Electronic technology program  
by Sheila Spear, Co-Chair, Electronic Technology Committee

Preserving your family’s memories—getting started with your photos, slides, and films  
Tuesday, February 24, 1:30 to 3:30 PM  
Fitchburg Public Library (directions below)

Are you still wondering where to start with all your photographs, slides, filmstrips, and videos? This presentation could help you on your way. Joyal Holder, from Holder Printworks, will focus on what can be preserved, how to get started, and how to store old media and video memoirs. He also will provide a brief history of popular audio and video formats.

Mr. Holder will discuss how to convert different media formats, identify those you can do yourself and where to go for professional assistance, and review a variety of final products including DVDs, CDs, Blu-ray discs, books and prints, formats for portable devices (tablets and computers), and online storage.

There also will be an opportunity to share information and ideas in small discussion groups. We invite you to bring examples of projects you have carried out or just your questions about where to start. And hang around after the formal program for more conversation.

Directions: Fitchburg Library is at 5530 Lacy Road, just off Fish Hatchery Road, about two miles south of the Beltline. Turn left (east) off Fish Hatchery Road and left again into the Town Hall and library parking area. There is a large parking area and an underground parking garage with elevator access to the second floor where the meeting will be held.

No fee, but advance registration is required. Contact the Association office (see masthead), by Tuesday, February 17, to register. Registrations will be honored until 1:25 PM, after which nonregistrants will be admitted, space permitting. If either you or your companion has registered for the seminar but cannot attend, please call 262-0641.

Upcoming Social Committee events  
by Jan Richardson, Co-Chair, Social Committee

The Social Committee would like to report some exciting events that have been scheduled for 2015. Please note that dates can be found in the calendar on the last page of The Sifter as well as on the Association website, uwra.wisc.edu.

Monthly breakfasts at the Sofra restaurant—join us for lively conversation and shared experiences each month. Dates are now available for the rest of the academic year.

Beethoven performance—see the notice on next page.

Photo contest—our first member photo contest has been announced with entries due Monday, March 16. Details are available in the January Sifter and at uwra.wisc.edu. Members are encouraged to submit up to three favorite photos that will be judged at the May 6 annual meeting.

San Francisco travel series evening—we have a limited number of tickets available for the popular buffet dinner and travelogue series on Tuesday, April 21. To purchase tickets, please send a check payable to UWRA in the amount of $28 and mail it to UWRA, 21 North Park Street, Room 7229, Madison, WI 53715-1218. Please add in the memo area “For SF dinner buffet and film” and include a stamped, addressed envelope.

Mallards game—we have a limited number of tickets available for the Sunday, June 28 game. To purchase tickets, please send a check payable to UWRA in the amount of $28 and mail to UWRA, 21 North Park Street, Room 7229, Madison, WI 53715-1218. Please add in the memo area “For Mallards baseball game” and include a stamped, addressed envelope.
Financial seminar
by Faisal A. Kaud, Member, Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement

How to avoid the top ten mistakes made with beneficiary designations
Tuesday, February 17, 10:00 AM to noon
MGE Innovation Center, University Research Park
510 Charmany Drive, Conference Room 50

Are you unsure how to name beneficiaries in your will or trust? Do you know how to protect your beneficiaries who are minors or have special needs? Dera Johnsen-Tracy and John Horn, attorneys from Horn & Johnsen, SC, will show you how to make sure that your beneficiary designations are up to date on retirement plans, annuities, life insurance policies, investment accounts, bank accounts, and real estate and are consistent with your estate-planning goals.

The food pantry recipient for this event will be St. Vincent de Paul. Both cash and checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul will be accepted.

Seminar registration
Advance registration is required. Contact the Association office (see masthead), by Friday, February 13, to register. Registrations will be honored until 9:55 AM, after which nonregistrants will be admitted, space permitting. If either you or your companion has registered for the seminar but cannot attend, please call 262-0641 by 8:30 on the morning of the program to allow a registrant on the waiting list to attend. Financial seminars are offered free to UWRA members, and members may bring one guest per seminar and up to three guests total for the entire series of seminars. Please indicate that you plan to bring a guest when you register.

Performance by Beethoven piano competition winners
by Judy Craig, Member, Social Committee

Save the date! Sunday, April 19 is the performance featuring winners of UW-Madison’s annual Beethoven piano competition sponsored by former UW-Madison Chancellor Irving Shain. We will have a brief presentation prior to the performance by Martha Fischer. A reception follows the performance. Tickets are not required, but please register by contacting the UWRA at retireassn@mailplus.wisc.edu or calling 262-0641 so that we may determine the space required for the pre-performance presentation. Details to follow.
University League event
by Nancy Meyer, Publicity Chair

The University League is holding its annual spring luncheon on Saturday, March 7, starting at 9:00 AM in Monona Terrace’s lecture hall. All are welcome.

Did you know that you can park at the Monona Terrace and not go outside for lunch at the Madison Club? Attend the internationally acclaimed “Whad’Ya Know?” with Michael Feldman, and maybe even take part in his quiz to win some neat prizes. We then will lead you to the Madison Club for a wonderful lunch. Cost is only $30 for both events. For more information, please contact LaVonne Senn at 233-4241 or email at Shumiq@yahoo.com.

Monday programs at Attic Angel, 8301 Old Sauk Road, at 10:30 AM

On February 2, Cindy Bacon Hammer, Chaplain at Attic Angel Community, will discuss a pilgrimage to the holy land; on February 9, Beth Martin, PhD, RPh, associate professor in the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy, will talk about communicating with your pharmacist; on February 16, Joseph Elder, emeritus professor in the UW-Madison Department of Sociology, will speak about the Afghanistan war; and on February 23, Douglas Hill, emeritus professor in the UW-Madison School of Music, will present “Everyone is Listening for Something—Celebrating Nature Writers,” set to music by Douglas Hill.

AmeriCorps math tutoring program
by Courtney Taborn, Community Volunteer Coordinator
AmeriCorps-United Way of Dane County

Call for volunteer tutors! The AmeriCorps Achievement Connections program is seeking dedicated and caring individuals to commit at least two hours a week to tutoring students in math, with the top priority being to help students complete Algebra 1 by tenth grade with a “C” or better. This is an opportunity for you to

* Lead one-on-one tutoring sessions
* Share your algebra and geometry skills
* Make a difference in the lives of students and give back to the community

Training is provided. We are looking for tutors to begin immediately at East, West, Middleton, and Memorial high schools. For more information on how to become a tutor, please contact me at ctabor@uwdc.org or call 246-4383, ext. 6107.

Madison Senior Center programs
330 West Mifflin Street
(call 266-6581 for reservations; check madisonseniorcenter.org for more programs)

A Widow Forgotten
Celebrate February, American heart month, Valentine’s Day and, of course, the birthdays of Presidents Lincoln (February 12) and Washington (February 22). On Tuesday, February 24, in honor of President Lincoln’s wife, the Senior Center and SAIL (Supporting Active Independent Lives) are co-sponsoring this event at 1:30 PM and present Jessica Michna, historical impersonator from First Impressions, as Mary Todd Lincoln.

Mrs. Lincoln’s life has come full circle as she returns to Springfield, Illinois, to take up residence with her sister Elizabeth. She recalls the days of a childhood in the genteel society of Lexington, Kentucky, her marriage to the gangly young lawyer, and eventually her rise to become the First Lady. Refreshments will be served.

Meet the author
On Tuesday, February 10, at 1:00 PM, Marshall Cook, author of Walking Wounded, will talk about an unlikely wartime love story set in Madison during World War II. Rich in the history and culture of the time, the novel chronicles the lives of Jimmy McGinness, a young man who lives in a walkup apartment with his alcoholic father, and Beth Henke, who lives with her parents and brother and is engaged to a young seaman off at war as well as carrying his baby. Jimmy is a photographer, reporter, and copyboy for the “truth-telling” Capital Times newspaper, and Beth works for radio station WIBA on her own morning show.
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*Additional dates are March 23, April 23, May 28, and June 25. For more about UWRA and for some program information, please visit our website at uwra.wisc.edu.*