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7 Nominees for 2010—2011 ULLR Board of Directors

Bruce Warner: Nominated for ULLR President

"The times they are a changing". I don't know who said that, but it certainly is correct for the current environment. There are projections that many ski hills will be out of business in the next few years, our membership decreases, fewer of us continue to participate in ski events, and the cost of skiing continues to increase. Like many of us, I thought my volunteer days were over. "Let someone else do it". However, to continue a thriving organization, that has existed for over 50 years, volunteers are still needed. Our organization has to be flexible and adjust to the changes. I'm pleased to have the opportunity to participate in our ULLR organization as it makes these adjustments and continues to be relevant to our members.



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Still going at 60!!

Celebrate with fellow ULLR's and Dance to the American Flyer Band at the **60th Annual Spring Banquet**

When: 5:30 PM, Saturday, April 24, 2010

Where: MN Valley Country Club — 6300 Auto Club Road — Bloomington, MN

Cost: \$43.00 per person

Chairs: Dick & Lolly Dahlen

Dinner Choices: Almond-crusted Walleye Roasted Pork Loin w/mushroom sauce
Broiled Chicken Roma Vegetarian (if requested in advance)

RSVP, Indicate Dinner Choice and send checks, (payable to ULLR Ski Club), by April 20th, to:
Dick Dahlen, 10267 Lancaster Bay, Woodbury, MN 55129

Questions to Dick or Lolly at: 651-484-1990 or (cell) 651-295-4425, or lollyanddick@comcast.net
ULLR Cancellation Policy Applies



Don — Barb - Karen — Jim - Pam - Bruce

Skiing at Spirit Mt

Trip leader: Karen Holmquist

Despite frigid temperatures, 20 brave ULLRS motored up to God's country, Duluth, January 28th. Six of the twenty skied downhill at Spirit Mt. The day was chilly, but a lack of wind made skiing "doable." Spirit Mt. had new snow that was well groomed. We shared the hill with three bus loads of students, but were amazed to have no lift lines. Bruce Warner methodically led us from one side of the hill to other and back again while, twelve of the group snowshoed over hill and dale at Jay Cooke State Park. Patty Fitzgerald led a group over the bridge and along the river. It was beautiful with snow hanging heavily on the trees. Later JJ, Laurie, Mary Ellen, and Sally crossed the street and found quiet, winding trails. We all met at The Black Bear Casino for "Happy Hour", libations and conversation, then enjoyed a great Seafood Buffet dinner but had "not much" luck at the casino. Friday, Sigrid, Ted and Don Cooke headed back to Spirit for a day of skiing. Many others headed to Banning State Park for cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Had the rest of us gone the right direction, we'd have had a nice walk by the river, instead, we had a beautiful walk in the woods. The two days ended as we watched numerous birds at feeders while we ate lunch at Banning Junction. Thanks to all of you for sharing two wonderful days in the Great Minnesota Outdoors!

2009-2010 Important Contacts

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FROM THE President

CONGRATULATIONS ULLRs!

We do have a new Board for next year! See article beginning on the front page.

A very special thank you to Karen, Nancy, Patty and Sandra for stepping up to the plate and to the rest of the Board for your continued time and assistance.

Via the grapevine I was advised there were 20-25 ULLRs that carpooled to Mt. Kato in January and had a great time skiing. Thank you Jerry Swanberg. About 20 ULLRs skied Spirit Mt the last weekend in January and several snowshoed at Jay Cooke State Park. I understand no one became a millionaire gambling but fun was had by all. Karen Holmquist did a fine job and we appreciate her. Thank you to Vicki Lee and Judy Burich for the outing on February 20th at Cleary Lake including cross country skiing, hiking, and snowshoeing.

Our 60th Annual Spring Banquet is April 24th at the Minnesota Valley Country Club. As has been our tradition, our club is subsidizing the Spring Banquet by \$1300.00 and therefore we are able to keep the price down to \$43.00. Also, remember you do not have to be an ULLR to attend and enjoy the banquet. Everyone is welcome.

Don't forget our General Meeting on March 18th. Many ULLRs have dinner prior to the meeting upstairs at the KC Hall. On Thursdays they have a wonderful prime rib dinner for \$12.95 and an additional great menu. The folding party at Carol Burgess and Ray Hartmann's is on March 19th. Attending the folding parties is a great way to get to know people and have a great time eating and socializing.

The Montana Big Sky – Moonlight Basin trip on March 7th needs a waiting list so if you are interested call Erl Erlandson @ 952-941-5184. As you all know, "things" can happen, so it's always possible to be on a trip.

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Recalling Past Events:

Thank you to ULLR's who hosted an event last month. The Club could not function without creative ideas and members willing to carry out those ideas. A short summary of the event highlights, as well as color photos, can be found on the ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club website: www.ullr.org

Ski Utah	Feb 7—13	Barb Carpenter Karen Clarke
Singles Card—Game Night	Feb 12	Kay Sommers
Singles \$2 Movie Night	Feb 16	Joy Knudson
Nullr Folding Party	Feb 19	Patty F, John S
Cleary Lake XC, SS, Hike	Feb 20	Judy Burich, Vickie Lee



**Meet old friends,
Make new friends
At ULLR General Meetings**

Thursdays: March 18, April 8

Marian Knights of Columbus Hall

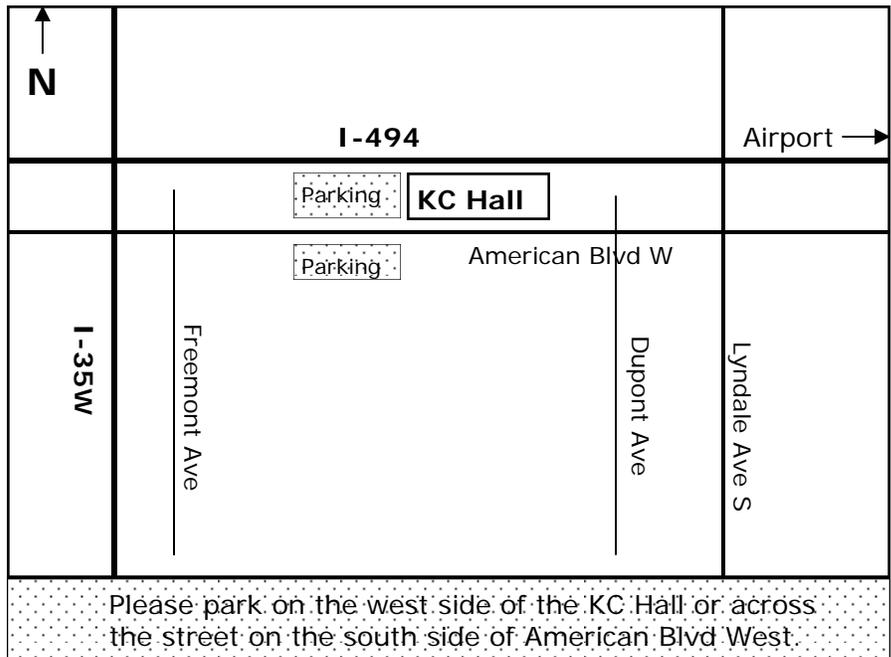
1114 American Boulevard
(old W 79th St), Bloomington, MN

6:30 pm Socializing

7:00 PM Business Meeting

Additional social time after meeting

When dining at the KC Hall before meetings, **please phone 952-888-1492 for reservations.** The KC Hall will arrange special ULLR seating for us. If you have questions regarding general meetings, please contact ULLR Executive VP, Karen Clarke.



Plan Ahead!! Summer is coming!! What's Cookin' will return again this summer on selected Wednesday evenings at Brookview Park in Golden Valley. Dates are noted in the Social Cultural Calendar. Hosts are needed for each evening Dinner. Please call Sharon Marini, Summer Programs VP to volunteer: 952-893-7409

The Foundation Corner

By Joan Roe, Foundation President

To add a touch of Valentine's Day to the Feb. 18 general meeting, Valentine cake was served by the Foundation, for your eating pleasure. Brian Johnson returned home from Breckenridge with ULLR Peppermint Schnapps to raffle off at the meeting, for your drinking pleasure. Way to go Brian! We appreciate you thinking of the Foundation and taking this initiative!

There will be a Foundation Raffle at the April 8 general meeting with many items to choose from, including a ticket four pack to a Twins game in the new stadium, \$50 gift certificates to Axel's Bonfire, Capitol Grill, and Mississippi Belle restaurants, Godiva chocolates and cookies, one hour golf analysis session at Golfsmith, bird feeder and seed, French cream/cognac liqueur, and others! Take some chances to bring home your choice of items!

Several Foundation Board members presented a check to Proact in Red Wing on Feb. 10 to purchase much needed exercise equipment for their disabled working clients. Watch for photo online and in the next Nullr.

The response by ULLRs who volunteered at the Special Olympics Golf Tournament last year was so fantastic we are repeating this opportunity for community volunteerism again! Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 22 at Oak Marsh Golf Course – more information available later.

ULLRs give the gifts that keep giving! Thank you for your support.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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We need hosts for What's Cookin' on dates June 9th and 23rd, July 7th and 21st, and August 4th and 18th @ Brookview Park (same as last year). Our Foundation has already stepped up and will be our hosts for August 4th. Get a group together and call Sharon Marini, our Summer VP for information, etc.

I look forward to seeing you all at the General Meeting on March 19th.

Your prez, Diane Erlandson

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Upcoming ULLR Events (see detailed flyers on the website at www.ullr.org)

SKI MONTANA

Dates: Sun, March 7—Sat, March 13, 2010

Cost: \$1111* per person

Includes: Pre-trip party, RT flight MSP—Bozeman, bus transportation Bozeman to Big Sky, 6 nights at Big Horn Condos, Welcome Pizza Party. Ski-In / Ski-Out via Poma Lift to High-speed lift; Access to Huntly Lodge Pool & Fitness Center.

Options: Yellowstone Snowmobile outing; Sleigh ride dinner, Dog sled rides, Discounted Lift Tickets.

Chairs: Erl Erlandson: 952-941-5184 & Sylvia Scott: 763-560-9726.

Mail checks, made to ULLR Ski, Bike & Social Club, to Erl at 9721 Dorset Ln, Eden Prairie, MN, 55347

*Cost does *not* include airline baggage charges and is subject to airfare price change.

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Dog Sled — XC Ski — Snowshoe

Dates: Sun-Tues; March 21—23 (3 days/two nights; Drive up/Car-Pool for 20 ULLR's only)

Cost: \$210 per person with \$50 due December 1, remaining \$160 due by February 1, 2010

Includes: Half day of dog sledding & all lodging at luxurious Grand Ely Lodge/2 people per room

Options: Group Dinner, additional full (\$160) or half (\$95) day dog sled again on different trail, (includes trail lunch at 25% discount), Cross Country Ski or Snow Shoe on trails around Ely, Downhill ski at Giants Ridge. Stay over 4th or 5th day on your own for any of the above, or visit International Wolf Center or North American Bear Center.

Send Check, payable to ULLR Club, to Jerry Swanberg, 2241 Erin Ct., New Brighton, MN, 55112

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Bike the Paul Bunyan Trail

from the **Good Ol' Days Family Resort at Nisswa, MN**

Dates: Wed—Fri, June 16 - 18, 2010

Cost: \$151, due at sign up; (\$161 for singles in lodge rooms). **Sign up by March 15**

Includes: Wed eve Welcome Party with drinks & hors d'oeuvres—Thurs night Cookout w/drinks & dinner— Wed & Thurs night lodging, Thurs & Fri Continental Breakfasts

Options: **Bike—Golf— Shop— Socialize—Fish—Swim—Eat—Sit around Fire Pit—Play in Sand** Resort is next to trail, just outside Nisswa; see www.goodoldaysresort.com

Chairs: Marty Wilkes, 763-479-2834 and Charlotte Navratil, 321-327-2396

Mail checks, payable to ULLR Club, to Marty at 3055 Lakeshore Ave, Maple Plain, MN 55359

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Bike Planning Party

Date: Sunday, March 14, 2010

Main course and beverages provided

Cost: **\$1.00** and a side dish to share, **PLUS** your ideas for bike rides for the summer biking season.

Hosts: John Steifel and Patty Fitzgerald, 19595 Near Mt Blvd, Shorewood, MN. Ph: 952-470-5411

Directions: From I-494 & Crosstown /Cnty Rd 62, go west approx 4 miles to stoplight, which is the end of 62 & beginning of Hwy 101. Continue straight ahead, taking the first Right on to Townline Rd. After 1 block, the road curves sharp R and becomes Vine Hill Rd. Near Mountain Blvd is the second Left turn. 19595 is 1-1/2 blocks west, on the left/south side of the road.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band performs New Orleans Jazz with MN Orchestra

Date: March 20, 2010

Times: 5:00 PM Dinner at Brit's; then

7:00 Dessert and Coffee at Orchestra Hall

8:00 Jazz Performance

Cost: \$43 for show, Dinner at Brit's & dessert "on your own".

Chairs: Carol Burgess (763-404-1010) and Ray Hartmann (612-644-1150)

Send check to Carol at 16705 12th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55447 by March 10

ULLR Cancellation and Communication Policies can be reviewed at: www.ULLR.org

Explore beautiful Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick

Dates: August 5—14 ten days

Cost: \$1968 (\$650 due at sign up, \$650 due March 15, \$668 due April 15) **

Includes: All breakfasts—4 dinners—all activities—all hotels—all transportation—all excursions. A professional tour director will accompany the entire tour.

NOTE: **Group limit of 40, but only 16 spaces can be reserved at a time and the first 16 held only until Feb 22.** The first 16 ULLR members to respond are assured a spot on the trip; more space will then be requested.

Chairs: Karen Holmquist: 952-431-1903 and Barb Kolbe: 651-633-0936

Send checks, payable to ULLR Ski Club, to Karen at 1024 Ashton Cir, Burnsville, MN 55337

**Trip insurance is available for \$99 through Caravan Tours. *It must be paid at signup.*

\$300 non-refundable fee for cancellation 61 days or more prior to tour, 50% of tour price if 60—8 days prior, 100% of tour price if 7 days or less.

Questions: to Karen or Barb, phone as above or: kholmquist@frontiernet.net

Membership Spotlight*

By Laurie Coursolle, Membership VP

*The Membership Spotlight will not appear in the online version of the Nullr for security reasons.

Because of personal information security issues, the ULLR Membership Directory changes that appeared in the paper copy of the Nullr have been removed for this online version.

Membership directory changes will be emailed to the Ullr-Info email distribution list once a month. When you receive these directory update emails, please print them and keep them with your paper copy of the directory.

ULLR Singles' Highlights

by Joy Knudson, 952-240-8418 or Singles@ ullr.org

Singles Events are open to all ULLR singles. Sometimes get togethers may be organized after the deadline for Nullr publication, or locations may change, so be sure to check www.ullr.org or with Joy.

March 5 / Fri, 7:00 PM: Wine Tasting Evening: Host: George Graham, 8607 Vincent Ave S, Bloomington, MN. Bring a favorite wine and an appetizer to share. RSVP: 952-888-9283

March 12 / Fri, 7:00 PM: Card or Game Night: at Carol Magnuson's, 10900 Abbott Ave So, Bloomington, 55431, 952-881-2171. Bring games, a dish to share & your own beverage.

March 16 / Tues: Dinner & "2-Buck" Movie Night in Hopkins: Meet at Big 10 Restaurant at 6:00 PM for dinner, then attend movie at the Mann Hopkins Cinema Six Theater. (first person to arrive please save tables.)

Singles' "FINE DINING":

This is the 7th year ULLR Singles will dine at TCO Restaurants and earn dining rewards. When we dine on Tuesday evenings, we receive double points on our TCO Rewards Card. When 150 points are reached, your card will be credited for \$10.00. **We meet at 6:00 pm, and order by 6:30 pm.**

Mar 23 / Tues: (note location change) Cork's Irish Pub

175 10th Street East (in Embassy Suites) St Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-224-5111 Web: www.corkspub.com

**Please RSVP for Fine Dining to Joyce Bolt
by the Sunday preceding the event.**

Joyce Bolt at 952-894-1790 or JBolt10@aol.com

The Whitney Bistro had the perfect ambience for our January Singles Dinner.

Pictured l-r: Jim M., Carol H., Nancy K., Joyce B., Joyce B., Barb K., David L., and Jan C.



Nominees for 2010—2011 ULLR Board

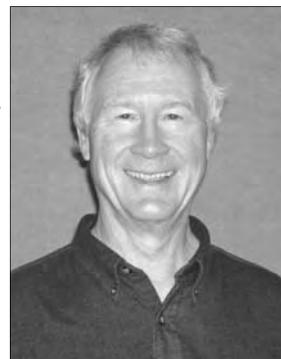
Sandra Shearer: Secretary

Never discount the value of guilt. I have been an ULLR member since the early 80's. Went on many western ski trips and weekends up north; many Superior sailing trips; Minnetonka boat picnics, Breezy Point—all of it, I was there. In recent years there has been biking, golfing, cross country skiing. And throughout all of this, I have done little to help this club keep going except for leading a few bike rides and hosting singles card nights. So that is where guilt comes in. It got the better of me and I just had to "pony up" and say I'll help. And help in any way I will, but technically as Secretary. And when not at an ULLR function, I will continue a small private psychotherapy practice, volunteering for the Guthrie and Red Cross, caring for grandchildren, traveling and enjoying this wonderful life.



Dick Wilkes: Treasurer

I stand for re-election as ULLR Treasurer for the upcoming fiscal year, having nearly completed the current year with very little money having gone missing. (and, as that ex-felon Martha Stewart would say, "that's a good thing") I appreciate your confidence in allowing me to serve for my fourth year.



Nancy Sand: Ski Programs VP

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Ski Programs VP on the ULLR Board of Directors. Although I am still a rather new ULLR member, I believe I can do a good job coordinating the ski program. Prior to my retirement in 2007, I was the Director of Advocacy



Programs for the North Dakota Education Association. In that position, I managed the government relations, member rights, research, and negotiations programs.

Earlier in my career I was a school library media specialist. All those positions required a great deal of organization, attention to detail, and communication skills. I conducted and facilitated many meetings. I also served on numerous boards and committees for various organizations. All those skills will be useful to me as Ski Programs VP. I am glad I chose to join ULLRs, and I am glad to see so many volunteers working together to make ULLRs a great organization for its members.



Patty Fitzgerald: Membership VP

I have been a member of ULLRs since 1994. I enjoy skiing and biking and have made many new friends since joining the club. I retired in 2008 and am busier now than I was when I was working. I was the ULLR Membership VP for 2 years and if I am elected to the position again, I will do my best to keep the membership data organized.

Karen Gray: Executive VP

My biography, briefly stated: Willmar, Mankato State College (B.S. Degree in Home Economics), Michigan, U of Iowa, Berkeley, Rochester, NY, two beautiful children. Owning Wayzata Lamps and Shades for 17 years was my favorite career. I joined ULLR in 2001, met Gary Gray at Big Sky in 2002, and we began sharing the big skies of Burnsville in 2003. One year into retirement, I'm enjoying substituting at K.I.D.s, volunteering at VEAP (food shelf), taking classes with Olli, playing duplicate bridge and taking jazz piano lessons. I am finding time for all of my special interests which will now include serving on the board and giving back to ULLRs.



Sharon Marini: Summer Programs VP

I moved to Minnesota 8 years ago and joined ULLR 2 years later. ULLR is one of the best clubs I have ever been a member of. The activities are endless and everyone is friendly and helpful. I have been Board Secretary and Summer VP.

I am willing to continue as Summer VP for one more year with your approval.



**ULLR 2010 Winter / Spring Activities Schedule
Alpine, Cross Country, Snowshoe, Hiking and Biking**

Date	Trip/Event	Chairperson(s)	Phone
March 7-13 Sun- Sat	Western Trip: Ski Big Sky	Sylvia Scott Erl Erlandson	763-560-9726 952-941-5184
March 20 / Sat	French Park, XC, SS, Hike	Jim Habeck	763-559-5593
Mar 21-23 Sun-Tues	Dog Sled, Snow Shoe	Jerry Swanberg	651-633-7178
June 16-17 Wed-Thurs	Bike the Paul Bunyan Trail	Marty Wilkes Charlotte Navratil	763-479-2834 321 -327-2396

ULLR 2010 Social & Cultural Events

Details can be found at www.ullr.org & on Flyers at the General Meetings

Date	Event	Contact	Phone
March 2 / Tues	SMM Omnifest	Gary Gray	952-895-8960
March 11 / Thurs	General Meeting	Karen Clarke	651-457-4007
March 14 / Sun	Bike Planning Party	John Steifel	952-470-5411
March 19 / Fri	Nullr Folding Party	C Burgess, R Hartmann	612-644-1150
March 20 / Sat	Jazz at MN Orchestra Hall	Carol Burgess	763-404-1010
March 23 / Tues	Singles Fine Dining	Joyce Bolt	952-894-1790
April 8 / Thurs	General Meeting -Foundation Raffle	Karen Clarke	651-457-4007
April 16 / Fri	Nullr Folding Party	Rick & Susan Nesbitt	952-881-6469
April 24 / Sat	Spring Awards Banquet-MN Valley CC	Dick & Lolly Dahlen	651-484-1990
May 21 / Fri	Nullr Folding Party	David & Karen Oakland	952-949-2262
May 25 / Tues	Singles Fine Dining	Joyce Bolt	952-894-1790
June 9 / Wed	What's Cookin'	Need hosts	**
June 23 / Wed	What's Cookin'	Need hosts	**
July 7 / Wed	What's Cookin'	Need hosts	**
July 16 / Fri	Nullr Folding Party	Ken & Sharon Marini	952-893-7408
July 21 / Wed	What's Cookin'	Need hosts	**
July 27 / Tues	Singles Fine Dining	Joyce Bolt	952-894-1790
Aug 4 / Wed	What's Cookin'	Foundation Board	952-914-9124
Aug 5—14, Thurs-Sat	Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island, Prince Edward Island & New Brunswick	Karen Holmquist Barb Kolbe	952-431-1903 651-633-0936
Aug 18 / Wed	What's Cookin'	Need hosts	**
Aug 20 / Fri	Nullr Folding Party	Margie & Manfred Deutsch	763-545-5845

**** Please call Sharon Marini, Summer Programs VP
to volunteer as What's Cookin' Host: 952-893-7408**

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 PO Box 201409
 Bloomington, MN 55420-1409



FOLD LINE ↓

<p>Future Folding Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 16: Susan and Rick Nesbitt • May 21: David & Karen Oakland • July 16: Sharon & Ken Marini • Aug 20 Marge & Manfred Deutsch 	<p>Folding Parties are fun to host and attend and are a great way for new members to get acquainted. Parties begin at 6:30 PM. A main dish is provided. Please bring a snack, salad or dessert to share and a \$1.00 donation for beverages. <i>If you are interested in hosting a Folding Party, please call the Folding Party Chairs: Margie or Manfred Deutsch at 763-545-5845. (An allowance is provided to help defray costs)</i></p>
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The next Folding Party is March 19, hosted by Carol Burgess & Ray Hartmann
 16705 12th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55447
 PH: 763-404-1010

Directions:

From the North:
 I-494 South to County Rd 6
 West to Dunkirk
 South to 12th Ave N
 #16705 is at corner of Dunkirk & 12th

From the South:
 I-494 North to I-394
 West to Central Ave / Hwy 101
 North about 1 mile to 12th Ave N
 East 1 long block on 12th to #16705

From the East:
 I 394 west to Central / Hwy 101
 North about 1 mile to 12th Ave N
 East on 12th to Dunkirk
 #16705 is at corner of Dunkirk & 12th

