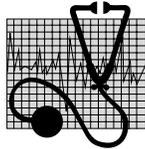




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NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

TECHNOLOGY WEBINAR

Save Your Family History

BY LOUISE ROBBINS, MEMBER, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

If you are like many Wisconsinites, your family history is gradually moving from analog (photographs, letters, keepsakes) to digital (websites, social-media accounts, files in the cloud). Attend this webinar with Dorothea Salo to learn how you can ensure that digital family history doesn't disappear in a cloud of pixels.

Salo's "Recover Analog and Digital Data" (RADD) project rescues audio, video, and digital data from obsolete or decaying carriers. To make the technology shareable, she has also developed PROUD (Portable Recovery of Unique Data) and PRAVDA (Portably Reformat Audio and Video to Digital from Analog). ■

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Louise Robbins at louise.robby@sbcglobal.net by **October 13, 2020**.*

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Dorothea Salo is a Distinguished Faculty Associate in the Information School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. As co-investigator for the Data Doubles project funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services, Salo is helping investigate undergraduate students' perceptions of privacy relative to learning analytics practices. She holds an M.A. in Library

and Information Studies and another in Spanish from UW-Madison.

SAVING YOUR DIGITAL STUFF Personal and Family History

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

10:00 A.M.–NOON

Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: October 15

Advance registration is required. Register online at: UWRAmadison.org/event-3958000

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

BY SANDI HAASE

My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who took the time to share your opinions and thoughts about your Association and its future in our summer survey. The completion rate continues to increase



daily. I am pleased to share that we have a 45% participation rate. The Strategic Framework Survey Team and Board of Directors look forward to sharing the results and findings with all of you.

At this time of the year, I normally would share information about the Employee Benefits Fair. As with other activities, this year the Fair is going virtual. Offering this information virtually will create more access opportunities to connect with your company or campus resource. Open Enrollment is set for September 28 to October 23, 2020. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y4oecb78> for more information.

It is with sadness that I share the passing of two active and long-term UWRA members, Phillip Certain and Chère Campbell Gibson. Phil, a professor emeritus in Chemistry, served on the board of directors and as UWRA president in 2014–15. Chère was a professor emerita in the School of Human Ecology, a UWRA charter member, past member of the board of directors and, most recently, chair of the UWRA Communications Committee. Our sympathies are extended to their families.

As we continue to navigate through our “new normal” world, I wish you awesome starts on Mondays; no obstacles on Tuesdays; no stress on Wednesdays, nor troubles on Thursdays; many, many smiles on Fridays; fun-filled Saturdays; and peaceful Sundays. Take care, my friends. ■

New on the Website UWRAmadison.org

Annual Reports

- Committees
- Association

MEET A UWRA BOARD MEMBER



New on Board: Jane Dymond

When I moved to Madison in 2001, the first people who welcomed me were fellow knitters. That summer I attended Knitting Camp in Marshfield, where I met wonderful knitters from all over the United States. Sievers School of Fiber Arts on Washington Island is a great place for workshops and classes.

In 2010, I became a docent at the Chazen. We are so fortunate to have this fine art museum in Madison and I love spending time there. I also enjoy traveling to various art museums for special exhibits. Most recently I spent time at the Barnes Foundation and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

After seventeen years of service, I retired from the Office of Quality Improvement (OQI) at UW–Madison in January 2018. Before joining OQI, I worked as the events coordinator in the Office of Human Resource Development. I also worked for the Vice Provost for Diversity and Climate. I joined UWRA in 2019. I am currently serving as a director on the Board and as chair of the Luncheon Committee. My two sons and their families (including four grandchildren) are my favorite companions. ■

NEW ACTIVITIES IN RETIREMENT

Political Organizing and Voter Education

BY MARY HAYWOOD METZ, PROFESSOR EMERITA



I was a professor in the Department of Educational Policy Studies, retiring in 2007. In 2008 I canvassed for Barack Obama. His campaign created neighborhood teams of volunteers with responsibility for their own wards. They were encouraged to stay together, working on local

elections and projects, so that they would be ready for the next national election.

In August 2010, I became the lead recruiter of volunteers for my neighborhood team. I expected to give this effort three months of my life. Instead, a new calling had found me! We organized canvasses and phone banks, encouraging voters in our wards to vote and to vote Democratic. Our efforts were modestly successful, but Democrats still lost the state.

In the turmoil that started with Act 10, I became team leader. Politics in Wisconsin became essentially my year-round activity, as I led the “North Side Action Team” for 6 years, through 2016. We worked in the recalls of 2011 and early 2012. Thereafter, our numbers grew as we knocked on doors and made calls in our district in every election. We canvassed and visited food pantries to inform citizens about the Affordable Care Act. We attended, then became presenters, in regional Democratic Party team-building workshops.

Two years ago, I moved to Oakwood West, where public activities must be nonpartisan or bipartisan. I facilitate candidate forums and write memos for the Oakwood community that clarify procedures for voter registration and absentee voting. Independently, I participate in Democratic phonebanks organized by the team in our neighborhood. ■

RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE



Call for Stories about Discovery in Retirement

BY MARY HAYWOOD METZ, FORMER COLUMN COORDINATOR, RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Retirement Opportunities Committee (ROC) sponsors a series in *The Sifter* sharing retirees’ stories of discovering new, fulfilling pursuits in retirement. Do you have a story to share? We encourage you to do so. The series is intended to give us all insight into how retirees grow into new activities after retirement and reveal interesting opportunities available around town and beyond.

To write an article, consider how and where you found your way to something different from your work life. Did you return to an interest from your youth? Did you discover a nonprofit organization doing appealing work? Did you pick up a paint brush, journalist’s note pad, or poet’s pen? Did you travel and discover something new to explore?

Write a sentence on what you did with UW before retirement. Then, tell us: What do you do now? Where do you have the opportunity to do it and with whom? How did you begin—and how might others? What are the pleasures and drawbacks of your new pursuits?

Articles should be 250 words or less. Send either an idea for a story, or a draft story, to New Activities in Retirement column coordinator Bob Jokisch at bobjokisch@gmail.com. Once you have written your story, send it to Bob. He will get back to you promptly with questions or edits before it is submitted to the editor of *The Sifter* for inclusion in a future issue. ■

The UW-Madison La Follette School of Public Affairs is offering a series of livestreamed events leading up to the November 3 election. Visit <https://bit.ly/3hptXW8>

FINANCIAL WEBINAR

“It’s Your Choice” Update for 2021

BY KAY REUTER-KROHN, MEMBER, AND JACK SORENSON, CO-CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT

Our October 14 seminar will present an overview of the changes to the 2021 State health plan. We are again pleased to welcome staff from the State of Wisconsin Employee Trust Funds’ Office of Strategic Health Policy for this presentation, headed by director Eileen Mallow. The seminar will include:

- coverage and changes to the 2021 IYC Medicare, Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Plus plans, and a review of the benefits, providers, enrollment options, and incentives available to enrollees of each of these plans
- changes to ancillary coverages, i.e. Navitus prescription coverage, Delta Dental options, and Well Wisconsin benefits
- a question and answer period. ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speakers, please email them in advance to program coordinator Jack Sorenson at jwsoren1@wisc.edu not later than October 7, 2020.

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Notifications about Zoom events

With UWRA meetings going virtual this fall, there are changes to how a registrant is notified of the Zoom URL / call information. As in the past, when you register, you will receive a confirmation. You’ll also receive two reminders, seven days and again two days prior to the webinar. Please take special note of the reminders. On the bottom of each reminder will be the heading, “ZOOM CALL INFORMATION.” Below that heading will be all the information you need to link to the webinar.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE UPDATE, 2021

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

1:00–3:00 P.M.

Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: October 9

Advance registration is required. Register online at:

UWRAmadison.org/event-3967179

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.



SWIB Launches Monthly Podcast

BY CHRIS PREISLER, SWIB COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

The State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB) has launched “The SWIB Podcast” series to give Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) members a deeper understanding of the work SWIB does on behalf of the state’s pension system.

This podcast is another source WRS members can turn to for relevant information about the investments that are generating the returns necessary to fund the state pension system. This monthly series will focus on the work SWIB is doing to help ensure the WRS remains strong and fully funded. Hear how robust and diverse investment strategies are helping keep SWIB and the WRS positioned for success.

The SWIB Podcast is available on SWIB’s website, <https://www.swib.state.wi.us/podcasts>, and on most major podcast platforms including iTunes, Google Play, iHeart Radio, and Spotify. ■

FINANCIAL WEBINAR

Taxes and the Pandemic

BY PAUL REICHEL, MEMBER,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT

Earlier this year Congress passed what has become known as the CARES Act, aiming to bolster the sinking economy caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In this webinar, financial expert Ken Wundrow will:

- examine the CARES Act, the SECURE Act, and the 2018 Tax Cut and Jobs Act to show how these recent laws affect your tax situation and your financial planning
- discuss how these laws, our economy in the midst of a pandemic, and the presidential election exert influence on each other
- offer useful information and the opportunity for questions and answers. ■



Ken Wundrow of Experience Consulting is a certified EA (IRS enrolled agent) and a SCORE Mentor. He annually presents current taxation information to UWRA members.

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Paul Reichel at preichel@wisc.edu by **October 28, 2020.***

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Keeping Track of Links to Zoom Call Information

Have you registered for several UWRA seminars? Is your email inbox filled with lots of items? Having trouble finding that Zoom call information for that seminar that is about to start?

One helpful suggestion is to create a folder in your email titled "Zoom Info." When a seminar reminder arrives in your inbox, you can move the email to your "Zoom Info" folder. On the day of your Zoom meeting/webinar, you can open the folder and easi-

THE NEW NORMAL
The CARES Act and the Economic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Wednesday, November 4, 2020
 10:00 A.M.–NOON
 Online Webinar
Registration Deadline: October 30

Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-3965609

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.

ly locate the reminder. After the meeting is over, go back to the folder and delete that meeting reminder. By deleting the reminder after the meeting, you will keep your folder current with only reminders for upcoming meetings. ■

MEET A UWRA MEMBER

Astrophotography and World Travels

BY JURGEN PATAU



I was born in Berlin, Germany. Our family emigrated to Madison after my father accepted an appointment at UW–Madison. We left during the Berlin Airlift to join him, and Madison has been my home for most of my life.

I attended UW–Madison for my degrees in Physics. Those studies were interrupted by the military draft. (I watched the moon landing during a shift in the Pentagon). My interests then shifted to computer sciences and, after some course work, I moved into programming and information technology.

My career at UW–Madison included programming for the Dictionary of the Old Spanish Language, eight years at MACC in data management, and twenty-one years in Bascom Hall managing the Bascom office network for the Vice Chancellor for Administration. I retired from AIMS as an Emeritus Senior Information Processing Consultant.

My wife Jean and I met when I was a contract programmer and she was finishing her Ph.D. in German. We have been married for 36 years. Our house is lonelier since our 21½-year-old cat died recently. And, we miss the social interactions we had before the pandemic.

Nevertheless, I thoroughly enjoy my retirement. It allows me to sleep late—I am an unrepentant night owl. Most of my time is split among traveling, reading the books I had put aside while working, exercising my just-slightly green thumb, and amateur astronomy, especially astrophotography. It com-

bines many of my interests, including telescopes, technology and computers, science, art, and photography. This is a lifelong work in progress. Two downsides are evening mosquitos and waiting for clear skies. In addition, I now have time to audit UW courses. I'm also the treasurer of the Madison Astronomical Society.

Retirement also allows us to travel more. With some trepidation, we booked a cruise from New York via Quebec City to London shortly after my retirement. We have been hooked ever since. The countries we have visited, the people we have met, and the peace we have felt on these floating hotels have been most rewarding. We have also taken some architectural-themed trips to Machu Picchu, Southeast Asia, and France. Our domestic travels include visiting friends and Jean's extended family across the country.

The pandemic has put several future trips on hold. We still want to go to Scotland (where my father studied and German cousins vacationed). My dream trips also include a cruise from Ushuaia, Argentina, to South Africa across the Southern Atlantic, and travel to the dark skies of Chile, New Zealand, or Australia to photograph the southern hemisphere's sky.

Several years ago, I was invited to join the UWRA's Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement. I have learned a lot and thoroughly enjoy being part of this group and am currently serving as the committee's co-chair. Earlier this year I participated on the UWRA Strategic Framework Workgroup.

We still love to wander on the Madison campus. My favorite places include Observatory Hill (the view north across Lake Mendota is always a special treat), the Memorial Union (especially when it's not too crowded), the Lakeshore Path from the Union to Picnic Point (always an enjoyable walk as long as the bugs leave you alone), and Memorial Library (a wonderful resource). ■

{ The UWRA is your network in retirement! }

TRAVEL



Travel Committee Goes Virtual in 2020

BY TED COLLINS, MEMBER, TRAVEL COMMITTEE

The arrival of COVID-19 has eliminated our opportunity to physically travel to places of interest in Wisconsin, but we can still travel to sites virtually. While the experience may not be as satisfying as actually being there, we will spend far less time, less money, and less time on a bus. In the meantime, we'll feature Internet links to places visited on past UWRA trips or that we had planned to visit, offering greater insight into their history and place in Wisconsin's development.

Many of you may have watched "Around the Corner" on Wisconsin Public Television, hosted over the years by Milwaukee historian John Gurda and Emmy-winning actor John McGivern. They are engaging and knowledgeable guides to Wisconsin historical sites. This month we are featuring an "Around the Corner" trip to Wade House and the East Troy Electric Railroad, plus stories of Great Lakes ship building in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin quarries in Bayfield (brownstone) and Lannon, and the Milwaukee North Point Light House. The video program is a nice complement to the trips UWRA has taken. We hope you enjoy, as John Gurda says, "why they are...the way they are."

Start your Wisconsin trip at pbs.org/video/season-4-the-gurda-hour-mkursl/ ■

REFLECTIONS

Just Wandering

BY MARY BARNARD RAY

Thank goodness we live in a part of the world that experiences seasonal changes! Given the inability to travel anywhere, I welcome having the change of scenery that October brings to our yard. Like many people in our neighborhood, we were working on our yard more than usual this past summer.

As a result, we have some new trees that will be turning and some new plants to bed down for the winter. We look forward to seeing how the leaves turn on our new "Orange Crush" crabapple tree. We hope that the transplanted hosta and daisies will survive the coming winter. Dennis will mutter about the squirrels digging holes in the new grass that he's carefully watered all summer. We will ask the neighborhood peony expert what new hybrids he is creating for next year. Feeling stuck at home, we seek out the changes we can find.

If this were 2019, we might be looking forward to staying home and having things seem the same. But this is 2020, and the charm of routine is wearing thin. Perhaps the need for variety has been planted deep in our genes. Restlessness, curiosity—if not our birthright, these are certainly our inheritance. Here's hoping those qualities prepare us for the changes in the way UWRA needs to operate and finally impel us toward all good things this October. ■

AUGUST 1-30, 2020

NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Blonsky	Sally Lorenz
Mary Devitt	Ben Lotz
Terry Devitt	Doris Ockert
Todd Hill	Hugh Schmidt
Kay Ihlenfeldt	Patricia Sharp
Tom Jacobson	

ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY

A Pandemic of Scams

BY RACHEL BAKER, MEMBER, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

We're all spending more time at home and likely more time on the Internet. The scammers and hackers have noticed, and we are beset with scam phone calls and Internet malware. Here are some tips on how to manage the annoyance and avoid the threats.

SCAM CALLS are both annoying and dangerous. Caller ID may appear familiar. If you answer, you hear a recorded voice selling something, threatening you with an overdue bill or loan, awarding you a prize, or notifying you of a supposed computer virus.

What Not to Do Don't answer. If you do mistakenly answer, then hang up, do not engage the caller, do not press a button for more information or to be "removed from the call list," and above all NEVER give out personal information. Just answering the call informs the scammer that you are a live target, and any details the caller gleans will make your identity that much more valuable to other scammers.

What to Do Answer only known callers and let others go to voicemail. Check your service provider's website for call blocking and/or approved caller features. Get your number on the National Do Not Call registry at consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0108-national-do-not-call-registry. Update your mobile phone's contact list and configure privacy settings to ignore unknown callers.

MALWARE Your desktop and mobile device systems are also rich targets. Malicious code is introduced by social engineering, such as email messages that say: "Your Friend Tagged a Photo of You" or "Password Check Required Immediately" or "COVID-19 Awareness." Continue to be suspicious of email attachments from senders you don't know; delete those messages without clicking the links. Be aware that any app you download for "free" is not. Benign software earns its keep with targeted

ads. Malicious software inserts programming into your device to collect personal information such as health data, passwords, and bank accounts. Sometimes malware is built into those ads or linked web sites. Resist "click bait" such as web ads screaming "You won't believe this!" If you click on the "bait," the linked site or video might download harmful malware to your computer or phone. A new tactic called "pharming" will trick you into clicking a link for an apparently trusted website, but the site you land on will be a mimic of the real one, designed to capture logins and passwords. Look carefully at URLs and email addresses to notice which are fake imitations of authentic sites.

WHO HAS MY DATA? Thousands of banks, businesses, and health care institutions have experienced data breaches as hackers have become more cunning. Stolen data is sold on the "dark web," a term describing Internet sites hidden from normal search engines and accessible only through specific software. Start with the premise that most of your personal identifiable information is already "out there." Prices can range from \$1 for a Social Security number to \$1000 per passport or medical record. Consider that all a thief requires to break into your bank accounts is your email address and password. A thief will test a stolen bank account or credit card with a small transaction and, if unnoticed, proceed to larger charges or withdrawal.

WHAT ELSE TO DO Use a unique, complex password for every account (it's easy with a password manager app) and choose two-factor authentication when you can. Lock your phone with a good passcode. Monitor your credit card and bank transactions regularly via your bank's websites. Never use a debit card for an online purchase. Use "virtual credit card" numbers if your financial institution offers them. ■

Let us hear from you! The UWRA Electronic Technology Committee is delighted to get your tech questions or ideas for topics. Please email us at UWRA.tech@gmail.com.



Safety Videos: Avoiding Scams during the Pandemic

BY CHRIS KLEINHENZ, UWRA PRESIDENT

On August 26, the Triad program of RSVP in Madison sponsored a virtual presentation on *Covid-19 Scams and What You Need to Know*. After providing an overview of the mission of the Better Business Bureau, Southwest regional director Tiffany Bernhard Schultz presented valuable information about a wide range of scams that have arisen during the pandemic, including fraudulent websites, offers of inferior masks and related products, government aid, false charities, fake phone calls and phishing emails, refunds for canceled events, “puppy” and “grandparent” scams, and more.

Schultz’s presentation is available for viewing on the Triad of Dane County’s YouTube channel: bit.ly/TriadsYoutube along with additional safety videos. ■

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & RESOURCE FAIR

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no in-person benefits fair at Union South this year. Resources will be provided online at Annual Benefits Enrollment. Open enrollment is September 28 to October 23, 2020.

Visit tinyurl.com/yyaxkt7d for information.

UWRA NEWS

Public Schools Matching Grant

The UWRA provides up to \$1,000 annually to the Foundation for Madison’s Public Schools (FMPS), as a matching grant for all donations made this year by our members to any Dane County public school.

Please report your donations to any Madison public school to the UWRA office at retireasn@mail-plus.wisc.edu so that they can be counted toward the Association’s matching gift to FMPS.

Thank you for your past donations, which have allowed us to continue to provide the full amount of our matching grant in support of our fantastic local public schools. ■

As Partners in Giving, We’re Stronger Together

BY JASON GOHLKE, UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Retirement can offer a myriad of ways to give back. The Partners in Giving Campaign is one such opportunity. For the last forty-seven years, UW-Madison, UW Health, and State employees have raised millions of dollars through the campaign for a wide range of charitable causes. As a retiree, you can continue this Wisconsin tradition of generosity and service.

The 2020–21 campaign theme is “Stronger, Together.” Through giving, we each make a difference in our community and around the world. The more people who contribute, the greater our collective impact.

Retirees may contribute by credit card, check, or IRA distribution. (Ask your tax advisor about new CARES Act deductions for charitable giving.) Please visit giving.wi.gov for charity information and to donate online.

Request a paper booklet and pledge form at giving.wi.gov/about-us/giving-in-retirement/, or email carli.freidel@uwdc.org or call 608-246-5482. ■

TECHNOLOGY WEBINAR

The Evolution of Data Security

BY JOHN HELGESON, MEMBER, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

2020 has been a year of challenges, as many companies and organizations have been forced to adapt to working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. This “new normal” has changed the way we work and secure our personal and corporate data. And it is not over yet!

Bob Turner’s presentation will explore how data security may evolve as we face the next revolution in working from anywhere. ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator John Helgeson at jphelges@yahoo.com by **November 4, 2020**.



Bob Turner is the Chief Information Security Officer and Director of the Office of Cybersecurity at UW-Madison. He leads the development and delivery of a comprehensive information security and privacy program by collaboratively implementing information security controls to protect UW-Madison information and its infrastructure from external or internal threats. His office also ensures that UW-Madison complies with statutory and regulatory requirements regarding information access, security, and privacy.

THE FUTURE OF YOUR DATA FOOTPRINT

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

1:00–3:00 P.M.

Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: November 6

Advance registration is required. Register online at:

UWRAmadison.org/event-3963851

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University League Announces 2020–2021 Programs

Events and venues are subject to change or cancellation if COVID-19 restrictions continue. For more details and to register, please visit: univleague.wisc.edu/programs

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT AND DINNER

Friday December 4, 2020

The Dalton Gang Girls Quartet Play the American Songbook and Big Band Favorites

(Bring your dancing shoes, if you are so inclined!)

SPRING LUNCHEON

Tuesday March 23, 2021

Gail Ambrosius, Renowned and Award-Winning Madison Chocolatier Followed by a chocolate tasting.

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Thursday May 13, 2021

“Hamilton: How a Musical about History Made Musical History” with Sarah Marty, Producing Artistic Director, Four Seasons Theatre

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

1908 Epidemic Led to Creation of UW Student Health Service

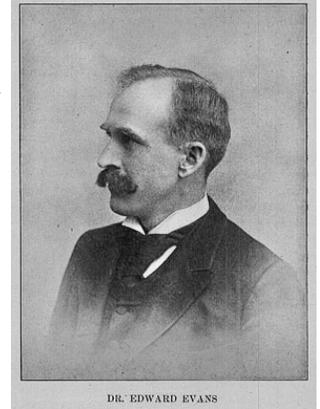
BY SHEILA LEARY, SIFTER EDITOR

This spring, as the COVID-19 pandemic kept me at home, I dug into family history using online sources. My focus was on my great-grandfather, Dr. Edward Evans of La Crosse, who served on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents from 1902 to 1913 and was president of the Medical Society of Wisconsin.

Not surprisingly, I found ample evidence of infectious diseases that physicians battled in that era. In 1908, epidemics of rabies, typhoid fever, and diphtheria swept through Wisconsin. Rampant cases of typhus on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison led to the establishment of the University Student Health Service in 1910. At the time, only the University of California had such a service.

Some Madison physicians objected to the plan as “socialized medicine” that would diminish their clientele.

Dr. Evans vigorously championed a campus-based health service and persuaded fellow regents to vote in favor of it, asserting that, “when the University draws four thousand young people together in a community, it has a responsibility to help them maintain their health.” ■



The Diversity Forum 2020 will take place October 27–28 and feature a keynote address by Robin DiAngelo, Ph.D., author of the widely acclaimed bestseller *White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. For the full program schedule and registration information, visit

diversity.wisc.edu/event/diversity-forum-2020/

■ UW–Madison Retirement Association Calendar Dates ■

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

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| • Tuesday, October 6 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>Pandemic COVID-19</i> with Dennis Maki |
| • Tuesday, October 13 | All day | Virtual UW Benefits Fair |
| • Wednesday, October 14 | 1:00–3:00 P.M. | <i>It’s Your Choice 2021 Update</i> with ETF staff |
| • Tuesday, October 20 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>Saving Your Digital Stuff</i> with Dorothea Salo |
| • Tuesday, October 27–28 | All day | Diversity Forum |
| • Wednesday, November 4 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>The New Normal</i> with Ken Wundrow |
| • Wednesday, November 11 | 1:00–3:00 P.M. | <i>Future of Your Data Footprint</i> with Bob Turner |
| • Wednesday, November 18 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>Well-Being Is a Skill</i> with Richard Davidson |
| • Tuesday, December 1 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>COVID-19 Challenges</i> with Joe Parisi and ADRC |
| • Wednesday, December 16 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>Status of the U.S. Economy</i> with Steve Rick |

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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