Candlelight Concert!

Friday, November 16, 2012
Blackhawk Country Club
3606 Blackhawk Drive
Shorewood Hills

5:15 Social Time/Cash Bar
6:00 MadHatters Performance
7:00 Dinner

For a lift in spirits and a change of pace, please join us on Friday, November 16th, for our annual Candlelight Concert at Blackhawk Country Club. The UW MadHatters, a premier collegiate a cappella choir, will perform at this special event. The MadHatters, founded by two students in 1997, consists of fifteen singers and a vocal percussionist. They will croon tunes ranging from yesteryear to the present top forty. The MadHatters practice six hours a week and average twenty performances per year. Annual auditions are held, and this year eighty hopefuls auditioned for four open positions.

A year ago the MadHatters were invited to apply for the opportunity to perform for a holiday gathering at the White House. After submitting a sound track, the men were on their way to D.C.! At the White House, they entertained as guests arrived. President and Mrs. Obama posed with the MadHatters for photographs (see above) and stayed to listen to several of their musical selections.

Menu choices are:

(1) Chicken St. Croix stuffed with mushrooms, spinach, craisins and wild rice topped with supreme sauce (a light white wine sauce) or,
(2) Fresh Norwegian Salmon Filet with dill sauce or,
(3) Fettuccini Alfredo with grilled vegetables primavera (vegetarian)

Each selection includes a tossed salad, vegetables, rolls, coffee, tea (iced or hot), milk, and apple crumble.

The reservation deadline is Wednesday, November 7th. Please return the registration form contained in this newsletter with a check for $35.00 per person payable to The University League, Inc. Send to Kathy Knox, Program Chair, 4405 Woods End, Madison, WI 53711.
GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Autumn Coffee was a superb event in spite of the necessity of moving the “garden party” indoors because of the predicted rain and cold. Many thanks to Chancellor David and Judith Ward for their wonderful hospitality and to their excellent well organized staff. Chancellor Ward gave an excellent talk on the “State of the University”, a summary of which you will find elsewhere in this newsletter. A thank you also goes to Professor Terry Boyd who was involved in the renovation of the Olin House and who told us about the need for the renovation and the areas of the first floor that had been improved. Kudos to Kathy Knox, the Program Chair and her committee for planning this event.

Our red Yearbook is an excellent resource to inform you of the many opportunities that League offers. Perhaps you want to try a new Interest Group or Volunteer Service. The descriptions and chairmen of these activities are listed in the Yearbook. The Interest Groups are thriving. For example, the Wine Divas recently toured the Botham Winery and also had a wine tasting in September.

We have received many thank you letters from UW Madison schools and individual scholarship recipients for the scholarship money we have given. One of the deans wrote, “Gifts like yours show how committed you and others are to this outstanding institution.” Grant recipients have also sent thank yous. Kathy Knox and I attended the School of Education Honors Banquet where we met Molly Meck and Megan Beers, two of our scholarship recipients. What outstanding students they are! Look for their picture in this newsletter.

I want to extend a special thank you to Bill Zarnstorff who is our Web Master. He has volunteered many hours to League to make our Web site very informative for all of us. Check out his work on www.univleague.wisc.edu.

The nominating committee chaired by Mona Steele is beginning to meet to find Board members for 2013-2014. Please say “yes” if you are called. Participating as a Board member in University League is a rewarding experience. The current board is working diligently to make University League the best that it can be.

Please mark your calendar for our next program, the Candlelight Concert and dinner on Friday, November 16. The Madhatters, a male student a cappella group have a wonderful blend of voices that I am sure you will enjoy. We hope to see you there.

Bobbie Johnson
President
DAVID WARD: A CHANCELLOR'S ENCORE

On a less-than-sterling day, weather-wise, approximately 90 University League members had the pleasure of enjoying "Coffee and Conversation" at Olin House with Interim Chancellor David Ward. And what a treat it was! After extolling the virtues and fun of Grandparents University sponsored annually by the UW Alumni Association, Chancellor Ward then presented his vision of UW-Madison today and of both necessary and exciting internal change for the future. In doing so he was intelligent, articulate, witty, and wise all with nary a note!

Ward outlined three major areas in which to direct his comments: the changing classroom and teaching modality (with creative use of new technology); the differential maturational age of college students and their varying developmental levels and learning styles (citing his own undergraduate struggle with calculus and eventually seeing “the light” a few years later as a grad student); and, finally, the rapidly expanding interdisciplinary nature of knowledge. Ward proposed that the state and parents consider entering into a social compact in regard to the shared cost of tuition (e.g. 60/40 or 50/50), in juxtaposition to the current debilitating exercise of annually raising tuition (5.5% this year) to offset the serious decline of state financial support. Chancellor Ward's talk included the concept of “A Change Agenda” calling for extensive faculty initiative and innovation. Let us hope that Ward is able to accomplish a number of these goals throughout his encore here. However he lamented that the toughest part is implementation. We wish Chancellor Ward and the University well in these challenging times for leadership in public higher education.

By Barbara Pillinger

Mona Steele and Ellen Seuferer serving coffee from the University League Silver Service on loan to Olin House since 1981.
SPOTLIGHT ON OUR
UNIVERSITY LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

University League Cynthia Youmans Scholar for 2012-2013

Jennifer Sanchez

In 1981 the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Adult and Student Services Center (now Adult Career & Special Student Services or ACSSS, in the Division of Continuing Studies) established awards to honor adults who had come back to school to complete an undergraduate or graduate degree while juggling the commitments of adult life. The ACSSS scholarship committee seeks students “whose unusual determination and perseverance have enabled them to pursue academic goals and to contribute to the community by demonstrated leadership and/or service.” Jennifer is such an individual.

The award program states as follows: Jennifer Sanchez is pursuing a PhD in rehabilitation psychology while raising two children. She hopes to focus on topics such as psychiatric rehabilitation, multicultural counseling, independent living, quality of life, and sexuality issues for individuals with psychiatric illnesses and traumatic brain injuries.

In a meeting to talk about this article, Jennifer talked about her decision to come to the UW and her educational path. She mentioned that she was a high school drop out and eventually received her GED. She attended Palm Beach Community College and Florida Atlantic University in Florida, the source of her BA in psychology and then a Master of Education degree in rehabilitation and mental health counseling. When asked what brought her from Florida to Wisconsin, her quick answer was that the UW Doctoral Program in rehabilitation psychology was the highest ranked in the country.

Jennifer has been in Wisconsin since Memorial Day weekend of 2010 and has had two years of course work. She is working on her dissertation while taking two practica and looking forward to an internship in her 4th year. She hopes to be licensed and working when her daughter graduates from Middleton High School and is ready for college.
Molly Meck

I am in my fifth year at UW-Madison in the School of Education. I will graduate with two degrees, one in Secondary Social Studies Education with an emphasis in History and Spanish Language and the other in Hispanic Studies, as well as a certificate in European Studies. I have always loved working with students and tutoring, which led me to education. After graduation in May, I hope to teach Social Studies in either a high school or middle school.

I am originally from Green Bay, Wisconsin and graduated from Green Bay Preble High School. I came to UW because my older brother had graduated from UW and I wanted to stay in-state. I absolutely love the diversity, size, academics, and atmosphere of Madison. I currently student teach at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Madison. I have 8th grade students for Social Studies and Language Arts.

In the Summer of 2010, I studied abroad in Alcala de Heneres, Spain (a small city outside of Madrid, Spain). I lived with a host family there while I took classes at a local university. I have also spent a lot of time tutoring in both Green Bay and Madison, including East High School and Jefferson Middle School in Madison. I also work for University Housing Desk Services as a Desk Supervisor at Witte Hall on campus. This is my 4th year with Desk Services. I have also worked two summers, as a full-time desk supervisor for University Housing Conference Services. When I'm not busy with all of those things, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love the Milwaukee Brewers and of course, the Wisconsin Badgers. In the summers, I enjoy running, biking, camping, and reading.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE OUTDOORS

The University League provides thirteen volunteer opportunities to its members. This issue focuses on the outdoor ones: the Allen Centennial Gardens; the Lakeshore Nature Preserve; and the University of Wisconsin Arboretum.

This summer’s drought had a major effect on all of these outdoor areas. According to Ed Lyon, the Allen Garden coordinator, the effect has been huge and is still going on. 70-80% of garden time this year was spent watering, mostly with the support of student volunteers. The full effects of the drought will not really be seen until next year. The conifers and yews will lose water through their needles all winter. They must be given water throughout the fall. So at home, water your conifers.

The same story is told by Bryn Scriver, Outreach Specialist for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. They watered throughout the summer and are continuing to water. According to Bryn, some species were affected more than others. The woodland ground layer was sparse; the big patches of jewelweed came out this summer and quickly dried up. Even some prairie plants which are adapted to dry, sunny conditions suffered, and it appears the amount of prairie seeds available for collecting for future planting will be much smaller. For more about the drought in the Preserve go to (http://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/e-newsletters/Summer2012enewsletter.htm).

League member Judy Troia is active in several outdoor activities. Regarding the Lakeshore Nature Preserve she writes: “My husband and I are very interested in nature and preserving the natural spaces on the UW campus. The League hiking group, which I am a part of, hikes the Picnic Point area frequently. We want to help them improve these natural areas. I intend to help with the Garlic Mustard Pull, which is a continuous undertaking. Volunteers are always welcome and needed for this adventure.”

Judy has also volunteered for about 12 years as a receptionist at the UW Arboretum. She talks about learning from the students and working in a glorious outdoor laboratory. She says that volunteers are always needed for the bookstore and the reception area.

Comments on the Arboretum also come from Ed Springer and Pat Meagher-Springer. Both took the Steward training program and recommend it as a wonderful outdoor observation and hiking activity.

“An Arboretum Steward walks the trails frequently throughout the Arboretum. We help visitors who need directions, or give plant, tree, animal, bird, or phenology information. Sometimes visitors are doing destructive things. We record anything we see out of order either in a log book kept in a designated cabin or now via the web. We talk with visitors who are doing unacceptable things like bringing their dogs, biking on little trails, or stepping on plants. It is a University research site so we need to treat it carefully.”
INTEREST GROUP NEWS

The French II Interest Group Chair is now Kim Vergeront.

The Dining Out Interest Group had a lovely late August social gathering (cocktail) hour at Dottie and Mel Siedband’s home with appetizers of Spanish Potato Omelette and guacamole dip with chips compliments of co-hostess Kay Jarvis-Sladky. The Dining Out part of the evening was at CURRY IN THE BOX at 3505 Cayhill Main behind Anchor Bank off Fish Hatchery Road. The atmosphere was simple, clean, and one thing we treasure these days—it was quiet. The Thai food was delicious! It was very fresh. Everything was lightly seasoned, and there were dishes that were new to many of us. We were served a pre-ordered sample of dishes from the menu.

First was an array of appetizers including a small skewer of grilled chicken with dipping sauce, a pot sticker filled with finely chopped fresh veggies, and other little delicacies. The main course was served family style beginning with a big bowl of sticky rice where we placed the other items as they appeared. There was a mildly curried sweet potato dish with assorted vegetables, a curried tofu, a lovely chicken dish, and a couple of delicious noodle dishes. This restaurant is a hidden treasure. Thank you to Dottie and Mel for finding it. We encourage others to try it.

Scenes from the Autumn Coffee

—Membership Update—

As of October 1, 2012, University League has 374 individual members and 49 spousal members for a total of 423 members. We are pleased to welcome new members Graciela Margall-Gianola, Martha Christensen, Peggy Schmidt, and Nancy Meyer and Bruce Brownell.

If you know of someone who might be interested in becoming a League member, please contact Dorothy Binning at 824-9883 (dbinning@uwalumni.com) to have membership information sent.
The University League, Inc., Report of Income and Expenses
June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012

League Balance May 31, 2011 $41,023 * The League banks with the UW Credit Union.
Income June 1, 2011-May 31, 2012
Membership Dues $12,790
Program Reservations $11,220
Scholarship & Memorial Donations $28,357 $16,497 + $11,860 excluding Bookworms
Endowments for UW Foundation $14,895 $2,895 to UW Foundation in FY13***
Bookworms Donations $2,830 includes $500 grant given in FY12
Non-League Grants to Bookworms $5,131
FY11 Interest $12 $11.33/FY12 + $.42 from FY11
Total Income $75,235
Balance and Income $116,258
Expenses June 1, 2011-May 31, 2012
Scholarship & Grant Gifts $26,100 Bookworms*** Sub-Account
Endowments to UW Foundation $12,000 Balance May 31, 2010 $5,169
Bookworms Books & Labels $6,723 University League Gifts/Grant $2,830
Publication/Mailing Costs $3,433 Non-League Grants $5,131
Board Expenses $1,025 Total in 2011-12 $13,130
Professional Fees (CPA, etc.) $1,664 Expenses
Program Expenses $10,618
Total Expenses $61,563 Books & Labels Purchased $6,723
* League's May 31, 2011 and May 31, 2012 balances include the Bookworms balance on those dates.

Scholarship Benefit, Autumn Coffee General Scholarship, and Memorial Donations

Scholarship Benefit
Gail Yu Dorothy Logan
Autumn Coffee General
Cynthia Benevenga Claire Mangasarian
Mary Jo Willis
Nan Beyer-Mears Fumiko Miyazaki
Betty Zeps
Ruby Dobson Robbie Preston
In Memory of:
Friedemarie Farrar Liz Murray
Mary K. Moser
Margaret Hutchinson Janet Nelson Reilley
Alliant Energy
Kathy Knox Fran Rall
Foundation, Inc.

In Memory of:
Fran Niblack
Bookworms
Marguerite Sykes

In Memoriam
Jim Knox, Professor of Geography, UL member and husband of Kathy Knox, Board Member, died Oct. 6, 2012.
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Due by Wednesday, November 7, 2012

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      6:00 p.m. Concert
      7:00 p.m. Dinner

Member(s): __________________________________________________________
Guest(s): ___________________________________________________________

# _____ Reservations @ $35.00 each = __________
Scholarship Donation (optional) = __________

Menu Selection(s)                                               Total    = __________
# _____ Chicken St. Croix
# _____ Fresh Salmon Filet
# _____ Fettuccini Alfredo (vegetarian)

Check(s) payable to: The University League, Inc.
Mail to: Kathy Knox, Program Chair, 4405 Woods End, Madison, WI 53711

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MEMBERSHIP IN UNIVERSITY LEAGUE

Although we realize that bringing friends or acquaintances to our Interest Group meetings and various programs is a good way to recruit new members, the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee of University League would like to remind members that the Policy of the League requires membership to participate, especially for Interest Groups. This should not be interpreted to mean that you can’t invite someone to an Interest Group or League program as your guest, or that anyone asked to fill out a table for bridge or occasionally come with a Dining Out group to dinner must join. However, someone participating in League activities on a regular basis should become a member of the University League, including spouses of members. Household (spousal) membership is only $10.00 more than a single membership; we should all encourage our spouses to join with us.

If these friends do come with you on a regular basis, please make sure that you have a membership brochure handy to give to them. You (or they) can contact Dorothy Binning at 824-9883 or dbinning@uwalumni.com to receive a brochure or membership information. You can also refer people to the League’s website at www.univleague.wisc.edu for information on the League and its mission.