

## **Interest Group News** **August 2016**

**The Spanish Conversation Interest Group**, which normally meets the second Thursday of the month at Panera, moved its July meeting site to Anna Peczerski's Cottage Grove home. The meeting had two special events. The first was Anna's personal tour of her garden and orchard. Three varieties of kale, shoulder-high tomato plants and a variety of fruits, vegetables and herbs were featured. The second highlight was a delicious meal beginning with cold beet soup or borscht, a traditional soup of Poland, Anna's birthplace. Anna prepared lasagna with salad, followed up by chocolate cake and cheese cake. A very tasty and special summer afternoon, indeed.



**Antiques Interest Group Dines at Historic Walker House-** On a beautiful June day, 13 members car-pooled to Mineral Point and enjoyed a 4-course Cornish miners' lunch at the Walker House. Built in 1836 of native stone, the Walker House is on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of oldest buildings in the U.S. In addition to the original Cornish Pub, there are two

"badger holes" (caves) used by the lead miners of the day. Following lunch, the group had a private tour of Pendarvis, an official State of Wisconsin Historic Site, led by docent Brian Bigler. A good time was had by all as we learned about our state's history and people.

**In July, the University League Garden Club** had a delightful tour of Oakwood Village Gardens led by Mary Jane Getlinger and Lynn Schten. The group saw the raised gardens near Tabor, hidden ones behind its wooden fence, and the gardens near the Oaks.



**In July the Dining-Out group met at Union Terrace** to enjoy the Friday night **Behind the Beat** jazz performance. Although it was extremely humid, the 18 plus group enjoyed conversation and the beautiful evening gazing at the lovely lake and enjoying the traditional Terrace food of hamburgers, brats, veggie burgers, corn, ice cream, beer and other drinks. We listened to the music of Johannes Wallmann - UW Director of Jazz Studies and his friends on the lake front stage.

