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Guild president steps down after two terms

This article is my second attempt to write the *Guild Lines*. Why? My explanation is because I really do not like to write about myself. In my first draft, I did not mention that I am completing my second term as president of the Concordia Seminary Guild.

However, the time has come for me to leave the office that you have given to me and one that I have loved. Since the death of my husband, the past four years have been some of my most fulfilling.

The days became long and the Lord knew that something was needed to fill the giant hole in my heart. So one day, my daughter and I were just finishing lunch at the California Pizza Kitchen when I was approached by a beloved member of the Guild. We greeted one another and I introduced her to my beautiful daughter. The Guild member then proceeded to ask me if I would run for president of the organization. I believe I gave the usual response of, "I will give it prayerful consideration."

I suppose her reply was that she would contact me in a few days and, believe it or not, she did.

While I had served the Guild in many different positions, I never gave the office of president a thought. You will not believe it but if you were to check the history of the Guild, you will discover that once upon a time I ran for president against a well-loved lady. I lost and life went on. Later, I served as recording secretary, bylaws chairman, first- and also second-vice president.

So now the time has come for me to step down and pass the gavel on to another person who will bring a newer and fresher approach to the work of the Guild. Believe me when I say that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president. The members of the Board of Directors have been terrific and have made my position a delight. Some of these wonderful women will finish their office but we know that the Lord always sends the call to other willing workers.

We must always keep in mind the objectives of the Guild and what we do serves the Seminary community in many ways. It is well to review these from time to time. Our goal is always to meet the goal. The gifts of socks and underwear that were given at our Advent by Candlelight luncheon are so appreciated by the Seminary families. The Food Bank is something that gives us great pleasure when the shelves are stocked. We thank all members of the churches that add to the pantry.

My prayer is that should someone ask you to serve that you will give it "prayerful consideration" and then answer the call. Invite the women in your congregation to attend a luncheon — a little encouragement goes a long way.

I often close my correspondence with Scripture that reads: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10 ESV).

That is my goal and I know it is also yours. To God be all the glory!



Joyce Bischoff, President
Concordia Seminary Guild

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2016 Calendar

May 13, 2016

11:30 a.m., Registration
Noon, Lunch and Meeting

Sept. 16, 2016

11:30 a.m., Registration
Noon, Lunch and Meeting

Oct. 21, 2016

9:35 a.m., Chapel service with students
11:30 a.m., Brunch in Koburg

Dec. 9, 2016

11:30 a.m., Registration
Noon, Lunch and Meeting

All Sem Guild meetings are held in Koburg Hall on the Seminary campus.

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For the latest Sem Guild updates, check out www.csl.edu or search for Concordia Seminary Guild on Facebook.

Journal shows family connections

Thank you to Alice Kastens, the Seminary Guild Board of Directors projects coordinator, for sharing an entry from her mother's journal.

Her mother, Wilma Bergmann Nobe, started writing her memories in a spiral notebook in 1980, long after they occurred. We are so glad she did because the entry below shows a connection to the family of Concordia Seminary's Dr. Tim Saleska when his grandfather, Rev. E.J. Saleska, was pastor of St. Salvator Lutheran Church, Venedy, Ill. Nobe helped babysit and clean for the family.

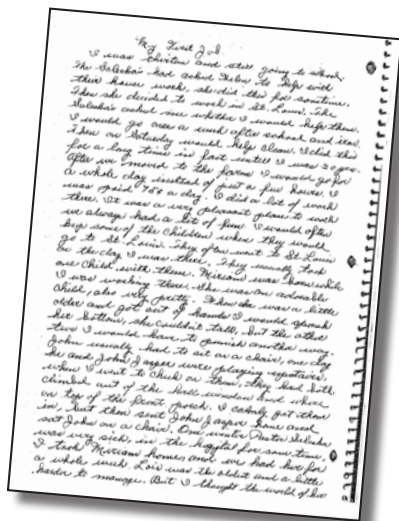
My first job

By Wilma Bergmann Nobe

I was 13 and still going to school. The Saleskas had asked Helen to help with their housework, she did this for some time. Then, she decided to work in St. Louis.

The Saleskas asked me whether I would help them. I would go once a week after school and iron, then on Saturday I would help clean. I did this for a long time, in fact, until I was 20 years old. After we moved to the farm, I would go for a whole day instead of just a few hours. I was paid 75 cents a day. I did a lot of work there. It was a very pleasant place to work, we always had a lot of fun. I would often keep some of the children when they would go to St. Louis. They often went to St. Louis on the day I was there. They usually took one child with them.

Miriam was born while I was working there. She was an adorable child, also very pretty. When she was a little older and got out of hand, I would spank her bottom, she couldn't talk, but the other two,



"My mother was born in 1917 and confirmed in 1930," Kastens explained in an email. "So her employment with the Saleska family was from shortly after her confirmation until age 20."

Saleska wrote, "I commonly hear stories from others about the Venedy days and treasure them all."

In the following journal entry, Helen is Nobe's sister, John is Saleska's father, and Miriam and Lois are his aunts. John Jasper was a neighborhood friend. We are grateful to Kastens for giving us all an opportunity to discover these cherished memories.



Dr. Tim Saleska and Alice Kastens

and sat John on a chair.

One winter Pastor Saleska was very sick, in the hospital for some time. I took Miriam home and we had her for a whole week. Lois was the oldest and a little harder to manage. But I thought the world of her.

February Seminary Guild Luncheon includes Board of Regents as guests

The Guild's February meeting hosted Concordia Seminary's Board of Regents. Guest speakers included Dr. Tim Saleska, dean of ministerial formation, and Lisa Troxel, president of the Seminary Women's Association. Guild members brought items to the Feb. 12 luncheon to stock the shelves of the Food Bank for Seminary students and their families.



The luncheon was held in Koburg Hall.



Board of Regents member Dr. Lee Hagan, president of the LCMS Missouri District, sat with a group of Guild members.



Lisa Troxel, president of the Seminary Women's Association, was a guest speaker.



Board of Regents Chairman Rev. Ralph Blumenberg, Seminary Guild President Joyce Bischoff and Seminary President Dr. Dale A. Meyer.



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Keep up-to-date with the Seminary Guild by visiting <http://www.csl.edu/friends/seminary-guild>

2015-16 Adopted Service Projects Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Text books for incoming students	\$1,600
For CHS and EIIT students	\$1,000
Food Bank	\$1,500
Chapel.....	\$1,500
After chapel coffee time	\$800
Re-Sell It Shop	\$300
Campus landscaping	\$500
Field Ed Office – student off campus events	\$1,000
Can you spare a quarter?	\$100
Families in Transition (FIT).....	\$500
Direct-to-Student Aid	\$3,000
Community student gatherings.....	\$2,000
Campus security	\$300
Loeber II furnishings.....	\$2,000
Student intramural programs.....	\$1,500
International students	\$1,000
Student scholarships	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$20,600

Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues

Individual - \$10 Organization - \$25

A yearly Sem Guild membership is from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

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