

New Renaissance League of America

THE FRATERNITY OF ARTS AND LETTERS

Artists - Authors - Composers - Poets - Photographers

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Miss Laura Gilpin
317 Cheyenne Road
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

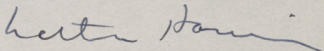
As one interested in things cultural, alert to the trends of today, you must have noted that here in America, under the stress of economic and political pressure, our arts are in a state of neglect and have been relegated to the back seat, so to speak. You may have wished that you could help improve this situation. Our artists, writers, musicians, playwrights...the cultural backbone of our nation...now find themselves discouraged due to lack of leadership and guidance.

We have, as a result, undertaken the gigantic task of bringing together into one organization all creative individuals who wish to join hands -in order to help them help themselves, to help them on to greater effort by encouragement and practical cooperation...for we feel the time is ripe NOW for a new renaissance of the arts under the aegis of one big league of fellowship and unity...that is why we formed the NEW RENAISSANCE LEAGUE. If this is to continue a progressive liberal land, all of us must help.

Thoroughly realizing that you who are already devoting time and energy toward the betterment of this country cannot give more of it, we are not going to call on you for active participation...but do we ask too much when we ask for your moral support? This you can do by one simple generous gesture - by lending your name to this organization as an Honorary Member. As such, you will at all times be kept posted on our activities. Your comments and suggestions will, of course, always be welcome.

We are eagerly looking forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,



Nathan Harrison, Director