University League Spring Luncheon  
Curt Meine and Keefe Keeley, editors of The Driftless Reader  
Reservation Deadline: March 12, no refunds after this date.

The University League is proud to present Kurt Meine, a conservation biologist and writer, and Keefe Keeley, a native of the Kickapoo River Valley and director of the Savanna Institute. They are the editors of an impressive collection of writings, The Driftless Reader, about this area in southwestern Wisconsin and other nearby states. The drift is what the most recent and massive glaciers left in the flattened land: sands, gravel, boulders, and other sediments. The Driftless Area is the area untouched by these glaciers. The book shows us the area’s ancient richness, ruggedness, beautiful deep valleys and waterways like the Kickapoo, the Wisconsin, and the Mississippi Rivers passing through and many hidden lagoons. Our speakers will introduce us to the Geologic Origins, Ancient Peoples, Historical Ecologies, Native Voices, Settlers’ Stories, Farming Lives, of the Driftless Area, and more.

An astonishing variety of peoples inhabit the Driftless Area: Native American villagers, Norwegian farmers, Mexican families selling produce in the mercados, organic entrepreneurs, Hmong truck gardeners, and many others.

In The Driftless Reader, Curt Meine and Keefe Keeley have compiled this impressive collection of writings, containing many literary, scientific, and journalistic contributions including excerpts by Aldo Leopold, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and Frank Lloyd Wright. They present numerous illustrations that invite us to experience this region and place us in contact with its richness. Frank Lloyd Wright was born in the Driftless Region, in Richland Center. His philosophy of “organic architecture” was inspired by his natural environment, which he said promotes: “the harmonious integration of the natural and built environments.”

Please join us for an inspiring presentation at our Spring Luncheon. The menu choices to satisfy both vegetarians and non-vegetarians are Portabella Grilled Salad (GFV), or Pesto Crusted Chicken Breast with toasted Orzo and Grilled Asparagus. Dessert will be a Three-Layer Chocolate Cake (GF). See reservation form on p. 9 for more details.
From the President’s Desk

Warmest greetings to all! I hope this newsletter arrives with the ever-nearing promise of Spring.

This year, we will again celebrate the beginning of Spring with the University League Spring Luncheon on March 21st. Detailed information is on page 1 and the reservation form on page 9. This information can also be found on the League’s website: univleague.wisc.edu/programs.

Spread the word and bring a friend to explore the uniqueness of the Driftless Region. All are welcome!

We included a Technology Knowledge Survey in the previous issue of the League Letter. Thank you to all who have completed the survey and sent it to Barbara Rogers. The Long Range Planning and Policy Technology Committee will use your responses to plan technology education sessions to be offered in the Fall and Spring of next year. Watch for this new development and, if you haven’t done so already, please complete and mail in your survey. We value your input.

The University League annual Scholarship Benefit is underway. You should have received your invitation by now. If you can’t find the card that came with your invitation, all you need to do is make your check payable to The University League, Inc., and mail it to The University League, Inc., P.O. Box 5064, Madison, WI 53705-5064. If you can’t find the card, include a note with your name and address. Also, let us know if your contribution is “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone, and give us the names and addresses of honorees or their family so we can acknowledge them.

After meeting with our previous scholarship recipients and reading their thank-you letters, I want to share their gratitude for your gifts. The students not only appreciate the monetary value of each scholarship; they value the support and thoughtfulness behind them. They genuinely feel you championing their success. University League Scholarships provide students with the financial assistance needed to experience internships in health-related fields, politics, and journalism, to name a few. With one of these scholarships, they are able to travel to areas of natural disasters where they can apply their learning and skills assisting victims with their legal issues; or a scholarship may simply help to support a younger sibling with the costs of attending UW-Madison. Our scholarship recipients are giving back and making the most of these gifts. As one recipient wrote, at UW-Madison “there is a sense that everyone here is seeking to improve not only themselves but their corner of the world.”

The University League is proud to support UW-Madison students through scholarships, and we thank you for your contributions.

Adelante (Forward),
Theresa Calderon
Highlights from the Candlelight

Eat and Dance the night away!

And a good time is had by all!
“Behind the Scenes” With the 2019 UL Scholarship Benefit—
Judy Stevenson, Carol White, Priscilla Thain

Thank you, University League members and friends and family for contributing to the University League’s Scholarship Benefit starting now through this May, helping worthy UW Madison scholars climb the “Tree of Knowledge.” Our invitations to donate should have arrived in early February. Please send in your donation card with your check in the designated envelope as soon as possible! If this is not a good time for you to donate, perhaps you know of another Badger supporter, and could pass on the Benefit invitation to them.

What goes into creating the donation invitation once the Committee develops the annual theme? First, the committee did a lot of “brain storming” to think of ways to define and represent the theme. Next, the graphic artist took our ideas and intertwined creative skills with the eye of the professional photographer to make the “magic” happen! Our “magicians” this year have been League member and graphic designer volunteer, Denise Garlow, UW School of Veterinary Medicine’s Development Communications Specialist, and volunteer professional photographer, Drew Weinstein.

Last August, with eyes wide open, Denise went to find “just the right tree.” She travelled the campus and there it was! THE tree! The photo shoot was scheduled, emails, phone calls back and forth and a date set. We crossed fingers that everyone would arrive in Bucky colors and the weather would cooperate. You’ll recall we had devastating torrential rains last fall.

Miraculously, stars aligned properly on the designated date, providing a rare, dry, noon photo shoot at the incredible tree by the Washburn Planetarium on top of Observatory Hill. Denise and Drew efficiently worked their art, orchestrating the photos. In the meantime, assistant director, Carol White, rolled a cooler filled with a selection of ice-cream up the hill from Babcock Hall Dairy Store. Racing the clock, students needing to get to their next class, the group paused to enjoy the cleared, blue skies and a refreshing treat by the hill’s local monument, Chamberlin Rock. The magic had come together and the photos captured the heart and soul of the connection with scholarship recipients with learning. Individual pictures of the recipients are on the back of the invitation.

Much appreciation for the Scholarship Benefit Committee: Judy Stevenson, 2018-2019 director, Carol White 2019-2020 director, Ruth Gifford Johnson, Susan Lauffer, Margy Walker, Denise Garlow, and ex officio members, Theresa Calderon, President, and Barbara Rogers, President Elect.
Tyler Mack, 2018-19 University League Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Recipient

Tyler Mack, currently a 4th year student at the University of Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, grew up in northwestern Pennsylvania near Lake Erie. His family raised beef cattle, along with a few Belgian draft horses used for pulling logs for their yearly supply of firewood. His grandfather lived next to them and had a small dairy farm where Tyler worked during summers and throughout college. While attending Gannon University, a small school in Erie, Pennsylvania, he majored in Biology and worked as a lab assistant and teaching assistant in courses ranging from principles of ecology, limnology, and comparative anatomy. He co-founded the university's pre-veterinary club and also performed and published research involving an invasive species in Lake Erie. In addition he worked part time as a veterinary assistant at a small animal emergency center and shadowed a large animal practice near his hometown to gain veterinary experience. He also had leadership positions as Vice President of a Chemistry Honor Society and a Biological Honor society.

At the UW Vet School, in addition to his courses, Tyler worked at the university's dairy research station and did considerable research such as spending a summer working with Dr. Heather White's lab group. He also performed multiple shadow and externships at animal facilities in Wisconsin, New York and Pennsylvania. Tyler will be graduating in May 2019 and hopes to find a job in large animal medicine working primarily with dairy cows.

A number of times during the meeting with Theresa Calderon and Priscilla Thain, Tyler made a point of mentioning his gratitude for the UL Scholarship and specifically how it enabled him to travel to different states for externships, carefully selected by him because of the uniqueness of the research and practice that each one had to offer. Our best wishes to the future Dr. Tyler Mack, who will be doing such important work with his knowledge of our food and animal supply and the environment.

Bookworms Update

There are changes coming in our Bookworms program that will be detailed in the April issue of the League Letter. In the meantime, you can enjoy this delightful picture entitled “Amal and the Enthralled Listeners.” University League reader, Amal Vitale (on the left), is both reading and talking about the book’s illustrations along with Lynn Courtenay, another League member.
**Interest Group Activities**

**International Foods Dinner Group**

The planning sessions (“tasting dinners”) of the International Foods Dinner Group are always fun for the committees, with lots of good food. This photo is from the tasting dinner held at the home of Nancy Webster for the Greek menu planned for March. Pictured are Sara Babcock Lash and John Webster with Margy Walker in the background.

**Armchair Travelers**

The November presentation for Armchair Travelers, "Snowbirds in Puerto Vallarta," featured Charlotte and Jim Burns (pictured) showing slides of their annual trips to the beautiful Mexican location on the Pacific coast--Puerta Vallarta. They are avid birders but also enjoy the pleasant sights and culture of this area. They will be presenting their talk again at the Sequoya Library. Stay tuned for the announcement of the date and time. On December 3, Lynn Bosch, herself a retired teacher, gave a very complete power-point talk, “Retired Travelers in France,” with instructions about everything from getting your passport to how to pack and how to go about finding your itinerary and transportation. In January, Ken and Claudia Miska presented their 30-day trip to Southeast Asia. This travelogue with sounds, photos and video was an informative presentation on several South East Asia countries: Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

Armchair Travelers meet at 7:00 pm at Oakwood West in the Heritage building on the first Monday of the month. All are invited-members and guests. Our spring schedule includes the following programs and speakers:

March 4: Joan Peterson, publisher of the Eat Smart Culinary Travel Guidebook Series, recently received the 2018 Gourmand Awards, "Best in the World-Culinary Series." Joan will be presenting about her recent culinary experiences in Jordan.

April 1: Mary Ann Reale and her husband took another European trip last spring, this time to Hungary. Mary Ann's husband masterfully arranges the trip so they receive a personalized tour.

May 6: Alenka Weinhold, a newer member of our group, will be speaking on her country of origin, “The Czech Republic: The Best Places to Visit in Czechia: Beyond Prague.”

**French Reading Group**

The French conversation group gathered on January 9th to celebrate with a "galette du roi," a king's cake. The lucky lady who found the "fève" in her piece of cake was Jane Pizer, who proudly wore her crown for the rest of the meeting.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Dorothy I. Logan**, age 102, died quietly at home on December 9, 2018. Dorothy was a long-time member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, the University League, and the Village of Shorewood Hills Garden Club. In addition, she served as a volunteer at Meriter Hospital for many years, as well as the Madison Chapter of American Red Cross. She was a woman of many talents, particularly sewing, arts and crafts, and creating Christmas ornaments for her family and friends.

**Diane Dell Wilcox**, age 76, died peacefully at home on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, of metastatic colorectal cancer. In 1988, after raising her family, Diane earned a master's degree in Special Education Learning Disabilities from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and resumed teaching. She taught in the Monona Grove School District from 1988 until her retirement in 2001. After retiring from teaching, Diane was very active in Attic Angels, PEO Chapter H, University League, her two book groups and several Mah Jongg groups.

**Mary "Roma" Rowlands** passed away at home surrounded by family on December 23, 2018 after a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis. She was born on January 15, 1934 in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. Roma traveled extensively, including to the Soviet Union, Eastern & Western Europe, Japan, Australia, northern Canada--Hudson Bay and Cornwallis and Baffin Islands. In retirement, she was very involved in University League Book Club and in Aerobics. She would like to thank Caroline Liedtke, Marilyn Gundermann and Jill Muehrcke of the Aerobics group, for keeping her going much longer than she was expected to last.

**Robert D. Lorenz**, League member and husband of past president (2002-2003) Sally Lorenz, passed away on January 27, 2019 at Agrace Hospice. Robert was a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin for over 34 years, and was internationally known for his work. He received numerous professional awards including the IEEE Richard Harold Kaufman Technical Field Award.

He lived a life filled with enthusiasm and love, and strove to make every day count. In recent years, he made 12 mission trips to Guatemala. With Covenant and Madison Horizons Rotary Club, he helped Habitat for Humanity build over 25 homes.
Aging Colloquium

University League members were invited to attend the Colloquium on Aging sponsored by the UW Institute on Aging on October 25, 2018, which showcased the latest research and resources on positive aging. As part of this Colloquium, Betsy Haimson, Theresa Calderon and Kay Jarvis-Sladky manned a table during the accompanying Health Fair to make available our brochures about the League along with information on joining.
University League Spring Luncheon
Thursday, March 21, 2019, 11:00 am
Nakoma Golf Club
Program: The Driftless Reader, Curt Meine and Keefe Keeley
Reservations deadline: March 12 * (No refunds after this date)
Non-members welcome

Member: ___________________________________________ Phone:______________
Member: ___________________________________________ Phone:______________
Guest(s) name(s): ____________________________________ Phone:______________
Non-member: _______________________________________ Phone:______________

___ Reservations @ $25 each (includes lunch and presentation) $_____

General Scholarship (IHO/IMO)___________________________

Centennial Endowed Scholarship (IHO/IMO)____________________
($100 minimum for these donations)

Bookworms (IHO/IMO)_____________________________________

(For donations “In Honor of” or “In Memory of”, please circle IHO or IMO and provide contact information.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $_____

Menu choices (indicate who wants each, and list any dietary restrictions):
  ____ Pesto Crusted Chicken Breast with Toasted Orzo and Grilled Asparagus
  ____ Portobella Grilled Salad (GFV).
  ____ Dessert Three-Layer Chocolate Cake (GF).

Need a ride? ______  Can you offer a ride? _______

Make Checks payable to The University League, Inc.
Mail to: The University League, Inc., P.O. Box 5064, Madison, WI 53705-0064
*To guarantee your reservation, we must have your check and registration form in hand
Several years ago, the University League launched a membership drive, “Each one, Reach One.” In order to maintain a vibrant organization, we need a continual supply of new members. Since the start of the 2018-19 year, we have lost eleven members in death and several have moved away. We urge you to think back on our slogan, “Each One, Reach One” when a friend is looking for a new, interesting organization to join, and give them our “Elevator Speech:”

The University League is a nonprofit membership organization open to all who support the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The purpose of the League is to raise funds for student scholarships and to promote volunteer services, educational opportunities and social activities for its members. Founded in 1901, The University League has provided student scholarships since 1916. In the past 30 years, the League has given more that one million dollars in scholarship funding for UW-Madison students and gifts to UW related groups.

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