endeavors."

REMARKS TO NEW DIRECTOR

Remarks by Mrs. Lichtfuss and President Huegli were then directed to the new Executive Director, Mrs. Norman (Betsy) Nagel. Mrs. Lichtfuss said Ber had handed the baton to a very worthy successor and asked the Guild members to welcome her to our midst.

We are very grateful to Kathryn Liebelt, our National Guild Secretary from 1966 to 1969, who, with one day's notice, agreed to serve as Convention secretary and who produced these very fine Minutes. Vera Doty was unable to attend because of her husband's sudden illness.

President Huegli's advice to Mrs. Nagel was "when an administrator it is well when in charge to ponder; when in trouble, delegate, and when in doubt, mumble." He continued "Love is a basket with five loaves and two fishes, it is never enough until you start to give it away. This will be the character of your service to the Guild and the University. What we are, we are to the end. We are born to do those duties which God has planned for us to do. He intends to involve you in those plans. May the continued renewal of His spirit accomplish this in your tasks as Executive Director and leader of the Guild."

Mrs. Nagel responded with the words "the gift of the work you have given me is a very challenging one, and one that will demand all the ability and hard work I can muster. Thank you for trusting me with this opportunity."

The ceremonies closed with the singing of "Now Thank We All Our God" and the benediction by President Huegli.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session opened with greetings from the President of the Valparaiso Chapter, Mrs. Dee Stritof. Mrs. Lichtfuss thanked the Valparaiso Chapter for their many hours of work in preparing for the convention. She also thanked the musicians for their participation in the opening ceremonies. The President then introduced the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso University Guild, Inc., and stated that in the absence of the National Secretary, Mrs. Nelson Doty, Kathryn Liebelt would serve as Secretary pro tem.

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Mrs. John Jungemann introduced the President of the University, Dr. A. C. Huegli. (Dr. Huegli's report will be printed elsewhere in the BULLETIN.)

PRESENTATION OF THE GUILD SPECIAL

Mrs. John Jungemann, First Vice President, presented Dr. Huegli with the 1975 Guild Special. In lieu of the equipment purchased for the Department of Home Economics (a washer-dryer, and some small appliances for the Food Lab) they presented Dr. Huegli with some of their products, two loaves of bread and two glasses of jam, which Dr. Huegli gratefully accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements by the President and Executive Director were followed with a noon-day prayer by Barbara Meissner. The Chair declared the convention recessed at noon. The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PAST PRESIDENTS

The following past presidents were in attendance: Miss Louise Nicolay, Mrs. Wm. A. Drews, Mrs. Roy S. Frank, Mrs. Frederick D. Schmalz, Mrs. Louis A. Jacobs, Mrs. Fred Froehlich, Mrs. Gene Bahls and Mrs. Hershel Madoerin. The President announced that three of our past presidents were to receive Alumni Awards, namely Louise Nicolay, the Distinguished Award; Bette Froehlich, the Service Award; and Beatta Madoerin, the Honorary Award. The President also introduced Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, past Executive Director of the Guild, and Mrs. Luther Koepke, assistant to the Executive Director.

MINUTES

Inasmuch as the Minutes of the 1974 Guild Convention were printed in the November, 1974 Guild Bulletin and approved by a minutes committee, the assembly elected to dispense with the reading of the Minutes.

PRESENTATION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES
The President then introduced the following women who were serving on Convention committees:

Minutes:  Mrs. Wm. Weissman  Mrs. Richard Albrecht
Nominating:  Mrs. Wilfred Junke  Mrs. Hershel Madeorin  Mrs. Thomas Malone  Mrs. John Hinsch  Mrs. Ray Schmidt
Reporter:  Mrs. Theodore Schuessler
Resolutions:  Mrs. Andrew Cebra  Mrs. Roy Cornell  Mrs. Ronald Porterfield

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer, Mrs. Reynolds Honold, presented the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975, as follows:

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES

Resolution Standing Rule re Minutes Committee adopted in Convention assembled July 12, 1958. (The Minutes Committee has become part of the Bylaws, see ARTICLE XI, Section 3a.)

Re: Expenses granted by the Guild. . .Adopted in Convention assembled September 27, 1969: strike "coach fare" wherever it appears, substitute "most economical rate."

Re: Expenses for Past National Presidents, Past Executive Directors, Chairmen of Standing Committees, Temporary Committees/Personnel deemed necessary to promote the program of the Guild, strike "lodging and meals," substitute "expenses itemized on registration form."

The above amendments to the Bylaws and the proposed changes to the Standing Rules were adopted September 26, 1975.

NEW STANDING RULES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. The first president of a new Chapter, or her representative, shall be invited to attend the forthcoming Executive Council Meeting or National Convention, whichever is first, and shall be reimbursed for travel and expenses itemized on the registration form in connection therewith.

2. In the event of utilizing car rental to and from the airport only the amount of expense that would equal the charge of scheduled limousine service shall be reimbursed by the Guild.

After some discussion regarding the new standing rule number 1, it was suggested that the committee reword it to include recommendations made by the assembly and present it to them at the Saturday session.

The above standing rule number 2 was adopted September 16, 1975.

RESOLUTION — ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Be It Resolved by the membership of the Valparaiso University Guild, Inc. that the Bylaws presented to this regular meeting of the membership which contain prior amendments since the organization of the corporation on the 2nd day of October, 1967, and amendments duly presented to this meeting, be and are hereby approved, ratified and adopted.

Resolution adopted September 26, 1975.

TOPIC: VALPARAISO BEFORE THE LUTHERANS CAME

Mrs. Reynolds Honold, Treasurer introduced Dr. John Strietelmeier who told us about Valparaiso University before the Lutherans came.

Dr. Strietelmeier presented a very interesting historical background of the University and stated that today Valparaiso University is the largest Lutheran University in the coun-
try, and that we must take pride in some of the things precious to the University, especially the standards of the organization of the University.

In the mid-19th Century the University was known as the University for Methodists in Indiana and it was located on what is now known as the "old campus." The charter was maintained, therefore legally we have a continuity back to 1859.

In 1873 a man by the name of Henry Baker Brown from Ohio and some of his friends bought the University and changed the name to Northern Indiana Normal Institute. The school opened September 16, 1873. The first student body numbered 35. Mr. Brown's philosophy of education was that it should not be just for the rich kids, it should be for everybody and should be the kind of education which everyone could benefit from — a practical and broad education. He was prepared to teach whatever you wanted to learn at the lowest price possible.

In 1900 the school was renamed Valparaiso University and it is apparent that Mr. Brown hoped by this time to make it a perpetual University. The University had become a Methodist institution with 17 distinct departments. In 1919 it was the second largest university in the U.S., with Harvard being the largest.

Mr. Brown died in 1919 leaving no provisions for the continuance of the University. His son took over, but not having been trained for the job, he hired a president who lasted about a year. A Dr. John Roessler served about a year and was followed by Oris Evan who took over while they tried to sell the place.

When we look back upon Valparaiso University there is no way for us to look back without seeing it through that unhappy period of about five or six years when what had been a great University was a mess. As a result there is the temptation to assume that nothing great had happened at this University until the Lutherners came along. Since about the turn of the century when we come to see what happened here since then we have to take great pride in our place as Lutherners today. We can take pride in the attempt of Mr. Brown to create a University which would not be a class University at a time when the poor did not have the privilege of the rich. It was a community college. Valparaiso University was a people's school for Methodists and Brown controlled it. It was also a school that built well. We are proud of the heritage we inherited and have endeavored to show this by naming buildings after many of those people. It is true when you buy what was great about it you also buy the recollection of its troubles.

**RESOLUTION — PROJECT**

The Resolution Committee presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** The Law School of Valparaiso University is in immediate need of an addition to maintain the accreditation of the Law School,

**WHEREAS,** Construction has already begun on the addition,

**WHEREAS,** The total amount of funds necessary has not been collected,

**RESOLVED:** That the Valparaiso University Guild adopt as a project for the year 1975-1976 a contribution to the Law School addition.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to amend the Resolution to read "That the Valparaiso University Guild adopt as its project" — instead of a project. Motion carried.

**Resolution adopted September 26, 1975.**

**INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES**

Mrs. Wilfred Junke introduced and interviewed the following candidates for office:

- **Secretary:** Mrs. Roy W. Mass, Louisville, Ky.
  Mrs. Albert Schaeffer, Chicago, Ill.
- **Treasurer:** Mrs. Willi E. Ballenthin, Faribault, Minn.
  Mrs. Edward Easton, Rochester, N.Y.

**REPORT OF THE PERSON-TO-PERSON CHAIRMAN**

"The Person-to-Person program was formed in the year 1962-63 as a media to make individual contact with students interested in Valparaiso University. Since the inception of this program, we have learned the value of your individual involvement and YOU, ladies, have helped build the program into an effective media of the Admissions Office. Without your help this program could not operate. I want to thank each one of you who have taken the time to become involved in this Person-to-Person program and I urge those of you who are not yet participating to help us reach our goal of 100% participation.

"Even though we have not reached that goal of 100% participation, we have made progress. We now have 90% of our chapters participating in the program compared to 75% in 1973. There are 121 chapters out of our 132 in this program. However, in the return of the cards sent out, we are only at a 59% return. This means that 40% of the cards are not being returned to the Admissions Office and we are not fulfilling our commitment to the success of this program. May I urge each one of you to strive for the follow-through and completion in the Person-to-Person program by making the contacts with the prospective student, filling out the cards and adding any special requests on the back, and then returning the cards to Jim Siebert in the Admissions Office. The most important part is for you ladies to record the information you find out about the students you contact, and then relay it back to the Admissions Office. In the face of our decline in enrollment this year — over 100 students, it behooves each one of us to try harder to fulfill our commitment to Valparaiso University. In fall and spring of last year 4,013 cards were mailed out; 2,390 were returned (59%). That is about 2% higher than last year on returns.

"Whether or not you are a Person-to-Person chairman, president, officer, or a member of the Guild you can all be helpful in creating interest in this University. Share your enthusiasm, talk about Valpo, be informed, and help publicize this special University. You can share your enthusiasm by talking about the opportunities and benefits and the differences where Christ is the head and Christian ideals are set forth. Talk about the students, the faculty, the facilities, the atmosphere, the Guild and its work for the University. In short, know your University! You have been here! Take this opportunity this weekend to see what is happening on campus. Read the publications, know the curriculum, the extra programs offered, the cultural aspects, etc. Then when you go home you can be equipped and informed to talk to these potential students and their parents. Encourage interested students to take a trip to the campus, or if that is impossible get the slide presentation of the University. This is a beautiful way to present Valpo and to encourage questions. It is available for loan or for purchase at the price of $17 per set. Some of the state units have their own sets for loan. We can all be a part of the Person-to-Person program by setting
forth good public relations for this University.

"I believe in Valparaiso University and I know you do too, otherwise you would not be a part of this 44th annual convention. The University we now have is here because one man believed in his dream — a university under the cross where academic freedom, fraternal love, and high moral standards are part of the intangibles which lift the spirit. This University is a great tribute to our beloved sainted O.P. Kretzmann, to his work, and to his dream.

"Be thankful unto Him and bless His name. Psalm 100.

"Be thankful that Valparaiso University stresses the maturing of each individual here in both mind and heart and encourages a questioning spirit that leads to better judgment, a good value system, and a philosophy of life which is centered in Christ.

"Be thankful that we as women of the Valparaiso University Guild have the opportunity to work for a University we believe in.

"Be thankful for all the blessings we have received through this University, as Guild members, and as individuals. We can only pray, praise and give thanks to God for your participation, your enthusiasm, your eagerness to work, and your help. I thank you all for the Admissions Office, for Jim Siebert, and for myself.

"I'd like to dedicate this song to Ber who has been my inspiration and help:

It only takes a spark to get the Guild a going,
And soon all those around can warm up to its growing,
That's how it is with Guild work
Once you've discovered it,
It's fresh like Spring,
It's a catching thing,
You want to pass it on! pass it on! pass it on!"

Ella Pennekamp

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

The Budget was presented by Mrs. Reynolds Honold, Treasurer, as follows:

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The 1975-76 Budget was adopted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following announcements by the Executive Director, Betsy Nagel, and a prayer by Mrs. Luther Koepke, the convention was recessed until 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1975

The President called the convention to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" and prayer by Lois Bohde.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary read letters of greetings from past president, Anne Hansen, and from the past president of the Valparaiso Chapter, Ann Trost. Also read were the following letters of thanks: three letters from students receiving the Guild scholar-ship, namely Cynthia Silhan, Mark Bromann, and Rudolf H. Beece; a letter from the Home Economics Department thanking the Guild for the gift of money with which they purchased a washer/dryer, a Singer sewing machine, and scientific equipment for the Experimental Foods classes; a letter from Dr. Norman Nagel, Dean of the Chapel, thanking the Guild for the 1,000 copies of the folk song book Praise the Lord. Also read was a letter from Mr. Wm. M. Cross advising us of the death of his mother, Mrs. Reba Mastin Cross a member of the Dundee, Illinois Chapter and asking that memorials for Mrs. Cross be sent to Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis. A letter from Ann Miller, Executive Director of the Wittenberg Guild congratulating Betsy Nagel on her new position as Executive Director was also read.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Joseph Matthes, chairman of the Activities Committee presented the following report:

"I would like to spend these few minutes highlighting the 'ventures' you and I have taken together this past year. As your Activities Chairman, I find that my job can best be described as one of a catalyst, and I have been so very pleased with your enthusiastic responses along each step of the way.

"Valpo Sunday, last February 2, was our first milestone. I fired out a newsletter urging your Chapter's participation and outlined suggestions for celebrating this event. Many of you Chapters made this day a most memorable experience in your home congregations. I felt the University should receive some feedback re: your creative involvement, and I wrote to Dr. Koepke, Ass't to the President in Church Relations sharing some of your specific activities. The following are excerpts from his reply: 'I notice there are a variety of approaches to promoting the work of the University, and we are happy to see the various Chapters use their initiative in their local congregations. The excellent response of the Guild in promoting the University is most helpful. Many thanks for your energetic activity in this area as well as for all the other meaningful assistance that the Guild gives to Valpo.'

"At the Executive Council meeting this past February you were invited to participate in a 'do it yourself' workshop at which time you had the opportunity to actually make a popular bazaar item, a 'spice ring.' Feedback indicated that you enjoyed this and that some of your Chapters have incorporated the spice ring in your local bazaars. I would again like to thank Mrs. David Whited and her helpers from the Kokomo Chapter who organized this workshop for us.

"You were also introduced to a new money-making concept, Guild Goodies at the Council Meeting. The basic idea of Guild Goodies was for a Chapter to find a unique or special item from their area of the country which they could sell for a profit. They would then submit an Application for Ad Form (found on p. ) to the Board of Directors and, if approved, their ad would appear in two successive issues of the Guild BULLETIN. Again, some of you Chapters took the initiative and Guild Goodies has gotten off to a very special start with the sale of exquisite Christmas ornaments by the Saginaw Chapter.

"28 of the Chapters competed in our second Annual Best Chapter Handbook Contest. The Handbooks were judged in three areas — content, appearance, and over-all effect. After much difficulty, because of the high caliber of the handbooks, the judging committee came up with three winners — Boulder Chapter for Best Content; Kokomo Chapter for Best
Appearance; and the Appleton Chapter for Best Over-all Effect.

"You broke into an open run when the call came out for Bonus Points. From the period September 1972-74 the Guild realized $70 from your Bonus Points; however, in just this past year, I have redeemed your points to the tune of $177.84. That's an increase of 400% in just one year's time. If you could get the membership in your local churches to save for the Guild, we would really be in business.

"I think our most exciting jaunt together has been our first All Campus Bazaar this week end — it's been exciting because you have been so very responsive to the idea, and although none of us knew what the outcome would be, you still have 'pitched in' and supported it. I would especially like to thank Midge Rivers who has done an outstanding job as Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Nagel who handled many of the nitty-gritty arrangements; and the more than 35 Chapters and other individuals who brought items to sell. Special thanks goes to Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht, former Executive Director, presented her report. (Report text will be published elsewhere in BULLETIN, page 14.)

RESOLUTION — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR — IN APPRECIATION

The Resolution committee presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, For the past 23 years Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht (Ber) has devotedly served as Executive Director of the Valparaiso University Guild; and

WHEREAS, She has been an example to all of us by her deep Christian commitment to our Lord and to our Guild, and

WHEREAS, She has motivated us all by her strong character, poise, charm and wit, and

WHEREAS, Her understanding family has also been entwined with the aims and goals of the Guild and the University, therefore be it

RESOLVED: We thank her for her years of devoted service and commend her to God's care.

Resolution adopted September 27, 1975.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht, former Executive Director, presented her report. (Report text will be published elsewhere in BULLETIN, page 14.)

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Wilfred Junke, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer:

Secretary: Mrs. Roy W. Maas
Mrs. Albert Schemmer
Treasurer: Mr. Will E. Ballenthin
Mrs. Edward Easton

The Chair then asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the Chair declared nominations closed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tellers appointed by the President were as follows:
Mrs. George Fry, Chairman
Ms. Barbara Kandt
Pat Seton
Mrs. Hazel Kallendorf
Mrs. Louise Bossert
Mrs. Hans Leipski
Mrs. Earl Thiele
Mrs. Allan Pretzel
Mrs. Kenneth McFerren

Election followed.

PRESENTATION OF GUILD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Prof. Alfred Looman introduced two of the scholarship recipients, Mark Bormann, a Junior from Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and Rudolf Beese, a Freshman from Beloit, Wisconsin. Cynthia Silhan, a Sophomore, was unable to be present, but Prof. Looman read a letter from Cynthia expressing her thanks. Prof. Looman stated that these three students will continue on and that they hope to add another Freshman next year. He thanked the Guild for their assistance in continuing Academic Progress of the University.

REPORT OF COOKBOOK CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Richard Walsh, Chairman of the Cookbook Committee presented the following report:

"It is a pleasure for me to be here and elaborate on the Cookbook report which you have already read in the agenda. The total profit of $28,217.65 is difficult to remember so I have a check here in the amount of $782.35, to round out the Cookbook profit to $29,000.00. I think this a marvelous accomplishment and it is exciting to know that students will continuously benefit from the scholarships made possible by this project. We still have Cookbooks to sell so the profit will continue to grow. About 17,000 Cookbooks have been sold.

"If anyone would like information on selling Cookbooks at church groups or commercial outlets, I would be happy to talk to you about that. You may also write to me at any time if you have any questions or problems. We will soon be thinking about doing our Christmas shopping. I am sure each of us can think of at least one or more persons who would be pleased with one of our great Cookbooks. Remember the $3.50 price has not increased in three years!!! Make notes on your favorite recipes before you give the Cookbook. This adds an extra personal touch and the receiver knows you really care enough to give the very best. Use the recipes at your holiday parties. The good food will sell Cookbooks. One of our Guild members used this good method of advertising the Cookbook. She was able to get her shopper newspaper, the Enterprise Record, from Mishawaka, Indiana, to print one of her favorite recipes. The recipe she used was for Grape Nuts Bread and under the recipe was this information: 'The above recipe is from page 283 of the Guild Cookbook compiled by women of the Valparaiso University Guild in 1972. Nearly 20,000 copies have been sold. To obtain your copy write Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383, or use your chapter president's name and address. Price is $3.50.' Nearly every town or city has this type of weekly newspaper filled with ads and since the ads are free the paper is well read.

"I would like to introduce Mrs. Norman Hack. Norma mails the books to you promptly after the orders are received. She keeps the records on books sold on consignment and credits the payments. Norma includes an invoice with her name and address in each box of books sent on consignment. Her address is 517 East Clark St., Crown Point, Indiana 46307. If you lose her address your money or orders can be sent to me and a phone call relays them to Norma. When ordering for your Chapter, please give the Chapter name to make it easier to keep the record correct.

"It seems fitting that I as the Cookbook lady should share a recipe with you. This one is not in the book but I hope you will enjoy it.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

1 cup consideration
1 cup courtesy
2 cups praise
2 cups "milk of human kindness"
1 gallon faith in the Good Lord and in each other
1 cup hobbies
1 reasonable budget
1 pinch in-laws
Generous dash cooperation
3 tsps. pure extract of "I am sorry"
1 cup confidence and encouragement
Children (natural or adopted)
1 cup blindness to the others' faults

Flavor with frequent portions of recreation and a dash of happy memories. Stir well, and remove any speck of jealousy, temper or criticism. Sweeten with generous portions of love, and keep warm with a steady flame of devotion. Never serve with a cold shoulder...or a hot tongue! Finally, remember this prayer: 'Teach me this, O Lord, to know that true love is caring and sharing.'"

REPORT OF THE PUZZLE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Daniel Myers, Chairman of Jigsaw Puzzle Committee presented the following report:

"I want to give a special thanks to Marian Temme, June Krekeler, Sandi Trenka and Carol Petzold for all their help in distributing the 2,587 puzzles at the Executive Council in February 1975.

"A special thanks is also due to Dr. Norman Temme, who got some students to help unload the semi truck full of 257 cases of puzzles on that Saturday morning during the Executive Council meeting.

"A special thanks is also due to Karl Krueckenberg for getting up early to take pictures of the arrival and unloading of the puzzles at 7:30 a.m. in the rain.

"A special thanks to my area distributors who have had to store cases of puzzles at their homes and have been busy handling orders for their areas. These ladies are Marian Temme — midwest, Carol Petzold — east coast, Sandi Trenka — Rocky Mountain area, and Mary Ann Gibson — west coast.

"A special thanks goes to Janie and Ber for all their help and support in getting this project underway.

"And now a special thanks to all the chapter presidents or their representatives who were here in February and took puzzles home with them and promoted the sale of the puzzles throughout the country. And then a special thanks to you ladies here who are going to take puzzles home.

"Ideas for selling puzzles —
1. Glue the finished puzzle to a board and frame it.
2. Don't let your members have their coats back after a meeting unless they take some puzzles with them.
3. A display at bazaars.
4. A door prize at a coming-up Halloween costume party with a ghostly note attached saying "Try this on for size."
5. Bridge party prizes.
6. On Thanksgiving while the men watch football games, work on a puzzle. If you are a guest, leave the puzzle with your hostess.
7. Christmas time — baby sitter, neighbors, hostess gift for all the parties, office gift, beautician.
8. Have a display at church on Valpo Sunday."

Puzzles distributed at convention

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Total Income $4,264.50

REPORT OF THE CALENDAR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Adeline Ballenthin, Chairman of the Calendar Committee presented the following report:

"My year as Calendar Chairman has been challenging and exciting. First I searched to replace our previous printer who was no longer proving cooperative and satisfactory. After searching afar and having the large printing companies say our order was too small for them to consider, I found a printer at my own back door, in Faribault, Minnesota and he had the lowest estimate of all the quotations which I had obtained.

"He has given excellent cooperation; Ber supplied the necessary dates from Valpo for the Calendar; Karl Krueckenberg, Director of Annual Giving, furnished a selection of pictures and Janie, well Janie gave me encouragement and advice.

"We hope that you like the new look of the Calendar which has been designed to be a notebook and desk calendar. However, by punching a hole on the other end (the opposite side) you will be able to use the Calendar in two other ways. It may then be hung up full length with two consecutive months in view or by folding it over, it may be hung on your bulletin board. We feel sure you will like the arrangement of the consecutive months, eliminating having to flip the calendar over when July comes around. Two have the months aligned consecutively, took two runs by the printer instead of the usual one. There was no extra charge for this.

"The squares are larger; the high quality paper with parchment in it was a special buy for this year only; there are many more pictures and they are crystal clear; on the inside of the front cover is a "Profile of Valpo"; there is a thumbnail explanation of the Guild Emblem and our three projects. Calendar, Cookbook and Puzzle on the inside of the back cover; on the back cover is Janie's picture and addresses of the former chairman.

"And of course, there is the two color printing. . .Brown and Gold. . .Valpo colors.

"The new format is designed to get the name of Valpo in the home, not only in the homes of our members and students' parents' homes and alumni homes but also in non-Valpo homes so that Valpo will be considered more often when a student makes a choice.

"Letters were sent to chapters in February for Calendar orders and these orders were filled the first week in August by the printer. Every time an order was received, I opened the envelope with a prayer. . .would it be less than last year, would it be the same or would it be more?

"Calendars are sold by the millions all over our land. People do BUY calendars and they do pay $2.00, $3.00 and even $4.00 and more for them. Free calendars are decreasing in quantity. We all know how little the $1.00, the price of the Valpo Calendar, buys these days. Every Valpo Calendar sold will add to our special Project Fund.

"We have four super-sellers of Calendars among our Guilds . . .these are the per capita orders of our four top-ranking chapters: Grand Rapids. . .A16; Indianapolis. . .5.00; Baltimore. . .5.83; Omaha. . .8.82.

"We want to commend them.

"I wrote each of these chapters and asked them for their special secrets . . .here are some of their ideas:

1. Key people in every church, even where there are no Guild members.
2. Each member carries her responsibility and does her share; makes contacts with friends, co-workers, neighbors, and children contact their teachers.
3. Usually there is one special super-star; like one "sells 35. . .three sell 83."
4. Always have them with you, if not on you, then in the car.
5. Sell early in October.
6. Once a customer, always a customer, so get your customers established.
7. "We always have repeat sales."
8. Many buy one for each child in the family. . .for dental, doctor and other appointments.

"Michigan City sent in the first re-order. . .I could have cheered!

"If you will turn to page 16 in your program, you will note that the Calendar profit is the baby of the money raising projects. . .let's do something about that. Also the report as printed in the program is the final report of Ila Buntrock, former chairman. . .it is not my report.

"This year although we did not have orders for 7,000, it was decided. . .after consulting Janie, to place the order for this amount as this had been the previous number sold. . .we felt that you would not want to do any less than before.

"Although we have nearly 2,000 Calendars not ordered by chapters, these are the ones that will swing our profit upwards.

"So for those who can't cook, and those who do not like to do puzzles, give a CALENDAR!

"We need help in disposing of the Calendars. Can you take the challenge? If you have not ordered as of yet, will you consider trying to help dispose of some of these 2,000 Calendars?

"Those who have ordered Calendars, and for this we want to thank you, could you take a few more?

"Won't you take some home with you? They are out on the registration desk. . .please don't hesitate to order more Calendars when you dispose of the ones you have.

"Remember, we want this Calendar of ours to be highly saleable . . .your suggestions are welcomed, both constructive and objective. We are never going to be able to please everyone, but we will try to have the Calendar appeal to as many persons and for as many purposes as possible."

Adeline Ballenthin
Calendar Chairman
The Chair declared the convention recessed at noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OF MUSIC ACTIVITIES

The Resolution Committee presented a resolution containing a blank for allocation of Calendar funds. The choices to fill the blank, as read by the President were:

1. Bicycle racks for on campus use (would take full amount).
2. Projectors, Developing and Dissolve equipment for the Office of Admissions (would not cover entire cost of this equipment).

WHEREAS, The Chapters of Valparaiso University Guild have during the year 1974 engaged in the selling of 1975 Memo Calendars;
WHEREAS, The Guild has realized a profit of $1,133.59 from the sale of these Calendars; and therefore be it RESOLVED: That the 1975 Convention here in session do allocate the sume of $1,133.59 for the purchase of Bicycle Racks for on campus use.
Resolution adopted September 27, 1975.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS

The Tellers' Report was read by the Chairman, Mrs. George Fry and the Chair declared the following elected:

Secretary Mrs. Roy W. Mass
Treasurer Mrs. Edward N. Easton

RESOLUTION — RETIRING OFFICERS

The Resolution Committee presented the following resolution:
WHEREAS, Mrs. Nelson Doty has ably served as Secretary for the past three (3) years;

TOPE: EXCAVATING ANCIENT SITES ALONG THE DEAD SEA

Mrs. Edward Griessel, Second Vice President, introduced Dr. Walter Rast and Miss Jeannine Schonta who showed slides and narrated their experiences and findings in the excavation of ancient sites along the southeast side of the Dead Sea. The site was about 350 feet long but very narrow and was called the "tongue." It has a connection with the Bible story Sodom and Gomorrah. Miss Schonta served as assistant to the Field Geologist and also worked on the survey. Cost of the dig was about $40,000.

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATOR OF AREA DIRECTORS

Mrs. John Jungemann, First Vice President and Co-Ordinator of the Area Directors presented the following report.

"A! D! ALIVE DYNAMIC - Two key words which describe so well the on-going Area Director Program of the Guild. The program is growing. It is meeting the objectives under which it was organized four years ago. Because of the dynamic leadership of the AD's, exciting ideas are forthcoming.
"The country is divided into eight areas and each one is served by an AD with the exception of Area IV where we have Co-AD's. The responsibilities of the AD's are three-fold:
1. To strengthen existing chapters.
2. To develop and organize new chapters.
3. To serve as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the Guild.

"The Area Director concept was developed to enhance the total program of the Guild, to make it more effective in its commitment to the University. In order for this program to continue to be effective, it needs the support and cooperation of all Guild chapters.
"During the past fiscal year, 75 chapters across the country were visited by the Area Directors and officers.
"During this coming year, an emphasis will be placed on the development of new chapters.
"This is a week-end of change and so too in our AD program we find that it is time to say a special word of thanks to Carol Petzold of Area I and Eleanor Junke of Area VI who will be turning over their responsibilities to Jo Rath of Orchard Park, New York and Joan Hofmeister of Sebewaing, Michigan. Carol and Eleanor, your time and energies dedicated to this program are beyond measure and we can only say most sincerely, thank you for a job well done.
"At the end of the session this afternoon, you will receive an informational sheet which includes the mailing addresses and phone numbers of all newly elected officers, area directors and standing committee chairmen. Chapter presidents or representatives of chapters — please attach a copy of this
informational sheet to your chapter manual so that the data will be available as a handy guide and reference. Please make a mental note to bring your brown Chapter Manuals to the Executive Council Meeting.

"To those of you who are involved in any way with requests for mailing lists, please note the following: All requests for lists (such as alumni, list of parents) should be channelled through your chapter president to the AD who in turn will see that the request is properly handled and filled as soon as possible. It is much easier for the Office of Public and Alumni Affairs and the Office of Admissions to keep track of eight area women than the entire membership roster in handling requests. We have been operating under this plan for a year and it has served us well and so we shall continue to channel our requests accordingly.

"Thank you for your very encouraging response to the questionnaire. It is especially helpful and meaningful to Betsy as she seeks to learn about all of the chapters. She plans to use the questionnaire as 'fireside' reading during the cold winter months in Valpo.

"Will the ACTIVE and DEDICATED — ASSURING and DETERMINED — AMUSING and DELIGHTFUL AREA DIRECTORS please come forward at this time for their reports."

The Area Directors gave a brief report on the work done in their respective areas.

RESOLUTION — NEW CHAPTERS

The Resolution Committee presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The primary goal of the Valparaiso University Guild is to create and develop a continued interest in Valparaiso University as an institution of Christian higher learning; and

WHEREAS, Due to the uniring and dedicated efforts of Guild representatives, three new chapters have been organized in:

San Diego, California
Greater Peoria, Illinois
Orange County, California
respectively; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the following Chapters be accepted into membership of the Valparaiso University Guild:

San Diego, California
Greater Peoria, Illinois
Orange County, California;

and be it further

RESOLVED: That members of the Valparaiso University Guild cordially welcome these three Chapters.

Resolution adopted September 27, 1975.

Following the adoption of the foregoing resolution, Mrs. Jungemann, First Vice President and Area Co-Ordinator, presented gavels to Mrs. Emmett O'Hare, President of the San Diego Chapter, Mrs. Wm. Meissner, President of the Greater Peoria Chapter, and Mrs. Homer Lind, President of the Orange County Chapter.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

The Historian, Mrs. Louis A. Jacobs presented the following report:

"The Historian's convention report, 1975 the year of transition from our dear Ber Ruprecht to Betsy (Mrs. Norman Nagel) as new Executive Director of the Guild, will trace the history of executive leadership of the Guild beginning in 1930.

"Our national history records that the Pastors Theodore Andres and Karl Henrichs traveled to Lutheran centers of the midwest visiting women who had shown interest in the University, and wives of members of the Board of Directors of the University, who then came to campus and organized on April 13, 1931. They worked together until 1936 when full responsibility for the Guild was given Rev. Henrichs through his office in the Department of Public Relations. In 1937 when state chairmen were appointed, they worked under the direction of this department. In 1941 Rev. Henrichs relinquished his Guild duties and devoted full time to the solicitation of funds under Dr. O. P. Kretzmann's administration. Our history records that "the Guild prospered under Rev. Henrichs' sincerity of purpose and wise counseling."

"There was an interim period then when, under Dr. Kretzmann's direction, Dr. O. C. Kreinheder visited the chapters.

"In 1943 we read that Miss Louise Nicolay was elected the Guild's first treasurer, removing our financial accounts from the Department of Public Relations for the first time. Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert was elected secretary. It was during this year that the Guild was removed from the direction of the Public Relations office and attached to the office of the President of the University, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann.

"The 1944 convention of the National Guild presented an important resolution: 'To appoint a full-time Executive Secretary for the Valparaiso University Guild.' And so on January 1, 1945, Mrs. E. G. (Gayle) Schwiebert was appointed to the newly created office. In November, 1946 the Guild reluctantly accepted her resignation, to be followed by the appointment of our dear 'So' Heidbrink, who began her duties on January 11, 1947.

"The increase of So Heidbrink's responsibilities in Dr. Kretzmann's office made it necessary for her to resign as the Guild's Executive Secretary, and it was then on December 1, 1952 that Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht assumed the duties of this office.

"In 1962 'Ber' was presented a pearl-encircled guild pin, acknowledging her 10 years of service. It was after the 1964 convention that we addressed our Executive Secretary officially as 'Executive Director.'

"President Lynn Bahls congratulated Mrs. Ruprecht on her 20th anniversary of service to the Guild with the words: 'Her devoted service has certainly exemplified our convention theme "do all to the Glory of God" and we thank her for her warmth, charm, good humor, excellent work and dedication.'

"Ber's thank you for the lovely clock presented to her on her 20th anniversary said (in part): This year of 1972 marked a significant milestone for your Executive Director since it was 20 years ago that Dr. O. P. asked if I'd like to serve in the office as Guild Executive Director, and I told him I'd try it out for a while. These 20 years have been so personally rewarding...we have experienced an explosion of new ideas, hopes fulfilled...and dedication of so many wonderful women...for this clock and your love I should like to thank you all.'

"And so, for all the Guild hopes fulfilled under her leadership, and for the devotion of a beautiful person to the duties of Executive Director, our friend these 23 years, we dedicate this historian's report, 1975 to you, dear Ber Ruprecht."

RESOLUTION — IN APPRECIATION

The Resolution Committee presented the following Resolu-
The Resolution Committee presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, We the members of the Valparaiso University Guild, assembled here September 26 - 28, for 1975 Convention, have once again been privileged to meet in Christian fellowship of constructive endeavors for our University; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Convention has been displayed through the untiring efforts of many, many Guild members, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we express our gratitude to all the dedicated people who gave so unselfishly of their time and talents to make this Convention memorable and inspirational.
Resolution adopted September 27, 1975.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following announcements by the Executive Director, the closing prayer of the Convention was offered by the former Executive Director, Mrs. E. H. Ruprecht. Following is her prayer:

"Thank you God for these convention days, for Thy never failing mercies and for Thy loving kindness. Let me remember, Lord, it is never for me and my glory, but always to Thee and Thy glory that we sing praises and give thanks for sending Thy Son, Jesus Christ, into the lives of all of us.

"I wonder if I've ever thanked you enough for these wonderful friends and for letting them enrich my life this way.

"Thank you for the years we've known each other and the confidences and hopes and troubles that we've shared.

"Thank you for the understanding we bring to each other. For the patience we have with each other; for the advice we are able to give each other.

"Thank you for the help we have been to each other — in this way, and so many more. Thank you that because of them I am a better, happier person.

"Thank you that they have been willing to share time, work, encouragement, sympathy, talents.

"Thank you that we can laugh together, cry together, rejoice together. And although we may not see each other for a long time, when we do come together it is always the same.

"Lord, bless and keep these friends you fashioned and filled with qualities that have meant so much to me.

"Let me be humble and thankful for these people who have enriched my life so deeply.

"Please God, send Thy Holy angels to accompany them as they return to their homes. Amen."

The chair declared the convention adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27, 1975.

Kathryn Liebelt,
Secretary pro tem
Application For 
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

MR.  
MISS  
MRS. Last First Middle  
NAME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN Last First Middle  
HOME ADDRESS Number Street City State Zip  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
SEX: MALE ( ) FEMALE ( )  
PHONE NO.  
U.S. CITIZEN YES ( ) NO ( )  
MONTH AND YEAR YOU WILL ENTER VALPARAISO  
COLLEGE YOU WILL ENTER:  
Arts & Sciences  
Business  
Engineering  
Law  
Nursing  
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL  
ADDRESS Street City State Zip  
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR  
I am a son .......... daughter .......... of a Guild member.

General Instructions — Please read carefully
This application, together with the Parents’ Confidential Statement must be in our files before your request can be considered by the Committee on Student Aid. You may obtain the Parents’ Confidential Statement from your high school guidance office or by writing the Office of Financial Aid, Valparaiso University.

Before you may be notified of any award, your Application for Admission must be approved. Evidence of this approval is the receipt of your Permit to Enter Valparaiso University. A more complete description of Valparaiso University’s program of financial assistance may be found in the University Bulletin and in the Financial Aid pamphlet, both of which are available upon request.

Please return this form to:
Office of Financial Aid
Valparaiso University
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

I have filed a Parents’ Confidential Statement.
Date ............................................................... .
I intend to file a Parents’ Confidential Statement.
Date ............................................................... .
I have filed the Application for Admission to Valparaiso University.
Date ............................................................... .
How long do you expect to attend Valparaiso University?
Date ............................................................... .
In which field do you expect to major?
Date ............................................................... .
Please list any activities in which you have participated and recognition or scholarship received.

Type of Recognition         Amount (if any)
School:  
Church:  
Community:  


ANTIGO                  Amount
John H. Dabel              2.00
APPLETON, WIS.
R. H. Gehreke              10.00
Mrs. Adela Hannewald      10.00
Mrs. Ben (Anna) Mayerhoff  5.00
Mr. Otto Bennner          10.00
Larry Gene Rock           5.00
ATLANTA
Mrs. Alimira Stelter      20.00
AURORA, ILL.
Mrs. Roger (Nancy) Janke   5.00
BUFFALO
Mrs. Irma Franke           5.00
BUFFALO (CHAPTER)
Mrs. Elsie Gaslyn         5.00
CHICAGO SOUTH
Mr. John J. Gracious      5.00
Mr. Hart E. Nohren        5.00
CHICAGO SOUTH SUBURBAN
Mrs. Norman Stelter       5.00
CHICAGO WEST SUBURBAN
Lydia Heidorn             10.00
Mrs. Minnie Mahn          10.00
CLEVELAND EAST SUBURBAN
Mrs. Mabel Haskin         10.00
George A. Romoser         20.00
COLDEN-SPRINGVILLE, N.Y.
Mrs. Emma Renkel          10.00
COLUMBUS, IND.
Armed Nealy              20.00
Robert E. Wilke          10.00
DETOUR EAST
Mrs. Adelaide Besler      3.00
Nicholas Cornish          5.00
Dr. O. P. Kretzmann      10.00
Norman Morrissey         10.00
Mrs. George Schudich     10.00
Mrs. Milda Sepke         5.00
Arthur Staschke          15.00
Mrs. Alfred Stocker (Hildegarde)  5.00
Mrs. William R. Sturgeon (Claire)  5.00
Mrs. Marvin Wentzel      5.00
DETOUR SUBURBAN WEST
Milda Sepke              30.00
DETOUR WEST
Mr. Edward T. Hawley     5.00
Mrs. Clara J. Maynes     5.00
Martin C. Moellering    15.00
George Schudich          23.00
Milda Sepke              220.00
Mrs. Otto W. Yakel       5.00
DUPAGE, ILL.
Mr. John Orpin            20.00
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John L. Burmaster        5.00
FORT WAYNE
Dr. O. P. Kretzmann      5.00
Miss Martine Miller       5.00
Mr. Edward W. Nicol (Dorothy)  5.00
Mr. George Scheimann     5.00
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Mrs. Florence Kalhoff    5.00
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James William Bowman     10.00
Mrs. Man Wai Yee        10.00
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Irama Franke             10.00
Nellie Heaston           10.00
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Carl Livengood           15.00
Mrs. Emile Ohrmund       53.00
Mrs. Louis Schepman      5.00
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KOKOMO
Mrs. Marle Pugh          5.00
LAPORTE
Herbert Gierke           6.00
Edwin Scheumann          3.00
LORAIN COUNTY
Miss Helen Draeft        10.00
Victor Lange             5.00
Mrs. Dorothy Stellar     5.00
MADISON, WI.
Mrs. James Gerathy       5.00
MERRILL, WIS.
Mrs. Lynda (Amos) Grett  15.00
MICHIGAN CITY
Mrs. Gilbert (Dorothy) Snyder  3.00
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Mrs. Leona Kehoe         3.00
Mrs. Oscar Ohrmund       5.00
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Mrs. Frank Edwards       5.00
MISHAWAKA-SOUTH BEND
Richard Rehwald           5.00
Mrs. Madge F. Roggemann  50.00
Mrs. Anne Tinkey         12.00
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Mrs. Johanna Chambo      10.00
MT. CLEMENS
Arthur Alwardt           10.00
NAPELVLRE
Harlyn Schrewe           5.00
NASSAU-SUFFOLK, N.Y.
Linda Cichanowicz       15.00
Paul J. Murray           10.00
Rev. Henry Von Schichten  5.00
NEENAH-MENASHA
Earl W. Rube             5.00
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Mr. Edward J. Cannon     6.00
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Mrs. Anna Pless          10.00
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
Mrs. William Geist       10.00
NORTHERN VIRGINIA
Mrs. Milda Sepke         10.00
Frank White              5.00
NUTMEG STATE
Dirk H. Jabs             5.00
Dr. Otto P. Kretzmann   5.00
Honoring Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Ruprecht  23.00
Mary Seamon             5.00
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICH.
Mrs. W. W. Eldridge, II  10.00
Bea Henderson            10.00
Dr. O. P. Kretzmann      10.00
Milda Sepke             12.00
OMAHA
Clarence Borgelt         5.00
Raymond Hodges           5.00
Sonja Jackson            5.00
August Knieppl           5.00
Dr. O. P. Kretzmann     10.00
Esther Olson             10.00
Otto Polenske           10.00
Mrs. Anita Scheumacher  10.00
John Schroeder           5.00
Gertrude Struve          5.00
Dora Thoemke             5.00
PORT HURON AREA
Gudav Springmu            5.00
QUAD CITIES
Mr. Marvin Deede        5.00
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Mrs. Ed Hagenah         10.00
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Eleanor Letz Gremel Merriam  25.00
ROCHESTER, N.Y.
William Kowitz           10.00
ROCKFORD-REDEEMER
Mrs. Irma Franke          5.00
ROCKFORD-ST. PAUL, ILL.
Wilhelmina Hoefs         16.00
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Mr. Roy Chase            2.00
Mrs. Sophy M. Duclos     25.00
Mrs. Ralph Lydia (P. P.)  10.00
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Rev. Paul M. Brescher    10.00
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Mrs. Pauline Hoyer      10.00
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Walter A. Groehler      5.00
Mrs. Maria E. Naumann    114.00
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Helen Becker             5.00
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, CA.
Kenneth Haynes          5.00
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Mrs. Helen Leonhardt    2.00
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Walter T. Ladwig        10.00
SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA
Clarence Benning        5.00
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Ruth Aglie Elmen        5.00
Dr. O. P. Kretzmann     5.00
TONAWANDA
William Behm            5.00
Minnie K. Schmeichel    5.00
VALPARAISO
Mrs. Alfred H. Meyer    10.00
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Ira Springston         21.00
WAUSAU, WIS.
Mrs. Ernst Heincke      10.00
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Mrs. Anne Rey            10.00
INDIVIDUAL
Earl Burnsworth        16.00
Donald Schmidt         5.00
Minnie Schuette        2.00
Mrs. Mary A. Sierling   273.00
Fay A. Thober (Mrs. William)  5.00
Marie H. Wettl          10.00
PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Robert Karr            10.00
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Leonard Ahmer            15.00

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March 1 through September 30, 1975