University League Candlelight Concert and Dinner  
December 14, 2019, 5:30 p.m.  
Maple Bluff Country Club

Programs: Ryan Meisel QuArtet: “John Coltrane Meets Christmas”  
Mosaico: Peruvian Folkloric Dances

Welcome to the University League Candlelight Concert. We have two exciting programs for your entertainment. Read about them on page 3.

Our dinner is your choice of three entrees:  
• Prime Grade Teres Major (beef), Caramelized Onions and Button Mushrooms, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Grilled Balsamic Vegetables.  
• Honey-glazed Chicken, Wild Rice Blend, Broccolini with Red Peppers.  
• Vegetable Stir Fry with seasonal Vegetables, Teriyaki Glaze, and Chow Mein Noodles.

All meals include salad, rolls, and peppermint ice cream dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk.  
A cash bar will be available.
Hello, Everyone! We have been very busy this fall. The year started off with a wonderful Fall Coffee. Kaleem Caire, of One City Schools, gave our members an update on his work and his vision for the future of that initiative. This topic was so popular that we had 92 attendees. His message was so impressive that many people asked whether they could volunteer their time and how they could donate to this wonderful program.

Your nominating committee has been hard at work filling vacancies for committee and Board positions. If you know of anyone who is interested in serving on a committee or the Board, please refer them to Theresa Calderon, our Nominating Committee Chair (university.league2015@gmail.com).

I recently met an enthusiastic young woman who is very interested in joining University League. I only had brief conversations with her but she has given me some great ideas for recruiting younger members. She will be one of our newest members. If you see any of the new members please greet them and make them feel welcome. If you know of a younger person who might be interested in joining us, please invite them to one of our events as your guest or consider giving them a League membership as a holiday gift.

Our technology survey is already paying dividends. We have organized and signed up members for our “Smart Phone Essentials” class. University League is offering this class in partnership with Oakwood Village and our instructor, Dave St. Amant, of Community PC. This was spearheaded by our own powerhouse Mary Willis. The last class was November 4th. We have plans for more technology classes in the future, so stay tuned.

Our next bit of excitement is this year’s Candlelight Concert and Dinner, at Maple Bluff Country Club. I think this event will be the highlight of the holiday season. See details on pages 1 and 3.

I’m looking forward to seeing you at the Candlelight Dinner. And, everyone, please have a safe, happy holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Barbara Rogers

“Each one reach one younger” in 2020

Holiday Gift Membership
Save time shopping – give someone a gift membership to University League. Mail a check for $30 (made out to University League, Inc.) to Ellen Lewis (114 Vaughn Court, Madison WI 53705). Be sure to include the new member’s name and address and your name.
Program Notes
Karen Goebel

John Coltrane Meets Christmas by the Ryan Meisel QuArtet
When you’ve had your fill of choirs and carolers but still want to get in a festive mood, slip into something more comfortable with the Ryan Meisel QuArtet’s soulfully original jazz interpretations of Christmas favorites. Enchanting audiences with his powerful saxophone playing and melodic ideas, Ryan Meisel captures the spirit of the season and transforms it into a sonic display of celebration that is thought-provoking, soulful and fun! The all-star group also features drummer Jake Polancich, pianist Craig Rigby, bassist David Dinauer. The holidays will never sound the same.

Mosaico
Mosaico is a Peruvian folkloric dance group whose purpose is to share the rich cultural heritage of Peru with American audiences. The mission of Mosaico is to keep their culture and traditions alive and to create a healthy cultural space for the young generation of Latinas growing up in the United States. Mosaico means “mosaic” and represents the incredible diversity that is Peruvian due to the mosaic of their racial and ethnic roots. This is reflected in Mosaico dancers who are strong and intelligent Latina women from a variety of Latin American countries with rich life stories and talents. One of the dancers is a University League Scholarship winner!

Candlelight Concert Details
When you arrive at Maple Bluff Country Club, guides will show you where to find the Reservation Table to pick up your nametag. Please immediately find a table where you would like to sit and place your nametag on the table. Then mingle with friends, but head to the Ballroom by 6:00, where the Mosaico dance performance will be held. At 6:30, it will be time to return to our seats in the dining room for dinner and dessert. The Ryan Meisel QuArtet’s performance will begin in the Ballroom at 7:30. There will be time afterward to talk to the artists.

Help League Events Succeed – Reserve Promptly
Please send your event reservation to University League promptly. The reservation deadlines indicate when the reservationist needs both your money and your reservation form. Prompt responses are needed so the country clubs and other venues know how much food and staff are required for the event. At the Fall Coffee, 34 of the 92 attendees registered after the deadline, almost 40% of participants. Currently the country clubs are giving us a discount (waiving or reducing their room fees), which allows University League to charge less for each event, making it more affordable for everyone. Please help us maintain good relations with the staff of these venues by sending your registration in early. Note that the reservation form is in our newsletter and can be printed from the University League website, www.univleague.wisc.edu (beginning about four weeks before the reservation deadline). Please allow at least four or five days (especially if there is a weekend) for mail delivery. Make it easy on yourself – mail the form as soon as it arrives in the newsletter. Thank you for your help in making our University League events successful.

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On Tuesday, September 17th, nine members of the “Artique” Interest Group traveled to Janesville, Wisconsin, for a tour of the Lincoln-Tallman House. This delightful event was planned and organized by Kathy Knox.

This Rock County icon, a Milwaukee Cream City brick, Italianate-styled house was built by lawyer and land speculator, William Tallman, in 1857. He came from New York with his wife, Emeline, and his three children in 1850, and owned and resided in the house until 1915. The cost of the house of six floors and 20 rooms was $42,000 (about $2 million today). The Lincoln-Tallman House has been operating as a historic museum since 1951.

With the first step through the original heavy black walnut front doors, one can immediately understand why this home is considered a 19th century masterpiece, with its walk-in closets, tall windows featuring slim shutters, and spindle oval opening on the second floor from where one can view both the front and back doors. Also, quite unheard of for the time, it included running water and central heating.

The house touts 75% of its original furnishings, with a few outstanding pieces: a lovely mahogany dresser of Emeline’s and a marble sink featuring a beautifully painted porcelain bowl. The original chandeliers include one in the library that could be lowered or raised via a chain.

This lovely residence was named Lincoln-Tallman House in remembrance of the sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln, who visited in 1859, as he was campaigning in southern Wisconsin. After hearing Lincoln speak, William Tallman invited him to stay overnight, and a friendship developed.

This special house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is truly “an outstanding example of one of Wisconsin’s elegant patterns of the past.”

Source: Rock County Historical Society (www.rchs.us)

From left to right: Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Karen Goebel, Aleta Murray, Barbara Pillinger, Cathy Andersson, Sheila Read, Kathy Knox, Janet Nelson Reilley, and Diane Smidt.

The Wine Divas & Dudes started our new season with a great meal – paella and Spanish wines. Two types of paella were accompanied by different sangrias and red and white wines. And yes, of course, there was dessert.

Thanks Barbara Rogers and Kate Beaver for all your work and a fun evening. Even the weather cooperated.
Volunteer News

League Volunteers for Wisconsin Public Radio

Four University League volunteers attended Wisconsin Public Television's volunteer appreciation party on September 25. The theme was "tropical," so they dressed accordingly. Pictured are Cindy May and Joan Leffler.

Volunteering for Wisconsin Public Television, soon to be rebranded "PBS Wisconsin," is both fun and rewarding. The University League-affiliated volunteers try to coordinate their shift schedules and car pool. We'll be representing League during the Fall Membership Drive by answering phones and recording donations on December 11, from 6:15-10:15 p.m.

If you'd like to find out more about this great volunteer opportunity, please contact Cindy or Joan.

Know your University League President

Barbara Rogers joined University League after seeing an invitation to join from the University League sent from the Madison Teachers Association-Retired. She signed up for Wine Divas and Dudes and met many welcoming members. She subsequently joined other Interest Groups and her friendliness and leadership qualities were apparent. Soon she was on the Board as Assistant Volunteer Opportunities Chair, then Chair, then President-Elect, and she is now our current President.

Barbara was born in Pensacola, Florida, and was brought to Chicago as an infant. After graduation from Chicago State University, majoring in elementary and special education, she taught in Chicago for 17 years, while raising her children and holding leadership roles in many education related committees and organizations. In 1993, after a divorce, she left the Chicago with her two youngest children and moved to Madison to spare the children exposure to violence and drugs.

Barbara’s first teaching position in Madison was at Emerson Elementary School, where she worked with emotionally disordered children, a challenging job. After that first year, she taught for 4 years at Orchard Ridge Elementary and 17 years at Toki Middle School. During her years of teaching in Madison, Barbara was involved in many committees for the Madison Teachers Inc. She served as a Building Union Representative for 20 years. She raised two children who were active in football, track and tennis. She did all of this while working on her Master’s degree from National Louis University.

In her spare time, she was active in the African American Education Association as a Board member. She also served as a facilitator for the Institute for Racial Healing. Barbara retired in 2012 due to a classroom related injury that affected her voice. Barbara wrote and taught “Code Switching,” a Professional Development Class for Teachers, through Viterbo University from 2008-2014.

Barbara loves to cook and prefers spices with a “kick” to the bland spices of the Midwest. She also is a “plant person” inside her house and outside.

As President, one of Barbara’s goals is to bring younger women into the League by addressing their needs. At the Big Ten Women’s Conference in July, the major emphasis was on recruiting and retaining younger women in University Women’s Clubs.

Barbara has many interests and loves the arts, including opera, art museums, dance troupes and music of all kinds. Her favorite theater is Wisconsin’s American Players Theatre. The Flying Dutchman is her favorite opera and she looks forward to seeing it with its ghostly main character. Barbara is an avid reader and loves being a reader for University League Great Dane Readers.

Her travel goals include visiting family, friends, and every Caribbean Island.
Donate On-line and in Any Amount to Endowed Funds

The University League has supported University of Wisconsin-Madison students for over 100 years. Since 1978, the League has partnered with the University of Wisconsin Foundation to administer the University League Named Endowed Scholarships Funds. These long-term accounts remain with the Foundation and are designed to produce spendable income for scholarship distribution annually, in accordance with the donor’s specifications.

The University League 2015-2020 Strategic Plan set a goal for Endowed Scholarship Funds: To increase the total spendable income for scholarship distribution by 25% over three years. University League has made great progress. There are now 29 Named Endowed Scholarships, six of them new, with a book value of approximately $2,500,000. In 2018-19, these Endowed Scholarships generated more than $103,000 in income which was distributed in student scholarships.

For the first time, the League and the UW Foundation now permit on-line giving to these funds. On-line giving makes it easier for previous donors, friends, family, or anyone to make contributions on a secure site, supportUW.org. And what's more, these donations to existing funds (including the Centennial Endowed Scholarship) don't need to be made in large amounts – any amount is welcome.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE, providing students with scholarships to reduce the increasing economic burden of higher education. According to the UW Office of Financial Aid (2018), our undergraduate students’ unmet needs are still high, despite a dramatic increase in UW’s need-based scholarships.

To DONATE to an existing University League Named Endowed Scholarship Fund, simply visit the Scholarship page of the University League website, univleague.wisc.edu/Scholarships, scroll to the bottom of the Scholarship page and click on the link at the bottom of that page. The link will bring you to the Partners in Perpetuity page, where you can click on the link to the fund you are interested in supporting. (There is also a link on the Scholarship page to donate directly to the Centennial Endowed Scholarship).

Contributions by mail are still welcome for these funds. And as always, we encourage you to continue to contribute to the General Scholarship Fund, which goes directly to student scholarships annually. You can donate by mail to the annual Scholarship Benefit, while registering for events, or at any time. Mail donations to The University League, Inc., P.O. Box 5064, Madison, WI 53705-0064. For all donations, you will still be able to designate “in memory of” or “in honor of.”

Thank you again for your continuing generosity in support of deserving students!
Holiday Gift Idea

Looking for a Holiday gift idea for someone special? Something that requires no wrapping? Something the recipient will never need to dust, find shelf space for, or lose in the back of a closet? Give a gift to University League Great Dane Readers and designate the contribution “In Honor” of the recipient! Just tell us the name of the person to be honored and we will inform them of your gift. Your donation will also be listed in the League newsletter.

A contribution of $25 will provide a home library of eight books for one local preschooler. This year, the set of books being distributed includes one about owls, a book about a mischievous gorilla, and a title about two little bunnies trying to bake a birthday cake for their grandma. With a gift to Great Dane Readers, you and the recipient will have the satisfaction of knowing you have helped support early literacy efforts in our county.

To make a donation, write checks payable to The University League, Inc. with Great Dane Readers noted on the memo line and mail to The University League, Inc., P.O. Box 5064, Madison, WI 53705-0064. Indicate the name of the person to be honored, along with their address so we can notify them of the gift. Or, for more information, contact Mary Warfield, mbwarfield@gmail.com.
2019 Big Ten Women’s Conference
“Blooming Women: Honoring the Past, Envisioning the Future”

The conference was a gathering on the Hoosier campus of Badgers, Wolverines, Hawkeyes, Buckeyes and more. In total, twelve of the fourteen Big Ten women’s organizations met for the bi-annual conference, held June 14-16, 2019, at Indiana University-Bloomington. The conference is a forum for exchanging ideas and discussing the challenges common to all groups. Barbara Rogers, Mary Jo Willis, and Joan Leffler represented University League.

The Keynote Address, “Attracting the Next Generation of Members,” was followed by break-out sessions on both days of the conference, where small groups focused on our main issues: recruiting leaders for boards and committees; retaining current members and attracting new ones; broadening participation in scholarship fundraising; and keeping interest groups dynamic and appealing. Many good ideas were introduced and stories of successes and failures were shared.

The Indiana University hosts arranged several hospitality events, all featuring outstanding food and ample opportunities to network with women from our peer institutions. Participants were treated to an elegant lunch at the Indiana University President’s House and went on a wine-tasting tour at the nearby Oliver Winery. An unscheduled adventure Saturday night delayed the conference banquet – sirens began to wail and everyone was huddled in the basement of the Indiana Union for two hours as tornados swept through the Bloomington area.

Kudos to the University Women’s Club of Indiana University for a thoughtfully planned and graciously hosted weekend. The next Big Ten Women’s Conference will take place in June 2021 at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Participants can look forward to valuable learning experiences and to the camaraderie of like-minded women who are committed to supporting our respective universities.

In Memoriam

MADISON—Marge DeVault, a long-time and very involved member of University League, died at Agrace Hospice on July 27, 2019, at age 85. She grew up in the family business as the family ran the Hillsboro Hotel with its bar below. When she told her parents she intended to quit her hotel job and go to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, it was a surprise. Marge went on to pursue her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction, and taught at Edgewood College. Among other activities, she was quite active in the Couples Weekend Bridge and the Saturday Night Dining Out groups.
University League News

University League Smart Phone Classes

The smart phone classes began October 14th at Oakwood Village for both University League members and Oakwood Village residents. We are pleased to introduce our teacher, Dave St. Amant, to our University League members.

In 2007 Dave started his company, “Community PC,” which offers remote and onsite technology services. He returned to Wisconsin after 17 years “in the wilderness,” during which he worked many unusual jobs that contributed to his business model. He worked for American Family Insurance for several years and held many other information technology positions and experiences. He gravitated toward serving underserved information technology users, especially seniors – who gravitated to him! He has taught various technology classes at many senior centers, senior living facilities in the area and condominium associations. He came highly recommended from the Fitchburg Senior Center. His company services Windows, Apple, androids and Linux.

We look forward to the computer classes he will hold in the spring. The dates will be announced in the League newsletter.

2019 Colloquium on Aging

The Annual Colloquium on Aging, held on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus on September 27, is a health and resource fair that draws crowds and dozens of exhibitors who offer a wide array of services for maintaining quality of life. The University League exhibit attracted the attention of numerous colloquium participants, thanks to the colorful Interest Group flyers that we displayed (created by Interest Group Chair Cathy Andersson and Assistant Chair Susan Ihler). Barbara Rogers and Joan Leffler fielded questions and distributed Tri-folds and bookmarks to all who inquired about membership and our programs. They also made referrals to the University League website for more comprehensive information. Hopefully some of the colloquium participants will join University League.
Publicity Committee Paella Party

Recently the University League Publicity Committee enjoyed a Paella Party (Spanish potluck menu) in celebration of 2018-2019 efforts and in anticipation of another good year. The menu included Gazpacho, Ensalada Verde (green salad), Paella, Pan (bread), Pastel de Santiago (almond cake typical of the Camino de Santiago in Spain) and Sangría (summer wine beverage).

What does a paella look like?

Participants (left to right): Bob Sladky, Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Joanne Cantor, Barbara Rogers. Phyllis Menne, Cathy Andersson, LaVonne Senn, Charlotte Burns, Jim Burns, empty chair for photographer, Theresa Calderon, and to the left is her husband, Mario Calderon. Missing was Betty Zeps.
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Saturday, December 14, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Maple Bluff Country Club

Program: Ryan Meisel QuArtet and Peruvian Folk Dance Group Mosaico
Reservations deadline: December 5th* (No refunds after this date)

Member: ________________________________________ Phone: __________

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Guest(s) name(s): ________________________________ Phone: __________

Non-member: ______________________________ Phone: __________

___ Reservations @ $48 each (includes dinner and concert) $_____

General Scholarship (IHO/IMO)_________________________ ______

Centennial Endowed Scholarship (IHO/IMO)__________________ ______

Great Dane Readers (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):
See page one for descriptions of menu items.

_____ Prime Grade Teres Major (beef)

_____ Vegetable Stir-fry (gluten-free and vegetarian)

_____ Honey-Glazed Chicken

Diet__________________________________________________________

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 December 5th. Questions? Call Linda Harvey at 271-6488.
Barbara Rogers and Kaleem Caire at University League’s Fall Coffee