Lee Weiss is one of America’s most distinguished watercolorists. Born in Inglewood, California, she attended California College of Arts and studied briefly with Alexander Nepote and Nels Eric Oback. Though largely self-taught, Weiss invented a distinctive watercolor technique in which she paints both sides of the paper, turning the paper back and forth while the paint is still wet so that the paint from one side transfers to the table and then to the other side of the paper, along with some of the table’s texture. In general, she works away from the subject matter, in the studio without sketches or slides. Watercolors by Lee Weiss are in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American Art and the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, and in many other public collections throughout the United States and abroad, as well as exhibiting in the White House Rotating Exhibition Program. Among her many honors are a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Watercolor USA Honor Society in 2009 and one from the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters in 2011.

Some of Lee’s paintings will be displayed at the meeting, courtesy of Fanny Garver Gallery which represents her.

We will begin with a continental breakfast including pastry-like scones, coffee cake and fresh fruit, along with coffee, juice, and tea. The cost is $13.25 per person (check payable to The University League, Inc.) to be sent by September 10 with the reservation form (page 9 of this newsletter) to: Kathy Knox, 4405 Wood’s End, Madison, WI 53711

FUTURE EVENTS:
Saturday, November 23—Candlelight Concert and Dinner, Nakoma Golf Club
Tuesday, March 4—Spring Dinner, University Club
Thursday, May 8—Luncheon and Annual Meeting, Blackhawk Country Club
GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am delighted and energized to be starting my term as University League’s president. I have served in several board positions since I joined in 2008 which has provided me with many friendships, an understanding of the League’s mission and workings as well as excellent preparation for this job.

In June, we held our Board of Directors’ Orientation and the first Board meeting. We have many experienced Board members returning in new positions and new members in several other positions. I believe we have an excellent Board of Directors that are excited to work together, are creative and desire to use our resources to move University League into a more prominent position in the community and to increase our membership.

Three Board members, myself, Kay Jarvis Sladky, President-Elect, and Charlotte Burns, Interest Group Chair, attended the Big Ten Women’s Organization’s Biennial Conference at the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana, entitled “Cultivating Winning Strategies. There are now 12 universities in the “Big Ten” with 2 more universities, Maryland and Rutgers, possibly joining the Big Ten Women’s Organization by 2015. We had fun, learned, and networked with bright creative women who had excellent thoughts on moving their clubs forward. We came away with new ideas for Interest Groups, other features for our website, and methods to enhance communication with our members using social media and other information technology.

The Membership Committee is already planning strategies for increasing our membership and boosting publicity. Our membership theme will be “Each One, Reach One,” with the goal of not only adding new members but enticing younger members into the League. A Publicity Committee, a subgroup of Membership committee, was formed to address increasing awareness of our organization in the general and university community. Efforts have already begun by Kay Jarvis-Sladky to tap into recommendations from community leaders with expertise in this area.

The University League members should be proud of the monies raised for gifts, the Endowed Scholarship awards and General and Memorial Scholarship awards we were able to provide through the generosity of our members. The more each member can give as donations on the program reservation form and through our Annual Scholarship Benefit will help another UW student. Please consider continuing to donate or to start donating to our various scholarship funds. Students are very needy and so appreciative. Be a sustainer!

We have an exciting year ahead with excellent programs. I look forward to meeting our members at these programs and attending Interest Group meetings in that effort.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Willis, President
LEARNING ABOUT OUR LEAGUE SCHOLARS

LÈANDREA M. VERNON*

Please let me know where you are from, i.e., what high school you graduated from and in which city it was located and since you are a graduate student, what college/university you attended.

-Milwaukee Trade & Technical High School, Milwaukee, WI. I was ranked 24 of 240 graduates in the class of 2001. I attended and received my undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Women's Studies.

What caused you to select the UW?
-I attended UW for my undergraduate and after becoming an employee here, I started doing research into graduate programs and found one here that I absolutely loved.

What is the focus of your study?
-I am currently in my final year of the Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis Program through the School of Education. I am doing a combined focus on Student Academic Affairs Administration and Athletic Administration.

What career goals do you have?
-Currently there are two ultimate career goals that I have and those would be to either work as a Director of Athletic Operations for an Intercollegiate Athletics Program or to become a Vice Provost of Student Affairs/Dean of Students for a college or university.

Please tell us anything else you might like to talk about, ie volunteer activities.
-I received this scholarship because I am a single-parent, so I'd be remiss not to mention my wonderful little girl Lillian. She's a great little 4 year old, who keeps mommy busy outside of school and work. She currently plays soccer and does gymnastics, loves to read books and use her imagination & I'm privileged to be able to share my love for advocacy and activism with her. I'm recent graduate of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (now End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin) and Wisconsin Empowered Leadership Education And Development (WE LEAD) program, a year-long training for emerging leaders around the state. I will also be a part of their new initiative called The Leadership Circle, beginning this August. I am also the activities coordinator for our church's Road Home Ministry.

DEBRA DAWIDSIAK*

Debra Dawidziak has a University League Scholarship from Adult Career and Special Student Services. She has explored education and community connections through various volunteer positions, as well as her internship with the Restorative Justice program at the YWCA Madison. This fall semester, she will be interning at the Goodman Community Center.

Debra will be entering her senior year this fall in the Community and Non-profit leadership program. After pursuing other career choices she sees this as the perfect fit for her interest and abilities. She enjoys working with students who are pursuing goals and feels a sense of gratification with this type of activity. She wants to stay in Madison because of the rich array of programs it offers and because her 9 year old son is involved in many of them.

Her ultimate educational goal is to work in an area of school counseling or educational policy because she believes strongly in the value of education for our society. She thanks the League for its scholarship help.

*Selected by the ACSSS Scholarship Committee of the Division of Continuing Studies
WHAT IS BOOKWORMS?  By Mary Warfield

What do a cowboy named Roy, a bossy rooster and a prickly porcupine have in common? They are all featured in this year’s Wisconsin Bookworms books!

Wisconsin Bookworms is a state-wide reading program that provides books to preschool children from low-income families. Last year children in 39 counties of Wisconsin received books through this program. Dane is the largest participating county.

This program began in 1998 through the efforts of Wisconsin Public Television, the County Extension and the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (also known as the Homemakers or HCE). The University League has provided many of the volunteer readers in the Madison area. When the county agent who had been this county’s administrator retired in 2009, The League was asked to take over responsibility for administering the Dane County program. Since February of 2009, League members have read to hundreds of local children and made monetary contributions to help purchase the books.

Wisconsin Bookworms volunteers visit preschools once a month for eight months during the school year, read a book and then distribute a copy of the same book to each child. By the end of the year, each child has a home library of eight books. In a recent Wisconsin Bookworms survey, Head Start teachers told us that for many Head Start families, Bookworms books are the only books in their homes.

Last year the Bookworms program donated books to 342 Dane County children and their 24 classrooms. But every year we receive requests to provide books for more classes than we have funds to support. You can help! For $23, you can provide a set of eight books for one child. For $207, you and a group of friends could fund a small daycare. With $414 you and an interest group would cover the cost for an entire Head Start Class! Please help. By providing books, you will help encourage these children to develop a love of reading. And if you help this year, you will bring them the story of Roy, the cowboy in search of a horse, the Cuban folk tale of the Bossy Rooster and the story of a prickly porcupine that needs a hug.

Wisconsin Bookworms Books for 2013-2014

Are You a Horse? by Andy Rash  Shades of People by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly
The Bossy Gallito retold by Lucia M. Gonzalez  Cat’s Colors by Jane Cabrera
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! by Bob Barner  How Do You Hug a Porcupine by Laurie Isop
In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming  The Way I Feel by Janan Cain

RIDES TO LEAGUE MEETINGS

Many members have said they would come to League meetings, but don’t have transportation. If you need a ride in order to attend these events, please provide your name on the designated line of the reservation form (pg 9). Several League members have volunteered to provide transportation. A Program Committee member will coordinate rides. If you can provide a ride, give us your name so that we can augment the list. The speakers for the League meetings this year will be very interesting, and we don’t want anyone to miss out because they need transportation.
DONORS since our last newsletter
Thanks to all our members who donated so generously to the Pay-in-May, Scholarship Benefit and other requests.

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BIG TEN WOMEN’S ORGANIZATIONS—Reported by Mary Jo Willis

Three Board members, Kay Jarvis-Sladky, President-Elect, Charlotte Burns, Interest Group Chair, and I attended the Big Ten Women’s Organization’s Biennial Conference at the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana, entitled “Cultivating Winning Strategies.”

We attended breakout sessions on leadership, membership, communication, scholarship, finance and fundraising. We had fun, gained new knowledge, and networked with bright creative women who had excellent ideas for successfully moving their clubs forward. We took optional “bragging tours” of U of I’s Supercomputer (awesome), the President’s Home (beautifully appointed) with extensive gardens, and the Beckman Institute of Advanced Science for interdisciplinary research in the neurosciences and imaging. It was like a sci-fi experience.

The next Big Ten Women’s Organization Conference will be held at Ohio State University in Columbus in June, 2015. University League Board members and non-board members can attend. I urge you to consider going. It can be a very inspiring conference offering opportunities to learn about the issues and potential solutions that other organizations are facing as well as the exciting innovative happenings at the sponsoring Universities.
INTEREST GROUP NEWS

This year, the League is inaugurating two new interest groups:

**SPANISH CONVERSATION** will be led by Kay Jarvis-Sladky (831-9331) holakati2@gmail.com and Elia Basurto-Colson (233-7212) eliabasurto@gmail.com and meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This will be a conversation group for those new to University League and others who would enjoy an easy conversational pace in the evening. It will meet in members’ homes or libraries.

**ARMCHAIR TRAVELER** leader will be Ronnie Hess (238-1828) rlhess@wisc.edu and will meet on the 1st Monday at 7 pm. Come together to share the experiences of members as they describe their recent travels and what they learned about the history, culture and food of the area.

We are excited to add these two new groups to our array of Interest Groups. Please contact the leaders listed above for more information.

DINING OUT group invades the Memorial Union Rathskeller

Robbie Preston reports that the evening was fun and different. Hopefully, she says, we can try it again next July. Maybe it will be a clear and warm evening so we can be on the terrace and enjoy the view of the beautiful lake. Even so, it sounds like a good time was had by all!
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! FIFTEEN THOUSAND BOOKS FOR YOU TO BUY AND READ!

The 36th semi-annual Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the UW-Madison Libraries will take place from Wednesday, October 16, to Saturday, October 19, 2013 (which is during the week of the Wisconsin Book Festival), Room 116 Memorial Library (First Floor study hall), 728 State Street, Madison. This sale is the largest of its kind in Wisconsin and features many rare and hard to find books covering a wide range of subjects, as well as such items as audio books, sheet music, DVDs, children’s books, etc. The sale is open to the public and is coordinated with the Wisconsin Book Festival. Come one, come all!

The sale is divided into three stages:

THE PREVIEW SALE takes place from 5-9 PM on Wednesday, October 16. For this day only a $5.00 entry fee is required.

THE REGULAR SALE takes place from 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 17, and Friday, October 18. No entry fee.

THE SATURDAY CLEARANCE BAG SALE takes place from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday, October 19. No entry fee. Bring your own grocery size bag or buy one for a dollar and stuff it with as many books as it will hold for a charge of $4.00! From 1:05 to 2:00 PM on Saturday any remaining books are free.

There are three ways you can help the Friends of the UW Libraries conduct this worthwhile event which raises money for new Library acquisitions, grants to libraries, and assistance for visiting scholars working with our research collections: Donate your excess books and materials throughout the year for inclusion in the semi-annual sales, volunteer to help manage the crowd and logistics of the sale, and join the Friends of UW Libraries. If your office or home is stuffed with unused books consider donating them, (at the Memorial Library Loading Dock on Lake Street between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday to Friday). The books will be added to UW Libraries collections, if needed, or sent to the sale. Donations are tax-deductible and are acknowledged with a letter from the Friends. Better yet, join the Friends of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries and volunteer to help with the sale and its other projects. Information at Friends of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries, 728 State Street, Memorial Library 330H, Madison WI 53706. Email: friends@library.wisc.edu. Phone: 608-265-2505.

My husband and I have been Friends of the Libraries and have been working the book sales for 17 years. We find it very rewarding. Come join us!

--Patricia Bender, University League Member

LEAGUE LETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES for the remainder of the League year

Newsletter #2--October 11 (Friday)

Newsletter #3--January 27 (Monday)

Newsletter #4--March 31 (Monday)
University League Autumn Coffee Reservation Form

Due by Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Program: Lee Weiss, Watercolor Artist—A Lifetime of Learning to See

Member: _______________________________________

Guest(s): _______________________________________

Need a Ride:____________________________________

Can Offer a Ride:________________________________

_____ Reservations @ $13.25 each = __________

Scholarship donation = __________

Total = __________

Check(s) payable to: The University League, Inc.

Mail to: Kathy Knox, 4405 Woods End, Madison, 53701

In Memoriam

In the past few months, the University League has lost several of our members. We will miss them and their contributions to the League. Our sympathies and condolences go out to their families. They are: Cynthia Benevenga, League past president; Jean-Pierre Golay, Art Appreciation Interest Group leader; Elden Stang, Board member Judy Stang’s husband; Genevieve Busse; Anita Shrago; and James “Jim” Moser.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will soon begin their work to find candidates for a new 2014-2015 Board. The committee members are Bobbie Johnson, Chair, Dorothy Binning, Kathy Knox, Judy Olson, Marguerite Sykes, and Cathy Tesar. If you wish to serve on the Board or know someone who would make a good Board member, please contact one of the committee members.
Membership Update

As of August 12, 2013, The University League membership is 378 individual and 46 spousal members for a total of 424 paid members. We are pleased to welcome new members Marian and Donald Conway, Fefa Myer, Joyce and Fred Rosevear, and Sally Schrag. A New Member coffee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the home of Mona Steele, 306 Yosemite Trail, Madison, 53705. All new members will be invited, as well as new members from last year.

Each year membership numbers decrease because members move away, become ill and can’t participate, or find that they do not have time to stay in the League. I hope that all of you will help to recruit new members. Consider submitting a name and address of a prospective member or bring a guest to a University League activity. Our first program of the year is the Autumn Coffee on Tuesday, September 17th and we are pleased to have Lee Weiss, renowned water color artist, as our speaker.

We need to increase our membership each year just to keep up with the number of members we lose. Our brochure “The University League Invites You to Join Us” can be sent to any interested individual. Please contact me with the name of a prospective member and their address and I will send the brochure.

Pat Feltskog, Membership Chair, 238-9836, pafeltsk@wisc.edu.

Thank you.