EMOTIONS: DON’T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM!
Patricia B. McConnell, Ph.D.

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
Blackhawk Country Club
Thursday, May 10
11:00 a.m.

Ever looked at your pet and wondered how much of his or her emotional life is like your own? Learn the biology behind emotion in all mammals and why it’s reasonable to believe we all share the emotions of love, fear, sadness, happiness and anger. Dr. McConnell will discuss what emotions we might share with pets and what ones we might not. She will present an in-depth examination of our love for our pets and the amazing and unique emotional bond between individuals of two different species.

Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (CAAB), has made a lifelong commitment to improving the relationship between people and animals. She is known worldwide as an expert on canine and feline behavior and dog training. She has authored fourteen books including *The Other End of the Leash* (which is now published in 13 languages), *For the Love of A Dog: Understanding Emotions in You and Your Best Friend* and *Tales of Two Species*. Dr. McConnell is also the behavior columnist for *Bark* magazine and writes for many other publications including APDT’s (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) *Chronicle of the Dog and Natural History*. As an adjunct Associate Professor in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she teaches the course “The Biology and Philosophy of Human/Animal Relationships.”

Dr. McConnell co-founded and ran a dog training company for twenty years and co-hosted the popular “Calling All Pets” show that aired nationally on Wisconsin Public Radio for fourteen years.

Luncheon choices are Roasted Vegetable Quiche with Fresh Fruit OR Pecan Crusted Chicken and Spinach Salad with sliced Strawberries, Goat Cheese & Maple Dressing. Both lunches come with rolls and muffins, a mini éclair, plus coffee, tea or milk. **Reservation deadline is Monday, April 30.** Return the form in this newsletter with a check for $19.00 per person payable to The University League, Inc. to Linda Harvey, 5801 Tolman Terrace, 53711.
STEELE IMPRESSIONS by President Mona Steele

As I begin this last column, I recognize how difficult it is to express my gratitude to all the League members who have made the year so pleasurable, interesting, and exciting. Where has the year gone? It seems to have zipped by with all of our activities!

Thank you to all of the committees and their leaders who have made our year successful and each and every person who contributed in one way or another. All of you are all pieces of the puzzle which has made the year a work of art.

There have been four stellar programs, each concentrating a different theme - an intriguing time in history; amusing, poignant music; new advances in science, combined with art and personal interests. All were accompanied by wonderful food and fellowship.

We’ve had four newsletters focusing on the main thrusts of our mission – scholarship, service, education, fellowship. It has been such a pleasure to meet our scholarship recipients, in person at award ceremonies, and to get to know them even better through interviews and in print. Icing on the cake was meeting an additional cadre of university young people in a marketing fraternity who helped spread news of our programs, offerings, and values. The time spent with them and the expertise they offered were invaluable. We will continue this partnership and momentum through the summer with one of their members as an intern.

Our 27 interest groups are thriving, and we will consider another, music appreciation, at the April board meeting. These small group gatherings foster the friendships so evident in our gatherings.

We are trying to streamline our volunteer efforts while addressing the multitude of interests of our members and the needs of our community.

Our Endowed Scholarships Funds have held their own in today’s difficult economic climate, and recently we have transferred funds for scholarships to the various schools at the university for next fall’s awards. In fact, through a careful examination of our records, we have determined that in the last 30 years, we have contributed more than $1,000,000 to scholarships and grants for students and community groups. What a proud achievement!

Throughout the year, we have moved forward, adopted future modes and methods joining the modern age. Several board members have taken up this effort and attended various educational offerings to inform our board governance, to help us learn how to streamline with apps, and to learn about social media. It’s been very instructive and should help us work more efficiently and securely, even as we reach out to the next generation.

We’ve listened, we’ve learned, we’ve acted, we’ve enjoyed. Hope you have too. My sincere thanks for all you’ve done and for the opportunity to be your president.
MAH JONGG INTEREST GROUP

Left to right: Mary Jo Willis, Lynda Cantrell, Roma Lenehan

Mah Jongg is a very old game developed in China about 1846 for the Chinese emperor. The game, played with tiles instead of cards, was brought to America in 1912. The name means “sparrows,” an allusion to the pictures of birds often engraved on some of the tiles.

Helen Lackore has chaired the new Mah Jongg Interest Group with great success. The group was started by Linda Harvey and Mona Steele in October. Lois Faulkner and Judy Taylor taught 4 classes. The group meets at members’ homes the second and fourth Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. Currently, we have 13 members with 3 subs. We want to grow our group! Some people may be intimidated by this challenging game, but don’t be. We are all beginners and have found that the more you play, the better you become! “It is good for the brain” as one member stated and that is why she joined.

Please join us! Contact Helen Lackore at 233-3902 or email her at hlackore@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in more information. New members are welcome! We look forward to hearing from you.

Left to right: Marcia Schmidt, Helen Lackore, and Betty Elsas
WINE DIVAS INTEREST GROUP

Do you want to enjoy interesting wines with ideas for creative food pairing? Join the Wine Divas Interest Group. In February, Sharon Nellis hosted a “Wine and Chocolate Tasting.” What a match! We sampled Shannon Ridge Petite Sirah (California) with rich, dark chocolate. Domaine Rolet Cremant du Jura sparkling wine (France) was paired with milk chocolate covered strawberries. The bubbles of the wine enhanced the sweetness of the chocolate. Our final wine was a Cabernet Sauvignon (Washington) which was served with an interesting combo of bacon or curry in milk chocolate. They were delicious.

In March, we compared Chardonnay wines from California, Washington state, New Zealand, Chile, and Australia. These were matched with various fruits, nuts, and chicken salad. The California and New Zealand were voted the best.

The Wine Divas meet monthly on the 3rd Friday from 4-6:00PM at the homes of members. We are a small group of 10 but are hoping to have 16 people. The April meeting will be cancelled as we have a sponsored wine tasting on Friday May 4th at the home of Mona Steele. Please join us and enjoy the socialization, fun, food and wine. Bring a friend, partner or spouse. Contact Mary Jo Willis at 467-8608 or email her at mjwillis@wisc.edu for details.
NEEDLWORK INTEREST GROUP
This March Christine Soder taught members of the Needlework Interest Group how to make Penny Mug Coasters. Members brought a coffee mug to the meeting along with pieces of felt in colors that harmonized with the mug. They cut the felt and learned to attach the circles with decorative embroidery thread using a buttonhole stitch.

UNIVERSITY LEAGUE’S OWN POET: FRAN RALL
Avol’s Bookstore has scheduled a poetry reading by Fran Rall at 1 pm on April 15. The event is a celebration of Fran’s contributions to poetry. She is a coauthor of Common Joy II, a book about outdoor art in Madison. For 20 years she hosted the annual Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets’ poetry readings at Olbrich Gardens. She can be heard on the WORT program Mind’s Eye Radio.

Due to our newsletter production schedule, this notice may appear after the fact. But don’t worry; there will be more about Fran in our summer newsletter, along with a reprinting of her poem “Under the Oak Umbrella.” This poem commemorates the centennial celebration of the University League, Inc.

A SHOUT OUT FOR OUR INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS
Without the efforts of these leaders who coordinate meeting dates, discussions, and details, the Interest Groups would not continue. Thank you to all of you!

Activity groups: Caroline Liedkte, Frances Johnson, Roma Lenehan, Elinor Zach, Margaret Westphal, Phillida Charly; Book groups: Frances Johnson, Verelene Morris, Carol Kiemel, Caroline Liedtke, Jane Deyo, Betty Elsa; Bridge groups: Gennie Bostian, Karen Warren, Judy Stang, Joan Mc Carthy, Katherine Masden, Barbara Boehme, Carol Mathis; Hobby groups: Gail Yu, Norma Magnuson, Margaret Strauss, Jean-Pierre Golay, Joyce Nigbor, Mary Jo Willis; Lunch/dinner groups: Charlotte Burns, Robbie Preston, Hat Stevens, Elizabeth Willink, Priscilla Thain, Mary Jane Gettinger, Reta Herring; Language groups: Simona Musat, Jan Tymorek (2), Keesia Hyzer, Celia Anderson; New groups: Mary Jo Willis, Roma Lenehan, Helen Lackore, Marcia Schmidt, Kay Jarvis-Sladky.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the University League Board in 2012-2013. This slate will be elected at the League Annual Meeting at Blackhawk Country Club on May 10, 2012. We invite members to greet these nominees at the luncheon and thank them for sharing their time and talents with the League.

Nominating Committee: Roma Lenehan (Chair), Susan Becker, Mary Ellen Gerloff, Helen Lackore, Roberta Preston, and Mary Jo Willis.

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UNIVERSITY LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

The University League continues to grow and change in order to enhance its relevance to the membership and to attract more participants at its events. A committee has just been formed to reexamine the current array of volunteer opportunities.

The first League service project was selling items made by Homecrafters, physically or mentally handicapped individuals who were unable to work outside their own homes. The League raised tens of thousands of dollars for Homecrafters by these sales.

In 1951 Hospital Services Volunteers started with emphasis on the patient library. Those volunteer efforts have expanded exponentially over the years, and League member Elinor Zach has been volunteering since 1978. She has had multiple duties depending on the need and is currently working in the flower/gift shop. However, League participation has dropped significantly over the years with less than 10 members currently involved.

Another early volunteer opportunity was at the Chazen Museum of Art. League member Jane Pizer heard about it through League and trained as a docent in 1971 and has been involved ever since. She radiates enthusiasm about what it has to offer the community. She also has great enthusiasm for the League. She says that through both she meets people who are fully engaged in activities that enrich their lives and makes endless connections with new and interesting people which, in turn, enriches her life!

Left to right: Tai Kiah Phillips, Dee Kuech, Michele Withers, Rene Robinson with corn bread muffins which were part of the meal League volunteers provided.

One of the newer volunteer opportunities is with the U.W. Odyssey Project which is a free college humanities course for adults near the poverty level. League Board Member Nan Bailles helped coordinate a meal for the students prior to their class on March 7th. They meet in the South Madison Library for classes each Wednesday. League members assisting in food purchase and preparation were Nan, Dee Kuech, Edith First, Friedemarie Farrar, Bev Zarnstorff and Roma Rowlands.
LAST CALL for DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

This is the final call for the 2012 University League Scholarship Benefit! The “official” ending to our fund-raising campaign was April 1. However, Scholarship Benefit gifts continue to be welcome up until the end of our fiscal year (May 31). If you’ve misplaced or lost your donation card, please let us know. We’ll be happy to provide another.

How are we doing? As of March 26, University League has received $14,355 in scholarship donations, a 32% increase compared to the total for 2011. However, we have not yet reached our 2012 membership participation goal of 50%; our participation rate thus far is 40%. At least forty more donors are needed to reach our goal. Will you be one of them? Before you forget, please sit down and write that check.

What about those Puzzlers? We’ve also come to the end of the road on the Scholarship Benefit Puzzlers. They were D 4 S I C and D 4 S I C Sand D 4 S I H A N. If you think you have solved the Puzzlers, please send your solutions on or before May 3 to Barbara Pillinger, 2214 Van Hise Avenue, Madison 53726, or to baxie002@yahoo.co.uk. Winners will be recognized at the Annual Meeting on May 10.

COMING SOON - PAY-IN-MAY MEMBERSHIP FORMS

The Pay-in-May forms will be mailed to you at the end of April. Please complete the forms and return them promptly so your name can be included in the yearbook. New and exciting activities and volunteer opportunities have been added to the form. We are looking forward to your continued friendship and support in University League.
University League Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Due by Monday, April 30

Choose one entrée per person

Member: ________________________________  □ Chicken Salad  □ Vegetable Quiche

Member: ________________________________  □ Chicken Salad  □ Vegetable Quiche

Guest: _________________________________  □ Chicken Salad  □ Vegetable Quiche

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Allergies  Name: ___________________________  Need: ___________________________

______ Reservations @ $19.00 each = ____________

+ Scholarship Donation = ____________

Total Enclosed = ____________

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Mail to: Linda Harvey, 5801 Tolman Terrace, Madison, WI 53711