CELEBRATE SPRING EARLY WITH BIOETHICIST, SUSAN LEDERER

What’s Grandma/Grandpa to Do? Talking about End of Life Dilemmas
University Club, 802 State Street
Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 5:30pm

“Death be not proud”, observed poet John Donne, But death also be not simple. In recent weeks, Americans have followed the details of two tragic endings, involving a thirteen year old girl in California (whose parents reject the medical definition of brain death) and the "keeping alive" of a pregnant Texas woman against the wishes of her husband and family. (A Texas court just ordered the Fort Worth hospital to remove the pregnant and brain-dead woman from respirators and ventilators.) How and why has death become such a complicated matter requiring the intervention of courts, lawyers and doctors? What, if anything, can individuals do to prepare for death to insure a more peaceful transition from this world? This talk considers these questions and provides some resources for thinking about death and dying.

Susan Lederer is the Robert Turell Professor of History of Medicine and Bioethics Chair. She received her bachelor’s degree from Johns Hopkins and her Masters and PhD in the history of science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and is the author of “Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature” (Rutgers University Press, 2002), and many other books and articles.

MENU
Vegetarian Wild Mushroom Strudel blended with Spinach in Puff Pastry OR
Lemon-Grilled Florentine Chicken Breast in White Wine Supreme Sauce
Broccoli, Red Pepper Medley, Wild Rice Pilaf
Petit Dessert Buffet with Bars, Finger Sweets, Chocolate-Covered Strawberries, Seasonal Fruit Tarts
Special dietary considerations available if noted on the Reservation page

The reservation deadline is Tuesday, February 25th. Please return the registration form on page 11 with a check for $36.00 per person payable to The University League, Inc. to LaVonne Senn, 133 Prospect Avenue, Madison, WI 53726. For parking information, please see page 2.
PARKING FOR THE UNIVERSITY CLUB:

Main Parking Ramps: Lake Street Ramp, Helen C. White Ramp (Park Street)
Secondary Parking Ramps: Fluno Center, Grainger Hall (University Ave.), University Square (333 East Campus Mall)

Handicapped Parking: The Mosse Humanities building parking lot on Park Street has room to pull in and drop off visitors. There are two handicapped parking stalls in this lot, subject to availability. There is also one handicap stall subject to availability in front of the Chazen Museum off of University Ave. The Handicap entrance to the University Club is located on the west side of the building, closest to the Mosse Humanities Building.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dreams Can Come True

By now you have received the "Over the Rainbow" Invitations from the Scholarship Benefit Committee.

As these frigid winter blasts continue and you feel the urge to stay at home, please seriously consider the Scholarship Benefit invitation to help a student's dream come true. If you have already answered our appeal, thank you. If not, please respond now with a generous contribution. Three "thank you" excerpts from last year’s scholarship recipients are included on your invitation. Each response represents the heartfelt thankfulness of a worthy student carefully chosen for both need and outstanding achievements. The University League members can be extremely proud of the continued generous financial support that we contribute to students at UW-Madison.

Newsletter Deadlines

The Deadline for the final newsletter of the year is March 31 (Monday). May 8 (Thursday) is the date for the Annual meeting and Luncheon at Nakoma GC. The speaker will be Bobbie Kelsey, UW Women’s Basketball Coach. Assistant Editor, Robbie Preston will edit this issue assisted by Betty Zeps. Please send your submissions to her at rwpreston39@gmail.com.

Surveys

If you haven’t returned the survey that was sent to you in the January newsletter, there’s still time to return it to: Membership Chair, PO Box 5064, Madison, WI  53605-0064.
GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

A few University League highlights during these cold and windy months.

The University League will be honored by the University of Wisconsin’s new School of Nursing. Dean and Professor Katharyn May announced through the Foundation, that University League has qualified to be listed on the Wall of Honor because of our general scholarship funding over many years. As some of you may be aware, the new School of Nursing, named the Signe Skott Cooper Hall will be completed in fall 2014. The $53 million, five-story building will offer the largest collaborative learning classroom complex in the country, designed to support best practices in nursing and inter-professional health education. Classrooms will be fully interactive and integrated with wireless and wired instructional technology and outfitted with complete audio and video recording capabilities. The state-of-the-art facility is designed to support 30 percent growth in faculty numbers, research programs, and enrollment. The building is located next to the School of Pharmacy and School of Medicine and Public Health on the west health center campus on Highland Avenue. Tours are now available by contacting the School of Nursing if any of the members are interested. I am proud to be a graduate of and former faculty of this world class School of Nursing.

For those who love history and genealogy, you will be interested to know that I had the privilege to meet Katharine Peterson, the granddaughter of our founder, Margaret Andrews Allen. I received a call from Katharine to meet the family at the State Historical Society in January where the family was looking at the substantial archives on Margaret’s husband, William F. Allen. On page 4 of this Newsletter is an article about the Allen and Peterson families. We hope you will find it of interest. There is still much to learn.

The University League Board and the committees are indeed busy. The Membership Committee and Publicity Committee continue their efforts for welcoming new members by planning a New Member Tea in February. Publicity continues on WPR for our next program March 4th. Bobbie Johnson has scheduled the Past President’s luncheon for April 15 at Blackhawk Country Club. Scholarship Benefit invitations will be arriving in the mail soon to all members. Please consider a gift this year to benefit the UW students. Any gift is of great value!

Our BOD and the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee are working on revisions of the BOD’s job descriptions and a position calendar, all of which will make the life of the position holder easier. We are still in the process of filling board positions for 2014-15. It is very rewarding to serve on the Board. Please say yes if you are asked.

All members should have received a “survey” in the last Newsletter. We value member input into the future direction of UL. If you haven’t completed it, please do so and mail it in as soon as possible.

Thank you for being members on University League.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Willis
FOCUS ON LEAGUE HISTORY

NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE EARLY HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY LEAGUE

Even in the cold bleak winter, wonderful opportunities can occur. I received an invitation to meet with Katharine Peterson, granddaughter of Margaret Andrews Allen, one of the founders of University League. Mrs. Peterson was in Madison in 2006 for University League’s Spring Luncheon where she gave a brief talk on her grandmother. On this occasion, she was accompanied by 3 of her 4 daughters to go through the archives on their Great Grandfather, William F. Allen. One of Katharine’s grandsons, Greg Niggel, a musician and sound technician at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, had seen a documentary on the book, Slave Songs of the United States, and found out that his great, great grandfather William F. Allen had compiled and edited the book in 1867 that was used for this documentary. He informed the family and discovered that they knew about the book, but did not know about the extensive archives of William and Margaret, so they decided to visit the Wisconsin Historical Society.

I was so delighted to meet Katharine and her family and obtain more information on what they were finding. They went through 660 pictures and numerous boxes containing William’s prolific original writings, his numerous diaries and other papers. From Wikipedia, I learned that William had graduated Harvard in 1851, traveled and studied in Europe. In 1863-64, during the Civil War, he and his first wife Mary Lambert Allen, ran a school for newly emancipated slaves on the Sea Islands of South Carolina. After the war, he taught at Antioch College and then in 1867, became a professor of Ancient Languages and History at the University of Wisconsin.

William’s first wife died leaving him with a daughter, Katherine, who later became the president of University League from 1927-29. She never married, was educated at the University of Wisconsin and became a professor of Ancient Languages. She died in 1940 in a car accident.

William then married Margaret Andrews and had 3 boys, Andrew, William and Phillip, who were all educated at UW: Andrew in Civil Engineering, William in Philosophy, and Phillip in Journalism. Andrew was our Katharine’s father. She was born in Chicago, the only daughter, and has a brother Andrews (91) and 2 adopted brothers Francis and Henry (now deceased).

Katharine’s grandparents died (William in 1889 and Margaret in 1924) before she was born, but her family lived in their house on Langdon Street with ‘Aunty Kate’ after their father →
Andrews, died in 1931. She learned that her grandfather was a philanthropist, humanitarian, an educator, and was kind to everyone. Their home was open to the students.

Margaret Allen knew that the University of Michigan had started a women’s organization and felt that the UW should have such an organization. She and a small group of like minded women started University League on May 4, 1901 to “provide social and cultural relations among faculty women and wives of faculty members”. She became President of the League from 1905-07 and went on to establish a loan fund in 1916 that was later converted to the Mrs. William F. Allen Endowed Scholarship benefitting the School of Letters and Science.

I also learned a bit about Katharine. She was a WAC in WWII following her brothers into the service. It was there that she met and married her first husband. They were married for 21 years and had 4 daughters, living in Butler, Pennsylvania. She later married Engvald “Pete” Peterson and moved to Hudson, Wisconsin. She now lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Katharine’s four daughters are Linda Tinsley of Lititz, PA, Susan Niggle of East Petersburg, PA, Nancy Liberda of Fargo, North Dakota, and Carol Lindbeck of Stacy, Minnesota. Carol is leading the archives search and family history efforts for the family and is our contact for more information on the Allen Family. She indicated she would be willing to share the information she finds about Margaret and William.

The University League has several histories of our organization. These include “A History of The University League, 1901-2001 written by Rose Fahien which is given to new members and the BOD at Board Orientation, and A History of The University League 1901-1966, written by Helen A. Zillman for the UL’s 65th Anniversary. But much is still unknown about Margaret. I contacted Joy Newcomb who was the UL archivist when Katharine Peterson first visited Madison 8 years ago. Joy was a wealth of information, and assisted me with questions to ask the family at their visit January 9th -11th. Unfortunately, Joy could not attend the meeting but we got most of her questions answered. Now that my interest has been piqued about Margaret Allen, there is much more I would like to learn from our Archives. I was able to get pictures of the family (3 generations) for this article that will later go into our Archives.

If you are interested in the slave songs book, you can use this link:
http://docsouth.unc.edu/church/allen/allen.html

The University League History 1901-2001 is still available if any member wishes to have a copy. The Helen Zillman History of the league is out of print, although there may be copies in our Archives.

(History Focus continued on page 6)
The University League Bird Study Group Celebrates 50th Year

The University League Bird Study Group was founded by Annetta Rosser on October 11, 1963, at her home. The Bird Group has always met Friday mornings from 9 to 11. Originally the group was led by Mary Walker, an expert birder. Mrs. Walker decided where to bird each week and a member called and notified other members of the group. Beginning in 1965 the Bird Group made a seasonal field trip schedule.

Today the Bird Study Group goes to many of the same places as in the 1960s, including Goose Pond for waterfowl, Sauk City for Eagles, the UW Arboretum, Picnic Point (now part of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve) and occasionally Horicon Marsh (see pictures of the group in the November League-Letter). However, in many cases we go at different times or under different conditions. Now we go to Goose Pond for Tundra Swans in November, rather than earlier for general waterfowl. Of course, we can get lucky, as we did this year, and see twelve species of waterfowl along with dozens of Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs. At Sauk City, where we saw 30 Bald Eagles this January despite subzero wind chills, we visit the Blue Spoon for refreshments and Eagle antics, rather than someone’s home and feeders. (Unfortunately, most of the owners of the homes we formerly visited are no longer able to host our group.) We also have added several regular destinations including Frautschi Point (acquired by the University in 1990 and now part of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve) for fall warblers, the Pheasant Branch Conservancy stream corridor for spring warblers, and Governor’s Island for spring neotropical migrants. Except for the end of the year field trip in early June to Governor’s Dodge or Devil’s Lake (or rarely Yellowstone Lake) State Parks, we spend more time in Madison parks like Owen and Olin Parks and less time out of the city in outlying natural areas than the group did in the early years. Members continue to share their knowledge of Wisconsin’s beautiful wildflowers. We no longer have mid-winter slide shows with refreshments.

Many of the early members of the group continued to attend until they could no longer walk, including Annetta Rosser, Dolly Schoenberg (both now deceased), Helen Lodge, Fran Rall, and Lore Wahl. Betty Ragotzkie, Phillida Charly, and Frances Johnson (now co-chair, who returned to the group after she retired) joined in the mid-1960s and still regularly attend. Roma Lenehan, the current bird leader, joined the group in 1996 and has been the co-chair since 2001, co-chairing with Frances Johnson since 2002. The number of active participants is fewer than in the 1970s, but we have new enthusiastic members. Regardless of the weather, a group of four to twelve enthusiastic birders participate in fall and spring outings, helping each other to find and identify the birds.

Consider joining us – whether it is hundreds of Sandhill Cranes, dozens of Tundra Swans, multiple Bald Eagles, or a just a good look at a Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Bluebird, or Rose-breasted Grosbeak, it is wonderful to join friends for a walk in a natural area to enjoy the birds. Guests and beginners are welcome!
FOCUS ON INTEREST GROUPS

DINING OUT INTEREST GROUP

The Dining Out Interest Group modified their schedule to adapt to our cold winter weather by meeting for Sunday Brunch at Nakoma Golf Club January 26. (Normally, the members meet at one member’s home for appetizers and dine at a designated restaurant together on the 4th Saturday of the month.) When they arrived, Dining Out members met in the bar for drinks. It was fun to look out on the snow-covered golf course and be grateful to be on the inside looking out.

Club members Patricia Meagher-Springer and Ed Springer made arrangements for the brunch which included a salad bar and later a selection personally ordered from the menu. The group was seated in the cozy wood-paneled President’s Lounge with a fire blazing in the fireplace. Members did their best to fight cabin fever and catch up with University League friends.

The next Dining Out event will be another brunch at Sardines on Sunday, February 23. If you are interested, please contact Bobbie Johnson at 271-5368.

Dining Out members are eating their salad bar choices and ordering their individual brunch selections from the menu.


Thank you to hosts Ed Springer and Patricia Meagher-Springer, who offered pre-brunch beverages to the Dining Out members.
ART APPRECIATION INTEREST GROUP

Visit to National Mustard Museum, Middleton, WI

The UL Art Appreciation Group, which meets the third Wednesday of each month, visited the National Mustard Museum in Middleton (Mustardmuseum.com) on January 15. Katie Heberlein and Margaret Strauss are the Chairs of this Interest Group and organized the tour given by Founder & Curator Barry Levenson. Barry gave a history of the museum, telling us that the inspiration for the museum was the heartbreak he felt after his beloved Red Sox lost the World Series October 28, 1986. A trip to an all-night supermarket caused him to focus on mustards, when he heard their voice: If you collect us, they will come.

A few years later he resigned his job as Asst. Attorney General for State of Wisconsin. During his legal career, he had the novel experience of successfully arguing a case in the US Supreme Court with a small jar of mustard in his pocket.

What to know more? Plan a visit to the Mustard Museum.

WINE DUDES AND DIVAS INTEREST GROUP

Bobbie Johnson and Linda Bauman sampling

Food and wine pairings—delicious food and a variety of red wines
FOCUS ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WISCONSIN PUBLIC TELEVISION’S SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

From the picture in our January newsletter, you can see that our eight volunteers for the December membership drive had a good time. Kay Jarvis-Sladky reports that they watched the Packers beat the Dallas Cowboys while enjoying a hot meal, and that two of them won gifts in the raffle. Most importantly, they helped public television while getting the University League’s name out to the TV audience.

Our date to help with the spring membership drive will be Wednesday, March 5th at 6:45 – 10pm. To sign up, contact Helen Read at 238-6137 or helen.f.read@gmail.com. For more information, ask one of the fall volunteers: Mona Steele, N.J. Benevenga, Roberta Johnson, Rich Johnson, Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Bob Sladky, Barb Sullivan, or Peggy Schmidt. WPT promises better preparation for the volunteers with improved training.

If you are not available in March but would like to help, the WPT auction will be May 28th to June 4th. More about that in the next newsletter.

Helen Read
Volunteer Coordinator

ODYSSEY PROJECT UPDATES

Graduation: Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, May 7, from 6:30-8 PM at Memorial Union’s Great Hall. Come and be part of the moving graduation ceremony for students in this year’s UW Odyssey Project, a free college humanities course for adults near the poverty level. The Honorable Shirley Abrahamson will make remarks, and students will share what they’ve read and written in the course. The ceremony is open to the public.

Film: If you haven’t had a chance to watch it yet, check out the 24-minute documentary about the Odyssey Project on the home page at www.odyssey.wisc.edu. The film, produced by Katy Sai for the Big Ten Network, features students talking about their transformation and also tells the story of Emily Auerbach’s parents and their own journey out of poverty.

Volunteers: If you are interested in helping out with meals for the Odyssey Project, tutoring students, fundraising, or helping in other ways, contact Emily Auerbach at eauerbach@dcs.wisc.edu or 262-3733.
FOCUS ON LEAGUE MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS, LEAGUE MEMBER DR. TED GOODFRIEND

Over the summer, The Red Cross and WKOW honored several outstanding individuals in our community who made a huge impact on the lives of another. Here, the League introduces you to one of our own--the recipient of the Red Cross Health Care Hero Award. Dr. Ted Goodfriend is Someone You Should Know. Dr. Goodfriend says, "Most of my charitable work was stimulated by student interest." He is a professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. He's also the founder of Medic, a student-run network of seven free clinics.

Medic offers health services in the Madison area to the homeless and underserved for free. Dr. Goodfriend says the program is bare bones to the say the least. In fact, he says, "the nearest thing to this is a field station in a battle ground." He calls it that because they treat people in need with the barest of materials and all on a volunteer basis. He says, "As far as supplies are concerned, there simply are no supplies." However, there are students with a passion for healing, and a heart like his for giving back to a group of people that Dr. Goodfriend says are slipping through the cracks of our system; but who, nevertheless, are teaching students how to be better at their profession.

Dr. Goodfriend says, "Why do you become a doctor? Well, because you want to do good for other people!" Dr. Goodfriend plans to continue to help students do good for other people through Medic for the rest of his life. He says, "I didn't do any of this to be honored for it, but it turns out I've been very proud of what I've done in Medic." (Adapted from a WKOW interview)

A SAD FAREWELL TO GAIL YU

Gail Yu, co-chair of the University League Antiques group for many years, passed away on Thanksgiving evening. Gail was very creative in scheduling programs on a wide variety of topics that appealed to the group’s members. Recent programs were on Steiff toys, Red Wing pottery, the Mt. Horeb Historical Society, old post cards, women’s bonnets and hats, Norwegian antique home furnishings, and old art print conservation and restoration. Gail was always willing to bake cookies for the meetings, buy a plant as a gift for a member who hosted a meeting, or provide a ride to a member who needed one.

Gail collected English transferware china. Her collection was stimulated by an antiques group trip to New Glarus years ago, where she bought her first piece of transferware, a large platter. Her collection grew, and she presented a program on it to the group.

Last June, Gail and her husband, Hyuk, hosted a luncheon at their Blue Mounds home for the antiques group. She wanted the members to come and enjoy the flowers blooming in the Yu yard and woods.

At the December 2013 meeting, members shared memories of Gail. She will be missed.
**Reservation Form**

**Due by Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

Program: What’s Grandma/Grandpa To Do?  
Member: _________________________________________  
Guest(s): _________________________________________

Need a ride? ___________  Can offer a ride? ___________

Dinner Choices:  
[ ] Grilled Chicken Florentine in Wine Sauce  
[ ] Wild Mushroom Spinach Strudel  
[ ] Special dietary needs _______________________

______ Reservations @ $36.00 each = _________  
Scholarship donation = ________  
Total = __________

Check(s) payable to: The University League, Inc.  
Mail to: LaVonne Senn, 133 N. Prospect Ave., Madison, WI 53726  233-4241

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In Memory of Gail Yu  
Laurine Carstens  
The Antiques Group  
In Memory of Shirley Ziegelmaier  
The Antiques Group

**Bookworms**  
Bezalel and Betsy Haimson  
Karen Sellander  
In Honor of Kathy Knox  
Marguerite Sykes

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**Membership Update**

We are happy to welcome new members, Peg Davis, Sheila Endres, Louisa Krafft and Rose Meinholz to University League. We now have 397 regular members plus 49 spousal members for a total of 446 members.

On Tuesday, February 18th (please note the change of date as previously reported) we will have a new member tea at the home of Mona Steele for new members joining after the fall coffee and those unable to attend the fall coffee.

**Each One Reach One Campaign**

We would like to achieve our goal of a 10% increase in membership this year so please contact me (238-9836 or pafeltsk@wisc.edu) with names of prospective members and I will send membership information. Those joining now will have their dues paid until May of 2015.
IN MEMORIAM

Marilyn Nelson passed away peacefully on January 22, 2014, in Libertyville IL surrounded by her family.

Dolly Schoenberg, who was profiled in the November issue of the League-Letter on the occasion of her 100th birthday, also passed away in January.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both Marilyn and Dolly’s families and friends during this difficult time. They will be missed by the League.

CORRECTION: Both Gail Yu and Shirley Ziegelmaier were incorrectly identified as being members of the Genealogy group in the January League-Letter. They were valued members of the Antiques Interest Group.