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December financial seminar

by Joan Gilman, Member, Committee on Financial Matters
in Retirement

The health of the U.S. economy

Tuesday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Oakwood Village University Woods
Center for Arts and Education
6205 Mineral Point Road

Registration deadline: December 10

The odds of the U.S. economy entering a recession during the next year have increased significantly in response to rising uncertainty related to the ongoing trade war, Brexit, slowing global economic growth, reduced business investment spending, and slowed hiring. But not all the indicators are negative. The unemployment rate recently fell to the lowest level since 1969. The Federal Reserve reversed its interest rate policy in 2019 from raising interest rates to recently lowering interest rates half a percentage point. Long-term interest rates have fallen to the lowest in history as fears of deflation and secular stagnation grip Wall Street. The op-ed pieces on the economy continue to be all over the place. It is no wonder that we have trouble figuring out what indicators reflect the reality of the state of the economy.



Are you wondering what's happening? Join us when **Steve Rick**, Chief Economist for CUNA Mutual, helps us understand what really is going on with the U.S. economy. Steve is one of our most popular presenters, so this promises to be an enlightening and entertaining session on our economy.

Parking

Enter Oakwood at the traffic light at Island Drive and Mineral Point Road. Take the left fork and then the second driveway on the right to enter visitor underground parking. Push the button for assistance. Park in any visitor or non-reserved stall; take elevator to first floor

lobby where signs or a receptionist will help you. When you exit the underground parking, the garage door opens automatically. You may also park in a surface visitor spot (marked spaces along the drive and up the hill toward the large lot).

On foot, enter Heritage, 6205 Mineral Point Road, at its main entrance (third driveway on the right, at stop sign) or enter the auditorium doors directly from the lower drive. To link to the Oakwood campus map, use tinyurl.com/y6zaugvm.

If taking the bus, Madison Metro Bus Routes 14 and 67, stop on Mineral Point Road in front of Oakwood, if traveling easterly, or across Mineral Point Road from Oakwood, if traveling westerly.

Food pantry contributions

Open Seat Pantry is the selected charity for this event. Both cash and checks payable to UW Foundation with Open Seat Food Pantry on the memo line will be accepted.

Registration

Advance registration is required. Visit uwramadison.org/event-3592930 to register online. If you have not registered, we cannot guarantee that there will be enough handouts available. If you or your companion registered for this seminar but cannot attend, please contact the UWRA Office.

There's still time to register

Tax cuts, tariffs and treaties

Wednesday, November 13, 10:00 - noon
Oakwood Village University Woods
Center for Arts and Education
6205 Mineral Point Road

Registration deadline: November 6

Join us for Ken Wundrow's presentation as he discusses whether these actions relate to one another or are disjointed and have no impact on each other. Register online at uwramadison.org/event-3450616.

Janesville Rotary Gardens holiday light show and dinner

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Space is limited to the first 30 registrants.

Cost \$62 per person

Registration deadline: Friday, November 29

The Travel Committee invites you on this seasonal escape into a winter wonderland to view the holiday light show at the Janesville Rotary Botanical Gardens. The conservancy has 20 acres of botanical displays for the show, and more than 750,000 lights will greet visitors to the self-guided tours. We'll begin our late afternoon journey with dinner at The Italian House in Janesville (italianhousejanesville.com/). Their extensive buffet invites you to try a taste of everything and return for more of your favorites. So many selections!

Salads: ranch–romaine lettuce with shredded red cabbage, carrots, tomatoes, shredded cheese and Italian–romaine lettuce with sliced cucumbers, onions, black olives, tomatoes, Italian seasonings, and cubed cheese.

Subs: ham, salami, and pepperoni with Muenster cheese, American cheese, and pickles; roast beef, salami, pepperoni with Colby Jack cheese, Provolone cheese, and pickles.

Pastas: chicken alfredo, tortellini with meat sauce, and Asiago cheese ravioli with meatless marinara (sautéed summer squash, zucchini, red and green peppers, and onions).

Breads: garlic bread and garlic bread with cheese.

Beverages: fruit punch, coffee, and water are included. Additional beverages of wine and beer can be purchased.

Desserts: strawberry, cherry, and chocolate chip cheesecake; Tiramisu.

Following dinner, we'll board the bus for a short ride to the gardens. We will walk on well-lit pebble pathways, and there will be an opportunity to warm up during your walk at the concession building, where you can purchase hot coffee, hot chocolate, hot cider, and sugar cookies for an evening snack. When our senses are filled from the magical atmosphere, we can relax on the return bus ride to Madison.

The cost is \$62 per person, which includes dinner buffet, banquet staff gratuity, and the tax, light show admission, motor coach, and driver gratuity. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants. Members of the University League and PLATO will be permitted to register if space is available.

3:00 p.m. Depart from West Towne lot nearest the Beltline

9:00 Return to West Towne

3:30 p.m. Depart from East Towne lot near Planet Fitness, light pole #10

8:30 Return to East Towne

Questions: Gail Holmes at 249-1846 or UWRA office 262-0641.

If possible, please register online at uwramadison.org/event-3590404. Mailed in reservations using the form below and checks are accepted.

Janesville Rotary Gardens Holiday Light Show and Dinner

Registration deadline: Friday, November 29

Name (Please print)	Pick-up point		Affiliation:
	Boarding bus		UWRA, PLATO, University. League
	West	East	

Cost: \$62 per person. Amount enclosed: _____ Mobility restrictions: _____

Payment processing. Complete form. Make check payable to UW Retirement Association. Mail to UWRA, 21 N. Park St., Room 7205, Madison, WI 53715-1218.

Refund policy. UWRA refunds an event fee if cancelled prior to the registration deadline. Refunds are only processed after the registration deadline if wait-listed registrants can attend.

New on board: Marcy Doelp



My name is Marcy Doelp and I have had a long association with UW Madison. I grew up in Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia. However, after graduating from the University of Delaware many years ago, I attended UW-Madison in Letters and Science and the School of Education. I started working for the State of Wisconsin a few years later and eventually made my way back to UW-Madison, where I worked for 15 years before retirement in 2016.

Retirement has been relaxing and busy at the same time, with travel, cleaning out and selling a house, and moving

to a new home, and seeing two kids through college graduations. My top bucket list item is travel. I discovered I love gardening, and that has been a fabulous addition to my free time. L&S administration called a year or so ago with a part-time, rehired annuitant opportunity, so I added that to the mix. I also volunteer with homeless groups in Madison and help get out the vote at election time. I am looking forward to my tenure on the UWRA board of directors and to getting to know the other retirees.

University League jazzes up the holidays

Join us on Saturday, December 14, for a delicious dinner and enjoy original jazz interpretations of holiday favorites by the Ryan Meisel QuArtet, featuring *John Coltrane Meets Christmas*. Enchanting audiences with his powerful saxophone playing, Ryan and his group capture the spirit of the season with a sonic display that is thought-provoking, soulful, and fun. The dinner will be at the Maple Bluff Country Club and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bonus entertainment will include Mosaico, a Peruvian folkloric dance group whose mission is to share the rich cultural heritage of Peru with American audiences.

Non-members are welcome. The reservation deadline is December 5, and there can be no refunds after this date. For more information and to download your registration form, please visit univleague.wisc.edu/programs.

The last word: change

by Mary Barnard Ray, Editor

“Change” is a loaded word. I love the changes that October brings, with the leaves turning golden and russet and the weather turning cooler. But I find the changes that November brings ambiguous. Overcast skies and fog, barren gardens with no beautiful snow to cover them, Christmas decorations in the stores already—these are not some of my favorite things. Still, Thanksgiving is coming, and after that the excitement of the holidays.

In the broader view, change brings challenge; we must deal with the changes in our environment, our political situations, and our own lives and capabilities. UWRA programs can provide information to help us deal with all sorts of changes. They also can help us enjoy a change of scenery, of knowledge, or of perspective. This month’s UWRA programs will help us cope with some major changes we all face: changes in the tax law, in the economy, in the way we get our entertainment, and in the way we adjust to changes in our living situations. Whew! Thank goodness we can meet friends at the UWRA breakfasts and get some comfort from some things that aren’t changing!

RSVP looking for drivers

Drivers are urgently needed in all Dane County communities, especially in Madison/Monona, Sun Prairie, Waunakee, Mt. Horeb, northwest Dane, DeForest, Cottage Grove, Marshall, and Stoughton. These drivers can provide seniors and veterans with rides to medical and other important appointments; they can also deliver meals to seniors in communities outside of Madison. The schedules are flexible, and no minimum hours are required. Mileage is reimbursed and extra liability insurance provided. If you are interested in driving, contact Mary Schmelzer at mschmelzer@rsvpdane.org or 441-7896.

Attic Angels programs

The continuing education programs of the Attic Angel Association, open to the public, are held each Monday morning at Attic Angel Place, 8301 Old Sauk Road, Middleton, WI. Coffee is served at 10:00 and the program begins at 10:30 a.m. No charge, and no reservation is required.

Monday, November 4, to be determined.

Monday, November 11, “Bringing the world together one family at a time,” Madeline Urancek, Author of *How to make a life: a Tibetan refugee family & the Midwestern woman they adopted*.

Monday, November 18, “MIAs: Can we find them & bring them home?” Chris Zaczyk, Operations Manager for the UW Missing in Action Recovery and Identification Project.

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UW-Madison Retirement Association calendar dates

Monday, November 4	10:30 a.m.	Program, lunch, and speaker (Check-in begins 10:00 a.m.)
Thursday, November 7	8:30 a.m.	West Side breakfast at Sofra
Wednesday, November 13	10:00 a.m.	Tax cuts, tariffs, and treaties
Thursday, November 14	8:30 a.m.	East Side breakfast at Elie's Café
Thursday, November 14	2:30 p.m.	GITD: streaming TV
Wednesday, November 20	1:30 p.m.	The 27 stages of moving to a retirement community
Thursday, November 21	1:30 p.m.	Board of Directors discussion of dues
Tuesday, December 3	8:30 a.m.	West Side breakfast at Sofra
Thursday, December 5	3:00 p.m.	Rotary Gardens Light Show and Dinner
Wednesday, December 11	8:30 a.m.	East Side breakfast at Elie's Café
Tuesday, December 17	10:00 a.m.	State of the U.S. economy
Tuesday, January 14	10:00 a.m.	Why I might need an irrevocable trust
Thursday, January 23	2:30 p.m.	GITD: podcasts

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