Kaleem Caire: “One City Today: Transforming Early Education”

Kaleem Caire is many things. A 2010 Isthmus article calls him a “change agent;” his website says he is “an accomplished trailblazer and social entrepreneur;” and he has become a national leader in K-12 education reform, economic and workforce development, and community transformation. In 2015, he launched One City Early Learning Centers, a 21st century preschool aimed at eliminating the racial achievement gap at its core. So, now “innovator” can be added to his long list of descriptors.

Kaleem is a fifth generation Madisonian. Born Michael Caire, he changed his name in 1991 in a traditional African rite of passage in which Elder African Americans chose the name Kaleem, which means “good teacher” in Swahili. He grew up on Madison’s South Side and attended Franklin Elementary, St. James, Cherokee Middle, and West High Schools. A 2000 graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Education, he also holds a certificate in nonprofit management from Harvard Business School.

One City Schools is striving to change the educational landscape in Madison and is already looking to grow. One City Schools’ mission is to prepare young children for success in school and life and ensure they are on track to succeed in a college and career preparatory program in high school.

Menu: The Continental Breakfast, served at your table, will include fresh-baked danish, coffee cake, mini-muffins and scones, mixed fruit, orange juice, and coffee. Gluten-free baked items are available but must be requested beforehand. Please note any dietary restrictions on the reservation form.
Hello University League members,

Welcome to the 119th year of University League. We have a proud history and mission of service, scholarship, volunteerism and friendship. The 2019-2020 year will be a rewarding year for our members, scholarship recipients and the Madison community at large.

Our membership generously gave donations to the University League Endowments, General Scholarship Funds and our newly minted University League Great Dane Readers (formerly known as Wisconsin Bookworms). We so very much appreciate your generosity and support of scholarships and education. Thank you so much for your support of the students and their education.

We have a marvelous year of programs planned. Our program committee has been hard at work making sure that there was a little something for everyone. Our fall coffee opens the programs with a look at One City Schools. Kaleem Caire, CEO for the schools, will give us an update about the schools’ progress.

The Candlelight Dinner will be held at the Maple Bluff Country Club and we will be entertained by the wonderful Ryan Meisel Jazz QuArtet as well as by one of our scholarship recipients, Guisella Medrano, and her Peruvian Dance Troupe, MOSAICO. Please say hello to her if you get the chance. These are just two of the exciting and interesting programs planned for the year.

I would like to expand on the “Each One, Reach One” initiative from a few years back. Please help us find new members by introducing your friends to League. In addition, I encourage each of us to reach a new member younger than ourselves, or “reach one younger.” The League is a wonderful organization with a fantastic goal of making sure that we contribute to educated, functioning members of the community and the world at large. We have to make sure that we are also helping League to grow. May I suggest that you bring a younger member or two to an interest group or perhaps sponsor a younger person by paying their dues or buying a ticket to a program. It would be wonderful to have our membership increase.

We are always looking to increase our membership on committees. If you have a particular interest in a committee, please don’t hesitate to talk to me or any member of your Board of Directors about joining a committee. Committee participation is a great way to make friends while helping University League reach our goals.

I am very excited about the coming year and I hope that you all are as well. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year and visiting with you at the programs.

Barbara Rogers
The 2019 Scholarship Benefit Raised the Most Money Ever
By Carol White

AMAZING! Just look at the growth! Our scholarship tree of knowledge has expanded its root system, thickened its trunk and branches, sprouted new shoots, and leafed out in all directions! This past year was the best year ever for the University League Scholarship Benefit, with donations amounting to $20,330! Fantastic! Our mission to positively impact students’ educational opportunities at University of Wisconsin-Madison continues to be successful thanks to all of you! How does that make you feel? Wonderful, I hope! It should! For 2020, we want to do just as well or even better for meritorious Badger students needing our help.

Hello, University League Friends
By Carol White

Let me introduce the 2019-2020 Scholarship Benefit Committee. Our focus lies in raising and making University League scholarships available to deserving University of Wisconsin-Madison students via the mail in your donation (referred to as the “stay-at-home”) Scholarship Benefit that runs from February 1 thru May 15, 2020. In January, we will be ready to send you a thoughtfully crafted invitation for the purpose of donating to the 2020 University League Scholarship Benefit. Our team (clockwise starting at the left, in front): Margy Walker, Susan Lauffer, graphic designer Denise Garlow, former director of the Scholarship Benefit Judy Stevenson, League President Barbara Rogers, Scholarship Committee Chair Judy Stang, Ruth G Johnson, Scholarship Benefit Assistant Director Gail Schomisch, and Scholarship Benefit Director Carol White. Other Committee members not pictured here are League President-Elect Joan Leffler, Karen Pasch, Barbara Widder and Dory Christensen. All of us on the Scholarship Benefit Committee look forward to stepping up to make this another stellar year for University League UW-Madison students' scholarships! Go Badgers and supporters of University League!
Interest Group News

Art Appreciation and Antiques Combining into Artiques

Due to duplication of interests and to take advantage of opportunities to share educational experiences, the Antiques and Art Appreciation Groups are combining and taking the new name "Artiques." During the coming year, events will be scheduled that will pique the interests of members of both groups. Meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month.

If you have been a member of either group, your name will be on the list for the new group. If you have ideas for meetings or outings that you would like to attend, please make the new leaders (Helen Read (238-6137) and Diane Smidt (833-1760)) of the new Artiques group aware of them.

Armchair Travelers

Armchair Travelers meets on the first Monday of the month from October through May at 7 p.m. at Heritage Oaks in Oakwood West. Here is the fall schedule of programs:

- October 7 - “Riding the Mississippi on a Paddle Wheeler.” Judy Stang will describe her recent experience on the American Queen, one of the largest river steamboats ever built.
- November 4 - “Hiking in the Faroe Islands.” Linda Baumann will share her experience in the rugged terrain and windy, cool Faroe Islands, where the temperatures average above freezing throughout the year because of the gulf stream.
- December 2 - Come listen to Scott Spoolman, science and environmental writer, who authored the book “Wisconsin State Parks: Extraordinary Stories of Geology and Natural History,” describe the rich diversity of our beautiful state parks.

Come and bring a friend. For more information, contact Mary Jo Willis (467-8608).

Wine Divas and Dudes

Wine Divas and Dudes offers opportunities to sample new and different wines while enjoying lively conversation. Each meeting centers on a wine theme with pairings of appetizers. Our first meeting will be September 19. Contact Elaine Rosenblatt (827-5046) for more information.

Genealogy Group

We welcome all University League's genealogists – advanced or beginner. Our speaker at the September 23 meeting will be Mary Jo Willis, discussing "The Quest to Find my Lost Grandmother – a story from Grimm, Russia's German colonies.” We meet the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at Heritage Oaks at Oakwood West on Mineral Point Road. Contact Mary Jo Willis (467-8608) for more information.

Summer Event: Betty Lou Cruise – History of Lake Mendota
Volunteer News

Thank You, Volunteers
Thank you to the about 50 members who volunteered for our 14 different opportunities. The most popular group is the University League Great Dane Readers, formerly known as Wisconsin Bookworms. Volunteers read to preschoolers from low income families in Dane County and after the reading, the children receive a copy of the book for their very own. What a great program! Our newest opportunity, the Wisconsin Film Festival also has quite a few volunteers. We are off to a great start. If you are interested volunteering, consider donating your time and efforts to one of the following worthwhile groups: Allen Centennial Gardens, UW Hospitals and Clinics, UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve, UW Odyssey Project, or the William S. Middleton VA Hospital.

The University League is an organization that prides itself on giving back to the community, and that wouldn’t be possible without your continuing support. Thank you.

Join University League Volunteers for the Public Television Pledge Drive
Five University League members volunteered for the Wisconsin Public Television (WPT) pledge drive on May 5, the second pledge drive we participated in this year. We answered phoned-in pledges of financial support, using a custom software program developed by WPT. The training is thorough, help is always available, and the phone interaction with donors is engaging. Plus, local restaurants donate yummy food and all the volunteers' names are thrown into a basket for a prize drawing. We left with that warm-and-fuzzy feeling of having helped a worthy cause. Future pledge drives will be scheduled for later this year. If you’d like to join in the merriment, please contact Volunteer Opportunities Chair Winn Eckert or long-time WPT volunteer Cindy May. Do good and have fun at the same time!

Announcements

Please Notify University League of Any Address Changes
Please promptly notify Ellen Lewis (ellenbook@gmail.com or 238-1242), the Membership Chair, of any changes in your address or email. This will ensure that you get all University League information and save the League money on forwarded and returned mail.

To Ensure Members Get University League Emails
The University League Secretary for this membership year (June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020) is Cindy May. Please add both of her email addresses to your contact list to ensure that her messages go to your "in" folder rather than your spam/junk/trash folder. Also, be sure to let Cindy know if your email address changes during the year. Many thanks!

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Enjoyable New Members Coffee

The University League Membership Committee hosted the New Member Coffee and Brunch at the home of Kathleen Murphy Sherry, current Assistant Membership Chair on June 28th. We had a lovely day for the gathering, attended by new members and current and past members of the Board of Directors who mingled, ate delicious food, and engaged in great conversation and friendship! A couple of new members brought along guests to see what University League is about.

Our Past President Theresa Calderon did a wonderful job explaining our Mission of supporting the University of Wisconsin-Madison by raising funds for student scholarships and promoting volunteer services, educational opportunities and social activities for our members. President Barbara Rogers spoke enthusiastically about the upcoming programs. She is looking forward to the interesting calendar of events planned for 2019-2020.

“Each One, Reach One” Membership Drive Continues

Several years ago, 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. Unfortunately, we lose members to death (six listed in this newsletter) and members moving away. We urge you to think of our slogan “Each One, Reach One” when a friend is looking for a new, interesting organization to join, and invite them to a program or Interest Group 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 and loans 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._
Visits with University League Scholarship Students

Theresa Calderon, Ruthann Lewis, Barbara Rogers and Priscilla Thain met with University League scholarship recipients Angela Hause and Alex Shaw at the School of Education on April 25. Joshua Woolfolk, the UW-Foundation Development Director for the School of Education, also joined the group.

Angela Hause, a junior Art Education and Theatre and Drama major, is the recipient of the University League Dorothy Searles Scholarship. She delighted the group with her enthusiasm for technical theater work. In her spare time, she is a student hourly in a woodshop for the UW-Madison Theater where she has done carpentry for the Little Shop of Horrors and the Tragedy of Tragedies and was technical director for 38 Steps. “The University League scholarship is helping me reach my dreams,” Angela said. “With time that would have otherwise been spent working, I am able to spend more time on campus working in the art education and theater departments and to be on the design teams for student-led theater productions.” After she completes her studies, she plans to be a high school art teacher and also to work in technical direction for theaters around the country.

Alex Shaw, a junior Kinesiology major in the School of Education, received a University League General Scholarship. He is currently pursuing a degree in the Kinesiology program in exercise and movement science. After graduation, he hopes to attend graduate school for physical therapy and specialize in orthopedics or sports medicine. Sports have always been a huge part of his life, including playing football in high school. In his spare time he is a freshman football coach with the Verona Area School District. Alex said that this scholarship helps relieve the financial stress of being in college. He has two brothers who are also at UW-Madison, which makes it difficult for his parents to support all three of them. This scholarship allows him to focus on his studies and to take the pressure of tuition payments off his shoulders.

On April 23, Theresa Calderon, Barbara Rogers, and Priscilla Thain attended the Outstanding Adult Students Scholarship and Awards celebration at the Memorial Union. They met with Monique Karlen, who received the University League Cynthia McCreary Holbrook Youmans Endowed Scholarship for an adult student. Monique is a first-year student in the Part-Time Master of Social Work Program. She currently works full time as a high school visual arts teacher in the Madison Metropolitan School District. In 2011, while volunteering in Haiti, she met a stray dog who changed her life. She brought him back to the United States and trained him to become a therapy dog. After having been hospitalized at UW Hospital and encountering therapy dogs, she wanted to give back. Monique and her dog Za are now a registered therapy team and volunteer at Agrace Hospice each Sunday. This led Monique to find her way back to UW-Madison for a graduate degree in social work with a focus in geriatrics and palliative care. This scholarship, according to Monique, alleviates some of the financial burden of returning to school to take this new career path at mid-life, after teaching for 29 years. It makes her even more excited to continue her studies and see where the future takes her.
IN MEMORIAM

**Marjean Smith** died peacefully in her sleep on April 22, 2019, at the age of 94. Marjean and her family moved to Madison in 1953, settling in the new Orchard Ridge neighborhood. She immediately became active in the University League, especially the book group in which she participated for many decades. She also volunteered at the University Hospital, first in its original location and later in its current, newer building. Marjean loved music, traveling, puzzles, and watching wildlife while camping.

**Eric Rude**, age 94, passed away on June 8, 2019, in Madison. Eric was a Dean at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School for thirty-one years. He was proud to receive the national Outstanding Achievement in Research Administration Award. He was husband of League stalwart, Nancy Rude, and was one of the first men to join after the membership voted to admit men. He accompanied Nancy to most League events even before he became a member and maintained his League affiliation even after her death in 2014.

**Marie McCabe** died on June 28, 2019, at age 99. In the 1980s, she was designated “Honorary Life Member” in recognition of many years of leadership in University League, and was still a member at her passing. In addition to the League, Marie was active in several organizations including League of Women Voters, Phi Beta, Daughters of Demeter, Unitarian Alliance, and PLATO. She appeared in public play-readings and conducted many oral histories for Historic Madison. And she always attended exercise classes.

Past University League President (1989-90) **Carol Palmer**, 89, died on June 28, 2019. Carol was a “professional volunteer.” In addition to University League, some of her key roles included Chair of the Wisconsin Women's Network, Chair and member of the Friends of the Waisman Center, President and long-time member of the American Association of University Women, and over 20 years of leadership for the Attic Angel Continuing Education program. She loved working with people and organizing events.

**Dorothy Standridge**, age 93, of Madison, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Dorothy was a long-time member of University League and was most recently Chair of the Scholarship Benefit Committee. She led a varied and interesting life. In addition to her love for her rose garden, crafts, and traveling, Dorothy worked as a Detective for the Madison Police Department from 1956 to 1981 and taught at the Madison Police Academy. Dorothy’s willingness to take on new challenges will be remembered by all of her University League friends.

**William F. Vogelsang**, Professor Emeritus of Engineering Physics at University of Wisconsin, quietly passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at age 90. Bill, another long-time male member of University League, and his wife, Barbara, were very active members of many League Interest Groups especially International Foods (Treasurer) and Genealogy. Bill loved music and played a fine clarinet. His unfailing contagious humor and bridge games will be missed. He would remind those who considered quitting to "Just put one foot in front of the other."
Ta-Da! Introducing the new University League Great Dane Readers logo! Here is the Great Dane Dog that will represent our new reading program and appear in every book we donate. More than 5,000 books for the 2019-2020 school year have arrived and are ready to be counted and sorted. The volunteers will begin their readings in October. If you have made a donation to Great Dane Readers (formerly Wisconsin Bookworms), thank you for your support! If you have any questions about our program, or would like to make a financial contribution to help us continue providing books to preschool children from low-income families, please contact Mary Warfield at bwarfield@gmail.com.