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# Valparaiso University

# GUILD

## Bulletin

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## Fulfilling the Promise

by President Alan Harre

The promise of Valparaiso University – academic excellence in a tradition of faith and learning – is what we are celebrating this year as we experience the 75th anniversary of the purchase of Valparaiso University by the Lutheran University Association.

As a Lutheran Christian institution, Valparaiso University values both the expression of faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, as Savior of the world and as a place of academic excellence. Dr. O.P. Kretzmann talked about VU being both Athens and Jerusalem, a place of learning and a place of faith.

During this 75th anniversary celebration, VU will reflect upon what it means for the University to be an expression of Lutheran and Christian insights and approaches to the issues and problems of this world. Also, in order to be a great academic university, VU must continue to recruit and appoint quality faculty who mentor and care for individuals, who put the education of students first. Faculty members are a university's most valuable resource for academic excellence. In a place like Valpo, such excellent faculty members nurture faith and promote learning.

Second, a great academic university will provide excellent facilities for learning. The phrase often heard around campus is "place affects mission." An example of the truth of this statement is the phenomenal rise in enrollment and interest in music, theater, and arts since the opening of the

VU Center for the Arts facility in 1995.

At this point the University has begun to raise funds for the construction of a new Center for Library and Information Resources. We are certain that this Center will have the same positive affects on students as we have observed through the construction of the VUCA.

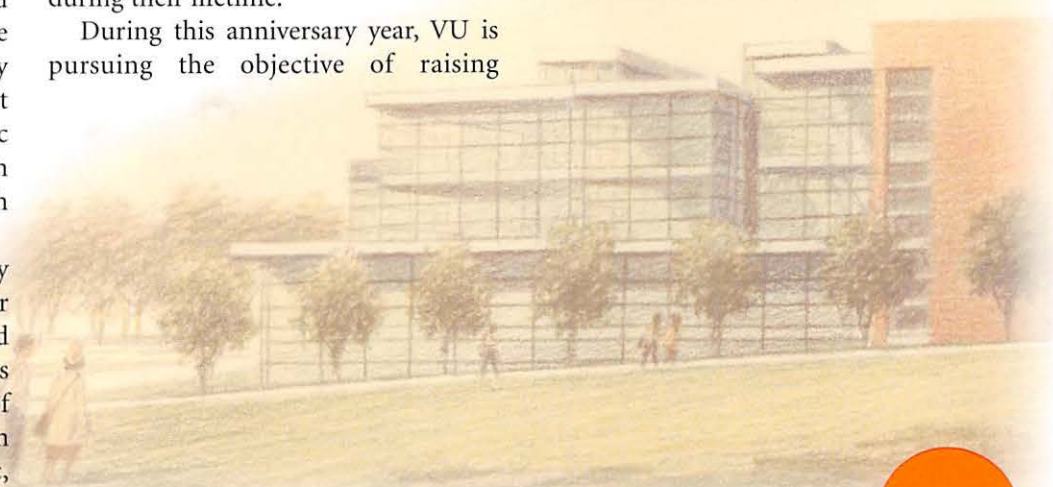
Finally, the third goal of a great university is to secure its future through building financial strength. Therefore, vital to the success of Valparaiso University is that we continue to increase the size of its endowment.

While it is extremely important for individuals to support Valparaiso University with their donations during their lifetime, it is also critical that individuals remember the University at the time of their death. Only about 3% of the citizens of the United States leave legacies in their estate plans for charitable organizations. This is particularly surprising because 70% of Americans annually give to charities during their lifetime.

During this anniversary year, VU is pursuing the objective of raising

\$75 million in outright gifts, pledges, and in charitable planned gifts. The public campaign was announced on April 29, 2000. At that time, the amount of funds raised during the silent phase of the campaign was \$57.8million. It is my sincere hope that members of the Guild will respond positively when they are approached by volunteers who are helping the University fulfill its mission through this campaign or by personnel of the Office of Institutional Advancement, the deans of the various colleges, the provost, or myself. We also ask that you pray for the success of this campaign, so we can continue to celebrate the promise of Valparaiso University – academic excellence in a tradition of faith and learning – for many years to come.

May all of you enjoy your experiences in the afterglow of the Easter celebration.



The Center for Library and Information Resources





# With ONE Voice



by Lorraine Dorough, President

We are not quite half way through 2000, and once again we are looking at a year of big changes for the Guild. Some of you are now saying, "What? More changes? Will it never end?" The answer to the latter question is, "No, change will always be part

of the Guild, as it has been from the beginning." Organizations must continually grow in order to thrive and survive. I have thought

often of our Convention verse throughout this year as changes challenged us: "I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to give you hope and a future." It is just that sometimes, even though we know better, we find changes hard to accept. Having to say good-bye to Rebecca Balko, our executive director since 1995, is one of those. It has been a privilege to work with her, and I know I speak for the Guild when I say that she will be missed and that all of our prayers and good wishes follow her to Wheat Ridge Ministries.

At the Targeted Leadership Forum in November 1999, Guild leaders deliberated the future of the Guild "Beyond 2000." A

key part of this discussion focused on the core values of the Guild. Three key words emerged from that discussion: Christian, students, and service.

**Christian** – community of Christian women, Christian higher learning, Christian leaders for the nation and the world. These words from our vision and mission emphasize the real core of the Guild. We are a Christian organization, one that is predominantly Lutheran by history, but an organization that welcomes all who believe in Christ and in the promise of Valparaiso University as a home for academic excellence built on faith and learning.

**Students** – increase student enrollment and provide facilities for students. The Guild's mission to provide facilities necessary for the students' physical and spiritual welfare is one that has been fulfilled many times throughout our history. We usually think of a facility as something created to serve a particular function - such as Guild Hall or the Guild Lobby in the VUCA. A broader definition of a facility is something that permits the easier performance of an action. Almost every project the Guild has undertaken in its history falls into this broader definition, including the Guild Endowment for Undergraduate Research! Our investment

in this virtual facility by advancing the scholarly pursuits of our students will generate lasting benefits for them, their faculty mentors, and for the University for many years to come.

**Service** – using our gifts in volunteer service. Gifts come in many forms, and Guild members give freely of their time, talents, personal financial resources, and prayers. One of the most important services we give to the University is to help tell the story of VU in our local communities. But the most important service that every member can give is to offer prayers every day, giving thanks for Valparaiso University and asking for guidance as each member continues to use her gifts and talent to assist VU students, faculty, and staff.

Christian, students, service: these three words are the core of the vision and mission of the Guild. By distilling our vision and mission into these words, we affirm that the direction set through Guild Renewal was indeed right for this organization. As we move "Beyond 2000," we do so as a Christ-centered community connected to and focused upon providing volunteer service to Valparaiso University.

When we gather for Convention this September, the Guild will start its 70th year of service to Valparaiso University. We begin a new decade of service with a clear view to the future built on a solid foundation of our history. "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:4



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## Blessings Nurture Upcoming Christian Women's Conference

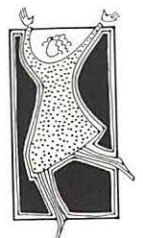
by Kathy Allen

Commitments from talented speakers and financial supporters are exciting the members of the Christian Women's Conference planning committee. All Guild members, alumni, and friends of all ages are encouraged to make plans now to attend the conference, "Triumphs and Transitions," which will take place on campus May 4 – 6, 2001.

Through dynamic speakers, music, and fellowship, the Women's Conference is aimed at enhancing the way Christian women live and work in today's world. Attendees will enjoy diverse information and learning experiences as they choose from topics in five educational tracks, including faith, family, health, career, and personal growth.

Conference planning committee members include Debra Albers, Kathy Allen, Jackie Jungemann, Ruth Koch, Julane Swank, and Virginia Amling. The Guild executive director, Mary Burchfield, and Lorraine Dorough are serving as advisors to the committee. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact one of these individuals or the Guild office.

The conference would make a wonderful reunion time for mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, or sorority sisters. Conference registration brochures will be mailed to members and alumni early in 2001, but those interested in attending may arrange for hotel accommodations at any time.





# Guild Scholarships

We say farewell to senior Guild Cookbook Scholars Mark Williamson and Abigail Wurster. Mark will be marrying fellow VU student Leslie Moses one week after graduation in the Chapel of the Resurrection. In the fall, he will be attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Mark asked that the following message be passed on to you: "I would like to thank the Guild for so generously supporting my education. I will always treasure my years at Valpo. It is amazing to think that without the Guild Cookbook Scholarship, I may not have attended this wonderful place. I must also tell you that I do own one of the cookbooks. Actually, it is the only cookbook I have, but all of the recipes I've tried have been delicious!"

Abigail will be in Normal, IL this



Senior Guild Scholars Mark Williamson and Abigail Wurster

summer creating costumes for the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. In the fall, she will be attending graduate school at Illinois State University. Abigail also sends her thanks to you: "I would like to thank the Guild for the Cookbook Scholarship and for your contribution to the VUCA as well. I spent most of my life in the VUCA during my four years at Valpo and loved every minute of it."

- The new freshman Guild Cookbook Scholar recipients were recently announced. Congratulations and best wishes to Amanda Iler, daughter of Mary Lanier (Four Winds) and Nathanael Noon, son of Laura Noon (Alabama Chapter).

- Just a reminder... Cookbook Scholarship applications for sons and/or daughters of Guild members who will be freshmen in the fall of 2001 and Past National Officers Scholarship applications for sons and/or daughters of Guild members who will be juniors in the fall of 2001 are due February 15, 2001. Forms are available in the Guild office.

## GUILD CONVENTION

September 15-17, 2000

## 70th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

"Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."  
*Isaiah 26:4*

Don't miss the Guild's 70th anniversary kick-off celebration, the election of a new national president and two vice presidents, workshops, presentations and tours led by VU faculty and staff, a barbecue with the junior and senior women, fellowship with other Guild members from across the country, and much more.

## Guild Involvement in Valpo Sunday Increases

Members of the Guild continue to play a vital role in celebrating Valpo Sunday around the country. The number of Guild members requesting Valpo Sunday 2000 materials – bulletin inserts, children's activity sheets, posters, and devotional pads – rose dramatically. Doubling last year's requests, seventy-five chapters, or their members, asked for available Valpo Sunday resources.

According to Bill Karpenko, director of church relations, "Guild members are the 'real heroes' of the University's efforts to raise congregational awareness of Valpo and Lutheran higher education. They continue to be "Valpo-with-skin-on" for so many of our Lutheran parishes."

In addition to a marked increase in requests from Guild members for Valpo Sunday materials, a number of Guild members have initiated the "Church Worker Dialogue Process" designed to "increase understanding, mutual respect, and promote future communication" between the Guild, Valparaiso University, and local congregational staff.

If you have not celebrated Valpo Sunday yet or engaged a member of your congregation's staff in a dialogue, do it now! Materials are still available. Call 800.803.7184, ext. 24 or e-mail Kristin.Kispert@valpo.edu.

## Financial Report

Comparison Contributions from Chapter Projects  
(July 1st - May 11th of Fiscal Year)



Over and above chapter contributions to the Guild Endowment Fund for Undergraduate Research, more than \$28,000 has been received this year in personal gifts and matches.



## FOR THE RECORD -- ON THE RECORD

by Julia Riess, chair

Vinyl pieces of Valpo's past have been discovered in the "Valparaiso University Memorial Chapel." A quantity of early 1960s record albums featuring the Reddel Memorial Organ has been found - a great collectible that will be available at the Kaleidoscope Bazaar.

KALEIDOSCOPE 2000 ON-LINE - Chapters may register for this year's Kaleidoscope Bazaar via e-mail. Send ALL of the information requested on the bazaar registration form to Julia Riess, purplecontesa@compuserve.com, by August 25. Silent Auction participation forms are to be mailed in for jurying no later than August 18.



## MEET GAIL KEMPER

Gail is the Guild office's newest addition. She joined the staff as the administrative assistant the first of March and is already quite informed about the Guild and Valparaiso University. Do not hesitate to call her with questions and/or requests. She is looking forward to getting to know you and giving you assistance.

Gail can be reached at 800.748.4538 or Gail.Kemper@valpo.edu.



## GUILD MARKET FEATURE

by Judy Michaels, chair

Have you used the Guild Market lately? There are some great products available. We thought we would feature one or two items now and then, so you would remember the Guild Market when considering gifts. Today's feature is the Garden Dill Dip from the Milwaukee Suburban Chapter. One Guild member recently wrote and said, "I would certainly vouch for the Garden Dill Dip. I think it is great and I keep it on hand all the time. I have sent it in Christmas cards and added it to little gift packs with other kitchen gadgets."

## GUILD BED & BREAKFAST

by Judy Waetjen, chair

Summertime... when the livin' is easy... and you are ready to hit the road for fun and relaxation, be sure to consider spending a night or two in a Guild Bed & Breakfast. You won't find hospitality better anywhere else.

## Summer Send-Offs

by Amy Waetjen, chair

Summer is in full swing and it's time to think about summer send-offs for Valpo students. How about a picnic in August or a barbecue in July? Play Valpo trivia--so many exciting things have happened recently. Whatever your chapter decides to do, be sure to include VU alumni, family and friends. You may even want to send an invitation to a prospective student. If you would like assistance planning this event, the Alumni Relations staff is willing to lend a hand. To find out more, call 800.833.6792, ext. 23.

## In Thy Light...

by Judy Waetjen

*"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:3,4*

Hear or say the word "rock" and what do you envision...the rock of Gibraltar, a mountain, music, a diamond, a garden? Each of us may see different pictures, but I would guess that a common element would be strength...something that endures. (Even Rock & Roll has endured into the second century!) In Isaiah 26:4 we see that our Lord is an everlasting rock, one that we can trust in forever. On the Oregon Coast where I live, we have rock and we have sand. As a realtor, I am currently involved in a condo project built on rock - definitely a selling point. These condos are here to stay. Unlike those built on shifting sand, those built on rock will withstand the storms on the Oregon coast.

As Christian women, we can "trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock"...and forever means forever...not just when

everything is going well in our lives. We can endure our trials and the storms that come our way by counting on God's faithfulness. Faithfulness is defined as loyalty, trustworthiness, or steadfastness. This fruit of the Spirit becomes vital to us when we see that God calls us as women to be "faithful in all things." 1Tim. 3:11

Faithfulness is a major distinction of Christian women and a quality that God has used to benefit others. As we have served a faithful God who is our rock, we have been able to serve a great University for 70 years.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Col. 3:23

Dear Lord, thank you for being an everlasting rock for the Guild through these many years. Infuse our souls with your strength in order that we may find courage to stand on you, our Rock and our Redeemer, as we continue to move ahead, trusting in your faithfulness. Help us not only to believe it, but to live it in all areas of our lives...because of Jesus. Amen.



# CHAPTER TO CHAPTER

BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR AREA DIRECTORS



**Vicki Robisch**  
AREA I DIRECTOR

D.C. - Washington Maryland - Baltimore Massachusetts - Bay State New Jersey - Central New Jersey, Northern New Jersey New York - Buffalo, Nassau-Suffolk, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Southtowns of Erie County Pennsylvania - North East, South Central Pennsylvania Virginia - Northern Virginia

The members of the **Baltimore** Chapter had great success with their "Wedding Belles, Then and Now" bridal fashion show and reception featuring a beautiful wedding cake. Over 100 guests admired twenty-four gowns dating from 1920 to 2000 modeled by chapter members. Proceeds from this event were matched by AAL.

The **Buffalo** Chapter will celebrate its 65th anniversary in June by touring a Frank Lloyd Wright house and enjoying dinner together. They will conclude the year with a summer picnic.

The **Central New Jersey** Chapter held its annual Spring Luncheon in May. Rebecca Balko was the featured speaker, sharing University and Guild news. Rebecca also installed Arlene Luedecker as the new chapter secretary. The chapter is currently making plans to host a picnic for new Valpo students from New Jersey at the end of July. One of the invited guests will be Jessica



Wedding dress from the 1930's at the Baltimore Chapter "Wedding Bells, Then and Now" event

Ferrazzano, freshman daughter of chapter member Mary Ferrazzano. Welcome, Jessica!

The **North East** Chapter raised money in a unique way during the



Members of the Central New Jersey Chapter

NCAA Tournament. One of the members made "March Madness" bags filled with slips of paper that could lead to paying fines. For example, FINAL 4: If you don't have all four Valpo Guild Cookbooks pay \$.20 for every one you don't have. This group also had a "Portion Dessert Fundraiser." Each member brought a dessert, which was sold in individual portions.

The **Northern Virginia** Chapter members were instrumental in hosting the VU Chorale and Symphony Orchestra on their recent tour.

The **Rochester** Chapter held another Book Event at Borders Books. Because so many of the members love to buy books for themselves and as gifts for families and friends, this is a very fun fundraiser. The members are also having great success selling the Grace Notes from Creative Communications. New to this chapter is a long-time Guild member and former AD, Carole Bildstein, who lives near Syracuse. Since there isn't a chapter in Syracuse, Carole drives 1 1/2 hours to be a part of the group.



**Natalie Richard**  
AREA II DIRECTOR

Illinois - Aurora, Chicago NW Suburban, Chicago S Suburban, Chicago W Suburban, Dundee, DuPage County, East Central Illinois, Elgin, Elm, Geiseman Memorial, Glenbrook, Kankakee Valley, Naperville, Rockford, Springfield Area Illinois/Iowa - Quad City

Members of the **Naperville** Chapter warmly welcomed members of the **Aurora** Chapter at a recent candle party. This group also had a terrific turnout for care package assembly with several mothers of area students in attendance.

The **Northwest Suburban** Chapter had an extremely successful Kringle sale. The proceeds of this fund-raiser were matched by AAL.

The **Quad City** Chapter celebrated its 45th anniversary with a luncheon. Members and guests enjoyed the afternoon reminiscing, looking through chapter scrapbooks, and listening to a history highlighting chapter events. This group looks terrific at 45!

**South Suburban** Chapter members are making plans for a silent auction this summer.

The **West Suburban** Chapter is really in style! They recently hosted two clothes parties by Weekenders, a company designed to make shopping affordable, practical, and fun right in your own home.



Floral arranging demonstration by Bev Wick at the Area IV Northwest Retreat

salad lunches, Maifests, spring fashion shows, etc.--- the key word being spring! Several chapters are also planning, or have already held, events to which mothers of current students and/or alumni have been invited. Some chapter members have even started working on items for the bazaar. Chapters with few members, or whose members live a distance from each other, have been getting together primarily to socialize with other women interested in supporting and promoting Valparaiso University.



**Kathryn Hronec**  
AREA IV DIRECTOR

California - Big Valley, Diablo Valley, East Bay, Harbor Lights, Orange County, Saddleback Valley, San Diego, San Francisco-Bayshore, Santa Clara Valley Oregon - Columbia Cascade, Oregon Trail Washington - Puget Sound, Spokane

The **Diablo Valley** Chapter members met at Barb VanFossen's home for a salad lunch and to pack student care packages.

The **Harbor Lights** Chapter was busy with Valpo Sundays and college fairs this spring. Thirty Valpo alumni and friends got wild and crazy in February at a local Greek restaurant with singing waiters, belly dancers, and violin players. March brought members to the "Breakers," home of chapter member Adah Drews. Lunch and a tour were enjoyed at this historical Long Beach hotel that is now a senior residence place.



**Ruth Griswold**  
AREA III DIRECTOR

Colorado - Boulder, Denver, Pikes Peak Iowa - Des Moines Kansas - Greater Kansas City Minnesota - Land of Lakes, Minneapolis, St. Paul Missouri - St. Louis Nebraska - Lincoln, Omaha New Mexico - New Mexico Texas - Houston

Although the fiscal year of the Guild is winding down, activities in Area III chapters are going strong. Chapters are busy with spring luncheons or brunches, cookbook



Members of the Lincoln Chapter





Alumni, friends and members of the Harbor Lights Chapter enjoying the entertainment at a Greek restaurant.

Members of the **Santa Clara** Chapter meet or have a social event almost every month. At Christmas, Valpo grad Jonathan Hodel joined them for caroling. Jonathan sang the lead in the opera "Carmen" with the San Jose Opera Company. The chapter has also enjoyed a "Pizza and Game Night" and an evening of wine tasting.

President Chris Dudley reports that the **Spokane** Chapter is again packaging chili lentils for sale. Their March meeting included a presentation on Spiritual Parenting. Members were encouraged to bring a token that reminded them of their own spiritual parenting.



Members of the Quad City Chapter

All who attended the **Northwest Chapter Retreat** at the Pacific Rest Bed and Breakfast in Lincoln City, OR had a fantastic time. Hostess Judy Waetjen graciously housed the 17 attendees. There were reports on Guild projects. Oregon Trail's member Naomi Baker gave a presentation on volunteerism. Bev Wick demonstrated easy flower-arranging techniques. We also enjoyed a book review of Rose's Garden. Plus, there was beach walking, garden touring, shopping, hot tubing, hiking, visiting, etc. One of the highlights was "High Tea" Saturday afternoon with all the ladies donning hats. Five chapters were represented - Oregon Trail, Columbia Cascade, Puget Sound, Spokane, and Harbor Lights.



Wisconsin - Appleton, Covered Bridge, Madison, Merrill, Milwaukee Golden Gems, Milwaukee Suburban, Racine, Sheboygan, Wausau

Members of the Wisconsin chapters met in Appleton at the AAL headquarters for the Wisconsin State Unit convention. The **Appleton** Chapter hosted the group in this beautiful facility. It was a perfect setting for Guild fellowship, addresses by Rebecca Balko and VP for Guild Affairs Judy Mason, and chapter sharing.

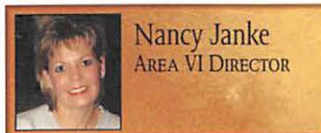
Plans are in the works for more pecan sales next fall. The **Appleton, Madison, Merrill,** and **Wausau** Chapters have reported success in this fundraising effort and the **Racine** group plans to get in on the action. Wisconsin members viewed samples of the Creative Communications Grace Notes at the state convention and were enthused with the product and possibilities. A 50% profit is hard to beat! **The Covered Bridge**

Chapter's VU nightshirts have proved to be a good fundraiser. After hosting a successful Holiday Table Settings Luncheon for eight years, the **Milwaukee Suburban** Chapter has decided to try something new. The members are planning soup/salad/craft and cookie sale luncheon next December. A Spring Basket luncheon will follow later.

I am pleased that a number of chapters have accepted the new member challenge. The **Merrill** Chapter has added four new members with an "each one bring a friend" approach. The **Racine** Chapter used the new membership kit and targeted the "empty nesters" and moms of current students. Four supporting memberships and two likely active memberships have resulted from the 20 letters and follow-up phone calls. The **Milwaukee Golden Gems** Chapter is organizing a "new member event" for the fall. The members will send 140+ invitations to women from the classes of 1980-1999. The

invitation will include a photo of current members, a listing of activities and fund-raisers, and a comment that "you may run into a fellow alumna." Good idea!

Congratulations and thanks to the women of the **Sheboygan** Chapter. They closed their 65th anniversary year/history celebration with a luncheon. The first national Guild president, Mrs. E.W.Schultz, also served as Sheboygan's first chapter president. Since its beginning, the Guild has been blessed with the commitment of the women of this chapter.



Michigan - Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Detroit, Detroit Suburban West, Rochester, Saginaw

President Pam Sieving of the **Ann Arbor** Chapter recently hosted a Pampered Chef party to raise additional funds for the Guild Endowment Fund for Undergraduate Research Endowment. The party was a huge success. Thanks Pam for all of your efforts! This summer the members of the chapter will host a brat fry for new students and their parents.



Wisconsin State Unit officers

Over 180 guests attended the **Detroit** Chapter spring lunch and Talbots fashion show. Even Rebecca Balko, Executive Director, and Nancy Janke, Area Director, were there to enjoy the event.

The **Detroit Suburban West** Chapter hosted their annual salad lunch. Co-presidents were elected to lead this group next fall.

The **Battle Creek** Chapter is gearing up for their annual summer corn roast. Everyone always has a great time at this gathering.



Members of the Indianapolis Chapter with Area Director Karen Looney's twins Meghan and Matthew



Indiana - Decatur Circuit, Hammond, Indianapolis, Michigan City, Mishawaka-South Bend, Valparaiso

In March, the University Chorale and Symphony Chamber Orchestra held their first tour-concert in the Fort Wayne Seminary chapel. Members of the **Decatur Circuit** Chapter had the pleasure of preparing dinner for this group of 100+ before their performance. That same weekend, many of the chapter members cheered on the men's and women's basketball teams at the Mid-Con Conference Tournament.

Members of the **Hammond** Chapter have taken on a new project. They are taking the Creative Communication cards to their local Lutheran churches. These cards are being well received.

Two members of the **Kentuckiana** Chapter represented Valparaiso University at a National Honor Society college fair in Louisville. This group also held its annual book fair with Hawley-Cooke Book Store, a local company in the area. The chapter received 20% of the sales from any customer who mentioned the Guild or Valparaiso University.

The **Mishawaka-South Bend** Chapter members recently enjoyed a spring luncheon at Notre Dame's beautiful Morris Inn. Rebecca Balko joined them for this event.

For the last **Valparaiso** Chapter gathering of the year, members attended VU's theatre department's outstanding production of *Children of Eden*. This group also



hosted the Graduating Women's Celebration for senior and third-year law students. The luncheon was a great success. Quad City Chapter member, Julie Schroeder, MD, VU '94, was the guest speaker.



Louise Lauher  
AREA IX DIRECTOR

Alabama - Alabama Florida - Orlando, St. Petersburg, Treasure Coast, Winter Haven Georgia - Atlanta Louisiana - New Orleans North Carolina - Southern Piedmont South Carolina - South Carolina Tennessee - Middle Tennessee

The **St. Petersburg** Chapter is one of the furthest from VU and yet it's like it's across the street! The May luncheon rekindled Valpo



Members of the St. Petersburg Chapter

connections and Christian fellowship flowed. Annual elections were held and an announcement was made that this 1999-2000 was the most successful fund-raising year ever.

**South Piedmont** Chapter reports they, too, have had their best year, yet.

God certainly continues to bless all our Guild chapters and their service to the University.

## MOVING ON

Four-and-a-half years ago when I became the executive director of the Guild I had no idea how rich my experience would be with you. Not only did I grow professionally because of you, but also spiritually and personally. Your unwavering commitment and dedication to Valparaiso University, your support and encouragement of me and my endeavors, and your willingness to embrace the many changes that took place during my tenure will forever be remembered. Even though I will soon leave to begin a new position at Wheat Ridge Ministries in Itasca, IL, this memorable time with you will always be in my heart and on my mind. Blessings as you continue to support and promote this very special place.

Rebecca Balko

## IN MEMORIAM

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| Jane Bryant         | Detroit, MI Chapter   |
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| July 16     | Alumni/Guild • An Evening at Ravinia                  | Chicago, IL   |
| July 22     | Alumni/Guild • Rockies Baseball Game & Gathering      | Denver, CO  |
|             | Alumni/Guild • Astros Baseball Game & Gathering       | Houston, TX   |
| July 30     | Alumni/Guild • Summer Send-Off                        | Washington, DC  |
| Aug. 5      | Alumni/Guild • Deep River Water Park Gathering        | Hobart, IN  |
| Aug. 6      | Alumni/Guild • Cardinals Baseball Game & Gathering    | St. Louis, MO   |
| Aug. 10     | Alumni/Guild • Silver Hawks Baseball Game & Gathering | South Bend, IN  |
| Aug. 12     | Alumni/Guild • Symphony on the Prairie Event          | Indianapolis, IN  |
|             | Alumni/Guild • Brewers Baseball Game & Gathering      | Milwaukee, WI   |
| Aug. 13     | Alumni/Guild • Valpo Family Picnic                    | St. Louis, MO   |
| Aug. 21     | Alumni/Guild • Golf Outing                            | Waconia, MN   |
| Sept. 15-17 | Guild Convention                                      |  |
| Sept. 23-24 | 75th Celebration • Founder's Weekend                  |   |
| Oct. 8      | 75th Celebration • St. Paul's Lutheran                | Ft. Wayne, IN   |
| Oct. 13-15  | Homecoming  |   |
| Oct. 20     | 75th Celebration • St. Lorenz                         | Frankenmuth, IN   |
| Oct. 22     | 75th Celebration • Historic Trinity                   | Detroit, MI   |
| Oct. 27-29  | Homecoming West                                       | San Diego, CA   |
| Nov. 12-14  | Guild Targeted Leadership Forum                       | Chicago, IL   |



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