

INTEREST GROUPS

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All members are invited to participate in one or more Interest Groups. Interest Groups provide unique opportunities for friendship, sharing and learning. Contact group leader/leaders for meeting updates or to sign up after Pay-in-May. Invite a guest for one or two IG meetings to encourage membership in UL; the only requirement for participation is paid membership in University League.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Mary Jo Willis (608-772-2957)
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1st Monday, 6:45 pm
October through May
Meet via Zoom

Learn about places to travel with little effort on your part, the foods of the country or area, ways to travel (rail, barge), the ins and outs of safe, low-stress travel and the unique culture of places within the US and other countries. Everyone is welcome.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – NEW! Larry Hubbard (608-772-2957)
4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Zoom larry.hubbard99@gmail.com
October – May (1st Wednesday in Sept.)

Artificial intelligence - promise and peril. The group will look at the history of artificial intelligence, how different kinds work (i.e., Large Language Models - LLMs), how they are trained, the emerging regulatory framework, some current constructive uses of AI, some possible dangers and abuses of AI, and the impact of the data centers required by AI on resources: electricity, water and land use...

ARTIQUES

Helen Read (608-238-6137)
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Diane Smidt (608-833-1760)
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3rd Tuesday, times vary
September through May
Locations vary

The Artiques Interest Group pursues talks, tours, gallery visits, museum experiences and some excursions out of town to points of mutual interest. Come and join us.

BIRD STUDY

Fridays, 9:00 am, Spring and Fall
Locations vary

Roma Lenehan (608-238-5406)
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Jill Feldkamp (608-692-0450)
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Walk different trails - observe birds and their habitats. Meet at the far western end of the parking lot of Covenant Presbyterian Church at the corner of Segoe and Mineral Point Roads.

BOOK CRITICS

2nd Monday, 7:00 pm
September to May, plus July
Meet on Zoom until further notice

Kris Brown (608-335-4601)
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Mary Savage (608-233-6129)
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Books for the year are chosen in July. Reviewers volunteer to lead each month. Books are generally fiction and are available in paperback and/or at the library. We welcome new members!

BOOK DISCUSSION

3rd Monday, 1:00 pm
September through May
Members' homes or library study room

Linda Mayfield (608-220-4509)
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Friedemarie Farrar (608-238-2939)
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We discuss a fiction or non-fiction book. (The size of the group allows for all to actively participate in discussions.) Two meetings are unique: In December, everyone brings a treat to share and the discussion is more participatory. For example, each member recites a selection from a book of poems chosen by the group. In May, after a potluck-style salad lunch, members vote to select books for the next year.

BRIDGE ALL LEVELS

Thursday, Noon
Weekly year round
Oakwood University Woods
Heritage – Social Room

Judy Stang (608-712-4293)
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Priscilla Thain (608-233-5578)
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Players will be contacted early each week to determine if playing.

CARD & BOARD GAMES

2nd Wednesday, 1:00 pm
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Room A101

Jane Dunn (608-333-8068)
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Let's play! In person. Bring your own games or just come to play. Learn a new game or find others to play your favorite game. Play same or new games each month. Cards like Quiddler, UNO, Five Crowns, Pinochle, Hearts and others. Board Games like Parcheesi, Scrabble, Chess, Checkers, Dominoes, Backgammon and more. The more the merrier.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

1st Monday, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
September through May
Middleton Senior Center, Wisconsin Room

Carol Phelps (608-833-0562)
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People who care about our planet get together to encourage each other with environmental success stories, clean tech innovations, and climate good news from Madison to across the globe. We'll also support and inspire to make our world better.

DINING OUT - LUNCH

4th Wednesday, 11:30 am
Monthly year round, area restaurants

Kathy Knox (608-231-2197)
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Members enjoy good food and good company and take turns planning lunch at local restaurants. Restaurants are selected for a variety of cuisines, tastes, price ranges, and venues.

DINNER & BALLET

2nd Monday
5:00 pm dinner and 7:00 pm program

Betsy Haimson (608-215-7042)
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Capitol Lakes (333 West Main Street, Madison) & Seasons Restaurant Participate with 5pm dinner followed by a 7pm ballet video. Reservations for dinner are due no later than the Friday before the event. Individuals can opt for both dinner and the ballet video or just dinner or just ballet video. Seasons Restaurant accepts credit cards only. You may bring your own beverage or order off the menu. There is street parking or parking in the ramp directly across the street from Capitol Lakes' front door. Ramp parking vouchers will be validated at the front desk so the parking is free.

FRENCH I - READING & CONVERSATION

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 12:30 – 2:30 pm
September through May
Zoom, members' homes or Sequoya Library

Dory Lightfoot (608-692-5273)
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Elizabeth A Hoadley (608-592-7350)
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French conversation using selected books as basis for discussion.

FRENCH II - CONVERSATION

3rd Wednesday, 12:30 – 2:30 pm
September through May
Members' homes or public library

Wendy Blanchard (608-469-8735)
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Members meet to engage in French conversation and for light refreshments. Selected readings may be used.

GENEALOGY

4th Monday, 6:45 pm
September through April
Meet via Zoom

Louise Thompson (715-486-6675)
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Mary Jo Willis (608-772-2957)
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You do not need to be a genealogist to join. We invite experts and our own members share their knowledge and stories and provide assistance. At times we invite speakers to give presentations on genealogical research or local/state history. Everyone is welcome!

MAH JONGG

2nd Wednesday, 10:00 am
Saukdale Condominium Clubhouse (717 Saukdale Way)
September – May

Jane Dunn (608-333-8068)
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Play the American version of Mah Jongg, an ancient Chinese game using tiles. New and experienced players are welcome, as well as those who wish to learn the game.

MOVIES IN THE AFTERNOON

2nd Tuesday afternoon
Monthly, year round

Roma Lenehan (608-238-5406)
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Join members each month to view and discuss new movies at local theaters. Time and meeting place vary depending on movie schedules. Invite a friend.

SPANISH CONVERSATION

2nd Thursday, 1:00 -2:30 p.m.
September through June
Sequoia Library with option to join via Zoom

Daniel Hill (608-556-2616)
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An informal group where League members speak Spanish while sharing ideas, opinions, and experiences. Links to articles covering a wide array of topics are sent to participants prior to the meetings and are the basis for discussions. At Zoom meetings, relevant videos are sometimes shown. An intermediate level or higher of language fluency is recommended. New participants are welcome to join.

SPANISH READING & LITERATURE

1st and 3rd Thursday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Zoom with option at Sequoia Library

Daniel Hill (608-556-2616)
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Reading and discussing works by contemporary authors from the Spanish-speaking world. Members also share cultural activities and personal experiences. New participants are encouraged to attend.

WINE DIVAS & DIVOS

Elaine Rosenblatt (608-213-4958)

4th Thursday, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

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September – May with November and December combined

Various locations and some Zoom

Are you on a first-name basis with any Super Tuscans? Have you tried the wines of Lake County, California? Wine Divas and Divos offers the opportunity to taste new and different wines while enjoying lively conversation. Each meeting centers on a wine theme, usually with appetizers. One or several members volunteer to host a meeting, selecting the theme. For in-person meetings, the host(s) supply the wine and appetizers. Each attendee for in-person meetings contributes \$20 to help defray cost. Occasionally we meet at local wineries or wine-testing rooms. Consider joining this fun and educational Interest Group.