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Elizabeth Racop and Andrew Henderson are ready to recruit as part of the Valparaiso Admissions Network (VAN) with Valpo tablecloths provided by the Guild.

Last fall, Guild members selected eleven departments and organizations to receive Guild Campus Gift grants. These grants enhance the student experience by financing unfunded projects. Recipients received from $500-$5000 each. A total of $36,530 was allocated.

Academic departments and student organizations may apply for 2005 grants by visiting www.valpo.edu/guild to learn more and obtain an application.

One-third of national project dollars goes toward the grants. The national project will also benefit the new Union project and Guild endowment.

Cambridge study-abroad students (C-75) look excited about new projector equipment funded by the VU Guild.

New furniture in the Guild Lobby of the VUCA provides students a place to cram or socialize between classes.

Did you know the Guild...

- Originally funded Guild-Memorial Hall (see how it got its name?) in 1943?
- Has over 1200 members nationwide?
- Bakes over 450 cakes annually?
- Has operated the football concession stand since the 1940s?
- Funded the printing of the Valpo Prayerbook?
- Is a great group to network with if moving to a new area?

WHO IS THE VU GUILD?

Those Cakes....
So you've had Guild cake?
You may have tasted the velvety cakes that have become synonymous with the Guild. But that doesn't mean that you've tasted all that the Guild has to offer!

Over its history, Guild members have provided students with improved facilities. Back in the early 30s, the Guild funded new mattresses and furnishings for residence halls. You may have noticed more recent contributions such as the VUCA lobby, the Union computer lounge and a reading area in the Christopher Center.

In addition to coordinating fundraising to support these projects, Guild members have been known to send care packages, host summer send-offs, provide meals or housing for music tour groups and promote Valpo in their local communities.

By the way, the Guild cakes are just one of over a hundred fundraising projects that Guild members coordinate each year to support student needs.

Visit our webpage to learn more about the VU Guild at www.valpo.edu/guild

How you can get involved—
After graduation, contact the Guild Office and we will get you signed up!
Get to Know a Guild Member

"Chances are, the Guild has affected your daily life on campus through its donations. If you'd like to get involved with the Guild, go to the luncheon for senior women the week before graduation. You can learn how you can get involved, and they even gave me a card for free membership for one year! If you are thankful for the experiences Valpo has given you, I highly encourage you to join!"

Beth Krauss '04
Southern Piedmont chapter

“I found the Guild to be a great way for me to stay connected to campus. It feels great to know that even though I'm not at a point financially to give very much to the University, my Guild chapter offers ways that I can help with projects that benefit the students and the campus.”

Jacqueline (Richardson) Hansing '01
Milwaukee Suburban chapter

So now that you know more about the Guild, what do they have coming up?

- **Focus Group** — Your opinion counts! Share ideas and thoughts with the Guild at a Focus Group. If interested, e-mail Julie.Thomas@valpo.edu.
- **April 29–May 1** — FYI...Many Guild women will be on campus for a Christian Women's Conference.
- **May 12** — Senior Women's Luncheon — all graduating senior women are invited to attend a luncheon with great food and valuable advice for the future.
- **Summer** — Attend local Summer Send-offs.
  [http://www.valpo.edu/admissions/VAN/eventlist.html](http://www.valpo.edu/admissions/VAN/eventlist.html)
- **Summer** — Apply for Guild Campus Gift grants

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**Guild “Classic” Recipe**

Here is a recipe from the Guild Cookbook Volume 4. The cookbook project raised scholarship funds. Each year, eight students receive a $5,000 scholarship from the Guild.

**Easy Fudge**

- 12 oz. Semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 8 in. square pan

Melt chocolate chips and milk over low heat (or microwave until chips are melted). Add vanilla and stir until smooth. Pour into buttered pan and chill for 4 hours.

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**I Spy...the Guild!** Do you know where these plaques are on campus?

[Images of plaques with text: GUILD LOUNGE, ENEROSITY GUILD, FUNDATION GUILD, LEADERSHIP GIFT, Support Our Valparaiso University, Guild Hall]

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