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Fulfilling the Promise

by President Alan Harre

The promise of Valparaiso University – academic excellence in a tradition of faith and learning – is what we are celebrating this year as we experience the 75th anniversary of the purchase of Valparaiso University by the Lutheran University Association.

As a Lutheran Christian institution, Valparaiso University values both the expression of faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, as Savior of the world and as a place of academic excellence. Dr. O.P. Kretzmann talked about VU being both Athens and Jerusalem, a place of learning and a place of faith.

During this 75th anniversary celebration, VU will reflect upon what it means for the University to be an expression of Lutheran and Christian insights and approaches to the issues and problems of this world. Also, in order to be a great academic university, VU must continue to recruit and appoint quality faculty who mentor and care for individuals, who put the education of students first. Faculty members are a university's most valuable resource for academic excellence. In a place like Valpo, such excellent faculty members nurture faith and promote learning.

Second, a great academic university will provide excellent facilities for learning. The phrase often heard around campus is "place affects mission." An example of the truth of this statement is the phenomenal rise in enrollment and interest in music, theater, and arts since the opening of the VU Center for the Arts facility in 1995.

At this point the University has begun to raise funds for the construction of a new Center for Library and Information Resources. We are certain that this Center will have the same positive affects on students as we have observed through the construction of the VUCA.

Finally, the third goal of a great university is to secure its future through building financial strength. Therefore, vital to the success of Valparaiso University is that we continue to increase the size of its endowment.

While it is extremely important for individuals to support Valparaiso University with their donations during their lifetime, it is also critical that individuals remember the University at the time of their death. Only about 3% of the citizens of the United States leave legacies in their estate plans for charitable organizations. This is particularly surprising because 70% of Americans annually give to charities during their lifetime.

During this anniversary year, VU is pursuing the objective of raising $75 million in outright gifts, pledges, and in charitable planned gifts. The public campaign was announced on April 29, 2000. At that time, the amount of funds raised during the silent phase of the campaign was $57.8 million. It is my sincere hope that members of the Guild will respond positively when they are approached by volunteers who are helping the University fulfill its mission through this campaign or by personnel of the Office of Institutional Advancement, the deans of the various colleges, the provost, or myself. We also ask that you pray for the success of this campaign, so we can continue to celebrate the promise of Valparaiso University – academic excellence in a tradition of faith and learning – for many years to come.

May all of you enjoy your experiences in the afterglow of the Easter celebration.

The Center for Library and Information Resources
By Lorraine Dorough, President

We are not quite half way through 2000, and once again we are looking at a year of big changes for the Guild. Some of you are now saying, "What? More changes? Will it never end?" The answer to the latter question is, "No, change will always be part of the Guild, as it has been from the beginning." Organizations must continually grow in order to thrive and survive. I have thought often of our Convention verse throughout this year as changes challenged us: "I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to give you hope and a future." It is just that sometimes, even though we know better, we find changes hard to accept. Having to say good-bye to Rebecca Balko, our executive director since 1995, is one of those. It has been a privilege to work with her, and I know I speak for the Guild when I say that she will be missed and that all of our prayers and good wishes follow her to Wheat Ridge Ministries.

At the Targeted Leadership Forum in November 1999, Guild leaders deliberated the future of the Guild "Beyond 2000." A key part of this discussion focused on the core values of the Guild. Three key words emerged from that discussion: Christian, students, and service.

Christian - community of Christian women, Christian higher learning, Christian leaders for the nation and the world. These words from our vision and mission emphasize the real core of the Guild. We are a Christian organization, one that is predominantly Lutheran by history, but an organization that welcomes all who believe in Christ and in the promise of Valparaiso University as a home for academic excellence built on faith and learning.

Students - increase student enrollment and provide facilities for students. The Guild's mission to provide facilities necessary for the students' physical and spiritual welfare is one that has been fulfilled many times throughout our history. We usually think of a facility as something created to serve a particular function - such as Guild Hall or the Guild Lobby in the VUCA. A broader definition of a facility is something that permits the easier performance of an action. Almost every project the Guild has undertaken in its history falls into this broader definition, including the Guild Endowment for Undergraduate Research! Our investment in this virtual facility by advancing the scholarly pursuits of our students will generate lasting benefits for them, their faculty mentors, and for the University for many years to come.

Service - using our gifts in volunteer service. Gifts come in many forms, and Guild members give freely of their time, talents, personal financial resources, and prayers. One of the most important services we give to the University is to help tell the story of VU in our local communities. But the most important service that every member can give is to offer prayers every day, giving thanks for Valparaiso University and asking for guidance as each member continues to use her gifts and talent to assist VU students, faculty, and staff.

Christian, students, service: these three words are the core of the vision and mission of the Guild. By distilling our vision and mission into these words, we affirm that the direction set through Guild Renewal was indeed right for this organization. As we move "Beyond 2000," we do so as a Christ-centered community connected to and focused upon providing volunteer service to Valparaiso University.

When we gather for Convention this September, the Guild will start its 70th year of service to Valparaiso University. We begin a new decade of service with a clear view to the future built on a solid foundation of our history. "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:4

Blessings Nurture Upcoming Christian Women's Conference

By Kathy Allen

Commitments from talented speakers and financial supporters are exciting the members of the Christian Women's Conference planning committee. All Guild members, alumni, and friends of all ages are encouraged to make plans now to attend the conference, "Triumphs and Transitions," which will take place on campus May 4 - 6, 2001.

Through dynamic speakers, music, and fellowship, the Women's Conference is aimed at enhancing the way Christian women live and work in today's world. Attendees will enjoy diverse information and learning experiences as they choose from topics in five educational tracks, including faith, family, health, career, and personal growth.

Conference planning committee members include Debra Albers, Kathy Allen, Jackie Jungemann, Ruth Koch, Julane Swank, and Virginia Amling. The Guild executive director, Mary Burchfield, and Lorraine Dorough are serving as advisors to the committee. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact one of these individuals or the Guild office.

The conference would make a wonderful reunion time for mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, or sorority sisters. Conference registration brochures will be mailed to members and alumni early in 2001, but those interested in attending may arrange for hotel accommodations at any time.
We say farewell to senior Guild Cookbook Scholars Mark Williamson and Abigail Wurster. Mark will be marrying fellow VU student Leslie Moses one week after graduation in the Chapel of the Resurrection. In the fall, he will be attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Mark asked that the following message be passed on to you: "I would like to thank the Guild for so generously supporting my education. I will always treasure my years at Valpo. It is amazing to think that without the Guild Cookbook Scholarship, I may not have attended this wonderful place. I must also tell you that I do own one of the cookbooks. Actually, it is the only cookbook I have, but all of the recipes I've tried have been delicious!"

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Don't miss the Guild's 70th anniversary kick-off celebration, the election of a new national president and two vice presidents, workshops, presentations and tours led by VU faculty and staff, a barbecue with the junior and senior women, fellowship with other Guild members from across the country, and much more.

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Financial Report
Comparison Contributions from Chapter Projects
(July 1st - May 11th of Fiscal Year)

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Over and above chapter contributions to the Guild Endowment Fund for Undergraduate Research, more than $28,000 has been received this year in personal gifts and matches.

Guild Involvement in Valpo Sunday Increases
Members of the Guild continue to play a vital role in celebrating Valpo Sunday around the country. The number of Guild members requesting Valpo Sunday 2000 materials — bulletin inserts, children's activity sheets, posters, and devotional pads — rose dramatically. Doubling last year's requests, seventy-five chapters, or their members, asked for available Valpo Sunday resources.

According to Bill Karpenko, director of church relations, 'Guild members are the 'real heroes' of the University's efforts to raise congregational awareness of Valpo and Lutheran higher education. They continue to be 'Valpo-with-skin-on' for so many of our Lutheran parishes.'

In addition to a marked increase in requests from Guild members for Valpo Sunday materials, a number of Guild members have initiated the "Church Worker Dialogue Process" designed to 'increase understanding, mutual respect, and promote future communication' between the Guild, Valparaiso University, and local congregational staff.

If you have not celebrated Valpo Sunday yet or engaged a member of your congregation's staff in a dialogue, do it now! Materials are still available. Call 800.803.7184, ext. 24 or e-mail Kristin.Kispert@valpo.edu.
MEET GAIL KEMPER

Gail is the Guild office's newest addition. She joined the staff as the administrative assistant the first of March and is already quite informed about the Guild and Valparaiso University. Do not hesitate to call her with questions and/or requests. She is looking forward to getting to know you and giving you assistance. Gail can be reached at 800.748.4538 or Gail.Kemper@valpo.edu.

GUILD MARKET FEATURE

by Judy Michaels, chair

Have you used the Guild Market lately? There are some great products available. We thought we would feature one or two items now and then, so you would remember the Guild Market when considering gifts.

Today's feature is the Garden Dill Dip from the Milwaukee Suburban Chapter. One Guild member recently wrote and said, "I would certainly vouch for the Garden Dill Dip. I think it is great and I keep it on hand all the time. I have sent it in Christmas cards and added it to little gift packs with other kitchen gadgets."

GUILD BED & BREAKFAST

by Judy Waetjen, chair

Summertime... when the livin' is easy... and you are ready to hit the road for fun and relaxation, be sure to consider spending a night or two in a Guild Bed & Breakfast. You won't find hospitality better anywhere else.

Summer Send-Offs

by Amy Waetjen, chair

Summer is in full swing and it's time to think about summer send-offs for Valpo students. How about a picnic in August or a barbecue in July? Play Valpo trivia--so many exciting things have happened recently. Whatever your chapter decides to do, be sure to include VU alumni, family and friends. You may even want to send an invitation to a prospective student. If you would like assistance planning this event, the Alumni Relations staff is willing to lend a hand. To find out more, call 800.833.6792, ext. 23.
Members of the Naperville Chapter warmly welcomed members of the Aurora Chapter at a recent candle party. This group also had a terrific turnout for care package assembly with several mothers of area students in attendance.

The Northwest Suburban Chapter had an extremely successful Kringle sale. The proceeds of this fund-raiser were matched by AAL. The Quad City Chapter celebrated its 45th anniversary with a luncheon. Members and guests enjoyed the afternoon reminiscing, looking through chapter scrapbooks, and listening to a history highlighting chapter events. This group looks terrific at 45!

South Suburban Chapter members are making plans for a silent auction this summer.

The West Suburban Chapter is really in style! They recently hosted two clothes parties by Weekenders, a company designed to make shopping affordable, practical, and fun right in your own home.

Members of the Central New Jersey Chapter

NCAA Tournament. One of the members made “March Madness” bags filled with slips of paper that could lead to paying fines. For example, FINAL 4: If you don’t have all four Valpo Guild Cookbooks pay $20 for every one you don’t have. This group also had a “Portion Dessert Fundraiser.” Each member brought a dessert, which was sold in individual portions.

The Northern Virginia Chapter members were instrumental in hosting the VU Chorale and Symphony Orchestra on their recent tour.

The Rochester Chapter held another Book Event at Borders Books. Because so many of the members love to buy books for themselves and as gifts for families and friends, this is a very fun fund-raiser. The members are also having great success selling the Grace Notes from Creative Communications. New to this chapter is a long-time Guild member and former AD, Carole Bildstein, who lives near Syracuse. Since there isn’t a chapter in Syracuse, Carole drives 1 1/2 hours to be a part of the group.

Although the fiscal year of the Guild is winding down, activities in Area III chapters are going strong. Chapters are busy with spring luncheons or brunches, cookbook salles lunches, Mafifests, spring fashion shows, etc.—the key word being spring! Several chapters are also planning, or have already held, events to which mothers of current students and/or alumni have been invited. Some chapter members have even started working on items for the bazaar. Chapters with few members, or whose members live a distance from each other, have been getting together primarily to socialize with other women interested in supporting and promoting Valparaiso University.

The Diablo Valley Chapter members met at Barb VanFossen’s home for a salad lunch and to pack student care packages.

The Harbor Lights Chapter was busy with Valpo Sundays and college fairs this spring. Thirty Valpo alumni and friends got wild and crazy in February at a local Greek restaurant with singing waiters, belly dancers, and violin players. March brought members to the "Breakers," home of chapter member Adah Drews. Lunch and a tour were enjoyed at this historical Long Beach hotel that is now a senior residence place.
Members of the Santa Clara Chapter meet or have a social event almost every month. At Christmas, Valpo grad Jonathan Hodel joined them for caroling. Jonathan sang the lead in the opera "Carmen" with the San Jose Opera Company. The chapter has also enjoyed a "Pizza and Game Night" and an evening of wine tasting.

President Chris Dudley reports that the Spokane Chapter is again packaging chili lentils for sale. Their March meeting included a presentation on Spiritual Parenting. Members were encouraged to bring a token that reminded them of their own spiritual parenting.

All who attended the Northwest Chapter Retreat at the Pacific Rest Bed and Breakfast in Lincoln City, OR had a fantastic time. Hostess Judy Waetjen graciously housed the 17 attendees. There were reports on Guild projects. Oregon Trail's member Naomi Baker gave a presentation on volunteerism. Bev Wick demonstrated easy flower-arranging techniques. We also enjoyed a book review of Rose's Garden. Plus, there was beach walking, garden touring, shopping, hot tubbing, hiking, visiting, etc. One of the highlights was "High Tea" Saturday afternoon with all the ladies donning hats. Five chapters were represented - Oregon Trail, Columbia Cascade, Puget Sound, Spokane, and Harbor Lights.

Members of the Wisconsin chapters met in Appleton at the AAL headquarters for the Wisconsin State Unit convention. The Appleton Chapter hosted the group in this beautiful facility. It was a perfect setting for Guild fellowship, addresses by Rebecca Balko and VP for Guild Affairs Judy Mason, and chapter sharing. Plans are in the works for more pecan sales next fall. The Appleton, Madison, Merrill, and Wausau Chapters have reported success in this fundraising effort and the Racine group plans to get in on the action. Wisconsin members viewed samples of the Creative Communications Grace Notes at the state convention and were enthused with the product and possibilities. A 50% profit is hard to beat! The Covered Bridge Chapter's VU nightshirts have proved to be a good fundraiser. After hosting a successful Holiday Table Settings Luncheon for eight years, the Milwaukee Suburban Chapter has decided to try something new. The members are planning soup/salad/craft and cookie sale luncheon next December. A Spring Basket luncheon will follow later.

I am pleased that a number of chapters have accepted the new member challenge. The Merrill Chapter has added four new members with an "each one bring a friend" approach. The Racine Chapter used the new membership kit and targeted the "empty nesters" and moms of current students. Four supporting memberships and two likely active memberships have resulted from the 20 letters and follow-up phone calls. The Milwaukee Golden Gems Chapter is organizing a "new member event" for the fall. The members will send 140+ invitations to women from the classes of 1980-1999. The invitation will include a photo of current members, a listing of activities and fund-raisers, and a comment that "you may run into a fellow alumna." Good idea!

Congratulations and thanks to the women of the Sheboygan Chapter. They closed their 65th anniversary year/history celebration with a luncheon. The first national Guild president, Mrs. E.W.Schultz, also served as Sheboygan's first chapter president. Since its beginning, the Guild has been blessed with the commitment of the women of this chapter.

Members of the Indianpolis Chapter with Area Director Karen Looney's twins Meghan and Matthew

Karen Looney AREA VII DIRECTOR

Indiana - Bustard Circuit, Hammond, Indianapolis, Michigan City, Mishawaka-South Bend, Valparaiso

In March, the University Chorale and Symphony Chamber Orchestra held their first tour-concert in the Fort Wayne Seminary chapel. Members of the Decatur Circuit Chapter had the pleasure of preparing dinner for this group of 100+ before their performance. That same weekend, many of the chapter members cheered on the men's and women's basketball teams at the Mid-Con Conference Tournament.

Members of the Hammond Chapter have taken on a new project. They are taking the Creative Communication cards to their local Lutheran churches. These cards are being well received.

Two members of the Kentuckiana Chapter represented Valparaiso University at a National Honor Society college fair in Louisville. This group also held their annual book fair with Hawley-Cooke Book Store, a local company in the area. The chapter received 20% of the sales from any customer who mentioned the Guild or Valparaiso University.

The Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter recently enjoyed a spring luncheon at Notre Dame's beautiful Morris Inn. Rebecca Balko joined them for this event.

For the last Valparaiso Chapter gathering of the year, members attended VU's theater department's outstanding production of Children of Eden. This group also
hosted the Graduating Women's Celebration for senior and third-year law students. The luncheon was a great success. Quad City Chapter member, Julie Schroeder, MD, VU '94, was the guest speaker.

The St. Petersburg Chapter is one of the furthest from VU and yet it's like it's across the street! The May luncheon rekindled Valpo connections and Christian fellowship flowed. Annual elections were held and an announcement was made that this 1999-2000 was the most successful fund-raising year ever.

South Piedmont Chapter reports they, too, have had their best year, yet.

God certainly continues to bless all our Guild chapters and their service to the University.

IN MEMORIAM

Jane Bryant Detroit, MI Chapter
Charlotte Campbell Battle Creek, MI Chapter
Alma Gilley Mishawaka-South Bend, IN Chapter
Helen Graumiller Detroit, MI Chapter
Anna Kurtz St. Louis, MO Chapter
Anna Loewer Baltimore, MD Chapter
Marguerite Ludwig Puget Sound, WA Chapter
Dorothy Morris Midland, MI Chapter
Marion Orlando Chicago Northwest Suburban, IL Chapter
Hazel Pogel Niagara Falls, NY Chapter
Biruta Stager St. Petersburg, FL Chapter
Frieda Thiergartner Union County, OH Chapter
Julia Wolf Indianapolis, IN Chapter

Art Amling Husband of Virginia Amling, Chicago Northwest Suburban, IL Chapter
Ludmila Babier Mother of Barbara Riehmeier, Rochester, NY Chapter
Miles Dobias Husband of Eileen Dobias and father of Audrey Kaiser, Columbus Capital Bells, OH Chapter
Martin Kretzmann Husband of Gladys Kretzmann and father of Eunice Koepke, Milwaukee Suburban, WI Chapter
Carl Kuehnert Husband of Marge Kuehnert, Milwaukee Suburban, WI Chapter
Tom Nagel Husband of Norrine Nagel, Buffalo, NY Chapter, and father of Marjorie Nagel, Mishawaka-South Bend, IN Chapter

MOVING ON

Four-and-a-half years ago when I became the executive director of the Guild I had no idea how rich my experience would be with you. Not only did I grow professionally because of you, but also spiritually and personally. Your unwavering commitment and dedication to Valparaiso University, your support and encouragement of me and my endeavors, and your willingness to embrace the many changes that took place during my tenure will forever be remembered. Even though I will soon leave to begin a new position at Wheat Ridge Ministries in Itasca, IL, this memorable time with you will always be in my heart and on my mind. Blessings as you continue to support and promote this very special place.

Rebecca Balko
**SAVE THESE DATES**

July 16  
Alumni/Guild • An Evening at Ravinia  
Chicago, IL

July 22  
Alumni/Guild • Rockies Baseball Game & Gathering  
Denver, CO

Alumni/Guild • Astros Baseball Game & Gathering  
Houston, TX

July 30  
Alumni/Guild • Summer Send-Off  
Washington, DC

Aug. 5  
Alumni/Guild • Deep River Water Park Gathering  
Hobart, IN

Aug. 6  
Alumni/Guild • Cardinals Baseball Game & Gathering  
St. Louis, MO

Aug. 10  
Alumni/Guild • Silver Hawks Baseball Game & Gathering  
South Bend, IN

Aug. 12  
Alumni/Guild • Symphony on the Prairie Event  
Indianapolis, IN

Alumni/Guild • Brewers Baseball Game & Gathering  
Milwaukee, WI

Aug. 13  
Alumni/Guild • Valpo Family Picnic  
St. Louis, MO

Aug. 21  
Alumni/Guild • Golf Outing  
Waconia, MN

Sept. 15-17  
Guild Convention

Sept. 23-24  
75th Celebration • Founder’s Weekend

Oct. 8  
75th Celebration • St. Paul’s Lutheran  
Ft. Wayne, IN

Oct. 13-15  
Homecoming

Oct. 20  
75th Celebration • St. Lorenz  
Frankenmuth, IN

Oct. 22  
75th Celebration • Historic Trinity  
Detroit, MI

Oct. 27-29  
Homecoming West  
San Diego, CA

Nov. 12-14  
Guild Targeted Leadership Forum  
Chicago, IL

**Vision**

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