Please join us for our spring luncheon and annual meeting. When else might you be able to hear from a Hawaiian-born, bagpipe-playing, Japanese-Scottish American specialist in kabuki theatre! Kabuki is classical Japanese dance-drama. It is known for the stylization of its drama and for the elaborate make-up worn by some of its performers.

David Furumoto tells us, “Certainly the study of World Theatre has had a major impact on my career as a theatre practitioner and teacher. It has also been an important part of my desire for creating a theatre season.” This study was an important factor for him as the director of University Theater in the selection of recent shows, which included a performance by a deaf actor who used sign language, Moliere’s *The Imaginary Invalid*, a kabuki play *Narukami*, an interpretation of the Greek myth of *Eurydice*, the Spanish play *Blood Wedding*, and the 1937 comedy *You Can’t Take It With You*.

Plan to attend on May 11 to hear Professor Furumoto tell about some of his experiences and what he sees as important bridges in creating such a diverse theatre program. Then participate in the discussion and voting on candidates for two-year Board positions as well as proposed major changes in the Bylaws.

Refreshments will be available beginning at 11 o’clock; luncheon will be served at 11:30. The features are Chicken and Mushroom Crepes, wild rice and fresh fruit; dessert will be Strawberry Shortcake. (A vegetarian option is available upon request with your reservation.) The deadline for reservations is Thursday, May 5. Return the form (at the back of this newsletter) and a check to University League for $18 per person to Cynthia Benevenga, 6410 Appalachian Way, Madison, WI 53705.
From the President:
Roma Lenehan

The University League community’s 109th year has been successful. I wish I could thank each of you for helping make this a productive and fun year. Unfortunately, there is not enough room, nor would I be aware of all the ways each of you contributed to League by sharing your time, talents, and money. But allow me to thank some of you.

First, I want to thank all the League Committees, but especially the three appointed ones: the Long Range Planning, Endowed Scholarship, and Nominating Committees. The chairs and committee members generously shared their time and expertise, accomplishing a large amount of valuable work and enabling League to continue.

The Long Range Planning Committee, led by Sally Lorenz with Ann Gordon-Walker, Linda Harvey, Caroline Liedtke, Beverly Schrag, and Beverly Zarnstorff, has accomplished a great deal. First, to assess League member preferences, the committee members conducted a survey. They revised the Bylaws to simplify and clarify Board operations (see pages 5-6). These Bylaws changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. They also made similar changes to the Policies that guide the Board. Furthermore, they updated the Board Job Descriptions to reflect the current job requirements. Finally, they served as the Assistant Program Chair, setting up next year’s programs, and will serve as Program Chair next year.

The Endowed Scholarship Committee, Mary Jo Prieve (Chair), Marilyn Gundermann, Fern Lawrence, Diane Risley, Lynn Schten, and Lavonne Senn, supervised University League’s amazing portfolio of 22 Endowed Scholarships, ensuring that the interest from each Endowed Scholarship went to the appropriate College. In March the Committee distributed $47,492, the 2010 interest earned by the endowments, to the various University of Wisconsin Schools and Colleges to support student scholarships.

The Nominating Committee, led by Lois Buelow with Diane Risley, Beverly Schrag, Hat Stevens, Cathy Tesar, and Mary Jo Willis, did an incredible job recruiting highly qualified volunteers for Board positions. I also want to thank everyone who generously agreed to serve on the Board and contribute to the future of League. The suggested nominees, who will be elected at the May 11 Annual Meeting, are listed on page 9.

The 2011 Scholarship Benefit has been very successful, due to the guidance of Chair Dorothy Standridge, who prepared the stay-at-home invitation and then wrote thank you notes during her rehabilitation at Oakwood West after she broke her hip. Over $10,400 has been received from the donors listed on pages 7-8.

I want to thank all of you who helped recruit members. The number of members this year increased, to 411 households plus 54 spousal members. We recruited 31 new members including five partners.

Finally, I want to thank all of my outstanding Board who made this year successful. They did their own jobs well and found time to help with additional tasks. Each of them deserves a special thank you.

In June, at the beginning of our 110th year, Mona Steele will lead a delegation to the Big 10 Women’s Organizations at Purdue University. The League is grateful for $500 received from Chancellor Biddy Martin to cover Big 10 expenses.

“Pay in May” will be mailed and arrive in early May. Please renew your membership promptly. I look forward to seeing you at the May 11 Annual Meeting at Blackhawk Country Club to elect Board members and revise the League Bylaws. Director David Furumoto of the University Theatre will speak. Meantime, enjoy the spring!
Spotlight on Interest Groups

For a membership fee of $30, the University League provides a wealth of activities. Consider these Interest Group opportunities. Four of them are spotlighted here.

**Art Appreciation** is chaired by Margaret Strass and Jean-Pierre Golay. This group toured the Chazen’s *Hidden Treasures: Illuminated Manuscripts from Midwestern Collections* in January. The League’s cachet allowed our group to be led by curator Maria Saffiotti Dale, whose PhD dissertation was on the subject.

In March, *Wisconsin Labor* was the featured photographic exhibit in the Watrous Gallery of the Overture Center. In 2007, the Wisconsin Arts Board commissioned several photographers to create a “portrait” of Wisconsin workers as a Percent for Art project for the Department of Workforce Development. Coincidentally, this exhibit coincided with the responses to the governor’s bill to eliminate collective bargaining. Jody Clowes, Watrous Gallery exhibit manager, provided an excellent tour.

**Dining-Out-Dinner** is a fun, no-work Interest Group worthy of your participation. Led by Charlotte and Jim Burns, the group is always welcoming to newcomers. The format is one where all meet at a member’s home for appetizers, supplied by the co-host, with bring-your-own cocktails. Later they move on to a restaurant. Restaurants visited in the past twelve months included Bluephies, Tapas Rías, Bonfyre American Grill, Vintage Brewing Co., Biaggi’s Continental and King and Mane.

**Genealogy** gathers those people interested in the topic. Joyce Nigbor and Mary Jo Willis lead the group, and their programs are listed on the League’s website so you can check them out. Highlighted programs this year included January’s speaker Cora Lee Kluge of the Max Kade Institute. A detailed report was featured in the March *League-Letter*, but one fact pointed out by Cora Lee was that German-speaking immigrants didn’t quickly switch to English as the popular press and politicians often state today. There were German-speaking communities in Wisconsin as late as the 50’s! Did you know this?

In March, Joyce Nigbor’s *Case Study of Norwegian Immigration to Minnesota* was her own quest on behalf of a Norwegian friend to connect with his American relatives. Joyce illustrated her findings and success in this venture. Her people skills and intuition proved to be valuable assets in addition to her considerable technical experience in genealogy.

**Spanish** is a dedicated and spirited group, led by Joanna Thompson, meets twice a month and is a group of native Spanish speakers from Mexico, Spain, Colombia, Ecuador as well as life-learners of Spanish from Romania, France, Poland and the U.S. The group meets to speak (about anything) in Spanish and discuss books read. This year’s books were works of the Chilean nihilist Roberto Bolano, *Pergamino de la seducción* by Nicaraguan Giocanda Belli, *El cantor de tango* by Argentine Tomás Eloy. Movies recently seen were *Juana la loca* (Spain-2001) as a companion to *Pergamino de la seducción* and *Fiesta del chivo* (Spain-2006) with *En el tiempo de las mariposas* by Julia Alvarez.
Pay in May

Please watch your mailbox at the beginning of May for the ‘Pay in May’ packet. To renew your membership, complete the enclosed forms and send them with your check in the enclosed envelope by the end of May. Doing this will save the League time and money. If you do not receive a packet, please contact Pat Feltskog, 238-9836 or pafeltsk@wisc.edu.

Thank You, Stay at Home Scholarship Benefit Donors
The University League Board and the scholarship recipients want to thank all of you

Long Range Planning and Policy Committee
Recommends Enclosed Bylaws Changes

In response to the University League Survey results, the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee has spent the last several months reviewing and recommending changes to League's Bylaws, policies and Board job descriptions. Our focus has been to update and streamline the operations of the League in ways that will help it move forward as a viable organization in the decades to come. Changes to policies and job descriptions are made at the Board level, but any changes to the University League Bylaws must be approved by the membership at its annual meeting.

The proposed changes were approved by the Board at its February 3, 2011 meeting and will be voted upon by the membership at the Annual Meeting on May 11 according to the following bylaws.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided the amendment has been presented at a previous regular meeting or mailed to the active members at least 10 days before the date of a regular meeting.

Proposed deletions have a line through them and proposed additions are in bold italics. The major change in the bylaws is to reduce the number of officers who make up the Executive Committee to four: President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional changes provide greater flexibility by putting details in the policies.

If you have any questions about the changes prior to the Annual Meeting, please contact Sally Lorenz, Long Range Planning Chair at 273-3272 or slorenz@charter.net.

Many thanks to the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee members Linda Harvey, Caroline Liedtke, Ann Gordon-Walker, Beverly Schrag, Beverly Zarnstorff and ex officios Roma Lenehan and Mona Steele for the many hours they have put into reviewing these documents and to the League Board for their support.
ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The potential membership of The University League, Inc. shall include all who support the purposes of The University League, Inc. The four categories of membership will be

Regular
Honorary
Courtesy

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a President, First Vice President (President Elect), President Elect, Second Vice President (Program Chair), Third Vice President (Membership Chair), Secretary and Treasurer. They shall have the duties that are performed normally by such officers and any additional duties that may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be:

b. The First Vice President (President Elect) President Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

c. The Second Vice President (Program Chair) shall plan and supervise programs for the regular meetings.

d. The Third Vice President (Membership Chair) shall maintain the official list of active members and endeavor to increase the number of active members.

c. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and corporation. The Secretary, upon the request of the President, shall give appropriate notice of all meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and corporation.

d. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit annual dues and other monies in such financial organizations as may be specified by the Board of Directors. All funds shall be disbursed by the Assistant Treasurer. In the event that the Assistant Treasurer is unable to disburse funds, the Treasurer President will assume that responsibility.
The Treasurer shall prepare the financial statements as they are required. At the annual meeting, the Treasurer shall present a report of income, disbursements and assets. The Treasurer, upon consultation with the President and First Vice President (President Elect) President Elect, shall prepare and present to the Board of Directors the budget for the ensuing year. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited reviewed according to regulations that are outlined in the Policies. The fiscal year shall begin on June 1 and end on the following May 31.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTION

Section 1. **A The** Nominating Committee shall consisting of not more than six persons: the Immediate Past President, who shall serve as Chair, and five members to be appointed by the President by June 15. Further provisions shall be set forth in the Policies.

Section 3. If the President is unable to complete the prescribed term of office, the First Vice President (President Elect) President Elect shall serve as President during the remainder of the unexpired term. This person shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee as the candidate for the office of President for the ensuing year.

Section 2. Except for the President, a the length of terms of office for members of the Board of Directors may serve one ensuing term. Further provisions shall be set forth in the Policies.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall serve for fourteen months, in order to complete business of the previous fiscal year and train the incoming Treasurer. (move to Policies)

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, upon majority vote of the Board of Directors, may establish a Standing Committee, the Chair of which shall may be a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly revised (1981 2000) or a subsequent revision shall determine the parliamentary procedure in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and Policies of the corporation.
**University League Annual Meeting and Luncheon Reservation Form**

**Due by Thursday, May 5, 2011**

Program: David Furomoto, *University Theatre and World Theatre: A Dynamic Duo*

Member: ________________________________

Guest: ________________________________

Luncheon Menu:
Chicken and Mushroom Crepes, Wild Rice, Fresh Fruit and Strawberry Shortcake

Vegetarian Option is available upon request.
Please call Cynthia Benevenga (238-0496)

_____ Reservations @ $18.00 each = ___________
Scholarship donation = __________
Total = __________

Check(s) payable to: **The University League, Inc.**

Mail to: Cynthia Benevenga, 6410 Appalachian Way, Madison, 53705

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**Nominating Committee Report**

This year’s Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for office on the University League Board. This slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting at Blackhawk Country Club on May 11, 2011. The nominees who serve as assistants in 2011-2012 will assume their elected positions in 2012-2013. We invite all members to take this opportunity to greet this fine group of women before the luncheon and to thank them for sharing their time and talents with the League.

Nominating Committee: Lois Buelow, Chair; Diane Risley; Beverly Schrag; Hat Stevens; Cathy Tesar; and Mary Jo Willis

**Nominees to be elected to serve 2011-2012**

President: Mona Steele
President Elect: Roberta Johnson
Program Chair: Linda Harvey
Assistant Program Chair: Kathy Knox
Assistant Membership: Dorothy Binning
Secretary: Mary Jo Willis
Assistant Secretary: Priscilla Thain
Assistant Treasurer: Catherine Tesar

Newsletter Editors: Jill Feldkamp and Judy Olson
Assistant Newsletter Editors: Deb Diller and Judy Olson
Scholarship Benefit Chair: Barbara Pillinger
Assistant Scholarship Benefit: Shirley Inhorn
Assistant Volunteer Services: Nan Ballies
Assistant Interest Group Chair: Joyce Nigbor
Mailing Co-Chair: Joyce Esser Anderson
Mailing Assistants: Kate Beaver and Gloria Terry
More Big News for Bookworms

Bookworms visit preschools bringing books, activities and an enthusiasm for reading. They recently received grant awards from The Rotary Foundation and the Altrusa Foundation! These generous donations will be used to purchase 1936 books for 226 children and their classrooms for the next school year. These grants are a tremendous help. On behalf of the children of Dane County served by the Bookworms program, thank you to both Rotary and Altrusa! Thank you, also, to all the University League members who have generously contributed to the Bookworms fund. The program would not exist without the continued support of University League.

Lastly, thank you to our 19 very dedicated Bookworms volunteer readers. Thank you Bev and Bill Zarnstorff, Daphne Haacker, Judy Olson, Marguerite Sykes, Mai Pang, Paige Waterous, Helen Read, Kathy Knox, Diane Smidt, Elinor Zach, Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Mariuxi Mazzini, Rhonda Croxson, Florence Schmitt, Kathy Sandefur, Madonna Scullion and Robbie Preston. If you would like to help preschool children develop a love of reading, volunteer as a Bookworms reader next year! Contact Mary Warfield at 273-9809 or warfield-wi@tds.net.