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Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be unto our God forever and ever. Amen!

Rev. 7:12 (NIV)
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National President Barbara Riethmeier stands by large check showing the amount raised by the Guild at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 1994. It was, indeed, a time for celebration!
EDITOR'S NOTE: Because our faith and renewal of that faith are such an important part of our lives, it seems only fitting to your Editor that there should be a section in the Bulletin devoted to the study of God's Word or material that could be used as individual or chapter devotional material. The following is the devotional done by the candidates for national office at the time of the Annual Convention of the Guild. The devotion was written by Judy Waetjen of the Oregon Trail Chapter. Participants were Norma May, Ann Louise Pera, Judy Waetjen, Bev Wick, and Margaret Zobel.

SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Prelude

HYMN OF PRAISE  Praise the Lord, the Almighty  (LBW #543)

ALL: Praise and Glory and Wisdom and thanks and honor and power be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

Invocation (spoken rhythmically)

Leader: In the name of God the Father  
People: Praise to our creating God!

Leader: In the name of His Son, Jesus  
People: Praise to our redeeming God!

Leader: In the name of God the Spirit  
People: Praise to our renewing God!

Leader: Let us join our thankful voices  
People: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!

Prayer (Silence for meditation or prayer follows each petition spoken by Worship Leader)

Leader: Praise to You, O Lord, for Your daily goodness and mercy.  
People: Renew our hearts with thankfulness to You.

Leader: Avert us to the needs of this University and its students.  
People: Inspire us to worship You in spirit and truth.

Leader: Show us Your will and guide us through this Convention.  
People: Equip and energize us for service and for witness.

HYMN  We Praise You, O God (LBW #241)

Scripture Readings

Psalm 47  
Colossians 3:15-17  
Ephesians 5:19-20

Psalm of Praise (Psalm 150) Start softly, gradually increasing in volume.

Leader: Praise God!  
People: Praise God!

Leader: Praise Him in His holy temple, in the firmament of His power.  
People: Praise God!

Leader: Praise Him for His mighty acts and His excellent greatness.  
People: Praise God!

Leader: Praise Him with the blast of the trumpet, with lyre, with timbrel and dance.  
People: Praise God!

HYMN  Earth and All Stars (LBW #558)

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless us and keep us,  
The Lord make His face shine on this University campus and on this convention,  
The Lord look upon us with favor and give each of us His peace.

Closing Hymn  All Praise To Thee, My God This Night (LBW #278)  
(Stanza 5 will be sung in Canon)

Postlude
At the request of President Alan Harre, the following resolution, on behalf of the Valparaiso University Guild, was adopted at the October meeting of the Valparaiso University Board of Directors.

Resolved, On behalf of Valparaiso University, the Board of Directors receives with gratitude the gift of $560,000 provided by the Valparaiso University Guild, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Directors requests that its executive officers communicate to the Guild members the profound appreciation of the Board of Directors for their generosity and efforts to make such an outstanding gift possible, and

Be It Finally Resolved, That the Board of Directors wishes continued success to the Valparaiso University Guild.
RENEWAL OBJECTIVES
FOR THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD

The women of the Valparaiso University Guild have identified and prioritized the following ten objectives for the renewal of our organization, as an extension of the development of our Values, Vision and Mission Statement, 1992-1994. 175 individuals and chapters participated in prioritizing these objectives during the spring of 1994.

1. UNITE THE GUILD BEHIND THE VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT, IN ORDER TO SPEAK AND ACT WITH ONE VOICE.

2. REVITALIZE GUILD MEMBERSHIP.

3. INCREASE GUILD VISIBILITY AND EDUCATE ALL CONSTITUENCIES ABOUT GUILD ACTIVITIES.

4. BUILD A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID.

5. EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION WITH THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

6. DEFINE THE GUILD'S RELATIONSHIP TO LUTHERANISM.

7. BROADEN THE BASE OF GUILD LEADERSHIP.

8. CREATE A NEW FUND-RAISING PARADIGM.

9. CREATE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE FOR THE GUILD OFFICE.

10. INTERNATIONALIZE THE GUILD.

Through the development of these objectives, the women of the Guild have expressed their desire to unify and revitalize our membership; to clarify, define and publicize our role within the University family; and to improve the efficiency of our organization. The Guild of the future will be more focused in definition and in operation, as we CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY,
STREAMLINE OUR FUNCTIONS,
and EXPAND OUR SERVICE TO VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY.

The Board thanks all those who have shared their ideas for GUILD RENEWAL. You'll be hearing more!
GUILD RENEWAL
Inventing the Future

Bev Wick
October 14, 1994

One year ago, in the fall of 1993, the members of the Valparaiso University Guild were asked to become part of a team to plan the future of our organization. You had already considered the three key questions concerning what you valued about the Guild, how you perceived it, and your hopes for its future. Your answers had become the basis for our Values, Vision and Mission Statement, an on-going document that identifies what we believe, who we are, and that which we do...and expect to do. During this past year, the Guild was required to look very seriously at those very issues when we were called upon to clarify our role to the University at the time of Dr. Harre’s request, which he has since withdrawn, that we assume the funding of the Guild Office budget. Because we had already been examining our values and purposes, in our desire to continuously improve our organization, we were able to state clearly and with authority how our members themselves see our role and purpose. Our hard work to examine and renew our organization became the key to our success in meeting this challenge.

During the spring of this year, ten specific objectives for renewal of the Guild were further identified from the responses to the key questions, from chapter annual reports, and from direct feedback regarding the Vision and Mission Statement. You were asked to prioritize these objectives, and the results were published in the September convention materials. In summary, Guild members see the need to unite and revitalize our membership as the top priority for our immediate future. At the same time, we identified the need to increase Guild visibility and educate others, both within the University and beyond it, about our activities and accomplishments, as a highly important renewal objective which supports our vision of the Guild as valued partners in the progress of VU. The second tier of renewal objectives stresses our desire to expand our service to VU through a stronger partnership with the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and through cooperation with the Valparaiso University Alumni Association. The third tier of renewal objectives identifies a need to streamline our operations through careful examination of our financial resources, looking at how we raise funds and how we spend them, as well as through redefinition and strengthening of our leadership resources.

While the general membership was prioritizing these objectives, an ad hoc committee appointed by President Barbara Riethmeier was charged with examining how the Guild might best serve the University in the future. This committee was made up of members of the “Amen Corner”, past national presidents and executive directors. Chair Lynn Bahl presented their four recommendations to the convention. These are entirely consistent with the priorities for our organization which the members have identified. Their first recommendation, “that in order for the Guild to continue its support, Valparaiso University must maintain its position as a Christian University in the Lutheran tradition,” reinforces the united vision of a community of Christian women in support of VU as the leading Lutheran university in the world, and supports the first and fifth elements in our mission statement, that we “create interest in the University as an institution of Christian higher learning” and we “emphasize and reinforce the call of the University to provide highly-educated, committed Christian leaders.”

The committee’s second recommendation, “that Valparaiso University continue to fund the Guild Office,” agrees with your decision to assign a low priority to the objective of creating financial independence for the Guild Office. The women of the Guild know the importance of the Guild Office...
and the position of the Executive Director, not only as support for our network of chapters, but as our vital representative and liaison with the campus community at VU, and want the University to validate our partnership and important service by its continued funding of the Guild Office.

While these first two recommendations are statements of the Guild’s expectations of the University, the committee also points out the critical need for the Guild to look very seriously at what we can do from our side of the partnership to increase our financial and other contributions to Valparaiso University. The third and fourth recommendations of the ad hoc committee are addressed to the Guild. The recommendations “that the Guild explore ways to decrease expenses to make larger contributions to VU through the Project Fund” and “that the Guild consider increasing dues to an acceptable level to enable it to make a larger contribution to VU’s current operating fund,” relate to financial considerations, and ask that we be more efficient in operation and be willing to consider how we can directly contribute more to the University’s current expenses. Your highest priority, the revitalization of our membership, is an important key to acting on these two recommendations. A revitalized and growing membership not only will increase our contribution to the University by increasing the number of women paying dues, but also will enable us to plan and execute all kinds of new fund-raising projects. A revitalized and growing membership will discover creative and productive ways to be of service to the University in partnership with the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, in cooperation with the Alumni Association, and as a strengthened and expanded national, even international, network of VU support. The second and third ranks of renewal objectives flow naturally from the top priority of a renewed membership. In turn, as we try to be more efficient, and look for new opportunities to serve VU, we will be simultaneously energizing our organization.

Of course, there must be the next step, and that is to match these recommendations and priorities with actions. Every activity and function of the Guild must be examined in the light of these objectives, and changes made where they are warranted. That will not be easy, and probably not entirely comfortable; but we will be able to do it because we care about one another, our organization, and Valparaiso University, and we know what we want to accomplish. We are inventing the Guild of the future by the decisions we make now. Please discuss the four recommendations and the renewal objectives in your chapters, and consider how you would like to see these addressed. Talk seriously and specifically about cost-cutting measures. How would it change the Guild if we didn’t have two meetings a year on campus? How can we make each chapter, each officer, AD, committee chair, and member more accountable and effective?, etc.—and talk about what kind of possible dues structure you could support. Open your minds to new ways of looking at our activities and projects and brainstorm additional ways to accomplish our mission for VU. Write down all of your ideas and send them to your Area Director, to Janie, or to the Guild Board. This is the most exciting time, the time to be creating, to flesh out the skeleton we have assembled. Your ideas are inspiring, challenging, and visionary. There is no limit to what you might propose; so let us hear from all of you, and the sooner the better!

During the convention, candidates for national office were asked, “How do you see the Guild in ten years?” It was important for the members to hear their potential leaders describe their vision of our organization in the future. But it is even more important that each Guild member describe her own vision of the Guild of the future. We have already determined what we absolutely value, who we are, and where we want to go. Now we must decide together how we will get there. Without your thoughtful participation in this process, the choices will be limited and the outcome flawed. We have just celebrated the successful completion of a wonderful project. We are the women who surprised even ourselves as we exceeded our goal in our “reach for the stars.” Now let’s look beyond the familiar constellations of the existing Guild toward expanding galaxies of a renewed Guild, serving our Lord in the new century, in generations yet to come.
Report of the
Guild President

Barbara Riethmeier

The Valparaiso University Guild is a legend in its own time. The president of this university has several times in my presence referred to the Guild as a legend in its own time. It surprised me, the first few times I heard that, because I wasn’t sure if he meant the remark jokingly or seriously. Each time I heard it, I thought about it some more. Finally, as a dutiful former English major, I looked up the word “legend.”

Webster’s dictionary says that a legend is a story coming down from the past, especially a story popularly regarded as historical. That same dictionary goes on to say that a legend can be a person or thing that inspires further legend and then says the legend is well known or famous.

Well, I guess that proves something I should have realized all along; President Harre was making an astute observation about the Guild. The Valpo Guild has a long and honorable history; it has accomplished some outstanding feats over the years; it is well known and highly regarded locally and nationally; and anyone at all involved with the Valparaiso University Guild has favorite stories about Guild leaders or Guild events that may have taken on a legendary status through repeated retelling. Best of all, and here’s where the President was really on target, we are well known and highly respected now in our own time.

One of my favorite radio shows is Karl Haas’ “Adventures in Good Music.” One of his recent hour-long programs highlighted music of the famous composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Karl Haas said something I found astounding enough to quickly jot down, and that was that J. S. Bach was not recognized as particularly noteworthy in his own lifetime. It wasn’t until one hundred years later that this now-legendary composer came into his own when another well-known musician, Felix Mendelssohn, conducted Bach’s St. Matthew’s Passion and the world finally recognized how inspiring and memorable the music of Bach truly was.

We don’t have to wait one hundred years. We are already well known, highly regarded, and, yes, the things we do are often inspiring and motivational to those around us.

Consider our latest triumph. We were approached five years ago by the University and asked if we would make a commitment to a dream long held by this school, a performing arts center. We had just had a five-year project, to raise $500,000 for the racquetball/handball courts of the Athletics-Recreation Center, the ARC. We really did not want to assume another five-year project. It was pointed out to us, however, that the Valparaiso University Guild has a reputation and a presence, and if we would make a major financial commitment, other potential donors would believe that this long-deferred dream was soon going to become a reality and would respond accordingly.
The Guild then made its historic resolution at our 1989 convention to raise at least $500,000 for the lobby of the proposed performing arts center. We also pledged to raise this amount in five years.

Last year at our convention, we were well below our suggested yearly “Reach for the Stars” goal. We needed to raise $111,462 above our annual expenses to make our committed goal by the end of our 1994 fiscal year. I therefore asked those chapters who were able to do so to please take on an extra project to ensure that we could reach our goal on time. Sincere thanks to all who responded so graciously and generously to that request. Because of you, we not only reached our goal, we definitely reached and surpassed our goal, and we did it within the pledged five-year deadline. Is this legendary and worth remembering and retelling?! I certainly hope so! To paraphrase Winston Churchill, this may be one of our finest hours, and we can most assuredly be proud of it.

So if our Guild is a legend in its own time, and if so many other schools and organizations try to initiate or imitate groups like ours, why are some of our members questioning the validity of our Guild? Why are some women wondering if the Guild should continue or if there is even a place for us in today’s world? Why, in fact, are so many chapters’ annual questionnaires citing lack of leadership as a reason for inactivity or for their possible demise?

Since this is my last chance to speak personally to you, I’d like to share with you some thoughts about which I feel strongly.

Yes, there are chapters having difficulties. Oftentimes one of the difficulties is a lack of leadership. No one wants to be in charge. We say that we can’t find someone willing to be president of our chapter. Why not? Is it because we expect too much from our leaders? We want them to be in charge, to make decisions for us, to tell us what to do and how to do it or perhaps just to do it for us.

One thing I’ve learned from our Guild Renewal work is that to be successful, we need to all contribute. We shouldn’t wait for others to lead us; we should see what needs to be done and then do it.

I believe that we are all capable women who have spent our lives running our households, raising children, managing our families or our office staff. We can anticipate problems and recognize needs, and we can then determine how to most efficiently fill needs, avert problems, fix what is broken, etc. Most of us can look at years of leadership in our homes and know that we have raised productive Christian children. In all honesty, we know that our leadership and guidance played a major role in how well our children have matured and become the adults that we’re proud to claim as our children.

WE ARE ALL LEADERS!

We’re leaders in our homes, we’re leaders in our churches, we’re leaders in the many things we do with our lives. We make decisions that affect others daily—that so-called “ripple” effect. Our lives interact with others every day, and things we say or do influence what those around us subsequently do also.

We are all leaders!

Now look at our lives as Guild women. Where would this university be without the support and encouragement of the many thousands of Guild women who have worked so diligently and faithfully for sixty-three years to help make Valparaiso University the outstanding school it is today? Perhaps it would have happened without our help. Perhaps. There are many fine schools in our nation that have had to go it alone without the kind of help the Valpo Guild has given to this school. But we know from our history that Valparaiso University was floundering in the early thirties and that President Kreinheder specifically turned to the women in the churches for help. We were asked to help, and we helped. For sixty-three years we have helped.

We started as one group of women meeting on campus, then we were three groups, four groups, lots of groups meeting in churches and homes and schools across the nation. There had never been a group like us, but we were needed. So we got together and did what needed to be done.

Pearl Bailey once said, “Everybody wants to do something, but no one wants to be first.” Maybe that was her experience in life, but it’s possible that she didn’t know Valpo Guild women. We were the first unique national organization of women helping one special midwestern Lutheran school with a dream.
We led the way then, and we're still leading the way. But we succeeded in the thirties and forties and fifties because the women believed strongly in a cause, a mission, a reason for being that was important in itself and for themselves. Guild women led the way individually and collectively. They were leaders.

Times are changing. We may not like it. We're comfortable with the familiar, but whether we like it or not, times are changing, life is changing, the familiar becomes unfamiliar. We can either adjust and change with the times, or we can stand still and gradually be passed by and become an anachronism in a new and different world. Or we can liken ourselves to organisms that must grow and adapt to changing conditions or, if we resist, we will surely stagnate and die.

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**A paradigm shift is needed.**

We can't say that we've always done things this way or that way. A paradigm shift is needed. It may have been right that way once, but that doesn't mean it should always be done that way. Whether we're talking about leadership or activities or anything else connected with the life of your chapter, you are crucial to what is important in your life and in your group. You need to be personally involved. Yes, there may be times when you cannot give your all to something important to you, but then times can change again and you find that you have more time once again to do your part, to take your turn, to be the leader that you already are in your personal life. You know what needs to be done and when and how it needs to be done. Don't wait for someone else to do it. **You** are the someone else. The success of your chapter depends on you.

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**You are the someone else.**

A legend in our own time? Praise God and thank Him that we are able to serve Him through this special Guild at this special school here in Valparaiso, Indiana. May we always be able and willing to work for this legend and be an active part of this legend we call the Valparaiso University Guild.
“Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” These words of praise from the Book of Revelation filled the Gloria Christi Chapel as the women of the Valparaiso University Guild opened their hearts and souls to the beginning of a “Praise and Celebration” weekend “under the Cross.” Our Guild is blessed with many fine singing voices and much musical talent. Imagine if you will our own Ann Louise Pera and Margaret Zobel sharing their keyboard talents as the Guild women swelled the chapel undercroft with such resounding hymns as “We Praise You, O God,” “Now Thank We All Our God,” “Earth and All Stars,” and “All Praise to Thee, My God This Night.”

It is no surprise that each and every time the Guild gathers there is much to celebrate. The Convention of 1994 was no exception. A feeling of celebration filled the air beginning with the Thursday evening Vespers and carrying through to the Communion Service at the Chapel of the Resurrection on Sunday morning. Perhaps you were unable to attend this year’s Convention or perhaps you have never attended a Guild Annual Convention. Rest assured, those at Convention prayed for you daily. Each day we recognized those thousands of Guild women who gather in small groups around the country to support and preserve Valparaiso University and its Lutheran traditions.

If you were lucky enough to arrive Thursday evening, this meant you had the privilege of sleeping three nights on the roll-out dorm beds in Scheele Hall. If you were really lucky, you got a room close to the bathroom (then again, the traffic throughout the night can rouse one from even the deepest slumber!). Three nights in a dorm room can take you back many decades as you reminisce over the sorority pictures hung in the hall and stay up to the wee hours (11 p.m. is late, isn’t it!) exchanging family oddities and Guild chatter.
Hopefully, one got a restful first night’s sleep as Bazaar set-up began at 7 a.m. Friday. By 8:30 a.m., the lobby of the Union was a bustling shopper’s paradise! One could hardly decide between the Pickled Asparagus Spears and Chocolate Covered Espresso Beans from the Walla Walla Chapter or the new Guild sweatshirts and T-shirts brought by the Medina Chapter. Personally, I am in love with my new dishrag from Orlando!

Janie Lichtfuss, our Executive Director, rang the assembly bell at 9:30 a.m. and all gathered in the Great Hall of the Union. Following Barbara Riethmeier’s Call to Order, the University drama group, Soul Purpose, invited us to reflect on our life through a character named Faith, a “tuckered-out” Altar Guild member, who encounters four women of Jesus’ time (Martha, Lydia, Mary and a Samaritan woman) all determining whether or not to go to the tomb to prepare Jesus’ body for burial. As you live your life daily as an “active Christian,” you make the decision, as Faith did, to join the women at the tomb of our risen Lord and Savior!

The Executive Board took their places at the head of the Guild assembly directly in front of a 5-by 8-foot blank check! After five eventful years of fundraising, an air of anticipation filled the Guild assembly. What total amount would the Guild be presenting the University this weekend? Before that amount would be revealed, there was much additional “celebrating” to be done. The Guild was honored to have present three past Executive Directors: Dot Nuechterlein, Betsy Nagel, and the beloved Ber Ruprecht. Loud applause was heard when we welcomed with great pride two new chapters, Southern Piedmont and Idaho, and added the states of North Carolina and Idaho to the Guild family. With great sorrow, the Guild recognized the disbanding of the Ft. Wayne Chapter, chartered in 1931.

Barbara Riethmeier, our retiring National President, took the podium and with words of inspiration applauded the assembly on being a “legend in our own time.” The Guild has the qualities necessary to be claimed a legend, “well known, highly regarded, inspiring and motivational,” heralded Barbara. In order to sustain our legendary stature, Barbara encouraged each of us to take the leadership role we assume in our personal life and apply it to the Guild.

One never leaves a Guild weekend without being fed spiritually, educationally, emotionally, and physically! Margaret O’Brien, Vice President, Electronic Information Services, enthusiastically challenged our minds and allowed us to peek into our future with her presentation, “VU, The Information Highway, and You.” The zeal of Dr. O’Brien left the Guild assembly assured that Valpo would continue to navigate at the forefront of technological change on the Information Highway. She promises the Guild, too, will be included in Valpo’s progress.

Hopefully, you have in use the Guild’s 1994 Calendar “extraordinaire.” Judy Waetjen, Calendar Chairperson, and Rita Foltz, the Guild’s very talented calligrapher, presented the new 1995 Calendar complete with notable/meaningful verses from some of Valpo’s noteworthy. Do you remember when the Guild Calendar was approaching the end of its profit-producing years? The 1994 Calendar profits of $1,000 will provide a portable sound system for the Music Department. You did it; we are back in business!!
Twice a year the Guild assumes residence at the Union, primarily in the Great Hall. We often eat in the remodeled dining facility, Jesters (did you know you could get an order of French Toast for $.80?!), consume the lobby for our Bazaar, and help those whose minds are able but knees aren’t down a flight of stairs to the only Union public rest rooms. The Union “nobly” serves the Guild and the student body. Last year alone, the Volunteer Service Center logged over 38,500 volunteer hours by Valpo students—a bustling, productive campus hub! How appropriate that the Guild passed unanimously the “Renovation of the V.U. Union” as our 1994-95 Project.

All five poised candidates for National office spoke of their commitment to the Guild and how the Guild, a unique organization, expects to meet and exceed the challenges of the future. With rousing applause, we welcomed Bev Wick (Puget Sound), President; Margaret Zobel (St. Petersburg), First Vice President; and Judy Waetjen (Oregon Trail), Second Vice President. God continues to provide the Guild with outstanding leadership, chosen for a time such as this!

With great pride, Dr. Harre announced to the assembly that Valparaiso University had proudly assumed first place in the ranking of Colleges and Universities in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. Impressive statistics such as Valpo’s freshman class ACT average score of 24-30 (National average 21) confirms the fact that Valpo truly attracts the academically qualified.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend next year’s Guild Convention; Dr. Harre and Janie promise a special Guild dedication ceremony for the lobby of the new Center for the Visual and Performing Arts. You are going to love the view of the Chapel from the new Lobby!

The “big” moment finally arrived—the presentation of “the check.” Dignitaries from the University Staff and Board of Directors were introduced. Bev Wick prefaced the moment by saying, “This was the first time we did not have to extend the completion date of a long-term goal. ...The Guild has 'bought out the house' at the theater; all 138 chapters are on stage!” Bev’s closing words, “Take a bow, Guild, and listen to the applause,” rang true as Treasurer Judy Mason slowly and deliberately filled in the enlarged check on the backdrop with the amount of $560,000. President Harre and Gerald Pelzer, Chairman of V.U. Board of Directors, accepted the check. With deep gratitude and great sincerity, Mr. Pelzer praised the Guild for its marvelous efforts. In the spirit of Guild tradition, the assembly sang with much jubilation “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.”

Isn’t it true, we all think our Executive Director, Janie, is wonderful! Janie shared that the “quiet intensity, the vision, the risk takers and their courage” drew her to the Guild. She was speaking about you. She calls you a “hero” for accomplishing two large projects in such close proximity. The Guild needs to “nurture risk takers and welcome heroes in the coming years,” emphasized Janie. When you are seated in the Great Hall listening to these words, you know the Holy Spirit is talking to you, to me, saying, “Be a risk taker; I am with you every step of the way—but, don’t forget to check in regularly for support and ‘next steps’!”

The Guild plaque, which proudly hangs in the home of the President during her term in
office, was passed from Barbara Riethmeier to Bev Wick with the words, “may this plaque remind you of the love and support that surrounds you.” This reverent, ceremonious moment of honoring our outgoing and in-coming presidents was broken by an angelic procession of Area IV “angels,” each donned in a halo and carrying an angel ornament from her respective chapter for presentation to our new President, Bev Wick (an Area IV native!). Then quiet and unassuming (?) Marian Yunghans (Area Director) spoke of halos and happiness to Bev and announced, “Your ascension has begun!” With Margaret Zobel tickling the keys and Marian directing, the “angels” sang a chorus of “Sisters, Sisters” with a “check-out-those-legs” can-can.

In tribute to Barb Riethmeier, five New York/Pennsylvania chapters invited us to “Let Our Spirits Soar” in the brightly decorated and transformed banquet hall of the Union. Do you know Rich Bimler, our Banquet Toastmaster? Perhaps you know his lovely wife, Hazel, or his wonderful daughter, Diane Cillick—all top-notch Guild supporters. Rich welcomed us to a dazzling evening complete with an extraordinary display of real FIREWORKS on the east lawn of the Union. Every guest was thrilled with the energy generated by the beauty of the fireworks and by the light-hearted Christian humor Rich provided. We toasted the Guild and our project success with sparkling New York grape juice, and concluded the evening by singing “God Bless America” as the head table waved sparklers.

No weekend or trip to the University is complete without attending a Sunday morning worship service in the Chapel of the Resurrection. God’s presence can surely be felt by each worship participant as the words of our Lord are read, transgressions confessed and forgiven, the sermon preached and glorious musical talent presented to God—all in the place that makes V. U. The University Under the Cross. Praise God!

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Beautiful banquet decorations by the New York and Pennsylvania chapters

Rich Bimler, the wonderfully witty Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet

University organist Martin Jean and Friday evening recitalist

New Bazaar sign at the Union
Report on the “Reach for the Stars” Project

Bev Wick, First Vice President

Madam President, Fellow Guild members and Distinguished Guests:

Look around you at the women seated in this room. Look closely, and consider what you see. Just some ordinary-looking women sitting in chairs in a room at a small private university in the Midwest? No! You are looking at a powerful and influential nationwide team of talented Christian friends who can achieve nearly limitless things on behalf of Valparaiso University because we believe God is working here in a unique way. Does that sound too strong? Look at what we have just done, friends, in order to be sitting here to “Celebrate.”

When the University needed initial donors to come forward to launch the fund-raising drive for the much-needed “Performing Arts/Museum Center,” as it was then called, they knew they could turn to the women of the Guild because we had always responded warmly and generously to meet the needs of this university we love and the students it serves. We had just barely finished the $500,000 project for the Handball/Racquetball Courts in the Athletics-Recreation Center, but the Guild Board was willing to propose a new five-year project because it knew we cared deeply about this particular building and understood the need for it. You know what happened, of course. The women of the Guild, in their inimitable style, supported the resolution for the new half-million dollar project resoundingly. And we enthusiastically applauded the amendment made by Ella Pennekamp that the figure of $500,000 be considered a minimum goal, thereby expanding our vision enormously by her short trip to the floor microphone.

We knew it wouldn’t be easy. We are not corporate officers who have ready assets at our disposal. It wasn’t a matter of simply writing out a check. Implementing the decision took a great deal of planning. The Guild Board created a theatrical motivational theme for the five years it would take to raise that much money, and Joanne Gatz, the National Treasurer, worked out financial projections. Each chapter was assigned a goal, and five subsequent Executive Councils were titled Sneak Preview, Acts I, II, and III and Finale. As you also know, there will be no need for Encore because we have completed our goal within five years! That’s the first time, by the way, that it has not been necessary to extend the completion date of a large long-term project in order to accomplish the goal.

We did all this fund-raising at the same time we were attending to the other parts of our mission—providing publicity for the University in our areas, recruiting students, funding scholarships and departmental grants, maintaining our network of Valpo family all over the country, and coming to campus twice a year to nurture our partnership.
There were some unforeseen bumps along the way. Several chapters needed to have their goals revised because they were based on unusually successful years immediately preceding the opening “Balcony” year. Due to a change in recording procedures, some of us found ourselves moving backward in the theater the second year, even though we were doing our utmost and had exceeded our goal. The construction of the building was delayed, and we worried that interest would flag. Chapters like Appleton invested significant seed money in projects that showed relatively little profit at first. Puget Sound Chapter had to reserve a large chunk of project money for a potential state sales tax liability. Some members became discouraged that their group wasn’t as large or as capable as they imagined others were. Minneapolis Chapter’s big fund-raiser of the year, a lovely luncheon, had to be canceled due to an unusually heavy early snowstorm. Twenty-two chapters that were included in the original projections were not able to continue their work for Valpo, and many of those members are no longer with us. Some very dear friends, members, and supporters of the Guild and the University were called home, leaving us saddened and bereft. Even the weather gods seemed to conspire against us last February, sending a traffic-stopping snow storm just when we needed to be together here in Valparaiso to keep everyone motivated for the last big push toward the end of this fiscal year.

But, oh, the serendipitous surprises and steady encouragement for our hard work! Columbia Cascade, a small new chapter in the Portland, Oregon area, met its original five-year goal the first year by coming up with the creative idea of a Valpo cruise. It became the first chapter to reach the stage, and by this year had earned twelve times its original goal. Ann Arbor Chapter was given the left-over inventory of a book store to sell. Atlanta, Orange County and other chapters developed excellent reputations for their catering, and Kansas City became famous for its Oktoberfest. Martin Jean, our marvelous University organist, went on the road for concert fund-raisers. San Francisco-Bayshore Chapter won a radio station contest for community groups which allowed it to quadruple its contribution to the project from one year to the next, and get a lot of publicity at the same time. Appleton’s sales of its beautiful Valpo ornaments ultimately caught up with its heavy initial investment, and this last year its contribution was greater than its first three years combined. Four new chapters, Treasure Coast, Old Dominion, Springfield Area, and Tulsa Area came into existence to add their funds to the total. Four Winds members contributed over $6,000. Gifts totaling $13,567 were made on behalf of 220 different individuals or groups whose names are on a list mounted on the wall. Hudson-Mohawk NY, the second chapter to reach the stage, tripled its goal, while San Francisco-Bayshore, New Orleans, and Treasure Coast doubled theirs. Rochester NY had a large goal to start with, but its continued success with Advent Vespers and inspiration from National President Barb (or was it threats?) helped the members raise over $9,000 in excess of their goal. Valparaiso Chapter, our dear hard-working hostesses here in town, had by far the largest, most daunting goal of any chapter—over $55,000. They did not allow that to discourage them, and this past year held a successful, fabulously delicious Italian gourmet dinner. That’s in addition to their heavy commitment to the concession stand at football games, the birthday cake project, and bed and breakfast hospitality. Will all those who are members of the Valpo Chapter please stand?...They raised an extra $4,000 for their fund, bringing their five-year total to $47,395.08. That is nearly $20,000 more than the next most successful chapter. Thank you!

This spring, we were concerned that we might not reach our goal; but you held extra fund-raisers, scraped the bottom of the chapter operating funds, wrote out checks for personal contributions to this cause, and literally passed the hat. And yes, I am sure there were some bake sales held, and probably some booties crocheted and sold. But women were also applying for corporate matching funds, entering into business contracts, asking for contributions, and honing their professional skills. There are as many styles of getting the job done as there are members in the Guild. It would be a great mistake to generalize about us too much, and thereby underestimate the potential of this group.

Last year, at the loving suggestion of Faith Rechel, the Ohio chapters began helping each other meet their goals. Through the hard work of all of the Area Directors, by this winter that concept had generalized to the point that everyone was working together for the common goal. There are countless individual examples from all over the country of your dedication to this huge job, each chapter and each member quietly applying her own unique talents to the common task. But in the end, it was as a united group, a strong and self-sustaining team, that we rang the curtain down on this successful fund-raising project. We are together on the stage to thoroughly
enjoy the cast party, as Paula Sauer predicted five years ago. Or we might say that the Guild has "bought out the house" of our imaginary theater, and we own the entire block of tickets.

You will be pleased to find your chapter's ticket for this final year of the "Reach for the Stars" production on the stage, along with that of every chapter that participated in the course of this project, all 140 of them. Remember to take yours home to complete your ticket folder when you leave today. Around the walls of this room are certificates recognizing the participation in the project by 139 chapters and the Four Winds membership. Each certificate represents a group of women whose hard-earned funds became part of the Guild's gift to the University. These are yours to take with you to share with your chapters and put in your scrapbooks. For ease in finding them, they are displayed in approximate alphabetical order. Your Area Director will have a congratulatory letter, which contains the amount of your total contribution to the project for each chapter, at your Area Luncheon.

But we didn't do this for certificates, letters, filled ticket folders, or recognition for goals reached or exceeded, did we? We did it because we are the Guild...committed partners in the undiminished progress of Valparaiso University as the leading Lutheran university in the world. We have just accomplished raising the largest gift in the history of our unique organization. We will know just how large it is in a few minutes. But there is no limit to what we can achieve together, Guild friends, because we are an organization with enormous potential. We have just proved it. While the total amount of our gift is impressive, it is not nearly as important as why we were able to raise it. Always acknowledging God's continued blessings and imploring His continued grace, we earned it with our love because we care about VU and one another in an enduring and deep way that is not matched in any other organization or group. That's the key to the Guild, my dear friends, and the source of our strength. That Christian love and community we share and openly celebrate reinforces our commitment to this university, and empowers all our actions. We are a terrific team, and together we can do anything we set our minds and hearts to!

Look around you again...This weekend is a legitimate time for celebration. It would not be appropriate to just mail in the check and say, "Great. We did what was expected. Now what?" We've successfully accomplished an extraordinarily difficult task and together we've overcome obstacles and setbacks to see our dreams realized. Someday soon we will stand together in the Guild Lobby of a beautiful building that enriches this place and its people. Today, though, let's enjoy this moment and take time to bask in the satisfaction of knowing we have done a great job. Take a bow, Guild, and listen to the applause!

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Ann Louise Pera, Coordinator of Area Directors with ADs, current and retiring. 1-r: Corrine Roy, Dawn Rickman, Jill Stammel, Ann Louise, Deanna Strltof, Judy Schumacher, Margaret Kohn, Cindy Russler, Barbara Town, Liz DeMlk, Marlan Yunghans, Pam Sieving, and Judy Rullman

Barbara Riethmeier with Committee Chairs: 1-r: Chita Easton, Liz DeMlk, Diane Cillick, Barbara, Sue Dumford, Kris Fox, Judy Beumer, Joanne Gatz, and Judy Waetjen

National Guild Board: 1-r: Judy Waetjen, Lorraine Dorough, Bev Wick, Judy Mason, Margaret Zobel, and Janie Lichtfuss
DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Marian Yunghans, Area IV Director, was featured in the Washington SOS! Newsletter? This organization has as its focus the saving and promotion of outdoor sculpture. Marian will photograph walking tours of local outdoor sculpture for Washington SOS! All of us know how fortunate this group is to have photographs done by Marian!

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Peter DeMik, son of Liz DeMik of the Northern Virginia Chapter, was the overall first-place winner of the Guild Fun Run held during the Annual Convention? Peter is a sophomore at Valpo. Congratulations, Peter!

Jori Johnson, a senior student, was the female first-place winner.

Cherie Kuefner, past president of the East Bay CA Chapter, was the last to cross the finish line. Cherie was delighted that she could do the entire course. We congratulate her on her accomplishment. Good job, Cherie!

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Future Executive Council dates are:
February 24-26, 1995
February 23-25, 1996

Future Convention dates are:
September 21-24, 1995
September 26-29, 1996

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Guild Scholars

Senior Joel Hieber, Woodburn IN

Freshman Marjorie Nagel, Buffalo NY
(Jennifer Sloan, our second freshman scholar could not be present to be introduced.)

Members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity who led devotions on Saturday morning of Convention.

The "winners" in the Guild Fun Run!
Report of the University President

Alan F. Harre

Diane is extremely apologetic for not being present, but as you know, VU is celebrating “Homecoming West” next weekend in San Diego, California. Her father and stepmother live in Irvine. They are not getting any younger, and we do not have many opportunities to be with them. Therefore, Diane left yesterday morning to spend this week with them.

I understand that one of your members, Betsy Bird, has been recognized by the Alumni Association. Betsy is not only the president of the local Guild chapter, but she has also been an important staff person here at the University, even though VU does not pay her salary. Betsy has served all VU students, but particularly the Roman Catholic students, for 20 years. I want you to know that I am very pleased that the Alumni Association decided to recognize Betsy. I appreciate all the work that she and her colleagues at St. Teresa’s have done over the years. We see them as joint laborers, as fellow ministers in the kingdom. Thank you, Betsy, and congratulations!

At this time I request that Mr. Gerald Pelzer, Chair of the Board of Directors, to come forward to make a presentation.

In recent years the University has recognized individuals who have served as members of the Board of Directors of the University at the time of their retirement from the Board. I ask Barb Rietheimer to stand so that Mr. Pelzer can present her a plaque that recognizes her two years of service on the Board of Directors.

“Barbara Rietheimer for leadership, dedication, and service as a member of the Board of Directors 1992-1994, Valparaiso University.” Barbara, we are very proud to present this plaque to you, and we want you to know we are going to miss you. We are pleased to make this presentation to you in the presence of your friends in the VU Guild. Congratulations!

Although we normally make these presentations to retiring members of the Board in the presence of the Board of Directors, we thought that the Guild members present here today would appreciate being witnesses to this recognition.

The Wingspread Report

Earlier this year a report was issued by a group of national leaders who are concerned about America’s future. The leaders presented their report in the form of an open letter entitled, “American Imperative: Higher Expectations for Higher Education.” This “Wingspread” report emphasized three themes. The authors assert that higher education must, 1) take values more seriously, 2) that higher education must place students first, and 3) that higher education needs to assure that its graduates are dedicated to life-long learning.

All of us at Valparaiso University are committed in varying degrees to all three of these objectives. I could talk about each of them extensively. However,
I have chosen to invest a few moments of our time together addressing the first emphasis, namely, values.

As we think about the Judeo/Christian heritage that is ours at VU, and particularly as we reflect on the Lutheran heritage of VU, it seems to me that Valparaiso University brings something to the discussion about values that our colleagues in public higher education cannot contribute. I make this assertion carefully, and I do not mean in any way to diminish the efforts of our colleagues in public higher education who attempt to address values in their academic settings. Certainly many of them are trying very, very sincerely to take values seriously, but I do not know how one does that comprehensively in the setting of a public college or university. I do not know how one addresses values wholistically when one cannot identify or promote a particular value system. Public university professors cannot say that their value system is the one that students ought to emulate, reflect upon, or use as their model. The commitment to “value free objectivity” and the legal requirements inherent in the concept of separation of church and state make claims for the superiority of specific values not only impossible, but illegal as well. Therefore, it becomes very clear to those of us who lead and teach in church-related higher education who attempt to address values in their academic settings. Since we can address questions about values more specifically, the next question that becomes apparent is, “How do Lutherans uniquely address values?”

Lutherans Addressing Values
Since we can address questions about values more specifically, the next question that becomes apparent is, “How do Lutherans uniquely address values?” I want to respond to that question briefly. We are living at a time in our nation’s history in which denominational loyalty is no longer as powerful as it was earlier in the history of this country. Whether that fact is deemed to be good or bad depends upon the evaluative criteria one uses to make such judgments. It seems that as Valparaiso University encounters the young people of today—and as we interact with many church goers—there is a growing lack of loyalty on the part of individuals to particular denominations. Seemingly, that lack of loyalty is related to a variety of causes—including the shallowness of knowledge that people have about the beliefs of their denominations and the tentative nature of their commitments to the belief systems of their denominations. That being the case, we can expect that, as we enroll each new generation of students, they will reflect the general culture and will know less and less about their faith. It becomes more and more difficult to use biblical illustrations. If Jonathan and David are cited, there is no guarantee that the students will recognize their names and the Bible stories that relate to them. Thus, if they do not know David and Jonathan, can you guess their response to being asked to identify a person like Mephiboseth? Students come to VU with less biblical knowledge with which to engage in theological reflection than was the case with previous generations of students.

From the vantage point of some, the state of our secular culture suggests that Valparaiso University is at a competitive disadvantage when VU seeks to attract students. That conclusion is drawn because many students seem to “care less” about their religious heritage and denominational backgrounds. These realities suggest that emphasis on religion has become a liability. Religion has become something that creates a barrier in the recruiting of students according to this point of view.

Dr. Ernest Boyer visited campus last spring to deliver the first Albert Huegli lecture on Church Related Higher Education. In the question and answer session in which he participated, Dr. Boyer made the point that he believes a church-related institution of higher education actually has a competitive advantage as it attempts to attract students. He provided a number of reasons why he has come to this conclusion. It seems to me that VU does have a competitive advantage in its Lutheran heritage, and I want to talk about what constitutes that competitive advantage.

In a recent letter to me, Dr. Charles Mueller, a respected Missouri Synod pastor and author, comments about the number of Valpo grads who are involved as leaders in Lutheran congregations nationwide. His comments are based upon a recent national survey which he carried out. The survey was conducted among some 300 families nationwide nominated by LCMS pastors as “effective families.” Of the 100 or so families who had responded to the survey, 20 percent indicate that they have a Valpo background. These families were nominated by some 90 LCMS pastors chosen at random from all over the US as exemplary families in their parishes! Their responses indicate that there is a family ethic instilled by instructors at Valparaiso University, that Valpo encourages its graduates to work toward building effective families, and that Valpo equips its students with the tools to do just that. Such a values-
based education was at the heart of the founders' dream for this institution. And such a values-based education is precisely what this University continues to offer its students.

As we Lutherans confront the issues that face higher education, there are a number of realities we understand. First of all, it is a basic Lutheran presupposition that all of us function as fallen people; we are sinful human beings. That understanding has some profound implications for the widely-held view many people have about individuals; namely, that we are perfectible if we have enough education or if we can live in more positive environments. If that is one's assumption about the inherent qualities of people, we will forever be disillusioned. The truth is that we are all sinful human beings. We often decide to do the wrong things or we do the right things for the wrong reasons. In both cases such behavior demonstrates very clearly our culpability. Therefore, on one hand, Lutherans are very pessimistic about there being any inherent goodness in people. We take very seriously our human condition, and we recognize that no matter what ideology, no matter what educational philosophy, no matter what kind of technology our hands and minds touch, ultimately everything is tainted by our own sinfulness.

On the other hand, while we as Lutherans are extremely pessimistic about what we can do as human beings, we are very optimistic about what God can cause to happen within us, particularly as we think about God's saving activities on our behalf in Jesus Christ. As we think about our sin and God's grace, the law-gospel dynamic, then the proper distinction between Law and Gospel becomes extremely important to us. We are enabled to recognize and avoid moralisms and legalisms. Ultimately we recognize that we do not produce proper behavior simply by laying the law on people. No number of guidelines in the STUDENT HANDBOOK, the FACULTY HANDBOOK, or the STAFF HANDBOOK, or in our own lives will ultimately create the kind of behavior, the kind of sanctified life, that we expect to see in the lives of God's people. Such sanctified living can happen only because of the grace of God working through us, and the Spirit of God working in our lives. As Lutherans we recognize the "sanctification," those acts of good works, those acts of moral behavior, are dependent upon God's grace and the Spirit's direction. If we understand and implement what I have described, we have something very powerful and important to say to American higher education. For example, using Dr. Richard Niebuhr's categories, as Lutherans we perceive Christ and culture in a paradoxical relationship. We talk about the Kingdom of the Right Hand and the Kingdom of the Left Hand. We see spiritual elements and earthly elements in conflict with one another. We do not take the Calvinist vantage point that says Christ should transform culture. We are not trying at Valparaiso University to create a new Geneva, nor are we promoting the Roman Catholic view of Christ being over culture. Rather, we see Christ and culture in paradox and in tension with one another. In many ways, doing ethics in this way is difficult work. It is easy to slide into other categories. We must keep coming back to those basic characteristics of Lutheran theology; namely, the proper distinction between law and gospel and the doctrine of the two kingdoms to help us sort out our perspective. And, we do not always do it correctly. All who lead, all who teach, all who administer, are sinful human beings. We have the same inclinations towards evil as everyone else has. We have the same inability to see with complete perspective all that we need to see. We often are unable to perceive the foibles and difficulties that are all part of who we are.

At the same time, major concerns in our society include a growing lack of tolerance, the growth of cynicism, and the lack of civility in our culture. One of the strong political and social realities of our nation, and that perspective dates back to Thomas Jefferson and the founding fathers of our nation, is that they recognized that religious intolerance could be terribly intolerant. They were correct in recognizing that for societal peace there was a need for the separation of church and state. In many ways, as a society, we have benefitted from the principle of separation of church and state. That social value is a value worthy of our support. As one thinks about the kingdoms of two hands, there is a place for civic righteousness, for tolerance, and for civility in society. There is a role for people who say that good people do not disparage one another and that good people do not treat each other dishonorably. It has been a value of society to promote good civil behavior. But promoting tolerance in the social context also means that one needs to think seriously about whether there is any limit to tolerance. The list may be small, but, as Christians, we confess that we cannot equivocate on the truths of our sinfulness and of God's grace in Jesus Christ.
Now in light of all this, it is interesting to note that last year VU students contributed over 11,000 volunteer hours, as indicated by the Volunteer Service Center, to this community in one form or another. That does not count every action. If we counted everything it could be 20,000 or 30,000 hours.

Being Ranked Number One

You all know that in the recent issue of U. S. News and World Report VU was ranked number one in the Midwest among regional universities. If you study the data found on page 97 of the September 26, 1994 issue of the magazine, you will note that there are numbers of categories that were measured prior to concluding that VU is number one. Valparaiso University was compared in each of those categories to the universities that are in our pool of institutions—I do not know how big that universe is, but I am guessing it is 100+ institutions. In relationship to “academic reputation” VU ranked 4th; in “student selection,” because of the very able 1993 freshman class, VU ranked number 1; “faculty resources,” 6th; “financial resources,” 8th; and “graduation rate,” 3rd. These are all single digit ratings. When we reach the category entitled “alumni satisfaction,” (and this category measured alumni contributions to their alma mater each year), VU ranked 31st!

One of the interesting realities about these U. S. News and World Report categories is that they all revolve around academic inputs, rather than academic outputs. “Inputs” are the elements used at VU to educate students. These data do not measure what happens to students while they are here. From the vantage point of many of us in higher education, that is the most important matter; particularly, when you start talking about that second issue of the “Wingspread” report, namely, “putting students first.”

VU Enrollment

Enrollment data calculated September 2 (census date) indicated a total head count of 3,480. That compares to 3,499 last year. Thus, 19 fewer students are attending VU this year than last year. In the Graduate Division we enrolled 255 students, 34 more than last year; the School of Law, 527 students, 13 less than last year; College of Arts & Sciences, 1,552, 49 less than last year; the College of Business Administration, 353, 10 less than last year; Engineering, 328, 21 less than last year; and nursing, 365, 40 more than last year. Those of you who have been watching these data over the years know that the number of students enrolled in the College of Nursing is double what it was five or six years ago. We cannot say too much about what Dean Freda Scales and her faculty have accomplished both in responding to student need and creating need. However, what these number represent, and this is negative news as it were, is that we enrolled 91 fewer undergraduate day students this year than last year. This is the group of students that pays the majority of tuition and fees. This continuing downturn of full-time students has some long-term budget implications. In respect to new students, we have 908 new students compared to 723 last year. Thus, we have 84 more new students this fall. We had two graduations last year, both of which were quite large. Therefore, the students in the 908 figure did not replace all the students who graduated last year.

There is one other factor that has helped VU’s 1994 enrollment situation. We are working much harder to provide night school classes for area people. The program is called “VU at Night.” The number of individuals who are attending these classes has doubled since last year.

Valparaiso University Center for the Arts

The weekend of September 16-17, 1995, will likely be the dates for the dedication of the new arts facility. We still need the approval of the Board of Directors at its October meeting before the dates become final. As we studied all the schedules that we have to accommodate, that weekend seemed to be the best possible time. The expected completion date for the facility is March 1, but it may be as late as April 1. From our vantage point, that is acceptable because we cannot utilize the building fully until the beginning of the fall semester. We think it will take us approximately three or four months to learn how to operate the building. By way of example, there are 50 lighting circuits in the old Kroenecke Hall Theater compared to 156 in the new building. Determining which switch to throw for a given effect will not necessarily be a simple decision to make. Directions will have to be written and people will have to be trained. Having the summer available to us to learn to use the building will be very helpful.

There is much more that I could say, and even more I probably should say, but I want to give you an opportunity to ask questions. Therefore, I invite those questions at this time.
Lordy, Lordy, the Union’s 40!!!

Bill Smriga, Director, Valparaiso Union

For the Union and its 40 years of service—this is definitely a reason to celebrate.

Celebration for its past,

Celebration for what it means to the University today, and

Celebration as we look forward to the future.

PAST

1947

At Valparaiso University in 1947, the idea of a Union began with a small group of students. They realized the advantages such a building could bring to the campus and so they began to convince their fellow students of this need.

1949

At Valparaiso University in 1949, the students, through Student Council, voted to assess themselves a fee of $6.00 per year for the construction of a Student Union building. In 1952, another referendum was held to raise the fee from $6.00 to $30.00 per year. Tuition in 1952 was $350/year. They increased their tuition fees then by almost 10%. Now it’s $11,800. This means that their sacrifice in 1994 dollars represented almost $1,200 per year!!! This Union is one of the very few built and financed from student funds. They did this knowing that many or most who contributed would graduate before they would have the opportunity to enjoy the building themselves.

1955

At Valparaiso University, the formal dedication of the Union took place on May 28, 1955. Al Looman served as the first Union Director. At the dedication, President O. P. Kretzmann said:
"What the students have built here is not a luxury. It is an essential and significant part of a sound educational program. For in addition to the hours devoted to formal studies, it is necessary that students spend an appropriate amount of time in recreation and in the many other cultural activities which are included in a truly liberal education. I believe that the Valparaiso Union will provide an excellent opportunity for the concentration of these activities and thus aid in the unification of the campus."

Dr. John Strietelmeier wrote a book entitled, *Valparaiso University's First Century*. In it he states, "It would be hard to overestimate the importance of the Union to the life and development of the University. For years, the University had been seriously limited in its extracurricular program by the lack of adequate facilities for conferences, institutes, seminars and conventions. Student activities had to be housed in ramshackle structures. Dining facilities, since the war, had been inadequate. The Union was a place that the whole campus community could be proud of, the students especially, for it was largely their creation.

PRESENT

This synopsis of the past history of the Union brings us to 1994. What is the Union? How does it serve the campus? One way to find out is to refer to the Union Brochure. A more personal way is to listen to a few students share their experiences with you.

Students described their involvement—how they got involved, what they do, how it serves the campus, and what it means to them personally. Those who shared this information with the Convention attendees were:

- Ian Crone, Senior, Chesterton IN, English major
- Debra Landbo, Senior, Elgin IL, Biology & Chem. major
- Mario Ortiz, Senior, Highland IN, Nursing major
- Suzy Hill, Junior, Chicago IL, Criminal Justice major
- Union Board Chairperson
- Union Student Manager
- Manager, Conf. Asst., SS
- Volunteer Service Center

FUTURE

What does the future hold for the Valparaiso Union? To answer that question, I need to return briefly to the past. President O. P. Kretzmann ... realizing that the original Union building was inadequate to meet the growing need for facilities, services and programs, formed a committee to consider the possible expansion of the Valparaiso Union facilities. This committee, 30 years ago, recommended that an addition of 52,000 square feet be added to the present building of 42,000 square feet. New facilities to be added included a larger multi-purpose room, like the Great Hall, and an auditorium.

1975

In 1975 renovation, not expansion, of the Valparaiso Union took place. Needs identified from the 1966 study, such as an auditorium, larger multi-purpose room, more office space, work rooms, expanded lounge areas, additional meeting rooms, private dining rooms, and storage space were not met.
A Student Senate study indicated a lack of space in the Union for programs, services, offices, meeting rooms, dining, and recreation. A Student Senate resolution to President Schnabel led to the appointment of a Union Planning Committee. This committee reaffirmed that the existing Union facilities were inadequate to fulfill the mission and purposes of the Union and recommended an extensive modernization and addition to the current facility. Many of the facilities identified in the 1966 study were still identified as needs in 1989.

1993

We are now in the “strategic plan” management phase, as the University decides its priorities and sharpens its focus through strategic planning efforts. Regarding the Union, the strategic plan states, “the University should strive to make an expanded Union a focal point for student life and activities. An upgraded and expanded Union is a priority contingent upon funding becoming available.”

We hope the future of the Valparaiso Union does include renovation and expansion. In the near future, we are pleased that we will be able to address some of our unmet needs as we get the space left by the University Book Center after it moves to Dau/Kreinheder’s former dining hall. A committee has been appointed by President Harre. This committee will also consider whether or not to remove the bowling lanes and renovate that area in a way that will meet more student needs.

Does history repeat itself? It sure does. The funds for the renovation of the University Book Center area will come from monies collected from a 1990 student referendum. In that referendum, just as in the late 40s and early 50s, students voted to increase their fees by $40 per year so that money can go to renovate the Union. Just as 40 years ago, students chose to increase their fees knowing they themselves would not personally benefit. Forty years ago, students showed strong support for the Valparaiso Union, and they still do today.

Does the Union need renovation and expansion? It surely does. The need was identified as early as 1966, and the need continues today.
Edgar Senne, Associate Professor of Theology, received the Alumni Association’s 1994-95 Distinguished Teaching Award. The presentation was made to Professor Senne at Opening Convocation on August 24. The Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes outstanding faculty members and encourages a high level of effective teaching at the University. Nominations come from students, faculty members, alumni, and friends.

Lou Jeanne Walton, Associate Professor of Social Work and department chair, received VU’s first Martin Luther King, Jr., Award at Opening Convocation on August 24. This award, to be given annually, recognizes the person(s) or organization making significant and lasting contributions to the improvement of the racial climate within the campus community.

The Board of Directors of the University has given final approval for renovation of Wehrenberg Hall. The project will cost somewhat over $5,000,000 and, when completed, will house 232 students, 12 residence hall assistants, and a residence hall director.

The Board of Directors of the University elected Jane C. Wittlinger, New Buffalo MI to its membership at its July meeting. Wittlinger is a VU graduate and is a member of the Valparaiso Chapter of the Guild having served as president of the chapter from 1990-92. Her husband, Fred, is also a VU graduate.

The Rev. Walter Wangerin, Jr., the Emil & Elfriede Jochum Professor, has been named speaker for “Lutheran Vespers,” a 47 year-old radio ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. His programs began airing in October.

Dr. Daniel Hart, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, was inducted as Valparaiso University’s Frederick Jenny Professor of Emerging Technology in the College of Engineering. The induction took place at Opening Convocation.

By unanimous action, delegates to the 25th convention of the Florida-Georgia District awarded The Rev. August Bernthal, a member of the VU Board of Directors, the title of president emeritus.

Prof. Robert Blomquist, law, has been named to a list of the country’s 50 most prolific legal scholars.

Janie Lichtfuss, Executive Director of the VU Guild, will be a presenter for The Brown Bag Lunch Series. She will speak on “The VU Guild Program” on November 10th.

Professor Betty DeBerg, theology, has been asked to serve on the Advisory Board for the Syracuse University Press series on Women and Gender in North American Religions.

Dolores (Dody) Ruosch, Dean of Women for over 30 years, has decided to retire at the end of the 1994-95 academic year. As Dean of Women, she has filled a multifaceted and challenging position. A search for a successor to Dean Ruosch will be carried on during the coming year.

Professor James Moore, theology, has been named to the Advisory Committee of the Chicago Center for Religion and Science. The Committee, composed of leading professionals and educators in the field, has been charged with charting the future course of the Center and its work.
A new book by Walter Wangerin, Jr. was published this month by Simon & Schuster. A novel, *The Crying for a Vision* is a fictional story that uses the Lakota Indians—their culture, history, legends, and their world view—as its setting and background.

Dr. Dean Schroeder, Herbert and Agnes Schulz Professor of Management and member of the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards Board of Examiners, has been selected to participate in a new initiative of the group—to begin assessing quality in the areas of education and health.

Sorority grade point averages for 1993-94 are: Gamma Phi, 3.32; Delta Phi Kappa, 3.31; Kappa Psi Omega, 3.27; Chi Sigma Xi, 3.15; Alpha Phi Delta, 3.15; Phi Beta Chi, 3.09; Delta Chi Epsilon, 3.09; and Alpha Xi Epsilon, 3.02.

The Theology Department has been given a gift of $25,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luker for its Jewish-Christian Studies Program. This gift will enable the department to work more ambitiously to increase the number of interreligious conversations, and to arrange for a visiting rabbi to offer a course each semester and to participate in faculty colloquia and other special events on campus.

It used to take four years to get a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at VU. Now, a new program has been developed that allows nursing students to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing in four years and one semester. The Program has been developed in response to the job market. By streamlining the course of study and attending one extra semester, students can graduate with a master’s degree.

Professor Martin Jean, music, has been invited to join the management roster of Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, a nationally known agent for concert organists and choirs whose artists are the organists of St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, as well as faculty of the University of Michigan, General Theological Seminary, the University of Southern Illinois, Wellesley College, Southern Methodist University, and the University of Washington.

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Appleton Chapter

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Ella Reinking and Alma Reinking Gidley

by Carolyn French, President, Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter

For sisters Ella Reinking and Alma Reinking Gidley, April 18 has always been a special day. It is unusual enough for sisters to share the same birthday, but it is certainly more than unusual for them to share that birthday for 90 years!

Ella recalls that on her fifth birthday her father led her to see what he called her “birthday present.” When she saw her mother lying in bed holding a blanket-wrapped bundle, tomboy Ella’s first thought was “Oh, no, not a doll!” When the “doll,” however, began to wriggle and cry, Ella and Alma formed a loving bond that has grown stronger through the years.

Alma’s interest in Valpo was sparked back in 1925 when she saw an announcement about the upcoming dedication of Valparaiso University under Lutheran auspices. Thrilled with the idea of a Lutheran university, she and her husband drove from South Bend to Valparaiso for the ceremony. Alma soon recruited Ella to share her interest, and in 1936 they became founding members of the Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild. Alma has twice served as president and both have served in many other capacities. Fellow members are inspired and awed by the continued enthusiastic commitment of “the girls.” Who can complain of being too busy or too tired to attend a meeting when it’s a pretty safe bet that El and Al will be there?

Many Guild members will remember the convention when Alma stood up to demonstrate Magic Bows to a fascinated audience. The bows became a Guild Goodie and, indeed, a magic money-maker.

Ella and Alma have seldom missed a convention, which now doubles as a reunion with Alma’s daughters, Marilyn Dulmatch, Battle Creek MI and Jan Wozniak, Cary NC. Both are Valpo grads and dedicated Guild members.

The sisters share a lovely home in South Bend where they were born and reared. They also share a lively sense of humor. Alma laughs as Ella remarks plaintively that her sister has had two husbands while she hasn’t had one yet. They thank and praise the Lord for their long lives and good health. Neither takes any medication nor has a family physician. Their one concession has been a fall flu shot.

Among their many blessings is a loving family which now includes Alma’s great-great-grandchild. They travel extensively, visiting family on both coasts and in between.

Ella and Alma’s milestone birthdays were celebrated at the chapter’s Spring Luncheon with corsages, cake, congratulations, and sincere affection.

Ella
95 years of age

Alma
90 years of age
Report of the Executive Director

Janie Lichtfuss

Madam President, Members of the Board, Members of the Valparaiso University Guild and Guests:

What a weekend this has been! I applaud each and everyone of you here and all those women who are not here but who have helped in the completion of this five-year project. You did a good and noble thing. Now we can smile and watch as this beautiful building is completed. We will be able to rejoice with real pleasure when it is dedicated, and especially when the first students, faculty and staff begin to bring alive every corner and niche. But this is not new, is it? Certainly the building is new, but this phenomena of watching something be completed, of watching the pleasure that students, faculty and staff have as they use this new “thing”—this is not new. The Guild has been doing this for its entire 63 years!

For many years I have been trying to figure out why the Valparaiso University Guild is so unique and why it has always had such a tight grip on my heart. Of course, it is a fact that not many schools can boast of such a group, such a widespread, nationwide group. It is a fact that the women who belong to this organization now, and who have belonged to it throughout the years, are wonderful women. It is a fact that there is a higher, common and shared Denominator among the members of this organization. All of these things are terrific and have endeared the organization to me, but I believe what absolutely “catches and holds” me is the quiet intensity that has always run through the group. This quiet intensity has always given the members of the Guild the ability to look at something, to see the need, and to work with purposeful determination until the need was met. There may have been some celebration at the end for a job well done. There may even have been a certain soft pride. But by the time a project was completed, the focus of each individual, and the group as a whole, was always directed farther down the road toward the next need and how it would be met.

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Inherent in all of this has been the necessity for leadership, vision, risk taking, and great courage. That’s what I have seen in this group. But if someone would have come up to these women and acclaimed them for being such great leaders, or for having such great vision, or for being such great risk takers, or for being so courageous, what do you suppose they would have said? Probably something like, “You have got to be kidding! We just did what needed to be done.”
Almost six years ago, when the University came to us and asked us to undertake another five-year project, after we had so recently completed the long project for the ARC, when another five-year project was about the last thing in the world we wanted to do, did the women of the Valparaiso University Guild tell them “no?” Absolutely not! They came through again vowing to raise that $500,000 for the lobby of the new building—in fact, vowing to raise a minimum of $500,000 for the lobby. What a challenge! Yes, but what spirit! It made one get goose bumps that day hearing the excitement in the voices of those who spoke and feeling the charge in the air in that room.

And now that project is completed. It has not been easy—these five years! But you did it and you did it with real class. You have never been a group to leave a task unfinished.

But, the times they are a'changing, right? I bet you have heard that before, right? Let me do a bit of pretend dialogue with a fictitious Guild member. Visualize this conversation.

Times are, indeed, a'changing. Times are hard. Money is tight. More and more women have to work outside the home just to make ends meet. There just are not enough hours in the day to get everything done that NEEDS to get done. So how would I have time for a volunteer organization? Well, maybe I’ll join the group or maybe I’ll consider continuing my membership in the group. But don’t ask me to take on any leadership positions. I might follow someone else but I certainly don’t want to be the head of anything. Let someone else do it. I am just too busy.

Besides, who cares about us any more? Who cherishes us? Certainly the University has changed. We used to feel like the right arm of the University President. Do we feel that anymore? Perhaps not. So, if the University doesn’t care about us, except for our money, why should I put myself out for the University, especially when I am so busy?

Besides, it is impossible to get new members. I know! The Guild Office sends our chapter names of women who have expressed a desire to join the Guild; in fact, they wanted to join OUR chapter, but I just can’t take the time to call those people. If I don’t have the time to call them, how would I ever have the time to pick them up to take them to a meeting? Never mind that these women have said they want to join, that it is a “sure thing.” It is just too bad if these women feel left out and ignored. There just isn’t enough time.

The National Guild puts on these wonderful workshops at the Guild meetings. They cover things like strategic planning, leadership, getting to know and understand people and what makes them tick, understanding how to use and combine the characteristics and personalities of the members of our group so that they work together better—they truly are wonderful workshops. But when I get home I just put what I heard and learned aside. It would just take too much of my time to implement any of this.

In fact, our chapter has decided to disband. We all talked it over and decided we should disband. We have always sent in lots of money to the Guild and we have quite a few students from our area attending school at Valpo, but no one will take on the leadership for the coming year. I certainly don’t want to be President, so I guess the National Guild will just have to do without us.

How does this dialogue sound to you? Are you shaking your head in horror or are you shaking your head in recognition? Perhaps you are doing both. I certainly hope, at the very least, that you are shaking your head in horror. While I do not want to put a damper on this wonderful celebratory weekend, I do want to be honest with you and up front with you.

I will never hesitate to fight for this group when I believe that I am fighting for a membership that is in step right behind me...

This past year was a very difficult year. I love challenges, but this past year held more challenges than I would really like to see again for quite awhile. But, I will never hesitate to fight for this group when I believe that I am fighting for a membership that is in step right behind me and committed to those
convictions and standards that I mentioned at the beginning of this address. However, my short dialogue is not pretend. It is real, true, and factual. That dialogue represents real conversations I have heard or actions that have really happened.

The Board of Directors of the Guild has known for several years that the Guild was facing the necessity of really looking at itself very closely; of deciding what it wanted to be in the future, what it wanted to do in the future, actually, whether it wanted to have a future! Before that task was quite where we wanted it to be, before it was really completed, we were met with this huge challenge. But BECAUSE of the work that had been done, the challenge was faced quite head-on and dealt with. But the task is not over. That is evidenced by the fact that an ad hoc committee was appointed to really look at the question of the future of the Guild. You will be hearing from them next. Rest assured that we are not alone in this exploration. Many groups all across the country are finding the need to explore their existence. It is not the single problem of the Guild.

Recently, my husband, Armin, came across an article in an issue of Airman magazine. This, obviously, is a publication meant to be read by those in the Air Force. When he read this article to me, I began, in my head, to paraphrase it for the Guild. I would like to close with that paraphrase. It describes, at least for me, my concerns about and for the Guild I hope that you will find it of interest, helpful, and, most of all motivating.

Here it is:

The heroes mentioned in this story overcame unique circumstances. But they all did something in common: beat tough odds, either individually or as members of the Valparaiso University Guild.

Like raising funds for a dormitory during the middle of a World War, by fighting and overcoming an enemy called cancer, by taking on two very large five-year projects within close proximity of each other, by leading a fledgling organization into a great and respected organization, by overcoming the loneliness and grief caused by the too-soon death of a spouse, or like working diligently to help an organization to exist when membership in such organizations as a women's guild was definitely on the decline.

It's no surprise such people make up the Guild. Our organization was built by people who took risks: Heidbrink, Hoppe, Nicolay, Froehlich, Ruprecht, Riethmeier, Wick—and countless others. Heroes all.

Question is, will we continue finding many heroes in the Guild? Will the Guild—64 years old next April—nurture risk takers the way it did in its early years? Or will it, mature and self-protective, discourage fresh thinkers, tide-buckers, budding heroes?

As your Executive Director, I'm here to tell you that heroes are welcome in today's Guild. We want people who will debate "what's always been," challenge conventional wisdom, and discover how to add new value to what they do. We want people who will make a difference.

And we want officers, area directors, committee chairs, past national presidents who will nurture them; leaders who will seek them out and hear them out—not show them out.

This may mean listening to folks who want to buck—and ditch—old methods and regulations. Since I have been in the Guild, I have seen some women—branded as troublemakers by some—make suggestions that have resulted in some needed streamlining. Were there adverse results? No, only the removal of limitations on ourselves and a fresh look at ourselves.

What We Need—are Heroes!

The time is ripe for risk takers. As the Guild slims down, works on renewal, plans for the future, we need to know what to get rid of, what to keep, what to add. We need "unconventional" thinkers to find things that no longer add value to our mission. We need visionaries to find things that do. We need people who aren't afraid—people willing to take some flak for an important target.

WHAT WE NEED—are Heroes.

The Lord's blessings to all of you.

Thank you.
The following is a list of Guild members who have died since the publication of the last issue of the Bulletin.

Carol Lines, Oshkosh WI Chapter
Pauline Riechman, Evansville IN Chapter
Helen Hackman, Saginaw MI Chapter
Susan Henderson, Minneapolis MN Chapter
Fances Hauser, Union County OH Chapter
Lucia Rausch, Union County OH Chapter
Marie Glaser, Dundee IL Chapter
Linda Stoetzer, Detroit MI Chapter
Myrta Kramer, St. Louis MO Chapter
Maryanna Held, Detroit West MI Chapter
Dorothy Amt, Washington D.C. Chapter
Mildred Heitmuller, Washington D.C. Chapter
Edith May Rutz, Bridgman MI, long-time member of the Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter
Geraldine "Pat" Mennicke, wife of Victor, formerly of the Development Office at VU, died July 10, 1994 in Tulsa OK.
Lorraine Ortwein, past President, Detroit MI Chapter, died July 23, 1994.
Lois Hoeppner, past National Treasurer of the Guild, and member of the Valparaiso IN Chapter, died June 19, 1994 from a heart problem.
Esther Marie Bierwagen, Valparaiso IN Chapter, died June 3, 1994 following a massive stroke.
Father of Barbara Wetterman, Union County OH Chapter, died in March 1994.
Meta Koepke, 97, Milwaukee Afternoon WI Chapter, died in May 1994.
Burmond Gaunt, father of National Secretary, Lorraine Gaunt Dorough, died May 15, 1994.

Helen Kraft, mother of Area IV Director Marian Yunghans, died on Mother’s Day, May 8, 1994 at the age of 89.

Esther Marjorie Lutze, Valparaiso IN Chapter, wife of Karl Lutze and aunt of Elizabeth DeMik of the Northern Virginia Chapter, died May 14, 1994 following a battle with cancer.

Walter G. Friedrich, one-time Acting President of VU and chair of the Department of English, died June 23, 1994 at the age of 97.

We pray for our Lord’s continuing care and comfort for all who mourn.

Editor’s Note: Your Editor realizes that there have no doubt been others within our Guild Family who have died recently. Their names were not omitted intentionally. If chapters will keep the national office informed, names will be included in future issues of the Bulletin.

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Anne Horstman receives copy of Convention resolution, made on behalf of the Fort Wayne Chapter, from National President Barbara Riethmeler.
By Sharon Hersemann

**Area I—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington D.C.**

Congratulations to the chapters from Area I who so beautifully decorated the Great Hall of the Valparaiso Union at the 63rd Annual Convention for the convention banquet. These chapters were: Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester and Southtowns of Erie County NY, and North East PA Chapter. Your own Barbara Riethmeier was pleased!!

**BUFFALO NY**

The fall Guild season was off to a great beginning for the Buffalo Chapter, with two dinners starting things off right. September 19th the group hosted a potluck supper meeting, and on October 17th, invited Guild friends from North East PA, as well as the other three western New York chapters to be their guests at the Fall Dinner. The invitation to the first dinner included a delightful "Top 10 Reasons for Attending the September 19th Dinner."

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK NY**

Barbara Town, Area I Director, attended the summer picnic of this chapter on July 31, 1994, held at the home of June Ryan. New freshmen and their families were invited. Everyone enjoyed the event! This chapter is also planning a special Anniversary Luncheon on October 15th.

**ROCHESTER NY**

Rochester's Fall Luncheon was held on September 10th at the home of Renate Judson. Twelve members plus a recent graduate were present.

The chapter's celebratory 30th Annual Advent-Christmas Choral Vespers will be held at Faith Lutheran Church on December 11, 1994. O.P. Kretzmann and M. Alfred Bichsel started the vespers tradition at Valpo many years ago, and Dr. Bichsel and the Guild continued the tradition when he moved to Rochester thirty years ago.

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

This chapter met for a brunch meeting on July 30th, and welcomed Area I Director Barbara Town to its gathering. Plans are already well in place for craft making, catering, meeting schedule, and a luncheon in the spring. Former chapter president Liz DeMik assumed the Area I Director position at the September Guild Convention.

**Area II—Illinois plus Quad City**

**AURORA IL**

When Mary Bird moved from the Aurora area, Suzanne Heronemus, not even part of the chapter yet, stepped forward to assume the leadership of this chapter. Thank you, and welcome Suzanne!!

**ELM IL**

Area II Director Judy Rullman joined the members of this chapter for a potluck dinner and business meeting on April 12, 1994. This group continues to sponsor a very successful annual fashion show which the members enjoy and is a good fund-raiser for them.

**GLENBROOK IL**

Glenbrook chapter members and guests hosted a dinner-theater party in April as their "Extra Project" for the Project Fund. Pictured are chapter members.
Millie Kolterman, left; Kitty Hoover, right; and Millie's guest, Barbara Riethmeier, National Guild President.

ROCKFORD IL
Good News! Some chapter formation activity going on in the Rockford area. Stay tuned!

QUAD CITY IL/IA
The program for the fall luncheon of the Quad City Chapter featured two representatives from the VU Friends of Art organization, Josephine Ferguson, Director, and Bettye Green, President. Information was shared about the new arts building, as well as about the Friends group itself.

Area III—Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming

BOULDER CO
Boulder Chapter returned 100% of its Person-to-Person cards for the 6th year in a row.

GREATER KANSAS CITY KS/MO
Even though this chapter had to say good-bye to its president, Edna Lassman, due to a move, it kept the plans going, as is evidenced by the following pictures. Featured are pictures of the chapter's popular and successful Oktoberfest: one showing the crowd enjoying the dining, and the other a view of the band.

LAND OF LAKES MN
This is another chapter where someone new stepped forward to assume the office of chapter president following the move of the current president. Thanks to Lavon Priebe for her willingness to serve.

ST. PAUL MN
Area III Director Jill Stammel visited this chapter last April, attending a brunch and business meeting at the home of chapter president Lydia Volz. Good discussion was held based on the Values-Vision-Mission statement of the Guild.
OMAHA NE
When Jill Stammel knew she would be in Omaha attending her daughter's soccer tournament, arrangements were made to also meet with the Omaha Chapter. This chapter continues to have several excellent fund-raisers which work well for them.

NEW MEXICO NM
This group, centered in Albuquerque, met in Santa Fe for an August meeting. It now has plans for both a fall garage sale and a Christmas party.

AUSTIN and HOUSTON TX
Again, combining this trip with other business, Area III Director, Jill Stammel met with representatives from each of these chapters in their respective areas in August. Discussions centered on the upcoming Convention, and plans and goals of each of these valued chapters.

Area IV—Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington

SUN CITY AZ
The Sun City Chapter raised $628 toward the Project Fund at its "Annual Card Party" hosted by the members pictured below, left to right: Hilda Billingsley, Ornita Bittner, Eda Johns, Shirley Nichols, Dorothy Prante, Lois Reed, Chairman, and Bernyce Anderson. An enjoyable time was had by all.

In April 1994, Executive Director Janie Lichtfuss had the pleasure of visiting this chapter. Shown below, at the time of this visit are: Lois Reed, left, Evelyn Peterson, right, and Janie in the center.

ALL OF CALIFORNIA
Nearly all of the chapters in California were involved in some way with the first HOMECOMING WEST, October 1 and 2, 1994 sponsored by the VU Alumni Association. Sylvia Luckens from Harbor Lights Chapter took an active role, as well as the San Diego Chapter being a primary player in the events of the weekend. Executive Director Janie Lichtfuss attended the event, along with many others from the University staff. The weekend was complete with a Guild breakfast, Saturday football game, (including homecoming mums), and a Sunday Worship Service. The event was well received by those who attended, even though Valpo lost the football game in the last six seconds!

DIABLO VALLEY CA
Longtime chapter member Judy Michaels was recently awarded the Alumni Service Award for her contributions to Valpo. Congratulations to Judy, shown here with Karl Krueckenberg, Director of Alumni Affairs. Picture taken by Marian Yungans who was also in attendance.
IDAHO ID
July 9th was the date for an Idaho Alumni-Guild Brunch in McCall ID. Richard Wamhoff '67, President of ORE-IDA, was the guest speaker. Area IV Director Marian Yunghans also attended and reported that this was a very successful event.

COLUMBIA CASCADE OR
Their March 17-25, 1994 Cruise to the Hawaiian Islands was great fun for the 41 cruisers, despite the fact that the weather was less than ideal. Next Guild Cruise is set for March 18-25, 1995, to the Caribbean. Summer picnic for all Valpo Alumni and Friends was held on July 17, 1994 at the home of Rev. Fred and Esther Niedner. Lots of activity in this busy chapter!

Area V—Wisconsin

MERRILL WI
Merrill Chapter served as the host for the Wisconsin State Unit meeting held in Merrill on April 26, 1994. Shown below are the various participants in the day's meeting: from left to right, front row: Pamela Nickel, Merrill Chapter president; Vera Block, meeting co-chairman; Cindy Russler, Area V Director, back row: Arlene Rachiele, state unit secretary; Sally Hostvedt, meeting co-chairman; Marge Demuth, WI State Unit president; Janie Lichtfuss, Executive Director; and Barbara Riethmeier, National President.

Vera Block received a special award for continued service to the Guild and for originating the Guild's National Calendar Project in 1957.

MILWAUKEE SUBURBAN WI
The Guild year in this chapter started off with a new student gathering during the summer. Incoming freshmen and returning VU students alike were invited to the event held at a member's home. The first business meeting was held on September 12th, followed quickly by the chapter-sponsored bus trip to Valpo on September 16th and 17th for a campus visit day.

Area VI—Michigan

DETROIT MI
Plans were underway early in the fall for the October 14th fall luncheon card party sponsored by this chapter. This is an annual event for this group, and one that is still well received and attended.

MT CLEMENS DISTRICT MI
May 6, 1994 was the date for a WONDERFUL organ concert given by Dr. Martin Jean to benefit the Mt. Clemens Chapter Project Fund. Dr. Jean is a professor of music at Valparaiso University, and the University Organist.

Area VII—Indiana and Kentucky

MICHIGAN CITY IN
Area VII Director Dee Stritof attended the final event of the 1993-94 year of the Michigan City Chapter. She joined the members at their dinner at a local restaurant and installed their new officers.

VALPARAISO IN
On the Guild's 63rd Birthday, April 13, 1994, the Guild Office celebrated with a cake and all the trimmings! Everyone in Kretzmann Hall knew it was a special day!
The Valparaiso Chapter president, Betsy Bird, received Honorary Alumni Membership from the VU Alumni Association. The award was presented at the Guild Convention by Heather McGill, president of the association. They are shown here, Heather on the left, Betsy on the right. This award is made to persons who are not alumni, but who exemplify the ideals of achievement and service.

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**Area VIII—Ohio**

**CINCINNATI OH**
Area VIII Director Dawn Rickman attended the June luncheon of this chapter. She was the program speaker.

**TRINITY ELMORE OH**
And Dawn also met with the Trinity Elmore group for lunch, this one at the Maumee Bay State Park in September.

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**Area IX—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee**

**ATLANTA GA**
Pictured are members of the Atlanta Chapter with Dr. Martin Jean at the time of his organ recital at Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta, on May 10, 1994.

Left to right: Judy Cerny, Linda Allen, Joan Janson, Jean Meyers, Jennifer Meszaros, Dr. Martin Jean, Halimah Shaheed, Marty Mattes, Julane Swank, Marie Geesa, and Jean Lawrence

**SOUTHERN PIEDMONT NC**
A hearty welcome to the Guild's newest chapter, Southern Piedmont NC, located in the Charlotte NC area. The chapter received its charter at the September Convention, and is well underway benefiting from the very able leadership of Susan Dippold. Welcome to all the members of this new chapter, and blessings on your work for the Valparaiso University Guild!

**SOUTH CAROLINA SC**
July 30, 1994, found the members of the South Carolina Chapter gathered for a luncheon at the home of Catherine Graef. Shown below attending the luncheon are left to right, front: Kay Mellom, Kristi Moe, chapter president, and Lois Vick, back row: Paula Sauer, visiting sister-in-law of Catherine Graef and former National Guild President, Barbara Volk, guest, and Catherine Graef, hostess.
MINUTES of the 63rd ANNUAL CONVENTION VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD, INC. September 22-25, 1994

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen!” Revelations 7:12

The 63rd Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order by Barbara Riethmeier, President, at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 1994, in the Great Hall of the Valparaiso University Union.

The opening devotions were led by members of Soul Purpose, the student chancel drama group.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The President welcomed all members of the Guild in attendance at the convention, especially those attending their first National Guild Convention. She then introduced the other members of the Board of Directors of the VU Guild: Bev Wick, 1st Vice President; Ann Louise Pera, 2nd Vice President; Lorraine Dorough, Secretary; Judy Mason, Treasurer; Janie Lichtfuss, Executive Director; and Lynn Bahls, Parliamentarian. Members of the Guild office staff were introduced: Sharon Hersemann, Administrative Assistant; and Esther Kruger, Technical Assistant. Past National Guild Presidents in attendance at the meeting were: Bette Froehlich, Lynn Bahls, Beata Madoerin, Janie Lichtfuss, Jackie Jungemann, Barbara Maas, Virginia Amling, Phyllis Schuessler, and Paula Sauer. Also recognized were Ber Ruprecht, Betsy Nagel, and Dot Nuechterlein, past Executive Directors; Rick Thomas, Associate Director of the Valparaiso Union; and Jeff Gordon, Convention Photographer. Betsy Bird, President of the Valparaiso Chapter, conveyed greetings to the assembly.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Arlene Laesch, member of the Credentials Committee, reported 181 registered voting members and 5 guests. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES

By direction of the Board of Directors, the Secretary moved adoption of the convention standing rules, which were adopted as follows:

1. When addressing the chair, a member shall speak at a microphone, giving name and chapter affiliation.
2. Motions and amendments from the floor shall be submitted in writing, signed by the maker and the seconder, and presented to the Secretary.
3. Notices of announcements shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director.

ADOPTION OF THE CONVENTION PROGRAM

By direction of the Board of Directors, 2nd Vice President Ann Louise Pera moved adoption of the convention program with the following amendments:

1. The introduction of the Convention Committees will follow adoption of the Convention Program.
2. A resolution of thanks for the Fort Wayne Chapter IN will follow the new chapter resolution.
3. The report of the 2nd Vice President will be on Friday afternoon following the topic presentation.
4. The project resolution for 1994-1995 will follow the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Saturday afternoon.

Motion adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

The President introduced the members of convention committees:

Minutes Approval Committee
Lynn Bahls -- National Parliamentarian
Esther Hildner -- Central New Jersey Chapter NJ
Margaret Zobel -- St. Petersburg Chapter FL
RECOGNITION OF ANNIVERSARY CHAPTERS
The President recognized the following anniversary chapters:
10 Years  Tampa FL
20 Years  Naperville IL
           San Diego CA
30 Years  Ann Arbor MI
           Harbor Lights CA
40 Years  Nassau-Suffolk NY
           Niagara Falls NY
60 Years  Hammond IN
           Sheboygan WI

RECOGNITION OF NEW CHAPTERS
Marian Yunghans from Area IV and Corrine Roy from Area IX introduced the representatives from the following new chapters:
Idaho ID  -- Bonnie Johnson
Southern Piedmont NC  -- Susan Dippold
The new chapter representatives were presented with their chapter charters and gavels.

NEW CHAPTER RESOLUTION
The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:
WHEREAS, A primary purpose of the Valparaiso University Guild is to create and develop a continued interest in and support for Valparaiso University as an institution of Christian higher education, and
WHEREAS, The dedicated and devoted efforts of Area Directors of the Valparaiso University Guild have resulted in the organization of two new chapters, Idaho ID and Southern Piedmont NC; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the members of the Idaho ID and Southern Piedmont NC chapters be affirmed into membership in the Valparaiso University Guild, and be it further
RESOLVED, That the women of the Valparaiso University Guild joyfully welcome these two new chapters, giving thanks and glory to God.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS FOR THE FORT WAYNE CHAPTER
The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:
WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild has been a loyal chapter since its founding in 1931 as one of the three Charter Chapters of the national Guild,
WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Chapter recently gave a financial gift for the endowment of the national Guild office, and
WHEREAS, The membership of the Fort Wayne Chapter recently voted to dissolve as a chapter; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That all members of the Valparaiso University Guild give thanks and praise to God for the many years of faithful service of all the members of the Fort Wayne Chapter and for their generous financial support to the university.
REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

First Vice President Bev Wick introduced Barbara Riethmeier, National Guild President. (See page 9 in the Bulletin for the President’s report.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Lorraine Dorough conveyed greetings from Walt Wangerin; Marilyn Krueger and Marty Mattes, Past National Presidents; thanks from Marjorie Nagel, freshman Guild Scholar; Freda Scales, Dean of the College of Nursing; Fred Plant, Director of Physical Plant Services; Nancy Sederberg, Associate Professor of Sociology; and regrets from Vera Doty and Jean Ehrman, Past National Secretaries. A letter from Ella Pennekamp, the Guild member who made the amendment to the resolution for the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, increasing the Guild’s goal to a minimum of $500,000, was shared with the gathering.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

Judy Mason, Treasurer, gave the following report of receipts and disbursements for the year ended June 30, 1994. The total beginning balance as of July 1, 1993, was $63,125.00. Total receipts through June 30, 1994, were $265,659.00, making the total cash available $328,784.00. Total disbursements through June 30, 1994, were $295,526.00, leaving a balance of $33,257.00. The complete report of the Treasurer is appended to these minutes.

Procedure manuals have been developed for chapter treasurers. The manuals were mailed to all chapter treasurers this past summer. Special thanks were extended to all the treasurers for their efforts in the past year.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

The report of the auditor, Stephanie Gerdes, C.P.A., was adopted by the assembly.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1994-1995

For the information of the assembly, the Treasurer reviewed the proposed budget for July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995. The budget includes a new line item for replacement of computer equipment in the Guild office.

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Approved by the Guild Board of Directors May 1994.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

The following were appointed by the President as tellers for the convention:

Shirley Honold, Chairman
Beth Frederick
Judy Haugen
Lois Hoelter

Barbara Oster
Rhoda Williamson
Jan Zinnecker

SPECIAL TOPIC

Dr. Margaret O’Brien, Vice President, Electronic Information Services for Valparaiso University, gave the assembly a tour of the information superhighway, and detailed the efforts underway to ensure that the students of Valparaiso University are prepared to succeed in a world increasingly dependent on computer technology. Dr. O’Brien challenged the Guild to find ways to use available information technology in its endeavors.
REPORT OF THE GUILD GOODIES COORDINATOR
First Vice President Bev Wick highlighted the fourteen Guild Goodies for the 1994-1995 season. The newest item was presented to the assembly: VU cookie stamp -- Puget Sound Chapter WA.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUILD SCHOLARS
The recipients of the Guild scholarships were introduced by Candy Kilpinen. Joel Hieber, senior scholar, and Marjorie Nagel, freshman scholar, thanked the Guild for making the opportunity available to them and for all the ways that the Guild serves the University.

REPORT OF THE FUN RUN CHAIRMAN
Jan Schlegelmilch, Chairman, encouraged everyone to participate in the final Fun Run, either by walking, running or cheering. Over the past five years, the Fun Run has brought in more than $20,000. Following her report, expressions from the floor indicated interest in continuing the Run.

NOON PRAYER
The noon prayer was offered by Barbara Town, retiring Area Director, Area I.
The meeting was adjourned at noon and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Arlene Laesch, a member of the Credentials Committee, reported 184 registered voting members and 6 guests. The report was adopted.

ACTIVITIES REPORT
Sue Dumford, Chairman, reported on the Bazaar and encouraged everyone to participate in the Silent Auction.

REPORT OF THE BED AND BREAKFAST CHAIRMAN
Chita Easton, Chairman, reported that receipts for the past year again reached an all-time high of $3,838.00. The Valparaiso Chapter contributed 48 per cent of total receipts.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE
Judy Beumer, Chairman, moved Bylaws and Standing Rules amendments which were adopted, resulting in Article XI Committees and Standing Rules as follows:

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Article XI Committees

Section 1a. The Activities Committee shall assist the chapters in planning programs of high educational and cultural value. It shall also supply ideas for raising funds.

Section 1b. The Bazaar Committee shall coordinate the convention bazaar.

Section 1c. The Bed and Breakfast Committee shall promote the use of the Bed and Breakfast Program. It shall maintain and provide current information for inclusion in the Bed and Breakfast Directory.

Section 1d. The Bylaws Committee shall promote and submit amendments as deemed necessary.

Section 1e. The Calendar Committee shall be responsible for design, printing, distribution, and collection of funds from the sale of the annual Guild engagement calendar.

Section 1f. The Community Relations Committee shall assist the Valparaiso University Director of Church Relations by encouraging the Guild chapters to promote VU Sunday. It shall develop and coordinate activities that promote the Guild and Valparaiso University to its various constituent communities. The purpose of these activities will be to strengthen the ties between the Guild, VU, Lutheran churches, and others interested in Christian higher education.

Section 1g. The Cookbook Distribution Committee shall distribute the Guild cookbooks. It shall be responsible for keeping the financial records and for submitting the proceeds to the Guild Treasurer for the Cookbook Scholarship Endowment.

Section 1h. The Cookbook Marketing Committee shall promote the sale of Guild cookbooks.

Section 1i. The Guild Goodies Committee shall coordinate the selection and marketing of Guild Goodies submitted by the local chapters, and shall present the requests to the Board of Directors for approval. The Chairman shall be a vice president and shall serve as stated in Article VIII, Section 2.

Section 1j. The Historian, a committee of one, shall compile and preserve a comprehensive history of the Valparaiso University Guild, Inc., and its antecedent organization. It shall also keep a record in the Social Minutes Book of all interesting items, happenings, and social events pertaining to the National Convention and Executive Council meetings. It shall prepare a resume of action taken at the National Convention and Executive Council meetings to be sent to those members on the Guild roster and chapter presidents. A copy of this resume shall be submitted to the Executive Director and President for approval prior to the meetings of the Executive Council.

Section 1k. The Membership Committee shall help the chapters increase and maintain a vigorous membership. It shall serve as Coordinator of “Four Winds” members: it shall send them notices of membership renewal annually in July.

Section 1l. The Parliamentarian, a committee of one, shall advise the President on points of parliamentary law and give similar advice to the Guild, the Executive Council, or the chapters when it is requested. It shall review the bylaws of all new chapters and the proposed bylaw changes of State Units and existing chapters.

Section 1m. The Person-to-Person Committee shall assist the Valparaiso University Admissions Department in the Student Procurement Program by encouraging the Guild chapters to participate in this and other efforts as called upon.

STANDING RULES

Expenses Granted by Valparaiso University Guild, Inc.

For Attendance at National Conventions.

Meetings of the Executive Council and of the Board of Directors

Board of Directors and Area Directors

Transportation:

Most economical rate.

Automobile--mileage allowance to be in accordance with the amount allowed by the University for automobile travel.

Lodging and meals and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.
REPORT OF THE CALENDAR CHAIRMAN

Judy Waetjen, Chairman, presented to the Guild the new calendar for 1995. The calendar continues the format from the successful 1994 calendar. The Bible verses were supplied by people special to Valparaiso University. The calligraphy in the calendar was done by Rita Foltz, Bourbonnais IL.

CALENDAR RESOLUTION

The Resolutions Committee moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso University Guild has realized a profit of $1,000.00 from the sales of the 1994 Guild calendar; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 1994 calendar fund amount of $1,000.00 be allocated to _________ (blank).

The President called upon 2nd Vice President Ann Louise Pera to present the three Calendar Fund proposals for voting by the assembly.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Liz DeMik, Chairman, urged chapter members to continue to send confirmand lists and to celebrate VU Sunday in their churches. The pattern for the VU Sunday banner is still available for the asking.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Virginia Amling, Historian, presented a history of celebratory themes from past conventions.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Diane Cillick, Chairman, reported on suggestions for chapters to strengthen their membership developed by the ad hoc membership committee. The committee submitted to the Guild Board the results of their survey on why women have dropped their membership in the Guild.

SPECIAL TOPIC

Bill Smriga, Director of the Valparaiso University Union, and four students shared with the assembly the forty-year history of the Valparaiso Union, from its origins to its present place in student life. The students told of their involvement with the Union, and described the opportunities and programs offered to students for campus and community activities.

Students through the years have voluntarily raised their student fees in order to provide funds for the Union, knowing that they will graduate before their plans are implemented. With the demolition of Dau and Kreinheder Halls this past summer, the Book Center will move into the former cafeteria building of the two dorms. This will free much needed space for the Union, but renovations will also require compliance with current building and accessibility codes. The Union has $500,000 in funds available from student fees. A task force is currently developing recommendations on Union renovations.
REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF AREA DIRECTORS

Ann Louise Pera, 2nd Vice President and Coordinator of Area Directors, introduced and thanked the Area Directors for all that they do for the Guild. New and retiring Area Directors for Areas I, V, and VI were given special recognition.

Area I - The East
Barbara Town (retiring)
Liz DeMik (new)

Area II - Illinois/Iowa
Judy Rullman

Area III- The Great Plains
Jill Stammel

Area IV - The West
Marian Yunghans

Area V - Wisconsin
Cindy Russler (retiring)
Judy Schumacher (new)

Area VI - Michigan
Margaret Kohn (retiring)
Pam Sieving (new)

Area VII - Indiana/Kentucky
Deanna Stritof

Area VIII - Ohio
Dawn Rickman

Area IX - The South
Corrine Roy

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was given by Cindy Russler, retiring Area Director, Area V.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1994

President Barbara Riethmeier called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The opening devotions were given by the men of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity.

ALUMNI AWARD PRESENTATION

Heather McGill, President of the VU Alumni Association, presented an Honorary Alumna Award to Betsy Bird, Campus Minister of the Catholic Student Center, St. Teresa of Avila, and President of the Valparaiso Chapter IN.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Arlene Laesch of the Credentials Committee reported 204 registered voting members and 6 guests. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joanne Gatz, Chairman, introduced the members of the committee in attendance. She then introduced the candidates:

President
Bev Wick

1st Vice President
Ann Louise Pera
Margaret Zobel

2nd Vice President
Norma May
Judy Waetjen

Linda Deal, a member of the Nominating Committee, asked each candidate to respond with prepared answers to questions asked of them in advance.

MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Ann Louise Pera, 2nd Vice President, introduced Dr. Alan Harre, President of Valparaiso University. (See page 20 in the Bulletin for Dr. Harre’s address.)

REACH FOR THE STARS

President Barbara Riethmeier introduced the special invited guests and members of the Administrative Forum in attendance for the conclusion of "Reach for the Stars": Roy Austensen, Provost; Richard Brauer, Director,
University Museum of Art; William Eifrig, former Chair, Department of Music; Josephine Ferguson, Director, Friends of Art; Linda Ferguson, Chair, Department of Music; Philip Gilbertson, Dean, Arts and Sciences; Alan Harre, President, Valparaiso University; Richard Maddox, Vice President, Office of Institutional Advancement; Lisa Miller, Editor-in-Chief, The Torch; James Noffke, Director of Development; Margaret O’Brien, Vice President, Electronic Information Services; Gerald Pelzer, Chairman, Valparaiso University Board of Directors; Ellen Schnabel; Robert Schnabel, President Emeritus, Valparaiso University.

Bev Wick, 1st Vice President, recounted the background of the Guild’s pledge to raise a minimum of $500,000 toward the lobby of the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts. She praised the dedication of the Guild women who met the challenge and succeeded in raising the largest gift in the history of the Guild on schedule. Special recognition was given to the Valparaiso Chapter for its major contribution to the Project Fund.

Judy Mason, Treasurer, filled in the blank check that made up the backdrop for the convention as President Barbara Riethmeier read the numbers. The final amount of $560,000 was revealed one number at a time. After the check was signed, President Alan Harre invited Gerald Pelzer, Chairman of the University Board of Directors, to respond first. Mr. Pelzer thanked the Guild for the gift, and shared with the assembly that the Board of Directors had presented a resolution of thanks for the Guild’s efforts. President Harre spoke of the realization of a long-held dream, and the helpfulness of the Guild in making it a reality.

NOON PRAYER

The noon prayer was given by Margaret Kohn, retiring Area Director, Area VI.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS: CALENDAR FUND

Shirley Honold, Chairman, reported the following results of the tellers:

Distribution #2:
Number of votes cast: 165
Necessary for election: 83

Results:
Music Department -- sound system: 86
Health Center -- fax machine: 78

The resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso University Guild has realized a profit of $1,000.00 from the sales of the 1994 Guild calendar; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 1994 Calendar Fund amount of $1,000.00 be allocated to: Music Department -- sound system.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Shirley Honold, Chairman, reported the following results of the tellers:

President
Number of votes cast: 191
Necessary for election: 96
Bev Wick: 191

1st Vice President
Number of votes cast: 192
Necessary for election: 97
Ann Louise Pera: 77
Margaret Zobel: 115

2nd Vice President
Number of votes cast: 192
Necessary for election: 97
Norma May: 61
Judy Waetjen: 131

The President declared the following elected: for President, Bev Wick; for 1st Vice President, Margaret Zobel; for 2nd Vice President, Judy Waetjen.
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

President Barbara Riethmeier introduced Janie Lichtfuss, Executive Director of the Guild. (See page 40 in the Bulletin for the address of the Executive Director.)

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Lynn Bahls, Parliamentarian and Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, explained the charge given to the committee by the Guild Board of Directors—to chart the future of the Guild. The committee recommended that:

1. In order for the Guild to continue its support, Valparaiso University must maintain its position as a Christian university in the Lutheran tradition.
2. Valparaiso University continue to fund the Guild office.
3. The Guild explore ways to decrease its expenses in order to make larger contributions to VU through the project fund.
4. The Guild consider increasing dues to an acceptable level to enable it to make a larger contribution to VU’s current operating fund.

CHAPTER PROJECT RESOLUTION

The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The mission of the Valparaiso University Guild is to provide facilities necessary for the students’ physical and spiritual welfare,

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso Union is a gathering place for all students, residential and commuter,

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso Union serves as a vital meeting place for many and varied campus and community groups,

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso University Guild has benefited for many years from the meeting facilities and untold courtesies of the staff of the Valparaiso Union,

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso University Guild recognizes the disruption of student activities at the Union during its national meetings,

WHEREAS, The students of Valparaiso University have voluntarily raised their student fees in order to make much needed renovations of the Valparaiso Union,

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso Union is in urgent need of renovations to ensure accessibility for all who utilize it, regardless of physical abilities, and

WHEREAS, The Union Renovation Task Force is currently developing a recommendation to the President on the actions needed to adhere to the American Disabilities Act and other pertinent building code requirements, and to respond to the growing needs of the student body, based on a budget of $500,000 realized from students’ fees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Project Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, be allocated as a supplement to the existing budget for the renovation of the Valparaiso Union.

PRESENTATION TO THE NEW PRESIDENT

President Barbara Riethmeier presented the Guild’s traveling plaque to newly-elected President Bev Wick.

RETIRING OFFICERS’ RESOLUTION

The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Revelations 7:12 says, “Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be unto our God for ever and ever,”
WHEREAS, Barbara Riethmeier and Ann Louise Pera have so capably served the Valparaiso University Guild as President and 2nd Vice President with devotion and dedication, demonstrating qualities of Christian love, generosity, and professionalism, as well as humor, and

WHEREAS, Their leadership, service, and love have been an inspiration and blessing to all; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That all members of the Valparaiso University Guild give praise and thanks to God who inspired Barbara Riethmeier and Ann Louise Pera to share their talents and gifts in the service of the Guild and to Valparaiso University.

CONVENTION RESOLUTION

The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Valparaiso University Guild, meeting in convention, has been filled with praise and glory to God in celebration as we have successfully "Reached for the Stars," and

WHEREAS, We have come together this weekend and have conducted business pertaining to the operation of the Valpo Guild and have been truly inspired by God's steadfast love as evidenced in the women gathered here to vigorously carry on His work at this University, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Valparaiso University Guild express its gratitude to all the individuals who volunteered to make this 63rd Convention a success -- and specifically we thank the members of the Valparaiso Chapter and the western New York and northeast Pennsylvania chapters for their convention efforts, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we go forth now inspired to carry out the Lord's work in our own Valpo Guild chapters -- praising, thanking, and honoring our Lord God now and forever.

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was given by the new National President, Bev Wick.

The 63rd Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Lorraine Dorough
Secretary

Approved by the Minutes Approval Committee:
Lynn Bahls -- National Parliamentarian
Esther Hildner -- Central New Jersey Chapter NJ
Margaret Zobel--St. Petersburg Chapter FL

The Amen Corner: 1-r, back-Paula Sauer, Bette Froehlich, Phyllis Schuessler, Virginia Amling, Jackie Jungemann, Beata Madoerln, Janie Lichtfuss, Barbara Maas
1-r, seated-Betsy Nagel, Ber Ruprecht, Dot Nuechterlein
# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

**VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1994**

## BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 1993

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## TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

- **$328,784.00**

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## ENDING BALANCE

- **$33,257.00**
This is the day!

Let's strive to be sold out in '95!!!

We have the potential of an extra $1,000 profit in the remaining supply of 1995 calendars!!!

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<td>This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.</td>
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Now is the prime time to distribute and sell our 1995 Guild Calendar. If your chapter has not yet placed an order or would like to order additional calendars, please write or call me immediately. The price of the calendar is $3.00.

Order forms are not necessary.......................Just send:

Your name
Address
Name of chapter
Number of calendars needed
TO: Judy Waetjen
270 N. Adams #1
Eugene OR 97402-4258
503/342-5272

As your outgoing Calendar Chairman, I will handle all 1995 orders and payments until February 1st. Please settle all accounts for calendars (including those picked up at convention) as soon as possible!

Show it, sell it, give it, display it...in your church, your school, your office, your home. (It makes a great gift...doubles as a diary, too!)

Sally Beck, as your incoming Chairman, is now in the initial planning stages of the 1996 calendar. Any comments or suggestions you might have for the 1996 calendar should be sent to Sally.

1995 Calendar Chairman
Judy Waetjen

1996 Calendar Chairman
Sally Beck

The Calendar is alive; don't be deprived...Order today and strive to be a winner in the calendar contest. Prizes will be given at the 1995 Convention to chapters selling the most 1995 calendars.

Thank you for your support of the Calendar Project...THIS IS THE DAY!
GUILD GOODIES APPLICATION

Guild chapter submitting application

Date of application

Item

Full description of item:

Price per item

Shipping/Handling

Total

Person responsible for handling orders:

Name Telephone

Address Zip

Additional information needed from customer to complete an order such as size, color, etc.:

Sample of the item and a clear, glossy photograph must accompany this application.

Send application to current Guild Goodies Chair or to the Guild Office.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR GOODIES!
Application For

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD COOKBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Each year receipts from the sale of Guild cookbooks provide $2,000 scholarships for sons and daughters of Guild members. Scholarship awards are based on academic ability, extracurricular involvement, and financial need. Provided the freshman recipient maintains a satisfactory academic record, the award will continue through the senior year.

This special Guild Application should be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid along with the regular University admissions forms.

Name ____________________________________________

Last First Middle or Maiden

Home Address _______________________________________

Street City State Zip

Phone ______ Name of Parent or Guardian _____________________________________________

College you plan to enter:

( ) Arts & Sciences
( ) Business Administration
( ) Engineering
( ) Nursing

Month and year you plan to enter Valparaiso University _________________________________

Name and address of high school ____________________________________________________

( ) I have filed an application for admission to Valparaiso University.

( ) Please send me an application for admission to Valparaiso University.

I am the son ( ) daughter ( ) of a Guild member in the ________________Chapter.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION: MARCH 1st of each year.
Application For

GUILD PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS' ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Initiated by the Past National Presidents and Executive Directors in the name of all the women who have served as presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers and executive directors of the Guild, this $2,000 scholarship is awarded to a junior who is in good academic standing at Valparaiso University. It may be renewed if the student remains in good academic standing. The scholarship is awarded to sons or daughters of Valparaiso University Guild members.

This application should be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Name __________________________

Last First Middle or Maiden

Home Address __________________________

Street City State Zip

Phone ______ Name of Parent or Guardian __________________________

College in which you are enrolled:

( ) Arts & Sciences

( ) Business Administration

( ) Engineering

( ) Nursing

I am the son ( ) daughter ( ) of a Guild member in the __________________________ Chapter.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION: MARCH 1st of each year.
The following Living Books Memorials, given from January 1, 1994 through June 30, 1994, totaled $1,070.00.

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- Esther Lutze
- Lester Prange
- Minneapolis MN
- Susan Henderson
- Northern Virginia VA
- Charlotte Behnke
- Omaha NE
- Robert Sutton
- Orange County CA
- Fred Froehlich
- Oregon Trail OR
- Robert L. Schroeder
- Puget Sound
- Gerhardt Neils
- Selma Neils
- Quad City IA/KY
- Avery Dittmer
- Barbara Lange
- Irene Bartholomew
- Treasure Coast FL
- Edgar Krahne
- Valparaiso IN
- Esther Bierwagen
- Lois Hoepnner
- Esther Lutze
- Mary Sievers
CELEBRATION CARDS

"For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God . . ." I Thessalonians, 3:9

Betsy Bird

50th Anniversary of Deaconess Program at VU

Ann Diko

Lois Hoeppner

Lydia Horn

Mrs. and Mrs. Peter James

Mel and Dottie Kangas

Edwin and Helen Koeneman

Myrta Kramer

Janie Lichtfuss

Birth of Kristin Mathuny

Birth of Jason Meyer

Betsy Nagel

Lester Prange

Juanita Wesche

Clarence and Charlotte Zupke

Celebration cards have been given with joy on the occasion of baptisms, birthdays, confirmations, weddings, anniversaries, recovery from illness, birth of a child.
Gifts in honor of the above persons, given from January 1, 1994 through June 30, 1994 totaled $365.00.
CURRENT PROJECT GIFTS
Gifts to the Current Project of the Guild on behalf of individuals, given from January 1, 1994 through June 30, 1994 totaled $2,593.00.

Cheechako AK
Helen Kraft

Chicago West Suburban IL
Herbert Jurasch

Columbia Cascade OR
Helen Kraft
Esther Lutze

Columbus Capital Bells OH
Erna Graef
Naomi Holverstott

Columbus West MI
Ema Graef
Joan Moeller
Lester Prange

North Front Range CO
Dena Urben (donor)

Omaha NE
Robert Sutton

Orange County CA
Helen Kraft

Puget Sound WA
Burmond Gaunt
Helen Kraft
Esther Lutze
Hilbert Roeske

Quad City IL/IA
Ellen Spaulding

Rochester NY
Ruth Anne Anderson
Paul Cook
Burmond Gaunt
Erna Graef
Naomi Holverstott
Helen Kraft
Esther Lutze
Steve Thillman

Saginaw MI
Lydia Busse
Al Ecker
Helen Hackmann
Dale Leidlein
Marie Nuechterlein

St. Louis MO
Myra Kramer

St. Petersburg FL
W. H. Essig

Erma Graef
Helen Hackman
Arthur Haupt

San Diego CA
Ruth Nutzel
Ellen Rumsey (donor)

Sheboygan WI
Esther Lutze

Sun City AZ
Fountain of Life Lutheran Church (donor)
Helen Gilchrist
Harmka Sargeant

Valparaiso IN
Esther Bierwagen
Betsy Bird
Burmond Gaunt
Erna Graef
Lois Hoeppner
Helen Kraft
Esther Lutze

’94 Take Back the Night Organizers/SAAFE Office

Washington DC
Sophie Cameron
Emily Dahl
Esther Lutze
Esther Scheck

Wausau WI
Della Bopf
Ruth Doede

Winter Haven FL
Burmond Gaunt
Helen Kraft
Esther Lutze

Individual
Bob and Madeline Hagemann
Helen Kraft
George Ruprecht

Idaho ID
Helen Kraft

Kentuckiana IN/KY
Erna Graef

St. Petersburg FL
W. H. Essig
The
"GLORIOUS MESS"
is
looking better and better
all the time