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"The Passing of the Torch"
Retiring Executive Director
Janie Lichtfuss welcoming newly-installed Executive Director Rebecca Balko to her new position with the Guild.
United by Christian love and a common dedication to the concept that scholarship, freedom and faith are uniquely confirmed at the University under the Cross, The Valparaiso University Guild is sustained by its belief in the following values:

CHRISTIANITY
We confess faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world. This faith underlies all our individual and corporate actions.

SERVICE
We see our work on behalf of Valparaiso University as a response to the Lord's call to work for Him and to serve others with the talents He has given us.

PEOPLE
We affirm the importance of each individual and respect the contributions of all. We encourage the personal growth and achievement of our members and of the students and faculty of Valparaiso University. We provide opportunities to be part of a dynamic team.

EXCELLENCE
We strive for the highest level of quality in all our work and continually seek ways to improve as individuals and as an organization. We promote excellence at Valparaiso University.

EDUCATION
We believe that learning and teaching are high callings, and that knowledge is a powerful tool for change. The Guild supports an environment of true scholarship at Valparaiso University, and provides training opportunities for its members, so that each may enhance her contribution to the University and society.

COMMITMENT
We give our work in the Guild a high priority in our lives. We pledge that we will devote the resources and talents God has given us to this worthy task.

INNOVATION
We support creative thinking and suggestions for improvement at all levels of our organization.

COMMUNICATION
We involve our members in decisions that will affect their service to the University. We see that every member is informed about events on campus and about the ongoing work of the Guild. We listen and respond to ideas and suggestions.

OPTIMISM
We look forward to the success of our work, with Christian hope and reliance upon the grace of God.

OUR VISION:

THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN USING THEIR GIFTS IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE AS UNIQUE AND VALUED PARTNERS IN THE UNDIMINISHED PROGRESS OF VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY AS THE LEADING LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD.

OUR MISSION:

We create and develop a greater interest in the University as an institution of Christian higher learning. We give financial assistance to the University. We assist in increasing student enrollment. We provide facilities necessary for the students' physical and spiritual welfare. We emphasize and reinforce the call of the University to provide highly educated and committed Christian leaders for the nation and the world.
Thoughts in Passing
Convention Address, September, 1995

Good morning, my friends in the Guild! Are you ready to step off into the future with me? "Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" from the 43rd chapter of Isaiah is our theme verse. Do you sense the anticipation and dawning awareness of unsuspected possibilities in those words? They speak of passages, adventure, and new beginnings.

Indeed, we are celebrating several important passages during this convention weekend. We will present a check representing the completion of our project for the Union renovation, and select a new project for the next fiscal year. We will hold our meetings in this room, where we have conducted business for four decades, and then process with joy and thanksgiving to the new Valparaiso University Center for the Arts to hold our first meeting in that wonderful space. We will recognize the completion of years of service to the Guild by Administrative Assistant Sharon Hersemann, and welcome a new friend in the office, Support Specialist Tina Ramos. On Saturday evening we will celebrate the achievements of our good friend Janie Lichtfuss during her six years as our executive director, and the next morning we will install her successor, Rebecca Balko. Completions, passages, changes, new things. These are what we will be about this weekend; but I'd like to take just a few minutes to look a little more closely at our theme verse, and what I believe it has to say to the Valparaiso University Guild in 1995.

"Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" The verse just preceding this one reads, "Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past." Our 1995 Executive Council, which launched our five-year Guild Renewal emphasis called Target 2000, focused on words from Philippians 3: "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me in Christ Jesus." How can these verses be applied to those of us here, Christian women trying to serve God through our volunteer work in the Guild? Are Isaiah and Paul saying that we should ignore everything that has brought us to this moment of passage and anticipation? Should the Guild of 1995 forget what we have done and been in the past as we look toward our future?
Tomorrow during the "gathering of the Guild" and our procession from Guild Hall, the most ambitious project in the history of our organization, to our most recent major project, the new Guild Lobby in the Center for the Arts, you will see that we do not underestimate and undervalue our history and those who have gone before us. It is their courage, faith, and bold decisions that form the base of everything that we do today. Our mission and our values are the same ones they held, and our vision is one the Guild women of 1931, 1945, 1967 and all the years between and since have shared. Their memory and their spirit are a vital and living part of our present community of service, and of our dream of the undiminished progress of Valparaiso University as the leading Lutheran university in the world.

So we do value the past, but we cannot live in it. We cannot stay there. We cannot operate in the style of the past. Those women were bold and adventurous for their time; we must be, too. If we do not emulate their courage and faith, we do not honor them or the strong spirit of this organization. On my desk I have propped a note I wrote during Executive Council while Judy Rullman, Area Director for Illinois, was at the microphone. She said something those women of the past would say to us today, "Pass the torch. Don't drop it!" It's our task to keep this wonderful, unique, and very special organization functioning strongly and effectively as a vital partner to this university for 1995 and on into the future. That will always be the task of the Guild if we really believe in our mission. There must always be "unending, continuous improvement," or there will be decline and ultimate failure. There must always be change, adjustment, anticipation, and growth, or there will be stagnation, decline, and death.

This weekend we will hear the recommendations of the Committee for the Future of the Guild. I know you will be as challenged and excited by their report as the Board was when it first heard it last spring. We must go beyond passive responses, however, to enact the changes that they believe are required for Guild Renewal. We are being asked to vote on several major changes to our Bylaws during this convention. I want to challenge you to study, listen, pray, debate, question, and decide these things with a committed heart, in the spirit of those Guild women who have gone before us and in anticipation of those who will follow us. Make the choices that represent your conviction. Argue your point of view passionately. Don't be afraid of taking the controversial issues out of the polite closets where we've hidden them lest we hurt someone's feelings by disagreeing with them. Those issues will keep pushing their way to the surface repeatedly, distracting us from our mission. Let's pull them out, set the elephants in the middle of the room, examine them as friends and co-workers, and decide together what we think about them. That is the only way we can stand firmly behind the final decisions and move into our future as a united community.

Is that too tough? Not for us! The Valparaiso University Guild can do this because we are a true community, and we share a deep bond of Christian love. If we really believe in what we say we do, if we stand behind our values, then the task we face at this convention should not be daunting. We are a Christian community, giving this service a high priority in our lives because it is a response to our Lord and good stewardship of the talents and blessings He has given us. We believe in the power of
education and support innovation and creativity to foster improvement. We respect each individual’s point of view, and we are willing to listen and respond to one another. Finally, perhaps because of all of that, we are an optimistic group of people, and we do look forward to the success of our work with Christian hope and reliance on the grace of God.

Hammering the Image of the Guild

Did you know that our convention verse “Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” will be the only scripture verse in the new VUCA? It will honor the Guild and our contribution toward the lobby, but it also speaks of the creative process, I think. It’s a very appropriate verse for a building where art will be made and viewed. We, too, are artists, and our studio probably looks a little chaotic at this stage of the work, but that’s natural and healthy. You and I are hammering out the image of the Guild for the next century. We are in the midst of the messy, noisy, clamorous stage of creative production. All the work of preparation has been done; the dreaming, the study, the planning, and much of the talking are over, and Target 2000 is in sight. We have gathered the models, the clay, the armature, and the tools. It’s time to continue with the next step by picking up the trowel and chisel. So roll up your sleeves, friends! Let’s get on with the process of designing and creating the Guild of the next century—an organization that will attract students from everywhere to this unique and precious center of scholarship, freedom, and faith!

Move Confidently Forward

As we do this, we might begin to feel doubts and hesitations. We might want to go back to the way things were—to our comfort zone. We must not fall into that trap. There are several motivational slogans I can think of that might apply here. Here’s one from my favorite sport, baseball: “Opportunity always involves some risk. You can’t steal second with your foot still on first base.” Another slogan comes from sailing, my brother’s favorite sport: “We cannot adjust the wind . . . but we can adjust the sails.” Then there’s that Latin standby Carpe Diem—seize the day. Or how about Nike’s “Just do it”? People have seen the wisdom in moving past the doubts of the moment to achieve a much-desired goal, and found many ways to say it. I’ll say it, too. Now is not the time to hesitate or turn back, Guild, just when we have so much to gain by moving confidently forward.

The Moment of Decision

Isn’t this one of the things God is trying to tell us in these verses from scripture we have been considering. Think of Luke, chapter 9, where Jesus tells those who would follow him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” Think of Elisha, when Elijah threw his cloak around him, asking him to carry on his ministry. He was literally in the midst of plowing, and he wanted to go back, to return home to say good-bye to his parents. Elijah simply reminded him of the momentous nature of what he had just offered him, underlining the importance of his call by saying, “What have I done to you?” Then he turned and walked away. We might use this imagery to personalize this passage for the Guild. Elijah was at the end of his ministry and needed to pass his torch. Those dear women and chapters who have served the Guild so well in the past will not be able to do this work in the next century. They are passing their torch to us. It’s our stage of the relay. This weekend we are at the moment of decision. Do we turn back, go home, make an excuse, take the easy way out? Or do we boldly
and passionately declare our desire to be fit servants of the kingdom; and like Elisha, slaughter the oxen, burn the plow, and assume the new mantle?

Yes, there will be discouragement. Chapters will close and pet projects will end, but new ones will spring up to take their place. "Do you not perceive it?" We can, and we must, do this! We sustain and encourage each other in this partnership with the University. Sometimes we will lead, and sometimes we might follow, but I think we have agreed that we most certainly will not get out of the way! Those who have gone before us have set a high standard, and a clear vision of our work leads us forward into the next century.

The view of the new millennium is clearer in 1995 than it was then, but the words of O. P. Kretzmann, President of Valparaiso University in 1966, still have the clear, strong ring of truth. Listen.

"As we begin to train generations who will control the destiny of humanity during the third millennium of Christian history, we must never forget that their world will be vastly different from ours. It will be a world of new discoveries, of new dangers, and of problems still unknown. It is our task through high religion and great teaching to make them worthy of the new dawn which our Lord will surely give them."

Women of the Guild, there is a mission to take seriously! Do we need more motivation than that? Join hands with your sisters here and across the country, and let’s recommit ourselves to this task. Valparaiso University needs us in the years to come. This is a partnership that will make a difference for those who will follow us; this is work that has lasting and eternal value, and, today, you are the most important member of the team!

Bev Wick
September 23, 1995

Sustain and Encourage

A Partnership That Will Make a Difference

Guild Board with newly-installed Executive Director Rebecca Balko
l-r: Judy Mason, Margaret Zobel, Janie Lichtfuss, Rebecca Balko, Bev Wick, Lorraine Dorough, and Judy Waetjen.

National President Bev Wick and "Friends" in Lobby of the VU Center for the Arts.
Report of the Executive Director

Janie Lichtfuss

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

How about this special event-filled day! How about the beautiful lobby and this beautiful theatre! How about this beautiful Center for the Arts!

What a Special Group You Are!

Most of all, how about the Valparaiso University Guild and all of you! What a group you are! When others might say, “We can’t,” or “We won’t,” this group says, “We can,” and, “Of course, we will.” When things look the darkest, this group assesses the situation, looks at the reason for its very existence, and says, “We will persevere! We have a purpose for being and we will fulfill that purpose!” I don’t know of many groups like that. I have never stopped marveling at the sheer...audacity, brashness, boldness, temerity of this group called the Valparaiso University Guild. You know what the definition of temerity is, don’t you? It is “unreasonable contempt of danger or opposition.” And I thank our Dear Lord everv day for that “unreasonableness” in all of you!

Bitter/Sweet Weekend

This weekend is, of course, a bitter/sweet one for me. What does an outgoing Executive Director say to the group she has worked for and with for six-plus years when she will no longer be in this position? There are so many things I want to say. There are so many feelings in my heart that I would like to share. But there are no such luxuries of time that would allow for such discourses. I just hope I can finish this address to you without crying—but that may be asking too much!

There is one thing I would like to elaborate on, just a bit, however. Way back when I was National President of the Guild, my very first address to the members had to do with JOY—I chose it as my theme. I spoke of JOY never being complete until it is shared. I mentioned that Galatians speaks of the fruit of the Spirit being love, JOY, peace, etc. and that there are even places in the Bible that speak of curses that will befall from NOT serving the Lord with JOYFULNESS and gladness of heart. I even remember quoting from a John Denver song, “JOY was just a thing that he was raised on, Love was just a way to live and die.” I ended that address by saying, “Whatever you do, do it with JOY!”

Through the years, and certainly while I have been Executive Director, I have signed my letters with the single word, “JOY!” (with an exclamation
There were those sad occasions when one of you had lost a loved one, when I would sign my note to you, "CHRIST JOY!" I remember Esther Kruger, my ever-faithful grammar checker and proofreader, asking if I didn't mean "CHRIST'S JOY" with an apostrophe "S." I told her that was not what I meant. It was not joy owned by Christ. Rather, the kind of joy I have always meant has been the JOY THAT COMES FROM CHRIST, that is ours BECAUSE of Christ and what He did for us. It was that special kind of joy that allowed me to sign the same greeting on notes to women who had lost loved ones, who were not, at the moment, experiencing earthly joy.

What I have tried to remind each of you, as I have written to or addressed you, is that you have that joy! It is exactly what has allowed, encouraged—NO, actually it has demanded—that perseverance, dedication, temerity, that unreasonable contempt of danger or opposition, from all of you all of the 64 years of the Guild and more. It is why I asked the guitar choir to sing a Christmas song for part of our devotions this morning. That JOY wished to Mary was much deeper than just expressing happiness about the birth of a baby. It was JOY about that Baby becoming our Savior and all that was entailed in that. That is CHRIST JOY. It has been, and is, what makes it possible for me to pick Guild women out of the crowd at places like O'Hare Airport. When I lived in Colorado and was bus lady on several occasions, I could see you coming even though I did not know you personally yet. You radiated something so uniquely different and wonderful. Don't ever forget or deny that joy.

To say that these six years and four months comprise time that is and will forever be indelibly etched in my heart and mind—is a gross understatement. To say that having the opportunity to meet so many of you here on campus, and especially where you live, was one of the most wonderful experiences of my life—just does not, cannot, express it well enough. To say that it was wonderful to have the opportunity to serve as an employee of my alma mater, to work with the faculty, staff and students here—cannot even begin to express something that was beyond my wildest imagination. To say that serving as your Executive Director gave me opportunity to grow and to find the resources within myself that the Lord knew were there all along (but I didn’t) hardly expresses what I have come to understand about me. To have been able to follow in the footsteps of past Executive Directors—has been a privilege beyond belief. To have had the opportunity to work with the dedicated and Christian women who have served as national officers during this time—has been a rare and unique pleasure.

In fact, when I think of ALL of you, each and every one of you, I cannot help but remember a plaque that Marlene Rakow, past National Secretary, gave to the members of the Board at the time of her last meeting with that group. It says it better than I ever could and I would like to end with that quote. The plaque said: "Some people come into our lives and quickly go...Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never...ever...the same."

Thank you for everything and—

CHRIST JOY!
A Personal Note from

Janie

Please forgive the "corporate" manner in which I write this personal note to each and every member of the Valparaiso University Guild.

It is difficult for me to express the feelings, the wonderful feelings, I had during Convention Weekend. I have to admit that the weekend left me absolutely speechless, and most of you know that is difficult to do.

While I knew there would no doubt be a resolution concerning my leaving and perhaps a gift of some sort, never in my wildest imaginings did I think there would be such an outpouring of care, support, and love as I received.

First of all, even before Convention Weekend, the Valparaiso Chapter of the Guild had a wonderful service in Gloria Christi Chapel for me with a beautiful reception following in the narthex of the Chapel of the Resurrection. I received many notes and cards then and an Olympus camera, which I will thoroughly enjoy using "on the road."

The Board gave me a beautifully framed picture of lovely Indian dream catchers, all hand done by National Secretary Lorraine Dorough.

As if that is not enough, the Amen Corner gave me a lovely Orofors crystal piece that Barbara Riethmeier bought while on her trip to Sweden.

The gift of the framed calligraphy from Bev and the wonderful resolution, as well as the standing ovation, on Saturday afternoon absolutely dumfounded me. And the "Janie's Last Roundup Banquet" was still to come!

To receive the Alumni Service Award, as well as the beautiful hand-blown crystal obelisk formed around a colored candle and flame, filled me with such emotion, I could hardly speak.

Area III Chapters outdid themselves in their presentation, and the wonderful duffle bag that was presented to me, which, by the way, had appliqued on it the words, "Janie, VU VIP RET" for those who could not see it, was absolutely filled with notes, cards, and mementos. As Armin and I drove to Colorado on Monday, I began pulling a handful of cards and notes out to read out loud. It soon became obvious that I could only do a few at a time, because I ended up in tears every time. How you kept that request for notes a secret, I can't imagine—since I get and read every newsletter that comes into the office. But you certainly did it.

The point is, I have felt so very honored and privileged to have had the opportunity to serve as your Executive Director these past six-plus years and I was absolutely stunned that I should receive such recognition for something I was so happy to do.

I could never get personal notes written to all of you, but I want you to know that I read each and every message and card. I will cherish them and—especially—all of you always. Thank you very, very much!

JOY!

Janie after having received the Alumni Service Award

Amen Corner: Janie Lichtfuss, Barbara Riethmeier, Dot Nuechterlein, Marty Mattes, Ginny Amiling, Paula Sauer, Barbara Maas, Marilyn Krueger, Lynn Bahls, Beata Madoerin, Phyllis Schuessler, Bette Froehlich, Betsy Nagel.
JANIE'S LAST ROUNDUP BANQUET
Welcome to a new column that will be included in all subsequent issues of the *Bulletin*. "One Voice" is an outgrowth of the first Guild Renewal objective, "Unite the Guild behind the vision and mission statement in order to speak and act with one voice." It is of primary importance that every member of the Guild clearly understands what our organization is all about, and where we are headed in our mission of service to Valparaiso University. When that happens, we can be a more powerful influence in our churches and communities on behalf of the University, help recruit potential students more effectively, be truly valued in our partnership, and attract others to join our cause.

At this fall's convention, we were asked to consider several amendments to the Guild's bylaws, as part of Guild Renewal. During the debate over these issues, some very differing opinions were expressed from the floor. It may seem that such highly charged and emotional discussion indicates a lack of unity within our organization. However, I'd ask you to consider that it is *exactly* such passionate debate which allows the Guild to move forward from our decisions as a united group. It is in that furnace of strongly held and widely varied opinions, presented confidently during open parliamentary decision-making, or offered during workshop discussions or committee and chapter meetings, that the future direction of the Guild is forged. The best decisions, and the wisest solutions, are the product of many minds. The voice of the Guild itself would remain unknown and untested unless the individual members of the Guild were able to share their deeply-felt convictions within the security of our Christian community, and follow that with an orderly voting process. A decision reached by any other means — whether by passive acceptance of University suggestion or by simple uninvolved following — would not be a valid decision, and would weaken our organization.

The women of the Guild are unanimous in our fervent desire to continue as a strong support arm of Valparaiso University, and are united in Christian love and respect for one another. That was very clear as we moved easily from debate to united affirmation of our mission, joining our hearts and voices in the prayer and hymn of our Guild closing. We don't need to fear different opinion, because we know God is using our process for His good purposes. We are confident that it is His hand that leads us, and His love that supports us. He is, ever, "our hope for years to come."

Bev Wick, October 9, 1995
—THE DATE FOR THE 1996 CONVENTION HAS BEEN CHANGED?
The new date is September 19-22, 1996. The change was made in order to accommodate Homecoming West activities the following weekend. The change will allow University personnel to participate in the Guild Convention, Guild members to participate in both events, and we show the Alumni Association that we value their partnership. The Guild has been assured that this will be a one-time request; in turn, we have firmly stated that this is a one-time favor. The Alumni Association has expressed its gratitude to the Guild, and we look forward to working together in 1996 to stage another successful Homecoming West.

—There is a new Bed and Breakfast Directory? Did you get yours? Do you need more? Contact Kris Fox or the Guild Office for copies.

—The amount of the Cookbook Scholarships will increase? Because of the increasing pool of spendable revenue gained from the Cookbook Scholarship Endowment fund, the membership voted to maintain eight scholarships per year but increase the amount awarded by $500 per year until individual amounts equal $4,000. The total annual awards would increase to $32,000 per year! Wonderful!

—The number and amount of the National Officers' Scholarships will increase? The number of awards given would increase from one to two during the 1997 fiscal year. In addition, the award would increase by $500 per year until each one reaches a $3,000 award. Currently we award one $2,000 scholarship per year.

—The amount of the Shirley Ayres Jud Scholarship will increase? The scholarship would increase from the current $1,000 per year to $2,500 per year.

—Maybelle Owen of the Chicago South Suburban Chapter, who was taken to the hospital at the time of the Convention, was in Porter Memorial Hospital until the following Tuesday but is now home and doing fine.

—The Guild Office Endowment has over $5,000 in it, the latest contribution being from the Guild Board on behalf of retiring Executive Director Janie Lichtfuss.

—There will be a Symphony Concert Event in Chicago IL on February 24, 1996 planned by the Alumni Association. More information available from the Alumni Office, 19/464-5110.

—There is a beautiful new Guild Calendar available. It is much too beautiful to have it sit on the shelves in the Guild Office work room. Order today for yourself and/or holiday giving.

Heather McGill presents Barbara Riehmeler with Alumni Service Award.
A unique and interesting summary of Convention as seen through the eyes of our “Co-Reporters,” mother-Elnor- and daughter-Julia-Riess

“Change and New Beginnings,” as announced by The Call to Convention, was the theme of the Guild’s 64th annual fall gathering; supported by the text, Isaiah 43:19a: “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

These are the “perceptions” of a mother (EJR) and daughter (JMR) team—of some of the “new things...springing forth” in the Guild’s future, and some of the familiar things that remain the same.

JMR: I don’t think Janie realized that when she asked for a Convention Reporter, she would get two for the price of one.

EJR: Since this was my fourth convention and I’ve made so many friends, I feel like a true “Guildie,” as well as being the mother of an alumna, and I look forward to the fall trip to campus.

JMR: Oh yes, it’s such fun visiting O’Hare!

EJR: But it’s great renewing friendships on the Guild bus.

JMR: What was even greater, this year, was having help with our bags, as we arrived at Scheele to find the elevator out-of-order.

EJR: Yes! Many thanks to all of the young women from the APO service fraternity who helped carry heavy bags to the second and third floors! We were all able to unpack and hurry to the reception and the vesper service at the Chapel.

JMR: I thought that vespers set the tone for the weekend. Valparaiso Chapter President Betsy Bird’s “Reflection,” based on the theme text from Isaiah, talked about the coming “changes” for Janie and the Guild.

EJR: Praising God in song, in Gloria Christi Chapel, is always a highlight for me. It was a great way to inspire us for the “new beginnings” ahead, and a fitting ending to the day.

JMR: Friday morning came far too early for me. Bazaar setup and breakfast started at 5:00 a.m.—for those of us still on Pacific time!

EJR: Yes, but it was well worth it, because, after our first tour of the Bazaar, we were all invited to “Annie’s Party”!
What a party! Wasn’t it wonderful to join the cast of Soul Purpose at Annie’s 90th birthday celebration, together with all of the people who were on her “prayer calendar”?

She was a remarkable woman! She was “in the gathering business,” as one of the other characters described her, “gathering, connecting and holding (people) together in prayer.” She would have made a great Guild member.

Absolutely! Just like our own Barbara Riethmeier, Sharon Hersemann, and Janie who were recognized for their dedication during the convention.

And there were so many others whose talents made the weekend memorable.

You mean like that great musical group, Gift of Song, whose members led us in the spirited singing of the Saturday morning devotion?

Yes, I counted seven guitars, and Janie was strumming one of them! Is there anything she doesn’t do?

No, that’s one of the qualifications for being Guild Executive Director, challenging the rest of us to try new things.

President Bev Wick certainly challenged us when she told us that we must “Step off into the future,” while still valuing the past.

Yes, the idea that “it’s our stage of the relay; our turn to pass the torch, not drop it,” could be intimidating.

But she also encouraged us to “join hands in a partnership that will make a difference,” in order to move the Guild into the future.

Well, the Ad Hoc Committee for the Future of the Guild certainly had a lot of ideas about that!

Enough to take us from now to “Target 2000.” As Paula Sauer reported, Ad Hoc II was formed to determine specific steps to implement the recommendations of Ad Hoc I, to fulfill three strategic initiatives: Celebrate who we are. Streamline our functions. Expand our service.

Hmmm... The report sounded to me like a blueprint for the changes to come. Paula did say that “the best way to face the future is to build it.”

They really gave us a detailed master plan.

So did University Librarian Kathryn Carpenter, who detailed the plan to bring 30-year-old Moellering Library up to year 2000 standards.

Plans! Plans! Plans! All those committee chairmen urged us to get involved in their plans, too.

Bazaar Chairman Ruth Cowan commanded us to BUY! BUY! BUY! and we did, for a total of more than $21,000.

Then, Cookbook Marketing Chairman Judy Michaels admonished us to SELL! SELL! SELL!—and recognized those chapters who had sold at least one cookbook per member.

Don’t forget, we got to see some of the results of selling all of those cookbooks when we met four of the eight Guild Scholars.

And, it was wonderful to hear that soon we will be able to increase the amounts of those scholarships. Imagine, by the year 2000 we will be awarding eight $4,000 scholarships!

The Activities and Bed and Breakfast Chairmen had good news for us, too!

I’d like to see our chapter sponsor an “Advent by Candlelight” program like the one presented by Sylvia Luekens.

We also need to be sure that each of our members has a copy of Nancy Fehr’s new Bed and Breakfast Directory.

Everybody needs at least one copy of the 1996 calendar, too.

“Seasons of Praise”—didn’t Sally Beck and all of the artists do a beautiful job?

Look! The 1995 calendar sales raised $2,700, which allowed us to spread a little joy in the Departments of Education and Foreign Languages. Next year’s sales will make it possible for us to grant some other request.

Such as “endowing” the chairs in the University President’s conference room?

I’m not sure about that, but I do know how wonderful it is to see the results of buying and selling all of those GOODIES! GOODIES! GOODIES!

Mom, Judy Waetjen would be proud of you for getting in a plug for all of the Guild Goodies.
EJR: Well, it's those GOODIES that give us highlights like the Saturday morning presentation of the $100,000 check to Bill Smriga for the renovation of the Union.

JMR: Didn't you love his story about selling the bowling lane to someone in China through a broker in Australia?

EJR: I'm glad they saved enough pieces to make the “thank you” plaque that will hang in the Guild Office.

JMR: Of course, completing one project means choosing a new one.

EJR: Funding a new sound system for the Chapel was certainly my choice. I know that even those without hearing problems have difficulty understanding anyone who is speaking.

JMR: There was certainly no difficulty in understanding those who spoke during the debate over major changes proposed for the bylaws.

EJR: Right! It highlighted the fact that there were different perceptions of what the proposed changes would mean for the Guild's future.

JMR: But in the end, our common faith, our love for the Guild, and our desire to “build the future,” resulted in compromise on some changes and acceptance of others.

EJR: The change which no one had any trouble accepting was that outstanding new building which has risen from the “tundra”—the VU Center for the Arts and its breathtaking Guild Lobby.

JMR: Everyone enjoyed the self-guided tours on Friday afternoon.

EJR: I never realized that the University’s art collection was so large. The museum is certainly the perfect home for it.

JMR: Yes, and the recital hall was the perfect place to experience William Eifrig’s harpsichord performance on Friday evening.

EJR: Especially since he built the harpsichord himself—with “uxorial assistance.”

JMR: I know that you read that in the program and asked him about it.

EJR: He told me that his wife helped him build it. What better help could you get?

JMR: I thought that the Gathering of the Guild and walking together to the Center for the Arts for the Service of Thanksgiving was a high point of the weekend. What a wonderful conclusion to five years of work!

EJR: And the dedication of the Jo Feller Memorial, a member of the Atlanta Chapter before her death, was a fitting tribute to her lifetime of work.

JMR: After touring the museum and attending a performance in the recital hall, having our final session in the new theater was the perfect setting for Janie's JOY!—her final report as Executive Director.

EJR: I couldn’t get over the fact that she thanks us for her work.

JMR: The Lord has truly blessed her and she has been a blessing to us.

EJR: What fun it was to celebrate those blessings at “Janie's Last Roundup”!

JMR: Those Area III members came down from the Rockies and out from the Plains to host a great barbecue.

EJR: I loved my jeans pocket full of treats and the way they sang “Janie’s Colorado Song.” And it was fun to hear all those stories from Janie’s childhood friend, Toastmaster William Eifrig.

JMR: Yes, and I know you enjoyed the music of Urban Twang.

EJR: Well, actually, I prefer stories by Walt Wangerin.

JMR: Do you think that he was referring to Janie’s red boots when he called her Janie “Twinkletoes”?

EJR: Maybe, but I’m still not sure about whether two “Lichtfuß’ equal one Lichtfuß.”

JMR: I’m not about that either, but I am certain that Walt Wangerin loves the Guild as much as we love him.

EJR: And we all love Janie and we’ll miss her as she and Armin ride off into the sunset—in their 18-wheeler.

JMR: We began our weekend at the Chapel and the Sunday communion worship was a joyous conclusion to two days spent considering “Change and New Beginnings.”

EJR: We said goodbye to Janie and welcomed Rebecca as the new Executive Director.

JMR: We have so much to be thankful for in the Guild’s past; and so much to look forward to as we face the challenges and changes of the future.

EJR: It's all summed up in the prayer in which Janie led us during the Guild Renewal at the close of the convention.

JMR & EJR: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Dear Janie, Bev, and Members of the Valparaiso University Guild:

With sincere appreciation I write to all of you to express my thanks for the gift you gave, and the warm response you poured out to me at the Friday dinner on convention weekend.

I am blessed to have worked with you and for you these years in the Guild Office, and your greetings touched my soul.

Your friendships will always be of great value, as are the messages and notes that you have sent. I will take those memories with me, as my husband and I relocate and try our best to continue to serve the Lord—in a different location.

Again, my sincere thanks! I will think of you each time I use my beautiful teapot and cups!

Sharon Hersemann
Report of the University President

Alan F. Harre

Because of the Service of Thanksgiving at the VU Center for the Arts, President Harre did not give his usual "State of the University" address at Convention. Those attending Convention missed the opportunity to receive the information the President ordinarily gives, and the President missed having the opportunity to do so. With that in mind, President Harre has made available several reports he has given to the Board of Directors of the University. The following are gleanings from those reports.

Number One Among Midwest Regional Universities  
*U.S. News & World Report*, for the second consecutive year, ranked Valparaiso University as the number one university in the Midwest regional category in the magazine's annual "Survey of Best Colleges." It is gratifying to know that others agree with the University's understanding as to what constitutes academic excellence—a strong teaching faculty, a quality student body, and the necessary financial support and institutional leadership.

Top Teaching School Among Midwest Regional Universities  
In a new category this year, "Top Teaching Schools," the magazine ranked VU as second among the regional universities in the Midwest. This new category will help others learn what you and I have known for a long time: VU is blessed with a very fine faculty that takes its instructional and mentoring activities seriously.

Number One Best Value Among Midwest Regional Universities  
One week after its first report, *U.S. News & World Report* rated the University as the number one best value among Midwest regional universities. The magazine's best value rankings provide a realistic measure of where students can get the best education for the money, relating the cost of attending an institution to its quality. Keeping a VU education affordable continues to be one of our major priorities.

Largest Number of New Students in Seven Years  
This good news came while we were still rejoicing over enrolling the largest number of new students, including the largest number of freshmen, that we have enrolled in seven years. The new student count, including undergraduates, graduates, and law students, stands at 1,202, compared to 1,054 last year. The freshman class numbers 709, compared to 533 last year. The School of Law enrollment is 488 this year, compared to 527 last year. A preliminary report from the Office of the Registrar shows a total headcount of 3,524, an increase of 44 students over last fall's number.

Dedication of the Center for the Arts  
On September 16th, we gathered as a community to dedicate the new Center for the Arts. It was a glorious day with picture-perfect weather and a level of excitement and enthusiasm that could only come with the
realization of this 30-year dream. Saturday morning’s Service of Dedication and Sunday morning’s Festival Worship Service for the Center combined the high liturgy of the Church with academic pageantry befitting the dedication of an academic facility. The ceremonies throughout the weekend were graced by the animating presence of the visual and performing arts. All of us attending were inspired by this celebration of the creative spirit and what this facility will mean to the University, its students, faculty, staff, and the community.

When you visit the campus, you will observe many other positive initiatives that reflect a strong University of which you can be very proud. For example, upper division students are enjoying the inviting and comfortable atmosphere in the renovated Wehrenberg Hall; shopping in the Book Center is very convenient, now that it has moved to the facility that was the Dau-Kreinheder cafeteria; the space in the Union, vacated by the Book Center, is under renovation to provide more space for student activities; the number of computers on campus available to students, faculty, and staff has doubled and now numbers about 1,000. These are just a few of the recent developments that give us cause for celebration and thanksgiving.

The campus community was saddened to learn that one of its fifth-year students, Michael Bower, who was majoring in English and secondary education, lost his life on Indiana Highway 2 between Valparaiso and LaPorte, Indiana. His death probably impacted the football team on Saturday. Mike had been a member of the team for a number of years, and many of his fraternity brothers in Theta Chi are current members of the team.

The University Board recently granted permission for the administration to expend earnings from the principal of an endowment that has been established through a combination of funds from the National Endowment of the Humanities, gifts from many individuals and the Walter Wente Trust, in keeping with the guidelines set forth in a memorandum prepared by Dean Gilbertson and Dr. Austensen; and further resolved that this newly endowed professorship made possible by this combination of funds be named in honor of Dr. Richard Baepler.

Dr. Daryll Hersemann concluded his services as the University’s Vice President for Student Affairs on June 30, 1995, as did Dean of Men, Robert Schroer, and Dean of Women, Dolores Ruosch. Timothy Jenkins joined Student Affairs in the newly created position of Dean of Students. Christopher Rasmussen joined the team in the newly created Assistant Dean of Residential Life position. Margaret Franson oversees the entire operation as Interim Assistant Provost for Student Affairs. Dr. Hersemann has accepted the position of Vice President of Student Affairs at Peru State College, Peru NE.
Report of the Membership Committee

Linda Deal, Chair

The Need for Data

Have you ever tried to develop a grocery list for Thanksgiving dinner without consulting a single cookbook (the Guild variety, of course)? Even worse, have you ever attempted to shop for this meal without even a mental list? “An impossible task!” you may say, and naturally you would be right. Without the data—the list of ingredients for that savory feast—and without proper use of the data—remembering to take the list with you to the store—you would end up lost in aisle eight, trying to recall if you needed one can of cranberry sauce and two cans of pumpkin pie filling, or vice versa. Meanwhile, your turkey would burn to a crisp as you debated this crucial issue. Thanksgiving just wouldn’t be the same if you had to serve microwave turkey nuggets instead of the traditional bird! Of course, all this trouble could be avoided if you simply had the data, or grocery list, and used it properly.

Need for Membership Survey

Like planning a dinner, basic data is needed by the Guild to plan its course of action. We need to know our “ingredients” and “shop” for our future accordingly to carry out our “recipes” for success. Without knowing the basics of who we are, we won’t be able to figure out where we’re going and how to get there. The assessment tool we need is a membership survey.

Survey will be in Two Parts

Such a survey is in the works. The first of no doubt several drafts has been completed and reviewed by the Board. Initially, every Guild member will get this survey in two parts, one blind and one non-blind, so that we can establish our computer database. It will probably incorporate information you may have already given the Guild, such as your church affiliation and your talents and skills. But it will be helpful from a data entry standpoint to have all of this information together at one time. After that, only new members will receive the survey, and existing members will just be asked for periodic updates of basic data from the non-blind portion of the survey.

At Executive Council, a short survey was taken of the attendees, and the results have been shared with the Board. We’ve learned some interesting things about the demographic makeup of the leadership of the Guild, which makes me ever more eager to receive the results of the forthcoming survey of the entire membership. I’m certain we will discover new things about the makeup of the Guild membership when all the data is in.

Linda Deal, Membership Chair
One observation I would like to share regarding the Executive Council survey is that when asked why they joined the Guild, 28% of the participants stated it was because they were invited. Yet when asked why they think other women would want to join the Guild, none of the participants listed being invited as a reason. We must never forget the importance of inviting others to join our organization. People like to be invited to participate in activities, and it is vital to the growth of the Guild that we continue to personally ask other women to join us in our mission.

I also wish to mention progress on the Talent Questionnaires. I have received many questionnaires and welcome any more that you may have brought with you to Convention. You may also send any questionnaires you have at home directly to me. While we will incorporate a version of this questionnaire into the survey, it is still helpful to have this data now until we can collect more complete information from the forthcoming survey.

Finally, I would like to direct your attention to two sheets in your packet. One is a list of top membership recruitment and retention ideas for your chapters to use. The other is a reminder about the various giving opportunities available via the celebration cards, the living book memorial cards, and the current project fund gift cards.

Like a mother preparing a special meal for her family, the Guild is planning to nourish Valparaiso University with its gifts of love. Each one of you is filled with the ingredients we need to prepare our banquet for Valpo. When the survey comes to your mailbox, please let us know what you are made of so we can create a wonderful feast for VU!
Top Membership RECRUITMENT and RETENTION Ideas  
(developed by participants at the Membership Workshop at Executive Council 2/95)

**Reasons**
- Give Guild purposes and goals to prospects and new members.

**Elections**
- Invite a select group of women into the Guild, YET...

**Conclusions**
- Never assume people don't want to join.

**Referrals**
- Inform your pastor of your VU connection - he or she may know of prospects.

**Usefulness**
- Stress the value of networking opportunities through the Guild to new graduates.

**Incentives**
- Provide answers to “What's in it for me?”

**Tools**
- Equip and train your membership chair/committee to handle the tasks given.

**Meals**
- Plan a progressive dinner and invite prospects.

**Exposure**
- Hold a Guild Sunday at your church.

**Nabbers**
- Kidnap new graduates in your area and bring them to a meeting.

**Teenagers**
- Invite moms of Lutheran High School juniors to events.

**Relatives**
- Set up a Big Sister sponsoring program for your chapter.

**Ears**
- Call members prior to meetings and listen to their news.

**Tenacity**
- Be persistent! Keep calling and inviting less active members.

**Endorsers**
- Create a supporting or associate member category for your chapter.

**Niches**
- Give each member a job (especially moms of VU seniors!) so she feels needed.

**Ticktock**
- We're all busy people - make Guild time spent worthwhile.

**Innovations**
- Offer diverse activities and balance social/project functions.

**Options**
- Provide flexibility when scheduling meetings and planning activities.

**Nomination**
- Appoint a Membership Chair for your chapter and utilize her.

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Linda Deal  
National Membership Chairman
Are you looking for a unique way to celebrate a wedding, birth, anniversary, baptism, or graduation? Would you like to commemorate the life of a loved one with a meaningful gift? The VU Guild has three opportunities for giving gifts on behalf of those you love.

♦ CURRENT PROJECT GIFT CARD

Contribute to the Guild Project Fund in the name of a loved one to celebrate or commemorate any special occasion.

♦ CELEBRATION CARD

Mark a special occasion with a Celebration Card. These funds are designated for the residence hall ministry at VU.

♦ LIVING BOOK MEMORIAL CARDS

Celebrate the life of a loved one with a Living Book Memorial Card. Moellering Library at VU benefits from these gifts.

What a perfect way to acknowledge the milestones in the lives of those you love!

To order your cards, call the Guild Office at 219-464-5315.
Report of Community Relations Committee

Katharine Gerken, Chair

Community Relations Update I want to update you on two primary areas of responsibility for the Community Relations Committee [CRC]—confirmand lists and Valpo Sunday. I also want to thank you for your support in these two important activities and to talk briefly about the future of the CRC.

Confirmand Lists In the spring Guild Bulletin, I provided everyone with detailed information about how to support VU's admissions efforts by assisting with confirmand lists. I recently spoke with Rev. Chuck Werth, VU's Director of Church Relations, and he thanked me for the Guild's continuing support of this project.

As I mentioned in the spring article, each year VU gathers lists of confirmands' names and addresses from LC-MS and ELCA churches across the nation. VU solicits this information from congregations in January, coinciding with the time when churches are preparing their annual statistical reports for their synods. You will be pleased to hear that the information gathered through this program is used well.

New Four-Year Series of Mailings In January, 1995, VU's Office of Church Relations [OCR], together with the Admissions Office, initiated a new four-year series of mailings, which, on an alternating basis, are sent to each confirmand and to the confirmand's parents. The predominant theme of the mailings is the value of a Lutheran higher education or, as Rev. Werth recently wrote in Valpo's World, "THINK LUTHERAN."

You may be aware from information which you have received from VU that the majority of students who are Lutheran do not attend Lutheran colleges or universities. In fact, the number who do is dismally low—in 1995, 18,500 or a mere 5.4% of the 341,000 college-aged [18-21 years old] members of LC-MS and ELCA congregations. Additionally, you may recall that, by far, the majority of VU students who live more than 300 miles from Valpo are Lutheran, although the VU student body as a whole in recent years is usually around 38% Lutheran.

Therefore, the main purpose behind these recruitment mailings is a wise one—to plant seeds about Lutheran higher education all across the country, which will grow throughout the high
school years and which hopefully will germinate into the desire to obtain a higher education at a Lutheran institution. With some admitted bias, many of us would readily say that when comparisons are made, VU will rise to the very top of Lutheran institutions of higher education. Consequently, VU should reap a bountiful harvest from this worthwhile recruitment effort. And the Guild is a part of it!

Rev. Werth reports that the number of congregations which respond to VU’s confirmand solicitation has increased each year at a rate of about 12% per year. As of early October this year, VU received about 17,000 confirmands’ names from 3,861 Lutheran congregations. On average, four recent confirmands call VU every day and parents of confirmands are calling as well! VU’s confirmand mailings are impacting potential students already!

We can do more, if we choose. VU solicited confirmand information from 18,600 congregations this year. This means that there were thousands of congregations which did not reply. We may be members of those congregations.

As long as our help is needed, the Guild will continue to support this project annually. Begin planning for next year now! At which LC-MS and ELCA congregations in your area do your chapter members worship? Make a list and commit to cover at least those congregations. This is a simple project which does not require much time, and yet provides a great benefit to VU. Make it a part of your student recruitment efforts in your chapter! A heartfelt thanks to the many chapters and individual Guild members who supported this program this year!

It is almost here again! February, 1996 is fast approaching, believe it or not! The first Sunday in February, which this year falls on February 4th, is traditionally “Valpo Sunday.” Each year the CRC asks each Guild member and chapter to think of ways in which it can promote VU in its geographic area and particularly in its home church.

If you are thinking of a traditional Valpo Sunday event in your Lutheran congregation, please note the following: Every year in November, OCR contacts all LC-MS and most ELCA congregations about Valpo Sunday through a mailing which includes sample Valpo Sunday materials. This year OCR plans to send sample materials to all Guild members as well. Please check with your pastor to find out if he or she has ordered Valpo Sunday materials. If he or she has not and your congregation is willing or plans to celebrate Valpo Sunday, you can encourage him or her to order materials, or you can offer to order the materials for the congregation. The goal is to encourage the use of materials in congregations which desire to share and celebrate VU, while eliminating the expense and waste of duplicate orders for materials and also of mailing materials to congregations which do not intend to use them. Plan ahead and be assertive! This is a great opportunity!

If you cannot celebrate Valpo Sunday in the traditional way, be creative! The ways in which you can spread the word about VU in your church or in your area are virtually limitless. Don’t forget to celebrate Valpo Sunday within your chapter. After all, VU is the reason we are in the Guild—why
Focus on Guild Renewal Objectives  

Bev Wick, our President, has asked the CRC in this period of transition to continue to spearhead Guild efforts in the area of Church Relations, focusing on one of our Guild Renewal Objectives - "Seek opportunities to enhance the Lutheran character of Valparaiso University in close partnership with the Office of Church Relations." Both the confirmand list program and the Valpo Sunday emphasis maintain this focus. During this next year, I will work to initiate and develop other programs through which the Guild can assist VU in enhancing its Lutheran character. If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding this Renewal Objective and/or the CRC's work, please contact me [home phone: 206/937-8986 or Internet e-mail: kgerken@u.washington.edu]. I welcome any input!

In the Valpo spirit and with our Lord's abundant grace,

Kate Gerken
The "Gathering of the Guild"

for

The Service of Thanksgiving
Report of the Cookbook Distribution Committee

Bonnie Naumann, Chair

Invitation from Quail Ridge Press  In January, 1995 the Valparaiso University Guild was invited by Quail Ridge Press, via a member of the Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter, to submit recipes for its upcoming cookbook called *Best of the Best from Indiana*. Quail Ridge publishes many such state cookbooks and its books receive extensive exposure.

Recipes Submitted  Janie Lichtfuss contacted the editors of the four volumes of the *Guild Cookbook* for suggested recipes and in March, 1995, submitted 22 recipes with 1-2 recipes from each food type category.

All Four Volumes Included  In September, 1995, the Guild Office was notified that all four volumes of our cookbook had recipes included in the *Best of the Best from Indiana*. In reviewing the cookbook, there were approximately 53 cookbooks selected with about 361 recipes. The Guild has 19 recipes included!

Catalog of Contributors  The catalog section in the back of the cookbook lists the contributing cookbooks along with a description and ordering information. Quail Ridge Press says that this section has been extremely popular with individuals who collect cookbooks, as well as retail outlets that are looking for new cookbooks to order. What great exposure for our Guild cookbooks!

Promotion Planned  In mid-October, Quail Ridge Press will be promoting its *Best of the Best from Indiana* book. Plans have not been finalized, but look for newspaper reviews and perhaps catch them on radio and TV. The publishers will be interviewed on Chicago WGN TV9 on October 20 at 7:55 a.m.

We should be very proud that all four volumes of our cookbooks were selected to be included in the Quail Ridge Indiana cookbook.

Watch for the *Best of the Best from Indiana* cookbooks in your local bookstores and kitchen shops!

Bonnie Naumann, Cookbook Distribution Committee Chair.
Report of Ad Hoc Committee II

Paula Sauer, Reporter

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Future of the Guild, referred to most frequently as the Ad Hoc II Committee has completed its charge and is very pleased to report to the Guild in Convention.

I am standing-in for our chairman, Norma May, who could not be here today. The others on the committee were Beata Madoerin, past national president; Linda Deal, Membership Committee chairman; Katharine Gerken, Community Relations chairman; and Sylvia Luekens, Activities Committee chairman.

Our task was to determine specific steps that the Guild can take to act upon the recommendations of the previous Ad Hoc Committee for the Future of the Guild, referred to as Ad Hoc I, with particular emphasis on their third and fourth recommendations. We were to bear in mind the priority rankings of the Renewal Objectives set by the Guild and to suggest a variety of actions the Guild can take to fulfill the three strategic initiatives. At the time we began our work last February at Council, those strategic initiatives were: Celebrate who we are; Streamline our functions; and expand our services to VU. In other words, we were asked to determine the performance objectives the Guild should target, and we were asked to establish a time frame so that most of these objectives could be achieved within the term of the current roster. We were to bear in mind, also, that all procedures, functions, operations, forms, habits and traditions of the Guild were open to change up to and including the Bylaws if necessary.

There were four recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee I last September. After study, Ad Hoc II recommended to the Board a new wording for the first one. The Board subsequently approved the new wording. It now reads: “The Guild will continue its support of Valparaiso University as long as Valparaiso University maintains its position as a Christian university in the Lutheran tradition.” Recommendation #2: That VU continue to fund the Guild Office, must be viewed, we determined, in conjunction with the Guild’s Renewal Objective #6, which is to create financial independence for the Guild Office. I will share with you later in this report how our committee meshed these two concepts. Recommendation #3: To decrease expenses in order to contribute more to VU, and Recommendation #4: To increase dues to an acceptable level in order that the VUG could make a larger contribution to VU’s operating
Face the Future by Building It  

For the past six years the National Valparaiso University Guild Board, leaders, and members have been doing just the perfect thing. We are facing the future by building it!

Process Defined  

How did this committee proceed with its work? We were guided with a calm determined spirit that united this Guild Board under its current president. We were impressed with their willingness to have us scrutinize every aspect of the Guild. We met last February for one full day with each other and with the Board briefly. The Round Table discussions of last February’s Council meeting added the much needed Guild woman’s voice, feelings, and concerns. Each one of us began researching various aspects of our task to prepare for our two-day meeting in Minnesota last March. It was at that time that we crystalized our thoughts. A full report was presented to your Guild Board last April.

What a Task!  

I must admit that there were times we felt overwhelmed with the task! But with prayer for guidance, time for research and the steady support of fellow committee members, we have made it to this point. It is more than a conclusion; it is a beginning!

Target Dates and Objectives  

We’ve come such a long way in this past year. The defining and redefining of objectives is a continuous process. Over and over, we verbalized the need to bring to you, the membership, as much of our discussion and research as possible. (We cannot expect action unless people are adequately prepared!) We obviously cannot expect to share it all. The material we’ve gathered and notes we’ve written fill a binder, but I want to outline the target dates and highlight the objectives we suggest.

Strategic Initiatives  

So that we might focus on the Strategic Initiatives, let me point out the most recent rewriting and redefining that the Board did just this past week. (Reference: Guild Renewal 9/95) Note the increase from ten to eleven objectives. Lutheranism appears within “Celebrate Who We Are” as well as “Expand Services to VU.” The old initiative we called “Streamlining Our Functions” is renamed more appropriately “Continuously Improving Our Functions.”

Implementing a Vision  

These are worthy targets, and this is how we propose to reach them. It is exhilarating to work towards implementing a VISION!

Target Convention 1995  

Our first year is right NOW!

1. Appoint an Ad Hoc committee to develop an implementation plan for achieving a financially independent Guild Office. Define what it means to be a financially independent Guild Office. How does this office relate to the University? Develop an implementation plan for achieving this office by the year 2000.

Proper Road for the Guild  

There is no disagreement amongst the six of us on the committee. We feel most ardently that this is the proper road for the Guild to take for
many reasons. It is the first step toward being self-supporting. There is at this time an established, but small, Guild Office Endowment which totals $5,000 plus. It has been set up with the legal parameters to allow use of funds only for office management. It does not allow for payment of salary. The Endowment to meet our Vision someday down the road would of necessity have to be redefined. A financially independent Guild Office will solidify our partnership with VU. It would not separate us or distance us from each other. We are the Valparaiso University Guild, Incorporated. We cannot and would not exist except to be in a supportive partnership with this University. The Guild has been asked to take on more of a partnership role with the University. VU needs very badly the financial assistance of unrestricted funds, and the Guild has the great potential of filling, in part, that need. Were we to meet our goal and have the Guild Office become financially independent, we would have better control of our project fund. A financially independent Guild Office would not deplete the University budget, and it would not eat away project money in incidental office expenses. Your Ad Hoc committee sees this as a very positive situation. It becomes exciting to visualize the potential.

2. Dues Phase One. After presentation of much information, it was determined to radically change our concept of dues. The Committee recommends that the Guild establish a modified “self-selected dues” with clear guidelines. Those guidelines are as follows:

- amount of dues not to fall below $15
- Golden members are to be raised from $4 to $5
- Golden members are to be “grandmothered”
- dues will be separated by % into three categories
  
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This dues paradigm shift has incredible possibilities! The Committee feels it will establish for the Guild a WIN/WIN situation in many ways. It became clear at the February Council Round Table discussions that the women understood that there would most likely be a dues increase, but it was also quite clear that many were concerned that the increase would be too great.

Comments and letters on this issue have indicated a fear that the Guild could lose older and valued members because of increased dues. By “Grandmothering” the Golden member we allow any who are over 70 to indicate now that they would like to be able to become a Golden member. Once they have so declared, and this new bylaw on dues is in effect, no one else can state that wish. We then gently encourage all others of us who are also moving towards that golden age to sign on at the minimum dues rate if we are on a small income. Since all of us already give $12, the raise to $15 doesn’t seem like a huge jump. The Committee feels this is fair.

The “self-select” concept has other positive ramifications for our ongoing growth. The Committee feels strongly that with the correct incentives and encouragement, Guild women will challenge themselves to give more than the minimum. With this new dues structure, the Committee
Two-in-One Membership Survey

3. Membership Survey Disseminated and Returned. Who are we? Who will we be? Who do we want to be? These are important questions. It is apparent that we must know more data about our Guild membership. A survey of all members is the method the Committee recommends. We concluded that we needed a two-in-one survey. One part would be a blind survey that could be torn off, and returned separately without name. The other longer, more thorough part, would contain a name; and, therefore, the information included on it would become the beginning of our Guild database.

“One Voice” Column


Vision Mission Statement Use

5. Encourage use of Vision and Mission Statement at chapter and national events. Our Renewal Objective #1 is that the Guild will unite behind the Vision and Mission Statement, in order to speak and act with one voice. This is an on-going process. Items 4 & 5 were inserted into the 1995 Target list to help facilitate that objective. We suggest a new column for our Guild Bulletin. This Fall 1995 introduce the “One Voice” piece. This would become a standard article, short, compelling to read, inviting, pointed toward some issue revolving around the Vision, Mission, or Renewal Objectives which the members should know. The other item is to encourage all Guild events (chapter as well as national) to open with the reading of the Guild’s Vision and Mission in unison. This we have been doing at the close of national meetings. Ownership comes with knowledge, use, and understanding. What better way to begin than to verbalize together.

Special Committees

6. Implement Special Committees. These would function in addition to, and along side, the Standing Committees this year as a means of further studying many Guild issues for the upcoming year. Looking ahead to the following target years, one will find that many of these committees either report to the Board, Guild membership, or implement their work by certain dates. These committees are listed in no special order:
a. Financial Management Study. Should include issues such as national fund-raising, expense reduction, increase overall giving, Guild budgeting as a new concept, present and future financial paradigm. (Where are we, and where do we hope to be?) This committee should also serve in the capacity of guide or “watch dog” for all other study committees, so that one committee doesn’t decide to increase spending without critical review while others are trying to cut expenses. This committee may need to do at least six months work prior to the other special committees listed here. This would greatly help to coordinate the work of all the committees.

b. Awards. Similar to the Alumni awards, the Guild awards would facilitate renewal objective #3 of increasing visibility and probably #1, uniting everyone behind the Vision and Mission Statement. Some of the areas suggested for these awards are: Outstanding Lutheran Woman (does not have to be a Guild member), Heritage Award (Guild Member for 40 Years), etc. Multiple recipients may be selected. Other categories are possible.

c. Whole Dues Structure/Membership Categories. This is to take the process beyond Dues Phase One as listed above. Look at all categories: Student, Lifetime, etc. This would be called Dues Phase Two.

d. Planned Giving. End-of-life giving, wills, etc. The principles and process need to be further studied. It appears that the current “golden” generation of women have an amount of money to be given that the next generation of women most likely will not have. This resource needs to be tapped. Women need instruction in the matter of wills and trusts.

e. Guild Office Endowment. Study what it means. What will this office look like? How will it relate to the University? How do we go about making it financially independent? Beata made some contacts with professionals who could advise the Guild as to the possibility of reaching an endowment amount that would in fact allow the Guild to run a financially independent office. It was suggested that a goal of at least $2,000,000 would be appropriate. Only interest can be spent with an endowment. Actually only 5% of the principal can be spent. 5% of $2,000,000 will allow us the necessary $75,000 to run the office. As the Committee discussed the options and possibilities, we became convinced that indeed this target was attainable. A slogan could be $2 Million by 2000!

We were advised that a campaign drive could be initiated and completed in six months. Pledges would be solicited. Some questions which need to be answered: Do we use professional fund-raisers and pay fees which could be substantial? Do we use the University development office for the help we need, free of charge, or offer to pay, but trying to fit into their own schedule and agenda?

It is important to EDUCATE the membership about the benefits to the Guild and the University for such a Guild Office Endowment drive. The Committee envisions the VU-VUG relationship being strengthened. A metaphor may help explain the reasoning for the last statement. The
University/Guild relationship is much like that of a parent and child. When a child has grown up, a parent is willing to let the child go out on its own, and the child is eager to try out its developing independence. The two develop a partnership of mutual respect. The Committee feels that the Guild and the University should put into writing the strengths and responsibilities which will be the result of this new tangent partnership. It is exciting to consider the possibilities.

**Communications of the Future**

f. Communications/Technologies. Study. What is available to the Guild now? In the future? What are the networking capabilities? What are the possibilities that the Guild Bulletin could carry job openings from around the nation?

**Future of National Meetings**

g. National Meetings. Study is needed. Should we have two? When? What focus? Who should attend? The Committee did not feel that there was time enough to study these issues within their time frame.

**New Chapters**

h. New Chapter Development. New life and growth are automatic benefits of development. This the Guild always needs.

**Enhancement of Chapters**

i. Chapter Enhancement. This committee would focus on the chapter functions. Also the Ad Hoc II Committee felt we would profit by developing a chapter assessment/measurement tool similar to an annual report. The Committee agreed that the chapters would be held accountable to some measurable criterion and the submittal of this report.

**Publicity and Publications of the Future**

j. Publicity/Publications. This committee should review carefully and make suggestions for changes, if warranted, to: The Bulletin, Leader, Black Manual, Guild Brochure, and any other method of publicizing the Guild.

**Spiritual Welfare**

k. Spiritual Welfare. How to care for Guild women collectively and singularly.

**Campus/Guild Connections**

l. Campus Connections. Needs, grants, and information exchange amongst and for students, faculty, staff. This committee should make us more aware of the life of the campus.

**Partners in Promotion**

m. Partners in Promotion. Collaborate on EVENTS. Work should be combined with alumni, athletics, and fine arts events. How can Guild women around the nation be of assistance to campus groups out traveling or performing?

**Student Recruitment**

n. Student Recruitment. What is the NEW way we, as Guild members, chapters, areas, and national can assist in the enlargement of student enrollment?

**Church Relations**

o. Church Relations. How can we improve?

**Committee Structure**

p. Organizational Committee Structure. This committee would study all of the above, evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of each, decide how they weave together for the good of the Guild and University. We recommend that Bev Wick would be the perfect chair for this committee,
since it will begin the sorting out of committees when she is stepping down from the presidency. We feel she has the widest background and understanding to direct the work of this committee.

7. Open National Secretary and Treasurer positions to religions other than Lutheran. Change Bylaws to allow this. It is the Committee's belief that the Guild must keep its officers who sit on the University Board as Lutheran, the vice-presidents and president, but it is important to have openings for talented non-Lutheran members at the national level of leadership. Our rationale: The collective Guild mind seems to want to open up this non-Lutheran level of leadership as a fairness principle. It feels right to us, the committee, as well. Also the Bylaws require the treasurer to have prior accounting experience. This is a job restriction with just reason. We feel it important to open the position of treasurer to a wider pool of prospective persons.

8. Implement Yearly Membership Drive. We recommend that the Guild set a goal to increase paid memberships to 4,000 members by the year 2000. In order to do this we are suggesting an acquisition of 15% new members each year per chapter. This first Convention should be the place to lay before the membership the plan to reach the goal. Background information for this committee: At present a newly devised plan is being worked out to ensure accurate and fair membership lists. The national treasurer keeps an exact account of all members paid. The Guild Office records a higher number because it has kept on file members who have not paid dues for up to two years. The Guild Office has now implemented a plan to send letters to the first year non-paid members requesting their dues. Then, if they still are not paid the second year, the member is sent a letter thanking her for her past support, and is asked to complete a "former member" survey.

9. Kick-Off Increased Giving Effort. The goal is to increase the Guild's giving to the University, over and above the % of the dues given, by 10% each year between now and the year 2000. This Convention should focus on the goal and how we can reach it.

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**Secretary and Treasurer Position Changes**

**Yearly Membership Drive**

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1. Increase Membership by 15%.
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3. Initiate Corporate Identity Study. This committee needs to look at the image of the Guild portrayed by its name, logo, motto, publications, etc. How can this image more correctly show who we are and what we do? Is there a name that would better suit this group as we approach the year 2000?

Target Convention 2000!!!
1. Achieve Financially Independent Guild Office.
2. Increase Membership 15%. Totaling 4,000 paid members.
3. Increase Overall Giving to VU by 10%.
4. Implement New Corporate Identity. (Name, Logo, Motto, Stationery, Brochure, Business Cards, Etc.)

All of the above renewal objectives fall into our national Valparaiso University Guild strategic plan. They are all measureable and quantifiable. We have kept to the request of having most of the objectives studied and implemented by the current roster.

Closing Words
These closing words are Norma’s from her report to the Board last April, but they are our collective thoughts as well:

We have worked hard to be worthy of the trust of the Board and the financial investment of the Guild as a whole. We believe that we have accomplished a goodly amount of useful work. We hope that we are a prototype of committee action in the future where appropriate. We feel pride for our joint product. We are willing to do more. We thank the Board for the opportunity to serve and to grow.

(and) Finally, I wish to give praise to our Heavenly Father for the great delight I’ve had in serving, and for keeping the committee healthy and sane, and to Bev and all of you for giving us the privilege of serving the Guild (in this way.)

Paula Sauer
Ad Hoc II Committee Member
STRATEGIC FOCUS & RENEWAL OBJECTIVES FOR THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD

Three areas of strategic focus for on-going renewal, incorporating eleven renewal objectives identified by members of the Valparaiso University Guild and the Committee for the Future of the Guild.

**CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY —**

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

- REVITALIZE AND EXPAND GUILD MEMBERSHIP.

- INCREASE GUILD VISIBILITY AND PROMOTE WIDESPREAD AWARENESS OF THE GUILD'S MISSION AND ACTIVITIES.

- DEFINE THE GUILD'S RELATIONSHIP TO LUTHERANISM.

**CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE OUR FUNCTIONS —**

- BROADEN THE BASE OF GUILD LEADERSHIP.

- DEVELOP A NEW FINANCIAL PARADIGM.

- CREATE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE FOR THE GUILD OFFICE.

**EXPAND OUR SERVICES TO VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY —**

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

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

- SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE THE LUTHERAN CHARACTER OF VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF CHURCH RELATIONS.

- ENLARGE THE GUILD NETWORK OF CHAPTERS.
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Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter

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Appleton Chapter

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Diablo valley Chapter

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Valparaiso University Guild
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Valparaiso Chapter

Beautiful metal or wood framing for diplomas. Sketch of Chapel is included within the frame. A color photo of the Chapel can be chosen for $2.50 extra. If you like, a 5" x 7" photo of your own choice can be substituted for the picture of the Chapel. Frame, mat, and inset choices are as follows:

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- Brown Metal
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- Dark Brown Suede
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Price per item: $50.00 for the framing

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Contact person:

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1907 Rock Castle Park Dr.
Valparaiso IN 46383
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Medina Chapter

The etched Valparaiso University Guild emblem highlights the cover of the 4" square glass box featuring ridged edges.

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Contact Person: Judy Grove
18243 Strongsville Blvd.
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Medina Chapter

The Valparaiso University Guild lettering on the 15 oz. black ceramic mug is etched through the glaze to white bisque, making a beautifully unique and permanent design. The coaster features the Valparaiso University Guild emblem. One-line personalization is available.

The design on the mug and coaster is available with or without “Guild” distinction.

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In Memoriam

The following is a list of Guild members, or family members of Guild members, who have died since the publication of the last issue of the Bulletin:

Paula Bernecker, a member of the Saginaw Chapter died in June.

Louise Umenhofer of the Gulf Coast Chapter.

Clara Laesch, aunt of Valparaiso Chapter member Arlene Laesch, died in May. Clara had been a long-time member of the Saginaw Chapter.

Muriel Kuhn, a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

Lucy Sorgenfrei, a member of the South Central Pennsylvania Chapter.

Lydia Schudlich of the Detroit West Chapter.

Gladys Laurenz of the Saginaw Chapter.

Elizabeth Siefker, of the Indianapolis Chapter, died August 31, 1995.

Betty Haertel, a member of the Quad City Chapter.

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

BUFFALO NY
The Buffalo Chapter held a very successful Brunch last Spring, serving 149 adults and 9 children. The members presold 130 tickets and had about 30 walk-ins. The event netted the chapter over $1,000!

ROCHESTER NY
Congratulations to the five VU graduates from the Rochester area: Tom Rosen, Jon Wilson, Becca Meyer, Steve Easton, and Carolyn Krause! New students from the area are Karalyn and Tarryn Wendland from Macedon NY.

The very successful Advent-Christmas Vespers will be held at Pinnacle Lutheran Church on December 3rd. This has been an annual event for over 30 years!

Barbara Riethmeier, Past National President of the Guild and a member of the Rochester Chapter, received the Valparaiso University Alumni Service Award. It was formally presented to Barbara at the Guild’s Annual Convention. Congratulations, Barb!

NORTHERN VIRGINIA
Special belated birthday congratulations to Mildred Lopo who turned 84 on March 9th. The chapter celebrated with a party for Mildred at the March chapter meeting. Mildred is still VERY active in the chapter. Happy Birthday, Mildred!

October 28th the chapter catered the Washington-Baltimore Alumni-Guild Dinner featuring bratwurst and all the German trimmings. Catering continues to be a successful fund-raiser for this chapter.

Area II—Illinois plus Quad City

CHICAGO NORTHWEST SUBURBAN IL and PARK RIDGE CHAPTERS
These two chapters joined forces to host a very successful (as seen in the photo below) Freshman Mixer on August 13, 1995 at the home of Ginny Amling, National Historian. Congratulations on a wonderful event!

CHICAGO WEST SUBURBAN IL
A potluck dinner was held in March. Area Director
Judy Rullman attended and presented the program. This chapter is trying very hard to recruit new members to join the present dedicated group that thoroughly enjoys getting together to work on projects for the Guild and the University.

**DU PAGE COUNTY IL**
Marlene Fenske hosted a lovely potluck dinner at her home when Area Director Judy Rullman visited this chapter.

**GLENBROOK IL**
The evening that Area Director Judy Rullman visited this chapter, the members were packing their famous “Survival Kits.” Everyone, including Judy, pitched in and packed 250 kits!

**QUAD CITY IA**
A Fall Luncheon, held on September 9th, provided a beautiful social event where current members and the mothers of new campus freshmen could meet.

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

All of the chapters in Area III were very busy the past few months since they hosted the banquet at the Annual Convention of the Guild on campus. Thank you, Area III. It was a wonderful banquet! Thank you, Linda Deal, for the very clever adaptation of the “Mile High” song for the occasion.

**BOULDER CO and PIKES PEAK CO**
The Boulder and Pikes Peak Chapters worked on banquet favors. Chapter member Marge McCandless was the wonderful “cowboy rider” at the banquet, presenting Janie with a duffel bag filled with notes and cards from Guild members all over the country. This chapter continues its very good project of making and presenting cross bookmarks to the confirmands of each Lutheran Church located in Boulder.

**DENVER CO**
While working at putting together the program covers for the Convention banquet, this chapter still had time to hold a very successful April Brunch.

**DES MOINES IA**
One hundred and sixteen people attended the luncheon/fashion show hosted by the Des Moines Chapter! Congratulations on a very successful event!

**GREATER KANSAS CITY KS**
What a terrific menu this chapter planned for the banquet! The barbeque was great!

Not only did this chapter have another great Oktoberfest on October 7th, it also hosted a very successful Summer Picnic for prospective and returning students to VU.

The chapter received $1,000 from AAL. This was a challenge grant to the chapter from AAL for renovation of the VU Student Union. The picture below shows the Greater Kansas City Chapter Board of Directors accepting the check from their AAL representative Jack Umbach.

**OMAHA NE**
Another very successful Card Party/Luncheon! Over 130 luncheons were served and the chapter made $1,000! Congratulations!

**Area IV—Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington**
SAN DIEGO CA
Pictured below are members of the San Diego Chapter as they celebrated their 20th year, March 19, 1995.

Front: Janet Douglas, Lois Maier, Eleanor Morrow, Lynne Dorion, Dorothy Bierer, Martha Hodges, Ethel Kallsen.
Standing in back: Krista Giesing, Sandy Tracy, Barbara Wagner, Sally von Zlrlngbl, Mary Walters, Sally Beck, Ellen Rumsey, Nancy Sama, Sue Gerhart.

IDAHO ID
Bonnie Johnson and the other members of the Idaho Chapter hosted a get-together in Sun Valley ID on October 7th. National President Bev Wick and husband Dan attended an optional winery tour in the afternoon. There was even an Invitational Croquet Match!!

COLUMBIA CASCADE OR
Besides their famous cruise trips, this chapter was another of several chapters that hosted a very successful Alumni & Friends Family Potluck Picnic. This was held July 8th at the home of Gordon and Char Kroemer and featured an optional winery tour in the afternoon. There was even an Invitational Croquet Match!!

Area V—Wisconsin
APPLETON
The Guild Ornament continues to be a very successful project for this chapter. If you did not get this year's ornament, featuring the VU Center for the Arts, see the Guild Goodie section in this publication for ordering information. It is a beauty!

COVERED BRIDGE
The beautiful sweatshirts promoted by this chapter are a huge hit! Information and a picture can be found in the Guild Goodie section of this publication. These are wonderfully heavy sweatshirts with a beautiful design! Congratulations, Covered Bridge!

MERRILL
The special project of this chapter is quite unique. It is called "Christmas at the Candlewick." The Candlewick is a Bed and Breakfast as well as one of Merrill's historic homes. The event will feature a tour of the home, musical entertainment, and refreshments. The members will sell tickets to the event as well as items of food and crafts. The date is December 3rd from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Best wishes for a very successful event.

MILWAUKEE SUBURBAN
Another interesting activity is the "Holiday Settings" sponsored by the Milwaukee Suburban Chapter on December 9th. Members will bring their own china and decorations to set a table for eight. They are planning for 29 tables with a salad-type menu, entertainment, and cookie and craft sales! The cost to attend is $15.00. We hope this is a smashing success!

The Milwaukee Suburban Chapter will host the 50th State Unit Convention on April 27, 1996. Because this is the 50th Anniversary of the Wisconsin State Unit, no doubt this will be a very special event. Marilyn Holmquist, a member of this chapter, was recently elected State Unit President.

Area VI—Michigan
ANN ARBOR
Another wonderful "Stacki Uppi Picnic"—the 12th Annual!—was held on July 24th. Alumni of any year, students, current and prospective, parents, friends and mates of members were invited. If you are not familiar with a Stacki Uppi meal, it is a Polynesian-style meal built upon rice and turkey
with layers of veggies, fruit, nuts, and sauce. Delicious!

DETROIT
October 13th is the date for the Annual Luncheon and Card Party to be held at the Bowanie Golf Club. There will be modeling with fashions by Pointe Fashions. Reformation Sunday, October 29th, will be celebrated at Historic Trinity Church with Dr. Alan Harre giving the address.

ROCHESTER
Members of the Rochester MI Chapter, shown below, meet five times a year. Some of their special events include a Fall “Valpo Beer & Brats” couples event, bake sales, a garage sale, and an end-of-the-year Salad Supper. In February, 1996, the Valpo Sunday speaker will be Pastor Walter Keller, Professor Emeritus of Theology at VU.

SAGINAW
A number of special events are planned. A Guest Day Coffee and Dessert was held in September with Michigan Area Director Pamela Sieving presenting the program. There will be a Merry Christmas Luncheon on December 4th at the Saginaw Club, and in March the meeting will be held in the Parlor at Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth with a tour of Zehnder’s Kitchen and Bakery. Wally Bronner will be the speaker.

Area VII—Indiana and Kentucky

INDIANAPOLIS
This chapter is in full swing for the 1995-96 season. The Tasting Luncheon November 4th will celebrate the 50th anniversary of this chapter. “Fashions of Yesterday” style show will be the entertainment. This fashion show will feature clothing from 1830-1960. Wilma Eickoff, one of the chapter’s founding members and still a faithful member, will be honored at the luncheon. Congratulations, Indianapolis Chapter, and congratulations, Wilma!

VALPARAISO
This very busy chapter helped to make the Annual Convention a huge success. The members continue to “woman” the Concession Stand for home football games and bake and deliver cakes by the dozens for students.

The members planned a wonderful service and reception for retiring Executive Director, Janie Lichtfuss. The service was held in Gloria Christi Chapel with Fred Niedner as leader and Martin Jean as organist. Many of Janie’s friends from the campus and the community attended. A gift of an Olympus camera was presented to Janie.

Janie Lichtfuss, who was presented with the Alumni Service Award at the banquet held during the Annual Convention of the Guild, leaves Valpo, the University, and this chapter at the end of October.

Greter DAYTON
Area VIII Director Dawn Rickman attended a chapter luncheon meeting at the Olive Garden in March. This very active chapter continues to give
luncheons for the area pastors when they meet. They enjoy doing college fairs in the area and would like to do more of them!

UNION COUNTY
November 16th is the date for this chapter’s Annual Holiday Potluck. Guests will be invited. They also will have a table at a church bazaar in November.

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

ALABAMA AL
The members of the Alabama Chapter, shown below, met March 25th for their Spring Luncheon. Area IX Director Corrine Roy was in attendance.

ST PETERSBURG FL
Fund-raiser challenges throughout the year keep the St. Petersburg Chapter on its toes! A taster’s luncheon provided guests with a scrumptious buffet. All recipes were taken from the four Guild Cookbooks! Spring also brought about a fun-filled Valentine Card Party and Fashion Show. In March, a Progressive Dinner was hosted by Guild members. Stay tuned for more to come on their upcoming Fall activities!

WINTER HAVEN FL
Area IX Director Corrine Roy attended the Spring Luncheon on May 13th. She spoke of Guild news and the Union project. This chapter’s most unique project is the school store.

SOUTH CAROLINA SC
In May, about twenty University enthusiasts met at the home of Kay and Ralph Mellon for a “Beer and Brats” gathering. Some of the group are pictured below.
“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive It?”—Isaiah 43:19a (RSV)

The 64th Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order by Bev Wick, President, at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 1995, in the Great Hall of the Valparaiso Union.

Soul Purpose, under the direction of John Steven Paul, presented a chancel drama, “Annie’s Party,” for the opening devotions.

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: Margaret Zobel, 1st Vice President; Judy Waetjen, 2nd Vice President; Lorraine Dorough, Secretary; Judy Mason, Treasurer; and Janie Lichtfuss, Executive Director. Lynn Bahls serves as advisor to the Board and Parliamentarian. Members of the Guild office staff were introduced: Tina Ramos, Office Support Specialist; Amy Waetjen and Amy Seldon, Student Aides. Past National Guild Presidents in attendance at the meeting were: Bette Froehlich, Lynn Bahls, Bette Madoerin, Janie Lichtfuss, Barbara Maas, Virginia Amling, Marty Mattes, Phyllis Schuessler, Marilyn Krueger, Paula Sauer and Barbara Riehtmeier. Also recognized were Betsy Nagel and Dot Nuechterlein, past Executive Directors; Diane Harre, wife of President Alan Harre; Heather McGill, President of the Valparaiso University Alumni Association; Cindy Haase, Associate Director of the Valparaiso Union; Betty Kretzmann, wife of the late Dr. O. P. Kretzmann; and Dr. Karl Krueckenberg, Director of Alumni Affairs and Convention photographer. Barb Kehe, Vice President of the Valparaiso Chapter IN, conveyed greetings to the assembly.

ALUMNI AWARD PRESENTATION
Heather McGill, President of the Valparaiso University Alumni Association, presented an Alumni Service Award to Barbara Riehtmeier, Past National President of the Valparaiso University Guild.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Esther Kniger, member of the Credentials Committee, reported 171 registered voting members and 1 guest. 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 Judy Waetjen moved adoption of the convention program with the following amendments:
1. The introduction of the Convention Committees will follow the adoption of the Convention program.
2. The report of the tellers regarding the bylaws and project selection will follow the report of the Executive Director on Saturday afternoon.
Motion adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES
The President introduced the members of convention committees:
Minutes Approval Committee
    Lynn Bahls -- National Parliamentarian
    Julane Swank -- Atlanta Chapter GA
    Judy Wolff -- Alabama Chapter AL
RECOGNITION OF ANNIVERSARY CHAPTERS

The President recognized the following anniversary chapters:

- **15 Years**
  - Big Valley CA
  - East Bay CA
  - San Francisco-Bayshore CA
  - Santa Clara Valley CA
  - Park Ridge IL
  - Houston TX
  - Walla Walla WA

- **20 Years**
  - Orange County CA
  - Glenbrook IL
  - Greater Peoria IL
  - Hudson-Mohawk NY

RESOLUTION OF THANKS FOR RELEASED CHAPTERS

The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The members of the following chapters have requested to be released from membership in the Valparaiso University Guild:

- Clintonville, Wisconsin, founded in 1942
- Sun City, Arizona, founded in 1980
- Sebewaing, Michigan, founded in 1938
- Austin-Central Texas, founded in 1983
- Gold Coast, Florida, founded in 1986
- Quincy, Illinois, founded in 1961, and
- South Lake County, Indiana, founded in 1948, and

WHEREAS, The seven chapters have been loyal members of the Valparaiso University Guild;

RESOLVED, That the members of the Valparaiso University Guild give thanks and praise for the years of faithful service and support to the Guild by the members of the Clintonville, Wisconsin; Sun City, Arizona; Sebewaing, Michigan; Austin-Central Texas; Gold Coast, Florida; Quincy, Illinois; and South Lake County, Indiana, chapters and for their generous financial support to the University.

RECOGNITION OF NEW CHAPTER

Judy Rullman, Area Director for Area II, introduced representatives from the following new chapter:

- Rockford Chapter IL -- Pat Atwood and Kathy Helge

The new chapter representatives were presented with the chapter charter and gavel on Saturday morning following the report of the Credentials Committee.

NEW CHAPTER RESOLUTION

The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The structure of the Valparaiso University Guild is strengthened with the formation of each new chapter, and

WHEREAS, Dedicated and devoted women of the former Rockford-Redeemer Chapter and additional new members all interested in Valparaiso University as an institution of Christian higher education have organized a new chapter in Rockford, Illinois, under the direction of Area Director Judy Rullman;

RESOLVED, That the members of the Rockford Chapter IL be affirmed into membership in the Valparaiso University Guild, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the women of the Valparaiso University Guild joyfully welcome this new chapter, giving thanks and glory to God.
REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

First Vice President Margaret Zobel introduced Bev Wick, National Guild President. (See page 4 in the Bulletin for the President's report.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Lorraine Dorough conveyed greetings and thanks from Chris Rasmussen, the new Assistant Dean of Students for Residential Life; Heather Brauer, recipient of the Past National Officers Scholarship; and Bill Smriga, Director of the Valparaiso Union. Dorilee Feller Pervorse, a member of the Atlanta Chapter GA, sent thanks to the Guild on behalf of her family for using the funds donated in memory of her mother and Guild member, Jo Feller, to purchase a piece of art for the new Valparaiso University Center for the Arts.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

Judy Mason, Treasurer, gave the following report of receipts and disbursements for the year ended June 30, 1995. Total receipts through June 30, 1995, were $217,299. Chapters contributed approximately $174,000. Total disbursements through June 30, 1995, were $232,895. Of that total, $134,617 was contributed to the University, including $100,000 for the Union renovation project and almost $10,000 to the University general operating fund. The ending cash balance in all funds was $28,597. The complete report of the Treasurer is appended to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Secretary Lorraine Dorough announced to the assembly that the Board of Directors voted to change the date of the 1996 Convention to the third weekend in September. The change was made to allow Guild members the opportunity to participate in Homecoming West which will be held the following weekend.

REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF AREA DIRECTORS

Margaret Zobel, 1st 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 II, III and IV were given special recognition.

Area I -- The East
Liz DeMik

Area II -- Illinois/Iowa
Judy Rullman (retiring)
Janet Bunn (new)

Area III -- The Great Plains
Jill Stammel (retiring)
Anne Franklin (new)

Area IV -- The West
Marian Yungkin (retiring)
JoAnne Sloan (new)

Area V -- Wisconsin
Judy Schumacher

Area VI -- Michigan
Pam Sieving

Area VII -- Indiana
Deanna Sratof

Area VIII -- Ohio
Dawn Rickman

Area IX -- The South
Corrine Roy

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

The following were appointed by the President as tellers for the convention:
Marge McCandless, Chairman
Judith Greaker
Lois Schumann
Lois Hoelter
Barbara Town
Georgiana Schroeder
Patricia Young

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE GUILD

President Bev Wick introduced the members of the second Ad Hoc Committee for the Future of the Guild:

Norma May, Chairman -- Land of Lakes Chapter MN
Beata Madoerin -- Omaha Chapter NE
Paula Sauer -- Columbus Capital Bells Chapter OH
Linda Deal -- Four Winds Member
Sylvia Luekens -- Harbor Lights Chapter CA
Kate Gerken -- Puget Sound Chapter WA
Norma May was unable to attend the Convention. Paula Sauer presented the report of the committee which was charged with recommending specific action steps the Guild must consider in order to accomplish its renewal objectives and to carry out the recommendations of the first Committee for the Future of the Guild. (See page 29 in the Bulletin for the report of the second Ad Hoc Committee for the Future of the Guild.)

NOON PRAYER
The noon prayer was offered by Judy Rullman, retiring Area Director, Area II. The meeting was adjourned at noon and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Arlene Laeschi, member of the Credentials Committee, reported 183 registered voting members and 1 guest. The report was adopted.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION RESOLUTION
The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, To insure the preservation of the Valparaiso University Guild's tax exempt status in the state of Indiana, it is necessary to include a statement reflecting a not-for-profit position in the Articles of Incorporation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Valparaiso University Guild amend the Purposes section of the Articles of Incorporation by adding a Section 2(f):

(f) To perform any other purposes that are consistent with these articles and Indiana law applicable to Indiana not-for-profit corporations which are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

RESOLVED, That the Valparaiso University Guild amend the Membership section of the Articles of Incorporation by striking the following membership provisions:

Membership in the Valparaiso University Guild, Inc., commonly referred to as the National Guild, shall be divided into three classes, namely, Regular Members, Individual Members and Associate Members.

(a) A regular member shall be any woman affiliated with a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference, who has paid the annual dues to a chapter.

(b) An individual member shall be any woman who resides in a district where there are no Chapters, who is affiliated with a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference, and who has paid the annual dues directly to the Treasurer of the Guild. Individual members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members, including those of voting and holding office.

(c) An associate member shall be any woman who is interested in promoting the work of the Guild and who has paid the annual dues either to a Chapter or directly to the Treasurer of the National Guild. Associate members shall have the same membership rights and privileges as a regular member, with the exception of holding office in the National Guild.

and replacing it with:

The membership of the Valparaiso University Guild, Inc., shall be defined and set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation and shall comply in all respects with Indiana law applicable to Indiana not-for-profit corporations which are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
President Bev Wick announced that the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are to be filled by election at the 1996 Convention. The following women were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Julia Riess -- Columbia Cascade Chapter OR
Judy Michaels -- Diablo Valley Chapter CA
Kris Fox -- Madison Chapter WI
Liz DeMik -- Northern Virginia Chapter VA
Jill Stammel -- Denver Chapter CO
Deanna Stritof -- Valparaiso Chapter IN
Lois Schumann -- Des Moines Chapter IA
Corrine Roy -- Orlando Chapter FL

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUILD SCHOLARS
The recipients of the Guild scholarships were introduced by Darlene Leatz, the Guild Liaison from the Office of
Admissions and Financial Aid. She conveyed thanks on behalf of Heather Brauer, recipient of the Past National Presidents Scholarship, who was unable to attend. Heidi Eilers, senior scholar, and freshman scholars Paula Mickan and Martin Lohrmann, thanked the Guild for the opportunities made available to them through these scholarships.

SPECIAL TOPIC

Kathryn Carpenter, University Librarian, reviewed the Master Plan for Moeller Library with the assembly. The library is in need of renovation and expansion if it is to continue to serve the needs of Valparaiso University. The efforts undertaken by the library staff to work in overcrowded conditions without impacting the ability of the users to access information underscore the problems of working in the 1990's information age in a facility built in the 1960s. Committees have been formed to look into the facilities and information infrastructure; information access and collection policies, including basic library services; and public presentation and financial planning. A consultant was retained to review all aspects of Moeller Library and develop options to enable the facility to fulfill its academic mission of student teaching and learning, thereby preparing students for lifelong learning.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Marge McCandless, Chairman, reported the following results of the tellers:

Number of ballots cast 160
Number of invalid ballots 1
Kris Fox 103
Liz DeMik 93
Judy Michaels 86
Julia Riess 86
Deanna Stritof 85
Jill Stammel 74
Lois Schumann 60
Corrine Roy 41

President Bev Wick declared the following women elected: Kris Fox, Chair; Liz DeMik; Judy Michaels; and Julia Riess. The immediate Past National President, Barb Riethmeier, will serve as the fifth member of the Nominating Committee.

CALENDAR RESOLUTION

The Resolutions Committee moved adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That $2,700.00 of the Valparaiso University Guild Calendar Fund, which includes the profit from the sale of the 1995 Guild calendars, be allotted to (blank).

The President called upon 1st Vice President Margaret Zobel to present the three Calendar Fund Proposals for voting by the assembly.

REPORT OF THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE

Ruth Cowan, Chairman, reported on the Bazaar and encouraged everyone to participate in the Silent Auction. She extended thanks to all the participating chapters, and requested that they send her information on the costs of the items being sold. This will be used to determine the net profit realized by the Bazaar.

REPORT OF THE COOKBOOK MARKETING COMMITTEE

Judy Michaels, Chairman, recognized the chapters that met the challenge to “sell one cookbook per member by September.” The chapters were: Orlando Chapter FL; Des Moines Chapter IA; Old Dominion Chapter VA; Harbor Lights Chapter CA; Milwaukee Suburban Chapter WI; Southtowns of Erie County Chapter NY; Saddleback Valley Chapter CA; and Lorain County Chapter OH. She asked any other chapter that believes it met the challenge to contact her for a certificate of recognition. More than $17,000 was added to the Cookbook Endowment Fund even though only half the chapters participated in cookbook sales during the past year. All chapters were encouraged to revitalize their sales.

REPORT OF THE GUILD GOODIES COORDINATOR

First Vice President Judy Waetjen highlighted the nineteen Guild Goodies for the 1995-1996 season. The newest items were presented to the assembly: “Bloomin’ Sweatshirt” from the Covered Bridge Chapter WI; and a computer mousepad with the Valparaiso University seal from the Southern Piedmont Chapter NC.

GUILD SCHOLARSHIP AND COOKBOOK ENDOWMENT FUND RESOLUTION

The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:
WHEREAS, The profits from the sale of the Valparaiso University Guild cookbooks has increased the endowment fund substantially,

WHEREAS, The cost of education at Valparaiso University continues to rise,

WHEREAS, To keep pace with this rising cost of education; be it

RESOLVED, That the annual Guild cookbook scholarship awards to eight recipients be increased by $500 annually over the next four years so that the award in 1997 will be $2,500; in 1998, $3,000; in 1999, $3,500; and in the year 2000, the award will be $4,000.

President Bev Wick clarified that the dates in the resolution refer to the school years ending in those years.

CLOSING PRAYER
The closing prayer was given by Jill Stammel, retiring Area Director, Area III.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1995
President Bev Wick called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The opening devotions were given by the guitar choir, “Gift of Song,” led by Frankie Cowan. Executive Director Janie Lichtfuss was a member of the choir.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Esther Kruger, member of the Credentials Committee, reported 213 registered voting members and 3 guests. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS: CALENDAR FUND
Marge McCandless, Chairman, reported the following results of the tellers:
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The resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That $2,700.00 of the Valparaiso University Guild Calendar Fund, which includes the profit from the sale of the 1995 Guild calendars, be allotted to: Department of Education -- laminating machine; and the Department of Foreign Language and Literatures -- foreign language computer programs and equipment.

PRESENTATION OF PROJECT FUND CHECK
President Bev Wick and Treasurer Judy Mason presented Bill Smriga, Director of the Valparaiso Union, with a check for $100,000 from the 1994-1995 Project Fund. Bill thanked the Guild on behalf of the students and the Union staff and presented President Bev Wick with a plaque created from the old bowling lanes in the Union, acknowledging the Guild’s assistance with the Union renovation.

ENDOWMENT FUND EXPLANATION
Treasurer Judy Mason presented additional information to the assembly regarding the Cookbook Scholarship Endowment Fund. The spending allocation from the fund for the past several years has been higher than the amount required for the existing eight scholarships. This has resulted in an excess balance of almost $40,000. In addition, the endowment fund corpus, currently at $450,000, continues to grow through contributions and production of income. The resolution passed on September 22 will provide a rising level of scholarships funded by the current year spending allocation and the excess balance. In 2000, the excess balance will be gone, and the estimated spending allocation will fully fund eight $4,000 scholarships.

CHAPTER PROJECT RESOLUTION
The Resolutions Committee moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The mission of the Valparaiso University Guild is to provide facilities necessary for the students’ physical and spiritual welfare;
RESOLVED, That the next Valparaiso University Guild project fund be allocated for facilities for the entire campus community as _____ (blank).

The President called upon 2nd Vice President Judy Waetjen to present the three Project Fund proposals for voting by the assembly.

1. 1-year project -- Replacement of Sound System in the Chapel of the Resurrection
2. 2-year project -- Upgrade electrical infrastructure and add air conditioning to Guild/Memorial
3. 5-year project -- Guild Plaza

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Joanne Gatz, Chairman, moved adoption of the following bylaws amendment, which was adopted as presented:

ARTICLE II Purpose

Section 1d. seeking to provide facilities necessary for the physical and spiritual welfare of the students.

Section 1e. emphasizing and reinforcing the call of the University to provide highly educated and committed Christian leaders for the nation and the world.

Pam Sieving, member of the Bylaws Committee, moved adoption of the following bylaws amendment:

ARTICLE VII Officers, Nominations, and Elections

Section 1b. All national officers shall be members dedicated to the purpose and ideals of the Guild. The President and Vice Presidents shall be members of a Lutheran church in the United States or Canada. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be members of a Christian denomination in the United States or Canada.

A ballot vote was taken and the results reported after the lunch recess.

Joanne Gatz, Chairman, moved adoption of the following bylaws amendment, which was adopted as amended:

ARTICLE XI Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The following Standing Committees are recommended: Activities, Bazaar, Bed and Breakfast, Bylaws, Calendar, Community Relations, Cookbook Distribution, Cookbook Marketing, Guild Goodies, Historian, Membership, Parliamentarian, Person-to-Person, and other such committees as are deemed necessary to promote the program of the Guild. Chairmen of all Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors and shall serve for the term of the President who appointed them. Size of Standing Committees shall be determined by committee chairmen, with the exception of Historian and Parliamentarian.

Joanne Gatz, Chairman, moved adoption of an amendment to the Standing Rules, which was adopted as presented:

STANDING RULES

Expenses Reimbursable by
Valparaiso University Guild, Inc.
For Attendance at National Conventions,
Meetings of the Executive Council and
of the Board of Directors

Paula Sauer, member of the Bylaws Committee, moved adoption of the following bylaws amendment:

PROVISOS

The following proviso was adopted:

ARTICLE V - If adopted, to take effect July 1, 1996.

ARTICLE XI - That the Calendar Chairman complete her work on the 1996 calendar. (Changed by later amendment.)

ARTICLE V Dues, Funds, and Gifts
Section 1. Annual National Dues.

a. A "Self-Select Dues" shall allow members to choose a comfortable/challenging dues level for themselves.

b. Annual national dues for members of the Guild shall not fall below the minimum of:
   1. Fifteen dollars ($15.00) for Members
   2. Sixty dollars ($60.00) for Four Winds members; and
   3. Five dollars ($5.00) for Golden members.

c. All dues will be separated by percentage into three (3) funds:
   
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Section 2. University Fund. Thirty-five percent (35%) of the annual national dues shall be donated to the University Fund of Valparaiso University.

Section 3. Operating/Project Fund. Fifty percent (50%) of the annual national dues shall be included with gifts and monies raised by chapters through activities and shall be used for special projects determined by the Guild in Convention. Expenses for operating the Guild shall be paid from this fund, except as otherwise specified by these Bylaws.

Section 4. Guild Office Endowment. Fifteen percent (15%) of the annual national dues shall be put into an Endowment for the operation of the Guild Office.

Section 5. Guild Special. Each chapter shall annually allot a sum of $20.00 for the purchase of a special gift to the University, to be presented at the time of Convention. The selection of the gift shall be decided by the Executive Council. The money for this gift shall be sent to the national Treasurer by February 1.

Section 6. Gifts. Gifts from individuals, groups, or corporations may be received by the Guild. Gifts not designated by the donor will be allocated in the following manner:

a. Undesignated gifts of less than $1,000 will go to the Guild Operating/Project Fund, or to such purposes designated by the Board of Directors.

b. Undesignated gifts of $1,000 or more will be designated by the Guild in Convention.

Section 7. Resolutions/Allocations of Funds. Blanks in resolutions relating to allocation of funds, the Guild Special, and gifts shall be filled by a preferential vote.

By agreement of the assembly, discussion was halted for the lunch recess, to be continued after the meeting reconvened.

NOON PRAYER

The noon prayer was given by Marian Ynghans, retiring Area Director, Area IV.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Following the Area luncheons, the members of the Guild processed from Guild Hall to the Valparaiso University Center for the Arts for the dedication of the Guild Lobby, followed by the dedication of a work of textile art, "Benediction," to the memory of Jo Feller, a late member of the Atlanta Chapter GA. The funds for the piece were contributed by members of the Atlanta Chapter and other friends of Jo. The meeting reconvened in the Theater of the Valparaiso University Center for the Arts at 2:20 p.m. There being no objection from the assembly, the agenda was modified, and the official role of 213 voting members from the morning session was retained.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

President Bev Wick introduced Janie Lichtfuss, Executive Director of the Guild. Dr. Alan Harre, President of Valparaiso University, spoke to the assembly prior to the address of the Executive Director. He stated that the Guild is valued by the University, both as a group and as individuals. He briefly discussed the fiscal problems faced by the University Board of Directors and the administration that are typical of higher education in the United States. (See page 8 in the Bulletin for the address of the Executive Director.)

REPORT OF THE TELLERS: CHAPTER PROJECT FUND

Marge McCandless, Chairman, reported the following results of the tellers:

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RESULTS:

Chapel of the Resurrection -- sound system 126
Guild/Memorial -- electrical upgrade/
  air conditioning 61
Guild Plaza 5

The resolution was adopted as follows:

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

RESOLVED, That the next Valparaiso University Guild project fund be allocated for facilities for the entire campus community as replacement of the sound system in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS: AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Marge McCandless, Chairman, reported the following results of the tellers:

Number of ballots cast 192
Number of invalid ballots 2
Necessary for election 128

Results:

For 149
Against 41

The amendment to Article VII, Officers, Nominations, and Elections, Section 1b, was adopted as presented.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1995-1996

The Treasurer moved adoption of the proposed budget for July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996, which was adopted as presented. The budget includes a line item for printing the new Bed & Breakfast Directory.

Travel - Chapter Presidents $26,000
Travel - Roster 33,100
Bulletin 9,200
Operating/Admin. Expenses 7,600
Office Equipment Replacement 4,200
Printing/Bed & Breakfast Directory 2,700
Printing/Stationery 1,000
Speaker 1,500
Senior Women’s Dinner 300
Gifts/Memorials 300
Miscellaneous 250
Total $86,150

Approved by the Guild Board of Directors September, 1995.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Sylvia Luekens, Chairman, asked chapters that have held successful projects to send her descriptions. A script for an "Advent by Candlelight" service, prepared with assistance from Ann Louise Pera, was shared with the assembly.

REPORT OF THE BED & BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

Nancy Fehr, Chairman, presented the new Bed & Breakfast directory. Locations are listed by state rather than by chapter to make the directory easier for non-Guild members to use. The goal for the Bed & Breakfast program is to increase participation, both by an increase in the number of guests and an increase in the number of chapters hosting guests.

REPORT OF THE CALENDAR CHAIRMAN

Sally Beck, Chairman, presented the new calendar for 1996 which celebrates the seasons of the church year. The calendar features original artwork by four former Valparaiso University art students and the chairman.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President Bev Wick introduced Kate Gerken, Community Relations Chairman, and Linda Deal, Membership Chairman. The reports of the chairmen will be printed in the Bulletin.
REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The bylaws amendment to Article V, Dues, Funds, and Gifts, was adopted as presented.

Paula Sauer, member of the Bylaws Committee, moved adoption of the following bylaws amendment, which was adopted as amended:

ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 1. Any woman may become a member if she is interested in Christian education as provided at Valparaiso University and has paid the annual national dues to a chapter.

Section 2. Any woman residing in a locality where there is no chapter, who is interested in Christian education as provided at Valparaiso University, may be accepted as a Four Winds member of the Guild by paying the minimum annual national Four Winds dues directly to the national treasurer of the Guild who shall forward her record of membership to the Coordinator of Area Directors. Any such member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, including those of voting and holding office, subject to the control of Article VII, Section 1b.

Section 3. Any member of Valparaiso University Guild who has reached the age of 70, or any woman who is interested in Christian education as provided at Valparaiso University, and who is 70 years of age or older, may request a Golden membership. Any such members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, including those of voting and holding office, subject to the control of Article VII, Section 1b.

BYLAWS RESOLUTION

Pam Sieving, member of the Bylaws Committee, by direction of the Bylaws Committee, moved the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Bylaws Committee be authorized to correct article and section designation, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Valparaiso University Guild for the bylaws amendments passed at Convention 1995.

RECOGNITION FOR SHARON HERSEMANN

Margaret Zobel, 1st Vice President, summarized the tribute given by the Guild to Sharon Hersemann: "To show our appreciation to Sharon Hersemann for her years of service to the Guild, on Friday evening, September 22, 1995, the members of the Valparaiso University Guild paid tribute to Sharon with a gift of a stoneware coffee set and a rising vote of thanks." By unanimous consent, the summary was made a part of the records of the Convention.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS FOR SHARON HERSEMANN

The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Sharon Hersemann has faithfully served the Valparaiso University Guild as Guild Office Assistant since 1981, and has demonstrated her efficiency and devotion to serving the members of the Guild, and

WHEREAS, Sharon's ever-present warm smile and valued friendship are cherished;

RESOLVED, That the members of the Valparaiso University Guild thank and praise God for inspiring Sharon Hersemann to share her talents and gifts in service to the Guild.

RETIRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESOLUTION

Lynn Bahl, Parliamentarian, by direction of the Board of Directors, moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Janie Lichtfuss has ably led the Valparaiso University Guild as its Executive Director for the past six years,

WHEREAS, Janie previously blessed the Guild with the gift of leadership in various chapter and area positions, as 2nd Vice President, as 1st Vice President, as President and as Historian,

WHEREAS, Janie represented the Guild with vision and courage as a member of the Valparaiso University Board of Directors and later as an active member of the University community.
WHEREAS, Thousands of dollars have been raised for the Valparaiso University Guild Project Funds through Janie’s creative spark that inspired the Guild to run,

WHEREAS, Janie has always challenged the Guild to follow its dreams and reach for the stars,

WHEREAS, Janie has demonstrated her deep love for the Guild by ensuring its future strength through the establishment of the Guild Office Endowment,

WHEREAS, Janie has shared her true and joy-filled Christian spirit with the members of the Guild and the University community, and

WHEREAS, Janie has indeed been called to serve the Guild and the Kingdom for such a time as this;

RESOLVED, The members of the Valparaiso University Guild offer joyful praise and thanks to God for the blessing which Janie Lichtfuss has been to the Guild and to Valparaiso University.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESOLUTION
The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Rebecca Balko has been appointed Executive Director of the Valparaiso University Guild,

WHEREAS, Rebecca will perform all duties set forth in Article XII section 2 of the Guild bylaws, effective November 1, 1995;

RESOLVED, That the 1995 Convention body, all chapters and members of the Valparaiso University Guild welcome Rebecca and acknowledge her abilities to perform the duties of Executive Director efficiently, and

RESOLVED, That all members pledge their complete cooperation to her and pray that God will guide and bless her as she serves her Lord in this place.

CONVENTION RESOLUTION
The Resolutions Committee moved the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Isaiah 43:19a reads, “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?,”

WHEREAS, The report of the second Ad Hoc Committee for the Future of the Guild presented exciting challenges for growth in the Guild to the year 2000,

WHEREAS, The fruits of our past efforts resulted in the celebration of the dedication of the Guild Lobby in the new Valparaiso University Center for the Arts and the presentation of a check for $100,000 for renovation of the Union; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we gratefully acknowledge all those whose time and efforts went into planning this 64th Convention, especially the Valparaiso Chapter and the Area III chapters; and

RESOLVED, That the Guild go forth with great zeal and joy and work to fulfill God’s plan for the Guild in the future.

CLOSING PRAYER
The assembly joined in prayer and song to give thanks to God and celebrate all the Guild has accomplished.

The 64th annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

As an addendum to the minutes, on Saturday evening, September 23, 1995, Stephanie Gerdes, representing the Valparaiso University Alumni Association, presented an Alumni Service Award to Janie Lichtfuss, Executive Director and Past National President of the Valparaiso University Guild. The members of the Valparaiso University Guild paid tribute to Janie with a gift of a piece of crystal obelisk formed around a colored candle and flame.

Approved by the Minutes Approval Committee:
Lynn Bahls -- National Parliamentarian
Julane Swank -- Atlanta Chapter GA
Judy Wolff -- Alabama Chapter AL

Lorraine Dorough
Secretary

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National Treasurer Judy Mason on Alumni Assoc. trip to Egypt!

### Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 1995

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### EXPENSES:
Beneficiary Contributions:
- Valparaiso University
  - General Administration:
    - Travel - Roster: (99,370) (2,070) (101,440)
    - Travel - Chapter Presidents: (25,514) (2,514)
    - Printing/Bulletin: (7,567) (7,567)
    - Operating expense: (5,945) (5,945)
    - Printing/Stationery: (1,392) (1,392)
    - Computer equipment replenishment: (1,229) (1,229)
    - Senior women's breakfast: (317) (317)
    - Gifts: (224) (224)
    - Miscellaneous: (181) (181)
- Convention expenses: (13,458) (13,458)
- Executive council expenses: (5,998) (5,998)
- Art work - Jo Feller Memorial: (1,000) (1,000)
- Guild run expenses: (400) (400)
- Cookbook distr. expenses: (350) (350)
- Misc. office expenses: (300) (300)
- Chapter supplies: (300) (300)
- Cookbook sales tax, net: (15) (15)

### TOTAL EXPENSES
- Change in net assets: (7,943) (8,876)
- Net assets at July 1, 1994: 27,702
- Net assets at June 30, 1995: 19,855

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Dear Guild Members:

"Behold, a new thing," as we, your Nominating Committee, begin the task of organizing a slate of officers. At the September 1996 Convention, we will elect a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We request your prayerful consideration of names of Guild women you feel are qualified for these positions. The deadline for returning this form is February 1, 1996.

All Guild members are eligible to submit recommendations to our committee for consideration. You may use this or a similar form to submit your nominations.

Office
Nominee’s Name
Address
City/State Zip
Chapter

Qualifications of Nominee:

General Comments:

Submitted by (optional)
Chapter

Please mail all recommendations to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Sincerely,

Kristine Fox, Chairman*
Elizabeth DeMik
Judy Michaels
Julia Riess
Barbara Riethmeier

*7011 Longmeadow Rd, Madison, WI 53717
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.
The following Living Books Memorials, given from January 1, 1995 through June 30, 1995, totaled $870.00.

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"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

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