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## VGIF FUNDS and ENDOWMENTS

*Karen McKee*

Over the years, several funds have been set up within VGIF because of special contributions or board decisions. The principal of these special endowments is never touched, but the interest is used for various purposes. These funds are managed within the VGIF Endowment Portfolio and the Virginia Frese Palmer Administrative Portfolio. The following three funds were created to provide grant funding for specific types of projects.

**Erna Hamburger Fund (EHF):** In 1988, Erna Hamburger, who served VGIF on the Finance Committee, Project Grants Committee, and as First Vice-President, passed away. Her many friends urged that an endowment be established in her name. To begin the fund, Elizabeth May made a generous contribution. The Board capped the endowment at 50,000 USD to provide grant funding for projects encouraging the education of girls in developing countries in mathematics, science, or engineering. To date the EHF has funded project #1571 (April 2002, 4,650 USD) and #2092 (April 2005, 5,000 USD) for The Fiji Association of Women Graduates.

**Asian Regional Endowment Fund (ARE):** In 1997, VGIF established its first regional fund to develop a substantial and sustained financial resource for targeted project funding in Asia, particularly the Pacific Island countries. The intent was that contributions to this fund would enable VGIF to develop a secure financial base for future project funding. The Board capped the endowment at 50,000 US (attained in 2004) the income to be used for grants. In April 2005 the ARE funded 4,625 USD for project #2168, The Professor Khun Duangduen Bisalputra Foundation in Thailand.

**Leaders Fund (LF):** The Leaders Fund was approved as a quasi-endowment fund by the VGIF Board of Directors in October 2004. Fifteen percent of the annual income from the fund may be used each year for grant awards to support cutting-edge, innovative, or entrepreneurial projects. The fund enables VGIF to respond to special opportunities as they arise, providing flexibility to meet changing needs.

The LF partially funded project #2200 (April 2005, 2,120 USD) for The Association for the Development and Enhancement of Women (ADEW) in Egypt.

The following designated unrestricted funds are also contained within the VGIF Endowment Portfolio. The VGIF Finance and Investment Committee ensures that the VGIF Endowment Portfolio principal covers them.

**Women's University Club:** In 1972, Lillian D. Rock, legal counsel, secured for VGIF the residual funds, property, securities and assets of the Women's University Club of the City of New York upon dissolution of the Club. The gift consisted of securities valued at slightly over 33,300 USD. In 1976, authorization was given to sell the securities and to invest in AAA, AA bonds and long-term savings. The fund was capped in 1989 at 60,000 USD so that future interest could be assigned to the annual budgets as required.

**Rock Endowment:** Lillian Rock died in 1974 and was succeeded by her brother, Nathaniel L. Rock, as VGIF's legal counsel. Mr. Rock died in 1990 leaving a bequest of 12,386 USD for VGIF to establish an endowment in the names of Lillian and Nathaniel Rock to be used for general purposes.

**Margaret M. Bryant Endowment Fund:** In 1972, two members contributed 1,100 USD to establish the VGIFUW\* Endowment Fund to strengthen the financial base of VGIF. The name was changed in 1981 to the Margaret M. Bryant Endowment Fund to honor her valued service and generous gifts to VGIFUW. This endowment was capped at 22,400 USD in 1989.

**Virginia Frese Palmer Administrative Fund:** The Virginia Frese Palmer Administrative Fund Portfolio was established as a permanent fund in 2001. Its purpose is to assist VGIF with administrative costs and to enable VGIF to enhance, upgrade (including moving into new headquarters), and improve administrative and office functions without negatively impacting grant making capability. The Board of Directors may elect to spend the endowment principal for the purposes outlined if needed. Virginia Palmer, a dedicated and committed member of VGIF, donated the sum of 1,000,000 USD. In 2003, the Board voted to add a bequest from the estate of Claire B. Norton in the amount of 225,000 USD.

\*VGIFUW - VGIF was formerly named The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund for University Women



## Perspectives

by Barbara Carey, President, 2005-2008

Since the VGIF Annual Meeting in April, 2005, I have traveled as a VGIF ambassador to meetings in Washington, D.C. (AAUW); Oakville, Ontario, Canada (CFUW); New Mexico (AAUW) and Northern Ireland (UWE). Historically, VGIF has had strong ties with both the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) and its affiliates. This summer marked our first official presence at the University Women of Europe (UWE) meeting, one of the regional groups of IFUW. It proved an important outreach for us in many ways.

First of all, Northern Ireland itself – the host country - has always been a strong VGIF supporter and welcomed us with open arms and exceptional hospitality on the friendship tour preceding the actual conference. In Belfast, I was asked to describe a successful grant made in 2002 to GEMANO in Cameroon for a project on gender awareness and poverty alleviation through agricultural programs. This exceptional project was much favored by the late Clare McMahon, former president of the Northern Ireland federation. For years, Clare spearheaded the collections for VGIF in Northern Ireland, an enterprise now being capably handled by Honor Baird and Margaret Donaghey who is also the VGIF representative for Europe on the VGIF Global Network Committee. At the UWE meeting in Cork, Ireland, I was asked to give an hour-long presentation about how member affiliates could apply for VGIF assistance in their countries, or assist other affiliates in doing so. Many attend these annual regional meetings who do not attend the larger and less frequent IFUW meetings. We hope to participate again this year at the UWE meeting in The Netherlands.

I expand on all of this by way of suggesting that you, too, may easily become a VGIF ambassador to the meetings that you attend. The groups need not be IFUW affiliates, but any that may be interested in supporting the VGIF mission of improving the lives of impoverished women and children worldwide. There are free PowerPoint presentations available through the VGIF office, as well as photo CDs and reproducible posters with scripts about the various projects that have been successfully funded over the years. You may request supplies of our current brochures – also available in Spanish – and multiple copies of the recent *VG UPDATES* to be sent to you at no charge.

You will note elsewhere in this issue the expansion of our activities at the United Nations. We now have four active representatives: Leslie Wright (Convener), Virginia Maynard, Jackie Woods and Fay Kittelson. This affiliation is also proving an important new way to increase our contacts and improve VGIF recognition within the international community.

Notification of the 2006 Annual Meeting is included in this issue. All donor members are welcome to attend. Those interested in becoming involved in the work of the organization are especially encouraged to do so. The working committees are lively and stimulating, reflecting the firm commitment we all have to the much needed work that VGIF-funded projects accomplish for those in need. We are much indebted to Mary Grefe for the wonderful workshop on board organization and function that she so ably led at the Mid-year Meeting with her usual charm and wit. VGIF and its leadership will continue to grow and thrive thanks in part to her encouragement and expertise... and even more, than ks to your continued loyalty and support. Thank you.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Fay Weber, Convener*

With over 450 grant proposals submitted this year, VGIF membership has an increasing responsibility to provide funds to support projects around the world that benefit women and girls in their home communities. This year's Membership Committee is pleased to report that it is continuing Strategic Plan activities with the goal of increasing membership to 2,000. This is a tremendous challenge to find 700 new members and we need your help!

At the VGIF fall meeting, twenty-six board and committee members volunteered to contact past supporters whose memberships have lapsed in hopes that we can regain their support. In addition, several members have volunteered to present programs and/or table-top presentations at state and regional meetings, but we need more volunteers to present the VGIF story. With the technological support from our Media and Communications Manager, Louise McLeod, compelling slideshow programs are ready available.

Your contributions supply the monetary funds needed to support locally-based grants. We need your help through financial and volunteer support to continue funding grants that open doors and improve conditions for women and children throughout the world.

## UN NEWS

*Leslie Wright,  
VGIF Representative to the United Nations*

It seems that there is no break in the activity at the United Nations. Though the December holidays and the New Year did give some respite, there were so many items on the agenda for Member States that the work never stopped. UN reform is not yet complete and discussions about the impending Human Rights Council continue.

2006 brings with it the next session of CEDAW, the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, which opens with NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) statements on January 16th. It convenes for 3 weeks to review government reports of progress towards eliminating discrimination.

In February, the Commission on Social Development (CSD) meets. This Commission usually has a short time set aside to deal with women's issues. The Commission working most directly with women globally is the NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which meets from February 27 through March 10. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the CSW, but it promises to be overshadowed by discussions of the sharing of decision-making between men and women, and creating an enabling environment for health, education, and work. In addition, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), the civil service that supports the Commission, has been working on the Secretary General's study of violence against women.

The Secretary General's study expects to be a concise review of UN documents and promises related to the elimination of violence, with documentation about progress, best practices, and research. It is also commissioned to look at the costs associated with violence. DAW views the study as a launch pad for further action and advocacy and expects NGOs will use it to educate member states about the realities faced by women everywhere who confront violence in their lives.

CSW, of which VGIF is part, has launched a two-year project to parallel the DAW study, and to create an advocacy presence related to findings from the study. This project launches on March 4 with a conference that addresses many of these points. VGIF representatives will be participating in the conference and working with other organizations, such as Zonta, BPW (Business and Professional Women), and Soroptimists, on further advocacy.

In addition, we plan to host two parallel events at the CSW, one on decision-making with Jackie Woods presenting on women in the Board Room, Michaela Walsh on women and money, and one other presenter on women and politics. The second event will be with Fay Kittelson, VGIF Executive Secretary, reporting on programs we help finance related

to health, education, and work, and what environments we envision to be enabling for these projects to continue and expand.

The end of May will see a continuation of the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS, with a look to exploring progress to implement the agreements made five years ago. As we have a number of projects funded to address this pandemic, the conclusions should be very interesting to you, our members.

## ON-SITE VISIT PROGRAM

*Evelyn Cumming, Convener*

The On-Site Visit Committee was established to arrange for members or colleagues to visit and report to VGIF about the progress, participants, and results of projects funded by VGIF. If you will be traveling near one of the Project Grants locations, we would appreciate your adding a brief visit to your itinerary. Because VGIF policy directs the organization to use its funds for the worthy projects it supports, financial assistance for these visits cannot be provided. Please write to VGIF, 3 West 29th Street, Suite 1002, New York, NY 10001 USA or e-mail [vgif@vgif.org](mailto:vgif@vgif.org) with your offer of a visit. Please allow ample time for visit arrangements.

### Visit to Sierra Leone, Project #1944

Agency for Rural Development (AFRA, 2004)

The AFRA project focused on training women and girls in traditional weaving and dyeing and the manufacture and maintenance of tools for improving the process.

The visit with AFRA leaders and trainees evolved from a roundtable in San Francisco about funding women and girls in rural areas and challenging settings in Sub-Saharan Africa. Attended by VGIF member Rita Skillman, the meeting provided an introduction to leaders of the New Field Foundation and the Global Fund for Women. An on-site visit by Sarah Hobson and Yuri Futamura of the New Field Foundation to the AFRA venue in Sunga Town, Sierra Leone was arranged. Sarah and Yuri reported on the success of the training, enthusiasm of the participants, quality of the products, and also brought back to VGIF a gift of two gara tie dye pieces from the project. We greatly appreciate their visit on our behalf.

#### Dates to Remember in 2006

VG Annual Meeting April 28-29, 2006, VG Office, New York  
October Mid-Year October 27-28, 2006 VG Office, New York

## UPDATE OF GRANTS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED

*Fay Kittelson, Executive Secretary*

Thanks once again to our generous and loyal contributors, VGIF continues to support a wide variety of projects in far-flung areas of the world -- from Haiti to Burkina Faso and Fiji to Georgia. Projects are devised and implemented by women-based organizations for activities that support micro-credit, vocational skill training, and health care, as well as awareness programs dealing with issues such as gender equity, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS and Female Genital Mutilation. We hope that you will be inspired to renew your efforts through VGIF to provide educational and development opportunities to women and children that would not be possible without your generous support.

### #1893 Deprived and Destitute Youth, GHANA

After initial communication problems, the final report was submitted for this project funded in 2004 to train unemployed girls aged 13-25, in batik and tie-dye in the village of Worawora in Northern Ghana. The training program was carried out in four clusters of 31 trainees. Initial skills were developed in bookkeeping, salesmanship, business, and financial management followed by training in production skills. The success rate was deemed to be 100%, the participants having fully acquired employable vocational skills in addition to experiencing positive attitudinal and behavioral changes. The leader of the trainees submitted the following quote, "We heartily ... thank VGIF, staff, and management ... who have provided us with requisite employable skills to gain placement in the society. Now our long awaiting dreams have been accomplished by VGIF."

### #1953 Association of Burkina Faso University Women, BURKINA FASO

This project funded in 2004 to address the fight against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) has been very effective on multiple levels. Adult literacy training centers have provided the educational and communication tools to enable the participants to become more aware of FGM and its negative impact on the female population. Radio broadcasts have spread the discussion and sensitization to a very large audience, reported as over 300,000. The Association has also worked through other community organizations and with local chiefs, religious leaders, and male participants. Both women and men have been strengthened in their resolve to fight this dangerous practice and become better organized in their local community efforts.

### #2040 Platform of Women's Empowerment and Rights (POWER), BANGLADESH

This project in the Bogra District of Bangladesh provided a 5-day training and educational course to 100 poor, illit-

erate, and flood-stricken women followed by the extension of \$30 production capital to each for purchase of seeds, chicks, and feed. Participants have been instructed in prudent savings and investment techniques. Individual and collective results are enhanced through follow-up reports, discussions, and mandatory meetings.

### #2055 Doctors On Call For Service, RWANDA

Street children, both girls and boys, are provided literacy skills and training in dressmaking, carpentry, agriculture, and animal husbandry through this project. A large photo journal of the activities shows enthusiastic involvement from equal numbers of girls and boys.



#2055: A young boy receives carpentry training

### #2075 Economical Housing and Agricultural Development Society (EHADS), INDIA

EHADS reports initial success for this project that trained 30 women participants in pickle-making together with effective methods of food processing, preservation, conservation, and marketing. Awareness programs have also been offered in health and hygiene. VGIF funding provided for a credit allowance to each participant in addition to purchasing equipment and food.

### #2081 Philippine Association of University Women, PHILIPPINES

Activities are well underway to provide skill training in computer literacy, fashion jewelry, candle making, food preservation, soap making, and cosmetology to economically depressed women and out-of-school youth. The project also includes free medical and dental services to constituents of the target area of Barangay Silangan and Piniyahan.

**#2083 Friends of the Children of Lascahobas, HAITI**

While volatile political conditions in Haiti have made administration of this project difficult, it is now reported that six new groups with a total of 312 participants have been formed to help women establish small business enterprises. Initial instruction includes information on business management as well as the importance of the project's requirement that each woman save one dollar each month. VGIF's portion of the total funding has provided a credit extension of \$50 each to 100 of the project participants.

**#2092 Fiji Association of University Women, FIJI**

Project Director Alison Haynes developed and led another successful project to enhance science and math skills of female students in Fiji. The project, funded by the Erna Hamburger Fund, provided a four-day workshop for 10 students and 10 teachers from remote junior secondary schools for intensive laboratory sessions in chemistry, physics, and engineering. The participants gained a greater awareness of science and the possibilities of women pursuing science-related careers in Fiji. A positive balance from the funding went towards the publication of an environmental science booklet for schools entitled "Life on the Mud Flats".

**#2094 Rural Development Women Welfare Society, INDIA**

The candle making and literacy program is well underway for 25 target women involved in this project in South India. Classes involve selling and savings strategies and leadership training in addition to skill training in candle production and marketing. VGIF funds have provided for the training sessions along with purchase of equipment and materials such as wax and molds.

**#2105 Farmers Development Association, NIGERIA**

This project located in Anambra State is designed to provide field based training to women farmers in organic farming techniques, thereby enhancing sustainability, protection of the environment, and equal access to the land and markets for all participants. Resource people from the Agricultural Development Agency have been utilized for workshops on crop rotation and pest management in the planting and growing of pigeon peas, cassava, maize, yams, and melons.

**#2153 Studio Mobile Accent on Action, GEORGIA**

An exciting multi-cultural project was designed by Studio Mobile that produced Azerbaijani, Armenian, and Russian versions of 18 video films dealing with issues of gender and women's

rights. It was part of an educational program for ethnic minority women and girls in Georgia. Seminars have also been organized to highlight and strategize on these important issues. VGIF funding provided for the purchase of the video equipment and production of tapes.

**#2168 Professor Khun Duangduen Bisalputra Foundation, THAILAND**

This project, located at two separate sites in eastern and northern Thailand, trains indigenous women in creating a sustainable self-sufficiency economy including kitchen gardening, the cultivation of pest-free herbs, and production of other local food and handicrafts items. With an emphasis on networking to strengthen the developmental and educational capabilities of local women, the participants are instructed in nutrition, household economics, and budgeting. Flowers are sold at market and herbs to local hospitals for medicinal and cosmetic use.

**#2192 Shenpen Fund, TIBET**

VGIF members attending the October Board meeting were thrilled to hear the excellent presentation by three founding members of the Shenpen Fund. This organization was funded in 2003 by VGIF with gratifying results in the establishment of a school in the remote village of Chungba. While the first project provided warm clothing for the children (50% of whom must be girls), the second project started a library and is populating it with high quality Chinese and Tibetan novels, textbooks and reference materials. This has been a very heartwarming success story and an example of the positive impact of VGIF funding efforts.



**#2168 Professor Khun Duangduen Bisalputra Foundation, THAILAND**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Margery Sullivan, Treasurer*

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund had a successful year. The Administrative Fund received a bequest from the estate of Claire E. Norton for 26,856 USD and other contributions. Members generously donated 105,179 USD for grants. VGIF dispersed 121,000 USD to 27 grant recipients in 22 countries; a special solicitation funded a project in Bangladesh; and we continue to fund IFUW for the triennial meeting. Our expenses were under budget at 106,411 USD and the budget for 2006 is 118,080 USD.

Special thanks to our members who contributed 1,000 USD or more: Jean Colburn, Mary Gibson, Jewel Hanna, Kathleen Magill, Virginia Maynard, Karen McKee, Louise McLeod, Eileen Menton, Hope Miller, Virginia Palmer, Joyce Prudden, Jeanie Randall, and Margery Sullivan

Thanks also go to our members who contributed 500 USD or more: Edith Allison, Catherine Burnight, Dorothy Dillon, Helen Dunsmore, Helen Faust, Maxine Gilliland, Carolyn Gross, Leesa Haire, Shireen Lee, Janet Matwiyoff, Jeanette Miller, Dagmar McGill, Patricia Oberg, Hilarie Orman, Elizabeth Poskitt, Shirley Quisenberry, Janet Rochester, Catherine Stanton, Dana Wright, AAUW Doylestown PA, AAUW Long Beach CA, AAUW Makefield PA, Icelandic Association of University Women, and Queens Womens Graduates' Association, Ireland.

Matching grants have also been funded by the following foundations: Pfizer, Prudential, and Square D.

### Unaudited Consolidated Financial Report Year Ending December 31, 2005

#### Assets December 31, 2004

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Palmer Administrative Fund | 1,237,348.00 USD |
| Endowment Fund             | 333,458.00       |
| Cash Management Account    | 31,455.00        |
| Total Assets               | 1,602,261.00 USD |

#### Assets December 31, 2005

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Palmer Administrative Fund | 1,180,799.00 USD |
| Endowment Fund             | 310,115.00       |
| Cash Management Account    | 77,194.00        |
| Total Assets               | 1,568,108.00 USD |

#### Liabilities

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Grants                       | 11,800.00 USD    |
| Sophia Smith Collection      | 350.00           |
| Total Assets and Liabilities | 1,580,258.00 USD |

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*Betty Bayless, Convener*

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 League

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 CFUW Yorkton SK

### Great Britain

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### Iceland

Icelandic Association of University  
 Women

### Ireland

Dublin University Women Graduates  
 Irish Federation of University Women  
 Queens Women Graduates Association

### Japan

JAUW Kanagawa

### New Zealand

NZFUW North Shore Auckland

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 AAUW Stockton CA  
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 AAUW Westminster-Fountain Valley CA



*#2153 Studio Mobile Accent on Action, Georgia: A writer works on an Armenian script*



*Project Grant #1910 (2004, Esbo Banchte Shikhee, Bangladesh): Rbeeshi women, from a low caste Hindu group, receive skill training in household handicrafts in addition to classes in human rights awareness. They were also provided educational materials for their children.*

**Deaths Noted**

Enid Alcock, Australia  
 Kathleen Ehlers, NC, USA  
 Fern Kittelson, MN, USA  
 Elizabeth Liggins, Australia  
 Carol Lubin, NY, USA

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