University League welcomes Madison’s inimitable Leotha Stanley as our spring luncheon speaker. A UW track and field star (specializing in the long jump), a Madison firefighter and paramedic, a UW administrator, a composer, a choir director, and author of children’s books, he has had an unparalleled career.

Stanley turned his full attention to music in 2000, and the whole community has benefited: He coordinates the music for Madison’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday observance; he has brought gospel carols to the Madison Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert; he founded the University of Wisconsin Student Gospel Choir, and he has directed five choirs at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

In addition to all that, Stanley has developed an extremely successful program that incorporates African-American music into children’s literacy education. Serving as an artist-in-residence at many Midwestern schools, he has developed programs for teachers, children, and their families, that blend books, music, and performance. Songs such as “Ready, Set, Read,” “Education is My Brain Power,” and “Attitude Adjustment,” all composed by Stanley, celebrate education and prove to children that learning is fun.

Please join us for a delightful and inspiring presentation on May 9th as Leotha Stanley shares both his music and his message. The spring event at Blackhawk Country Club begins at 11:00 with a social hour and cash bar. Lunch will be served at 11:30, and our speaker will make his presentation at 12:00. Following Stanley’s talk, we will have our annual meeting from 12:45 until 1:30. Lunch options are detailed on the reservation form. Looking forward to seeing you there!
PRESIDENT’S COLUMN
March 21, 2018

I’m writing this in the afterglow of an exhilarating, well-attended Spring Program that featured Supreme Court Justice Shirley Abrahamson. She is down-to-earth and matter-of-fact and has a charming sense of humor. I had the pleasure of driving her to work after the program. (It was either Uber or me.) She told me she had expected a turnout of only 40 to 50 people, but 168 attended! Kudos are due to Program Chair Joan H, Publicity Chair Kay Jarvis-Sladky, League Letter Editor Joanne Cantor, Assistant Membership Chair Cindy May, and their hardworking committees!

On Wednesday, May 9, our final program of the year, the Annual Meeting and Luncheon, brings the multi-talented Leotha Stanley with “A Message in Music.” In addition, we will elect new board members. (See page 6 for the slate of nominees.) League members and their guests have preference to register until April 18. Thereafter, reservations are open to all. There is no time like the present to send in your reservation! A word to the wise (which you all are) is sufficient.

Update on establishing Endowed Scholarships (ES): We have been informed that beginning on January 1, 2018, endowments through the Foundation are being funded at a minimum of $25,000 (up from $10,000). The rationale for the increase is that the funds earn 4.5% per year. With a start-up ES fund of $10,000, each scholarship amounts to about $450. In some schools, that is enough to purchase only one textbook! Some schools do not award scholarships under $1,000, so a scholarship might be awarded only in alternate years if no other funds are available to bring the award up to $1,000. At $25,000, the annual proceeds are about $1,125. Under the new system, people will have a maximum of five years to fund their ES, but it is acceptable to fund it faster. So, for example, one could contribute $5,000 for five consecutive years. Or, say, they could contribute $12,500 for two years. All partial ES's will be held in the University League Endowed Scholarship Fund so that scholarships will be awarded each year from the total interest accrued. Once the donor's fund reaches $25,000, it will be listed independently and bear the name chosen by the donor. Also, once the ES reaches $25,000, donations of any amount may be added to the fund. For more information or to begin an ES, please contact Mary Jane Getlinger (getlinger2@gmail.com).

Some additional accomplishments in 2017-2018:

• Program Committee presented four fabulous programs plus one field trip to APT.
• Scholarship Committee garnered four new Endowed Scholarships established in 2017.
• Membership Committee recruited 42 new members and 5 new spouses as of April 1.
• Scholarship Benefit Committee to date has collected over $14,000 as of March 29.
• Membership Committee created red and white tri-fold membership information form.
• We staffed a UL information table at the UW 2017 Colloquium on Aging. At least one person joined and many were introduced to our organization. [We paid nothing to participate. Now that we've created the trifold membership form, I recommend we continue doing this.]
• Membership Committee is creating a new Pay-in-May form.
• Program Committee created a new Program reservation form (see page 11).
• Tech Committee is setting up a new web platform, expected to start in June.
• Tech Committee is actively exploring options for new database.

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As my Presidential year draws to a close, I marvel at the creativity, talent, teamwork, and just plain hard work of The University League Board of Directors, committee members, Interest Group Leaders, and members. I’ve met new people and made new friendships. And that’s what it’s all about. Thank you everyone!

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

Betsy Haimson, President (215-7042 or laughingwithbetsy@yahoo.com)

MORE ON JUDGE ABRAHAMSON’S VISIT from Kay Jarvis-Sladky

Justice Abrahamson began by talking about her love of the University. She shared that in her first year in Madison, she bought a life membership to the Union ... for $10. Her husband said that it was a waste of money because they were only staying a year. When they returned after an absence of three years, she still had the life membership card in her wallet, where it remains to this day – a very good investment!

The Justice went on to joke that she wouldn’t talk about anything really “interesting.” She was definitely wrong about that. But her argument was that she felt she should avoid talking about anything that was likely to come before the Court.

Typical questions for a seasoned jurist: What was your most gratifying, interesting, famous, etc. case? Her answer was that it’s always “the case I’m working on.” She works hard on her decisions, she says, and once she writes them, “I just turn the page.”

To illustrate the importance of following what the law says without regard to the effect the decision might have, she talked about a case in which the law required her to rule that a farmer be forced to sell his land to make way for a nuclear power plant, even though the farm had been in the family since 1830. She felt really bad about that outcome. But when talking about the case years later, she learned that the power plant had never been built. The farmer had sold the land to the power company when prices were high, and bought it back when prices were low, farming his land continuously and making a tidy profit besides.

Justice Abrahamson invited us to watch the Supreme Court proceedings on WisconsinEye, which provides gavel-to-gavel coverage to everyone. She added that their archives are available for streaming 24 hours a day, and quipped that since they’re on all night, they are especially effective if you’re having trouble falling asleep!

[Photos of Justice Abrahamson here and on p. 12 by George E. Hall. Special thanks to George for burning the midnight oil the night before leaving on a trip to provide these photos by our press deadline!]

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REPORTS FROM INTEREST GROUPS

Bird Study Group: Celebrate Spring with Birds
Roma Lenehan

The University League Bird Study Group members get outside to enjoy nature. We meet in the fall and spring, but have only one winter meeting – to see Bald Eagles (see group photograph).

The spring is a wonderful time to begin bird watching or renew your birding skills. We also look at butterflies and wildflowers (including an April 13 trip to Walking Iron Park near Mazomanie for Pasque flowers). During the spring (beginning March 16) we take short walks on easy trails in local parks and natural areas. Join us for the neotropical migrants including the colorful warblers, Indigo Buntings, Scarlet Tanagers, and Baltimore Orioles. Exceptional trips include Pheasant Branch (April 27) and Governor’s Island (May 11) at peak migration. On May 18, we visit Horicon Marsh for the day. Our year ends June 1 with a day trip to beautiful Governor Dodge State Park. (Please bring a lunch to the two out-of-town full-day trips). Our complete schedule is on the University League website (click on INTEREST GROUPS/ACTIVITY GROUPS).

We welcome beginners. We meet to car pool at 9 a.m. at the Covenant Presbyterian Church on the corner of Mineral Point and Segoe Roads. Except for out-of-town trips, we usually return by noon.

Questions?
Contact Roma Lenehan (rlenehan@charter.net) or Frances Johnson (frj4madison@gmail.com)

Genealogy Interest Group
Mary Jo Willis

The Genealogy Interest Group meets the 4th Monday of the month at Oakwood Village West at 7:00 p.m. Our topic for February was “Placing your Ancestor in a Time in History.” The discussion took us far and wide, across the US and Europe, and involved cultural differences and involvement in both the Civil War and World War I. We learn so much from one another! This theme was continued on March 26th, asking participants to discuss one ancestor they would like to meet and why. You may want to ask yourself these questions and consider joining this vibrant group in the future.

CONTACT: Catherine Tesar (233-8077, tesar@chorus.net).
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Barbara Rogers, Volunteer Coordinator (829-0969)
Lucy Lasseter, Assistant Coordinator (347-7114)

Needed NOW!
Wisconsin Public Television Donation Acquisition Volunteer!

WPT is seeking volunteers to assist in acquiring donations for their auctions. This is an area that they want to expand. A Donation Acquisition Volunteer plays an important role in the success of the 2018 WPT Auction by speaking with auction donors on the phone about the event and asking for their continued support. WPT is looking for help at their Vilas Hall Studios during business hours, Monday through Friday, from now until the end of May. Reimbursement for parking is offered. Contact Mike McKenzie (mike.mckenzie@wpt.org or 265-4436).

Wm. S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital

Volunteers assist in many areas, serving as volunteer escorts, office aides, drivers, Information-Desk and Waiting-Room attendants, and Emergency-Department aides. Assignment schedules are flexible and vary. The requirements for becoming a VA Volunteer include a background check, two tuberculosis screenings and completion of New Volunteer Orientation. Contact: Lisa Offord or Tim Donovan (280-7030, lisa.offord@va.gov, Website: www.madison.va.gov/giving/).

The Volunteer Experience -- Joan Leffler

Wisconsin Public Television pledge drives are one of the University League’s many opportunities for members to volunteer in our community. I chose to participate in this spring’s pledge drive because it’s a small way to say thank you for the quality entertainment and learning that WPT has brought into my life for over forty years. But I also discovered that a significant benefit was the chance to get to know fellow League volunteers who worked the same shifts. During breaks, we talked about our favorite WPT programs, about the music our parents introduced us to, and about our love of theater. In fact, we could hardly stop talking. WPT staff had to shoo us back to our phones! The experience as a WPT volunteer was one of unexpected and happy discoveries, especially the conversations with League friends that I hope will be ongoing. I will definitely be back again to volunteer.

Thanks to Bookworms Volunteers -- Mary Warfield

One of the Wisconsin Bookworms books this year was called “You are Special, Daniel Tiger!” Just like Daniel Tiger, all the readers who volunteer with Wisconsin Bookworms are special! They devote many hours to preparing the books, planning activities, and reading to their classes. On behalf of the 476 Dane County preschoolers who received Wisconsin Bookworms books this year, thank you to our volunteers. Our program would not exist without the help of, Bev Zarnstorff, Sally Schrag, Madonna Scullion, Laureen Yoshino, Nancy Gloe, Anne Raffa, Barb Larsen, Janet Gajewski, Sue Taylor, Helen Read, Kathy Knox, Mary Malloy, Sheila Endres, Judy DeMuth, Barbara Rogers, Pat Becker, Denise Garlow, Nancy Baumgardner, Lila Moravec, Sue Stachoviak, Dory Christensen, Peggy Lemahieu, Barb Freeman, Lucy Lasseter, Pat Meloy, Gail Steinhorst, Lynn Courtenay, Amal Vitale, Fran Malloy, Florence Schmitt, Karen Sallander, Susan Sprague, Linda Mayfield, Melinda Pellino, Linda Christen, and Anne Doherty.
University League Nominees for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors
(The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 9.)

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A huge thank you to each of these members for offering her time and talent for the continued success of University League.

Report of the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee

Mary Jo Willis

In 2016-2017, the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee worked diligently on updating University League policies, procedures, job descriptions, and bylaws. Now that the Board of Directors has had six months to experience their responsibilities, we have asked them to fine tune the job descriptions and review any policies that need to be changed. Our goal is to have job descriptions that clearly define the expectations, responsibilities, and guidance that helps our Board perform its duties. The Past President, in looking for nominees for the new Board, provides the job descriptions to potential nominees and clarifies the skills needed for the position.

Organizations continue to change with the times. This includes discovering how our policies and information technology can help us be more efficient and member-friendly. As our Technology Task Force moves ahead, the LRPP Committee will continue to assist with changes as directed by the President.

We are pleased to have Kay Jarvis-Sladky join our committee, filling a vacancy. She is always full of good ideas and has held many positions in UL, including President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, and Publicity Chair. We look forward to working with Kay.
IN MEMORIAM

The University League sends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to three of its long-time members: past president (1980-81) Rose Fahien, whose husband Dr. Mike Fahien, passed away on January 29; Nancy Heiden, who lost her husband, Dr. Jack Heiden on February 28; and Donna Clasen, whose husband, Prof. Bob Clasen died on March 17. We offer our sympathy to all three families.

Word has also been received from friends and families of the deaths of Barbara Goy and Audrey Roberts, both of whom were vital members of University League for many years. Barbara moved to Portland, Oregon in 2006 and passed away on October 12, 2017, having lived a wonderful life devoted to arts and arts education. Audrey died on January 5, 2018 in West Lafayette, Indiana. Her involvement with University League included several interest groups: Couples Bridge, International Foods, and the Monday Night Book Club. We missed them when they left Madison and send our sympathy to their families.

The League has lost one of its own valued members, as well. Lynn Schten died on Sunday, March 18th after suffering a stroke. A memorial service is planned for April 21 at 11:00 am in the Resurrection Chapel at Oakwood Village. Lynn was active in many interest groups and served on the Endowed Scholarship Committee, as well as the Board. Our condolences to Ed, who is also a League member, and her family.
What Our Grateful 2017-2018 Scholarship Students are Saying

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<td>“With your generous financial aid, I will be able to make the most of my time at UW-Madison. On top of Spanish, I intend to major in Sociology and receive a certificate in Global Health. UW-Madison’s unique Global Health certificate will help me prepare for my future career in public health. Neither of my parents received a college degree, so I’m excited to lead the way for my two younger brothers.”</td>
<td>“I am double majoring in Biology and Conservation Biology. I have a large passion for protecting the environment. The financial assistance you have provided me will aid in paying some of my expenses, allowing me to concentrate more on my education.”</td>
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More from our Grateful Scholarship Students

Sahibnoor Kaur:

“I am a neurobiology major on the pre-med track hoping to be a neurosurgeon or neurologist. I am very involved in youth-related activities at my Sikh temple. On campus I am on the Professional Development Committee of Alpha Epsilon Delta (a pre-medical honors society), Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, and am an ambassador for Ask.Listen.Save, a suicide prevention organization. This scholarship helps my family as it lessens the financial burden we experience because I am an out-of-state student.

Sophia Jain

“I am currently a junior double-majoring in Sociology and Legal Studies and am planning to attend law school after graduation. Prior to attending college, I served as an AmeriCorps member in City Year, a service program designed to reduce the high school dropout rate of lower-income students in inner city schools. I have since continued my work with students, tutoring with Badger Volunteers in Madison, an on-campus student organization. This scholarship award makes a huge difference in my ability to continue my education and achieve my goals.”

Maja Popovic

“I am majoring in biology with a certificate in Global Health. I hope to get into the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. As I began to take courses for my Global Health certificate, I was more passionate than ever in becoming a pediatrician and focusing on global health. I was born in Ulm, Germany and moved to Appleton, Wisconsin with my family when I was two years old. Your benevolent gift encourages me to achieve my goals so that one day I can pay it forward as well. I am sincerely grateful for your generous donation and support.”

Nathan Simon

“This scholarship will aid me financially as I pursue undergraduate degrees in History and Psychology. Attending UW-Madison has helped me to explore potential career possibilities, such as my internship with the Family Court Clinic of UW Law last summer. Your scholarship will help me to more easily finance my undergraduate education so that I will be able to save money to afford attending law school after I graduate.”
University League Annual Meeting and Luncheon  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m.  
Blackhawk Country Club  

Program: “A Message in the Music” by Leotha Stanley  
[University League members and their guests have preference until April 18; then reservations are open to all.]  

Reservations deadline: Saturday, April 28, 2018* (No refunds after this date)  

Member(s):  
______________________________  

Guest name(s):  
______________________________  

Nonmember(s)__________________________  

Guests’ and Nonmembers’ emails:_____________________________________________________________  

Their mailing addresses:  
______________________________  

___ Reservations @ $25 = $______  

Are Donations “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” someone? Please circle IMO or IHO and provide the information.  

General Scholarship Donation (IMO/IHO?) ________________________________  

Bookworms Donation (IMO/IHO?) ________________________________  

(For IMO, please indicate next of kin and address so that your gift can be acknowledged.)  

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $______  

Menu choices (indicate who wants each):  

_____ Spinach Salad with Pecan-crusted Chicken, Strawberries, & Goat Cheese  

_____ Fresh-Baked Quiche with Fruit Garnish & Roasted Vegetables  
Served with coffee, tea, or milk; assorted rolls and butter; chocolate raspberry torte.  

List any dietary restrictions: ________________________________________________________________
Need a ride? ______  Can you offer a ride? ______

Make Checks payable to The University League, Inc.
Mail to: Betty Zeps, 1922 Adams Street, Madison, WI 53711
*To guarantee your reservation, we must have your check and registration form in hand by April 28. Questions? Call Betty at 255-5252.