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Regent Neighborhood Sign Contest for Southwest Commuter Path

by Charlie Peters, RNA Transportation Chair

Calling all Regent Neighborhood walkers, bikers, dog walkers, poets, and creative writers. Please submit your ideas for shared-use path etiquette signage. These should be short, four- or five-stanza semi-poetic signs, similar to the "Burma Shave" advertisement signage that was along rural roads in the past. These signs (one per stanza) would be spaced so that they could be read while traveling at an appropriate speed for that area of the path. These poems should relate to proper path etiquette, for example,

- All users should keep to the right side of the path, except to pass.
- When traveling side-by-side, stay on the right half of the path.
- Faster users should yield to slower users.
- Always travel at a safe speed, with due regard for others. Faster users may want to consider alternate routes to ensure the safety of all users.
- Pass others on the left by slowing down, giving an audible warning such as calling out, "Excuse me, passing left," and waiting for a reaction before passing.

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Touring the University Heights Neighborhood at Mid-Century, Part 2

by Charlotte Ann Burns

Editor—In the last issue of the newsletter, the Regent Neighborhood's Charlotte Burns took us on the first part of an unusual tour. Burns, a UW–Madison alumna and retired doctor of ophthalmology, grew up in the neighborhood with her physician parents, older brother, Tom, and younger sister, Mary Ellen, at ***109 North Roby Road (English Revival, 1926),*** *a stone's throw from her current house on Summit Avenue. Unlike other tours, this one doesn't emphasize architecture but stories of the people who walked our streets. Again, come with us.*

Charlotte Burns, age eight.

120 Ely Place (Prairie School, 1908)—Near the top of Summit hill lived Nelle and Howard Weiss in the Gilmore House, better known as the 'Airplane House," designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The Weisses bought the house in 1930, and Mrs. Weiss lived there until 1981. I played with her granddaughter who visited each summer, and lives there now. [Editor—For more on the landmark house, wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI16079]

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A Note from the President

RNA Board President Samantha Crownover

Happy 2026! For the second half of my term, I am looking forward to:

- Our annual member meeting in May when we'll be voting on changing our fiscal year to the calendar year and hosting a speaker focusing on gardens and our neighborhood's natural world. Stay tuned.
- Increasing our membership by another 30% to 500 members. The RNA area has about 1300 households. Can we do it?
- Two more neighbor/business weekends at the Four Corners and on University Avenue.
- Filling the School Relations board position.
- Another Pastry with the President gathering—or should it be Pint with the President this time?
- Working to repair the Regent Neighborhood sign at the foot of University Avenue and Breese Terrace.
- Learning about how RNA can support the next mural project at the Walnut St. underpass.

Looking back on 2025, I'm proud of these accomplishments (with help!), in addition to all of the diligent, ongoing, regular committee work. We've

- Increased our membership from 246 to 387 members.
- Augmented our website to include events and board profiles and photos.
- Created an annual budget, which includes increasing membership dues.
- Celebrated July Fourth at the West High practice field, the picnic spearheaded by a great planning committee.
- Provided 21 neighbors with food assistance gift cards and donated $500 to Franklin/Randall Schools' food drive, plus $500 each to Second Harvest and the River Food Pantry.
- Held two neighbor/business weekends on University Ave. and at the Four Corners (Regent and Allen Streets).
- Recognized “Good Neighbor Day.”
- Added Membership Chair Jane McCarthy to the board.
- Held a Pastry with the President gathering.
- Explored the Quaker Friends' Meeting House for our Fall Membership Meeting and heard from the City of Madison's Preservation Planner.
- Celebrated at the RNA Winter Holidays Party and recognized five outstanding neighbors. In case you couldn't join us for the revelry and ample Wisconsin-inspired snacks, read on!

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Good Neighbor Awards

Nearly 50 neighbors attended the RNA Winter Holidays Celebration at Pasture and Plenty, where we recognized five people who are exceptionally community minded. These people are invested in the well-being and success of the people and organizations around them and volunteer or work long hours without the expectation of recognition.

Hugo Indra and Arlo Dall'Osto This pair of young neighbors had the idea to sell their artwork as a fundraiser for PBS Wisconsin. The boys collected $157.10 in donations. They also served refreshments, no charge.

Eve Galanter serves the community in many varied and valuable ways. Her writings, teachings and advocacy have reached and impacted thousands of people throughout Wisconsin. From public television to community organizations coupled with her political leadership and influence, she makes the Regent Neighborhood and beyond a better place for all. She continues to provide a vibrant voice, keen insights and a broad network in boardrooms, spanning numerous companies, political organizations, and art centers. She is a strong advocate for women and continues to be a role model with her integrity and expertise. Eve still comes to RNA Board meetings even though she's not on the board. She cares, she connects, she shows up.

John Wendt is the manager of the Regent Market Co-op, where he works to uphold its long history as a neighborhood gathering place and locally focused grocery. He oversees daily operations, partners with area growers and producers, and leads a dedicated staff to achieve cooperative mission and principles. John brings experience in community-based food systems and a focus for making healthy, local food accessible. Whether he's chatting with customers at the checkout, coordinating with local farms, dealing with computer problems, or working with the membership board planning for the co-op's future, John leads with warmth, practicality, and a deep appreciation for the community he serves. He is instrumental in supporting the RNA's July Fourth celebration with brats and more. He recently has gotten 100% on board with working with RNA leadership to provide gift certificates to those facing food insecurity on top of his already detail-oriented and busy schedule.

Arlo Dall'Osto and Hugo Indra were given Good Neighbor Awards at the RNA Winter Holidays Party in December.

Christy McKenzie is a graduate of West High School! She's a leader in the local food movement, deeply committed to building a resilient and more equitable local and regional food economy. In 2017, she launched Pasture and Plenty (P&P), a diverse food business with a specialty market and deli, demonstration kitchen, and a meal kit pick-up and delivery service that feeds 250-350 households three meals each week. P&P works to give the community access to healthy, locally-sourced food incorporating equity, sovereignty, and social justice through food. P&P supports Bakers Against Racism, Nehemiah, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Urban Triage, and more. P&P produces a Black Excellence Life Readiness Cooking Class and Meal Kit program for youth in the Madison School District, and provides space for conversations around elections, reproductive rights, and the fight for democracy. Christy opened the P&P Makeshop shared kitchen and business incubator in 2021, a space for growing local food manufacturers. She is a leader in the Dane County Food Collective and owner of Edible Madison magazine. In 2024, she was a James Beard nominee for Outstanding Hospitality that focused on community impact and engagement.

Thank you to Mary Sarnowski and Ronnie Hess for being awards committee members and to Bruce Crownover and Mary for creating the awards.

—Samantha

Mark your calendars— February 6–8 —for another RNA Neighbor Weekend at the "Four Corners" of Regent & Allen Streets. Watch the RNA Listserv for updates.

Alder Report—District 5

Remembering the Abundant Life Christian School Shooting

Alder Regina Vidaver
Photo:Jeanine Schneider

As I write this article, we have just passed the one-year anniversary of the shooting at Abundant Life Christian School (ALCS). That anniversary comes on the heels of two additional high-profile shootings. On December 13, 2025, two Brown University students were killed and an additional nine people injured, and on December 14, 15 people were killed on Bondi Beach in Australia while celebrating Hannukah. My heart is heavy with these losses, and I, like many, feel powerless to stop any of this.

It's no secret the U.S. has the highest per capita number of guns as anywhere in the world. The second amendment to the U.S. Constitution has been interpreted to allow individual gun ownership under most circumstances, and the Wisconsin State Constitution states that "[t]he people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose." St. Paul, Minnesota recently passed a resolution that—if their state repeals pre-emptions—would ban assault weapons, large-capacity magazines, and "ghost guns," and restrict firearms from parks, libraries, recreation centers, and city buildings. Seeing this, I asked if Madison could follow suit. Alas, our City Attorney concluded that due to the way our state constitution is written, there is no wiggle room, even for a resolution that wouldn't take effect until state laws change. Therefore, we're left only with the resolution the Madison City Council passed on the heels of the ALCS shooting, which urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to enact common sense gun control including, but not limited to, universal background checks and red flag laws.

As I read through the Wisconsin State Journal's in-depth coverage of the radicalization of the ALCS shooter, I was truly shocked. I cannot imagine people taking pleasure in watching real-life horrors. It may not be obvious, but at the local level, we do not have the authority to restrict such horrendous websites or chat rooms. The ALCS shooter's story is also an indicator of the importance of parents staying present and regularly overseeing their teens' online usage, as difficult as that may be. We also need additional resources for mental health support, because, let's face it, healthy minds don't seek out these horrible materials. As a community, we do have the opportunity to create engagement opportunities for our youth and families. I'm deeply proud of the way Madison supports our libraries, parks, schools, and community cultural events, as these are all ways to keep folks interested and involved in positive activities. Obviously, these weren't enough to engage the ALCS shooter, but they may help connect someone else who might otherwise fall down such a slippery slope.

As we remember this heinous event, my hope is parents, teachers, and community members can learn more about how to spot young people experiencing mental distress, and know how to ask for help. I also believe it's well past time to call on our state and federal representatives to find ways to regulate violent websites and chat rooms as unprotected speech, and do more to restrict access to firearms. It takes all of us to protect our community from these ills.

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Dane County Board Report—District 11

Neighbors,

Supervisor Richelle Andrae

We live in a changing community, whether that's to traffic, new school demographics, different services and events, or fluctuating income as affordability seems out of reach for many. I'd like to flag a new estimate for Dane County's growing population—new projections that the countywide population will reach nearly 900,000 residents by 2050, compared to about 600,000 today. That's a boost in an earlier estimation this year and likely more accurate.

In major news, the county's 2026 budget was signed in November after a challenging budget season. We are grappling with increasing costs without commensurate rising revenues and are faced with state levy limits. That means difficult decisions about tradeoffs, which I will summarize here. The budget includes $825.6 million for operating expenditures and $90.5 million for capital expenditures. To help deal with the budget deficit in the short term, we're now under a hiring freeze and almost all county staff will take a 1% pay reduction, among other strategies. The budget preserves all current positions in the Sheriff's office but freezes 20, more than the number of historical vacancies. The budget presented to the County Board proposed cutting funding for community-based nonprofit contractors by 4% but the Board identified creative cost-saving measures to keep that reduction at only 1% for our community partners. It also includes investments in homelessness prevention and shelter operations, including $1.06 million in operational support for the new Bartillon Men's Shelter near Reindahl Park and $440,000 for outreach and overflow shelter capacity.

The approved budget sets a property tax rate of $2.48 per $1,000 of equalized value, resulting in a 1.29% increase to the tax levy. For the average City of Madison home valued at $481,300 (yes, this is the average City home value, wow), this represents a tax increase of just over $15. There are several major challenges in this budget, too. In many ways, we've put bandaids on key issues to keep the trains running on time and address critical needs, but will need to revisit the structural deficit for 2027. I'm mindful of the limited resources so many constituents face and our need for fiscal responsibility moving forward, and also the real value that county services provide for our whole community. Ever a balancing act.

There are several other interesting county issues you may want to track.

- **A new Dane County Advisory Committee on Data Centers** will study the risks, benefits, and complex questions raised by large-scale data center development such as the one proposed in DeForest. The group will examine topics such as energy and water use and their impacts on local utilities and ratepayers; land use and environmental compatibility; economic and fiscal impacts including tax base and employment effects; and more. *Editor's note—in mid-January, Madison's City Council voted for a termporary moratorium on data centers.*
- **A new youth justice program** launched in January ("ATTA"): I started talking with judges and staff in the heart of the pandemic about opportunities to reduce reliance on Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake, the state run facilities for serious juvenile offenders in Wisconsin. Youth there are far from home, not receiving local services, and outside of the county's authority from a safety perspective. We looked for a different approach, and it took leadership from county champions, many complex conversations, different funding models, and buy-in from a lot of stakeholders to pull this new program together. Now with ATTA, we will have an option to build programming that meets youth needs for longer stays in a detention facility right here in Dane County, provide family supports, and really invest in re-entry so that youth can be successful and we can see reductions in recidivism. This program makes great fiscal sense, too – it costs literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to house each Dane County youth at the state facilities, so we will also be saving funds and redirecting those to local services.
- **Update on redevelopment of the Alliant Energy Center—**As one of many moving pieces in the south Madison area corridor, along with the LakeWay project's reimagined Lake Monona waterfront, this is a major initiative that could be transformational in our region. In September 2025, the County prepared a Request for Proposals to creatively and flexibly address the renovation of the Coliseum while ensuring it continues to serve as a regional anchor for events and economic activity. A locally founded company, Frank Productions Concerts Live, was the only respondent. The County is evaluating the proposal, *(continued on page 6)*

Dane County Board Report—District 13

Supervisor Jay Brower

Happy New Year! Since the last edition of the RNA newsletter, Dane County passed a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. There were several areas of note.

The Board reversed a 3% of the proposed 4% budget cut to the "purchase of service" agencies that provide a range of social services through contracts administered by the Department of Human Services. A growing population (combined with limitations created at the state and federal levels) means that there are too few resources for a range of programs. These include unhoused services, addiction recovery, post-incarceration reintegration, and mental health, among others.

Relatedly, the budget also allocated $300,000 as a stop-gap measure to continue the County's relationship with Tellurian for emergency in-patient detoxification services. As you may have recently seen in the news, Tellurian determined that despite this effort, they would close their existing operation and begin offering limited access for county-funded services at a new location. Maintaining a safe and accessible site for people incapacitated by intoxication is important. I am hopeful that a new option (other than hospital ERs) will soon emerge.

One mechanism used to close this year's budget gap was realizing a one-time salary savings from 28 unfilled Sheriff deputy positions. Contrary to some reports, no law enforcement services will be reduced because of these positions going unfilled. In addition to the fact that these positions are vacant (and have been for some time), the recruitment/hiring data do not support that there is a sufficient applicant pool to keep up with (let alone exceed) the established attritional pattern.

Finally, I want to again draw your attention to the proposed redevelopment of the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. To find current details about the process, simply search "AEC redevelopment" to return to the supporting county website. There you will learn that the redevelopment RFP received one response. It is currently being graded, consistent with the established process. As the Coliseum continues to decline, taking action to ensure its ongoing viability as a net revenue-generating enterprise is critical.

Agendas, recordings, and legislation pertaining to meetings of the board and other county committees are available through the Dane County Legislative Information Center ("Legistar").

Sincerely,

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and if deemed viable, will begin negotiations. The stated goal of the RFP was to solicit proposals from Proposers that are prepared to deliver a comprehensive renovation of the Veterans Memorial Coliseum through a public private partnership arrangement that would not require significant new county borrowing. Dane County intends to partner with a qualified development team that will be responsible for designing, building, financing, operating, and maintaining the Veterans Memorial Coliseum after a major renovation.

As always, please reach out to discuss these or other county issues or subscribe to my blog for more frequent county news—board.danecounty.gov/Supervisors/Detail/11. Note that all 37 county board seats will be on the April 7, 2026 spring ballot (along with the WI Supreme Court race, yes, again).

In service,

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News from Wisconsin Assembly District 77—Renuka Mayadev

Dear Neighbors,

Representative Renuka Mayadev.

The consumption of digital media in our children's lives is a complex and serious issue affecting families here in Wisconsin and globally. And now with the growing influence of AI on children, we must act with urgency to protect our children. According to recent Tech Oversight Project polling, the overwhelming majority of voters want policymakers to hold Big Tech accountable. Sadly, however, there hasn't been any comprehensive federal action to tackle the issue of digital privacy and social media harms.

Given this, I was delighted to be appointed to Speaker Vos' bipartisan Task Force focused on protecting children in a digital age. Our Task Force heard directly from experts across Wisconsin who are researching and witnessing first-hand the impact of digital use on our children. We had four official informational hearings where we heard from child psychologists, school district leaders, law enforcement officials, digital safety researchers, organizations such as the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health, Mothers Against Media Addiction (MAMA), and from Wisconsin youth. The testimony detailed the growing ways in which social media platforms, algorithm-driven content, and AI-generated interactions can expose children to inappropriate material, manipulation, and exploitation. We also heard about the emotional and developmental toll that constant digital pressure places on children, from anxiety and depression to body-image distortion and social withdrawal. If you are eager to learn more, I would encourage you to check out Jonathan Haidt's book, The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.

Too many parents, families, and young users are unaware of the full scope of harm from social media platforms and digital screen use. This is by design. Like Big Tobacco, Big Tech has not been forthcoming about the harms of their products and has deliberately marketed their addictive products to our children. We must stand up to Big Tech and not allow them to earn their profits at the expense of our children's well-being. To help Wisconsin school districts manage classroom distractions, Governor Tony Evers signed Wisconsin Act 42 (2025), which bans cell-phone use during school instructional time. While legislation regulating digital platforms and chatbot providers is essential, there is also a place for action to ground the childhood experience we do want for our children. What I hear most often from parents is that a child was reluctantly given a cellphone because they didn't want their child to be left out. The digital age we are in is not easy to navigate alone. So I was delighted to hear about a group of parents who, through shared concern and action, have embraced landlines so their children can connect for chats and playground meet-ups.

Our Task Force will be recommending legislation to the full Assembly. I am hopeful that I will be joined by all of my colleagues to pass legislation that will protect our children and hold Big Tech accountable. In the meantime, please email rep.mayadev@legis.wisconsin.gov if you are interested in connecting on this topic or if you would like to receive my office's e-newsletter.

Forward,

Rep. Renuka Mayadev ■

West High News

Principal Daniel Kigeya

Happy New Year, Neighbors! I hope you all had a restful and joyful holiday season. As we transition into 2026, the energy at West High remains high. While the calendar has turned, our students are currently leaning into their studies, finishing projects, and preparing diligently for the conclusion of the first semester.

Strengthening Our School Culture

I want to take a moment to speak thoughtfully about our school climate. You may have seen reports in the press this past fall regarding inclusion and behavioral challenges within our building. I want to assure you that we have met those challenges head-on. We have made intentional structural shifts and administrative decisions specifically designed to address those concerns. I am pleased to share that our internal data indicates these changes are working; we are seeing significant shifts in the right direction. The atmosphere in our hallways is increasingly positive, and we are proud of the resilient, inclusive culture our students and staff are building together.

Celebrating Scholar Achievements

While all of our scholars are doing amazing things, I would like to highlight a few students whose recent accomplishments have been truly extraordinary:

- **Kieran Collins:** Kieran recently represented West on a national stage, participating in the US Olympic Trials in Milwaukee for long-form speed skating.
- **Aiden Lee & August Anderson:** These two innovative students developed the West High App, which recently won the Congressional App Challenge. Their app will be displayed in the US Capitol Building for one full calendar year.
- So many more students are doing amazing things... we share them as we hear about them! Go Regents.

Upcoming Honors and Community Events

The Regent Pride continues as we look toward several meaningful celebrations in the coming weeks. We are proud to share that we will be participating in the upcoming MLK Breakfast, hosted by Edgewood High School and in partnership with Urban League of Greater Madison. During the breakfast, we will celebrate and honor West scholars who have lived up to the character of Dr. King. We cannot wait to celebrate these students and continue that momentum as we recognize Black History Month throughout February.

Additionally, please mark your calendars for these upcoming events/performances:

- **Madison West Regent Spring Musical:** This year, our talented theater department presents "Into the Woods." Performances will be held on **March 6, 7, 13, and 14, 2026.**
- **Strings Fest:** Please join us for our annual showcase of orchestral talent, with the Orchestra Concert scheduled for **March 14, 2026.**

We are honored to be part of the Regent Neighborhood and thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warmly,

Daniel Kigeya
Principal, West High School ■

Sign Contest *(continued from page 1)*

Here are a couple examples of possible series of signs:

- In a hurry? Join the club. But flying past, is just a snub.
- Ease to 15.
- Fido's walking. Good for you! But keep that leash, to a foot or two. And scoop the poop, like good folks do!

Send your submissions to capeters53@gmail.com by **March 15** for a chance to win prizes, such as a $30 award for bike accessories, and $20 and $10 ice cream social certificates. Submissions will be judged by an RNA committee. ■

Greetings from Randall

I daily monitor hot lunchline students punching in their ID numbers. Names and photos pop up on the computer screen to assist me with verification. I'm at that point in the year where I lean more on the print than on the snapshot. We've all come to know one another wonderfully well since September.

I recall an account in the classic novel *Good-Bye, Mr. Chips* wherein the protagonist teacher checks off enrollees as they enter Brookfield School in the fall. As James Hilton authored, "some of those names, in little snatches of a chorus, recurred to him without any effort of memory." I experience the same reacquaintance with surnames as we take a head count each new school year. My primary focus, however, is on the first names, including nicknames, since these set the sounds that ground our shared remarks.

I've learned the hard way that, if I get a youngster's name wrong, any comments that follow tend to be held as deflated and irrelevant. Of course, my comments are sometimes held as deflated and irrelevant, even when I pronounce the name correctly. Taking the time to look up a child's title has proven a worthy effort, but is not always the final step in getting things right. Deciphering hieroglyphics seems an easier task than decoding the spellings of some young folks' labels. One is left to wonder why some parents choose to make the simple difficult. In my Louisiana youth, I heard tell of a Cajun's rationale for the dubbing of his dog. "It's so easy to spell. P-h-y-d-e-a-u-x."

As the school year has progressed, the students and I have come to resolve most moniker mishaps, though preferred handles can change day-by-day. I strive to keep in the know regarding a child's nom du jour, especially when a youngster celebrates a birthday on a non-school day. Not having these revelers under the Randall roof, I make a celebrational phone call to wherever the honoree may be. Addressing them on their terms enriches our bonding banter.

The popularity of certain first names along with their spellings has certainly changed over my two decades at Randall. My name John held some parental favor during the early run. While a well-known tag for a lad, it rarely gets the nod these days. I'm brought back to a family reunion held at the expansive estate of my Uncle John's family in Milwaukee. I was gathered with a number of relatives and friends at the base of a stairway. We noted and tallied how many attendees went by John. Finishing a tour of his home, my uncle was descending the steps with a guest, who asked, "Just how many Johns do you have in this house?" In unison, we bellowed, "13!,"

Principal John Wallace and Custodian Tim Rogers take a head *count at Randall.*

not realizing that the question was in regards to bathroom facilities, not people.

Actually, I usually withdraw first names from my memory bank quite easily. I am more often stumped by a student's last name. When I solicit assistance, I find a certain delight in one not-so-uncommon response. "What is Ronnie's last name?" I may ask. The reply? "Ronnie who?"

Go Raccoons!

John ■

Greetings from Franklin

I hope that this newsletter finds all of you warm and safe, and enjoying the early weeks of 2026!

Principal Emily Powers

Our Franklin Falcons have been learning a lot since we returned from winter break in January! They continue to work together as a community to solve problems and support one another while tackling challenges. The adults are incredibly proud of our students! This is an exciting time in primary school, as it is the time when many students put foundational pieces together and things just "click!" It's one of my most favorite parts of being at Franklin.

I am continuing to work alongside members of our Franklin-Randall PTO in order to continue moving the playground renovation process along. This renovation will take place over several phases. In January, we raised $110K, which is incredible! We anticipate the first phase to cost around $200K. If you have experience in fundraising for projects like these and are interested in supporting us, please reach out to president@franklinrandallpto.org.

Thank you all for your continued support of our students and staff! Take care and be well!

Emily Powers
Franklin Elementary Principal ■

Greetings from Blessed Sacrament School

Hello Regent neighbors! We're excited to share some highlights from the last few months and invite you to upcoming events.

The fall months were packed with energy and celebration. October brought plenty of Halloween fun, including our all-school costume parade and carnival, along with a Pumpkin Fest for our early childhood students. Our fall sports season wrapped up with flag football and girls' volleyball, and we've already jumped into winter athletics with boys' and girls' basketball in full swing. It's been great to see our Friars cheering each other on and building teamwork both on and off the court.

This season also brought some nice opportunities to connect with our wider community. Our Casino Night fundraiser was a success, raising funds for a new PA system that will help improve school communications. In December, we hosted the 103rd annual Christmas Market, with more than 40 vendors, a festive luncheon, the Christmas tree lot, and plenty of holiday cheer. Our students also organized a breakfast food drive to support local food pantries running low on essential items, and collected an impressive 1,248 pounds of food. The season wrapped up with our Christmas concert, a beautiful evening of music that brought together students, families, and neighbors.

Blessed Sacrament School's 8th grade girls' volleyball team won first place in the Madison Area Independent Sports League (MAISL) tournament last fall.

Now that we're back from winter break, we're looking ahead to more events this January. *Editor—The BSS drop-in Open House, Saturday, January 25 came too early for the newsletter's production schedule, as did the Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner and family fun night on Saturday, January 31. Our apologies to the school.*

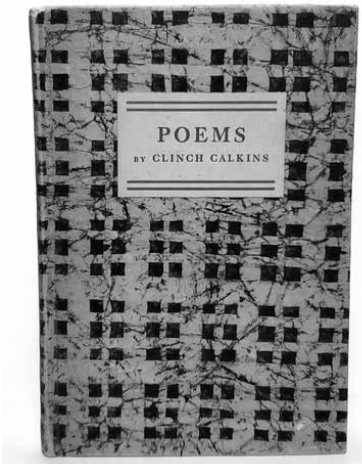
Carrie Bower ■

Poets Corner—Marion Clinch Calkins

Editor—This summer, I had the pleasure of putting together an exhibit at the UW–Madison Memorial Library, with the help of Regent neighbor and library curator Lisa Wettleson. The exhibit highlighted the history of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, celebrating its 75th anniversary. (Full disclosure–I am the past co-president of the WFOP.) The exhibition focused not just on the WFOP but the importance of poetry in Wisconsin in the 19th century. After the materials were taken down, my education continued, in unexpected ways.

This fall, a friend of mine, Barbara Buenger (aka Suzy), UW–Madison professor emerita in Art History, was observing another celebration—her department's 100th anniversary. She emailed me that the very first catalogue description of the Art History department published in 1925 or 1926 listed "besides our venerable German founder Oskar Hagen a female instructor, Marion Clinch Calkins, of whom I had never heard before." Me, neither, I replied.

Marion Clinch Calkins (1895–1968) taught English and Art History at the UW, yes, but she did a whole lot more. Born in Evansville, and a UW–Madison graduate, she entered a poetry contest sponsored by the Nation *magazine sometime around 1918 using a gender neutral name, her mother's before marriage. The poem,* I Was a Maiden, *won third prize but went unpublished because the editors deemed it too avant-garde. You can, however, find it in Calkins's early collected verse,* Poems *(1928). It's too long to print here.*



Calkins moved to New York soon after graduation and cut a distinguished figure with witty articles in The New Yorker *under the delightful pseudonym Majollica Wattles, as well as short stories for* Town and Country Magazine. *She was committed to social justice, working as a vocational counselor and social worker at the Henry Street Settlement. Her book on the Depression,* Some Folks Won't Work *(1930), based on 300 individual case histories on unemployment, drew national praise. During the 1930's, she did stints for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and Senator Robert La Follette's Civil Liberties Committee. Other books exploring labor movement sabotage and industrial espionage followed.*

Here are two poems from her 1928 collection (published by A. A. Knopf), both in the public domain.

Military Drill

I can remember the boys on the green.
They turned and maneuvred, their guns were still clean
Of the morrow, the morrow,
Their guns were still clean
Of the morrow.

I see through a sheen.

These boys are too young and too pershing fair.
They turn and maneuvre and flash on the air
The ends of their rifles, so brilliantly clean
Of all sorrow, of sorrow, so brilliantly clean
Of all sorrow.

The Skater

He cuts parabolas upon the ice
And flees his fellows on swift wings of steel—
Is caught, and with elaborate device
He proudly patterns out an eight, a wheel.

His merry laughter from its yarny nest
Flies warm upon the air. His mittened hands
Hotly unfasten his young crimson vest.
The ice remains unmelted where he stands.

Children of Earth, laught not so loud.
While on the bitter night
Your breath is but a cloud. ■

Won't You Let Me Take You on a Sea Cruise, or Mediterranean Cooking, Literally—Susan Chwae

Editor—This is the wintry time of year when some neighbors absent themselves and head to sunnier climes. (Or when some beboppers recall Frankie Ford's 1958 rock and roll hit alluded to in this article's title.) It's why we asked Susan Chwae to tell us of a trip she and her mother Joan Peterson organized last fall. Full disclosure, I have led one of Eat Smart Culinary Travel's tours to Portugal.

This past October, world travelers joined us, local neighbors Joan Peterson and Susan Chwae, co-owners of Eat Smart Culinary Travel, for a one of a kind culinary adventure through Corsica and the French Riviera. What made this journey truly special was the hometown collaboration with Madison chef Evan Dannells, owner of Cadre, at 2540 University Avenue. cadrerestaurant.com/

Aboard the elegant Star Clipper Star Flyer, a four-masted barquentine clipper ship, guests spent seven nights exploring the coastlines and food cultures of Nice, Portofino, St. Tropez, Saint Raphaël, Calvi, and Saint Florent. Each Italian or French port offered its own blend of charm, history, and irresistible flavors—and the trio of Joan, Susan, and Evan helped bring those stories to life.

Chef Dannells, known for his French-inspired cuisine and thoughtful approach to ingredients at Cadre, infused the voyage with creativity and insight through hands-on demonstrations, tastings, and lively conversations that brought Mediterranean cooking to life. His approachable teaching style and deep culinary knowledge made each presentation both fun and enriching. Even guests not on Eat Smart's tour but across the entire ship gathered to watch, learn, and taste—and many commented that Evan's sessions became a highlight of their week at sea. Featured on the demonstration schedule and menu were Salade Niçoise; Wild Boar stew, one of the national dishes of Corsica; and Bouillabaisse, a hearty Provençal seafood stew. [See Recipe File on page 15 for more.]

Born in Kansas, Dannells migrated to Wisconsin in 2002, drawn to Madison by the Dane County Farmers' Market, local producers, and the area's lively restaurant scene. Trained in French cuisine, Dannells has honed his craft at renowned establishments, including James Beard Award-winning L'Etoile in Madison, where he worked alongside Odessa Piper and Tory Miller; and the Michelin-starred Blackbird in Chicago under the guidance of Paul Kahan. At Cadre, Dannells blends classic French techniques with a distinctive local flair, celebrating the seasonal

Participants in Eat Smart Travel's October cruise aboard the Star Clipper Star Flyer. Chef Evan Dannells is third from the right. Tour leaders Joan Peterson (wearing white sandals) is center front and daughter Susan Chwae is immediately behind her.

ingredients and small scale farmers that define the area. A dedicated advocate for sustainable, ethically-sourced ingredients, he is committed to creating dishes that honor both the land and the people who cultivate it. Recently, Dannells was voted 2025 Madison Magazine Chef of the Year. He is also co-owner of Lola's Hi/Lo Lounge on Sherman Avenue.

Joan and Susan bring decades of experience in culinary travel, leading domestic and international tours creating a blend of culture, cuisine, and community. For a list of the upcoming 2026 tours, check out their website at eatsmartguides.com ■

Memory Lane Tour *(continued from page 1)*

150 North Prospect Avenue (French Revival, 1926)—Frances Zuill, a professor and chair of the School of Home Economics from 1939–1961, lived across the street. She spoke to me about her considerable career. [Editor—from the School of Human Ecology web page—"In Zuill's 22 years at UW–Madison, the status of home economics was transformed from a department to a school, and in 1951 she became the first associate dean of Home Economics within the College of Agriculture." humanecology.wisc.edu/honoree/frances-zuill/]

115 Ely Place (Queen Anne, 1894)—The Thomas and Marie Frost family lived in the big red house with their five children. This was the first house constructed in the University Heights neighborhood. Built for professor Charles Edwin Buell and his wife Martha, it had two staircases and early electrification but no central heating. At that time the Heights' road system mostly followed cow paths winding among Indian mounds behind Camp Randall. Back then, this stand alone, "showy" building—the trees were cut down for firewood during the Civil War—was called "Buell's Folly."

101 Ely Place (International Style, 1936/7)—The house was built for Edward and Anna Ely Morehouse but when I was growing up Palmer and Kathryn Kundert and their daughter were living here. Later, the Bowman family who owned Bowman Dairy moved in—Duane F. Bowman, Sr., and his wife Olympia. Their daughter Barbara Bowman Howard was in my class at Edgewood Grade School. Older brother Duane was in my brother's class. Duane took over the family business.

110 Ely Place (Colonial Revival/Georgian Revival, 1915)—Located at the top of Summit Hill and at the end of our alley was the Heights' highest house. Originally stucco but changed to siding, it was the home of Kenneth and Pauline Parsons and family. Mr. Parsons was a professor of agricultural economics at UW. The couple had two daughters—Priscilla, who was my classmate at Wisconsin High School (1914–1964) located on the UW campus, and her younger sister, Patty, who went to West High. Years later, when we were both married and each mothering two small children, Patty and I lived and worked near each other in East Africa.

1820 Summit Avenue (Spanish/Mediterranean Styles, 1922)—Walking west on the north side of Summit Avenue, there's a large house now occupied by the Summit Avenue Co-op. The mansion was built for real estate dealer Alexander Jordan, then sold in 1925 to Zeta Psi Fraternity. During the fifties, it was

The author's current home, at 1850 Summit Avenue. She grew up around the block.

Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural fraternity. On snowy days, neighbors whose garages shared the block's steep interior alley often called upon the AGRs to rescue our cars, the tires spinning out of control.

1832 Summit Avenue (English Revival, 1927)—Originally the residence of Milton Findorff (of Madison's building firm). I knew it as the home of Ginny and Sion Rogers, trained by my father as an orthopedic surgeon for the VA hospital, and their four children with whom I played. Later, it housed pianist Nancy Steffens, widow of UW Music Professor Leo Steffens (pianist Gunnar Johansen introduced them). She gave piano lessons and held student recitals there. [Editor—for Nancy's colorful obituary, cressfuneralservice.com/obituaries/nancy-steffens]

1840 Summit Avenue (English Revival, 1924)—The Foseid family had seven children, mostly boys who joined with our neighborhood kids playing games such as *Ditch* and *Captain May I?* Their dad, a surgeon at the VA, was injured in World War II and had an artificial leg. In August 2024, their son Jim, a Vietnam War U.S. Marine veteran, was the first inductee in the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans' Hospital Purple Heart Hall of Honor. [Editor—Jim and wife Marla live in the Regent Neighborhood—they went to the prom together at West High, she as Prom Queen. For a hair-raising account of Jim's service in Vietnam, see va.gov/madison-health-care/stories/one-lucky-vietnam-veteran/]

1850 Summit Avenue (Colonial Revival/Georgian Revival, 1924)—This Frank Riley house is where I've lived with my husband Jim for over 35 years, parenting three children. *(continued on page 16)*

Recipe File—Chef Evan Dannell's Salade Niçoise

Ingredients

167 ml/6 ounces olive oil

83 ml/3 ounces vinegar

2 tablespoons parsley, finely chopped

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon capers, chopped

1 teaspoon honey

½ teaspoon salt or to taste

300 grams/11 ounces green beans, blanched

300 grams/11 ounces cooked Corona/butter beans (either dried and soaked, or canned)

5 hard-boiled eggs

15 cherry tomatoes, halved

10 artichoke hearts, quartered

225 grams/8 ounces Niçoise olives

Directions

Prepare the vinaigrette by whisking together olive oil, vinegar, parsley, mustard, capers, honey, and salt until emulsified. Set aside.

Blanch the green beans until tender-crisp, then cool immediately in ice water and drain.

Cook the butter beans according to package instructions.

Arrange the green beans, cooked beans, cherry tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and olives on a serving platter.

Slice or halve the boiled eggs and distribute them evenly over the salad.

Drizzle the vinaigrette generously over all the ingredients.

Editor—Salade Niçoise is often served on a bed of lettuce, traditionally Boston but also Romaine. There can be a variety of additional ingredients including canned tuna, sardines, anchovies, radishes, and sliced cucumber. ■

Memory Lane Tour *(continued from page 14)*

In the '50s, it was the residence of a UW history professor, Paul Knaplund and his wife, Dorothy, née King. Although he was an immigrant from Norway, his expertise was in the history of the British Empire.

1852 Summit Avenue (French Revival, 1922)—Bordering the foot of the alley lived a retired professor of comparative literature, Philo Buck and his wife, Alethia. [Editor—The Philo Buck Studio in Vilas Hall is named after him.] He had a wonderful Springer Spaniel dog named Daniel. In the late '40s, I had a pet rabbit named Whitey that lived in a big cage in my backyard at 109 North Roby Road. Every day Daniel would walk up the alley and visit Whitey. They would sniff noses. One Halloween, my mother told me to move Whitey into the house in case pranksters might tip over his cage. In those days children went door-to-door for treats, saying "soap or grub." If they did not get a treat they might "soap" your windows or do some other mischief. As I had put my rabbit in our house, when Daniel came to see Whitey he was not there in his usual place. This upset Daniel apparently, and Professor Buck came to our backdoor to tell us that Whitey was missing. Mother and I showed them into the house and when Daniel saw that Whitey was safe inside, the two of them seemed much relieved.

101 North Roby Road (Colonial Revival, 1917)—The Raymond and Margaret Roark family lived here, the side of the house on the alleyway entrance. The alley had become a problem for residents using it as the common internal driveway—it was too narrow as cars got bigger. Trucks and ambulances were another story. Mrs. Roark, by then a widow, refused to give up any of her land to widen the outlet. When she had a health emergency, the ambulance could not reach her through the on-level backdoor. She had to be carried down her front steps on a litter. Later, the new owners agreed to widening the alley.

107 North Roby Road (Prairie Style, 1918)—Completing our circuit of the block, this is the house next to where I grew up. Journalism professor Grant Hyde lived there with his elderly mother, Georgia, and her ten or even twenty cats. When she died, he got rid of the cats, fumigated the house, switched from a stucco exterior to siding, and married a colleague, Helen M. Patterson, a pioneer in journalism education, feature writing, and magazine editing.

2025 Van Hise Ave—In 1954 Richard Musolf and his two brothers, Mark and David, lived here. They started a beloved weekly neighborhood newspaper named the Heights Herald, with Patty Parsons (110 Ely Place) as the secretary. The brothers went around gathering neighborhood news and gossip which we all enjoyed reading about in "our" newspaper.

Times were different then. In the summer of 1950, I was that pigtailed pre-teen circling the Summit Hill block on roller skates. The houses that I passed were more "open." The adults seemed more observant, more engaged, more like a village raising its children. As for us kids, playtime was more out-of-doors, more unscripted, more imaginative, more inclusive, more creative, less structured, less supervised. Our play clothes got dirtier and our moms had no washing machines—yet. Not better times. Not worse. Just different. I wonder what University Heights will be like in the summer of 2100. ■

Bloom Art Gallery—Kay Phillips

The Bloom Art Gallery is a unique feature of our wider Regent Neighborhood. If you have not seen it, find it by the sidewalk near the intersection of Mason Street and Shepard Terrace. Resembling a Little Free Library in size and shape, Bloom Art Gallery is dedicated not to books but to showcasing art from children in the neighborhood. It has a clear plexiglass front to allow easy viewing of the art tucked inside. There is even a light in the gallery for better viewing in the evening.

Bloom Art Gallery came into being in February, 2021, when my neighbor Karen Laudon and I were searching for a spark of joy and inspiration during Covid. Karen, a professional artist, had dreamed for years of having an art gallery for children and had detailed plans already drawn up for the creation of the gallery. This was exactly the kind of feel-good project that Karen and I were looking for. Another friend, Ron Fredenberg, built the gallery based on Karen's plans and added the lighting feature.

On April 1, 2021, the gallery was installed beside Karen's house. Neighborhood children rallied and provided amazing art. The Bloom Art Gallery was up and running! Since its installation, the gallery has housed nearly forty art pieces from neighborhood children of all ages. Karen has since moved out of the neighborhood and my new neighbors have been enthusiastic supporters of the gallery.

The showcased art rotates, with new installations approximately every other month. Art of all kinds has been included—paintings, drawings, sculpture, creations out of recycled or found materials, mosaics, and mixed media. Each child who has art appear in the gallery receives a mini canvas and wooden easel, plus a Certificate of Accomplishment and Neighborhood Spirit, acknowledging that they have contributed to the happiness of the neighborhood by sharing their art.

The Bloom Art Gallery in snow with a brand new exhibit for 2026.

Recently, the gallery has taken a step into the wider world by being listed with the Worldwide Sidewalk Joy Project in Portland, Oregon. worldwidesidewalkjoy.com/ This project is dedicated to promoting and mapping joyful sidewalk installations of all kinds—mug exchanges, toy and art exchanges. Now, the Worldwide Sidewalk Joy project has a listing for an art gallery dedicated to children's art, our own Bloom Art Gallery. Stop by the gallery and view the latest wonderful art. ■

A House with a Garden—Joann and Eric Eisenhart

When we moved back to Madison (having graduated from UW many years ago), we knew we wanted to live near campus and downtown attractions. We initially moved to a downtown condo but, realizing we missed having a yard and garden, decided to look for a house. We focused on the Near West Side. When we noticed an Arts and Crafts house on Chadbourne Avenue had an available adjoining lot, we knew we had to check it out. The stucco house had the general layout we were looking for and the additional lot sealed the deal. While we have remodeled some part of all our previous homes—such as adding a sunroom or updating bathrooms—we had never undertaken a full-house remodel. Now, after over two years of design and construction (and re-design and re-construction!) we are thrilled with our "new old" home.

As we were developing our remodeling plans, we looked into the history of the house. It was built in 1914 by Dr. Charles H. Bunting (1875–1961), the head of the pathology department at the University from 1908 to 1945.* We are just the fourth owners of the house over its 111-year history. We found a picture from the Wisconsin Historical Society that showed the house originally did not have shutters, so we removed them in a nod to the past.

Going into the remodel, we had two main goals—we wanted to bring in features we enjoyed in our former homes while also re-creating the relative ease of living in a condo. This led us to adding an elevator for easy access to all floors, a driveway snowmelt system to reduce winter shoveling and the use of salt, and raised beds for our vegetable garden. We also created separate spaces for an office and a library, and added a craft room and an exercise space in the basement.

We had done a bit of remodeling in an old house we previously owned and learned then that you can find unexpected surprises when you open the walls. In our previous house, we found horsehair insulation (which wasn't all that effective an insulator) while here we found vermiculite (ditto). There we found floor studs that had been cut to run new wiring; here we found roof joists that were laid the wrong way and a porch without a foundation under an exterior door. Throughout the process, we found that being flexible and working with a remodeling firm with creative ideas and broad experience makes all the difference.

Given we are in a historic district, we also needed to find the sweet spot that complies with Landmarks Commission requirements and Madison building codes while realizing the design we had for the house. The good news is we were able to do this

The Charles H. Bunting House, 2020 Chadbourne Avenue, as it looked in 1928. Photo: Angus B. McVicar. Wisconsin Historical Society, WH-Image ID 21842. Reprinted with permission.

with some modifications. For example, we wanted to replace the slate roof tiles with a composite tile to lighten the load. While we already planned to reinforce the roof joists, we felt a lighter roofing material would also help prevent sagging. We provided a sample of the composite tile and the Landmarks Commission approved the change. And we had originally designed an interior library without windows, only to learn the building code requires natural light for all interior rooms. Our solution was to replace a section of bookshelves with a floor-to-ceiling window, resulting in a little less room for books but also an approved design.

We were able to move into the house in late spring, 2025, in time to plant our vegetable garden. Since moving in, we've loved getting to know our neighbors and the neighborhood while also enjoying our new house and the bounty of our garden! ■

*Bunting lived at 2020 Chadbourne until his retirement in 1945, becoming a lecturer in pathology at the Yale Medical School until 1955.

On The Road—Shared-Use Path Safety and Etiquette

by Charlie Peters, RNA Transportation Chair

There are numerous shared-use paths in and around the city of Madison. These paths support a wide variety of recreational and commuter activities: walking, running, inline skating, scooters, and biking.

With all these users competing for space on a narrow two-way paved path, it can, when busy, be somewhat dangerous. The danger potential has perhaps been exacerbated by the rise of the use of e-bikes and e-scooters. These concerns have been the topic of several City of Madison public meetings during the last few years.

As an outcome of those meetings the City, under the direction of the Madison pedestrian and bicycle administrator Kevin Luecke, is looking to provide enhanced signage, collect bicycle speed data, understand the availability of injury data, and develop additional educational opportunities.

An example of enhanced signage includes the signs on the Southwest Path. (See photo.)

Bicycle speed data was collected for about 2,000 bicycles on three paths at the end of October to provide some baseline information.

Path	Location	# of Bikes	Mean Speed (mph)	85th % Speed (mph)	# of Bikes 20 mph+	# of Bikes 28 mph+
Cap City Path	Between North Shore & Broom	715	14.4	16	20 (2.8%)	0
South-west Path	Under Allen St. Bridge	937	14.1	16	33 (3.5%)	0
Wilson St. Cycle track	Between King & Pinckney	223	12.0	14	0 (0%)	0

Regarding the development of educational opportunities, Luecke says, “In the coming year, we will be continuing efforts to educate people, particularly e-bike users, about appropriate speeds on paths when they are congested. We will also be more heavily promoting path etiquette in general.”

A lot of us enjoy using the shared-use paths near our neighborhood and around the city. It is up to each of us to demonstrate neighborliness and proper etiquette for safe use. So, while on the paths, keep to the right, pass on the left with an audible warning, maintain a safe speed (under 15 mph recommended), be aware of diverse users (cyclists, walkers, dogs),

City of Madison bikepath signs urge care and courtesy. Photo: Doug Moe. Used with permission.

be predictable, yield to pedestrians and be mindful of kids and pets, be visible at night and in inclement weather, and move completely off the path when stopping.

Stay safe and enjoy our shared-use paths.

See related article on the front page. ■

Up and Down Franklin Avenue

by Charlie Peters, RNA Transportation Chair

The northern section of Franklin Avenue enjoyed complete rebuilding over the last year. If you have driven, walked or cycled there recently you have noticed the smooth new pavement as well as the four pedestrian bump outs, two mid-road islands, and bike boulevard pavement markings. These traffic-calming installations partially replaced traffic islands removed from an earlier RNA-initiated traffic calming project.

Franklin Avenue is a collector street bordering four neighborhood associations and connecting Speedway Road to University Avenue. Franklin Avenue must balance emergency vehicle and auto traffic use with pedestrian and bicycle use. City of Madison traffic engineers addressed this balance in conjunction with Vision Zero and Complete Green Streets principles.

However, there are Franklin Avenue area neighbors who feel that not enough emphasis was placed on slowing automobile speeds, despite numerous pleas at public meetings and through email correspondence. Neighbor suggestions included:

- More median islands to create pinch points (islands had been proposed at Franklin and Kendall)
- Narrowing the roadway by eliminating street parking on one side
- Crosswalk speed tables
- Street painting modifications
- Pedestrian-activated flashing lights and digital "your speed" sign
- Reinstallation of the pedestrian island that served the pedestrian walk route on Regent Street that connects Capital High (formerly Hoyt School) with West High School.

One comment from a neighbor summed up the resulting North Franklin rebuild, "It could be worse, but it certainly could be better."

In 2027, the south section of Franklin is scheduled for a complete rebuild. The section is a narrow-crowned road that does not have curbs or sidewalks and traverses a large oak grove in the northwest section of Resurrection Cemetery. As part of the rebuilding, curbs, gutters and a sidewalk will be added through a somewhat narrow path between houses in the Sunset Woods Neighborhood on the West side of the road and the Cemetery and oak grove on the East side.

The view south along South Franklin Avenue, which faces a major rebuild in 2026.

Building the new road to protect the trees, providing improved transit for bicycles and pedestrians, and managing traffic speeds for automobiles traveling between Speedway and University Avenue is imperative.

If you are interested in working toward an even better outcome for this stretch of roadway, now is the time to get together with neighbors, city leaders and city planners. Email capeters53@gmail.com to connect with others who are interested in finding the best solution for the South Franklin Avenue rebuild. ■

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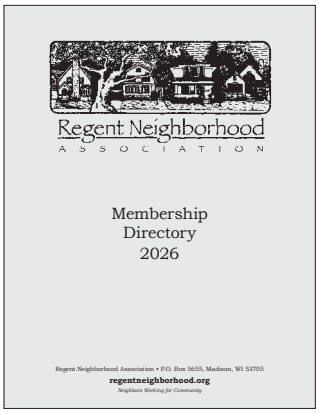

The annual RNA Member Directory is delivered to paid RNA members each fall.

Here's what else you can expect from the RNA:

- A great quarterly newsletter
- Specials from local businesses
- Regular RNA Board meetings open to all, including annual membership meetings
- Scholarships for three West and Capital High Seniors
- Special gatherings
- Annual July Fourth Celebration for all at the West High athletic field.

As you settle in, whether you're an owner or renter, we welcome you to get involved as a board member or committee chair—there's a current opening in Festivals.

You will also want to sign up for our Regent Neighborhood Association Listserv. It's neighbor-to-neighbor communication about our community. The list connects more than 800 RNA neighbors. To sign up, visit regentneighborhood.org/listserv

See you around the neighborhood,

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And Farewell, Neighborhood!

Editor—Ruth Horrall, longtime (60 years) denizen of the Regent Neighborhood, has moved to Richland Center. Horrall, a gardener, musician, and beloved voice teacher, penned this before she packed up her things.

Last Hurrah

Dear Friends, Know that as I am leaving,
I'm the one sincerely grieving.
Can I afford to leave behind
My neighborhood that's been so kind?
For 60 years you've all been ready
with concern, unwavering, steady.
Shoveling, weed clean-ups and such
(When my chores just proved too much).
You'd set your own cares aside
To provide a doctor's ride!
I won't wait until I've flown
To applaud you SAINTS I've known!
Knowing as I leave this space
I'll not find a kinder place!
So—Now as I move away,
A zillion thank yous I shall say.

—Ruth Horrall, October 19, 2025