



League Letter

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University League Luncheon and Annual Meeting

“Leading the Band”

Corey Pompey

Director of Athletic Bands | Associate Director of Bands

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - Blackhawk Country Club

Dr. Pompey will talk about his experiences leading the famed UW-Marching Band, as well as what it is like to succeed the legendary Mike Leckrone. Dr. Pompey will give an inside look into the beloved organization that has been sharing music with the people of Wisconsin since 1885.



See details of Corey Pompey’s career on page 3.

The Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Blackhawk Country Club. (See the full schedule below.) The University League Annual Meeting will begin immediately after Dr. Pompey’s talk. The Annual Meeting will include the election of officers and directors (see nominees on page 5). In addition, the amount of League’s Endowed Scholarships and an estimate of the General Scholarship awards will be announced. Come to thank our many volunteers, including our retiring Board.

Choose one of three entrees: 1) Chicken Breast with Provencal Beurre Blanc Sauce with Wild Rice Blend and Sautéed Fresh Vegetables or 2) Portabella-Parmesan Ravioli with Tomato and Mushrooms or 3) Grilled Chicken Craisin Berry Salad with Craisins, Bleu Cheese, Walnuts, Berries & Raspberry Vinaigrette. All selections come with rolls, coffee, milk, hot or iced tea and assorted cookies for dessert. The cost is \$30.

Please send you reservation form (page 11) together with a check for \$30 to Betty Zeps by May 3.

No late reservations will be taken and no refunds can be made after May 3.

LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING

When: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Where: Blackhawk Country Club

Social hour: 11:00 a.m.

3606 Blackhawk Dr, Madison, WI 53705

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$30 per person

Speaker: 12:15 p.m.

Reservation Deadline: May 3 (No refunds after this date)

Annual meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Reservation form on page 11

From the President,



It does not seem possible that we are ten months into the 2022-23 University League year (our year is June through May), but indeed our calendars indicate just that! Our activities certainly continue, and if you are attending an Interest Group, like I am, or completing a committee project, like we are, or a volunteer commitment, like many of us, that's great!

Our League Spring Luncheon in late March was a complete success with guests comprising about a third of our 96 attendees. Thanks to our Program Committee of Fern Lawrence, Aleta Murray, Elaine Rosenblatt, Betty Zeps, Marsha Janota, Sally Lorenz and Sandy Nuernberg for their diligent work to recruit interesting speakers and make this year's events successful. The Program Committee organized four great in person programs this year and we were able to meet together at *all* of them!

Our Membership Committee is working hard to recruit fresh, thoughtful and hard-working new members. If you know of a recently retired friend, or someone just moving here, or someone who for any reason wants to join a fun Interest or Volunteer Group, please notify our Membership Chair, Elaine Rosenblatt. She will send information to the perspective member.

Look for your Pay-in-May renewal information in your mailbox in early May. Please return your Renewal Form for 2023-24 AND your Volunteer/Interest Group Form by June 1st, 2023. We need this information for our University League Yearbook Directory. In addition, you need to be a member in order to continue to participate in the League Interest Groups.

The Luncheon and Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Blackhawk Country Club will be our final program. Dr. Corey Pompey, Director of the University of Wisconsin Marching Band, will be our dynamic speaker. Don't miss this exciting program and the opportunity to enjoy each other. Please see the front page for more information and page 11 for the registration form. There will also be a short annual business meeting to elect our new Board of Directors for 2023-2024 and to say thank you to our retiring Board.

The League purchased a Zoom business account in December. Elaine Rosenblatt and our Technology Standing Committee will train (just a few) hostesses to conduct Zoom meetings for Interest Groups and other League Committees. This allows us to meet despite Wisconsin weather – rain (snow) or shine!

The 2023 Annual Stay-at-Home Scholarship Benefit concluded at the end of March. As of this writing, we've had 118 donations by League members (and friends) totaling over \$16,000, ALL towards scholarships for University of Wisconsin-Madison students. Thank you to all of you for your on-going generosity and helping us to allow students to 'stitch by stitch' create a colorful educational experience to reach their goal(s) for higher education.

The Named Endowed Scholarships amounts will be announced at the Annual Meeting and will also appear in our 2023-2024 University League Yearbook. Please consider establishing an Endowed Scholarship and see the newsletter article on page 5 explaining how to begin one.

This year has been eventful and fruitful for many of our members. We have had unexpected situations and joyful celebrations. I'd like to thank the Board of Directors for their efforts in renewing our commitment to re-connect, comprehend, and complete a year in re-shaping, re-learning, and re-newing our League mission and purpose of the League in raising funds for student scholarships, promoting volunteer services in our community, and including educational opportunities and social activities for its members. We did this as a team! I thank you all, ever so much. We, as a team, as a membership, offer a variety of options for participation, enjoyment, and fellowship. Let us continue on!

Forward Forever!

Sandra Nuernberg

Corey Pompey (continued from page 1)

Most recently, Dr. Pompey was assistant professor of music, associate director of bands/director of athletic bands at the University of Nevada-Reno. Prior to that, he served as the assistant director of bands at Pennsylvania State University, where he assisted with the Penn State Marching Blue Band and Athletic Bands, conducted the Concert Band, taught undergraduate conducting, and assisted with student teacher supervision.

Dr. Pompey also served as an assistant instructor with University Bands at the University of Texas in Austin. He was involved in all creative and administrative aspects of the program, some of which include the University of Texas Wind Ensemble and the Longhorn Band. He taught in the public schools of Alabama for seven years prior to moving to Texas. He holds the Bachelor of Science degree in music education and the Master of Arts degree in music education from the University of Alabama. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in wind conducting at the University of Texas.



Great Dane Readers

by Mary Warfield

It's that time of year again! It's time for Great Dane Readers to say "Please" and "Thank You."



First, the Thank you's.

Thank you to all the many University League members whose financial support helped purchase the 3840 books our program donated to 451 preschoolers in 27 area classes during the 2022-23 school year. Your donations, big and small, enabled us to continue our efforts to promote early literacy in our community. Thank you!

Thank you to the 31 volunteers who were finally allowed to once again visit the classrooms for in person readings! When they entered a classroom, they brought smiles and their enthusiasm for reading as well as the books they delivered. So thank you to Barb Freeman, Lucy Lasseter, Gail Steinhorst, Cindy Edwards, Lynn Courtenay, Amal Vitale, Helen Read, Kathy Knox, Anne Raffa, Lauren

Yoshino, Nancy Gloe, Sue Taylor, Janet Gajewski, Sally Andrews, Denise Garlow, Barbara Rogers, Sheila Endres, Sonja Darlington, Chris Farrens, Nancy Baumgardner, Cheryl and Brian Goodman, Sandra Wurdeman, Sally Stengel, Candy Mooney, Jacqui and John Shanda, Linda Mayfield, Fran Malloy, Karen Harris and Madonna Scullion. Thank you, all!

And now for the Please.

The book selection committee recently met to review the titles that will be used for the 2023-24 school year. We chose a book about a bear making a new friend, a counting book about turtles at a pond, and a book about a fox that decides to fight winter. It is usually my favorite meeting of the year. But the increased cost of the books reduced the fun of reading about turtles and bears....For the past 10 years, we have kept the cost of a set of eight books given to each child to \$25. That will not be possible this year. Instead, our costs will increase to approximately \$28 per child. So, if you have contributed to Great Dane Readers in the past, please consider donating again and perhaps increasing your gift. If you have never given before, please consider making a gift now.

Finally, please know that your support makes a difference. A teacher who is new to the program this year wrote to me "Thanks so much for all the books I have received from the University League. My children and parents this year really need books in their homes. Your donation means a lot to our program and to my families."

If you have any questions about Great Dane Readers, please contact Mary Warfield at (608)273-9809 or mbwarfield@gmail.com. Thank you!

How to Start an Endowed Scholarship

Did you know that more than half of University League's annual scholarship donations are due to Named Endowed Scholarships? Through the years, various members or their families generously set up University League Endowed Scholarships. These Named Endowed Scholarships provide annual income that is given as student scholarships. In 2022 these Endowed Scholarships earned more than \$126,000 that was given as student scholarships throughout the University.

Do you want to leave a legacy? At the same time, are you interested in donating to a specific school, college, or department at the University? You can support student scholarships forever.

You can do this through a University League Endowed Scholarship.

Here is how it works. A fully funded endowment is \$25,000. But you can start with \$5,000 and add to it any amount to reach full endowment over five years. Your funds will be held in the University League Endowed Scholarship Fund until you reach full endowment. When you reach full endowment, the funds are transferred to your University League Named Endowment Fund and the spendable income goes to the school, college, or department you have chosen. Since the principal remains intact, your fund will provide student support in perpetuity!

Family and friends can contribute to your Endowed Fund through the University League Foundation website.

To set up an Endowed Scholarship and recognize University League, it is important to contact the University League President, Sandra Nuernberg (sn333@aol.com) or University League Endowed Scholarship Liaison Mary Jane Getlinger (getlinger2@gmail.com).

University League Board Nominees

The Nominating Committee recommends that the following slate of Directors be elected at the University League Annual Meeting in May:

President-Elect	Cindy May
Secretary	Donna McCarthy
Assistant Secretary	TBA
Treasurer	Marsha Janota
Assistant Treasurer	TBA
Program Committee Chair	Linda Harvey
Assistant Program Chair	Barbara Rogers
Co-Membership Chairs	Linda Baumann and Elaine Rosenblatt
Assistant Interest Group Chair	Gabrielle Cerghedean
Volunteer Opportunities	Judy Stevenson
Assistant Volunteer Opportunities	Sheila Lynch
Assistant Scholarship Benefit	Linda Mayfield
Newsletter Editor	Roma Lenehan
Assistant Newsletter Editor	Betty Zeps
Mailing Chair	Bev Priefer

Interest Groups

Artiques

Twenty-one people attended Artiques to see the docent guided tour of the Wendy Red Star exhibit at Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) on February 21st. Thank you to all of you who joined us.



We listened to varying interpretations of her work, as well as thoughtful questions regarding this reexamination of cultural artifacts. Red Star's goal is to pass along her Native American culture and shared values. She also strongly strives to give the message to future generations of a sense of identity and empowerment as she did with her lifelike cutout figures of

leaders of the historic 1880 Crow Peace Delegation, which included a few women.

All in all, it was an education of culture and beauty by an excellent, engaging artist.

Genealogy Group

The University League Genealogy group has been active for many years. The group has diverse speakers, frequently including members of the group. The goal is to help members learn how to research their genealogy. Staff of the University of Wisconsin Historical Society have often spoken. There have been presentations on computer genealogical research, DNA testing, and a wide variety of Wisconsin, regional, and European family history research.

One long-time member, Joyce Waldorf, a former leader, has provided helpful advice through her books and multiple presentations. She published an article titled "Genealogy 102" in the December/January issue of *Internet Genealogy*, a national genealogical magazine.

The Genealogy Interest Group has 26 members with a variety of genealogical interests and expertise. Many of the members complete segments of their family searches and others stop and go depending on their focus. You are invited to join the group which meets at Oakwood West or on Zoom on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:50 PM from September to May.

We welcome beginners and experts!

Please contact Mary Jo Willis if you wish to join (mjwillis@wisc.edu).

Interest Groups

Wine Divas and Divos



The University League wine tasting Interest Group has taken a new name – Wine Divas & Divos. But they still gather to enjoy food and wine on the fourth Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30. Contact Elaine Rosenblatt (elainer49@gmail.com or 608-827-5046) if you would like to learn more information about this fun group.

Photographs of a recent meeting at the Crossing in Fitchburg.



Bird Study

The Bird Group enjoys a rare sunny day in March at the UW-Arboretum. Join the Bird Group in



May to see neotropical migrants like Baltimore Orioles, Indigo Buntings, and, of course, the many species of colorful warblers. Late April through the first week in June is the best time of year to bird watch in Wisconsin because, in addition to dozens of species of migrants, all the resident birds are singing and displaying. Wildflowers are in bloom. In addition, the weather is generally better. Come and see the migration with the Bird

Group. We welcome beginners and visitors. Our schedule is available on the University League website (www.univleague.wisc.edu) or from the leaders. We meet at 9 a.m. on Fridays at the Covenant Presbyterian Church parking lot on the corner of Mineral Point and Segoe Roads to carpool. Contact Roma Lenehan (rlenehan@charter.net or 608-238-5406) or Jill Feldkamp (jeldkamp@gmail.com or 608-692-0450) for more information.

Membership

Look for Your Pay-In-May Membership Packet

Your Pay-in-May renewal packet will be mailed to you at the end of April. Please check your contact information on page one and fill out the Interest Group and Volunteer information on page two and return them both with your check in the pre-addressed envelope by May 31. By promptly returning your forms, you will support League, appear in the Yearbook, and be able to participate in Interest Groups. You will also save League money (no additional mailings) that can be given to scholarships. In addition, you will avoid irritating reminders. If you do not receive a packet, please contact Elaine Rosenblatt, 608-827-5046 or elainer49@gmail.com.

Please Pay promptly in May!

Yearbook Addendum: New Members

*Patti, Sally M. 608-720-1101
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Glendale, AZ 85308
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Thank You Scholarship Benefit Donors

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to this year's quilt scholarship fundraising. Our Scholarship Benefit raised more than sixteen thousand dollars from 118 donors. This will fund many scholarships to the twelve University of Wisconsin-Madison Schools and Colleges. If you have not donated, you can still donate to General Scholarship by adding a donation to your program reservation (page 11) or by sending your donation directly to University League, P. O. Box 5064, Madison, WI 53705 before May 15.

In Memoriam

Anne-Jose Henriette Riesen, a long-time member of University League before moving to California, passed away on February 9, 2023, at the age of 95. Born during the roaring twenties in La Rochelle, France, Anne spent her early years in Paris before moving to Switzerland where she attended high school during the War. After earning a B.S in chemistry from the University of Lausanne, where she met her husband Walter Riesen, they spent 30 years in Marshfield, Wisconsin, where Anne taught French and Spanish at high school and then the University. After retiring in 1987, they spent 17 great years in Madison before moving to Pasadena.

After her husband passed away in 2006, Anne continued to travel and explore the world, including visiting India when she was 81.

Her University League colleagues and friends have commented on Anne's influence. Jan Tymorek remembers that in the French Interest Group Anne was a wonderful and inspiring teacher. She could not help but lead the conversation, making sure that everyone (even the most reluctant French speaker) was drawn into the conversation. She always had interesting suggestions for the reading.

Anne inspired us with her skill and knowledge not only in French but in Spanish, in English and in Greek, in her culinary talents and in her athletic lifestyle.



Anne in Big Chair at Union

Marilyn Jean Grant, 90, of Helena, Montana, died October 28, 2022. She was President of University League in 1973-74 and was active in League for years until she moved to Montana. Marilyn was born in Bozeman, graduated from Minot High School in North Dakota, attended Minot Teachers College, Macalester in St. Paul, Minnesota, and graduated from Ohio University with a BA in Journalism. She married Josiah S. Dilley during her senior year of college. Together they raised three children in Madison. In the early 1970s Marilyn earned a MA in Journalism at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Marilyn enjoyed a 20-year career as a journalist, editor, and author. She began as an associate editor for the Wisconsin Historical Society and then worked for the Montana Historical Society until her retirement in 1995. Marilyn was an accomplished journalist, editor and author and was passionate about Montana History, writing a book about Virginia City's mining history. She cared deeply about helping others, being a good friend, preserving nature, and loved all animals, especially border collies. In retirement she trained her dog, Baillie, to become a pet therapy animal, volunteering in the R.E.A.D (reading education assistance dogs) program. This program improves literacy and communication skills of children in several Helena Elementary schools. Baillie was also trained to be an emotional support dog at the Shodair Children's Hospital.





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University League Spring Luncheon



Ninety-five people attended the March Spring Luncheon

Mission Statement

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