The annual University League Candlelight Dinner and Concert will be held at Maple Bluff Country Club on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Join your League friends and invite a guest to enjoy a delicious dinner with lively conversation followed by the Mad City Ukes Holiday Performance and Sing-Along. This all volunteer group of people who love to sing, play the ukulele, and share their music will delight you with their joy of music. They perform old and new songs from the last 100 years and organize sing-alongs throughout Dane County. This promises to be a wonderful evening of music to kick off the holiday season!

**When:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 – Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Music at 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Maple Bluff Country Club, 500 Kensington Drive, Madison  
**Cost:** $50.00 per person  
**Registration Deadline:** Monday, November 27, 2023 (FIRM)

**Dinner Options:**
1. Pan-seared organic King Salmon with rice pilaf, grilled asparagus, bearnaise sauce  
OR  
2. Root Vegetable Risotto (GF/V) Celery root, butternut squash, carrot, sage, mascarpone, Bluemont aged cheddar (vegan upon advance request, no cheese)

Each dinner served with house salad with balsamic vinaigrette, warm rolls with whipped butter, peppermint ice cream with drizzled chocolate and a mint leaf garnish, and coffee (decaf or regular), tea, and water.
From the President,

I hope you are all enjoying the lovely season of Fall in Wisconsin with its brilliant colors, crisp days, and the sounds of football cheers and leaves being raked. Birds are flying south, animals are preparing for the winter and University League is in full swing with many activities for our members.

Those who were able to attend the Fall Coffee and hear the talk by Chancellor Mnookin were treated to a delicious brunch and an inspiring and informative talk by the Chancellor. We are most grateful that she could take the time to come and share her thoughts and experiences with us.

Hopefully many of you will be able to attend our Candlelight Dinner and Concert on Saturday, December 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Maple Bluff Country Club. It will feature a delicious dinner followed by a fun performance by 20 members of Mad City Ukes directed by Steve Klafka. Mad City Ukes will play and sing a lot of familiar tunes and will incorporate a sing-along into their program. This will be a lively and enjoyable evening. Please note the article on page 10 about the need to receive your reservation no later than the deadline of November 27. University League can no longer accept reservations mailed or called in at the last minute. You can find all of the event information on the front page and the reservation form on page 11.

Our Interest Groups are going strong and we hope you can participate in one or more. See the article on page 4 about our two new Interest Groups that are just starting this fall: Bowling and Climate and Environment. Many thanks to all of the Interest Group Leaders and especially to Jane Dunn and Carol Phelps for starting these new groups.

During the past few weeks, University League has received many lovely thank you letters from our scholarship recipients. Several of the colleges and schools we give scholarships to are holding award ceremonies this year after the Covid pause. University League is invited to attend some of these award events and they are a wonderful opportunity to meet student recipients and see first-hand the difference our scholarships (and our efforts to raise the money) make in the lives of each student.

I encourage you to review our Endowed Scholarships on page 17 of your Yearbook and consider the option of setting up one of these scholarships in your name. It is a wonderful way to leave a legacy gift and support students into perpetuity. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mary Jane Getlinger, Endowed Scholarship Liaison.

At its last meeting, the League Board reviewed our long history as an organization from 1901 to the present and learned about the many ways the members of University League have made a difference on UW-Madison’s Campus, in the lives of students, and promoting friendship and education across the university and the county. See the article on pages 7 and 8 for a few interesting historical facts.

Sincerely,

Sally Lorenz, President 2023-24
Generous League Members Support Scholarships
Barbara Widder, Scholarship Chair

The members of the University League are incredibly generous. We provide more money for scholarships than any of the other Big Ten Women’s Groups. And it’s all because of you! What a year of generosity from all of you. League members donated $33,420 to General Scholarships in several ways including through the Stay-At-Home Scholarship Benefit campaign. The Endowed Scholarships distributed $131,466 in income from the endowments for scholarships. These are fantastic numbers that will certainly impact the lives of the students we support through our scholarships. For details, see the League Yearbook. Learn about our Endowed Scholarships in the Yearbook and consider contributing to one. Mary Jane Getlinger is the contact person. She would be happy to guide you through the process. It’s another way to be remembered. “Stitch by stitch” your donations for current and future students create a “quilt” of support for them. Thank you so much for your continuing support, cooperation and kindness.

Scholarship Recipient Profile

Hannah Abram, recipient of the Angelena Frensley Lenehan Freshman Scholarship, is a 2023 graduate of Williams Bay High School in Wisconsin. As a recipient of an Endowed Scholarship, Hannah is grateful for the financial support, as it lessens the financial burden for her. Additionally, the scholarship will enable her to spend less time working and more time studying.

In high school, she was involved with many community activities. She made the environment within her community cleaner and more welcoming. In her local history club she helped turn a park filled with weeds and chipping paint into Frost Park, a place that is now a gathering spot for the community. Hannah helped garden, water, paint and maintain the park.

As she states in her application letter “My interest in attending UW-Madison first sparked in middle school when I had the opportunity to do a soccer camp at UW-Madison… I was able to interact with a diverse range of UW students who were enthusiastic about the school. Currently, I realized that UW Madison is the perfect place for me because of its extensive course offers…UW’s program provides me with the opportunity to explore my various areas of interest. I currently plan on majoring in Environmental Studies.” Hannah says she hopes to develop sustainable biofuels and bioproducts.

She says, “This scholarship will help me pursue the career that I am passionate about.” Once again, she thanks University League for her generous scholarship.

University League Centennial Endowed Scholarship Fund

In 2015, the League Board decided to celebrate a century of giving to students at UW-Madison by establishing the University League Centennial Endowed Scholarship Fund. League members were invited to donate to this specific fund with the goal to raise $10,000. The new Centennial Scholarship was celebrated in March 2016 at a special Century of Giving Luncheon. At the luncheon, a check for $20,604 from generous League members was presented to a representative of the UW Foundation. Since then, with interest and additional donations, the value of the fund has risen to $37,905 and League was able to give $1,612 from endowment income to scholarships in 2023. Please consider making a donation to the Centennial Scholarship with your reservation for the Candlelight Dinner and Concert to expand the ability of League to support worthy students.
Interest Groups

We are very excited to have so many of our University League members participate in one, two, three, or more Interest Groups. Interest Groups are opportunities for friendship, sharing and learning. Sixteen Interest Groups covering books, games, hobbies, language, and dining are meeting under the guidance of leaders. Gabriela Cerghedean Interest Group Assistant Chair and I (Jane Dunn) Interest Group Chair look forward to working with these groups.

New and continuing leaders met for the annual orientation on September 14, 2023, at the Crossing in Fitchburg. Everyone pitched in when I locked my keys in the car and we had a productive meeting. Thank you to Mary Jo Willis for sponsoring the meeting site and starting the orientation.

The description, leaders, contact information, and meeting schedule for each Interest Group is in the University League Yearbook. Groups are meeting in-person and/or by Zoom. You can join an Interest Group at any time. A poster board display was developed to showcase our Interest Groups for the Aging Colloquium and will be used at University League Programs. Two new Interest Groups were developed after Cindy May and Linda Harvey attended the Big Ten Women’s Conference - Climate and Environment and Bowling. Details are below:

Climate and Environment
First Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. (September - May) Contact: Carol Phelps (carolandyp@aim.com)
People who care about our planet will get together to counteract the doom and gloom on the news. We'll encourage each other with environmental success stories, clean tech innovations, and climate good news from Madison and across the globe. We'll also support, encourage, and inspire each other as we each try to make a difference. Location: Middleton Senior Center, Wisconsin Room. Leader Carol Phelps realized that we can all do something about climate change. In 2019 she became a full-time climate activist and attended the international climate conference COP 25 in Madrid. Since then, she helped found Wisconsin Creation Care Ambassadors and became an active member of 350 Wisconsin and Sustain Dane. She instigates, organizes, and helps fund climate action all over the world, from solar projects in Wisconsin, to projects in Uganda and the Philippines. She and her husband partner with organizations like the American Library Association and the World Wildlife Fund to foster climate resiliency.

Bowling
Second Wednesday or Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (October - May)
Contact:  Jane Dunn (gwtwfidldd1@tds.net) 608-831-8827
Have fun and exercise while enjoying this popular Wisconsin sport. Teams of three people are formed monthly and alternate bowling against another team. Scores are recorded to establish an average, determine a handicap, and track change over time. Bowl three games per date. Lineage fee of $5 per game to be paid on day of bowling. In-house bowling balls and shoe rental are available for an additional $3. Monthly bowling is not required to join the group. RSVP to ensure lanes are available. Come check out the activity and see whether it is for you. Group preferences may lead to schedule changes. Contact Jane Dunn for further information or to answer questions. Location: Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes, 444 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison, WI 53719
Artiques Group Visits the Milton House Museum

Nineteen Artiques members toured Milton House on September 19th. The guide began the tour with a large model of the structure with its hexagonal shape and three story tower. The building was made of grout which is lime mixed with gravel and sand. It suffered a fire plus partial collapse through the years. It was built by Joseph Goodrich who came west from New York State. He began the construction of the building, which served as both an inn and family residence, in 1838. It hosted stagecoach passengers until 1844 when the railroad was completed and it became a busy depot. While the railroad was being built, workers were housed at the inn, sometimes using one of the small bedrooms to accommodate four men.

Various rooms were used as dining room, meeting rooms, storage, reception rooms, general store and the like. Although containing few original family belongings, each room contains a wide array of items used during the period.

Joseph Goodrich was an abolitionist and Milton House is an authenticated stop on the Underground Railroad. From the lowest level kitchen you can see the small opening used by slaves to crawl through to a nearby log cabin which had been moved to the premises by Mr. Goodrich prior to the construction of the inn. Today a narrow passage has been built to allow visitors to enter the log cabin standing up.

Painted walls showing the historical facets of the period are near the entrance to the tunnel. In the reception area of the museum, there is a huge mosaic designed by a local artist and depicting the story of “Follow the Drinking Gourd.” Slaves were said to have used the constellations to help guide them on their journey to the north and freedom.

Milton House, a National Historic Landmark, opened to the public in 1954.
Early University League support included a) furnishing of a rest room in Main hall, b) organizing an ice carnival, c) increasing swimming facilities, and d) furtherance of a "Women's Building" which resulted in building Lathrop Hall. **In these early days, the University League founders established what has become our mission:** *Supporting Scholarships, Service, Education, and Friendship.*

**May 4, 1901** University League was founded.

1910 Raised funds for new Women's Building - named Lathrop Hall it when opened.

**1916** **Established Loan Fund** for women students - $50 initially.

1930 Responded to the need of more women for financial support during the Depression, by voting to give two scholarships to women students in addition to the loans.

**1949** **First Interest Groups were organized.**

1952 League became one of the initial sponsors of Madison Friends of International Students (MFIS).

1955 Rosa P. Fred Scholarship established in her honor.

1970s League logo designed - a circular design with the League name in the outer circle and a 12-pointed star in the inner circle suggesting the Numen Lumen from the UW seal.

**1971** **First University League Scholarship Benefit** held. These have continued annually over the last four decades to provide funds for scholarships.

1976 Housing Referral Service began for faculty coming to or taking leave from the University. Run by League volunteers, it provided a unique valuable service.

**1981** The Tax Exemption Committee led by President Angelena Lenehan successfully applied for this status and in **1981** the University League became tax exempt.

1981 University League developed and published a Newcomers' Handbook for incoming faculty and their families. It was revised and reprinted in 1988 and again in 1996.

1986 First Big Ten Faculty Wives Organization meeting was held at University of Michigan. The second was held at UW-Madison.

1992 The motion to open to all women passed at the Annual Meeting. The motion to open to men was defeated.
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1993 Living members were allowed and encouraged to set up their own University League Endowed Scholarship.

2003-04 University League website was developed (http://www.univleague.wisc.edu).

2000s University League opened its membership to men.

2013-14 A new University League logo was designed and unveiled at the Annual Meeting. The “Each One Reach One” initiative increased membership by 10%.

2014-15 The Board of Directors and the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee developed a Five Year Strategic Plan (2015-20). The Board approved the establishment of the University League Centennial Endowed Scholarship.

2015-16 “A Century of Giving” program featuring archival material and the family of our founder Mrs. William F. Allen was held to celebrate League’s 100 years of financial aid to UW-Madison students. The new University League Centennial Endowed Scholarship was fully funded.

2018-19 The new University League website was launched. “Bookworms,” now solely a League volunteer project, was renamed “University League Great Dane Readers.”

2019-20 Due to the Covid pandemic, the last in-person board meeting was held in February 2020. Virtual meetings, 3-way phone calls, and many emails allowed the League to carry out necessary business. The rest of the programs were canceled.

2020-21 With uncertainty due to the Covid pandemic, the Board held its only in-person meeting outside in June. Zoom allowed the board, committees, interest groups and programs to be held online. Despite the pandemic, five newsletters were produced and the Scholarship Benefit invitations were designed and mailed. Members responded well to these efforts.

2021-22 Joan Leffler served a second year as President as the pandemic continued. The board was able to meet sometimes in-person and interest groups continued on Zoom. The Fall Coffee, Spring Luncheon, and Annual Meeting were held in-person and a Virtual Summer Tour and the Candlelight Concert were held on Zoom. Brook Soltvedt was appointed Database Manager, so all of the work of the membership, mailing, and yearbook committees is now done by League members. Most volunteer opportunities remained closed to the public.

2022-23 Coming out of Covid, the League was able to have a more normal year of operation. University League continues to be an important asset to UW-Madison and the community.
Your Board Members – Our Membership Team

Linda J. Baumann, Assistant Membership
Linda J. Baumann, PhD, RN-C, FAAN is a Professor Emerita from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing and affiliate faculty in the School of Medicine and Public Health, a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and a Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine. Linda received her nursing degrees from the University of Michigan and her PhD in psychology from the UW-Madison. She practiced as nurse practitioner with underserved populations. Her research examined how beliefs about health and illness influence self-care behaviors with a focus on diabetes. Linda has been involved in healthcare workforce development in Uganda, Vietnam, and rural Wisconsin. She is a founding member of the UW-Madison Global Health Institute and has served as president of the Visiting Nurse Service of Madison (no longer exits), the Society of Behavioral Medicine, the United Nations Association Dane County Chapter, and served a 4-year term as a member of the US Preventive Services Task Force. Linda volunteers at the Madison Public Library Foundation Wisconsin Book Festival and Friends of Goodman Library South. In University League, she serves on the Membership Development Committee, leads the Technology Interest Group, and is a member of Wine Divas and Divos, Armchair Travelers, and Artiques Interest Groups. She is a member of the Technology and Nominating Committees. In her spare time, Linda enjoys hiking, gardening, traveling, dining out with friends, and volunteering in the community.

Elaine Rosenblatt and Linda Baumann

Elaine Rosenblatt, Membership
Elaine Rosenblatt, MSN, FNP-BC, FATHNA, CTH, is a retired nurse practitioner. Although a native of New York City, the Bronx to be exact, she has lived in Madison since the summer of 1976. Her healthcare career involved caring for patients in an Internal Medicine clinic where, since 1976, she was involved in primary care, the travel clinic, and teaching nursing and medical students as well as medical residents. She’s also lectured in the UW School of Nursing and School of Pharmacy. For the last 15 years of her career, besides seeing patients, she was the Director of Quality and Care Management at Quartz Health Insurance. Elaine sits on multiple Boards of Directors and has for many years been an active member of these organizations. For University League she currently co-chairs Membership with Linda Baumann, chairs the Technology Committee and the Wine Divas and Divos Interest Group. She also participates in other Interest Groups including Armchair Travelers, Technology and Artiques. She has been a past president for the American Travelers Health Nursing Association and continues to sit on their Board of Directors. And she is a past president of the Dane County Immunization Coalition and continues to sit on that Board of Directors. She’s a member of the exam committee for the International Travel Medicine Society. In her spare time, Elaine loves to travel, dine out with friends, read, attend theater productions, see movies, and of course, learn about wines.
Chancellor’s Picnic

President Elect Cindy May, President Sally Lorenz, and Membership Chair Linda Baumann were invited to attend the Chancellor’s Picnic for New Faculty on August 30. This was a delightful event to welcome the newest faculty to UW-Madison. We were able to visit with a few of the new faculty, meet some of the UW administration and deans and enjoy a delicious picnic dinner with foods that highlighted the bounty of things grown and produced in Wisconsin. Bucky Badger was there to greet the guests and give a big UW hello and Chancellor Mnookin welcomed them to her home and their new positions.
Please Send Your Event Registration Form in Promptly

The registration form for every event contains several items that the Program Committee would like you to observe more carefully.

**Reservation Deadline Is Firm**
The first item is the deadline for returning your form. Although both page 1 and the Registration Form itself state the deadline and let you know that there are no refunds after this date, the Committee emphasizes that we can no longer accept forms (or frantic phone calls) after the deadline. This deadline is set so that we can give the event venue an exact number of reservations 8 to 10 days before the event. (This is when they purchase all the ingredients and hire extra staff.) Since the price of food has risen, they no longer buy extra food to accommodate late registrations. We pay for all the meals they prepare. So please send in your reservation at least 3 to 4 days before the deadline so that it will get to us on time.

**Need a Ride or Give a Ride?**
The second item concerns giving or needing a ride. Often, we have people tell us that they would come to the events but have no way to get there. We realize that these questions are on the form, so please, if you think you might have room in your car, let us know. And, if you need a ride, make sure you mark that on the form as well. You, however, can email either Betty Zeps (bszeps@wisc.edu) or Linda Harvey (gmaharvey@charter.net) as close to the event as a few days before if your ride falls through. Some of you already do mark your forms, and we thank you, but it would be good if we could keep a list of available rides and could match a ride with someone needing it.

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**In Memoriam**

Robert Sladky
University League Candlelight Dinner and Concert

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Maple Bluff Country Club

Program: Concert and Sing-Along with Mad City Ukes

Reservation deadline: November 27 (No reservations accepted after this date and no refunds after this date)

Member: ___________________________ Phone: __________________
Member: ___________________________ Phone: __________________
Guest(s) name(s): ___________________________ Phone: __________________

__ Reservations @ $50 each (includes dinner and program) $_______
General Scholarship (IHO/IMO) ____________________________ $_______
University League Centennial
Endowed Scholarship (IHO/IMO) ____________________________ $_______

(For donations “In Honor of” or “In Memory of”, please circle IHO or IMO and provide contact information.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $_______

Meal Choice:

Pan-seared King Salmon #_________ Root Vegetable Risotto #_________

Dietary Restrictions ________________________________________________

Need a ride? _______ Can you offer a ride? _______

Make Checks payable to The University League, Inc.

Mail to: Betty Zeps, 1922 Adams St., Madison, WI 53711
*Reservation Form and payment must be in hand by November 27.
Questions? Call Betty Zeps at 608-255-5252.
College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Scholarship Award Reception

Left to Right: Joey Bonadonna, Hannah Abram, Avali Bratberg, Mina Yildiz, Kaylin Vang

University League Board members attended the 2023 College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Scholarship Award Reception and met some of our scholarship recipients pictured above. In all, 16 freshman and sophomore students in L&S received University League Scholarships. It was a delight to meet these students and parents and to learn how much they appreciate the financial support they receive from our University League Scholarships.

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 members.