Celebrate the much anticipated arrival of spring and join University League members for our Spring Luncheon! This year’s luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 25, at Nakoma Golf Club and will feature guest speaker, Paula Panczenko, the director of Tandem Press. Her talk, “Behind the Scenes at Tandem Press,” will describe what goes on when an artist visits the studio. She will also discuss exhibition programming and other Tandem Press events.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a soup, salad, sandwich buffet. The cost for this event is $16 per person. The reservation form can be found on the last page of this newsletter. All reservations are due by Monday, March 22. Please mail the completed reservation form with a check payable to The University League, Inc. to:

Helen Read
813 Ottawa Trail
Madison, WI 53711

Tandem Press, located at 201 South Dickinson Street, is a self-supporting printmaking studio affiliated with the Department of Art in the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The studio produces top quality prints by nationally recognized artists and was founded to foster research, collaboration, experimentation and innovation in the field of printmaking. Since its founding in 1987, 57 artists including Sam Gilliam, Jim Dine, Suzanne Caporael, Nancy Mladenhoff, Cham Hendon, Art Spiegelman and David Lynch have created remarkable prints and monoprints at Tandem Press.
FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow League Members:

Quo Vadis? "Whither are [we] going?" -- an important question at any time, but especially now. With the new calendar year 2010 and the coming end of our fiscal year on 31 May, we are at a perfect conjunction for looking at the past to take stock, and then looking to the future to contemplate where we are going.

The First Eight Months (the past):

The first eight months of the League year have been busy and constructive ones. The following activities are in addition to the Yearbook compilation, the League-Letters, and the planned programs:

* In June, the League hosted the Big 10 Women's Organization Conference.
* September saw the announcement of the Barbara Gerloff University League Great People Scholarship.
* Interest groups number 23, with one new group. In addition, work has begun on a compilation of histories of the various interest groups.
* Volunteer Services added the American Family Children's Hospital & UW Health Pediatrics Clinics "Reach Out and Read Program" and gave additional publicity on volunteering at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve.
* Our website was revitalized, giving it a new look and containing more information. Check it out at www.univleague.wisc.edu
* The Odyssey Project formed its own corporation separate from The University League.
* Gifts and grants were awarded in the amount of $13,680. This does not include amounts awarded for the Endowed and Memorial Scholarships. The Memorial Scholarships (in honor of and in memory of) totaled $3,255. These monies were collected in the previous fiscal year.
* The nominating committee has begun its search for League members to serve on its Board.

Still to Come (the future):

* Stay-at-Home Scholarship Benefit--our major scholarship fundraiser.
* Announcement of second endowed scholarship at spring luncheon.
* Awarding of endowed scholarships.
* Ending of the year, completing fiscal reports and making recommendations for the next fiscal year.

Recommendations:

More thoughts on where we are going, including increasing and maintaining membership, will be discussed in the last newsletter.

One recommendation I am making now: As we go through the fiscal and academic year, on the whole we have little contact with the recipients of our scholarship awards. We can do much better here--first, in giving more publicity to the recipients; secondly, in showing an interest in their accomplishments and being aware of their needs; and, thirdly, in getting to know the recipients personally. Please let me know your ideas for forming a group to handle this.

Thank you for your support and your suggestions.

Jeanne Burull
Alec Walker is the League's 2009-10 Louise B. DeFoliart Endowed Scholarship recipient and is finishing his freshman year at the University of Wisconsin College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS). Alec graduated with an outstanding academic record from Madison, Wisconsin's West High School, as well as displaying an outstanding overall activity performance record.

Alec has spent his entire childhood as a resident of Madison, developing a passion for three entities: good food, nature, and Wisconsin Badger football. He grew up in Madison's southwest side in the Arbor Hills neighborhood, with his parents, Joe and Lauren, and his sister Sydney, 16. Since his "toddler days," Alec has participated in numerous outdoor activities with his family, including summer camping trips to Governor Dodge State Park, long bike rides, strenuous cross-country ski outings through hilly southern Wisconsin, and relaxing canoeing trips on the Madison chain of lakes. He also has a passion for fishing, which has taken him across the whole Midwest, but also to Alaska and Brazil in search of the "elusive walleye, salmon, or piranha." When at home, he enjoys cooking with family and friends, and finds creating new food combinations and dishes especially rewarding. Alec also says that he loves to listen to music with friends, play guitar--mostly acoustic--and sing.

To date, Alec states he has greatly enjoyed his first semester of college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison--and even though faced with a tremendous amount of class work, he still found time to enjoy new friends and the diverse experiences that Madison offers. They include "weekly treks to the Farmer's Market, blustery autumn mornings at Camp Randall, and the exciting task of finding new, quaint restaurants on State Street which have filled my past months with excitement." Alec was enrolled in mostly prerequisite classes this past semester, but also found his weekly University Band course - in which he plays the French horn - especially interesting. Currently, Alec plans to pursue a major in the broad field of biology, and is particularly interested in neurobiology, as well as studying ecology and the environment. At the end of his four years of undergraduate studies, he looks forward to pursuing medical school, with hopes of entering a career in pediatrics.

Alec also displays a gift of energy and personal management by balancing his schoolwork with a handful of other activities including holding a part-time job at the Great Dane Pub and Brewery, where he has worked as a Server's Assistant for the past three years. He says that he looks forward soon to moving up to the position of Server. And, recently, Alec has also taken a position as a representative for his residence hall. He plans to also volunteer at the UW Children's Hospital, and this summer is hoping to carry out lab research at the University, as well as taking a weeklong camping/canoeing trip in the Quetico or Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area.

As you can see, Alec is an outstanding candidate and recipient of the DeFoliart Endowed Scholarship, and is on track to fulfill the DeFoliart family's high standards and educational achievement expectations that were so broadly illustrated by Louise Ball DeFoliart, wife of Professor Gene R. DeFoliart, who helped establish this scholarship in his wife's memory.

--Robert Burull, Endowed Scholarship Committee
INTRODUCING THE 2009-10 BOARD: Roma Lenehan, President-Elect

Roma Lenehan is one of those rare creatures – a Madison native. She has been a member of the University Community all her life. Her father, Bill Lenehan, was an English Professor. Her mother, Angelena Lenehan, became an active University League community member as soon as she arrived in Madison, serving in various offices including President, participating in interest groups, most memorably bridge, and volunteering for League’s various volunteer activities. As a little girl Roma helped with the Madison Friends of International Students (begun as part of League) associated English class that Angelena and Elsie Ham taught to wives of foreign students. When the Lenehans entertained for the English Department and University League, Roma, who was very shy, often worked behind the scenes, preparing and cleaning up.

After college at University of the South in Tennessee, Roma returned to Madison to attend graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In Madison she continued to pursue her interest in birds, traveling around the world in pursuit of new species. Much of her local birding was done in the University owned lands near her home in Shorewood. As restoration and invasive species control began in these lands, now called Lakeshore Nature Preserve (the Preserve), she became involved in Garlic Mustard control. When a Preserve restoration plan was discussed, she combined the observations of local birders with her Breeding Bird Study to create a Preserve Bird Checklist. Due to Roma’s nomination of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve as a Wisconsin Important Bird Area, the Preserve is now a Wisconsin Important Bird Area, the Preserve is now a Wisconsin Important Bird Area. As a result of her work in the Preserve, Roma got to know many of the volunteers and birders in the Preserve, a portion of the larger University Community. Subsequently, she helped form the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve and continues to be active in its activities.

Shortly after Angelena died, University League opened to the Madison Community and Roma officially joined the League. She participates in the Bird Study group and the Genealogy Group. She has served on the Board as Volunteer Services, Membership, and Newsletter Chair. Roma is delighted to be a part of the University League community and to be able to help League continue to support the wider University Community.

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IN MEMORIAM—Mary Anne Boyle, 1931-2010

Mary Ann Boyle served as president of The University League in 1985-1986. She is remembered fondly by many League members and by those in her church and community. Her guiding principles were Family, Faith and Community, and her many activities were built around these principles. Her marriage to Patrick spanned 54 years and brought her the joy of two sons, Steven and James, their wives and grandchildren. She actively supported her husband in his University of Wisconsin role as faculty member and administrator.

As a parishioner of Our Lady of Queen of Peace Catholic Church, she taught in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program for 24 years and served her church in many other ways. For nearly three decades she devoted herself to her volunteer activities, including those at Attic Angels, for Daughters of Demeter, and for The University League. In appreciation for the services of Mary Ann Boyle, The University League is placing a donation in its scholarship fund in her memory.
SPOTLIGHT ON INTEREST GROUPS:
Art Appreciation: A Hands-On Field Trip

Interested in art? A little, a lot, very much, love it? Then come join University League's fun and novel interest group Art Appreciation. We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. You might see a new exhibition at the University's Chazen Museum of Art, (usually presented by the actual Curator of the exhibit), or the downtown Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMOCA) with time for a stop in their award-winning gift shop; or hear speakers such as art critic Jake Stockinger.

This year we have visited the new Art Lofts -- art studios and workshops of the UW-Madison Art Department. We'll see "The Collector," a fascinating documentary about New York City art gallery owner Allen Stone. We'll tour Epic Systems in Verona and their corporate art collection, then go once again to the Kohler Art Library to see "books as art."

Perhaps the most adventuresome activity is the Spring field trip. One year we went to Dr. Evermore's outdoor metal sculpture fantasy world near Baraboo. Last year twelve of us journeyed to Blue Mounds and the art print studio of Larry Welo. Co-chairs Jean-Pierre Golay and Margaret Strass spent considerable time arranging this event. Ten of us car-pooled to one of the loveliest parts of Wisconsin. Larry greeted us, handed out 4x4" pieces of "virgin" copper, and then we jumped in. First step was to paint a tar-like covering over the copper (above).

Next, with a special metal stylus, we drew a design, the stylus removing the black coating. Then the plates were soaked in acid for at least an hour, giving time for the acid to "bite" where the stylus had removed the protective coating.

This was a natural picnic lunch moment. After lunch we returned to the studio to rub off the remaining coating with newspaper. We then covered the plate with a very thick ink and carefully wiped off the excess with cheesecloth. Ready for printing. First, the inked plate was placed face up on the press; then slightly damp quality paper was placed on top of the plate and finally a soft felt blanket on top of the damp paper, to protect and hold everything in place.
Ready to roll! Turning the wheel of the press made us feel very special. Here, co-Chair Margaret Strass is "at the helm"; Jim Krikelas observes.

The greatest moment is lifting the felt blankets, then the paper to see the image we had created. (co-Chair Jean-Pierre Golay right.) Making our own etchings from start to finish gave us greater understanding and appreciation for this art form.

What's in store for us this year? How about "Play in the Clay", a visit to Higher Fire Ceramics studio, where we can have another, literal "hands-on" experience in a different medium?

--Janice Golay, Art Appreciation Interest Group

**The Arts and Crafts Group**

The Crafts Group enjoyed a salad luncheon, cookie exchange, and made table centerpieces on December 17, at the home of Dorothy Binning.

Here are Betty Hanneman, LaVonne Senn, and Jan Martin hard at work with their ribbons, flowers and greenery making centerpieces.
INTEREST GROUP HISTORIES, PART I

With this issue of the League Letter, we are beginning a series of short histories of the various interest groups compiled by Pat Feltskog. You should find them very interesting. If you have anything to add or any comments, please let Pat know.

Aerobics
The Aerobics group was started in 1983 with about 50 members. Carol Carey was the founding member. Two of the original members, Carolyn Liedtke and Jeanne Grover, are still active in the group. They originally started meeting 3 times a week at a fire house for 1 hour. About 15 years ago, they moved to a dance studio 2 times a week for 1 ½ hours. Over the years they added steps for the aerobics, weight training and now include yoga. It is a very caring and close group . . . Everyone has a great sense of humor. Four new members have been added this year. They meet for coffee on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Art Appreciation
In August of 1999, Henryka Schutta, UL Liaison to the Elvehjem Museum of Art, invited UL President Lois Buelow and Past President Jean Stewart to lunch to discuss the possibility of a greater exposure of the Elvehjem art collections to League members. Since the programs had already been arranged for the year, Lois suggested the possibility of an art interest group.

The idea was approved by the UL Board in September. Lois persuaded two friends who were docents at the Elvehjem to join League and become leaders of the new interest group should there be sufficient interest among League members to proceed with its formation.

The announcement of the proposed formation of the new group appeared in the September 1999 Newsletter. The meeting was held on October 12, 1999, in the Middleton Public Library. There were approximately 40 women in attendance. It was decided meetings would be held on the 3rd Wednesday morning of each month during the school year with the exception of December and September. Beverly Calhoun and Ellen Lewis served as Chairs the first two years. The following year over 80 women signed up for the interest group. The list was divided into short calling lists with members volunteering to call to remind people of the meeting dates and the topics. (This was pre-e-mail). Other members who served as chairs early on were: Hat Stevens, Lois Buelow, Liz Murray, Marion Stemmlel, and Cynthia Benevenga. We still meet the 3rd Wednesday, at 10:00.

Gardening Group
The Gardening Group started in the fall of 1974. In those days, the group met most of the year, from February to December with meetings in homes, yards and places of business. Our numbers have varied from about 20 to 30 with as many as 15 attending and have met rain or shine, so we sometimes had only 2 attending. We have visited formal gardens, prairie gardens, places that do landscaping; we checked out house plants in some homes; we also learned to prune our trees and bushes. In addition, we visited University Greenhouses, nurseries, and vegetable gardens and have done craft-type activities. The craft things were done in the winter as was viewing slides of gardens in other countries. We have met in member’s yards and always received pointers from our speakers as well.

Barbara Blaedel, Helen Bruck, Ann Clarke, Marian Cox, Sharon Crawford, Lois Curtiss, Amy Davis, Barbara Gibson, Joan Gooch, Inge Harris, Sandy Hull, Barbara Lehmann (the first planning meeting was at her house), Sandy Litecky, Evelyn McMillan, Erna Rollefson, Katherine Schantz, Antonia Weinman, Elizabeth Young and Elinor Zach were some of the original members.
ODYSSEY PROJECT HONORS ITS FIRST UW-MADISON GRADUATE

Kegan Carter, a 32-year-old mother of three, is the first Odyssey participant to receive a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Carter began her college career as a member of the program's very first class in 2003, which met once a week to earn six credits in English in an introductory humanities course.

By working and through support of the Odyssey program, which offers its weekly course at no charge to qualified near poverty-level students, Kegan handled her young family and overcame numerous obstacles to reach her goal of a college degree. Her success inspires others to follow in her footsteps despite seemingly difficult odds.

The University League congratulates Kegan and the Odyssey Project for this achievement.

(The Odyssey Project is a volunteer opportunity with The University League, Inc.)

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UNIVERSITY LEAGUE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The League is looking for Board members. Board members see old friends and make new friends. Being on a Board and doing projects together is fun. Most Board positions require no prior experience. People who have previously served on a League Board are welcome. Board members serve as an Assistant the first year, while they learn the job, and then serve as the Chair the second year, working with their new Assistant.

All the activities of the University League are coordinated through the Board. The Board arranges the programs, coordinates the volunteer activities and interest groups, raises scholarship money, and helps maintain the University League community. In order to continue, University League must be able to recruit Board members.

Please consider serving on the League Board. Don’t wait for someone to submit your name – call to learn about the available positions. If you know anyone who would be good on the Board, please call. As long as people are willing to help, League will continue to support scholarships, service, education and friendship. Call today! Elinor Zach, Nominating Committee Chair, 271-0051

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SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT STAY-AT-HOME EVENT

By now you have received your invitation from the Walrus to participate in the annual University League Scholarship Benefit Stay-at-Home event. The deadline for returning your donations, payable to The University League, is April 1, 2010. As you have read in the past few League Letters and on the back of the donation card, students who have received these League scholarships are certainly deserving and very appreciative of them. Give as much as you are able and the Walrus as well as the Lobster will be very happy!!
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Need a mid-winter pick up? Get involved!

**Bookworms** could use a few extra volunteers to substitute for monthly readers at area Head Start and other preschools serving needy children. Most participating preschools are in Madison, but there are also classes in Sun Prairie and De Forest. Additional readers will also be needed for next year’s program. Substituting now is a perfect way to try out a new volunteer opportunity. Contact Mary Warfield at 273-9809 to join this early literacy program.

**The Wisconsin Historical Society Museum** has a new Volunteer Coordinator, Jennifer Beier. She can be reached at 264-6563 where you can learn how you might help with their occasional weekend community programs.

Outdoor work groups will be organized this spring for the **Lakeshore Nature Preserve, Allen Centennial Gardens, and the UW Arboretum**. Watch for announcements in future newsletters or monitor their websites which are found in the League Yearbook.

**Odyssey Update**: Professor Emily Auerbach, UW-Madison Department of English and director of the Odyssey Project, has sent a letter to donors to inform them that the Odyssey Project has grown and she is actively seeking new grant funding for basic living expenses. To this end, she is working on forming an autonomous non-profit organization with its own Board of Directors. Until the new organization is formed, please make your checks payable to UW Foundation--Odyssey Project Fund 12543729 and mail to University of Wisconsin Foundation, US Bank Lockbox, P.O. Box 78807, Milwaukee, WI 53278-0807.

The University League, Inc, therefore, no longer accepts monetary donations for the Odyssey Project, but continues to support Odyssey through our Volunteer Services.

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