The Social Committee was more active this year and increased its membership. Projects included the following activities.

The long-standing bimonthly breakfast for members held at Sofra Restaurant in Middleton was changed to a monthly event. The average number of attendees was eight, an increase from the past year.

The Committee planned the “Shifting Gears at Retirement: Exciting Opportunities Available through the UW-Madison Retirement Association and Division of Continuing Studies” reception. Almost 90 people attended and feedback was very positive. Each Committee gave a three-minute presentation explaining their goals and activities. Tables were staffed by committee members who provided information and answered questions attendees had. The goal was to increase awareness of what the Association has to offer and encourage participation in activities and committees.

Other events scheduled for the rest of the year include the Thank You Reception for committee members in May and involvement in the Chancellor’s Reception for Recent Retirees in June. Additionally, plans are under way for a book reading by Betsy Draine and Michael Hinden and a golf outing in September. The Committee continues to explore other possible activities.

Another project the committee is working on involves compiling a list of facilities available in the Madison area where Association events and activities could be conducted. The Committee plans to share the information with other committees to aid in their event planning.