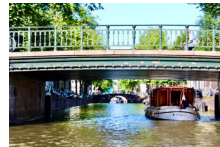




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NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE WEBINAR

Putin's Russia and the Redefinition of Power

BY SUSAN FISCHER, CO-CHAIR, RETIREMENT
OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

There is little doubt that we are living in historic times. Among nations frequently in the news in the past several years is Russia. Recently the streets of Moscow and other Russian cities have been filled with protesters. Russia and the Ukraine continue to struggle over the sovereignty of their borders, and Russia's relationships with the European Union is in a state of flux.

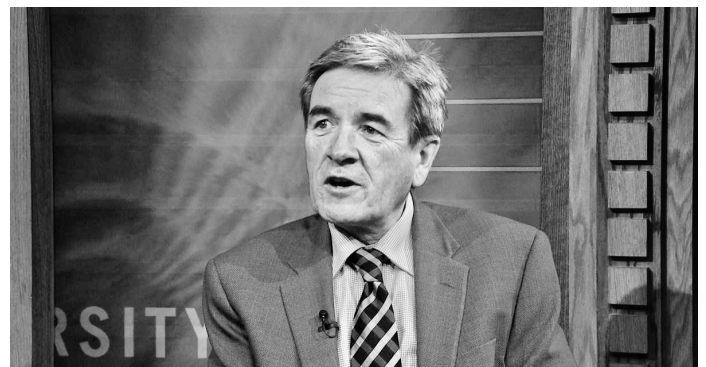
Professor David McDonald will share his take on the current evolving political landscape in Russia, including the impacts of contemporary Russian politics on the United States and the rest of the world. We hope that you will join us. ■

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them to program coordinator Susan Fischer at sfischer@uwalumni.com by **March 9**.*

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David MacLaren McDonald is the Alice D. Mortenson / Petrovich Distinguished Professor of History. He has spent his entire academic career in the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which he joined in 1988. His research, publication, and teaching interests include the history of Imperial Russia (1649-1917) as well as modern sport and contemporary Russian politics.

PUTIN'S RUSSIA The Redefinition of Power in Yet Another New World Order

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

10:00 A.M.-NOON

Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: March 12

Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4143118

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Website Access, Newsletter

BY SANDI HAASE



This month, I thought I'd address a couple of the questions that we received on the membership survey.

Q. *Why do we need a password to access information on the website. Why isn't it all public?*

A. When designing the website, the developers made a conscious decision to protect our members' identities, secure all materials directly relating to the business of the association, and ensure that direct benefits of membership are available only to members. The website is designed with two sections—a public section and a members-only section. To access materials meant only for members, it is necessary to log on using your email and password. This area includes the membership directory and such UWRA committee records as minutes, agendas, board of directors meeting materials, and association financial reports. One significant benefit of membership is access to *Living Ledger* (a document to help you compile information to assist your heirs in settling your estate).

Q. *I don't recall ever receiving The Sifter.*

A. All members (including spouses/partners) with an email address in the system receive an electronic version of *The Sifter* around the first day of each month (except in July and August). Annual, bargain, and life members can additionally elect to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. The electronic newsletter is in color and the print version is black-and-white. A handy feature of the electronic version is clickable links that take you directly to websites, email addresses, and program registration pages. If there is a fee for anything, members can elect to pay online or by invoice and check.

Between 60% to 70% of the membership opens the monthly email with the link to the electronic version of *The Sifter*. If you don't recall receiving such

an email, check your spam folder or log onto the UWRA website to check your member profile. Perhaps you changed your email address but simply forgot to update your member profile. While you are reviewing your member profile, take a moment to indicate your year of retirement, the department you retired from, your employment classification, and your interests, skills, and talents. This helps the association know who our members are and your programming interests. ■

✓ SAVE THE DATE

2021 UWRA ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:00 A.M.–NOON

This online meeting will feature guest speaker Gary Brown, director of Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture, who will tell us about "Current Campus Planning and New Projects on the UW-Madison Campus."

We will also elect directors to the board, approve the 2021–22 budget, and attend to other business of the Association.

Did you know ...

That you can earn a one-time, one-year waiver of your UWRA membership dues? It's easy—simply recruit one or more new UWRA members and you qualify.

When the recruited members pay their dues and identify you as their recruiter with notification to the Association Office, your membership will be extended one year. You can even receive the waiver if you recruit a former UWRA member whose membership has lapsed for more than one year. A member can receive the one-year waiver only once.

With membership renewals just around the corner, don't wait to get that waiver and recruit a new member today. Just think, if everyone recruited a new member, we'd double our membership! ■

ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY WEBINAR

What Happened to My Classroom?


BY BRAD HUGHES AND BRUNO BROWNING, MEMBERS, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

We know all too well that classroom and laboratory instruction at UW-Madison had to change dramatically and suddenly in spring 2020. Have you wondered how thousands of instructors suddenly pivoted to online teaching and what instruction at the university looks like in spring 2021?

Here's your chance to go behind the scenes in a fascinating sample of different types of courses. Join us for a lively panel discussion featuring faculty and academic staff who are now much more experienced teaching online. These outstanding teachers come from a range of disciplines across campus in the sciences, arts, humanities, and social sciences. They will describe how they and their colleagues have been teaching online, what's going well and what's not, and how their teaching and their students' learning may change long term even as on-campus instruction resumes. An outstanding undergraduate will also join us to share a student's perspective. After brief, informal presentations by all of the speakers, there will be plenty of time for questions from the audience. ■

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinators Bruno Browning at bbrowning@gmail.com and Brad Hughes at bthughes@wisc.edu by **March 12**.*

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Top row, left to right: Janet Batzli, Alicia Lee.



Bottom row, left to right: Dianna Murphy, John Zumbrennen.

Not pictured: Haania Khan

Janet Batzli is a distinguished faculty associate and interim director of the Biocore Program. **Haania Khan** is a third-year undergraduate student majoring in biochemistry and religious studies. **Alicia Lee** is an assistant professor of clarinet in the Mead Witter School of Music. **Dianna Murphy** is director of the Language Institute and co-director of the Russian Flagship Program. **John Zumbrennen** is a professor of political science, faculty affiliate in Integrated Liberal Studies, and vice provost for Teaching and Learning.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY CLASSROOM?
Online Teaching and Learning at UW-Madison in Spring 2021

Friday, March 19, 2021
 10:00 A.M.–NOON
 Online Webinar
Registration Deadline: March 12

Advance registration is required. Register online at: UWRAmadison.org/event-4158340

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.

TRAVEL WEBINAR

Medieval Florence: Dante's City and Inspiration

BY CHRIS KLEINHENZ, PRESIDENT, UWRA

The year 2021 marks the 700th anniversary of Dante's death. His major work, the *Divine Comedy*, remains one of the most read, studied, illustrated and prized works of world literature. This richly illustrated lecture will focus on both the origins and development of the medieval city of Florence—its monuments, socio-political structure, and artistic legacy—and Dante's life and works, in which his native city played an important formative, indeed decisive, role.

Today, in walking the streets of modern Florence, we can see the well-preserved churches, palaces, towers, and other vestiges of the medieval city Dante knew and loved. We will also briefly examine how, in the *Comedy*, Dante transformed the everyday reality of life in medieval Italy into an intricate and remarkably vivid vision of the afterlife. ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Esther Olson at emolson2@wisc.edu by **March 19**.

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Chris Kleinhenz taught medieval Italian literature at the UW–Madison for almost forty years. He has led many tours to Italy sponsored by the Division of Continuing Studies and the UW Alumni Association and has lived in Italy (Naples, Bologna, Perugia, Florence, and Rome) on various occasions where he taught and directed UW study-abroad programs. He has given a number of illustrated presentations on Italy for the UWRA.

MEDIEVAL FLORENCE Dante's City and Inspiration

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

2:00–4:00 P.M.

Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: March 19

Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4091842

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.

✓ SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL ETF AND SWIB UPDATE

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:00 A.M.–NOON UWRAmadison.org/event-4150979

A discussion of the pandemic's impact on the Wisconsin Retirement System, volatility in the financial markets, and projections of future annuity adjustments.

FINANCIAL WEBINAR

Social Security Works for Everyone!

BY KAREN HOLDEN, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic, recent shocks, and discordant politics have pulled the curtain back on America's looming retirement income crisis, caregiving pressures, a fraying of the national community, and ever-worsening income and wealth inequalities. People's livelihoods and futures are being thrown into flux. Financial security in retirement seems out of reach for many workers. Many who receive well-earned Social Security benefits are facing increasing financial stress.

Eric Kingson is known for his work on the politics and economics of aging, Social Security, cross-generational responsibilities, and caregiving across generations. He will describe present challenges facing the system and ways that the politics of Social Security have shifted so that greater protection through expansion is now feasible. He will present the case that universal programs that benefit all Americans (yes, even the rich), as Social Security was designed to do for all workers and their survivors, make our country stronger and our lives more secure.

This presentation is not intended to answer pragmatic questions about your Social Security benefits, but will discuss the policies and politics affecting alternate futures of Social Security. Note that basic Social Security rules and definitions can be found on the UWRA website, in the January 2019 presentation by Lisa Lamkin of AARP on "Federal Budget, Social Security, and Medicare." ■

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Karen Holden at karen.holden@wisc.edu by **March 19**.*



Eric Kingson is a professor of social work at Syracuse University. Founding co-director and current board chair of Social Security Works (socialsecurityworks.org), he is the author of several books, including co-authoring the forthcoming *Social Security Works for Everyone!* He served as policy advisor to presidential commissions on Social Security reform, entitlements, and tax reform and on the advisory committee to the Obama administration's Social Security transition team.

SOCIAL SECURITY WORKS FOR EVERYONE!

Protecting and Expanding the Insurance Americans Love and Count On

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

1:00–3:00 P.M.

Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: March 19

Advance registration is required. Register online at: UWRAmadison.org/event-4154491

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MEET A UWRA MEMBER

Fun with Pharmaceuticals

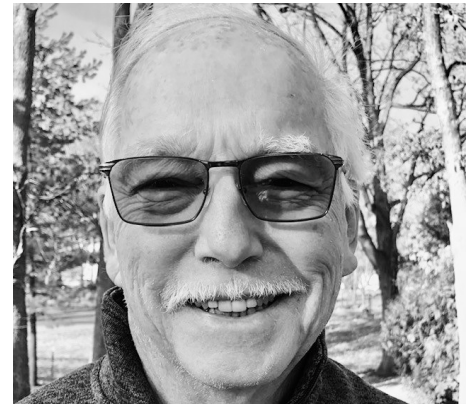
BY TED COLLINS, UWRA MEMBER

I was born and raised in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. I was captain of the high school football team that, despite having no size, talent, or speed, was the number one small-school team in the state. Ladysmith High was one of the poorest in the state, hiring only those who couldn't find a job elsewhere. I didn't really learn to write until a friend had me edit a Medicaid rule and decided he would have to teach me about writing. Of course, it was legalese. My academic papers were edited by coauthors. My talents were vision and public speaking, which I learned at Ladysmith High, being the first freshman from our school to get an A at State in forensics. Fortunately, in 1962, UW admitted anyone who could fog a mirror and had \$100.

I attended the UW School of Pharmacy, working as a supervisor of dorm bartenders to support my education. After graduation, I worked at a number of retail, hospital, and LTC pharmacies. I realized I wasn't suited to pharmacy and took a job as the Wisconsin Medicaid pharmacist consultant. Having access to millions of medical records, I found my passion was in examining cost, quality, and program abuse. I later moved to the UW Center for Health Systems Research, where I led development of a drug utilization review program for Medicaid. This led to a federal contract to develop a national nursing home program to measure quality. I was later chosen as the state's witness in a lawsuit against the drug industry over-pricing. The jury award was two billion dollars.

My wife and high school sweetheart Eileen and I have three children and four grandchildren. We have traveled the world, beginning with a wind-jammer cruise in the West Indies. We spent our 50th anniversary in Paris. I joined the travel committee of UWRA.

Eileen and I love Union Terrace, Allen Gardens, and tailgating at UW football games with family and friends. I have attended UW football games for 70 years and took my whole family to the 1994 Rose Bowl. In retirement, my wife and I enjoy gardening and exploring Wisconsin in our 2007 Mazda Miata convertible. I coordinate weekly Zoom meetings with family and friends. When the pandemic has passed, we plan to visit the British Museum in London to see all the historic antiquities stolen from other nations we have visited. ■



JANUARY 1-31, 2021

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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| Joel Buchanan , <i>Medicine</i> | Rhonda Sager , <i>Health Sciences Library</i> |
| Rafael Chavez Contreras , <i>Chem & Bio Engineering</i> | Scott Sanford , <i>Bio Systems Engineering</i> |
| Marietta (Geeg) Drum | Susan Schiltz , <i>Computer Sciences</i> |
| Joan Gorman | Scott Schiltz |
| Kris Gruber-Twardy , <i>Medicine</i> | William Schneider , <i>Transportation Services</i> |
| Scott Gunderson , <i>Extension</i> | Robert Smith , <i>Biochemistry</i> |
| Angie Gunderson | Glen Stanosz , <i>Forest & Wildlife Ecology</i> |
| Jeff Klees | JoAnne Stanosz |
| Andrea Levy , <i>Health Services</i> | Elizabeth Stricker , <i>Housing</i> |
| Robert Linley | William Stricker |
| Mary Carol McCartney , <i>Geological Survey</i> | Paul Thoresen , <i>SMPH Orthopedics</i> |
| Melvin McCartney | Paul Twardy |
| Bridget Pirsch , <i>La Follette School of Public Affairs</i> | Mary Weaver-Klees , <i>Athletics</i> |
| Charles Quagliana , <i>Civil Engineering</i> | John Whitesel , <i>Wisconsin Union</i> |
| Gus Ricca | |
| Ma Guadalupe Rios De Chavez | |

{ The UWRA is your network in retirement! }

NEW ACTIVITIES IN RETIREMENT

New Shoots and Deep Roots

BY MARGARET NELLIS, UWRA MEMBER

My retirement party foreshadowed my journey into retirement. A creative young colleague sparked the idea for a “garden party.” My colleagues and I hosted the party in South Madison to honor twenty years of work fostering campus community partnerships and student civic engagement through University Health Services and the School of Human Ecology. Party highlights included hip-hop hustle dance lessons and displays of memorabilia from the chapters of my life. Slow Food UW student interns mingled with colleagues, partners, and friends from South Madison and UW-Madison while we grazed on soul food from Melly Mell’s Restaurant. My retirement celebration was grounded in a sense of community and place.



Today I continue to advise and mentor Slow Food UW interns working on food justice, and I continue as a boundary spanner in civic matters in South Madison. My new retirement activities have emerged from my interest in local history and the contributions of African Americans to the Madison community. A project co-interviewing twenty South Madison residents then led to co-organizing four Black History events and volunteering with the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation to promote the City of Madison’s Historic Preservation Plan for Underrepresented Communities. I am now examining my own family and hometown history and wondering how I can best model for UW students ways to bridge some of the boundaries that separate us. ■

REFLECTIONS

Blow Out the Candles!

BY MARY BARNARD RAY

My husband and I have birthdays only a few days apart and, unlike many friends our age, we still celebrate them. We don’t need gifts and parties, but we do always have a cake with a candle for every year. It is an increasingly impressive sight! We do have a fire extinguisher handy, and we do have to deal with the smoke alarms in the house.



As we age, the challenge of having a candle for each year grows. Using a sheet cake makes it easier, but blowing out the candles in one breath requires planning and is becoming impossible. One year I made a bundt cake without thinking it through. The candles covered the top and sprouted out the sides until the cake looked like a burning cactus.

At least two people must light the candles before the first ones burn down, and the birthday song moves at a lively pace. The cake is in place before lighting—no one wants to carry a plate of fire any distance. The heat is intense, so the celebrant must not lean over the top of the cake when blowing, and strands of hair need to go behind the ears for safety. At least the glow from the candle fire is generally flattering for photographs.

We did compromise in some ways this year; we had just one cake, halfway between our two birthdays, because we couldn’t share the calories with friends as usual. Given our new awareness of spreading viruses, we decided to forego blowing out the candles ourselves. This year, we used a hair dryer! ■

WEBINAR

Latest COVID-19 Developments: Perspectives from Wisconsin

BY ESTHER OLSON, MEMBER, UWRA BOARD

With his UW colleague David O'Connor, Tom Friedrich is currently co-leading a series of COVID-related projects, with special emphasis on viral evolution, genetic surveillance, and expanding the availability of testing to K-12 schools. Through this work, he is connected to scientists around the country and the globe working to understand and control the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a researcher studying COVID-19, Friedrich will focus his presentation primarily on what we can learn from studying the genetics of the SARS-CoV-2 virus:

- New viral variants and what they mean for the effectiveness of vaccines and controlling the pandemic
- Understanding what situations promote SARS-CoV-2 transmission
- What the long-term future of COVID-19 might look like.

He will also touch on the ways the different vaccines work and some challenges and opportunities for testing. There will probably be breaking news to discuss, as well. ■

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Esther Olson at emolson2@wisc.edu by **March 26**.*

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Thomas Friedrich is professor of virology at the UW–Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. His laboratory studies how such pandemic viruses as HIV, influenza, Zika, and SARS-CoV-2 evolve to emerge, spread, and cause disease. He grew up in the Milwaukee suburb of Wauwatosa and did his undergraduate and graduate studies at UW–Madison.



LATEST COVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS Perspectives from Wisconsin

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

1:00–2:30 P.M.

Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: March 26

Advance registration is required. Register online at:
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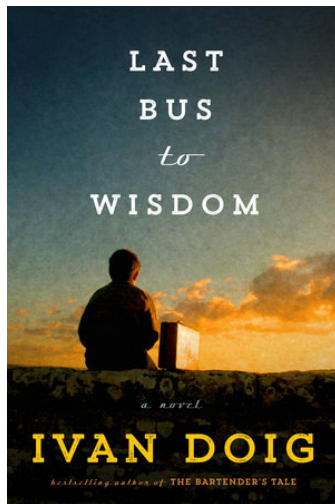
You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.

BOOK MARKS

Last Bus to Wisdom

BY SUSAN RIESCH, UWRA MEMBER

Ivan Doig (1939–2015) was an especially prolific writer who produced unique books about children and young adults in the mountain West. My favorite of his was his final book, *Last Bus to Wisdom*. It nourished both my intellectual interests (family and children’s health) and personal ones (the Rocky Mountain West), and the book created a link between Wisconsin and Montana.



The main character, 11-year-old Donan Cameron, is orphaned and lives with his loving grandmother, the cook at a Rocky Mountain ranch in the 1950s. When she needs surgery, Donan travels to her sister Kate in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. On the bus trip, Donan meets unforgettable characters. When the boy meets his aunt, he finds her bossy, opinionated, and tyrannical. Donan forms a bond with Kate’s henpecked husband, “Herman the German.” After one too many unintended altercations with Aunt Kate, Donan is ordered back to Montana and is surprised to discover Herman as his travel companion on the Greyhound bus. An array of interesting characters emerge not only in fellow bus travelers, but also in new identities Donan and Herman acquire to escape conflicts and to earn money, lodging, and food.

Doig effectively enters the mind of a young adolescent, painting Donan’s thoughts and feelings precisely and passionately. Though somewhat light, this is a hugely entertaining novel that will stoke your interest in human nature and connection. ■

Please email book reviews for the Book Marks column to column coordinator Laurie Mayberry at laurie.mayberry@wisc.edu.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Are You Interested in Genealogy?

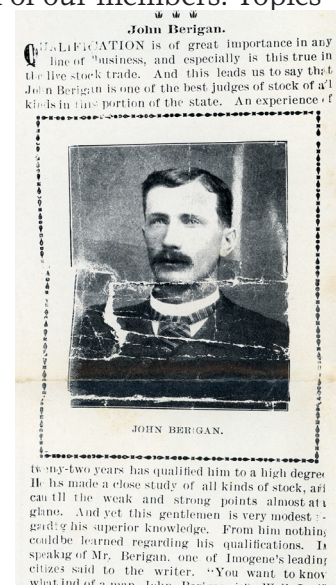
BY MARY BETH PLANE, UWRA MEMBER, AND BOB RETTAMMEL, UWRA MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF DCAGS

Are you looking for others who share your interest in family history research? One local group that provides resources and fellowship to those of us doing genealogical research is the Dane County Area Genealogical Society (DCAGS), an affiliate of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society and the National Genealogical Society.

Founded in 2006, DCAGS holds a monthly meeting with a variety of presentations by local, state, and national professional and amateur historians, genealogists, and archivists. One program each year features the research of our members. Topics have ranged from dating a photo by the clothing people are wearing, to gleaning ancestral details from maps and land records, to ten things genealogists should do at a library or archive to ensure a successful visit.

The DCAGS website contains resources for genealogy research, an archive of newsletters, and information about Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that meet monthly to share findings and suggestions for ways to find new information. Groups include an Irish SIG, a German/Czech SIG, a Family Treemaker SIG, and a Computer SIG for supporting online research.

You can join the organization, or register as a guest for a meeting, at this link: dcags.org/. Membership is \$15 per year including an e-mailed newsletter, \$20 if hard copy. We meet on the second Saturday of each month. All meetings during COVID-19 are virtual on ZOOM. ■



VIRTUAL TRAVEL

A Rhine River Cruise

BY ESTHER OLSON, CO-CHAIR, TRAVEL COMMITTEE

On July 12, 2018, we arrived in Amsterdam, Netherlands, eager to start our cruise down the Rhine River. But first, we spent a day touring the city. Nicknamed the Venice of the North, Amsterdam has more than 60 miles of tree-lined canals and waterways, 1500 bridges, and charming gabled houses. It is a bicyclist's haven with well-designed bike paths that connect the entire region.

In the evening, we boarded our river cruise ship. We were fortunate to have Dr. Carol Reynold, a Smithsonian Journey Expert, traveling with us. She helped us understand the history and cultures of the countries that we visited along the way.

Our first stop was Cologne (Köln)—a major cultural center and one of the oldest cities in Germany, founded by Romans in 38 A.D. The city's famous cathedral is the seat of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cologne. My favorite stop was the Eau de Cologne "4711" shop, home of the fragrance that I have been wearing for 50+ years. The name "4711" comes from the city's occupation by French troops who, in 1796, numbered all of the houses in Cologne. The house where the cologne was produced was numbered "4711."



The next day, we sailed through the beautiful Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage site, en route to Oberwesel. We passed the Lorelei headland, famous for the beautiful siren of legend whose song bewitched sailors and caused ships to crash into the rocks. Many of the river's 50 cas-

tles are located in this area. Oberwesel, known as the town of towers, retains much of its medieval character: old fortifications, town walls, and 16 of 21 original towers that protected against attack in the Middle Ages. This is Riesling wine country, and Oberwesel is one of the largest winemaking centers in Germany. In the evening, we dined at the Schoenberg Castle, which is now a hotel and restaurant with incredible views from its windows.

Then, on to Speyer and Heidelberg, enjoying the beautiful countryside as we cruised downriver. In Speyer, we visited the Imperial Cathedral, laid out in the form of a Latin cross. It was the largest church in the western world when it was built in 1030. Every year in September and October, an International Music Festival is held here. Our next stop was Heidelberg, the famous university town with Heidelberg Castle perched on the slopes of Mount Koenigstuhl some 70 meters above the Neckar River.

Our next stop was Strasbourg, France, famed for its architectural heritage and cuisine. Traditional specialties such as sauerkraut, baeckeoffe (oven-baked beef stew), flambé tart, spaetzle, and foie gras can be enjoyed in the Weinstuben, local taverns known for their friendly atmosphere.

All too soon, we arrived at our last two stops, Breisach and Freiburg (an official "sister city" to Madison). Situated in the Black Forest, these towns are known for their cuckoo clocks, black forest cakes, traditional garb, hefty half-timbered farmhouses, and, yes, the Grimm Brothers' fairy tales. Our tour guide in Freiburg was excited to learn that we were from Wisconsin—her daughter was an exchange student in Mazomanie, and she wanted to hear our version of life in the U.S. Finally, in Basel, Switzerland, we boarded our flight home, sorry to end this exciting and rewarding trip. ■

Videos of similar cruises:

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youtube.com/watch?v=5wmlq5_cF2Y&t=13s

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EAST-WEST VIRTUAL BREAKFAST

Thursday, March 11, 2021

9:00–10:00 A.M.

Online Meeting

Registration Deadline: March 5

Advance registration is required. Register online at:

UWRAmadison.org/event-4085586

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.



UNIVERSITY LEAGUE

Chocolatier Gail Ambrosius to Speak

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 1:00–2:30 P.M.

Online presentation via Zoom. The program is free, but for optional tasting, chocolates may be purchased in advance. For registration and information on optional tasting, visit:

univleague.wisc.edu/programs

Registration deadline: Saturday, March 20

✓ SAVE THE DATE WEBINAR:
UW EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:00 A.M.–NOON

More details and registration information is at UWRAmadison.org/event-4091807

■ UW–Madison Retirement Association Calendar Dates ■

Continue to monitor the UWRAmadison.org website for further updates.

- Thursday, March 11 9:00–10:00 A.M. East-West Virtual Breakfast
- Tuesday, March 16 10:00 A.M.–NOON *Putin's Russia* with David MacLaren McDonald
- Friday, March 19 10:00–11:30 A.M. *What Happened to My Classroom?* UW panelists
- Tuesday, March 23 1:00–3:00 P.M. *Social Security for Everyone* with Eric Kingson
- Wednesday, March 24 2:00–4:00 P.M. *Medieval Florence: Dante's City and Inspiration* with Chris Kleinhenz
- Wednesday, March 31 1:00–2:30 P.M. *Latest COVID-19 Developments: Perspectives from Wisconsin* with Thomas Friedrich
- Thursday, April 8 9:00–10:00 A.M. East-West Virtual Breakfast
- Tuesday, April 20 10:00 A.M.–NOON *2021 ETF and SWIB Update*
- Tuesday, May 11 10:00 A.M.–NOON Annual Membership Meeting with Gary Brown

For information on upcoming PLATO trips, visit platomadison.org/page-18561.

For information on Board and Committee meetings and deadlines for *The Sifter*, see the UWRA website at UWRAmadison.org.

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