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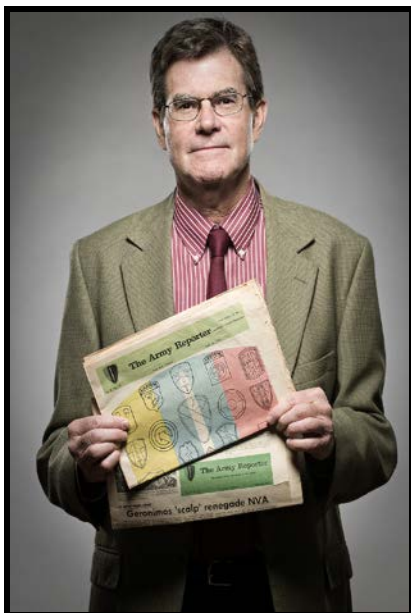
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University League Fall Coffee: “We Gotta Get Out of This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War”

The University League is delighted to welcome author and Vietnam veteran Doug Bradley to kick off our 2018-19 season. Bradley’s book, *We Gotta Get Out of This Place*, co-authored with UW-Professor Craig Werner, was named *Rolling Stone’s* #1 Best Musical Book of 2015. The more you hear him tell about it, the more you’ll understand why. It combines the musical, cultural, and political history of the poignant and turbulent Vietnam War era that many of us lived through.

The book places popular music at the heart of the American experience in Vietnam. It explores how and why U.S. troops turned to music as a way of connecting to each other and the World back home, demonstrating how music was important for every group of Vietnam veterans—black and white, Latino and Native American, men and women, officers and “grunts”—whose personal reflections drive the book’s narrative.



Bradley, holding the newspaper he worked on in Vietnam

University League Fall Coffee

When: September 13
Opening Reception: 9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast: 9:45 a.m.
Presentation: 10:45 a.m.

Where: Nakoma Golf Club
4145 Country Club Road, Madison
(Free valet parking available)
Cost: \$18 per person

Registration Deadline: September 4
Non-Members may register after
August 25.

Registration form on page 11

Doug Bradley has written extensively about his Vietnam and post-Vietnam experiences. Drafted into the U. S. Army in March 1970, he served one year as an information specialist (journalist) in Vietnam. Following his discharge and tenure in graduate school, Doug relocated to Madison, where he helped establish Vets House, a storefront, community-based service center for Vietnam-era veterans. Doug is also the author of *DEROS Vietnam: Dispatches from the Air-Conditioned Jungle*.

The **Continental Breakfast** will include coffee and tea, fresh fruits, assorted breakfast pastries, scones, and a yogurt parfait with berries, honey, and granola.

Please join us to hear that memorable music and enjoy an evocative and stirring presentation.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Welcome to the 118th year of University League! As we stay true to our mission of scholarship, service and friendship, 2018-2019 will be rewarding for members and the UW-Madison community we serve. Thank you to all who promptly returned your Pay-In-May forms and a special thank you to those of you who included a scholarship donation along with your membership dues.

Our Programs. The Program Committee has created a wonderful Calendar of Events for 2018-2019 providing us with historical perspective, fine arts, literature, horticulture and humor. Included in your new Yearbook mailing envelope is the 2018-2019 Calendar of Events bookmark. If you received one at the Annual Meeting Luncheon in May, please reach out to a prospective member and share the additional bookmark with them.

The first of our five programs for this year took place on June 27th. You can read more about the excursion to the Hoard Historical Museum and Jefferson County Indian Mounds and Trail Park on page 3. Our next event is the Fall Coffee on Thursday, September 13th. Complete information about this event and the Registration Form may be found on pages 1 and 11 of this newsletter. Send in your registration today and invite a friend. You won't want to miss Doug Bradley's presentation on the importance of popular music during the Vietnam War.

Update on Technology. In 2015, the Board of Directors established a Five-year Strategic Plan to study the operations of University League and recommend positive changes. One of the goals was to establish a Technology Committee to evaluate options for modernizing our website to make it easier to update and perhaps, in the long run, to support interactive features. Over the past two years, the Technology Committee reviewed the feasibility and options provided to us by UW-DoIT, which hosts and supports the platform for University League, and outside vendors.

In the fall of 2017, all options were discussed with the Board and it was decided to continue with UW-DoIT. The Technology Committee and especially Brook Soltvedt and Sharon Nellis have been working to prepare the new website for 2018-2019. Bill Zarnstorff, our webmaster for many years, has updated the Membership and Scholarship pages of the current website during the transition. We wanted information to continue to be available to our membership and prospective members during this transition. We thank him for his time and long service as webmaster to University League. It is our hope that by the time you receive this newsletter, the University League website, univleague.wisc.edu, will present itself with a new look. Joan Leffler, the University League Secretary, will send an email to the entire membership once our new site becomes "live."

We hope that you will find that the League Letter, Yearbook and University League website provide user-friendly means of staying informed and keeping in touch with one another. We welcome your comments, questions and feedback.

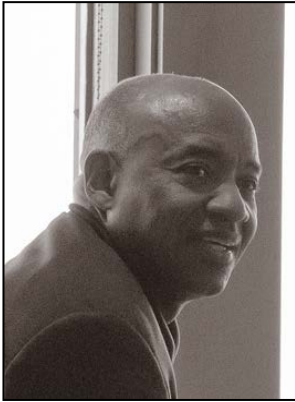
*Adelante (Forward),
Theresa Calderon*

IN MEMORIAM

Collin Schroeder, husband of past President (1978-79) Margaret Schroeder and University League member, passed away on June 26, 2017. Collin will be remembered as the developer, along with Dr. Karl Link, of Coumadin, widely used to treat strokes. For 23 years, he was head of Research and Development for W.A.R.F., where he did other contract research. After retiring from W.A.R.F., he formed his own lab where he worked until age 82. The League sends its sympathy and condolences to Margaret and Collin's family.

LEAGUE EVENTS, May and June – Joan Hall

“A Message in the Music”



Before the League’s annual meeting, members and guests at the May 9 Spring Luncheon were treated to a delightful presentation by athlete/fire fighter/administrator/musician Leotha Stanley. Stanley briefly outlined the path that led him to concentrate on music in Madison, where he coordinates the music for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday observance, brings gospel carols to the Madison Symphony Orchestra’s Holiday Concert, directs choirs at Mount Zion Baptist Church, and has developed an acclaimed music program for the public schools.

Many in the audience had memories of their own children’s participation in Stanley’s school concerts. Designed to incorporate literacy with music, the songs he has written for middle school students include titles such as *Education is My*

Brain Power, Attitude Adjustment, and Ready, Set, Read. Joining Leotha was his wife, Tamera, who charmed us with her singing of several of his songs.

Members were especially appreciative of Leotha’s presentation, given that he interrupted a week-long seminar in Tennessee to come back to Madison to share his story with us.



“Mysteries of the Mounds”



Joan and George Hall with our bus driver

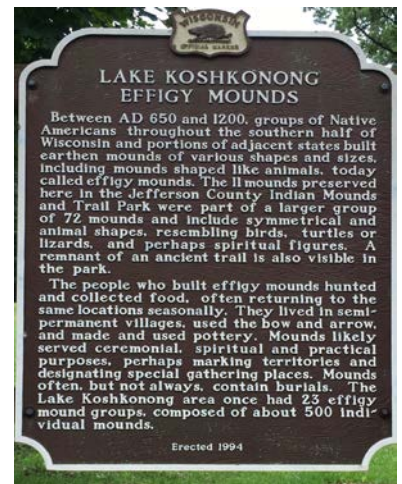
University League’s summer tour, on June 27th, was a bus trip to Fort Atkinson, where 56 participants enjoyed an exhibit at the Hoard Historical Museum and a field trip to explore eleven effigy mounds. Museum Director Merrilee Lee served as docent, bringing wit as well as broad knowledge to her narrative. Starting with an excellent video about southern Wisconsin mounds cultures (about which more is unknown than known), she then walked us through the museum’s exhibit, which included models of mounds as well as hundreds of artifacts, including very artistically displayed collections of arrowheads.

Climbing back on the bus, we drove past Fort Atkinson’s famous Panther Intaglio Mound, which doesn’t look like a mound at all: instead of being raised above the surface of the ground in the shape of a panther, it is dug into the ground in that shape. It is the only one of its type remaining in the world.



Fumika Miysaki and Darlene and Norm Olson examine a bird mound

A short drive took us then to the Jefferson County Indian Mounds and Trail Park, where we could walk a pleasant trail among mounds in the shapes of cones, animals, birds, and a lizard (or is it rather a turtle?). While it would have been more convincing to see the shapes from an airplane, we accepted the descriptions of the archeologists, who have carefully studied these puzzling remnants that have survived nearly 1,500 years.



The people who built effigy mounds hunted and collected food, often returning to the same locations seasonally. They lived in semi-permanent villages, used the bow and arrow, and made and used pottery. Mounds likely served ceremonial, spiritual and practical purposes, perhaps marking territories and designating special gathering places. Mounds often, but not always, contain burials. The Lake Koshkonong area once had 23 effigy mound groups, composed of about 500 individual mounds.

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INTEREST GROUPS' ACTIVITIES

Armchair Travelers--Mary Jo Willis

Armchair Travelers has two programs scheduled for fall 2018. We meet at 7pm in the Nakoma Room at Oakwood West (Heritage Oaks entrance) on the first Monday evening of each month:

•On October 1, Ken and Claudia Miska will transport you on a six-week, 10,500-mile adventure through stories, sights and sounds. Experience fighting Tasmanian Devils, the scenic fiords of Milford Sound and the rich and diverse Maori culture in New Zealand, snorkeling with sharks in Bora Bora and relaxing with a meal on the beach of a small French Polynesian Island. Ken and Claudia enjoy presenting travelogues about the 47 countries and 49 states they have visited.

•On November 5, Charlotte Burns will be our speaker on "Beautiful Birds of Mexico." Charlotte is a member of the University League Birding group and has visited several countries to take pictures of beautiful birds. She also raises birds at home--they are delightful pets. Ask her about them!

I will announce the December program in the November League Letter. If you wish to join the Armchair Travelers or attend one of our meetings, contact me at mjwillis@wisc.edu.

A recent honor we must tell you about is that an Armchairs' member, Joan Peterson, publisher of Ginkgo Press, has won "Best in the World" honors for her culinary guidebook series, **Eat Smart**, awarded by 2018 Gourmand World Cookbook Awards at their annual awards event in Yantai, China. Congratulations, Joan!

Book Discussion Group--Elisabeth de Boor

The history of the University League Book Discussion Group reaches back to the 1950s. We meet every third Monday from 1pm-3pm, from September to April, discussing eight books. We are still honoring some traditions from the past, like starting the meeting with dessert, coffee, tea and a small selection of nuts and jelly beans. Whenever possible, we enjoy having our meetings in members' homes. Otherwise, we meet in rooms at Oakwood West. At our last meeting in May, we enjoyed a potluck luncheon together and then took care of business: voting for eight books from an array of titles suggested by the members throughout the year, plus a classic and a Wisconsin Reads book. After that we signed up for volunteer positions of host, co-hostess, and discussion leader. Members are expected to read the book beforehand, so that all can participate in the discussion. If you would like to join us, please do. We welcome you! Contact edeboor@aol.com



These are the titles of books for the coming meetings:

- "The Zookeepers wife," Diane Ackerman
- "German Reunification: Unfinished Business," Joyce Bromley, present!
- "Prairie Fires," Caroline Fraser
- "Ordinary Grace," W.K. Krueger.
- "The Other Einstein," Marie Benedict
- "Burial Rites," Hannah Kent
- "A Gentleman in Moscow," Amor Towles
- "Hillbilly Elegy," J.D. Vance

Book Critics Group--Kristin Brown

For fifty years, on the second Monday of each month, a group of women have gathered to discuss books. Yes--fifty years!! The group originally began with women who had been "graduates" of the University League 1966 Newcomers Group. They met to organize in July 1969. They called themselves Book Critics, decided to meet monthly on the second Monday, September through May, and agreed to limit reading to paperbacks. They chose outstanding books and one member volunteered to lead the discussion each month. Their books have always been primarily fiction, often award winners, and frequently include a classic. At times, a guest reviewer, often from the University, was invited to participate.

Over the years just under 200 women have been part of this group. Early members who are still active include Elsie Ham, Eleanor Rodini, Polly Kuelbs and Charlotte Woods.



Harriet Shetler (deceased), Mary K Moser (deceased), Elsie Ham, Evelyn Miller, Jean Frank, Eleanor Rodini



Seated: Taryn Resnick, Mary Gallagher, Kris Brown, Judy Nepkroeff. Standing: Jane Pizer, Renee Hoxie, Frances Johnson, Charlotte Woods, Teresa Lau, Patricia Meagher-Springer



A visit to the University League Archives at Steenbock Library produced a well-kept archival record of this group. The archives include lists of most of the books read each year as well as rosters. The first book read by Book Critics was "Mr. Samuel's Planet" by Saul Bellow. The Group has remained faithful to their original preference for reading fiction, although well-written nonfiction books occasionally make the list.

In July 2018, members met to select the books for next year. The choice for September 10 is "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid. This is a particularly timely novel about refugees seeking safety and stability away from their homeland. This is an evening group that begins at 7pm and ends at 9pm. We hope to have new members join us. Please call Mary Gallagher (274-2769) for directions to the first meeting.

On Sunday September 23, 2018, the Book Critics group will gather to celebrate fifty years of reading. They will meet in the Oaks Community Room at Oakwood Village West from 2pm-4:00pm. Anyone who has been or is a member of the group is invited to attend. Please contact Polly Kuelbs (770-7590) if you have questions.

Wine Divas and Dudes – Elaine Rosenblatt

The Wine Divas & Dudes had their last meeting of the season at the Drumlin Ridge Winery in Waunakee in May. In this picture, Dave, the owner, gave some of the interest group members a tour of the facility. Everyone enjoyed the wines and will be checking the winery out again.

The **Antiques Group** goes exploring at the Milton House



Barbara Pillinger, Bill and Barbara Vogelsang, Tour Guide, Karen Goebel, Joan Steinmetz (docent), and Judy Stang at an 1860's table

In addition to the earlier Milton House tour, the Antiques Group held a big farewell on Monday, May 21, at Franklin Grove in Attica honoring Barbara Pillinger, Norma and John Magnuson, and the Vogelsangs for their leadership. This event included a festive luncheon in The Olde Blacksmith Shop. Thank-yous were poems and personal presentations.

Dining Out Dinner Group--Peggy Scarpance

On June 28, 2018, the Dining Out Dinner Group enjoyed dining at Biaggi's Italian Restaurant, followed by a large gathering for dessert and coffee at Frank and Peggy Scarpance's home. Joan Leffler provided an array of delicious desserts for all to savor. The group meets on the 4th Saturday of the month.



Left to right are: Row 1: Peggy and Frank Scarpance, Charlotte Burns, Peter Weiler, Kathy Whitt, Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Fumiko Miyazaki, Priscilla Thain, LaVonn Senn, Bob Sladky, Gerald Thain. Row 2: Richard Leffler, Ed Springer, Ruth Johnson, Pat Meagher-Springer, Jim Burns, Joan Leffler, Barbara Rogers, Elizabeth Gill, Nan Baillies, Dan McMeen, and Kevin Gould.



Bill Vogelsang. tries on a stovepipe hat for looks and size—seems to fit! Buy one at Milton House.



Bill Vogelsang wanders through an Underground Railroad tunnel at Milton House

RETURNING ADULT STUDENTS AWARDED UNIVERSITY LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS--

Priscilla Thain

The University League funds two scholarships each year earmarked for returning adult students. In addition, some departments award a regular League scholarship to a returning student. The University League receives invitations to meet with these students at scholarship receptions or to meet individually with a student.

Rachel Smith, awarded UL Adult Career and Special Student Services scholarship



Rachel Smith with her award and two year old son.

Betsy Haimson and Priscilla Thain attended the April 24th reception for Outstanding Adult Students at Memorial Union, where Rachel Smith was awarded the University League scholarship. Rachel, mother of five children ages 2 to 10, is a returning adult student who began her educational career at

Rachel, her husband and five children with Priscilla Thain



UW-Madison in 2003. After marrying, purchasing a home, and raising a young family, Rachel returned to the university in 2011 to continue her undergraduate study in psychology. She commuted 120 miles daily while raising her family and also working part time with autistic children. She aims to complete her degree in psychology this year. Rachel believes perseverance is vital to overcoming obstacles. She plans on giving back to her community after she graduates and hopes to work with children and families.

Eric Jones, Returning Adult Student in the School of Nursing



Mary Jane, Eric and Priscilla

On April 27, Mary Jane Getlinger and Priscilla Thain were invited to meet with Eric Jones, who was awarded a University League Scholarship from the School of Nursing. Eric went back to school at age 27 and entered the UW-Madison School of Nursing after earning a 2-year undergraduate degree from Madison College. Inspired to go into Nursing after helping his mother in her struggle with diabetes and early death, he plans to go into Mental Health recovery or hematology. He has worked with outpatient surgery at UW Hospital and also at Mendota Mental Health Services, both a learning experience.

Jessica Landergott, awarded the Cynthia Holbrook Youmans University League Endowed Scholarship from Adult Career and Special Student Services

Jessica Landergott is pursuing a second degree in physical education with a minor in health education with an adaptive concentration. After spending time as an elementary school teacher, Jessica found that she really enjoyed teaching physical education so she returned to school. She feels that being passionate about what you teach fosters an environment where students can become passionate about learning. Although taking a break from full-time teaching had its financial burdens, Jessica was willing to take the risk in order to work in a field where she feels she truly belongs. Jessica's hard work and dedication to her education are reflected in her academic achievements.



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Feeling our exertions, we eagerly headed back to Fort Atkinson, where Jamie Brock, co-owner of Brock's River Walk Tavern and Grill, had a delicious lunch waiting for us. Back on the bus thereafter, we reached home in Madison by 3:00, having learned a great deal and enjoyed pleasant company.

Pictured, left to right, are Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Ruth Burdick, Ellen Lewis, and Karen Pasch



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PUBLICITY? How You Can Help--Kay Jarvis-Sladky

It can be a word-of-mouth invitation to an event, "Did you hear about the great program at the next University League meeting?" Or, it can be a mention in a familiar spot such as the *Sifter* or *Inside UW*. This year, the Publicity Committee hopes all members will help publicize our organization and its exciting activities.

Help us spread the word by contacting the following members:

Do you have general suggestions and ideas for **publicity content, contacts or outlets?**

Kay Jarvis-Sladky (holakati2@gmail.com or 608-831-9331)

Do you have a suggestion for a **good location for a poster?**

Cathy Andersson (cathya52@gmail.com or cell 608-220-0620)

Do you see a **web calendar** that doesn't have University League event on it?

Jim Burns (ibjim88@yahoo.com, cell 608-695-5362 or home 608-231-1912)

Do you have a bright idea for a **story for the League Letter?**

Betty Zeps (bszeps.wisc.edu or 608-255-5252)

Want some **editorial suggestions** for phrasing a press release or story?

Joanne Cantor (jrcantor@wisc.edu or cell 608/347-9516).

Want an **historical and/or contemporary perspective** on League?

LaVonne Senn (shumiq@yahoo.com)

All press releases must be reviewed by Kay Jarvis-Sladky before publication.

We have a great program for this year. Let's not hide our light under a bushel. You can be part of this collaboration and share in our success.

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Other pictures were submitted by the Interest Group leaders, members and the speaker, Doug Bradley

**University League Fall Coffee
Thursday, September 13, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
Nakoma Golf Club**

Program: "We Gotta Get Out of This Place" by Doug Bradley

[University League members and their guests have preference until August 25; then reservations open to all.]

Reservations deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018* (No refunds after this date)

Member(s): _____

Guest name(s): _____

Non-member: _____

____ Reservation(s) @ \$18 = \$_____

For donations "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" someone, please circle IMO or IHO and provide this information.

General Scholarship (IMO/IHO?) _____ \$_____

Centennial Endowed Scholarship (IMO/IHO?) _____ \$_____

(\$100 minimum for these donations)

Bookworms (IMO/IHO?) _____ \$_____

(For IMO, please indicate next of kin and address so that your gift can be acknowledged.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_____

Menu: Continental breakfast: choices available. See page 1.

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 Sept. 4. Questions? Call Linda Harvey at 271-6488.**



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Your Long-Range Policy and Planning Committee hard at work (and play) meeting at Biaggi's. Left to right: Judy Stang, Betty Zeps, Betsy Haimson, Mary Jo Willis, Judy Nuernburg, and Kay Jarvis-Sladky

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