UNIVERSITY LEAGUE
LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING

“Aldo Leopold, Phenology and Climate Change”
Stanley A. Temple.
Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation.
University of Wisconsin-Madison and Senior Fellow Aldo Leopold Foundation.
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 11:00 am - Maple Bluff Country Club.

Stanley A. Temple is the Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology and former Chairman of the Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development Program in the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

For 32 years he held the academic position once occupied by Aldo Leopold, and during that time he won every teaching award for which he was eligible. He and his students have helped save many of the world’s endangered species and the habitats on which they depend. He is currently a Senior Fellow with the Aldo Leopold Foundation and has received major conservation awards from the Society for Conservation Biology.

Dr. Stanley A. Temple turned a childhood love of birds into a lifetime of research, education and conservation advocacy. He attended Cornell University and earned his Ph.D. in 1972 while studying at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

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When: Tuesday, May 10, 2022.
Social hour: 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
Speaker: 12:15 p.m.
Annual meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Maple Bluff Country Club.
500 Kensington Drive. Madison, WI 53704.
Cost: $30 per person.
Reservation Deadline: May 3. (No refunds after this date).
Reservation form on page 11.
About Aldo Leopold

Aldo Leopold, best known as the author of *A Sand County Almanac*, was a keen observer of the natural world. Throughout his life he kept daily journals recording observations of seasonal events, especially those occurring at his beloved “shack” on the Leopold farm which was the setting for many essays in *A Sand County Almanac*. Leopold’s meticulous phenological observations have provided us with an unparalleled record of when plants bloomed, birds migrated and other natural events. Comparing his observations of hundreds of natural events to recent records helps us understand how climate change is affecting the ecological community. One lesson of Leopold’s journals is clear: For those who love nature and take time to observe it closely, keeping records enhances the enjoyment and value of our time and effort, both now and in the future.

About the Aldo Leopold Foundation

Established in 1982 by the five children of Aldo Leopold and his wife Estella, the Foundation is a conservation organization that works to inspire an ethical relationship between people and nature through Leopold’s legacy. This vision of a “land ethic” was not meant to be rigid or dogmatic; instead, Leopold intended for it to evolve continually through personal reflection, open dialogue, and people’s actions on the land and in their communities.

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About the Event:

The event will be held at the Maple Bluff Country Club on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The cost is $30 per person. Please see the reservation form on page 11 for more details.

The menu choices are:

**Caesar Salad with grilled chicken breast** (chopped romaine, creamy Caesar dressing, house made garlic herb croutons, and Parmigiano Reggiano cheese). Includes rolls and butter, choice of coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water.

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**Root Vegetable Risotto** (Vegan or dairy free upon request). Celery root, butternut squash, carrot, sage, with mascarpone and Bluemont aged cheddar cheeses. Includes house salad, rolls and butter, choice of coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water.

Assorted cookies for dessert.
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK
Greetings, University League Members!

It is April and we are nearing the end of the 2021-2022 year. Though the year is winding down, the activities and goals that define us as an organization continue to move ahead.

The Stay-at-Home Benefit concludes at the end of this month. To date, 93 people have donated $12,870 toward scholarships for UW-Madison students. Thanks to each and every one of you for “climbing aboard” the sailboat of this year’s theme and helping as many students as we can to stay on course with funding their education. There is still time to donate if you haven’t yet by sending your check to The University League, Inc., P.O. Box 5064, Madison WI 53705-0064.

These 29 Named Endowed Scholarships earned an impressive total of $126,724 this year, which will be awarded to students in designated colleges and departments. More details on our endowed scholarships will be forthcoming at the May 10 Annual Meeting and in the 2022-2023 Yearbook that you’ll receive later this summer.

On May 10, we’ll hold our Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Maple Bluff Country Club. Stanley Temple, Emeritus Professor in Conservation, will present a talk on “Aldo Leopold, Phenology and Climate Change.” Few issues are as pertinent to the well-being of our own and future generations as climate change and the impact it has on all living things. Please save the date and join us for lunch, an informative talk, and for the election of next year’s Board members (see page 4 for list of nominees).

The Membership Committee is gearing up for “Pay in May,” League’s yearly membership renewal campaign. Late this month you’ll receive your packet for 2022-2023. We strongly urge you to return your membership renewal form, along with the Interest Group, Assistance, and Volunteer form by May 31. This will assure your ongoing participation in University League Interest Groups, and that your name will appear in the Yearbook.

I’d like to share with you some of the goals we achieved in the past year:
- Strong and steadfast membership support continued for General and Endowed Scholarships, and for University League Great Dane Readers.
- The Program Committee scheduled five excellent programs, including a virtual tour of Old-World Wisconsin in July. Three of those five programs were held in person.
- Five issues of the League Letter were superbly coordinated and produced by Editor Gisell Sirianni (who became a new mom in June, right before her editorial duties began!).
- A centrally maintained membership database now contains up-to-date demographic information. (We still need you to report address, phone, and email changes as they happen.) Many thanks to Database Manager Brook Soltvedt for designing this valuable and long-awaited tool.
- The Membership Committee recruited 12 new members, including carryovers.
- Our events were widely publicized and drew participants from the community.
- Most Interest Groups met either on Zoom, in person, outdoors, or a combination of all three. Some Interest Groups began to meet in their pre-pandemic locations.
- Several volunteer opportunities opened again that had been closed last year.

As the year draws to a close, I want to extend my gratitude to the Board of Directors, Committee members, Interest Group Leaders, and to all of you who shared your talent, skills, advice, patience, and good humor during the two years that I have served as President. You made the job meaningful and fun, and I’m grateful to have had this opportunity to work with each of you in achieving our worthy goals.

Joan Leffler
We have good news! Despite preschool class closings (due to staffing shortages) and a “No Visitors” policy at most of our sites during the 2021-22 school year, Great Dane Readers successfully delivered 490 sets of books to children enrolled at The Playing Field, Animal Crackers, The BLW Center, and 24 Head Start classes in Madison, Sun Prairie, Marshall and Stoughton.

The teachers and families are extremely grateful for these donations. So, Thank You to all involved! Thank you to our volunteers, Lucy Lasseter, Barb Freeman, Lila Moravec, Sue Stachoviak, Lynn Courtenay, Amal Vitale, Janet Gajewski, Sue Taylor, Sally Andrews, Anne Raffa, Nancy Gloe, Laureen Yoshino, Denise Garlow, Sheila Endres, Judy DeMuth, Helen Read, Kathy Knox, Fran Malloy, Nancy Baumgardner, Melinda Pellino, Nancy Tarrant, Linda Mayfield, Jacqui and John Shanda, Sheila Lynch, Susan Sprague, Brian and Cheryl Goodman, Madonna Scullion, and Gail Steinhorst. And many, many thanks to all the University League members who have generously contributed to Great Dane Readers to help purchase the 3920 books given this year. Without your support, our program would not exist.

While our program experienced yet another year of disappointment, change and adaptation due to the pandemic, I can happily report we remain optimistic and have chosen the books for next year! The set includes a beautifully illustrated book about animals and the foods they eat, a counting book about a hungry snake collecting 10 mice in a jar for his dinner (don’t worry, they get away!), and a fun book about farm animals having a great time (eating pizza and taking bubble baths) while the farmer is away on vacation. We are really hoping to be back in the classrooms for in person readings next year. And I especially hope I will once again be able to place new readers in classrooms. If you have any questions about Great Dane Readers, or would like to volunteer with our program, please contact Mary Warfield at 608-273-9809 or mbwarfield@gmail.com. Thank you!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Nominating Committee has been working to fill Board positions for next year.

This is still a work in progress, but we hope to complete the slate of nominees in the coming weeks. We invite you to join the Board in a capacity that interests you and for which there is currently a need.

It is an opportunity for your voice to be heard in University League issues and decisions of all kinds. Please contact Joan Leffler (jleffler@wisc.edu) for more information.
Wine Divas & Dudes started 2022 by exploring Wisconsin wines. In January Larry Hubbard and Linda Baumann hosted our meeting with some great food and wine tastings. We learned about the relationships between different grape vines (Frontenac, Marquette, St. Pepin and Brianna) and about the winemakers that make today’s best Wisconsin wines. We even had a facetime Q&A with a local winemaker, Erin Rasmussen, who founded her wine brand, American Wine Project, in Mineral Point.

In February, we went virtual with Cindy May teaching us about wines from Portugal. Many of us remember drinking Mateus and Lancers but this event gave us a better understanding of the breadth of white and red wines. We heard about the different wine regions like Douro, Lisboa and Madeira. And we learned that Port wine can be a range of colors, even though it’s still not my favorite wine!

If you’re interested in joining Wine Divas & Dudes, contact Elaine Rosenblatt at elainer49@gmail.com.
Artiques
By: Diane Smidt.

There were eleven of us who made the Artiques trip to Lake Mills Thursday, March 15th. It was indeed a lovely and very interesting day with three historic visits!

The day began at the Old Methodist Church with Cynthia Weston, the charming owner, antiques dealer and decorator! She piqued our interest with many intriguing stories of her early ownership of this building built on a half-acre lot in 1901. The lovely stained-glass windows have been restored and the ceilings preserved in the Gothic Revival style.

NOTE: There will be a special Devine Treasurer estate sale at the church April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. If you find your way there, it's certain that you will find some special treasures!

The group walked or drove on to the Fargo Mansion. There we enjoyed a delicious catered salad-sandwich-brownie luncheon and a tour of the mansion with Tom Boycks, owner. This Queen Anne Classic structure, built in 1881, was the private home of Enoch Fargo, businessman and entrepreneur from New York. Barry Luce and Tom Boycks bought it in 1985, remodeled it and opened it as a bed and breakfast two years later. The courting chair(s) is one of its treasured beauties.

Upon leaving the Fargo Mansion, the group enjoyed one last tour: that of the L.D. Fargo Public Library. Designed in the Neogothic Revival Style, construction began in 1899, and was dedicated in 1902. Although there have been some additions for needed expansion, there remains a coziness that invites one in.

It was interesting to learn the huge influence that the Fargo brothers had on Lake Mills at the turn of the century and to learn the history of these three sites, all listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places!
Was the *Edmund Fitzgerald* doomed from the start? If you ask most sailors, who take superstition seriously, the answer would be “Yes.” Consider these omens: At its christening in 1958, it took three attempts to break a bottle of champagne against the bow of the ship. One of the ship’s nicknames was “The Titanic of the Great Lakes.” Its namesake, businessman Edmund Fitzgerald, was the Chairman of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. These foreboding elements are only part of the lore surrounding the Fitz’s life and demise.

Speaker Rochelle Pennington introduced the audience to this and several other layers of the story. We learned of the stark beauty of Lake Superior, a beauty which can camouflage hidden dangers: steep cliffs, small islands with extended underwater shoals that are treacherous to ships; powerful winds, extremely cold water temperatures year-round, and the sheer vastness and depth of Lake Superior, which add to navigational peril when weather conditions turn bad.

Rochelle is an engaging storyteller with exhaustive knowledge of her subject. Her talk, built suspense as she related elements of the lake and its dangers. She lightened it with some of the tourist attractions of the region (including several lighthouses that are B and B’s), and concluded with the final radio exchanges between the Fitz’s Captain McSorley and Captain Cooper of the nearby freighter *Arthur M. Anderson*, the last ship to have contact with the *Edmund Fitzgerald* before it sank. The *Anderson* actually made it safely through the storm, and Capitan Cooper courageously returned his ship back into the storm to search for the *Fitzgerald*. The *Arthur Anderson* still sails the Great Lakes to this day. The Edmund Fitzgerald sank on November 10, 1975, during its last trip of the shipping season.
Margaret Schroeder, (December 28, 1927 - January 16, 2022) was a long-time member of University League and president from 1978-1979. After she and her husband moved to Madison, Margaret started her teaching career at Randall School, then Dudgeon School, then Longfellow School. In addition, she was very involved in many other civic activities: she drove for 23 years for Mobile Meals and volunteered every other week (except summers) at University Hospital. She was President of Madison Symphony Orchestra League in 1980, and in 1981, Madison Art League. She was a member of the Boards of Attic Angel Association and was an early co-chair of the Attic Angel Summer Sale. She enjoyed many League Interest Groups and events and kept her membership in the League active throughout her long life. She will be missed by all her friends in University League.

Elizabeth Hill "Liz" Askey, a League member for many years, died on January 29, 2022, at the age of 85. While at college at Bryn Mawr, she met her future husband Dick Askey at a mixer with Princeton University. After her children were in school, she studied part time at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received a master's degree in urban and regional planning. She went on to receive another master's degree from the School of Library and Information Studies. Liz also volunteered for Head Start, served as president of the YWCA board and on the boards of the Cooperative Children's Book Center on Campus, League of Women Voters, and her church over many years. Liz created many beautiful things with crocheting, knitting, needle point, latch hook, scrapbooking and card making. She was active in many League ventures, using interests in all these activities to make a contribution to each group.

Robert G. Owens, age 89, dear friend of League member, Mary Jo Willis, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2022. Bob was a clinical psychologist. He advocated for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled and worked for many years as a private consultant for the Wisconsin Division of Mental Health, the Department of Corrections, and the Menominee Nation. He created the Owens Clinic for his private practice and founded the International Journal of Clinical Neuropsychology. Bob was an athlete in high school and college, playing baseball and basketball in high school and football at North Dakota, and was actively involved with his children's athletic pursuits. He was a voracious reader and a collector of books. He was a great storyteller and a charismatic public speaker. His enthusiastic presence will be missed.

Ken Pelatzke, Elaine Rosenblatt's friend and UL member, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2022. Ken was a constant presence at Wine Divas & Dudes, as well as Armchair Travelers at in person and zoom meetings. We will miss him very much. Definitely, many toasts are in order at Divas and at future gatherings. Ken was a steadfast presence at so many occasions and his smile and quick wit will be missed by us all.
Happy spring, everyone. Please take a little time during this season of renewal to think about someone you might be able to recruit as a new University League member. If you're in an Interest Group, invite a friend to one of your meetings or outings. If you sign up for an event, invite someone to join you there. Every single new member is a gift not only to that individual but also to the League. Thank you for your help!

**University League Luncheon and Lecture**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 11:00 a.m.**

Maple Bluff Country Club.

Program: “Aldo Leopold, Phenology and Climate Change”

By: Stanley Temple.

Registration deadline: Tuesday May 3** (No refunds after this date).

Member: ____________________________________________ Phone (s): ___________

Guest(s) name(s): _____________________________________ Phone(s): ____________

_____ Reservations @ $30 (includes lunch and program). $ __________

General 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 (if more than one reservation, indicate who wants each):
See page two for descriptions of menu items.

______ MBCC Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken

_______ Root Vegetable Risotto (gluten free/vegan/dairy free upon request)

Diet restrictions (list name/restriction): ___________________________________________________

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

Please Note: For the safety of all, we ask that attendees be fully vaccinated

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 Tuesday May 3rd. Questions? Call Betty Zeps at 608-255-5252
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Program Committee has been busy lining up four special programs for 2022-2023. The dates and venues are listed below; more details on each program will follow in the coming months. Be sure to save the following dates:

**Fall Coffee**
- **September 14, 2022**, Maple Bluff Country Club.
- **Speaker:** Tanya Zastrow, Director, Olbrich Gardens.

**Candlelight Dinner and Concert**
- **Speaker:** David Ronis, Director UW-Madison Opera, and two student performers.

**Spring Luncheon**
- **Speaker:** Sarah Day, American Players Theatre.

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon**
- **May 10, 2023**, Blackhawk Country Club.
- **Speaker:** Corey Pompey, Conductor, UW Marching Band.