VU Guild Receives $1 Million Estate Gift

Norma (Deets) May (VU '66) has designated a $1 million gift in her estate plan to benefit the Valparaiso University Guild. Her gift establishes the Norma J. May Guild Encouragers Endowment Fund—an endowment to provide the Guild executive director’s salary. According to Norma, “Thessalonians says that we belong to the day. This University and the Guild have brought light into my life. Therefore, I want to give back to the University through the Guild.”

But we belong to the day; ... Therefore encourage one another and edify one another, just as you are doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

“Because the Guild executive director’s leadership shines light on our mission, my first goal is to provide a pivotal component in ensuring that the Guild continues to make its unique contribution to the University.” Similar to endowing a chair in an academic department, once funded this will endow our administrator’s position.

“Encouragers” in the fund name was chosen to signify Norma’s second goal for this gift—to encourage others to join in endowing the salary of this key person. News of the fund immediately prompted Lorraine Dorough, past national president of the Guild, to contribute to the fund. Because it is an estate gift that will be fully funded upon her death, Norma launched the fund with $10,000 to hasten the day when the fund will begin to benefit Valparaiso University.

Norma’s third objective is to challenge Guild members to make an estate gift of their own. “Either add to this or another existing endowment fund—or endow one that captures your dreams for the Guild’s future,” advises Norma. “But complete your estate plan now and include the Guild in those plans. Be consistent. You’ve put so much of your life and soul into serving the Guild. Put your money where you have put your time.”

She continues, “Even though I’m relatively young and plan to work for a long time, I feel more confident knowing that my estate plan is complete. When I work I feel additional excitement for doing well to grow my estate and joy in knowing my philanthropic goals will be met.

Of the gift, Guild National President Judy Mason said, “The Guild's founders ignited a spark of giving that continues to shine for the University in immeasurable ways. This is the next step in growing our contribution to the University. Since the Guild Office Endowment Fund specifically covers administrative expenses, not salaries, Norma’s fund affords Guild members greater opportunity to contribute.”

Norma, a Guild member since 1973, is a past national treasurer of the Guild. She is single and is a self-employed real estate consultant. She belongs to the Land of Lakes chapter in suburban Minneapolis. Formerly, she was active in the Lincoln, Minneapolis, Minnesota Valley, Oklahoma Pioneer, and Bay State chapters. Norma also participates in the Minneapolis Valpo Club, and in 1994 received VU’s Alumni Service Award. She is a member of Living Christ Lutheran Church in Chanhassen, MN, where she sings in the choir. Norma is a proud parent of four children including VU alumna Kylie (May) ‘92 and husband Peter Wilijer ‘91, and grandmother to four beautiful little girls.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ONE OF THE GUILD'S EXISTING ENDOWMENTS:

- Norma J. May Guild Encouragers Endowment Fund – to provide for the executive director’s salary
- Guild Office Endowment Fund – created to offset office expenses (fifteen percent of member dues support this endowment)
- Undergraduate Research Endowment Fund – funding costs related to undergraduates pursuing research interests

For more information on including the Valparaiso University Guild in an estate plan, please call William Trowbridge, VU's Planned Giving Officer, at 800.803.7184, ext 44.
A Spirit of Giving

The Guild’s success is built upon a spirit of giving. This giving consists of time, leadership, dollars and ideas. Support of the Three Goals, One Promise campaign is just one example of the Guild’s giving. Members, in consultation with their families, gave $13,944,862 to the University-wide campaign. Over $3.4 million in individual contributions were given toward the Center for Library and Information Resources. This is in addition to the $200,000 pledge that the VU Guild made to support the campaign.

The campaign was also supported with the time and leadership of Guild members who served as area coordinators.

It is this spirit of giving that will assist Valparaiso University in meeting its future challenges. Thank you, Guild members, for continuing to make lasting contributions to the progress of the University!

Guild members setting up for Alpha Phi Delta sorority’s 85th reunion. One-third of the reunion attendees were Guild members.
Join the Guild Convention September 27-29

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

All members should plan to attend the 71st Annual Guild Convention taking place on campus September 27-29, 2002.

The Saturday night banquet will celebrate the Guild’s half-way point in its 2001-2003 national project to raise $200,000 for the Center for Library and Information Resources. Dorothy Bass, author of several Christian books and director of Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith, will be the keynote speaker. After the banquet, everyone is welcome to participate in the Guild’s first LIVE Auction. Selections from Silent Auction submissions will be chosen to advance to the Live Auction where auctioneer, Jim Gutt, will take your bids. The Live Auction will be a perfect conclusion to the weekend’s Bazaar, Silent Auction and second annual Basket Boutique.

Another highlight to anticipate at this convention is the election of three national officers: President, Vice President of Guild Affairs and Vice President of Marketing and Communication. Nine workshops will be offered and members will select the next national project to begin in 2003.

Registration materials will be mailed in July and registration is due August 30. Plan to gather a group from your chapter to make the trip to this rejuvenating weekend at Valparaiso University.

Four Winds

Four Winds is alive and the breezes are blowing!

A new column in our newsletter features a bio of a few members so we can get better acquainted. We are also including each member’s Valpo “connection” in our directory to make the members connected. Watch for our basket at convention – should be a real winner!! If you know a former Guild member who would like to get reconnected with the Guild, ask them to join Four Winds.

Gretchen Stoepelwerth, Four Winds Director

Convention 2002 Candidates

FOR PRESIDENT

Linda Deal
Land of Lakes, Minnesota chapter

Susan Dippold
Southern Piedmont, North Carolina chapter

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF GUILD AFFAIRS

Kathy Brodin
Milwaukee Golden Gems, Wisconsin chapter

Judy Grove
Medina, Ohio chapter

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

Marcia Eckrich
St. Louis, Missouri chapter
While plans for the Center for Library and Information Resources were in the conceptual stage, the VU Guild saw clearly the need to support the CLIR. We committed to supporting this important University project both financially and prayerfully.

The groundbreaking of the CLIR successfully took place on April 27, 2002. While further construction takes place in the upcoming months, so shall the “We See Clearly” project of the Guild!

Over the summer, consider a book-related fundraiser to keep your chapter energized about funding the second-floor reading room of the CLIR. Select a book for all participants to read (The Red Tent by Anita Diamant is a great choice) and discuss. Through selling tickets or a freewill offering, money can be raised for the Guild. Or, instead of purchasing the book, encourage participants to check out the book from the library and donate the purchase price of the book to the “We See Clearly” campaign.

As the 2001–2002 fiscal year comes to a close, chapter project money totaled over $100,000.

On April 27, Judy Mason, Guild National President, joined fellow Valparaiso University board of directors in breaking ground for the Center for Library and Information Resources.

Remember, as individuals, it is never too late to make donations to this worthwhile project.

Guild members continue to show energy, excitement and commitment toward the “We See Clearly” project. We do see clearly how much the CLIR will impact students and faculty at Valparaiso University. We won’t be able to reach our goal to raise $200,000 in two years without your continued help and dedication. ☝

For decades, the Valparaiso University Guild has honored female graduates during their last semester on campus. This year, 115 graduating women gathered for a luncheon in Valparaiso University’s Center for the Arts. Marilyn Otis, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving for Valpo’s School of Law, spoke on what she wishes she had known when she attended the Guild’s graduating women’s event in 1976. Her reflections, both poignant and humorous, were appreciated by the guests. Having this event during Senior Week gave the graduates one more chance to socialize. As in 2001, the graduates received a complimentary copy of the VU Guild’s Volume IV cookbook as a gift from Guild members.

“I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”
Genesis 26:24

As a recent Valpo graduate, I reflect on my amazing education—both in the classroom and outside the classroom. From making new friends to auditioning for theatrical productions, my diverse experiences taught me to make the most out of life. At my first service in the Gloria Christi Chapel, my parents and I listened with anxiety and anticipation as Pastor Kehret suggested that, as a student, one will likely encounter successes and failures. Having a strong Christian leader there to offer words of encouragement was comforting. Now, with friends scattered around the country, the transition from college to the real world is an exciting time. I’m ready to encounter new successes and failures. By remembering what I have learned, I have a reassurance that one can do anything by facing each day using optimism and faith. As Christians, we can be confident because God is always with us. ☝

By Kristen Beck, Class of 2002
A Journey Fueled by Faith

Walt Wangerin, Jr. will begin his traveling ministry, “OutSpoken,” through the Midwest this summer. This will not be an ordinary trip though. Wangerin will ride his bicycle down the roads of the Midwest, through Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. What leads a man with more than twenty published books to embark on such a grueling challenge?

A featured speaker for Lutheran Vespers, Wangerin seeks to generate listener support. Lutheran Vespers is a weekly half-hour radio program, broadcasting to over three million listeners worldwide.

He departs from ELCA Headquarters in Chicago on August 17. Valpo will show its support along the way by participating in 23 mini-rallies. At each rally, Wangerin will share a story to introduce people who were encouraged by Lutheran Vespers.

The festivities will include music and a benediction, followed by a reception. Guild members are welcome to join the rallies along the route.

“I want the Midwest to know of my University community, the place where I live and work and write,” explains Wangerin. As Emil and Elfrieda Jochem Professor of the University, he has had a strong relationship with Guild members since coming to Valparaiso University in 1991.

Wangerin’s bike tour ends in October, but this trip will help Lutheran Vespers’ ministry journey continue.

For more information, please visit www.elca.org/lv/OutSpoken.

Guild “Classic” Recipe

Creative Play Clay

Thoroughly mix 1 cup corn starch into 2 cups baking soda. Mix in 1 1/4 cups cold water. Cook over medium heat about 4 minutes, stirring constantly until mixture thickens to moist mashed potato consistency. Cover with damp cloth to cool. Knead as you would dough. Food coloring may be added.

Children (of any age) can roll, cut, mold play clay into many creative shapes. Let dry overnight, longer for larger pieces. Paint with tempera or water colors; dip in shellac, spray with clear plastic or coat with clear nail polish.

Campus Connection

Academic Departments Enhanced to Meet Needs

To allow students to explore more specialized interests, Valparaiso University has expanded its curriculum. Changes will be reflected in the 2002-03 course catalog, and further enhancements are on the way.

In the Communication department, five specific areas of study have been segmented. The new majors are Communication Law, New Media-Journalism, Public and Corporate Communication, Public Relations, and Television-Radio. Dr. Douglas Kocher, Chair of the Communication department, said, “Telling prospective students and their parents about the new majors being offered more clearly. The specialization makes what is being studied more clear.” He added that this change also responds to changes in the communication industry.

The Communication department’s partnership with the Meteorology department to offer broadcast experience prompted a need for the departments to be closer on campus. Long-term plans include an addition to Schnabel Hall where the Communication, Meteorology and Geography departments will share classroom space.

Other new majors being offered include Actuarial Science and Computer Engineering (separates from Electrical Engineering).

Applications have increased in these programs and the changes give these departments opportunity to grow.
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Christian fellowship brings joy to Area I chapter members. A member of the Southtowns of Erie Co. chapter stated, “We are sisters in Christ and can feel free to share our joys and sorrows — a real blessing from God.” Members also enjoy supporting Valpo. Having students attending VU from the area causes excitement and sometimes causes new members to join — both reasons to rejoice.

Area I chapters have implemented new ideas including hosting Pampered Chef parties. These parties gathered alumni, Valpo friends and Guild members together for an entertaining event that also raised funds for the University.

Anniversary dinners hosted by the Rochester, NY chapter and the Southtowns of Erie Co. chapter recognized the contributions of these chapters.

This summer many chapters will host VU gatherings so Guild members and alumni can send-off new and current students. What a great way to start the school year!

*VU Admissions representative, Greg Bohlken, visits Area III’s Houston chapter.*

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Area II chapters wind down the year with Pampered Chef parties, spring luncheons, bake sales, and year-end meetings combined with survival kit packing.

The Springfield chapter supports VU recruitment by visiting campus with area seniors in the fall and attending Lutheran High School’s spring auction. Thanks to the effort, two students will attend Valpo this fall!

Dundee members met for a spring meeting where two recent grads were excited about taking an active role in promoting chapter membership. Members of the Chicago Northwest Suburban chapter planned an April benefit for the CLIR with Dr. Richard AmRhein, University Librarian, as guest speaker. Due to few people attending, they canceled the reception, but considered this “non-event” fundraiser a success because they raised over $1,000 with funds matched by AAL.

The Chicago South Suburban chapter celebrated with a 45th anniversary dinner in May.

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Congratulations! Janie Lichtfuss has been elected to the Milliken Town Board in Milliken, Colorado. Her chapter in Boulder had Pampered Chef sales of over $1,100. Members also use food coupons with two local groceries with a percentage going to Valpo.

Opportunities for fellowship in Area III included Land of Lakes’ 20th anniversary celebration, and St. Paul, Des Moines and Lincoln hosted special luncheons. Kansas City had its annual Mafest, Denver had a June event, and St. Louis members enjoyed a Saturday outing.

Houston Guild members will earn money at a National Quilt Show in November. They are planning a welcome for Guild members. Land of Lakes, St. Paul, and Minneapolis chapters cooperated to host a send-off for Valpo students.

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Orange County’s end of the year luncheon at Vi Brelje’s home featured Guild cookbook recipes. Recent Valpo graduate, Kimi Bacon, reported on her job with the Pacific Symphony Orchestra. Doreen Gray reported that Guild B&B guests came to see the new Disney California Adventure Theme Park. What a bargain the Guild B&B offers! The newly installed executive board will meet this summer.

On a somber note, the Des Moines chapter has experienced a number of funerals including member Paula Timmerman. Thank God for prayer and support.

*VU Admissions representative, Greg Bohlken, visits Area III’s Houston chapter.*
Area V chapters convened in Cedarburg for the 56th Annual Wisconsin State Unit Convention on April 27. The convention was co-hosted by the Covered Bridge and Milwaukee Golden Gems chapters at First Immanuel Lutheran Church. Fifty members and guests enjoyed a day of sharing Guild and University news plus a renewing of friendships. The convention theme was based on Rev. 22:17. Various wedding memorabilia was used, and a wedding theme was carried out in the opening devotions and other presentations.

Each chapter president shared highlights of activities and fundraisers. A choir from the newly opened Living Word Lutheran High School in Jackson, WI provided a special entertainment. Guest speaker Rev. Karl Lutze shared stories from his new book, Of Walls and Doors. Convention attendees also enjoyed purchasing Guild goodies.

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Area V chapters had a busy spring! The Battle Creek chapter is a small, dedicated group of Guild women who enjoy each other's company. They gathered for brunch in April and attended a Gilmores Keyboard Festival concert followed by lunch in May. They look forward to the annual corn roast this summer!

The Detroit chapter's spring fashion show and luncheon took place on the shores of Lake Huron. Guild members of all ages modeled the latest in fashion for a crowd of over 100 women. Detroit Suburban West chapter has already planned next year's calendar and will work with alumni to host a summer student send-off.

Julie Thomas visited the Saginaw chapter in May presenting "Reflections on Valpo." The Saginaw chapter has set May 9, 2003 as the date of its 70th anniversary celebration at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth.
2003 Christian Women’s Conference to Take Place May 2–4

Plan now to attend the second Triumphs and Transitions Christian Women's Conference at Valparaiso University May 2-4, 2003. Through dynamic speakers, music, and fellowship the conference is intended to enhance the way Christian women live and work in today’s world.

Activities will begin Friday evening with keynote speaker Bishop April Ulring Larson of the ELCA’s La Crosse (WI) Area Synod. Elected in 1992, Larson is the first Lutheran woman bishop in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and second in the world. Her presentation, “Joyful in All Circumstances,” will set the tone for the conference and reflects its theme verse, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

On Saturday, attendees will attend the educational sessions of their choice from four topic tracks: Family, Faith, Personal Growth and Walking the Word. Other highlights include a Health Break sponsored by VU’s School of Nursing, closing worship led by Walter Wangerin, dinner at Strongbow’s, and a choir and instrumental group comprised of conference volunteers.

The conference fee is $95, including all activities and meals. Registration materials will be mailed in January 2003. Lodging arrangements should be made on your own.

The conference is being presented by the Valparaiso University Guild and the Jay and Doris Christopher Foundation.

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 17
Körnerscher Sing-Verein Dresden, Chapel

SEPTEMBER 27-29
71st Annual Guild Convention

OCTOBER 11-13
Homecoming

OCTOBER 25-27
Homecoming West, Hilton San Diego Mission Valley

NOVEMBER 2-3
Parents Weekend

NOVEMBER 15-17
Guild Targeted Leadership Forum

DECEMBER 8
Valparaiso University Christmas Concert at Symphony Center, Chicago

JANUARY 4
Valpo v. Notre Dame, Men’s basketball at United Center, Chicago

MAY 2-4
Christian Women’s Conference