Come visit one of the newest jewels of the University of Wisconsin and leave the driving to us.

The Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, opened in 2011, is a private/public partnership formed to foster collaborative research in biology, engineering, mathematics and computer science. The building is designed to inspire and encourage researchers from the different disciplines to work side by side, sharing their skills, knowledge and tools to tackle some of the world's most challenging problems.

We will bring you by bus to the Institutes, where Dr. Ahna Skop, an artist and a working scientist in Genetics, will present her photographs of cell division as art. Dr. Skop, the daughter of artists, majored in biology and ceramics at Syracuse University. She received her PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology at U.W., and conducted her post-doctoral work at UC-Berkeley. Dr. Skop is Associate Professor of Genetics at UW-Madison and a winner of the Presidential Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers.

Steenbock's on Orchard, located in the Institutes, will provide our lunch. The choices will be Fresh Seasonal Soup with Cuban Sandwich (Fountain Prairie Roasted Pork/Ham) OR Fresh Seasonal Soup with From the Garden Sandwich, and a Cookie, and Coffee or Tea.

Lunch will be followed by guided tours of the Institutes Building.

We will then bring you back to the parking lot of Covenant Church on Segoe Road.

The registration deadline is March 3, 2012. **SPACE IS LIMITED. RESERVE EARLY.**
Message from Mona

Greetings to You All and Happy New Year to Everyone.
After the turn of the New Year, in this wonderfully mild, Wisconsin winter, the University League’s activities and programs are off to a terrific start.

We are working to implement the beginning recommendations of the Mu Kappa Tau marketing fraternity who worked with us throughout the fall semester. What a splendid job they did! Their efforts to review our strengths and offer ways to address some of our needs portend positive outcomes. We hope their suggestions will help us gain members who agree with our mission and purpose. They have also recommended more current modes of communication and ways to get our message out. Check out this video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SuNx0UrnEo to see where current trends are headed in our city, state, nation, and around the world.

If you shared an email address with us, you will soon be receiving our first email message to members. This email will give you the chance to continue to receive such messages, or to opt out of the service, as you see fit. What will the messages contain? The emails will include timely University League information, e.g., Interest Group offerings. We will keep you abreast of organizational news such as the initial responses to the lovely Scholarship Benefit invitation you have recently received. And we will remind you of activities on the UL calendar. This new effort will start slowly; we intend to evaluate its impact and value to our members. I believe it is exciting to be able to offer this connection to our members, and I hope you agree.

By now, you should have received your invitation for the Scholarship Benefit non-event event, so easily recognizable by the beautiful red heart on its envelope. It outlines the reasons we work to raise funds for our students. In all of the thank you letters the League has received, scholarship recipients stress how welcome our awards are – in any amount. And I look at the sums and think how small they are relative to the cost. Have you considered the rising costs of education? The Wisconsin State Journal (Sunday, January 29, 2012) recently published a front page feature article on those costs, and the difficulty students with limited financial resources face. They told of a student who had to choose between eyeglasses, books, and paying student loans. We recognize this struggle, and hope you will too with your vote of financial support.

Do take advantage of our 27 interest groups. There is something for everyone. In this issue, the Wine Divas share a recipe they paired with the wines from their first wine tasting. The new Financial Updates Interest Group has a meeting on February 23 at the Sequoya Library. The couples Foreign Foods had a wonderful dinner at Robbie Preston’s in January, and as I hear about it, I am sorry I was not part of that group. The Wednesday Afternoon Book Group welcomes new members and invites you to join. Look over the Interest Group list in your yearbook, and find one that would be a good match for you.

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We have reviewed our mission and developed a uniform short description of our organization to share with others. This effort is another attempt to get our message out in a concise, consistent way.

**Short University League description:**

The University League is a nonprofit membership organization open to all who support the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The League raises funds for student scholarships and promotes volunteer services, educational opportunities, and social activities for its members. Founded in 1901, University League has provided student scholarships and loans since 1916. In the past thirty years, the League has given more than one million dollars in scholarship funding for UW-Madison students and grants to UW related groups.

**Revised Mission Statement:**

The University League is a nonprofit membership organization open to all people who support the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The purpose of the League is to raise funds for student scholarships and to promote volunteer services, educational opportunities and social activities for its members.

**Tagline:** Supporting Scholarships, Service, Education, and Friendship

Each of our wonderful board members has contributed enormously to our work. I thank them now, and I hope you will as well when you see them.

And as you may know, now is the time to encourage your friends to join us. All new members receive the bonus of a few extra months because their membership would continue through May, 2013. Send names of prospective members who might be interested in joining University League to Pat Feltskog, 5305 Shawano Terrace, Madison WI 53705 or phone 238-9836 or email pafeltsk@wisc.edu. Pat would be happy to send them further information and an application.

Put the March meeting on your calendar now – it should be remarkable. The speaker, Ahna Skop is both an artist and scientist, and soon to be a children’s book author.

Hope to see you there!
Mrs. William F. Allen Scholarship Winners

Anna Meding

Anna is a freshman who lives in Chadbourne Hall. While she has yet to decide on a course of study, Anna is considering Communication Arts, German, and International Studies. She is taking courses in these areas this year, and hopes her decision on a major will be obvious by spring. Her thirst for learning also includes an anthropology course, religious studies of Asia, and the ancient Greek language.

Anna believes she has made a successful transition from small town New Glarus with a high school graduating class of 62 to the University of Wisconsin. She praises the programming at Chadbourne. There are a wide variety of programs at night, and readily available tutors for the residents. She attended a talk by Lori Berquam, who is the Dean of Students, and a talk by the Go Big Read Author, Sonia Nazario. She says that the big difference between high school and college is the broader and deeper look at the subject matter; plus, it is a lot more work.

Anna’s father came to the University of Wisconsin from Husum, Germany to take a lab job for one of the UW professors. He became intrigued by the work going on here and decided to enroll. He graduated, married, and now his daughter is beginning her education in Madison. She has been an exchange student, and studied from January to May in a high school in Husum.

Esat Resad

Esat is a freshman who lives in the lakeshore dorms, specifically Swenson House of Kronshage. His area of interest is biochemistry or biology with a neuro-option attached.

He attended schools in DeForest so Madison is familiar territory. However, his early years were very different. His father is originally from Macedonia, and was working in Anchorage Alaska when Esat was born. His father came to the United States looking for opportunity and eventually moved to DeForest. Esat speaks Albanian and Turkish, and didn’t learn English until he was five.

Current studies include Advanced General Chemistry, Calculus, Medical Imaging of Diseases and doing research at the Department of Neurosurgery. In addition to his studies, Esat created and volunteers at Moo-ving for a Cure, which seeks a cure for cancer. He finds life at the University stimulating and enjoys being among so many committed and educated people. He also extends his thanks to the University League and the originator of the scholarship for their support.
DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

“HAVE A HEART, VALENTINE!”

By the time you are reading this newsletter, you will have received a PINK Valentine in your mailbox. This is a colorful invitation to participate in our delicious, bodacious, non-event event – the annual University League Scholarship Benefit. Seriously, we are serious about our new blueprint for raising scholarship monies for UW-Madison. As reported in your Valentine invitation, the costs of higher education have escalated far beyond our own college experiences, and perhaps have even exceeded our collective imagination. Furthermore, no longer is the University of Wisconsin state-supported; it is now state-assisted. The University has to compete, for example, with the state prison system for its legislative appropriation! Times are tough, but University League members will come through, of that positive expectation, we are confident.

What a great opportunity this is to invest in young people and in their potential, and what a great investment in the future of our state and nation! So, please climb aboard, join the crowd, and be among the first to return your scholarship check and donation card. Yes, your gift is tax deductible. And, yes, you may give your gift “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone special in your life (e.g., spouse, parent, friend, colleague, teacher, professor, mentor, etc.). We hope to set a new record for membership participation, and for the total amount of scholarship gifts received.

“Have a Heart, Valentine!” We’re counting on you!

Puzzler #3

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

“Have a Heart, Valentine!”
Upcoming Interest Group Events

Global Insights: 2011 Review & 2012 Outlook
Andrea Paff, CIMA®, First Vice President, Financial Advisor at RBC Wealth Management will present Global Insights: 2011 Review & 2012 Outlook. This is an opportunity to look back on a so-so year in the global markets, and expectations for the year ahead. Andrea, a UW-Law School graduate, will present RBC’s recent Global Insights report with visual aids as the foundation for the program’s discussion and Q&A session. She will be talking mainly on US markets but will look at non-US, international and emerging markets, as well. The program is planned for Thursday, Feb. 23, 7:00-8:30 pm at the Sequoya Library, Room A. (Sequoya Library is at 513 S. Midvale Blvd at the intersection of Tokay Blvd.) There is parking both at the library and on the street. All University League members and family members are invited. This presentation is sponsored by the UL Financial Updates Interest Group. If you are interested in attending, please call Kay Jarvis-Sladky, 831-9331 by Wednesday, Feb. 22. Light refreshments will be served.

Social Media Class
Would you like to learn about Social Media? Be “in-the-know” when visiting with the grandchildren? The DoIT Center is offering a “Social Media Brownbag”. The class will be at the Memorial Library, Room 126 on March 29, 2012 from 12-1:00PM. The brownbag will cover popular tools like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Google+. There is no charge. If you are interested, contact DoIT for availability. Telephone: (608) 262-3605 Email: classes@doit.wisc.edu

Wine Divas Interest Group
We met for the first time in October, and had a delightful time learning about different red and white wines matched with appetizers. We invited Mike Kicmol, who works for a liquor distributor in Madison, to help us experience the aromas and flavors, and how they change when eating various foods. It was fun to taste and explore wines you might not have tried. We welcome new members so mark your calendars. We meet from 4-6 p.m., the 3rd Friday of each month from January through May. Please join us for great food and drink. Please contact Mary Jo Willis if you’d like to attend at mjwillis@wisc.edu. Here’s a recipe for an appetizer we served at our recent event.

English Crab Puffs
from the Attic Angels Collections, Volume II
Yield: 48 puffs

- ½ cup green onions; thinly sliced
- 4 Tbs Butter; softened
- 2 jars old English process Cheddar cheese
- 2 cans (6.5 ounces) crab meat; drained, flaked
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 6 English Muffins

Cajun Seasoning Optional

Saute green onions in ½ Tbs butter until soft; cool slightly. Mix remaining 3 1/2 Tbs butter, cheese, crab meat, garlic salt, and pepper together with onions in medium bowl. Slice English muffins in half and spread mixture evenly on muffins. Sprinkle each muffin half with Cajun seasoning if desired. Place muffin halves on large baking pan and freeze for 30 minutes. Remove and slice muffins into 4 sections. Return to the freezer and freeze until firm. Place frozen triangles in a zip lock freezer bag and store in freezer until ready to use.

To serve, preheat oven to 425°F degrees and bake number of triangles needed on a baking sheet for 10 to 15 minutes or until puffy and golden brown. Serve hot.
Getting Acquainted with your Interest Groups

Dining Out

The Dining Out Interest Group began in the early seventies. Like many of our current interest groups, Dining Out was started by University League Newcomers, a branch of University League for new faculty wives. The objectives of the group were to get acquainted with other faculty wives and husbands, and to try different restaurants in the community. Those objectives have evolved over time. These days it’s as much about catching up with old friends as it is in meeting new ones. We have many single members, and members from the community as well as those affiliated with the University.

At first the group met for cocktails and dinner at a restaurant, but we realized it would be easier to move around and socialize more if we met in a member’s home for appetizers and drinks before going for dinner at a restaurant. Madison has continued to have new and interesting restaurants to explore. The challenge now is to find a restaurant that can accommodate a group of thirty, doesn’t have too many stairs to climb, is quiet enough to have a conversation, and has nearby parking.

Linda & Jim Wise and Susan & Glen Myers, host and co-host for the January Dining Out party at La Brioche restaurant.

First Wednesday Noon Book Group

This group enjoys gathering at noon on the first Wed. of the month in The Oaks building at Oakwood Village University Woods (6225 Mineral Point Rd.) A luncheon is followed by a member's book review. The title is chosen by the reviewer, and the group has not pre-read the book. A lively book discussion concludes our 2 hour time together.
University League March Event  
Due by Saturday, March 3, 2012

Choose one entrée per person

Member: _______________________________________  ☐ Cuban Sandwich  ☐ Garden Sandwich

Member: _______________________________________  ☐ Cuban Sandwich  ☐ Garden Sandwich

Guest: _________________________________________  ☐ Cuban Sandwich  ☐ Garden Sandwich

Guest: _________________________________________  ☐ Cuban Sandwich  ☐ Garden Sandwich

Food Allergies? Name: ___________________________  Allergy ___________________

_______ Reservations @ $25.00 each = ___________
+ Optional Scholarship Donation = ___________
  Total Enclosed = ___________

Checks Payable to: The University League, Inc.
Mail to: Linda Harvey, 5801 Tolman Terrace, Madison, WI 53711-3444

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