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## VU Guild Receives \$1 Million Estate Gift

**N**orma (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."



Norma J. May

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."

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 Wiltjer '91, and grandmother to four beautiful little girls. ✨

*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

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."

### 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.





## WITH ONE VOICE

By Judy Mason

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." I Peter 4:10.*

As my Presidential term comes to end, I find myself reflecting on the reasons why I have committed time to the VU Guild over the years and why I look forward to continuing that service in the future. One word describes the essence of our organization: community. As a community of women, we celebrate our Christian faith, and work to promote a university under the cross that strives to develop future Christian leaders.

Why are we a community and not simply a volunteer organization? Being a community means we not only fulfill our purpose, we support each other. We support each other in our Guild work by attending convention where we share ideas for chapter events and fundraising as we plan our organization's future. The updated Guild website, [www.valpo.edu/guild](http://www.valpo.edu/guild), supports members with Guild news and chapter resource information.

We also support each other through faith and prayer. The Guild's prayer network provides an opportunity to pray for each other. Prayer petitions, submitted by Guild members, are sent via e-mail once a month. We are planning a second Christian Women's Conference for May 2-4, 2003 on the VU campus. Along with a variety of workshops, the conference will provide opportunities for fellowship, Bible study and worship cultivating our spiritual connection.

The VU Guild is part of the larger VU campus community. Our fundraising and endowed funds provide support for student activities. The Guild Special funds small, but important, projects on campus. Guild scholarships provide students with an opportunity to attend VU. Our endowment for undergraduate research funds research in students' areas of choice.

"The international community of Christian women using their gifts in volunteer service as unique and valued partners in the undiminished progress of Valparaiso University as the leading Lutheran university in the world." That is the Guild's vision. This vision works through our community, our fellowship, and is why we call each other sister and friend. 🔥

## 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.*

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# 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**  
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### FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION



**Marcia Eckrich**  
*St. Louis, Missouri chapter*



## We See Clearly



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 Diamont 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*

## Christian Leader Devotion

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 Jochum 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](http://www.elca.org/lv/OutSpoken). 🔥



### Guild "Classic" Recipe

*The Guild cookbook recipes have been tasted and enjoyed by many members of the Valparaiso University family over the years. Here is a recipe from Volume I that is meant to be enjoyed – but not tasted! Pass time during the lazy days of summer being creative in the kitchen. Guild cookbooks (Volumes I, II and IV) are available from the Guild office for \$5 each.*

#### 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 majoring in communication was vague. 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. 🔥



## CHAPTER - TO - CHAPTER

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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



*Marianne Halvorsen speaks at Rochester, New York's 50th anniversary celebration.*

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 Maifest, 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.

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

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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.



*Taking a break on the beach at the Oregon/Washington Guild retreat.*

In June, Diablo Valley chapter members traveled to Livermore Winery to begin its 20th anniversary celebration. A tour of the gardens followed a lunch and a presentation the chapter's first 20 years. Friendships have developed over this time with a common thread of love for Valpo and a commitment to serving the University.

Women representing Oregon Trail, Columbia Cascade, Puget Sound, Spokane, Harbor Lights, Diablo Valley chapters attended the Northwest Retreat in April. Julie Thomas and Judy Michaels shared Guild news. The weekend included a book review, Pampered Chef party, brainstorming Guild ideas, shopping, relaxation, fellowship, and talking, and more talking. Though we scatter in all directions, we work on the same goal of supporting our beloved Valparaiso University.





*Members of the Milwaukee Suburban chapter assemble care packages for students.*

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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 devotion 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 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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Michigan's 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.

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The Mishawaka-South Bend chapter had its spring luncheon meeting with area director Rebecca Struven there to install new officers. The weather was kind and the rain held off for the first two hours at the successful Port-A-Pit Chicken & Rib Sale.

After the finish of the annual book fair, the Kentuckiana chapter had its spring meeting. The chapter also had a very successful Pampered Chef party with many outside orders. Members are planning an August picnic and will invite new students.

The Valparaiso chapter had two wonderful gatherings in May. The first was the meeting with the directors of the Young Actors Shakespeare Workshop presenting on the summer program that takes place on campus. The second was the annual Graduating Women's Luncheon, which took place in the Guild Lobby of the Centers for the Arts.

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The summer "buzz" words in Area VIII are picnics, planning, lunches, and workshops.

Cincinnati chapter had a profitable card party receiving matching AAL/LB funds. Union County chapter enjoyed a "night out" and is busy making handcrafts for the bazaar. Don't miss their display!

Columbus Capital Bells members hosted a successful Pampered Chef party and invited friends. A Columbus summer picnic is scheduled for July.

Medina has started its plant sale using the "certificate" plan. The summer outing will be at a festival at Quail Crest Farm followed by dinner at an Amish Restaurant. Cleveland is planning a 70th year celebration! Happy anniversary! Lorain will join with Cleveland and Medina in the 3rd annual Student/Alumni/Guild picnic in August. Guild women in the Cleveland area assisted at the Lutheran Impact, a local mission project which included youth from four states.



*Columbus Capital Bells' members watch a Pampered Chef demonstration.*

A statewide Ohio Guild workshop will take place this summer for all members to share ideas and refresh our enthusiasm for new activities.

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*St. Pete Guildies are on a roll, thanks to her members, they rallied! 2001 scored quite a goal. From pecans, soups and Rada sales.*

*The Messiah concert was grand. Retiring conductor Norm Hannewald Invoked thoughts of the Promised Land, Through scripture and Handel's music.*

*Into twenty-oh-two we strode! A spring Taster Luncheon was held; Then on to Marge Crosmer's abode, for a VU Guild lunch/meeting.*



*St. Pete's Taster's lunch.*

The Alabama chapter had a Spring Luncheon at Vestavia Country Club in April. New member, Tracie Gerstenberg, was welcomed into the chapter. The annual summer lake outing in July was at the home of member Katie Knepp and her husband, Loren — always a highlight! Member Edna Adams turned 97 on June 29th and is in our prayers.

The Atlanta chapter also spent their last meeting at Marie Geesa's new lake home. Treasure Coast chapter's Spring Style show was a success, and now many members have scattered to summer homes up north. New Orleans continues to get calls for the Guild B&B. They had a "food" sale in early summer (not to be confused with a bake sale). "Real food in a quart jar seems to go well!"

Speaking about food, Orlando chapter is happiest when they eat! (So what chapter isn't? They just confess!) All the chapters had a good year raising funds, spreading the good name of VU and caring for each other and are looking forward to Convention in September. 🍷



## 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



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