Michael Feldman has made *Whad’Ya Know?* into a national institution with his wit and his personality. For 30 years, since June 1985, the program has been a fixture on Saturday morning radio and is likely to remain there for the next 30 years—unless he decides to move to Madison, Alabama as he talked about in a recent *Madison Magazine* interview. One of the things you can count on is that Michael will always say the most unexpected things!

The League Program Committee has planned a morning filled with fun for you. As you arrive, there will be a table at the entrance to give out name tags. Members should arrive at 9 am since the doors to the theater will close at 9:40 am. Donuts, Steep and Brew Coffee and water will be served.

*The show goes on air at 10 am.* Following the program, we will all gather at the Madison Club for lunch. Did you know you can park at Monona Terrace and not go outside? Members of the program committee will lead you—just follow the balloons!

Lunch at the Madison Club will feature a choice of Cobb Salad (grilled chicken breast, bacon, avocado, egg, tomato on mixed greens) or Red Wine Marinated Beef Sandwich on a Challah Roll. Both choices will include coffee, tea, juice or milk. **Reservations deadline is Wednesday, February 25th.** Price per person: $30.00. Please return the form on page 9 of this newsletter to: LaVonne Senn, 133 N. Prospect Ave., Madison, 53726 with a check payable to The University League, Inc.
PAST PRESIDENTS’ LUNCHEON

Did you know we have 31 living past presidents of University League? Looking at our Yearbook listing starting from 1973-4 when Marilyn Grant was president, through to 2014, you will note that many are still active in League. One president served 2 terms (Thank you, Janice Golay) to provide continuity as the League planned and held the Big 10 Women’s Organization in Madison. Many others have continued their League involvement by serving on committees and on the Board in other positions. Several started their own endowed scholarships, and served as Interest Group Chairs or Volunteer Services leaders. They also continue as sustaining members of League.

We have honored the work and dedication of these presidents by holding an annual luncheon, a tradition that started in 1980 and continues today. Eighteen past presidents attended the first event at the Blackhawk Country Club. The president at the time was Mary Sue Hansen (1979-80). Assisting her with the event were Past Presidents Angelena Lenehan (1977-78) and Margaret Schroeder (1978-79).

This year’s luncheon will be held April 8, 2015 at Biaggi’s restaurant on Junction Road, beginning at 11:30 am. Past President, Mary Jo Willis will be sending out invitations to former past presidents in March. I hope all of you can attend and enjoy great food, friendship and receive a League update from our current President, Kay Jarvis Sladky. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are happy to welcome Patricia Meloy, (608-231-3288, Retired, 313 Sunset Court, Madison, WI 53705, pemeloy@wisc.edu) to University League. NEW members joining now will have their dues paid until May of 2016. Help us increase our membership by 10% this year and encourage your friends to join with us in supporting our goals of Scholarship, Service, Education and Friendship.

Please send names of prospective members to Pat Feltskog, pafeltk@wisc.edu or 238-9836 to have our You Are Invited brochure mailed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

University League occasionally sends email to members regarding upcoming events, deadlines and news about members etc. If you are not receiving these emails but would like to be included on the email list, please send an email to judy.stang@gmail.com.
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Although one expects us to become either snowbirds or bears in the frigid winter, most of our hardy Badger members remain active.

The Scholarship Benefit features a circus theme, illustrated colorfully on the front of the January newsletter (the League Letter’s first use of color on its front and back pages). Please enjoy the invite and donate to the Scholarship Benefit to support University of Wisconsin students. With increasing college costs, student needs continue to exceed funding. Even small gifts can, when combined with others’ gifts, make a big difference to a student. Give generously to help students fulfill their dreams.

I want to thank Chair Ruth G. Johnson and her Scholarship Benefit Committee, Asst. Chair Kathleen Murphy Sherry, Lois Buelow, Susie Jablonic and Anne Stoelting. They spent many hours considering and creating the colorful invitation. You will find other examples of their clever planning when you receive your thank you for your contribution and give a shout-out to Editor Betty Zeps for the production of these landmark League Letter editions.

Also, Scholarship Benefit wrote a letter to be read at all Interest Group meetings in February. This letter spotlights two of our finest University League scholarship recipients after graduation. Mailing chair Katie Heberlein, and Patty Wargula, and I prepared the League Letter and the invitation for mailing.

Interest Group Chair Joyce Esser Anderson and I wanted to remind you of the many Interest Group activities in the dead of winter. Secretary Judy Stang circulated to all members an update of Jan./Feb. Interest Group events. This list highlights the fact that Interest Group involvement is fluid. If you didn’t attend a group in Sept., you have another chance now. Just give a courtesy call to the Chair of that Interest Group to say that you want to attend.

Committees are meeting and working now as well. The Long Range Planning and Policy Committee, chaired by Sally Lorenz, is working on long-term goals. A full report is planned prior to the May Annual Meeting.

The Publicity Committee is exploring new ways to meet its goals. Chair Nancy Meyer is in Florida but contributes newsletter articles and posts events on local area calendars. Newly-recruited Asst. Publicity Chair Jan Martin is providing leadership and experience to the Committee. Welcome and thanks, Jan.

Remember that a new member who joins University League January through April does not have to pay dues until May 2016! Invite someone to join or attend an event. To celebrate new members, the Membership Development Committee, chaired by Pat Feltskog, will have a New Member Spring Tea.

The Program Committee, chaired by LaVonne Senn, is fine-tuning the Michael Feldman program which includes a luncheon at the Madison Club. We also look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting or the Epic Tour.

Again, I am grateful for the collaboration of talented and beautiful people who are League members. If you want to become more engaged, please volunteer. We need you and more of you, but I am extremely appreciative of the level of support, in time, talent and donations, that you give regardless of the weather or the season.

Kay
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and help us produce our
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Scholarship Invitation
by April 1, 2015

QUESTIONS? CALL RUTH G. JOHNSON 238-0019
Kelsey Fitzpatrick, 23 years old from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, is one of three students from the UW-Madison School of Nursing who is being supported this academic year by League scholarships. Kelsey grew up in Sun Prairie and graduated from Sun Prairie High School. She is very family-oriented and always looks forward to spending time with family and friends.

Prior to enrolling in UW-Madison, Kelsey went to Madison College and received an Associate degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Kelsey had a helping spirit and decided to pursue a nursing degree at UW-Madison. She transferred to Madison and began her journey toward her nursing degree. She looks forward to getting her Bachelor’s degree in Nursing in May 2015.

Kelsey has really enjoyed the nursing program at UW-Madison. She believes that besides being able to study in the brand-new Signe Skott Cooper Hall nursing school facility, the professors are great. Kelsey has really enjoyed her “clinical” experiences. “Clinicals” are where the students apply their knowledge in a real-world situation such as in a nursing home or hospital. This past semester, Kelsey’s clinical experience was at a birthing center. She absolutely loved it! She thoroughly enjoyed caring for the newborns and working with their mothers and families. Whether it would be on a birthing floor or in a neonatal Critical Care Unit, for Kelsey, her dream job would be to work with that population.

Kelsey has always been interested in participating in medical missions. When she was in high school, she went on a mission trip abroad and found she really enjoyed helping people. Someday she would also love to use her nursing skills abroad to help others.

In her spare time, Kelsey loves to work with horses. In fact, she says that she has loved horses for as long as she can remember. Throughout high school and part of college, she worked at a stable. Kelsey trained, showed and taught horseback riding lessons. Now with nursing schools she does not have much time to ride, but when she does get a chance to get back to the stable, she loves it. Kelsey also likes playing card games with family and friends. They often have championships and game nights together.

Kelsey’s favorite place on campus is the Memorial Union and the Lakeshore path. When the weather is nice, she is often seen at the Memorial Union Terrace with friends listening to live music.

Kelsey is very appreciative of this University League Scholarship. It has really helped her financially. Due to the rigor and scheduling of clinical experiences, Kelsey realized that she would not be able to work as much as she usually does. The UW-Madison Nursing program is very intense and requires a lot of time outside of school. This scholarship has aided her with life and school expenses. Kelsey says, “I just want to say a big thank you for choosing me as a recipient of this scholarship. I feel very honored and grateful”.

Kelsey Fitzpatrick
Robyn Breunig

Robyn Breunig is a recent Dorothy Searles University League Scholarship Recipient. She grew up on her family’s dairy farm in Mazomanie, Wisconsin, and this childhood helped her become the hard-working person that she is today. When she wasn’t working on the farm, you could find Robyn dancing. She danced from age 9 until she graduated from high school. Robyn graduated from Sauk Prairie High School as salutatorian and went on to attend her dream school, UW-Madison. Robyn is currently a junior pursuing a degree in elementary education. Furthermore, she is a research assistant for Percival Matthews in the Educational Psychology Department. Even though most of her time is spent furthering her education, she still enjoys being active and spending time with friends.

One of her favorite pastimes is working out with her best friend at the SERF. Robyn says, “It helps us let off steam and provides us with time to catch up with each other”.

UW-Madison was Robyn’s dream school because it seemed like a second home since her grandpa, mother, brother, and sister all attended UW-Madison. She has spent a lot of time on campus. To her there really was no other school. Robyn’s hopes and dreams were set on UW-Madison. It was also a huge perk that UW-Madison has one of the top elementary education programs in the country.

Robyn is studying elementary education but is part of a dual-certification program. Therefore, on graduation she will be certified in both elementary education and special education. One of Robyn’s favorite aspects of the UW Madison elementary education program is its progressive attitude toward education. She is not simply learning to be like the teachers she had growing up; she is learning to teach even better. She says that many of the professors and classes she has attended have been phenomenal. Robyn thinks her journey to UW-Madison is unique because she is the third generation of her family to attend the school.

Robyn’s mom, the gifted and talented resource teacher for the Sauk Prairie School District, is her role model. When Robyn told her Mom that she wanted to pursue elementary education, her mom was very excited. Robyn hopes that she can eventually be as great a teacher as her mom is. They are big shoes to fill!

Robyn is still synthesizing her career possibilities. She knows that she wants to teach but the grade level is still unclear. She is hoping that once she finishes her program it will all become clearer. She definitely wants to instill a love for learning in her future students.

In Robyn’s spare time, she spends time with her friends. When they get together, they like to watch movies and discuss their classes. Her favorite place on campus is Bascom Hill. When the weather permits, she likes to sit out in the sun and read a book while people walk up and down the hill.

This University League Scholarship has allowed Robyn to pursue her dream of becoming an educator. It has really reduced her financial stress. Robyn says, “It was also a huge honor to be chosen as the recipient of such a great award. I am extremely grateful that I was deemed worthy to receive the Dorothy Searles University League Scholarship.” Robyn says a big “Thank you” to the donors.
Tess Anderson

Tess Anderson is a University League Nursing School Scholarship recipient. She is one of three nursing students supported by University League scholarships this academic year. Tess’s aunt was a nurse so she has always had an appreciation for the medical field. She has seen first-hand the difference that higher education makes in a person’s career and she knew that she wanted to pursue a college degree. When she graduated from Wausau West High School, she went to UW-Marathon County for two years. She had in the back of her mind that she would pursue nursing, so she applied and was accepted by the UW-Madison Nursing Department. She enjoys being a junior-level transfer student from Wausau to UW-Madison. She currently lives in Adams Hall, which is a specific residence hall for transfer students.

Tess gets to study at the Signe Skott Cooper Hall, the innovative new School of Nursing building. She is currently getting clinical nursing experience in the following departments: Ear, Nose and Throat, Plastic Surgery, Gynecology, and Urology.

Tess enjoys travel and was able to visit Vienna, Austria, Prague and the Czech Republic during High School. She has applied for a special global immersion study program during the summer of 2015 in Ireland. She is really hopeful that she will be accepted!

Tess’s dream job would be to benefit others through compassion and empathy. As mentioned, she really enjoys helping people. She hopes she will be able to work in pediatric health care. That is her favorite area of medicine. She feels that the kids are so innocent and so helpless when they are ill.

In her spare time, Tess enjoys concerts at the Union and local comedy shows. She thoroughly enjoys the beauty of Madison and enjoys walks to the Capitol and to the Monona Terrace. Her favorite place to study on campus is at the Memorial Union. There is an area on the second floor which has a marble and granite hall filled with large comfortable chairs, which is a very quiet area for studying.

Tess enjoys volunteering for Circle K, a special organization of Kiwanis on Campus. In addition, she volunteers with the group Colleges Against Cancer.

This University League scholarship has allowed Tess to concentrate on her academics. She works on campus at various odd jobs and is paying for most of her education by herself. “This University League Scholarship has been a real blessing for me,” said Tess. She sends a “Thank you for believing in me” to the donors. “By investing in my education, I am working hard to achieve academic honors and eventually provide the best medical care to my patients.” Tess is very appreciative of this wonderful scholarship.

--These three scholarship recipient interviews were collected by Nancy Meyer, University League Publicity Chair.
SUPPORTING FRIENDSHIP AND EDUCATION

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee is working on the 2016 celebration of University League’s 100th year of financial support for UW-Madison students. In the next few issues, the League Letter will have information on plans for the anniversary. The committee members are President Elect Linda Harvey, President Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Past President Mary Jo Willis, Publicity Chair Nancy Meyer and Asst. Publicity Chair Jan Martin.

SHOUT-OUT TO JAN MORSE

Following our recent practice of profiling long-time (and a few short-time) members of the League, especially for new members who may not have gotten to know them, we’d like for everyone to get to know what Jan Morse has been up to lately.

Jan Morse grew up in Freeport IL. She got a BA and MA in Spanish at UW-Madison. She taught one year in Stamford, Connecticut, then returned to Madison and married Stu Morse in 1968. She taught at La Follette High school (5 years) and then at Memorial, retiring in 2000. She is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Among her favorite activities are warm water exercise class, UW League Spanish Group, a monthly retired language teachers breakfast, and a monthly movie group. Stu and Jan have enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and to Canada, Europe, Peru, Chile and China. Regular activities include a weekly mall-walking group and Southern Hill condo dinners.

FAREWELL TO LORE WAHL

On January 2, Lore Wahl, loyal member of the League and bird-watcher extraordinaire, passed away. Lore’s interests were many--she loved hiking, music, especially opera, travel, cooking, and exploring different cultures. She befriended many of the foreign faculty members and wives, always ready to help them with their transition to American and University life. We send our condolences to her daughters, Gisele and Doris.

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University League Visit to “Whad’Ya Know RESERVATION FORM
DUE BY WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2015

PROGRAM: Michael Feldman

Member:_____________________________________________________

Guest(s):____________________________________________________

Need a ride?____________________ Can offer a ride?________________

Luncheon Choices at the Madison Club:
  [ ] Cobb Salad with Grilled Chicken (gluten-free)
  [ ] Red Wine Marinated Beef Sandwich on Challah, aged cheddar, red onion
  [ ] Special dietary needs______________________________

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, March 7 Michael Feldman Radio Show, Luncheon, Madison Club. Scholarship guests are Michael Polich (League Letter #3), Caitlan Holzem and Heather O’Donnell
Thursday, March 26, BOD APRIL Meeting. No, that’s not an error. This avoids Holy Week, Passover, Easter, Spring Breaks
March-April 1 Scholarship Benefit Clowns -- Non-Event

Wednesday, April 8 Past Presidents’ Luncheon
Thursday, April 23 Tri-Board Luncheon at Nakoma
New Member Tea To be announced
Tuesday, May 12* Annual Meeting and Luncheon with Chancellor Becky Blank
*Note that the May 12th Annual Meeting day is different from the day in your Yearbook.
  However, May12 is the correct date.
Tues, May 19 Epic Tour - Luncheon to be announced.
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