Love, Marriage and the Battle of the Sexes in American Musical Theatre

Candlelight Concert
Friday, November 18
Nakoma Golf Club
4145 Country Club Road
5:00 p.m. - Social Hour/Cash Bar
5:45 p.m. - Musical Performance
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

The University League welcomes the piano/vocal duo of Martha Fischer & Bill Lutes for our Candlelight Concert. The program will feature a potpourri of musical delights from Broadway, with songs, duets and excerpts from over a century of favorite shows.

Martha Fischer is Professor of Piano and heads the Collaborative Piano Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A sought-after accompanist and chamber musician, she has performed throughout the United States and Europe with many internationally recognized singers and instrumentalists. A recent review describes her as “a marvelous pianist, profound interpreter, and expert collaborator.”

Bill Lutes is Artist-in-Residence at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he serves the University Opera as vocal coach. As pianist he has performed nationally as soloist and collaborative musician and maintains an independent piano studio in Madison. Mr. Lutes served for many years as classical music host and producer at Wisconsin Public Radio.

Fischer and Lutes frequently collaborate in concerts of the piano duet and two-piano literature. The Washington Post spoke of their "energetic performance bursting with heartfelt intensity."

Dinner choices are Pork Loin Agrodolce with Dauphinoise Potato, Green Beans Almandine, Italian Sweet & Sour Sauce with Red Onions, Dark Cherries & Granny Smith Apples OR Vegetarian Grilled Portabella Mushroom Fettuccine. Both meals come with salad and dinner rolls with butter and will be topped off with Cinnamon Apple Crisp a la mode and coffee, tea, or milk. Reservation deadline is Thursday, November 10. Return the form in this newsletter with a check for $35.00 per person made out to The University League, Inc. to Linda Harvey, 5801 Tolman Terrace, 53711.
Message from Mona

It has been a very busy fall. We’ve seen our activities increase in many ways, particularly in the area of interest groups. How exciting it is to find new and somewhat different ways to get together, to address the interests of our current members and to add new members.

For example, our Mah Jongg interest group had 21 people at its first meeting. What a great turnout! Our many thanks to Linda Harvey for chairing this effort and for new members and teachers, Lois Faulkner and Judy Taylor, for making this a success. In addition, the Night at the Movies group, led by Roma Lenehan, had a few of our members enjoy the movie *The Help*. We expect this group to grow as the movie season revs up with the approach of the holidays.

In the last months I have attended many scholarship award ceremonies. You will find in this issue information on two of the young people who have received funds from University League. Countless members join UL because of the good work that we do as supporters of students who need aid. There are so many needy students, particularly in these harsh times, and it is my hope we will be able to increase the amount of the awards in the near future.

We are also looking at ways to increase the communication within our community through electronic means. This is a wonderful way to get many members connected without breaking the bank. The board will be considering a proposal in October.

Hats off to Pat Feltskog for her very diligent and very successful efforts as membership chair. You will notice that our membership is growing, if ever so slightly. You can make a difference and help Pat at the same time by asking your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances if they would be interested in the League’s mission and its many offerings. We have so much to give!!

We are working with Mu Kappa Tau fraternity to develop a marketing plan. The members of this group are enthusiastic about our challenges and believe our organizational needs mesh with their professional interests. This opportunity arose from the opening University League meeting in September 2010, and we are following up on it and on the advice we received in a session at the Big Ten Conference at Purdue. Look for continued efforts on the part of the board and your organizational chairs.

The nominating committee has begun to meet with the hope of filling our board positions by Christmas. If you get a call to help, please consider saying ‘yes’ and become a leader for our important organization.

The Candlelight Concert has been moved to November to help ease holiday congestion. What a wonderful offering we will have with Martha Fischer and Bill Lutes performing their musical delights accompanied by a delicious meal. Do join us there!
Scholarship Dollars at Work

**Lauren Gould** is the recipient of the University League Scholarship. Here she is pictured with our president, Mona Steele. Lauren is an undergraduate student, originally from Cedarburg, WI. She is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in English Language Arts. She is currently a junior in her first semester of the School of Education, and is so excited to have begun her education coursework. Lauren says, "I feel all of my professors are deeply invested in cultivating my growth as an educator and an individual. I am constantly being challenged with new perspectives and new experiences, and I leave every class looking forward to the lessons I will learn the next day."

After graduation, Lauren hopes to teach middle-school English in the Madison area. While gaining teaching experience, Lauren plans to continue her education. She says she aspires to eventually become a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In spring, Lauren was the recipient of the Most Involved Student Award at the UW Bucky Awards show. In addition to being a full time student, Lauren is also the President of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, the Alumni Connections Chair of UW Homecoming Committee, an Information Specialist for UW Visitor and Information Programs, a member of the National Society for Collegiate Scholars and the National Society for Leadership and Success, and an advisor on the newly formed School of Education Student Advisory Board.

**Mike Faber**, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy, is one of our endowed scholarship recipients. Mike is a very congenial young man from Fond du Lac, WI. He graduated from high school in 2005 in his home town and started at UW-Madison in the fall of 2005. He had always leaned towards pursuing a career in healthcare and eventually decided that pharmacy was his passion after several great shadowing experiences during his first year.

He is now in his fourth and final year of Pharmacy School. Currently he is doing his clinical rotations in Milwaukee, WI and is looking forward to the variety of great experiences that lay ahead. As you can imagine, he remains extremely busy with rotations and working as an intern at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac. Mike’s future plans include graduation in May 2012 and sitting for his boards in June 2012. After graduation, he leans towards pursuing a career in hospital pharmacy but plans to keep an open mind as he encounters a wide variety of experiences throughout his last year.
The Conference of Big Ten Women’s Clubs at Purdue!
By Mona Steele

Your delegates to the biennial Big Ten conference of Women’s Clubs this year were Mona Steele (President), Kathy Knox (Asst Program Chair) and Mary Jo Willis (Secretary). We were easily drawn into the theme of “Soaring to New Heights: Connect, Share, Discover.” Purdue University, on the banks of the Wabash River, is very lovely. Early tours gave us the overview of the many strengths of Purdue including the large number of astronauts who call Purdue their alma mater. We were shown Purdue’s numerous new facilities, including a spectacular dining facility donated by one of the Purdue Women’s Club members and her husband.

On Friday evening there was an elegant reception and dinner at Westwood, the President’s home. President France Cordova is a remarkable woman and leader for this highly ranked university. She was the first woman and youngest person to hold the position of NASA chief scientist, working on projects that included the Hubble Space Telescope. Dr. France Cordova has distinguished herself worldwide as a scientist, an administrator and a creative writer. We had a wonderful conversation with her and were entertained by the very professional Purdue Glee Club as we dined on a gourmet meal.

Saturday Sally Bryn, with many insights and good humor, presented her view of “The Drama of Leadership,” preparing us for the workshops to follow. Sally is president of SSCI, a research and information company providing knowledge and information to the pharmaceutical industry with particular strengths in addressing regulatory issues. She told us to be flexible in all aspects of our life as we assumed our leadership positions.

The next portion of the day was devoted to group sessions with presentations and discussions on topics of interest to delegates. The Membership and Newcomers sessions centered on sections of the public that we might reach out to, particularly younger and newly retired people. We learned communication with members seems to be trending toward electronic modes to save money and to increase the number of contacts. In the Leadership Development session we talked about mentoring people for their jobs. The Marketing and Communication session urged us to define our product and service while offering many ways to reach out to those we serve.

Each of the twelve University Clubs has many interest groups and the session on Interest Groups and Special Events centered on interest groups. We learned of the successes other clubs were having in specific areas such as the one we are trying here in Madison: Wine Divas.

Later there was a reception at the Stewart Center which re-emphasized the “Soaring to New Heights” theme of the conference with a presentation on Amelia Earhart and other women aviators. Participants were afforded a visit to the newly opened Amelia Earhart archives. Earhart was a consultant in careers for women and a technical advisor to the Department of Aeronautics at Purdue just prior to the time she took her fateful journey to set a record for around the world flight.

We enjoyed another delicious dinner in the atrium of the Neil Armstrong building sitting just under the Apollo I Space module which Armstrong used to land on the moon. During dinner we were entertained with a dramatic presentation by an actress portraying Amelia Earhart which emphasized Earhart’s forward thoughts, struggles and actions.

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Interest Group In Focus: Financial Updates for 2012

Andrea Paff will be speaking November 16 on the “Impact of Inflation on your Investment Plan” at the Financial Updates for 2012 Interest Group meeting. Andrea completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, her Master of Arts program at Michigan State University, and her Juris Doctorate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School. She holds her Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA®) designation signifying she has several years of industry experience and graduate-level study in the investment management field.

Andrea began her career in the securities industry in 1992 providing wealth management and investment consulting services to individuals and businesses. She has managed portfolios for business owners, retirement plans, a bank trust department, and individuals seeking tax efficient and competitive risk-adjusted returns. Her background in estate planning and general business law prove invaluable in helping clients develop an efficient and competitive wealth accumulation and distribution plan.

Contact Kay Jarvis-Sladky for information on this group: at 831-9331, email: holakati2@gmail.com.

In Memoriam -- Helen Kelman: 1921 - 2011

University League members and friends were saddened to learn of the death of Helen Moore Parker Kelman on August 23, 2011 in Raleigh, NC. Wife of Professor Arthur Kelman, Helen became an active member of University League after they moved to Madison in 1965. She served on League boards and committees for many years and was President in 1986-1987. Helen was also a member of the ad hoc Tax Exemption Committee appointed in 1978 by President Angelena Lenehan. Several years of research and diligent work by this committee led to University League being designated a 501(c)(3) organization in 1981. Helen served on several Scholarship Benefit committees and co-chaired the benefit in 1976 with Angelena Lenehan. A former professor of biology, embryology, genetics and comparative anatomy at Meredith College in Raleigh, Helen was also an active volunteer with many Madison organizations: Madison Symphony Orchestra League, Daughters of Demeter, and Women of the First Baptist Church-Madison. She was a strong, yet soft-spoken Southern lady and the consummate volunteer. Helen and Arthur moved to Raleigh, NC in 1989 after Arthur's retirement. She is survived by her son, Philip J. Kelman of New York City.
**Interest Group Chairs’ Meeting**

On Thursday, September 8, the Interest Group Chairs met at the Lussier Center to talk about the Interest Groups’ plans for the next year. President Mona Steele spoke about how the 2011 Big Ten conference (see related story in this newsletter) provided inspiration for new Interest Groups. Information from other clubs is the reason that we are adding the following Interest Groups: “Afternoon at the Movies” (Roma Lenehan/Marcia Schmidt), “Financial Update” (Kay Jarvis-Sladky), “Knitting” (Kate Beaver), Mah Jongg (Linda Harvey), and “Wine Divas” (Mary Jo Willis). Most are up and running, but all interest groups welcome new members at any time of the year.

Webmaster Bill Zarnstorff encouraged chairs to submit program information for the semester or the year to him for posting on the website. At this time, all Interest Group information in the UL Yearbook is completely up-to-date, but other information including book lists, special events, or scheduled speakers can be added by sending information to the webmaster.

Interest groups chairs shared with each other the reason they joined University League, and, for the most part, Interest Groups activities attracted them. Kay Jarvis-Sladky reported some rounded-number statistics regarding the Interest Groups. About 25% of the UL members are in only one group. For those members, that one group is reason enough to be a UL member. The Book Critics group has the highest number of those focused members with more than half being in only that group.

Looking at just the numbers, the largest numbers were in the Foodies group (Dining Out, Lunch and Dinner; Foreign Foods, Lunch and Dinner). In a University League organization, it’s not surprising that all book groups were the next in number, followed by the bridge groups. Chairs were reminded that their four main duties were to submit membership list to Kay Jarvis-Sladky by Oct 31, submit name/s and phone number/s of next year’s chair/s in May, ensure that all Interest Group participants are League members, and submit a brief annual report.

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Front row: Assistant Interest Group Chair Rhonda Croxson, Margaret Strauss, Reta Harring, Susan Meyer, Charlotte Burns, Frances Johnson, Judy Olson, Mary Jo Willis

Second row: Joyce Nigbor, Interest Group Chair Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Assistant Interest Group Chair Robbie Preston, Phillida Charly, Elinor Zach, President Mona Steele, Pat Feltskog, Marilyn Gundermann
League Members at Work

University League members devote many hours to volunteering. The League yearbook lists 12 volunteer opportunities. Each of the next several newsletters will feature League members and their experiences with these volunteer activities.

Pictured here is Robbie Preston, who is a volunteer reader with Dane County Bookworms. Robbie has been reading in Head Start classrooms for six years. After reading the book of the month, she and her reading partner, Mary Warfield lead the children in a project that relates to the story.

Robbie drew the pictures that she is holding, scanned them on to her computer, and made enough copies for each student. With pens, stickers, and glue, the students add items to the pictures that fit with the story featured that day.

Robbie says “With each project you watch their skills advance. The students learn better coordination, their attention increases, and they focus more readily as the year goes on.”

New University League Nominating Committee Needs Your Help

Please contact a member of the new Nominating Committee – Susan Becker, Mary Ellen Gerloff, Helen Lackore, Roma Lenehan (Chair), Roberta Preston or Mary Jo Willis – if you have ideas for the 2012-2013 University League Board. The League Board ensures the continued success of League’s support of Scholarship, Service, Education and Friendship. Service on the Board offers an opportunity to support our League Community and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Please help your Nominating Committee recruit your new Board!

Puzzler #2

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT
ODE TO DORA  by Barbara Pillinger

I had the pleasure of spending several hours visiting with Dora Kuehner, centenarian University League member, in her lovely “green cathedral.” Dora’s home is located within the UW Arboretum. In fact, she has lived in this house for 70 years. Dora Bast Kuehner (pronounced “key-ner”) was born on May 21, 1911, on the family farm near Germantown, Wisconsin. She recently celebrated her 100th birthday with over 100 family, friends, and neighbors.

Dora joined the University League back in the 1940s. Her husband was a Professor of Horticulture in UW-Extension. According to Dora, he was “an apple and fruit man” and worked closely with Extension agents, farmers, and growers. Sadly, Conrad Kuehner died of a sudden heart attack in 1952.

Dora took on a long-term home nursing job (9 years) and also worked more than 20 years as assistant to Dr. Weston Tormey, a well-known Madison oral surgeon. In her interview, Dora told Dr. Tormey that she had no training whatsoever. He replied, “That’s exactly what I want. I’ll train you myself.” And, so he did.

Both Dora’s parents were thought to be very “progressive” in their day, but she was particularly close to her father. He encouraged her education and insisted that she continue as far as possible. Dora reports that in that German community it was commonly thought that girls did not need to attend high school; fortunately, her father thought otherwise.

After completing his farm chores, Dora’s father often brought out the National Geographic magazine for them to peruse together. One day he showed her a photo of the Great Wall of China. Dora remembers that she told him, “Someday I’m going to walk on that wall.”

The fact that President Eisenhower established the People-to-People Program in 1957 was a turning point for Dora. “Eisenhower opened people’s eyes to other countries and to other cultures.” Dora was named a Good Will Ambassador for this program to the Soviet Union in 1964. This was followed by 3 more trips to the U.S.S.R. Other ambassadorial trips included China (yes, she “walked the Wall”), Japan, Africa, South America, Greece, and Israel. Indeed, the 1960s through the 1980s were busy times for Dora. “The People-to-People Program opened a whole new world for me.”

And now for a bit of Q and A:

• What memories do you have of the Depression (1930s)?  Oh, it was awful – worse than now. My brother and I ran the farm after my father’s death in 1931. However, we knew we always were able to eat.

• And World War II (1940s)? We were lucky to have cash crops -- corn, peas, beets, carrots, pickling cucumbers -- for the canning factories. We never lost the farm because the factories needed our food.

• What advice would you give to young people today? Get your education, see the world, and get to know the world’s people. We’ve got to understand and appreciate people of other cultures. It’s so important.

• What are the “keys” to living to the age of 100? Think positive. Have a good spirit. Be happy, despite life’s crosses. Have faith in God. I have fun every day!

• What advice would you give to University League as we look to the future? Keep pushing education and the scholarships.
Mah Jongg Interest Group Plans for the Future

Members of the Mah Jongg Interest Group have had four weeks of lessons to learn to play the game. They will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 9:30am to have fun and practice what they have learned. Lessons have been a challenge since the Chinese tile game does not use a deck of cards with suits of hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades. Everyone has had to learn to play with only three suits: cracks, dots and bams. Eighteen University League members have passed the class with high marks. Their teachers have promised that playing Mah Jongg will keep their minds sharp. What are you doing to keep your brain cells working?

“Big Ten” Continued

The business meeting included the act of welcoming the University of Nebraska to the group. The other portion of business dealt with a proposed change in the name which would take the words “Women’s Club” from the name of the organization and change it to “University Clubs.” Several clubs objected to the change as their membership is still open only to women, believing it would change the historical and current reputation of their clubs. The motion to approve the change was tabled until the next meeting which will be held in 2013 at the University of Illinois.

Sunday was also a day to “Show and Tell.” Each club presented their successes and thoughts for the future. It was extremely gratifying to hear nearly every sister club has efforts to start its own endowed scholarship program, prompted by their time in Madison two years ago. And we came away with many ideas for moving our club forward.

Toward the end of the meeting, the University of Illinois Club, with great fanfare and stylish hats, invited the delegates to the next meeting of the group in Champaign. Whew! Can you feel the energy and excitement this meeting generated? How thoroughly packed it was? We had a great time and thank you for sending us.
Membership Update

As of September 29th, we have 397 regular members plus 55 spousal members. Thanks to all of you who have suggested names for membership. If you know of someone who might like to join University League, please call Pat Feltskog at (238-9836) or email her at pafeltsk@wisc.edu so she can send out membership information.

Scenes from the Fall Coffee

2011-12 University League Program Committee: (L to R standing) Linda Harvey, Beverly Schrag, Beverly Zarnstorff, Caroline Liedtke, Sally Lorenz. Seated: Hat Stevens