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Convention 2002 took place on one of those perfect collegiate weekends at Valparaiso University. The sky was blue and there was a crispness in the air as 122 Guild members and guests gathered to celebrate a spirit of unity and gain endurance and encouragement.

The pace picked up on Friday morning with cars lined along the Union turnaround as members marched in box after box of bazaar and auction items. The bazaar grossed over $14,000.

Special luncheons, workshop sessions and committee meetings kept members busy Friday. The day culminated with “Taste of Valpo”—not a culinary taste but a sampling of what the University offers students. Twenty-three departments interacted with Guild women. The day closed with worship led by deaconess students.

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### Convention Meeting Outcomes

Susan Dippold (Southern Piedmont, NC chapter) was elected 2002-2004 President. Her Vice Presidents include Judy Grove (Medina, OH chapter) overseeing Guild Affairs and Marcia Eckrich (St. Louis, MO chapter) overseeing Marketing and Communication.

The new Northwest Ohio chapter, represented by Mary Burchfield and Joy Dougherty, received its charter and gavel. The Guild thanked four chapters seeking release for their faithful service to Valparaiso University: Omaha, NE; Northern NJ; East Bay, CA; and Niagara Falls, NY.

All bylaw amendments were passed as printed in the Call to Convention. The Guild Special was allotted to the College of Engineering for an upgrade to run a Digital Power System Simulator and toward hands-on experience programs for freshmen engineering students.

### National Project Update

The 2001-2003 national project passed its halfway mark—both by the calendar and in funds raised. Continued support is needed to complete the Guild’s pledge of $200,000 toward a reading room in the Center for Library and Information Resources. It was announced that a time capsule representing life on campus in 2003 will be placed in the Guild’s space.

Larry Mosher, Director of the Valparaiso Union, introduced preliminary plans for the proposed Union that will fill the space left by the vacated library. Members elected to support the Union project by contributing at least $300,000 toward the new Union building as its 2003-2006 national project.

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WITH ONE VOICE
By Susan Dippold

The 71st Guild Convention inspired unity as we shared in our commitment to Valparaiso University. That “convention energy” demonstrated that the VU Guild’s mission is still at work as we launch another year.

Our organization has always known that promoting Valparaiso University is rewarding. Though promoting Valparaiso University takes time, by doing so, you make a personal difference. At convention, President Harre stated that “word of mouth” encouragement has a positive impact on school growth. Children as young as seventh grade consider where they will attend college. I can attest that already my eighth-grade daughter and sixth-grade son discuss college choices. Talk about Valparaiso University at church. Make family and friends aware of the Christian atmosphere Valpo students experience.

Specifically, you are asked to join the “Valpo Admissions Network” to promote awareness of the University and share positive campus experiences. Also, you can submit names of students from area churches so Valpo can send these prospects information.

At convention, we rejoiced in a successful first year of the “We See Clearly” campaign. How exciting to know that the Guild raised more than $100,000 in year one of our two-year “We See Clearly” project. By supporting the Center of Library and Information Resources, we provide the facilities that students need for their education. Our goal asks the Guild to raise at least $200,000. Let’s succeed and exceed at raising that amount, so the University benefits from our efforts.

We also discussed the future of the Guild with a presentation of a strategic plan. While supporting Valparaiso University, the Guild must also take care of itself to continue to make the most positive impact. Immediately, we will strengthen the chapter structure and membership. Every Guild member will benefit from enhancing our organization as we approach our diamond anniversary in 2006.

We pray that the Lord will guide and direct us as we build on what we have done well in the past and as we continue to move forward with our support of Valparaiso University. 🙌

Join the Valpo Admissions Network

Guild members nationwide are committed to recruiting students for Valparaiso University. How Valparaiso University recruits students is always evolving to meet prospective students’ needs.

To provide more structure to Guild and Alumni participation in the recruitment process, Barbara Lieske was appointed to a new Valpo Admissions Network (VAN) position. Barb has expertise in the Office of Admissions and is an alumna of Valpo; many Guild members have worked with her when assisting Admissions.

Barb will take baby steps to rebuild Guild and Alumni participation in recruitment. For instance, she solicited help for select fall college fairs across the country. Immediately, Guild members can let Barb know about recruitment opportunities, such as college fairs, in their community (drop her a note or email her at Barb.Lieske@valpo.edu). And, if there is a high school senior who would benefit from a Valpo education, she is happy to send an application for hand delivery to the student!

For more information on the Valpo Admissions Network, please visit the Guild’s website (www.valpo.edu/guild) and link through the blue logo. 🙌

The following Guild members assisted with college fairs this fall.

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- **Kathryn Hronec**
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Special Presentations
Norma May (Land of Lakes, MN chapter) was given a memory book from Guild members, honoring her for establishing the Norma J. May Guild Encouragers Endowment Fund.

A panel discussion on “Today’s Student,” describing services offered on campus was presented by Barbara Lieske, Admissions; Sandra McGuigan, Career Center; Jantzen Eddington, Student Senate; and Dr. Stewart Cooper, Student Counseling and Development Center.

The Banquet
The Geisemann Memorial, IL chapter hosted Saturday’s banquet in the Center for the Arts lobby. Bruce Berner from Valpo’s School of Law served as Master of Ceremonies. Keynote Speaker Dorothy Bass, Director of Education and Formation of People in Faith, discussed the importance of reading.

Virginia Amling, Guild Historian and Past National President, received the Filia Lucis Award. President Alan Harre recognized the Guild and Norma May for contributions to the Three Goals, One Promise campaign. The live auction, conducted by auctioneer John Gut, stimulated good humor and bids.

To Close
Chapters celebrating anniversaries and other significant chapter contributions were recognized at breakfast on Sunday morning. The convention came to a close with the traditional reading of the Guild renewal statement.

Additional convention information including minutes, highlights and transcripts are available in the Guild office.

Successful Fundraising Tips with Grace Notes Cards

The Guild has partnered with Creative Communications for the Parish since 1999 to offer Guild chapters 50 percent of the profit on sales of Grace Notes cards, Christmas cards and Advent calendars. During the past three years, over $4,500 has been raised through selling these cards. Unfortunately, very few chapters have participated in this program.

A survey at convention confirmed that there is interest in continuing this partnership. And, convention sales alone generated approximately $375 in profit proving how easy these high-quality cards are to sell.

These cards reflect a tasteful, Christian presence that can be difficult to find in greeting cards. Also, several people associated with Valparaiso University are involved with creating these cards—including Guild members Sally Beck (St. Louis, MO chapter) and Laura Gatz (Boulder, CO chapter).

A chapter ordering the minimum of $60 in merchandise will only be invoiced half ($30 + shipping). Use Creative Communications’ generous 50 percent discount—special for Guild chapters—to turn around profits for the project fund! Order forms and information is available through the Guild office.

Marketing Tips!

The following suggestions may help chapter members succeed in marketing Creative Communications’ products.

• Always have a supply of cards available so customers can buy directly rather than place an order.

• Have cards available at every Guild event including chapter meetings, bazaars and luncheons.

• Sell them at church—especially on Valpo Sunday.

• Remind customers that these cards make great gifts or stocking stuffers. Everyone occasionally needs an occasion card in a hurry!

• Tell customers that this is a fundraiser to support Christian higher education.
Keep Your Focus!

Last year, when the Guild’s 2001-2003 national project commenced, members were encouraged to acknowledge the importance of a Center for Library and Information Resources on campus. In its first year, the “We See Clearly” campaign raised over $110,000 in contributions.

What can be done now to keep focus on the “We See Clearly” campaign? Here are some suggestions:

First, continue to pray for the “We See Clearly” campaign, the University and its leaders and those directly involved in the planning and construction of the CLIR.

Second, focus on reaching the goal by reading books by Valpo authors. Walt Wangerin has a wonderful bibliography. Also try Richard Baerler’s Flame and Faith, Lamp or Learning or Karl Lutze’s Of Walls and Doors. Find a selection by Dorothy Bass or read the Cinderella story of Homer Drew and the VU men’s basketball team. Then, to raise funds or to simply share fellowship, get together to discuss the book.

Finally, a student committee is being formed to create a time capsule for the Guild reading room in the CLIR. To tie-in with the project on campus, have a chapter meeting to create a shoebox-sized time capsule representing what students of the future should know about your chapter. Be creative! Perhaps write a short book about the area where you live or something you are particularly proud of. Plan to bring a time capsule to display at convention next year. It would be wonderful to have each chapter represented in this display!

Thank you for your hard work and commitment and for keeping your focus as “We See Clearly!”

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.” Romans 15:5 NIV

“...the person who endures to the end will be saved” (Mark 13:13b God’s Word). As Christians, we need to be assured and encouraged, daily, in our walk with God. We need to make time to study God’s word, in either personal or group devotion. The world is in constant turmoil, and as Christian sisters, we need to love and sustain each other.

Our families will grow with us and find peace in God’s word. Folding hands in devotion, at table and bedtime is a must, individually or with our spouse and children. God hears us and makes us stronger for our walk with Him.

What a wonderful gift we have in our common faith. If we start and end each day in Bible reading and prayer, we will remain strong and able to face the day with thankfulness to God, for His son, Jesus Christ. For it is our enduring faith that gives us our “spirit of unity” as Guild women.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we consider all that endurance means in our lives, let us join together, as Christian sisters, and pray for the members of the University community. Bless and encourage each of them, as you have in the past. We also pray for your continued blessing upon the Guild, as we continue to support and encourage the University. In your Son’s name we pray. Amen.

Elbor Rie, from the Columbia Cascade, OR chapter, wrote this devotion based on the Convention 2002 theme for the devotionals distributed at convention. This devotional booklet may be used at Guild meetings throughout the year.

Valpo to Host Notre Dame

Valparaiso University will host Notre Dame in men’s basketball at Chicago’s United Center on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003.

“The Valpo-Notre Dame game features a rivalry in which two schools in close proximity and rich in academic tradition will have the opportunity to compete at one of the top basketball venues in the Midwest,” Valpo head coach Scott Drew said. “Valpo is very excited about this game and would love to continue this series on a regular basis.”

The game is Valpo’s first-ever at the United Center. The Crusaders, defending Mid-Continent Conference Champions, are coming off a 25-8 season, the most wins in school history.

Tickets can be purchased through the Valpo Athletic Ticket Office at (219) 464-5233. All fans are invited to a pre-game gathering on the Club Level. Cash bar and dry snacks will be available.
Happy Birthday Study Abroad Program

One experience that consistently Valpo students never regret: Studying Abroad. For many students this is their first experience traveling outside the United States. It is a semester packed with expectations and education.

For 35 years, students have instantly applied classroom lectures in history, geography, and language by living in a foreign land. This experience isn't limited to International Business or language majors. Any Valpo student may study abroad to enhance their knowledge of the world.

Valparaiso University first started offering programs in Cambridge, England and Reutlingen, Germany. Since then 2,539 students have taken advantage of these two programs. This number doesn't include the hundreds of students who have traveled to China, France, Japan, Greece, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, or Italy. The University is committed to expanding opportunities for international study. President Alan Harre stated in 1991, "In an age of global interdependence, the University strongly encourages its students to acquire part of their education abroad."

In distant lands students receive the same quality Valpo experience. Through a hands on approach, these programs combine classroom work to real life situations. Alumni, former directors, and current students who have participated in the study abroad experience gathered at Homecoming to celebrate and reminisce with old friends about their life changing experience overseas.

Guild "Classic" Recipe

Thanksgiving leftovers? If you are uncertain what to do with the leftover turkey from Thanksgiving, try a recipe such as “Turkey Taste Teasers” from a Guild Cookbook. This recipe appears in Volume II – available through the Guild office for $5.

Turkey Taste Teasers

2 cups chopped turkey (light & dark meat)
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
1 cup grated cheese (cheddar or American)
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped stuffed olives
3/4 cup mayonnaise (salad dressing)
6 hamburger buns
butter
parsley sprigs (optional)

Mix the first seven ingredients. Cut buns in half, butter lightly, top with turkey mixture. Place on boiler pan and broil 6 inches from heat for 5 minutes or until mixture bubbles. Top with parsley sprigs.

Yield: 4-6 servings.

CAMPUS CONNECTION

Nurturing Nursing Professionals

Valparaiso University's College of Nursing ranks among the nation's finest nursing programs exemplifying the importance of professional education consistent with VU's mission. Since graduating it first class thirty years ago, the college has upheld rigorous academic standards growing to the current enrollment of 156. To maintain this standard of excellence, the school seeks to invest in technology to best prepare future nurses.

The national nursing crisis demands that universities strengthen educational programs. Technologically advanced educational tools better prepare students for real-life practice. To address these challenges, the nursing school recently opened a new Virtual Learning Center.

The center, made possible through funding from San Diego Guild chapter member, Leslie Paul, offers resources to teach critical skills using patient case studies. Leslie said, "Last year at Guild convention, I met with Dean Janet Brown and saw a need for this center." A year later, Leslie was on campus to see one of the college's dreams become a reality when the center was officially opened during Homecoming 2002 weekend.

Dean Brown continues to seek funding for many other projects planned to enhance the College of Nursing. With additional support, the College of Nursing can look forward to meeting the challenges of its next thirty years.
CHAPTER-TO-CHAPTER

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Area I chapters continue to implement successful fundraising and “friend-raising” ideas. The sale of pecans is a tried and true fundraising project for many chapters, especially when matching funds are sought.

Several chapters also enjoyed Pampered Chef parties in the past year and plan to host them again this year inviting people outside the Guild including alumni, church members, neighbors and friends.

Other chapter ideas: the Washington D.C. chapter is able to capitalize on its location through the Bed & Breakfast program; the Northeast, PA chapter sells cookies as part of its Valpo Sunday celebration; the Buffalo chapter’s sizzling idea is a grilled hot dog lunch in the middle of winter.

To raise “friends” the Rochester and South Central, PA chapters have delivered care packages to current students on campus. Rochester also purchased a block of tickets to cheer on the VU men’s basketball team when they play Syracuse University.

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The Naperville chapter supported the CLIR national project in November as they gathered for a lively discussion on The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold. The author had a book signing at Anderson’s in Naperville last summer, and Karen Miller, a former teacher and current employee at the store, led the discussion. The group looks forward to a similar event in the spring.

Geiseman Memorial members are happy to report a successful “Fall Festival Fundraiser” in October. Three demonstrators – Pampered Chef, Longaberger Baskets, and Cookie Lee Jewelry – were present to help the group’s effort in supporting the CLIR national project. They also held a bake sale and received matching funds from Thrivent.

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Area III is celebrating. The Denver chapter celebrated the chapter’s 40th anniversary with a brunch in October. St. Louis is celebrating its 70th anniversary and Boulder will celebrate its 40th next year. The New Mexico chapter is excited that there are five students from the state attending VU. And, Sue Steiner, president of the Houston chapter, was thrilled to see new faces at recent Houston events.

On a personal note, Sandy Stevanak, Denver’s past president, is adopting a child from China. Marie Klugman, Des Moines chapter, was honored at Homecoming 2002 with an Alumni Service Award.

Area Three shares ideas and friendship. Kansas City regularly communicates with its members by way of a complete newsletter. The members attending the area luncheon at Guild Convention shared enthusiasm and ideas. Chapters are excited about selling pecans – especially the chocolate covered ones. Kansas City, St. Paul, Land of Lakes, Minneapolis, and St Louis were involved with summer sendoffs. Lincoln members enjoyed a fall luncheon at a restaurant, Houston earned money for the national project by working at a national Quilt Show, and St. Louis and New Mexico are looking forward to Christmas events.

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Several Area IV chapters got together at Homecoming West in San Diego. Chapters had the opportunity to sell items at the Homecoming “store.” The San Diego chapter provided football mums to wear during the weekend. Guild members enjoyed cheering on the Valpo football team when they played the USD Toreros.

The Puget Sound chapter was busy this fall selling, then assembling wreaths for its annual fundraiser. Several Guild members say that these “wreaths make excellent holiday gifts for clients!”

Santa Clara chapter and friends had a wonderful evening seeing old time movies at the Stanford Theater. It was great fun seeing the old stars and enjoying popcorn followed by a light snack.

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Area V chapters had Valpo in mind this summer...hosting “Summer Send Offs” and making Guild Goodies, baskets for auction and other items for the Convention. Appleton, Madison, Racine and Sheboygan chapters hosted events for current students, prospective students and families. Milwaukee Golden Gems members spent summer evenings making decorative plates for sale at the Convention.

Our_DIAGRAM

Members of the Milwaukee Suburban chapter gathering at Convention in recognition of their 45th anniversary.

The fall months bring organizing and calendar planning...Merrill and Racine chapters look forward to successful pecan sales. Appleton chapter members will sell pecans and holiday ornaments. Hosting the annual bus tour to Valpo for prospective students in October is a project of the Milwaukee Suburban chapter. Madison chapter members are preparing for the annual holiday fruitcake sale.
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The Detroit chapter enjoyed a night out discussing the book Night Gardening. Members are busy planning several holiday events—their annual Christmas Tea at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church and a “Christmas Visit” to view a decorated home. Detroit welcomed new member Barb Critchell.

After a program on “Aging with a Purpose” given by David Gehm at the September business meeting, Saginaw members geared up to sell pecans. They excitedly anticipate their 70th anniversary celebration on May 9, 2003 at Zehnder’s in Frankenmuth.

Detroit Suburban West members gathered for a potluck to kick-off the year. They will also sell pecans as well as mixed nuts and dried fruits. This past summer, chapter members encouraged current VU students in their area to contact incoming area students to welcome them to the Valpo family.

Fun and fellowship was had by all as members and families of the Battle Creek chapter got together for their annual summer corn roast. The Battle Creek chapter continues to sell pecans, Rada cutlery, and collect Spartan labels as fundraisers.

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For its annual brunch, the Indianapolis chapter asked Lilly’s of Zionsville to present a fashion show. Featured recipes this year include Sunday Sausage Bake from Volume IV and Crustless Quiche from Volume III.

The members are cooking in the Valpo Football stand this fall! The Valparaiso chapter is seeking a replacement of its chest freezer — the second replacement in a year! The chapter has exceeded the number of cakes it baked as of this time last year.

The Hammond chapter will try the Pampered Chef fundraiser this year, in addition to selling pecans and Grace Notes.

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Ohio chapters rejoice! We celebrate — the birth of the Northwest Ohio chapter; the 70th anniversary of the Cleveland chapter; the student gatherings held in Columbus and Cleveland-Medina-Lorain; the first inaugural Ohio gathering in Columbus where members learned from each other, as well as, from speaker Bonnie Kinschner.

What’s in the future? A drive for new members, holiday brunches, card parties, plans for the 2nd Ohio Gathering and a road trip to VU for Advent Vespers.

The area features Mary Burchfield, President of the new NW Ohio chapter who is a motivated and dedicated Guild member who personally recruited 11 charter members to form the chapter. Congratulations, Mary, we applaud you. One charter member, Joy Dougherty, was so excited about the Guild that she attended the organizational meeting one week and national convention the next!

Outstanding members include Dorothy Lewis, past Cleveland President, a cancer survivor, who continues to be active in the chapter. Faith Rechel, Columbus Capital Bells, who continually contributes to the chapter activities including serving as treasurer, membership chair and hostess of chapter gatherings. We give all members thanks and blessings for continued service to the Valparaiso University Guild.

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The Alabama chapter prepared its first basket for the Guild Boutique this year. They had fun putting it together and it provided new motivation to work together. The chapter’s next meeting is a luncheon at Vestavia Country Club with the new Area Director in attendance. Member Edna Adams, age 97, continues to be in members’ prayers.

The South Carolina chapter used the Convention’s Silent Auction and Bazaar to raise funds for the CLIR. The convention also offered an opportunity to visit the state’s only Valpo student, John Swales, a senior.

Also supporting the CLIR is the New Orleans chapter which is already receiving requests for pecans, especially chocolate covered and chocolate caramel. They have discovered that people love to buy other’s homemade soups and casseroles.

The St. Petersburg chapter has been blessed with Lois Hannewald at the helm as chapter president for many years. Her enthusiasm for Valpo and her commitment to the Guild has been a great example. But now she passes the torch to Christine Hartman ’91. Lois continues on the executive board as President Ex-Officio to offer advice and guidance and she will actively recruit new members.

Four Winds
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Represented at convention were nine Four Winds members. Two fabulous baskets were up for bidding at convention plus members fixed goodie bags for eight student legacies. Four Winds welcomes Valpo-loving ladies who are too busy, too far, or unable to attend local Guild meetings. We have a directory and four newsletters a year. Four winds members are quite a group! Lynn is national parliamentarian, Kris is an area director, and Christine is a committee chair. Membership is only $40 annually so refer prospective members to Gretchen or Julie. ☞
Busy Guild members want to help Valparaiso University, but often don’t know where to start. With the hectic holidays ahead, here are some simple ways to prepare for Valpo Sunday on February 2, 2003 and promote Valpo to your congregation.

In November, the Office of Church Relations sent a sample packet of Valpo Sunday materials. With these tools in hand—and these low-effort ideas—you can increase the Guild’s participation in Valpo Sunday.

So we can evaluate how we are doing, please let the church relations office (1-800-803-7184 x24) know what you did to celebrate Valpo Sunday and offer your suggestions. Last year, Guild members said the children activity sheets and devotional booklets were well received. One Guild member, who belongs to a church that doesn’t celebrate Valpo Sunday, gave the materials she received to the church’s youth director.

By choosing one (or all) of these easy steps, you, as a Guild member, are serving Valparaiso University. But by not participating, you are missing a perfect opportunity to share what is good about Valparaiso University with others.

1. Make a quick call to your church office and offer to order Valpo Sunday materials.
2. Sign up to provide altar flowers in honor of Valparaiso University alumni and students from your church.
3. Find the Valpo Sunday mailing, take out the poster and hang it somewhere for prospective students to see.
4. Volunteer to participate in the worship service and wear a Valpo pin.
5. Request a prayer for the students from your congregation who attend Lutheran universities (such as Valparaiso University!).

In 2002, Guild members requested materials for 85 congregations. In 2003, our goal is to have Guild members facilitate a Valpo Sunday celebration in 125 congregations.