Warm Up the Winter With

RUSSELL PANCNENKO

at the University League Luncheon

Wednesday, February 13, 2008
Social: 11:30 am – Luncheon: 12:00
Nakoma Country Club, 4145 Country Club Rd

Our mid-winter gathering will be held at the ever-popular Nakoma Country Club on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. There will be a social hour at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon will follow at 12:00 noon. We are indeed privileged to have as our featured speaker Russell Panczenko, the Director of the Chazen Museum of Art. He will share some thoughts regarding the importance of art in our lives.

Come, join us, and liven up your winter! We will be served Chicken Champagne, Whipped Potatoes, Asparagus, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Muffins, and Turtle Sundaes for dessert. There will be vegetarian Pastas available—please specify if you prefer the vegetarian option. The cost is $19.00, due Wednesday, February 6, 2008 (please no late reservations). Checks should be written, as always, to The University League, Inc. and sent to Kathy Hill, U.L. Winter Luncheon, 7303 Cedar Creek Trail, Madison, WI 53717.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT—
Janice Golay

Hearts and flowers keep us going through the month of February and the continuing winter. Our February 13 program should also help. Russell Panczenko, Director of the Chazen Museum of Art, will focus on how art can enrich our lives. We have a university art museum with a rich and varied collection, growing all the time. First-rate special exhibitions at the museum bring stimulation to the cultural life of Madison and the University. Don't miss this interesting talk.

In addition to the Board and Interest Groups, various League Committees have been working diligently since the beginning of the year. The Big 10 Conference Planning Committee is one such committee. June 5-7, 2009, University League will host the biannual Conference. Ann Gordon-Walker has secured reservations at the beautiful Alumni Lounge of the Pyle Center, as well as lodging in nearby Lowell Hall. To host a successful conference we will need the help of our members. The Planning Committee meets again in February, and we will publish further details in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, please reserve the date and contact committee members with ideas, suggestions or offers to help. Thank you!

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FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR—
Kathy Hill

As we usher in the New Year and look forward to our February League meeting, we'd like to thank the many people who helped make the Candlelight Concert Buffet a success. Mary Ellen Gerloff is to be congratulated for her many years of service as she transformed the church and dining area into a holiday wonderland! This year she was assisted by her daughter Barb Gerloff, Roma Rowland, Jeanne Grover, Sarah Roberts, Betty Halseth and your Program Chair. Your League president and her husband, Jean-Pierre, assisted in the clean-up responsibilities and their efforts were very much appreciated. We'd like to thank Phillada Charly, Betty Stern, Gloria Petterson and Pat Meagher-Springer, who welcomed everyone at the church entrance doors and at the reception table. Finally, we'd like to thank the League members who contributed so generously to the Scholarship Fund. We received over $650.

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INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Shown are members of The (3rd) Saturday Night Dining Out Group as they enjoy their meal in a local restaurant.

The League's Bird Study Interest Group is pictured on an excursion to Indian Lake in Dane County, a popular bird watching and hiking county park.

Spanish Conversation and Culture were the topics of this interest group gathering. In addition, a new interest group has formed working on their beginning Spanish language.
This “Milestones” column spotlights the satisfaction that comes from the many volunteer activities a League member can become involved in. Perhaps you, too, have a story to share.

University League helps members find interesting volunteer opportunities connected with UW-Madison and with the community. One of the most popular ways to volunteer is with Madison Friends of International Students. Marilyn Schilling has volunteered with M. F. I. S. for many years. She and her husband know how much it means to meet friendly, welcoming, helpful people when visiting a foreign country because they have been international travelers for many years themselves.

This fall, Marilyn and her husband hosted a student from China. She stayed in their home for a few days. They helped her find housing and showed her around town, pointing out the best places to shop for reasonable bargains. The Schillings invite the students to come back to their home for holidays and birthdays to see how American families celebrate.

The Schilling’s granddaughter is a student here so she gets to meet the international students who stay with her grandparents. Marilyn’s conversation partner is from Chili. Now Marilyn’s interest is peaked for a visit to Chili, one of the few places she and her husband haven’t been.

Marilyn has kept in touch with many students. One young man came to UW-Madison from Thailand at the age of seventeen for his undergraduate work. He ended up staying through his PhD or seven years. The Schillings met his bride and his little baby. Then when they traveled to Thailand, he entertained them.

Marilyn and her husband have found volunteering with M. F. I. S. rewarding on many levels. Maybe many of you would enjoy having a conversation partner or hosting an international student over a holiday or having a student in your home at the beginning of a semester to help them become acquainted with Madison and to make new friends.

(The next deadline for submissions to the League Letter is March 21, 2008. This is the final newsletter for the 2007-2008 year. Please email submissions to bszeps@wisc.edu or send to Betty Zeps, 1922 Adams St. Madison, WI 53711.)
NEW MEMBERS’ COFFEE

Twelve new members attended the December 5 New Members’ Coffee at Roma Lenehan’s house. The Coffee was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the new members. Everyone enjoyed the delicious treats baked by Beverly Zarnstorff while they learned about University League and its Interest Groups from Gloria Petterson and Volunteer Opportunities from Roberta Preston and Nan Baillies. Janice Golay served as master of ceremonies. A variety of birds, including the acrobatic Red-breasted Nuthatches, entertained the guests by visiting the feeders, including one on the window right above the table. Thank you Janice Golay, Beverly Zarnstorff, Pat Feltskog, Marcia Schmidt, Roma Lenehan, and all the people who attended and made this Coffee a success.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GIFTS TO UNIVERSITY LEAGUE

Gifts to University League, Inc. are received and applied to our scholarship program. Sometimes these gifts are made to honor a current or former member. The League also receives gifts in memory of loved ones who have passed away. For many years these gifts have been reported in our newsletter as “in honor of” and “in memory of”. Recently, all gifts have been reported as “in honor of”. We recognize that this practice may have caused concern and confusion, and for this we apologize.

We are taking this opportunity to review this practice, along with a review of applicable IRS acknowledgement and reporting guidelines. Many thanks for your patience as we complete this process. The League is grateful for your continuing support of our scholarship programs. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact League Treasurer, Edith First, or other Board Members. Thanks very much.

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UNIVERSITY LEAGUE WINTER LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Due by Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Program: Russell Panczenko, Chazen Museum of Art

Your Name: ___________________________ Phone: ________________

Guest ___________________________ Guest ___________________________

Do you need a ride? __________ Can you provide a ride? __________

(for information, please call Kathy Knox at 231-2197)

Winter luncheon: Nakoma Country Club, 4145 Country Club Road
Check one: chicken option ______ veggie option ______

#_______ reservations @ $19.00 each = ____________
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total = ____________

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