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University League Annual Meeting and Luncheon

The Vicars of Vegetables: Plants, Pumpkins, and Poetry

The University League is delighted to announce the speakers for our annual meeting: “The Vicars of Vegetables,” otherwise known as Irwin Goldman and Jim Nienhuis, Horticulture Professors at the UW-Madison.

The “Vicars” are known for their playful and respectful banter about vegetables. They are passionate about all kinds of vegetables, especially the under-appreciated root vegetables.

Along with their many years of research into plant breeding and plant genetics, Goldman gives lectures on “Social Justice for Beets,” and Nienhuis has officiated at the Giant Pumpkin Regatta on Lake Mendota, as Horticulture students piloted hollowed-out floating pumpkins.

In addition to their knowledge of how to grow vegetables in all kinds of weather and soil conditions, Goldman and Nienhuis enjoy using garden-related haiku poetry. Goldman feels the poetry is “therapeutic when you encounter the things you encounter when gardening.” And “The Beet Goes On” claim The Vicars of Vegetables!



Professor Irwin Goldman in the garden

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

When: Wednesday, May 8

Social Hour: 11:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Presentation: 12:15 p.m.

Annual Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Nakoma Golf Club
4145 Country Club Road, Madison
(Free Valet Parking Available)

Cost: \$27

Reservation Deadline:

Tuesday, April 30

No Refunds after this date

Reservation form on page 9

Please join us for lively information and laughter.

The menu choices are Chicken Pomodoro (Chicken breast, Panko bread crumbs, and basil tomato cream sauce with vegetable medley and toasted orzo) -or- Quinoa Spinach Salad (Spinach, quinoa, chickpeas, tomatoes, hard boiled eggs, feta cheese, artichokes, and kalamata olives, with raspberry vinaigrette dressing). Dessert will be Cherries Jubilee. (See reservation form on page 9 to make your choice.)

From the President's Desk



What an exciting year this has been for the University League! Together, we have had many accomplishments and forged several new paths, and we've made many new friends along the way.

We launched a new and improved website in July, thanks to the Technology Committee, with the assistance of UW-Madison's Department of Information Technology (DoIT). In addition to the sleek new look of the website, it now has hyperlinks for contacting committee chairs and links to registration and reservation forms so members can sign up even before newsletters arrive. We still have to use the US Mail to submit our forms and payment, but stay tuned for future online innovations. Working with the UW Foundation, we have arranged for online donations to be made to our Named Endowment Scholarships.

Our publicity has continued to expand via widespread announcements through electronic calendars. In addition, our Spanish Literature and Conversation programs are now supported by the Sequoya Library, open to the public, and promoted there. Sequoya has also scheduled an encore presentation of one of our Armchair Travelers presentations, "Snowbirding in Puerto Vallarta." Look for more such presentations to come.

We have added the Wisconsin Film Festival to our list of volunteer opportunities, and have partnered with the School of Nursing for a beta test of their new website, agefully.me.

At our May 8th Annual Meeting/Luncheon, we will celebrate the end of the 2018-2019 year and preview the upcoming year. Presentations by the Vicars of Vegetables and the Director of Finance Operations of the UW Foundation will highlight this event. Please see page 1 for luncheon information.

Five years ago, under the leadership of President Mary Jo Willis, the University League initiated the **"Each One, Reach One"** membership campaign. In the coming months, we urge you to invite your friends to enjoy the programs, interest groups, volunteer opportunities and lifelong friendships that the whole membership enjoys. Forms are available on our website or by contacting Kathleen Murphy Sherry, Membership Chair (phone: 608-831-7831).

And speaking of membership, don't forget **"Pay in May, Pay in May."** In early May you will be receiving your membership renewal form for the 2019-2020 year. **We urge you to return your Membership Renewal Form and Volunteer/Interest Group Form by June 1, 2019.**

It has been my honor to serve as your President during this 118th year of the University League. To the Board of Directors, Committee members, Interest Group Leaders, Volunteers, and all members, thank you for your creativity, your support, and your collaborative efforts on behalf of the University League.

*Adelante (Forward),
Theresa Calderón*

Ms. Forward Speaks

By Fran Rall

First consider the dates:
Sculpted by a Wisconsin woman in 1893,
saved from the burning of the Capitol in 1904,
now in 1998, standing there firmly,
I am the oldest thing around!
Who would have guessed I would be such a
survivor!
Proper for the age, with classic dress, flag, and
upheld hand.
How French!
First hammered out of copper like my sister,
Liberty,
I stood through two moves, repairs, and a bronze makeover;
all paid for by the women of Wisconsin.
Good for you, Sisters. Why the long wait for the vote?
(What terrible fear kept postponing it?)
All we were asking for was a Square Deal.

In *The Unspoken Word*, published by Firewood Press, 2014.



Longtime member, Fran Rall (above), pictured at a poetry reading, is The League's unofficial Poet Laureate. She wrote the poem, "Under the Oak Umbrella," on the establishment in 1901 of University League, published in our League Letter for the 2009 Big Ten Women's Groups meeting in Madison.



In Memoriam

Phillida W. Charly, age 95, of Madison, passed away peacefully at her home on February 20, 2019. Born on July 5, 1923 in Hull, England, Phillida spent her childhood in Ottawa, Canada, and became a United States citizen upon attending college at Oberlin. While attending a summer course at UW Madison, Phillida met her husband Ted. After his death in 1977, she discovered a love of travel which took her around the globe to a different country each year. Phillida was a longtime member of the University League and PLATO, actively participating in numerous groups such as, hiking, birding, foreign foods, and French conversation. Her kindness, gracious generosity, curiosity and quick wit will be dearly missed by all of those who knew her, especially her dear friends, Fran Rall and Otty Schaefer.



Hat Stephens, age 94, whose ever-smiling face graced the registration table at our University League programs and events for many years, died at home on Thursday, February 28. Hat's many activities with University League included Treasurer, Program Committee both as member and chair, bridge groups, gardening, and volunteering with Olbrich Garden and the University Arboretum. In addition, Hat found time to teach microwave cooking techniques at MATC and write two microwave cookbooks. As a member of the League's Nominating Committee,

which she hosted for years at her home, she delighted in cooking up wonderful snacks for all!

Scholarship Benefit Thank You and Update



“Bark, Bark, Bark”

Is that a dog you hear? No! It is the “century old Oak tree” on top of Observatory Hill where four recipients of a University League Scholarship stood last fall to inspire League members to contribute to this invaluable scholarship fund drive. A big thank you to all who have so far contributed to the Benefit!

Just reminding those of you have not had a moment to send in a donation to the Scholarship Benefit, there is still time left to do so. Donation cards on the tables at the May 8, 2019 Luncheon and Annual Meeting at Nakoma Golf Club. As of March 17, Treasurer Linda Harvey reports 90 League members have donated a total of \$13,835. We want your voice and donation to be counted. The invitation encourages you to have your donation in by the end of April. In reality, we can accept Benefit Scholarship Donations until April 15.

The UL scholarships make a significant difference when we contribute. Your scholarship donations will continue to spread the seeds of hope and bring sunshine to a new crop of scholarship recipients!

School of Nursing University League Scholarship Recipients



On April 1st we were honored to meet with three University League Scholarship Recipients at the UW-Madison School of Nursing. We celebrate their unique contributions to their profession, and to the Madison Community at large. Congratulations Doris “Elisa” Obregón (Costa Rica), Guisella Medrano (Peru), and Margaret “Grace” Stewart (Wisconsin). Standing behind our scholars are League President-elect Barbara Rogers, President Theresa Calderón, and Priscilla Thain, Scholarship Committee Chair.

Interest Group Activities



Wine Divas & Dudes

2019 began with some robust and flavorful adventures for the Wine Divas & Dudes.

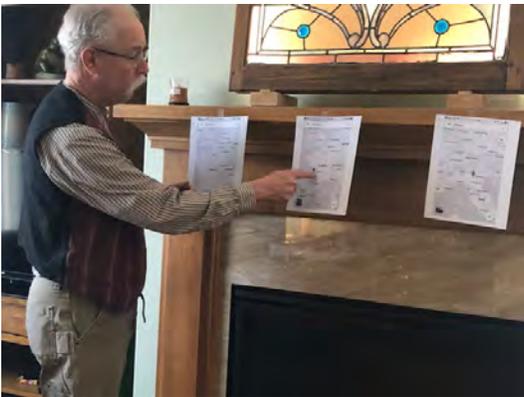
In January, Linda Baumann hosted a night in Sicily where the table looked like we were in Italy and the wines were a great complement to the rest of the meal.



For February's meeting, Kate and Dan Beaver hosted a night of pairings where we learned about wines from France and Italy and tasted food that paired with those wines.

In March, we will visit the Cambridge Winery Tasting Room in Madison, where we can enjoy tapas along with our wines.

Anyone interested in joining, let me know at Elainer49@gmail.com.



Antiques Group

Here are just a few "antiques" exploring the history of Valentine's Day complete with smiles, glasses and color.

Helen Read presented a comprehensive history of valentines along with lacy designs and appropriate messages.



Reminiscing about lost loves and St. Valentine:
Standing left to right: Aleta Murray, Kathy Knox, Helen Read and Judy Stang. Seated is Sara MacDonald.



The Bird Study Interest Group is getting in one last hike before the winter sets in. They may have spotted something interesting.



League Updates

Big changes are coming to the Bookworms program in Dane County!

University League has sponsored Wisconsin Bookworms for Dane County since February of 2009. Because of changes at the state level this year, Dane County will no longer be a part of Wisconsin Bookworms. Instead, beginning in June, University League will be the proud sponsor of an early literacy program--name to be announced following board approval, possibly as soon as the May 8 Annual Meeting. We plan to continue the program just as it has existed, with the hope that participating families and teachers will not experience any changes other than the name of the program. Our goal is to continue providing books and volunteer readers for the same number of preschool children and their classes totaling 540 (!) as we have for the 2018-19 school year.

Further, we will be working on the design for a new logo, so look for it in the next issue of *The League Letter*.

For the past 10 years, University League members have been extremely supportive of Wisconsin Bookworms--some as volunteer readers, many as financial contributors. Your generosity has been essential in helping us grow the program from 200 children in 2009 to 519 children this year. We are grateful for all your contributions. I hope you will now support our new early literacy program! If you have any questions about this volunteer effort, please contact Mary Warfield at mbwarfield@gmail.com or 608-273-9809.

Technology Knowledge Survey

We included a Technology Knowledge Survey in the January issue of the *League Letter*. Thank you to all who completed the survey and sent it to Barbara Rogers. The Long Range Planning and Policy Technology Committee has been meeting to tally the responses and will use them to plan technology education sessions that could 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.

University League Nominees for the 2019-2020 Board of Directors

(The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 8)

President-Elect—Joan Leffler
Assistant Secretary—Sandy Nuernberg
Assistant Treasurer—Janie Ward Peck
Assistant Program—Betsy Haimson
Assistant Membership Development—Kathleen Murphy Sherry
Assistant Interest Groups—Susan Ihler
Assistant Volunteer Opportunities—Sally Andrews
Assistant Publicity—unfilled
Scholarship—Judy Stang
Assistant Newsletter Editor—Betty Zeps
Assistant Mailing—Beverly Priefer

Continuing University League Board Members for 2019-2020

President—Barbara Rogers
Secretary—Cindy May
Co-Treasurers—Melinda Pellino and Linda Harvey
Program—Karen Goebel
Membership Development—Ellen Lewis
Interest Groups—Cathy Andersson
Volunteer Opportunities—Winn Eckert
Newsletter Editor—Roma Lenehan
Publicity—Kay Jarvis-Sladky
Mailing—Darlene Olson
Long Range Planning and Policy—Mary Jo Willis
Past President—Theresa Calderón

University League Non-Board Appointments for 2019-2020

Archivist—Renee Hoxie
Database—Sue Ryan
Endowed Scholarship—Mary Jane Getlinger
Scholarship Benefit Director—Carol White
Assistant Scholarship Benefit Director—Gail Schomisch
Technology—Brook Solvedt
Webmaster—Sharon Nellis
Yearbook Coordinator—Marcia Schmidt

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 11:00 am

Nakoma Golf Club

Program: *Vicars of Vegetables--Irwin Goldman and Jim Nienhuis*

Reservations deadline: April 30* (No refunds after this date)

Non-members welcome

Member: _____ Phone: _____

Member: _____ Phone: _____

Guest(s) name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Non-member: _____ Phone: _____

____ Reservations @ \$27 each (includes lunch and presentation) \$ _____

General Scholarship (IHO/IMO) _____

Centennial Endowed Scholarship (IHO/IMO) _____

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):

For descriptions, see page 1.

____ Chicken Pomodoro

____ Quinoa Spinach Salad

____ Cherries Jubilee

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**

By April 30. Questions? Call Linda Harvey at 271-6488.





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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 twelve members in death, and several have moved away. We urge you to think back to 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 than one million dollars in scholarship funding for UW-Madison students and gifts to UW-related groups.

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