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Hello and Happy New Year from your Guild Board Chair!

I am so honored to have served as the Guild Board Chair during 2015, and I look forward to serving in this capacity again in 2016. Thank you to Julie Neymark '74 Bohannon and Ann Harding '94 Ashmon, our two retiring board members, for their service to the Guild. I would also like to welcome our newly elected board members Katelyn Scheck '12, Susan Lampe '73 Mullen, and Nan Hering '74 Treul. The entire board is grateful to Judy Fry '76 Mason for staying on an additional year as our treasurer. I feel blessed to serve with eight dynamic and dedicated women to continue the wonderful work of the Guild on behalf of Valparaiso University students.

The Guild Board is excited to celebrate our 85th birthday on April 13, 2016. The University Guild will be highlighting the Guild's prominent legacy with help from the University Archives, in preparation for the yearlong celebration of our 85 years of leadership and service to Valparaiso University. We will celebrate the day on campus with our current students, and we hope Guild members will get together during the year to remember the history and celebrate the future with their local groups. You can call the Guild office at 219.464.5315 and receive an "85th Birthday Party in a Box," which provides you all that you will need to invite people to a party in your home, church, or restaurant. Additional information is available on our website, guild.valpo.edu, and we encourage you to post details of your events on our Valparaiso University Guild Facebook page.

The Guild Bulletin mailing also includes a ballot to approve the bylaw amendment that will allow for electronic ballots for all Guild Board elections and Campus Grant balloting. Please complete your ballot and return it in the enclosed envelope. We are continuing to attract current parents and recent graduates to our membership with our progress.

The generosity of Guild members allowed us to fund the nine Campus Gift Grants, which you'll find highlighted on pages 4-7. Our scholarship recipients are also highlighted on pages 8 and 9. We have some very academically gifted student leaders who will take their Valpo experiences with them wherever they go.

The Guild Board is at the midpoint of our two-year focused initiative to raise enough support by December 2016 to fully fund eight scholarships annually at $5,000 each. Your $85 special birthday gift to the Endowed Scholarship Fund can help us achieve our goal.

In closing, please remember to renew your memberships, participate in fundraising activities when you can, ask two friends to join the Guild this year, and pray for the continued success of Valparaiso University and its students.

In Thy Light,

Victoria Flood '92
Chair, University Guild Board of Directors
NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE GUILD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KATELYN SCHECK '12
Katelyn graduated from Valpo in 2012 with a degree in mechanical engineering. She comes from a long line of Guild members, including her mother and grandmother. Katelyn is a past Guild scholar and wants to give back to the organization so other Valparaiso University students may have the same great experience she had.

Katelyn took classes in project management, public speaking, presenting, and team building while at Valpo. She currently works for Charter Steel in capital projects. As a Guild Board member, Katelyn hopes to promote a more diverse age group to be active in the Guild as well as to make the Guild more visible on campus. She is excited to engage graduating students to be active members of the organization.

SUSAN LAMPE '73 MULLEN
Susan's relationship with Valparaiso University and the Guild started early. As a child, she and her family took frequent Sunday drives from their home in Barrington, Ill., to the Chapel for Sunday worship. She knew early on that Valpo was where she wanted to attend college. Susan credits Valpo for helping her to grow academically and spiritually and to “read widely, write clearly, and think hard using reason and faith.”

The Guild has filled many roles in Susan’s life, including weekend getaways, a place to further her philanthropy, and a way to serve students on campus. Susan is a 1973 graduate of Valparaiso University with a bachelor of arts in French and a history minor.

NAN HERING '74 TREUL
Nan’s relationship with Valpo started before she was born, as her parents met at Valparaiso University. She recently retired from a successful career as head of Specialty Service Operations for Farmers Insurance. Her new favorite title is caregiver to her granddaughters Eleanor and Catherine while their parents are at work.

Nan credits Valpo for providing her a great academic and spiritual foundation that has served her very well in developing lasting relationships with Valpo students, faculty and staff members. Now is a time to help the Guild continue to build the legacy that enhanced our lives while we were Valpo students.
2015 GUILD CAMPUS GRANTS - THANK YOUS!

DJ EQUIPMENT FOR WVUR
WVUR 95.1 FM would like to thank all members of the Guild for their continuing support of Valparaiso University's Student Run Radio Station. The Guild Grant has allowed us to advance our technology to the latest industry standard equipment. This allows students to have a cutting edge when they apply for internships and jobs. Specifically, this grant will be used to purchase new equipment speakers, microphones, stands, and music storage materials, to play music at different events throughout campus and the community. We cannot thank you enough for your generous contribution to the station.

Andrew Stem
Advisor, WVUR,
and the Staff of WVUR

iPAD WITH CASE FOR UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMING COUNCIL
Dear University Guild,

On behalf of the University Programming Council, we would like to thank you for your generosity in allowing us to purchase a tablet. This tablet will give us the ability to help others join our texting program or social media pages in a more efficient way as well as help us in booking our acts while at our Regional and National conferences. Thank you again. We greatly appreciate your investment in our success.

Sincerely,
Ally Hofstede '17
Vice President, University Programming Council

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY ENACTUS TEAM
Guild Grant Decision Committee,
Thank you so much for your support and generous grant. The Valparaiso University Enactus team greatly appreciates it! It will help us immensely at competition.

Thanks again,
Valpo Enactus Team
The Lutheran Deaconess Association is so excited to be the recipient of a Guild Grant — thank you! At the end of November 2015, the LDA began its expansion so that more students and members of the Valparaiso community may be welcomed into our space for the various events we host. These events include weekly worship and breakfast, weekly Bible study and breakfast, semi-annual 9-day student seminars, Valparaiso University classes, graduation and welcome-back-to-campus celebrations, and various receptions throughout the year. The Guild Grant, which will be used to update the flooring and carpeting at the Center for Diaconal Ministry, will transform our space making it more hospitable for all those who walk through the door.

As a Valpo student, I spent countless hours sitting and studying on the current stained and faded carpet. I remember stomping snow off my boots on the cracked tile in the entryway, and I have spilled coffee on the floor of the kitchen. The LDA has always been a warm and welcoming place for students to gather, the Center has looked more like my grandparents’ house than a modern student center.

I am thankful that, with the help of the Guild, the LDA will now be able to welcome individuals with excitement and joy with an updated look.

Lindsay Fertig ’15
Deaconess Intern for Development and Public Relations, Lutheran Deaconess Association

Members of the Guild,

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude for your support of our project, Beyond the Volcanos, with the Guild grant. This gift enables us to extend respiratory health benefits to more members of the community through the construction of new stoves. Additionally, your support allows us to continue to offer this experience of global partnership to students within the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Thank you for your help in providing an undergraduate experience that equips us to lead and serve as future nurses throughout the world.

With gratitude,
Megan Heinz ’17, Jamieleynn Tinkey ’16, Erica Marske ’18, Katie Bahn ’18, Katelyn Mesalam ’17, Emily Knippenberg ’16, Vanesa Abad ’17, and Professor Amy Cory
ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS
Dear Valparaiso University Guild,

Thank you so much for selecting Engineers Without Borders as a recipient for the University Guild Grant. This gift will impact not only the students of Valpo, but it also greatly improves the lives of the inhabitants of Ometepe Island in Nicaragua. Our “Water for All” campaign has led to developing a secondary water storage tank, replacing the village’s water distribution system, and implementing a filtration system. This gift will also allow us to purchase tools and the items needed to complete the project. With your help, EWB will ensure that all 220 homes in the village receive filtered running water into their homes.

Thank you again for selecting EWB.

Sincerely,
Members of Engineers Without Borders

PRESEVING THE PAST TO SERVE THE FUTURE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM
On behalf of the membership of ReVU, the Retirees of Valparaiso University, and in particular the committee that organizes and manages the Valpo Oral History Project, please accept our profound gratitude for your support and encouragement. The grant you have awarded to us will be used for equipment, supplies, and transcription services to ensure that all interviews are accessible to the widest audience possible.

In any human institution, the memories and insights of participants shed light on events and decisions. It is our belief that during coming decades these offerings by faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and other friends will illuminate and underscore the history of our beloved University. Housed and preserved in the Archives, the recordings and transcripts will be of benefit to students and historians alike.

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Recently we showed excerpts of a number of the interviews at a ReVU meeting, and the response of our membership was electric! We are now exploring other ways in which to share some of these “treasures” both on campus and in other local communities.

Thank you as well for the many ways the Guild finds to enhance learning and living here at Valparaiso University. Over the years you have been responsible for countless shining moments in this place and among its people. May our Lord continue to bless you and your efforts.

With our love and good wishes,

Dot Nuechterlein ’60
Chair, ReVU

**RADIO ANTENNA TOWER FOR GELLERSEN CENTER**

Thank you to the University Guild members for the generous Campus Gift Grant. The funds will be used for construction of the footing for a 40-foot antenna tower at Gellersen. It will be just outside the electrical and computer engineering project labs and connect to radio equipment inside. Students will be able to directly apply their coursework to see how radio signals interact with antennas. With an Amateur Radio License from the FCC, they will also be able to transmit and talk directly to others around the world using the latest digital communications theory and legacy methods like Morse code. This direct, hands-on experience is highly sought by employers involved with wireless technology, making Valpo graduates stand out among their peers.
COOKBOOK SCHOLARS

GUILD VALPO PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS’ SCHOLARSHIP

LAUREN SKINOTES ’16
Senior art major; physics, math, dance minors
New Lenox, Ill.

“One goal I want to achieve in my lifetime is to inspire the students I teach. I am a dance instructor at a few dance studios in the Chicagoland area, and if I can inspire any student to follow their passion and see where it takes them, even if it’s not dancing, I would be fulfilled. I love watching my students grow and learn every day. And I learn just as much from them as they do from me.”

SHIRLEY AYERS GUILD SCHOLARSHIP

SHANNON SEGIN ’16
Senior mathematics major
Hoffman Estates, Ill.

“The community at Valpo is unlike any other — it is full of academic, emotional, and spiritual challenges, and the faculty have been here to support me along the way.”

GUILD COOKBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

MADALYN HARVEY ’16
Senior social work major
Arcadia, Mich.

“As the fifth person in my family to attend Valpo, I am proud to uphold the Valpo tradition, but I am more thrilled about the fantastic faculty, resources, and community that Valpo has provided me for four years.”

GUILD COOKBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

CATHERINE LONG ’16
Senior exercise science major; human biology and coaching minors
Katy, Texas

“One goal that I want to achieve is to pass the certification exams for ACSM’s personal training and NSNA (sports nutrition) this spring semester.”
BUD KELLER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND (PACT)

SARAH PRUITT '16
Senior elementary education major
Harbor City, Calif.
“My one goal is to become the best teacher I can!”

GUILD COOKBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

MACKENZIE ALLEN '17
Junior electrical engineering major
Oconomowoc, Wis.
“Fun fact — I am studying abroad in Reutlingen, Germany, during the fall 2015 semester.”

GUILD COOKBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

ROBERT BRETL '19
Freshman history/secondary education major
Wauwatosa, Wis.
“I chose Valpo because of the positive experience my sister had. I also enjoy the opportunity to swim and compete at a Division 1 school.”

GUILD COOKBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

KEITH NAGEL '19
Freshman international relations major
Las Vegas, Nev.
“Valpo offered the best combination of academic, athletic, and spiritual atmosphere that I was looking for in a school.”

GUILD COOKBOOK SCHOLARSHIP

BETHANY RIETHMEIER '19
Freshman sociology and pre-law major
Rochester, N.Y.
“I’m the 12th member of my family to attend Valparaiso University.”
CELEBRATE THE GUILD DAY OF PRAYER

ON OUR 85TH BIRTHDAY
APRIL 13, 2016

From the "Our Hope for Years to Come" prayer book published by Valparaiso University in 2001, we share a prayer scripted by our long time Guild member and former executive director, Dot Nuechterlein ’60.

"Thank you, God, for our Past: for the history of this University and the Valparaiso University Guild; for baptism, memories, friendships, and especially for the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you, God, for our Present: for this day with its beauty and promise, this year with its camaraderie and sharing, and for the reality of the Body of Christ. Thank you, God, for our Future: for the challenges ahead, the expectation of reunions to come, the opportunity to use our talents wherever you lead us, and for the gifts of the Spirit. You give us all that we have, and all that we are, and you give us all to one another. Thank you, God, for everything. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

To request the Guild’s 85th birthday party in a box, contact the Guild office at 219.464.5315, by email at guild@valpo.edu, or on our website at guild.valpo.edu.

SAVE THE DATES FOR THE 85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ON CAMPUS:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
Join us for ice cream and cake in the Guild Lobby of the Valparaiso Center for the Arts.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
Join us for a celebration luncheon in the Community Room of the Helge Center.

Please look for more information in the Guild monthly e-newsletter the third Tuesday of every month.
The Valparaiso University Chorale will be joined by the Leipzig Baroque Orchestra as they tour the Midwest in spring 2016. Presented by The Bach Institute at Valparaiso University, the two ensembles will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's "St. John Passion" at six venues, starting with a performance at the Chapel of the Resurrection. Tour dates and times are listed below. The Guild will be hosting receptions at these events and volunteers are needed. Please contact the Guild Office at 219.464.5315. Tickets may be obtained by calling 219.464.5454 or on the music department website valpo.edu/music/performances.

**FEB. 20, 2016 AT 5 P.M.**
Chapel of the Resurrection
Valparaiso, Ind.

**FEB. 28, 2016 AT 4 P.M.**
Luther Memorial Church
Madison, Wis.

**FEB. 24, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.**
American Choral Directors Association Meeting
Chicago

**MARCH 1, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.**
Central Lutheran Church
Minneapolis

**FEB. 26, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.**
Basilica of Saint Adalbert
Grand Rapids, Mich.

**MARCH 3, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.**
St. Luke's Church on Belmont
Chicago

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**St. John Passion**

**Valparaiso University Chorale**
Christopher M. Cock, conductor

**Leipzig Baroque Orchestra**
Konstanze Beyer, concertmaster
**Proposed Bylaws Amendments**

**DRAFT**

**September 23, 2015**

Existing bylaws read:

**ARTICLE VI**

Meeting

Section 4. **Quorum.** A quorum at any meeting of the Guild membership shall consist of those present and a majority of the Guild Board of Directors.

Proposed bylaws amendment:

**ARTICLE VI**

Meeting

Section 4. **Quorum.** A quorum at any meeting of the Guild membership shall consist of those present **in person and by electronic roll call** and a majority of the Guild Board of Directors.

**Rationale**

This proposed bylaws amendment addresses the Guild’s desire to expand its use of technology to engage members. The amendment recognizes that since members can attend meetings - either in person or virtually - they should all be included in the quorum numbers. Having a roll call of who is in attendance (both in person and electronically) documents the number of total attendees to determine the number of votes needed for voting purposes. Further, it gives equal status to all participants – allowing everyone to participate in the discussion and voting. It is important for everyone to know who is in attendance as though they were in a room together.

As illustration, an annual meeting could take place on campus and be broadcast via the Internet. Members attending via the Internet would be included in determining quorum and would be able to participate in discussion and voting. Another example would be if the Board of Directors hosted a teleconference during their in-person meeting. The Board may be present in a room with the membership attending via teleconference. The Board, constituting the present members, and other attendees, documented by electronic roll call, would determine quorum.

Existing bylaws reads:

**ARTICLE VII**

Voting by Mail

Section 1. Members eligible to vote may do so by mail, as permitted by the Indiana Non-Profit Corporation Act.

Section 2. Members eligible to vote shall receive a written ballot.

Section 3. The written ballot shall require:
   a. ten percent (10%) return of ballots from the Members eligible to vote as a quorum requirement;
   b. a majority of the votes returned to approve each matter;
   c. the receipt of the ballots by a specified date;
   d. instructions on replacing a spoiled ballot.

Section 4. A written ballot may not be revoked.

Proposed bylaws amendment:

**ARTICLE VII**

Voting by-Mail

Section 1. Members eligible to vote may do so by mail **or electronically**, as permitted by the Indiana Non-Profit Corporation Act.
Section 2. When both methods are available, members eligible to vote will be given a choice to cast vote by mail or electronically. If a member does not respond to the request, by default, the member will receive a paper ballot.

Section 3. A mailing list must be created and correspond exactly to the current official roll of Guild Members eligible to vote. Members eligible to vote shall receive a written ballot by mail or instructions for electronic voting.

Section 4. The voting procedure for either paper ballots or electronic voting shall be printed at the top/beginning of either ballot.

Section 5. The result of the voting, a combination of written and electronic ballots, shall require:
   a. ten percent (10%) return of the ballots, written and electronic, from the Members eligible to vote as a quorum requirement;
   b. a majority of the votes returned to approve each matter;
   c. the receipt of the ballots by a specified date;
   d. instructions on replacing a spoiled ballot.

Section 4——— A written ballot may not be revoked.

Rationale: The proposed bylaws amendments authorize voting to take place by mail and/or electronically. Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 are specifying that a vote can be submitted in written and mailed form or through electronic communication. Section 2 specifies how the election method is determined. Specifically, the Board will select the election method, members can decide which method they want to use to vote. The Member will receive a paper ballot unless they specify they want to vote electronically. "A written ballot may not be revoked" means that a ballot cannot be withdrawn once submitted. This can be part of the instructions to voters.

Existing bylaws read:

ARTICLE VIII
Nominations and Elections

Section 2. Voting. The Guild Board of Directors shall be elected by the Members. Each of these Members is entitled to cast only one ballot. Voting shall take place by mail annually using preferential voting. A majority vote of the votes cast is necessary for election.

Proposed bylaws amendment:

ARTICLE VIII
Nominations and Elections

Section 2. Voting. The Guild Board of Directors shall be elected by the Members. Each of these Members is entitled to cast only one ballot. Voting shall take place by ballot and electronic voting annually using preferential voting. A majority vote of the votes cast by eligible Members is necessary for election.

Rationale: This specifies that the Guild Board of Directors election may take place by ballot and electronic voting to correspond with the rest of the bylaws.

Existing bylaws read:

STANDING RULES

2. The procedure for Vote by Mail will be as follows:
   a. A mailing list is created and needs to correspond exactly to the current official roll of Guild Members eligible to vote.
   b. The mailing list is dated as to when the ballots are mailed. The list is certified by the Secretary and given to the Teller chair.
   c. The ballot will:
      • indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirement;
      • indicate the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter;
      • specify the date by which the ballot must be received by the Guild office to be counted;
      • indicate how to exchange a spoiled ballot.
The ballot is prefolded so that when it is returned it will be refolded prior to placing the ballot in the inner envelope. This procedure eliminates the chance of an accidental observance of the vote by the teller who will remove the ballot form the inner envelope. The inner envelope, which contains the prefolded ballot, includes two spaces for a printed name and required member signature.

The inner envelope is placed into an outer envelope pre-addressed to the Guild office. The envelopes are placed into a mailer addressed to each Guild Member eligible to vote.

Voting procedure:
- The Member removes the inner and outer envelopes from the mailer;
- The Member removes the inner envelope from the outer envelope;
- The Member removes the ballot from the inner envelope;
- The Member unfolds the prefolded ballot and votes;
- The Member refolds the ballot, places the ballot into the inner envelope, seals the envelope and completes the required signature on the space provided;
- The Member places the inner envelope into the outer envelope pre-addressed to the Guild office, places the required postage on the outer envelope and mails the ballot.

Once returned, the Guild office will hold returned unopened outer envelopes containing the ballots until the Teller meeting.

The procedure at the Teller meeting:
- A teller removes the inner envelope from the outer envelope;
- A teller checks the voter signature against the list of Guild Members eligible to vote;
- A teller checks off the Member as having voted;
- A teller opens the inner envelope and removes the ballot, keeping it folded and places the ballot into a receptacle;
- After opening all the inner envelopes, a teller takes the ballots from the receptacle and unfolds them;
- The tellers count the votes;
- The Teller chair certifies to maintaining the secrecy of the ballots and the accuracy of the vote.

A ballot may not be revoked.

There is not provision for a proxy vote.

Proposed bylaws amendment: Strike Rule 2.

Rationale:
The standing rules for voting were established when the vote transitioned from being part of the annual Guild convention to every Member voting by mail. The details on how to vote and secure the voter’s anonymity were needed at the beginning, but have since evolved. Offering the ability to vote electronically will further change the procedure for voting. It is not necessary to confront the membership with this detail in the Standing Rules.

Standing Rules need a majority vote to amend. Removing the voting procedures from the Standing Rules will give those involved with the process the flexibility to update the process annually without having to ask for a member vote.

The directions still need to be documented and maintained by the Guild Board of Directors, Guild office and committees (such as the nominations and tellers committee). Sections to address in the guidelines include, but are not limited to, procedures for the Guild office to request member balloting preferences (paper or electronic), procedures for preparing the paper ballot mailing, procedures for preparing the electronic ballot, procedures for securing returned ballots, procedures for the Tellers committee to count votes, other instructions that are relative to ensuring a consistent process. While the bylaws committee can draft the initial guidelines, the guidelines will need to be developed with the input of all involved with the process and reviewed by a parliamentarian. It is recommended that, when completed, these voting procedures be made accessible on the Guild’s website so all Members have access to the procedures.
State of the Guild
November 2015

News from the Annual Meeting

The Valparaiso University Guild hosted its annual meeting on Sept. 25, 2015, with much good news to share. There were nearly 30 members in attendance. Here are a few of the highlights:

Guild Awards $31,200 in Grants — The University Guild was able to fully fund nine of the eighteen balloted grants. The Campus Grants receiving funding included:

- DJ Equipment for WVUR
- iPad with Case for the University Programming Council (aka Union Board back in the day)
- Enactus Competition — The Valparaiso University Enactus team works with the Valpo Community to promote entrepreneurship, environmental sustainability and provide education on issues such as financial literacy.
- Spring Service Trips
- Beyond the Volcanoes — Sponsored by the College of Nursing and Health Professions to decrease the prevalence of acute and chronic respiratory infections in rural Nicaragua.
- Water for All — Sponsored by Engineers without Borders to connect pure water systems to homes in Nicaragua.
- Lutheran Deaconess Association Community Room Carpeting
- Preserving the Past to Serve the Future Oral History Program
- Radio Antenna Tower for Gellersen Center

A special thank you to all of the Guild members who took part in the sale of evergreens, pecans, care packages, and concessions at the football stand, as well as those creating and attending other fundraising events throughout the year. Your hard work and generosity continues to provide a student experience at Valparaiso University similar to the ones many of us experienced a decade or so ago.

Guild Funds the Program for Leaders Who Serve — Through a growing partnership with the university’s Institute for Leadership and Service, the University Guild will be providing $3,000 for a multi-day orientation for the CAPS fellows, a summer internship program to help students connect the dots between study, service, and success — Intersecting at a central point of Calling And Purpose in Society.

Guild Launches New Focused Initiative — The University Guild will focus on building the Guild Scholarship Fund. Established in 1975, with revenues from the sale of Guild cookbooks, this fund has supported students through Scholarships. Ideally, we would like to be able to support a $5,000 scholarship awarded annually to two first-year students for each of their four years at Valpo. These scholarships have fluctuated over the years, and we would like to increase the balance of the fund to be able to award them in a consistent manner. Historically the Guild is known for many of its “projects”—the funding to build Guild Hall, the Brandt Campanile, the VUCA Lobby, and more recently the Guild Fund for Undergraduate Research.
Please consider making an additional gift to this fund — perhaps, $85 for the 85th anniversary to the Guild Scholarship Fund!

The Guild is turning 85 this year! Happy Birthday to the Guild! Established on April 13, 1931 the Guild has been an integral part of Valparaiso University. We have reserved the Valparaiso University Center for the Arts, Guild Lobby for an event on April 13, 2016. Should we have a luncheon? A cocktail reception? Guest speakers? Any and all ideas are welcome. We are looking for volunteers to help us to plan our campus based birthday party.

For our off-campus Guild members who want to celebrate, the Guild Office will provide an “85th Birthday Party in a box!” If you are willing to host a birthday event in your home or church etc., we will send you the streamers, plates, napkins and sheet cake icing design for your celebration.

All you need to do is to call our office with your event details—Who should be invited? (Current Parents, Guild Members, All alumni in the area?) When and where the party will take place? Do you have a party description or program? When do you need to know the final numbers for the RSVP? The Guild Office will send out postcard invitations 60 days prior to your date and will continue to send electronic invitations via email and Facebook and our new Valpo App.

We will set up a registration page so that we can provide the regional host with a list of attendees and if you would like, we can also provide printed nametags for the event.

Guild Awareness Week for the Campus Community – Nov. 2 – 6, 2015. The Guild greeted students in the Chapel View Lounge during the student lunch hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to make them aware of the Guild Grant recipients for 2015 and to improve their awareness of the work of the Guild.


Guild Takes Steps for Electronic Voting in 2015 – This summer the Guild offered the option of voting for our new board members and the Guild Campus Grants electronically. To continue to offer electronic ballots we will need to amend our current bylaws. These revisions were shared with all of the attendees at the Annual Guild Meeting during Homecoming Weekend. These proposed revisions are included in this mailing and may also be found on the Guild website. Guild.valpo.edu.

All Guild Membership Telephone Conference Call on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 at 7 p.m. CST was recorded. Please go to guild.valpo.edu to hear the recording. Topics of discussion include:

- Reviewing the bylaw revisions to implement electronic balloting
- Reviewing the Guild Board proposal for allocating funds received during Fiscal Year 2015 between the Guild Endowment Fund and the Guild Scholarship Fund
- Updates on Guild Board strategic planning for membership growth and membership engagement
- Sharing upcoming events for Guild members
- Discussing celebration ideas for the Guild’s 85th Birthday