



# League Letter

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## Celebrate with Flutist Stephanie Jutt at the Candlelight Concert

Please join your University League friends for the Candlelight Concert dinner on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at the Nakoma Golf Club. Flutist Stephanie Jutt and accompanist Thomas Kasdorf will entertain us with Latin flavored music. The cost of the dinner is \$40 per person. All reservations are **due by Saturday, October 31**.

Please return the reservation form (on page 9 of this newsletter) with a check payable to The University League, Inc., to Suzy Griffiths, 2037 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53726. If you have questions, call 233-5592 or 628-4988 (cell).

### Candlelight Concert

**When:** Saturday, November 7, 2015

- 5 PM – Social Hour
- 6 PM – Concert
- 7 PM – Dinner

**Where:** Nakoma Golf Club  
4145 Country Club Road

**Registration Deadline: October 31st**

### Menu choices:

1. Herb Crested Salmon (Atlantic Salmon, Panko Bread Crumbs, Fresh Tarragon, Parsley and Chives, Garlic Cream Sauce)
2. Vegetable Phyllo (Sautéed Squash, Peppers, Onions, Tomatoes and Spinach wrapped in Phyllo Dough topped with Marinara and Crème Fraiche)

Served with Fall Salad, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Green Bean and Carrot Bundle, Rolls, Turtle Sundae. Special dietary needs can be met – indicate them on the reservation form.

*Begin the holiday season early!*



### Stephanie Jutt Biography

Stephanie Jutt's elegant artistry and passionate intellect have inspired musicians and audiences around the world. Her groundbreaking performances and recordings of new music, transcriptions, and traditional repertoire have made her a model for adventurous flutists everywhere.

Ms. Jutt is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. She was a first prize recipient of the Concert Guild and Pro Musicis International Soloist awards, and was finalist in the international Walter W. Naumburg Competition. She has performed in recital throughout the United States, Europe, South America and Asia. *(continued on page 3)*

## From the President's Desk:

October is here and the leaves on the trees are displaying their beautiful fall colors. Badger football games keep us on the edge of our seats. University League activities are in full swing. As part of our Celebration of Giving, we are establishing a new University League Centennial Endowed Scholarship. Please consider donating generously to help generations of students fulfill their educational dreams.

Chief of Police Mike Koval spoke at our Fall Coffee on September 17 and gave all of us confidence in his ability to protect our community. Mike has proven that he can handle the complex issues that come his way, but wouldn't it be wonderful if he could go to work and not need to deal with serious issues like the ones he has worked with since he took office?

We are looking forward to our next University League Event. At the back of this newsletter, you will find a registration form for our upcoming November 7 Candlelight Concert and dinner at Nakoma Golf Club. You won't want to miss flutist Stephanie Jutt. The salmon was such a hit last year that we have ordered it again this year. I grew up in the state of Washington where we would go out and fish for fresh salmon. I have never enjoyed the salmon that we get in Madison until I had the salmon last year at the Candlelight Concert. Try it. You'll like it!



Mike and Pat Koval



Suzy Griffiths, Program Chair, and Linda Harvey

You received a bookmark in the last newsletter with the dates of our year's events. We have added another fun evening. On February 13, we will offer a jazz evening. Our speaker for our May program will be Jennifer Cheatham, Superintendent of the Madison Metropolitan School District. To accommodate Superintendent Cheatham's schedule, we have changed the date to May 3. Please change your bookmark and mark your calendars.

Many of our retired members have volunteered to meet with UW nursing students so the students can become familiar with the retired generation. The meetings are taking place now. Many thanks to all of you who are taking time out of your busy schedules to work with this program.

University League scholarship winners have been sending us thank you notes and board members are attending university events to meet them. Our recipient interviews in this newsletter show that our scholarship donations are making a difference in students' lives.

*Linda Harvey*

## Candlelight concert *(continued from page 1)*

Ms. Jutt has served as a board member and Program Chair for the National Flute Association, and is currently a member of the Career and Artistic Guidance committee as well as the New Music Advisory committee.

A dedicated teacher, Ms. Jutt is on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition to her duties as flute professor, Ms. Jutt performs with the Wingra Woodwind Quintet and is the founder of the UW Art Enterprise initiative, which provides career guidance and support for emerging artists.

Stephanie Jutt is a founding member of the Cape Cod Flute Institute, now in its fourth summer in Woods Hole, MA. She is principal flute of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and co-produces the three-week Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society chamber music festival.



### **Thomas Kasdorf Biography**

Thomas Kasdorf is a graduate collaborative piano student at University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was awarded the Bolz Prize by the Madison Symphony Orchestra, has performed in the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series in Chicago, and in 2015 with the Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society. Thomas is equally active as a director of musical theater, especially the works of Stephen Sondheim.



## Wisconsin Bookworms

Books, books and more books! So many books (3,272) in my living room can mean only one thing – it's time for the start of a new year of Wisconsin Bookworms readings!

Wisconsin Bookworms is a statewide reading and book distribution program that promotes early literacy for preschool children from low income families. For eleven years, University League members have been among the volunteers reading in Dane County. These volunteers visit local preschool classes once a month for eight months during the school year to read and donate books.

League members have also joined area civic organizations to provide financial support for Wisconsin Bookworms. The cost of providing books for one child is \$24 per year. During the 2015-16 year we will donate 409 sets of books to preschoolers and their classrooms at a cost of \$9,816. If you would like to become a BWBF (a Bookworms Best Friend) and provide financial support, or if you have any other questions about Wisconsin Bookworms, please contact Mary Warfield at (608) 273-9809 or [mbwarfield@gmail.com](mailto:mbwarfield@gmail.com).



Mary Warfield with the Books

Comment [RL1]:

## A Century of University League Giving 25 More Facts, from 1926-1950

26. 1926 October 16 Regular meeting at Lathrop Hall had 371 members present
27. 1926 Balance on hand \$22.36
28. 1928 Authorized \$200 maximum for any one loan
29. 1927-29 Katherine Allen (William's daughter) president of University League
30. 1929 Organized Dames Club for wives of graduate students
31. 1930 Voted to award two scholarships in addition to the loans
32. 1933 Developed clothing exchange for students
33. 1939 Balance on hand \$55.23 (treasurer's report)
34. 1939 Paid to Wisconsin Union \$234.90 for 261 lunches at 90 cents each
35. 1940 June 15 Balance on hand \$46.00 (treasurer's report)
36. 1940 Established University League Scholarship Fund
37. 1940 Awarded two \$75.00 scholarships
38. 1941 Dues were \$1.00
39. 1942-45 Members volunteered at USO Clubhouse
40. 1942 Each member donated 50 cents to buy Defense Stamps
41. 1942 Donated \$30.00 for furnishings at Truax Field
42. 1943 Gave War Committee of Federated Garden Clubs \$5 for Truax Field landscaping
43. 1944 Board members asked to bring fountain pen to address 900 Dinner Dance invitations
44. 1945 *"at this time each was asked to give their first names and henceforth will address each other by them"*
45. 1945 *"a carton of Phillip Morris cigarettes is to be given to Mr. Newell of the UW Greenhouse. He arranges for the flowers for our use at tables."*  
– quotes from September 25, 1945 minutes
46. 1946 Balance on hand \$186.47 (treasurer's report)
47. 1946 Awarded two \$100 scholarships
48. 1947 Awarded three \$100 scholarships
49. 1949 Organized first interest group
50. 1950 Members who had not paid dues for three years shall be dropped, Constitution Section VII

**Addendum to 25 Facts from 1901 to 1925:** The first effort to help women students was a Loan Fund created in 1916 that offered loans of \$25 to \$50. Tuition in 1916 was \$24 per semester for resident and \$148 per semester for non-resident. In other words that \$25 loan in 1916 covered a semester's tuition. Considering the impact of inflations, the \$25 loan in 1916 would equate to \$547.33 in today's dollars – hardly enough to buy books.

## Past President Interview – Mary Jo Prieve

Mary Jo Prieve is well known by the membership of University League. She first joined Newcomers in 1965 when her husband, Al, was hired at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW). After the customary three years in Newcomers, she became a member of University League. Mary Jo wanted to meet other woman and also be involved in the university community. She joined several League Interest Groups including Antiques, Needlepoint, Bridge and Foreign Foods-Lunch. She was committed to the Endowed Scholarship Committee, which she chaired periodically for many years.

Mary Jo was President from 1975-76. She is very proud of the 1976 Scholarship Benefit which celebrated America's 200 year anniversary with a musical review in the Great Hall of Memorial Union that included Tom Wopat. Mary Jo is still active in University League.

On reflection, Mary Jo said one of the highlights for University League was the opening of membership to men and the general Madison community. This was a major change for League and it wasn't passed by the Board the first time.

The other highlight was gaining Federal Tax Exempt status. This took great effort as the League was mainly a social group. Under the leadership and drive of Angelena Lenehan and Helen Kellman, Tax Exempt status was obtained in 1979. One reason for pursuing tax exempt status was that the Postal Service contacted the University saying University League was not entitled to use the University's postal permit since the League was not part of the University. With University League's own tax exempt status, League could get its own permit, saving

considerable money that could be used for scholarships.

Mary Jo received her baccalaureate from UW-Madison in Political Science. When she and her husband moved to Washington, D.C., she got a job as Chief Secretary on Senator Gaylord Nelson's office staff. This was an exciting time in Washington because Senator John F. Kennedy was just elected President. She remembers how on Friday nights the staff all enjoyed the Milwaukee beer that Senator Nelson received from his brewery constituents.



Back in Wisconsin, Mary Jo and Al started their family of two children. She worked at Stitcher's Crossing where her specialty was needlework. She was chair of the League Needlework Interest Group for many years and is now Co-Chair. Mary Jo received the Gold Thread Award at the National meeting of the Embroiders' Guild of America last year. She remains active in the Madison Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild.

## Scholarship Recipient Interviews

### Samantha Pietenpol

Samantha Pietenpol is majoring in Spanish and Elementary Education. She wants to obtain her bilingual certification. She hopes to teach elementary or middle school Spanish-speaking children where English is not their first language. Sam volunteered at James Wright Middle School and worked with students who knew very little English. She hopes to help bilingual students who struggle to succeed in school and in life.

“Sam” grew up in Germantown, Wisconsin. She lived in this suburb of Milwaukee for most of her life until her mother’s job transferred the family to Memphis, Tennessee. A competitive cheerleader, her Memphis team attended the National Championships and won. After four years, her family returned to Germantown and she graduated from High School with her friends.

Sam chose UW-Madison to be near to her ten year old sister, whom she is very close to. Family is very important to Sam. In addition, she loves Wisconsin, the people, and the culture. When she came to this university, it seemed like the story-book college life with the beautiful city, the campus, the lakes and the atmosphere.

This scholarship has meant a great deal to Sam and it could not have come at a better time. Her Mother has been out of work for over a year. Her Dad has poor health and is unable to work at this time. Sam is very appreciative and thankful for this scholarship and the opportunity



that she has been given.

Sam will spend this Fall semester studying in Spain.

Sam had one final comment: “I

would just like to thank the donors for all of their support. I am sincerely appreciative.”

### Laura Josephson

Laura Josephson is majoring in Pharmacology and Toxicology and is also getting a Certificate in Global Health. Her goal is to go to medical school and study neurology, specializing in the brain.



She was born and raised in Marshfield, Wisconsin, and graduated from Marshfield High School. Her mom and grandfather both graduated from UW-

Madison and as a child she always wanted to attend this great university.

Laura spent the summer studying Medical Anthropology in Ecuador. Laura, who speaks Spanish, took classes in Ecuador. She describes her summer as a “wonderful experience!”

Laura is very appreciative of the University League scholarship and sends a big “thank you” to the donors.

### In Memoriam

**We regret to announce the loss of League members**

Dick Moll

Louise M. Yeazel

Dora Kuehner

Marita S. Hettinger

# Scholarship Recipient Interviews

## Megan Slife

Megan Slife is studying Elementary Education with a Math/Science dual minor. She will be licensed to teach first through eighth grade. Megan hopes to teach eighth grade mathematics in the Madison area.

Megan is the first person in her immediate family to attend college. She was raised in Coloma, Wisconsin, a very small farming town of 450 people about one hour north of Madison.

Megan lives with her grandparents. She considers herself very lucky to have the best of both worlds with the small town atmosphere of Coloma and the city environment of Madison. Megan came to UW-Madison to expand her mind



and to be immersed in a new environment. She wanted to be surrounded by a larger, more diverse group of people and get a quality public education.

Megan enjoys taking Education classes with a cohort of 24 people, which creates a sense of community and allows them to learn from each other. She feels fortunate to study with the outstanding professors in the Curriculum and Instruction Department.

Megan's role model is her grandfather. She admires his strong work ethic and independent spirit. He is Megan's best friend and she constantly strives to work as hard as he does.

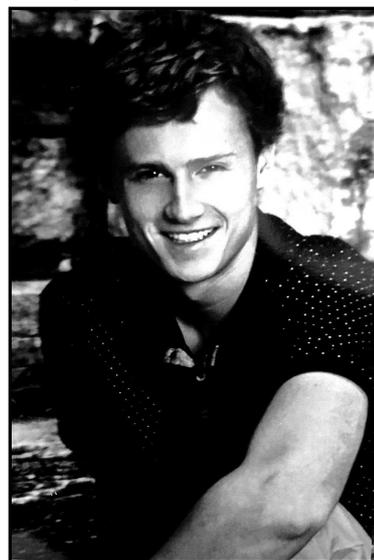
To quote Megan, "This scholarship has meant that I am on the correct path in my life. I am paying my own way through college so I truly can't express how much relief this scholarship provides. It allows me to focus on my studies without worrying about the financial burden."

Megan wanted to add that she is so appreciative for this award and grateful for your generosity. "Thank you for investing in my future and please know this award means so much to me."

## Ron Steinhoff

Ron Steinhoff received one of the Mrs. William F. Allen Freshman scholarships. Ron is planning to major in Political Science and Spanish with a pre-med track. He also wants to get a certificate in Mathematics. His ultimate goal is to become a physician.

Ron was born and raised in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, where he attended Eden Prairie High School, the same school that his parents and two older sisters attended. During his time at Eden Prairie High School, Ron was involved in a variety of activities including the DECA club, Secretary of the Student Council, an officer for Eden Prairie's fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Public Relations Intern for Eden Prairie's AM Rotary. He was a medical intern for a local hospital. During high school, Ron went on a medical mission trip to Guatemala. This positive trip, where people were grateful, reinforced his desire to become a



doctor. Ron wants to help people, focusing on those who cannot afford health care or whose first language is not English, especially Spanish-speakers.

Ron selected UW-Madison for three reasons:

it is affordable due to reciprocity with Minnesota; the research university provides opportunities; and he is able to live in Madison.

Ron is appreciative of this award and says that he will do his best to make a difference in the world. He is very excited to start school and this award made him feel that all of his hard work is appreciated.

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## Armchair Travelers Takes You to the World

The Armchair Travelers Interest Group is thriving and having fun! The 28 members meet on the first Monday of each month. A presenter shares experiences about an area somewhere in the world where she has traveled.

Our November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be led by Betty Zeps. She will talk about her travels to Latvia, mostly centering on its capitol, Rīga. Betty and her husband, Valdis, first traveled to his native country in 1980 during the Soviet occupation. Her last visit to Rīga was only a couple of years ago. In between, she was struck by the gradual awakening of Rīga from a gray old lady to one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Betty will show pictures of the transition as well as some pictures of other cities and the countryside in Latvia. Since Valdis died in Rīga in 1996 while on a research trip to the State Archives, her memories are tinged with sadness.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at the Crossing Condominium Clubhouse in Fitchburg. If you do not belong to Armchair Travelers and would like to attend, please contact Mary Jo Willis at [mjwillis@wisc.edu](mailto:mjwillis@wisc.edu).

***University League Candlelight Concert  
Reservation Form  
Due by October 31, 2015***

Program: Stephanie Jutt, Flutist

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Candlelight Concert: Saturday, November 7 at 5 PM, Nakoma Golf Club**

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservations @ \$40.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

***University League Centennial Endowed Scholarship Donation*** = \_\_\_\_\_

My donation is In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

My donation is In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

**Total** = \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Selections:      # \_\_\_\_\_ Herb Crusted Salmon      # \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Phyllo

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

Mail to: Suzy Griffiths, 2037 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53726

**School of Nursing Community Older Adult Project**  
By Mary Jo Willis

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be part of the exciting partnership between the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing and older adults. Each student establishes a "Therapeutic Relationship" with an adult age 70 or older. A significant proportion of the 150 volunteers are University League members.

Originally this project was to involve junior nursing students, but the School of Nursing decided to start the project with senior level students. Many participants say that they are enjoying the experience.

At my introductory visit, I learned that my student Annie is a trumpet player in the UW marching band. This semester she had to cut down on some of the band appearances because of her clinical nursing involvement.

At our first visit, Annie performed a nutrition assessment and practiced her interviewing skills. I have learned that I need to increase my intake of veggies! I am looking forward to the next three visits to learn what else I could be doing to improve my health and well-being.

This volunteer opportunity allows nursing students to improve their patient care while becoming comfortable with senior citizens, as well as enabling volunteers to learn how to change their lifestyle to improve their health. In spring 2016, Yvette Egan, Course Professor, will again be asking for volunteers. Specific information will be available about the **Community Older Adult Project** in the newsletter and at the Annual Meeting in May.