



League Letter

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University League Candlelight Concert and Dinner *Tango Music Performance by HKD Tango*

For this year's Candlelight Concert and Dinner, the University League is thrilled to present our first Argentine Tango performance with HKD Tango. HKD Tango Madison is a dance school that offers classes for all levels--from absolute beginners to advanced dancers.

About the dancers: Ten years ago, Katie and Doug Reuhl began dancing the Argentine Tango after years of ballroom dancing. Doug says that the intimacy of the embrace, the intricacy and freedom of the movements, the look of the dance, and the beauty of the music were all elements that led him and his wife to focus primarily on Tango. Katie was an ice skating dancer in her teen years and practiced ballet for more than 30 years. Doug focused on the history of Argentine tango, its culture, the musicians, and the music itself. The two met Humberto Décima when he came from Argentina to Madison to present Argentine tango workshops, and they eventually formed HKD Tango (the name based on their initials). Humberto says his motivation for teaching is to help each person find the dancer and artist within him/her. He believes dancing provides a great feeling of freedom and creativity that connects people in an almost magical way. Evguenia Krylova has been dancing Argentine Tango for about nine years. She sees tango as a form of meditation, freeing her mind from mundane noise and bringing balance to her life. Tango dancing provides her with openness and a means of expressing music through movement.



Our event will occur at the elegant Maple Bluff Country Club, adorned with beautiful table settings and holiday decorations. The menu choices include: **Black Angus Sirloin au Poivre, Vegetable Stir-Fry with Sesame-seared Ahi Tuna, and Mushroom and Leek Risotto (gluten-free and vegetarian).** The dessert will be **Chocolate Chambord Mousse.**

See the registration form, on page 11, for more details. We look forward to sharing the joy of the season, the elegance of the setting and the beauty of the music with you.

Candlelight Concert & Dinner

When: Saturday, December 15
Opening Reception: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner Seating: 6:00
Tango Performance: 7:15
Dessert: 7:45

Where: Maple Bluff Country Club
500 Kensington Drive, Madison
Cost: \$48 per person

Registration Deadline: December 6

Registration form on page 11

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Fall brings much excitement to University League. This is the time of year when the cycle of giving comes full circle. We have received thank you letters and have met many UW-Madison students who have received League scholarship awards. They want every one of you to know how grateful they are for your support. Among their reactions was a sense of relief from impending financial burden and at the same time, rechanneling that energy into their studies and career paths. Your generous donations to the General Scholarship Fund, to new and continuing University League endowments managed by the UW Foundation, and opportunities for internships, research and interdisciplinary learning provided by the 12 schools and colleges of UW-Madison contribute to the growth of our 21st century leaders. For more than 100 years, **University League + UW Foundation + University of Wisconsin-Madison = W**, a win for students and the future. Please see page 8 for specific information about some of our UL scholarship recipients. Your contributions make a difference, and I thank you for your continuing support.

As the leaves began to turn from green to the vibrant colors of Fall, your Publicity and Program Committees went into high gear preparing for the Candlelight Concert and Dinner, December 15th at Maple Bluff Country Club. The cover page of the newsletter provides the highlights for this event; posters, ads on electronic calendars, and notices in publications have been distributed throughout the Madison community. Thank you to the chairs of these committees, Kay Jarvis-Sladky and Elia Basurto-Colson, for their tireless efforts. We invite you and your friends to join us for an evening of Argentinian music and artistry amidst the festive holiday décor of the Maple Bluff Country Club, 500 Kensington Drive, Madison. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, December 6, 2018.

The University League was invited to be an exhibitor in the Health and Resource Fair at the annual UW-Madison Institute on Aging Colloquium on Aging, October 25th. Betsy Haimson, Kay Jarvis-Sladky, and I enjoyed meeting potential new members from a crowd of 500 in attendance and sharing ideas with other organizations represented at the event.

“Each one, reach one” is our motto, and we hope our efforts inspired others to join the University League.

The Long Range Planning and Policy Committee, led by Mary Jo Willis, continues its work on our Five Year Strategic Plan (2015-2020). The primary focus areas this year will include:

- *Technology – survey readiness and needs of membership to improve access; set 2-year goals for meeting identified needs.
- *Scholarship – explore ways to continue to increase donations to scholarships; set 2-year goals.
- *Publicity – determine ways to collect data on effectiveness of current advertising; set 2-year goals.

In appreciation for all who work toward the continuing service and success of the University League,



Center: President Theresa Calderon, left and right: Past Presidents, Betsy Haimson and Kay Jarvis-Sladky

*Adelante (Forward),
Theresa Calderon*

LEAGUE EVENTS

Coming “Event”: Scholarship Benefit for 2019

In 1971, the League held the first “Benefit” (community function/event) to raise funds for scholarships. Since then, this tradition has continued annually. The total money taken in is distributed annually to twelve different UW schools/colleges on campus. There were a total of 27 “Benefits” before Norma Brooks in 1997 came up with the idea of having a “Stay at Home” event, sometimes alternating with an actual function. This year will be the 17th “Stay at Home” benefit. Such an event is cost saving as we do not need to rent a hall; we do not need pay for performers and benefit supplies. The end result is that 100 % of the money goes toward scholarships. Last year we received a total of \$16,880 from 144 donors. Since we are a membership of 348 households, just imagine what scholarship funds we would receive if more people contributed something (big or little) this year. Thanks for responding to the invitation that comes by US mail in February.

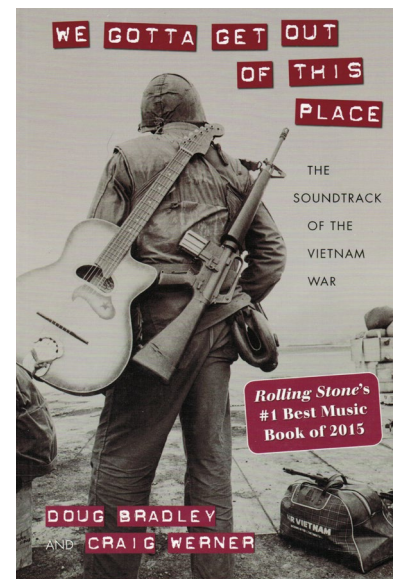


The committee this year has been awesome. Our Chair is Priscilla Thain (not in picture). Back Row: Carol White, assistant director and Theresa Calderon, University League President. Front Row: Judy Stevenson, director, Margy Walker, Ruth G. Johnson, Susan Lauffer, and Graphic Artist Denise Garlow.



Fall Coffee, September 13, 2018

On a beautiful September morning, over 110 members and guests of the University League were treated to an extremely interesting, evocative lecture by Doug Bradley, one of the authors of “We Gotta Get Our of This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War.” Doug brought with him many recordings of the music that had both entertained and sustained soldiers and all those who had been involved in that war. Doug, knowing he would be talking mainly to women, tailored his talk to discuss the women who served in many different capacities: “doughnut dollies,” who had served goodies on the front lines since WWI; many reporters and correspondents who went on to write eloquent descriptions of the war; entertainers like Nancy Sinatra, whose “These Boots Were Made For Walking” had a whole new meaning for foot soldiers, military, service and medical personnel. Since much of our audience had lived through the war, Doug’s musical selections, ranging from pop to rock even to some classics, was so well known that many of us could (and did) sing along. The time for questions ran out before many could be answered. It was an enlightening morning!



INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Aerobics Group--Claire Mangasarian



Judging by the 35 year tenure of the University League Aerobics Group, a desire for fitness and the pleasure of good company are an enduring combination, both for personal strength and group longevity, and, for that matter, for personal longevity and group strength also.

The University League Aerobics group celebrated its 35th anniversary on Thursday, October 25 with a luncheon at Swagat Indian Restaurant in the Sauk Point Square Mall, on N. High Point Road. Two of the initial founding members, Jeanne Grover and Caroline Liedtke, attended the festivities.

A Short History of the Group

In the fall of 1983, Carol Cary, a newcomer to the League, proposed the creation of a League aerobics group at a newcomers meeting in Eagle Heights. An enthusiastic cohort of about 35 founding members signed up. The group was generously granted permission to use a basement room at Fire Station #2 on Grand Canyon Drive for a 1 hour class, three days a week. At first they just did aerobics – grooving to a Michael Jackson music video. By 1984 they were listed as a League interest group. Aerobics was off and running!

A year and a half later, however, the group needed a new leader but found two. Debi Corradini and Elinor Byrne shared leadership as a team in 1984-85. Within another year or so, other responsibilities prevented them from continuing. Once again, the group searched for a leader. Their search soon focused on Laura Liedtke, a graduate student in exercise physiology and the daughter of one of the founding members. Laura accepted the position and was a capable instructor, but Laura soon graduated and moved from Madison and the perennial search for a leader began once again. The group looked to its membership and focused on one of its founding members, Caroline Liedtke, Laura's mother. Caroline had been involved in sports all her life and was a natural athlete. She ably continued the established program and, over time, added many new elements, including steps, exercise bands and finally weights. The sessions evolved from simply aerobics to include segments of weight-training and floor exercises (abdominals). Caroline accepted the leadership position 30 years ago! She is still doing it today.

In 1994, the group had to find a new home. It moved from a rather tight and dark basement room at Fire House #2 to a brighter larger room at the Kehl School of Dance (later called Madtown Twisters) at the corner of Old Sauk Road and Gammon Road. At this time the group changed from three one-hour sessions a week to two one-and-a-half hour sessions. The move also made possible the addition of steps, exercise bands and weight training, since the Kehl School of Dance generously allowed us storage of equipment on site. In the cooperative spirit of the group, Marilyn Gundermann also collected dues to pay the room rent and filled in occasionally as leader.

By 2008, Yoga and Pilates were well established in fitness programs and there was a desire to add some of these elements to our session. Again, the group looked to its membership for an able instructor and found the right person in Jill Muehrcke, who had trained in Yoga, on and off, for over 40 years. She agreed to lead a 20 minute Yoga segment at each class. We soon began learning the new Yoga positions, some with names of animals like crouching dog, pigeon and frog, and others with more distinguished titles like kneeling warrior, goddess and Chinese resting. Jill had also been taking Pilates for 10 years and added some of those positions, too. The group's favorite pose is shavasana, in which we do some mindful meditation and welcome relaxation.

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The group meets on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the year, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at Madtown Twisters at the intersection of Old Sauk and Gammon Roads. On the third Thursday of each month, immediately after the exercise session, we meet for coffee and chatter at the Barnes and Noble Cafe. The present members of the Aerobics Group are Elisabeth de Boor, Friedemarie Farrar, Jeanne Grover, Marilyn Gundermann, Ruth Gundermann, Margaret Kaufman, Carol Kiemel, Elinor Koepcke, Caroline Liedtke, Claire Mangasarian, Linda Mayfield, Jill Muehrcke, Fran Potter, Roma Rowlands and Judy Troia.

We encourage other University League members with a passion for fitness and a pleasure in camaraderie to join our group – as Carol Kiemel, one of our long-time members, describes it, "the best aerobics group EVER."

Spanish Interest Group--Karen Pasch

Hola!/Hello! Once a month, on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from 1-3 p.m., University League Spanish Conversation meets at Madison's Sequoya Library to socialize, enjoy Spanish, read short articles together, discuss and have a little afternoon treat. This photo was taken in August 2018. A new partnership exists this year with the Madison libraries. Sequoya announces the conversation group, allows us to meet without charge and even provides a few photocopies for visitors. We love our UL members who come when available and are excited to welcome new participants from UL and from the public!



Starting at the back left, clockwise: Kay Jarvis Sladky, Joan Leffler, Karen Pasch, Elizabeth Gaus, Pat Meagher-Springer, Anna Peczerski, Jeanine Desautels, Gloria Terry, Irene Geller, Surabhi Potdar, and public library regular participant Craig Wehrle. Leader Carol White is not pictured.

Intermediate to advanced Spanish is helpful, but beginners may find it helps their Spanish to come listen! Feel free to drop in. Contact Carol White for more information and to be added to the UL Spanish Conversation email list. ¿Hablas español? ¡Visítanos!/Visit us!

Armchair Travelers Interest Group—Mary Jo Willis

The Armchair Traveler's Interest Group kicked off its season with Ken and Claudia Miska, who have vacationed in 47 countries, presenting on their recent trip to Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of Bora Bora, Tongo and other Polynesian islands. Next month, on November 5th, we will travel with the "Snow Birds of Mexico," presented by Charlotte and Jim Burns. They have made many trips to go birding in many areas of Mexico and Central American. On December 3rd, we will welcome Lynn Bosch to discuss her many summers in France, sampling the culture, food and wines of different French areas.

On January 7, 2019, Ken and Claudia Miska will return to take us to a new area for our group, Southeast Asia, including Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore. On March 4th, Joan Peterson, publisher of the Eat Smart Culinary Travel Guidebook series will again share one of her latest country's cuisine--country to be announced later. One of our group members, Mary Ann Reale, will share her exploits in Hungary, a trip this winter with her husband. We have no programs scheduled yet for February or May, but stay tuned.

All are welcome. Save these dates. We meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Oakwood West in the Westmoreland room. Please contact Mary Jo Willis to RSVP for any of these programs at mjwillis@wisc.edu. We look forward to seeing more of our members.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES NEWS

Friends of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries—Pat Bender

The Friends of the UW-Madison Libraries held a very successful book sale October 10-13. Sixty-two volunteers contributed a total of 193.50 hours. Revenue from these book sales exceeded \$26,000. Funds raised will support Grants to Libraries for preservation, acquisitions, travel for acquisitions, and funds to send an archivist or library staff member to Rare Book School. Grants are also awarded to scholars from the U.S. and other countries so researchers can use UW-Madison's unique campus collections to advance their work.

The Schewe Lecture, in partnership with the Wisconsin Book Festival sponsored a lecture by Caroline Fraser, author of “Prairie Fires: The American Dreams Of Laura Ingalls Wilder.” She spoke about the pioneer life of Wilder, citing unpublished manuscripts, letters, diaries, and land and financial reports.

Also in partnership with the Wisconsin Book Festival, Jabari Asim discussed his new book, “We Can't Breathe,” about the current black experience in America.

The fall edition of Libraries Magazine is available on line and in print at:

go.wisc.edu/UWLibrariesMagazine; the e-version: uwmadlibrariesnews@library.wisc.edu.

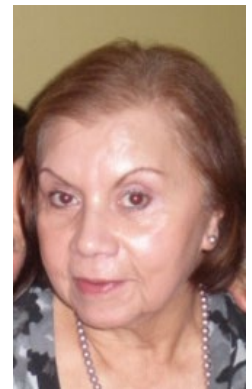
The Friends of UW-Libraries events are listed on this website and are free, and open to the public.



IN MEMORIAM

The Spanish Reading group has lost a friend. One of its most loved original members, Stella Prucha, passed away on October 12th after an extended illness and a sudden and massive subdural hemorrhage.

Stella was a model of what it means to be young at heart. Her love of life, her vitality and personal strength were an inspiration for us all. We were fortunate to laugh with her, learn from her, dance with her, sing with her and experience her Colombian culture as well as other Spanish speaking cultures in our readings together. She will be sorely missed. Que descanse en paz.



NOTE: To make sure that you continue to receive your League Letter and annual Yearbook, please send the Membership Committee Chair (currently Kathleen Murphy Sherry, frostyfluffy@gmail.com or 831-7871) your new address.

WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS--How It Comes Together and Out To Eager Readers

Phase 1: Delivery—Boxes and Boxes Come To Mary Warfield’s House



Phase 2: Unpacking and Sorting



Phase 3: Volunteers Picking up Their Boxes

Phase 4: Reading to the Head Starters and Distributing Their Own Books to Them Afterward



Preparing 4320 Wisconsin Bookworms books for a new year of reading and distributing these books to Head Start and daycare centers is a huge undertaking requiring many volunteers who give time and energy to the project. The University League has supported this important endeavor for many years. Consider becoming a **BookWorms Best Friend**. For more information, contact Mary Warfield, 273-9809 or mwarfield@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND SCHOLARS

College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Scholarship Reception--Kay Jarvis Sladky



UL William F. Allen Scholarship L to R: Elijah Rego and Joseph Renaldi

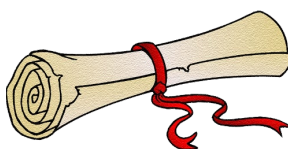
At the College of Letters and Science (L&S) reception, Alumni Director David Nelson emphasized the opportunity and importance of alumni connections; L & S Scholarship Officer Allison Rice acknowledged the teamwork involved in the reception and program; L & S Dean John Karl Scholz showcased the greatness of the University of Wisconsin; Donor Ann Laubenheimer Larget recalled her parents' life in whose honor the Roger and Carolin Mahan Laubenheimer Scholarship was named; and Student Estefania Diaz thanked her parents and scholarships for her present and future success. To describe her life experience as the child of immigrants, she read the poem, "Broken English," by Rupi Kaur. Estefanía also expressed her gratitude for the internships afforded to her by L & S in the field of law. She plans to continue her studies to become a lawyer. In addition to the students pictured, other University League scholars included: General Scholarship recipients: Claire Anderson, Leah Dimaggio, Sophan Jain, Sahibnoor Kaur, Maja Popovic, and Nathan Simon, and Angelena Frensley Lenehan Scholarship: Tikiri Bandara. A buffet was served prior to the program.



UL Angelena Frensley Lenehan Scholarship: L to R: Sara Montez (History and Political Science) and Mai Zong Vang (Astrophysics and Chemistry)



Additional **UL Angelena Frensley Lenehan Scholarship** on the Left, Caroline Lieu (Biology); **UL General Scholarship**, L to R, Chloe Billstrom (Biology & Spanish), William Dougherty (Geology), Cynthia Papantonatos (Neurobiology)



UNIVERSITY LEAGUE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

How University League Scholarships Have Helped

Congratulations, University League!

Your generous support of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health has qualified you to become a *Bardeen Fellow*, within the Middleton Society. The Middleton Society recognized the highest philanthropic commitment to continued excellence at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Congratulations on this great honor. To celebrate and build on this rich tradition of excellence, being a *Bardeen Fellow* proclaims your achievement of philanthropic support of at least \$25,000 and recognizes your dedication to the School's mission.

I would like to express my profound appreciation for your partnership with the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Your support is paramount and your partnership, invaluable. Thank you very much for your generosity, which will allow the UW School of Medicine and Public Health to continue its unprecedented growth.

Sincerely,
Robert N. Golden, M.D.
Robert Turrell Professor in Medical Leadership
Dean, School of Medicine and Public Health
Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs

Consider an IRA Charitable Distribution for a University League Endowed Scholarship

This past year, several members have either started a University League Endowed Scholarship or contributed to an existing one from their IRA Minimum Required Distribution (MRD). We've had requests from other members on how this works. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 introduced the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) provision for Traditional and Roth IRA owners who are age 70 ½ or older to make charitable contributions directly from their IRAs to an eligible organization without incurring any adverse federal income tax consequences.

While you would not receive a charitable deduction on your income tax for a transfer from your IRA to a charity (University League), the amount of your transfer would not be included in your gross income, nor would it be subject to income tax. Your charity could receive the full amount, with no tax cost to you or to the charity. If the IRA Minimum Required Distribution (MRD) is paid by check, the check must be issued by the IRA holding company and payable to the charity and not the IRA holder.

As of January 2017, \$25,000 is required to set up a University League Endowed Scholarship. A member could deposit \$5,000 per year for 5 years or \$12,500 for 2 years, or more each year, (from their IRA MRD) which would be held in the University League Endowed Scholarship Fund until the \$25,000 is reached. The yearly earnings from the UL Endowed Scholarship Fund are divided up into scholarships for the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, and Veterinary Medicine. If you are considering this, please contact Mary Jane Getlinger, Endowed Scholarship Liaison, or Priscilla Thain, Scholarship Chair. Before the money is distributed, the original paperwork must be done by your IRA holding company or bank.

University League Candlelight Concert and Dinner
Saturday, December 15, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
Maple Bluff Country Club

Program: *Tango Music and Performance—HKD Performers*
Reservations deadline: December 6th* (No refunds after this date)

[University League members and their guests have preference until November 28; then reservations open to all.]

Member: _____

Member: _____

Guest(s) name(s): _____

Non-member: _____

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

General Scholarship (IHO/IMO)_____

Centennial Endowed Scholarship (IHO/IMO)_____

(\$100 minimum for these donations)

Bookworms (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):

- _____ Black Angus Sirloin au Poivre
- _____ Vegetable Stir-fry with Sesame-seared Ahi Tuna
- _____ Mushroom and Leek Risotto (gluten-free and vegetarian)
- Dessert Chocolate Chambord Mousse (contains eggs and liqueur): yes ___ no ___

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 6th. Questions? Call Linda Harvey at 271-6488.**





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Wine Divas and Dudes relaxing out on the patio in the afternoon sun.

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