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ULLR SKI, BIKE & SOCIAL CLUB

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ULLRS VOLUNTEER AT TOYS FOR TOTS WAREHOUSE

By Nancy Sand

On Tuesday, December 6, nineteen ULLRs lived their childhood dreams to be in a warehouse filled with toys! These hardy ULLRs listened with respect to the Marines who gave us our orders for the afternoon: Sort and pack toys.

It sounded simple—well, not totally true. No toys allowed that could be called weapons. Food items in a different box. Liquids in this box. Clothing in that box. What is this toy? Stocking stuffers over there. Where is the box for books? Give the girls some tools, and give the boys some crafts. No R-rated DVDs. Back packs in the box against the back wall. Are we done yet? No! Here come some more toys!

We bent, sat on the floor, climbed into sorting bins, picked up armloads of toys—dropped some and picked them up again, packed toys in boxes, marked boxes, talked and laughed.



When we were done, we gathered at Granite City for refreshments and sustenance. We all agreed it felt good in this small way to help children and families have a happier Christmas. Everyone said we should do this again next year!

(Earlier Nancy Sand had delivered donations of twelve bags of toys and more than \$300 in cash to the warehouse. These were collected at the November ULLR general meeting and at the Holiday Ball. Thanks ULLRs!)

ULLR FOUNDATION

By Bill Kansas

At Courage Center on Tuesday, December 13, a check was presented to Nels Dyste, Director of their Adaptive Skiing Program, from the ULLR Foundation. All the folks in the photo are ULLR Foundation Board members, except for Nels. The small photo shows a plaque on one of the Courage Center Adaptive Skis which was paid for from Foundation funds.

From the ULLR website: "The ULLR Foundation is the philanthropic division of the ULLR Ski, Bike & Social Club. Its mission is to raise money to provide equipment and promote participation in skiing, biking, and other sports for physically and mentally challenged individuals of all ages.

...The success of the ULLR Foundation's fundraising activities is largely based on the participation of all ski club members. A number of organizations such as Courage Center, Hennepin Parks Handicap Program,



Hearing Impaired ski programs, and Wilderness Inquiry have benefited from ULLR Foundation funds."

Read more about the Foundation at www.ullr.org/UllrFoundation.html

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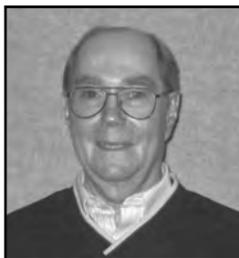
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By John Vogt



From the Holiday Ball to a “brown, brown Christmas”, a barely discernible winter teased us from temperature dips to 25 degrees followed by the 30’s and 40’s in January. Perhaps some day biking in December will be followed by What’s Cookin’ in February. Regardless of our climatological or meteorological viewpoint, our weather cycle is changing. We must accept and perhaps embrace those changes because we have few options.

As a segue relative to our Club, similar changes have been and are occurring. We are no longer the Ullr Ski Club; we are the Ullr Ski, Bike and Social Club. The name has changed and the activities within the Club have changed. Interest in more varied and less strenuous activities has increased as our membership ages. For years we have talked about attracting new and presumably younger members who would become interested in assuming leadership roles; however, with Club membership remaining near 300, it is incumbent upon long time members to work with and encourage our new members to actively participate.

February is the beginning of next year’s activity planning and the search for volunteers and activity chairs begins. Last year there were only two new volunteers for Executive Board positions. The balance of Executive Board positions were graciously filled by second term volunteers.

As the first act of “volunteering”, the Ullr Executive Board would like to hear from as many of the “300” as possible. In what capacity would you like to volunteer? We are in need of a strong volunteer corps. In what direction would you like to see the Club heading? What interests you the most? What would you like to see changed, added or discarded? In addition to regular business at General Meetings, are there other specific activities you would recommend for our meetings?

E-mail me at UllrPrez@ullr.org if you are interested in having a voice in where our Club is heading.

For updated details visit our website

www.ullr.org

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can be reviewed at www.ullr.org**

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Activity Calendar 2012 ULLR Winter Events (tentative)

February 2 – Thursday

Alpine – Thurs at Welch

February 4-11 – Sat-Sat

Alpine

Location: Snowmass

Contacts: Barb Carpenter & Joe Frischenich

February 9 – Thursday

Alpine – Thurs at Welch

February 16– Thursday

Alpine – Thurs at Welch

February 18 – Saturday

Cross Country/Snowshoe/
Hike

Location: Cleary Lake

Contact: Karen Holmquist

February 23 – Thursday

Alpine – Thurs at Welch

February 24-26 – Fri-Sun

Alpine/Cross Country/
Snowshoe

Location: Giant's Ridge

Contact: Mary Ellen Gabel

March 1 – Thursday

Alpine – Thurs at Welch

March 1-2 Thurs-Friday

Alpine

Location: Spirit Mountain,
Duluth

Contact: Nancy Sand
& Pat Nelson

March 6 - Tuesday

Moonlight Snowshoe/Hike

Location: Woodlake Nature Ctr

Contact: Bill Lyon

March 8 – Thursday

Alpine – Thurs at Welch

March 10 - Saturday

Cross country/Snowshoe/
Hike

Location: Baker Park
Reserve

Contact: Jim Habeck

March 15 – Thursday

Last Thursday at Welch

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT – FEBRUARY 2012

By Patty Fitzgerald

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Leona Curzi

Anne Hill

Brian Dorn

Cliff Hogen

Rob Dorn

Sharon Tornes

Carol Gesk

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

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New address & phone

**Visit our website at
www.ullr.org
for updated details**

ULLRS – GETTING READY TO SAIL

Date: Tuesday, April 3

Ahoy ULLR Mateys! Plan now to join ULLRs at the Science Museum of Minnesota to see the “*Real Pirates*” exhibit and the “*Under the Sea*” film at the Omnitheatre.

Learn what life was really like on the high seas during the golden age of piracy. Don your pirate hat and climb aboard a recreation of a pirate ship. Learn to tie knots and hoist a pirate flag. Meet members of the Whydah’s crew and explore what life was like on a real pirate ship. See more than 200 artifacts from North America’s only authenticated pirate shipwreck.

Explore the complex and dazzling world of “*Under the Sea*,” and get a glimpse of an underwater world that few people have ever seen. Meet the beautiful, sometimes treacherous, and often comical creatures that live there.

Cost: \$25.00 This includes Museum general admission, free coffee break, film, and the pirate exhibit with audio.

Send checks payable to Nancy Sand by March 15 at 15001

Burnhaven Drive #108, Burnsville, MN 55306.

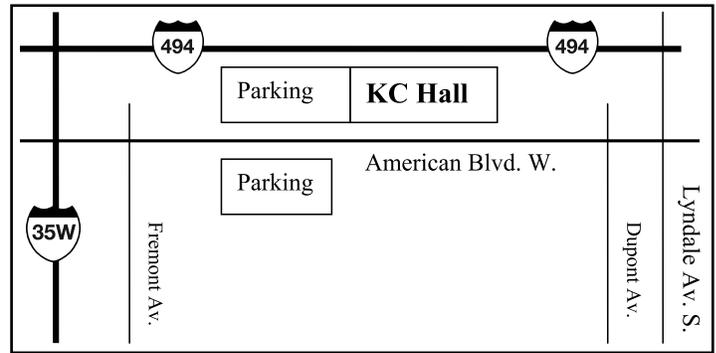
Museum members should write their membership number on their checks.



GREET FELLOW ULLRS AT THE WINTER GENERAL MEETINGS

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012
Location: Marian Knights of Columbus Hall
1114 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN
Times: 6:00 pm Socializing
7:00 pm Meeting

Details: The KC Hall will set aside a special area upstairs for dinners before our meetings. The dining area opens at 5:00 pm. **Please contact Lisa at 952-888-1492 to reserve space.** Let her know how many persons are attending and arrival time so they can set aside an area designated for ULLRs. The costs of the meals and drinks are credited to the club to help defray the rental cost of the meeting room.



RECALLING PAST EVENTS

Thank you to the ULLRs who organized and/or hosted an event last month. Their efforts help to keep this Club strong and vibrant. What event would YOU like to host? Contact a chairperson with your ideas. See the ULLR website for more on these events.

Nov. 20 & 29

Science Museum discussion & visit
Gary Gray

December 2

Holiday Ball
Karen Gray, Diane Erlandson,
Karin Cole & Karin Schullian

December 4

Snowmass Pre-Trip Party
Barb Carpenter & Joe Fischenich

December 6

Toys for Tots Warehouse
Nancy Sand

December 9-11

MSC Winter Carnival at Indianhead
Jerry Schuster

December 17

French Park Hike
George Halder & David Lyons

December 28

"Forever Plaid" at Chanhassen
Joyce Krake

January 1

Afton Alps
Pam Anderson

January 13

Singles Card/Game Night
Bill Handsaker

January 14

Lake Rebecca
Pam Anderson

January 17

Afton Alps
Jerry Swanberg

January 20

Folding Party
Mary Ellen Gabel

January 22-24

Granite Peak
John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald

January 24

Singles Dining
Ellise Lamb

ST. CROIX VALLEY NATURE CENTER HIKE

By Carolyn Buswell

Saturday, November 19th, ten ULLRs arrived at the Visitor Center at noon to hike the trails. Some had already shopped for apples on the way. As we started our hiking adventure it started to sleet slightly. Being ULLRs this did not slow us down one bit. Therefore, off we went over hills, down ravines and over bridges. As we wandered through the woods, we missed a turn and ended up at a neighboring farm. By then it was snowing and we found out that we were still a mile away from the Center. The owner offered to drive us back to the center. Needless to say we took her up on the ride back. After the hike we traveled down to Hastings American Legion for a bite to eat. As we sat overlooking the river the fat snow flakes turned the view into a winter wonderland. The company was GREAT and we had a GREAT adventure. With the ULLRs you never know what is going to happen - when we go into the woods!



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

The ULLR Singles welcome Margie Seklund as their new coordinator. The club thanks Joy Knudson for her leadership the past several years. ULLR Singles' Events are open to all single ULLRs. You can call coordinator Margie Seklund at 952-808-8141 or email Singles@ullr.org for additions or changes.

SINGLES CARD/GAME NIGHT

Date: Friday, February 10 at 7:00pm

Location: Carole Magnuson's home
10900 Abbott Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

RSVP: Please call Carole at 952-881-2171. Bring a dish to share, your own beverage, and any games you'd like to play.

(Attn. ULLR Singles: If you would like to host a card/game night at your home or have a new idea of what we can do for an outing or activity, please contact Margie Seklund at 952-808-8141)

SINGLES' FINE DINING

We meet at 5:30pm and order by 6:00pm

Date: Tuesday, February 28

Location: David Fong's
9329 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420

RSVP: Please RSVP to Ellise Lamb by February 26 at 952-442-9332 or ellise.lamb@mchsi.com

(This is the 9th year ULLR Singles will dine at TCO restaurants and earn dining rewards. When your card reaches 150 points, your card is credited \$10.)

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

COME TO CROSS COUNTRY SKI, SNOW SHOE OR HIKE

Date: Saturday, February 18 at 11:30am

Location: Cleary Lake Regional Park
18106 Texas Avenue, Prior Lake 55372

Details: A late lunch will follow at
Porter Creek Hardwood Grill
1421 Burngarten Dr, Burnsville 55306

Contact: Karen Holmquist – 952-431-1903



Date: Saturday, March 10 at 1:00pm

Location: Baker Park Reserve
2308 Baker Park Rd, Maple Plain 55359

Details: Meet at the entry to the golf course.
A late lunch will follow at Axel's Tavern
130 Railway Street West, Loretto 55357

Contact: Jim Habeck – 763-559-5593

In case of bad weather or to verify the event has not been cancelled, call the event chair.

GIANTS RIDGE: February 24-26, 2012

Mary Ellen Gabel currently has two openings for skiers.

For details see
www.ullr.org/Flyers/2012/120224-GiantsRidge-TIF.pdf

Or you can call Mary Ellen
at 612-789-7832



SKI SPIRIT MOUNTAIN Cross Country or Snowshoe at Jay Cooke State Park

March 1-2, 2012

Carpool to either on March 1. Stay overnight at the Black Bear Casino Tower in Carlton. **You must call for a room reservation 1-888-771-0777 by February 1st.** Rooms are under "ULLRs Ski Club Group Block" for \$55 plus tax.

Contact Nancy Sand 952-564-6022 or Pat Nelson 952-893-1045 by Feb. 10 to tell them you are coming and if you want to eat at the evening Seafood Buffet. For details see www.ullr.org/Flyers/2012/120301-SpiritMtn.pdf or www.ullr.org

REENTRY HOLIDAY SOCIAL WITH ULLR SINGLES

By Margie Seklund, ULLR Singles Coordinator

On November 30, 2011, seven ULLR Singles and some of Margie Seklund's friends went to the ReEntry halfway house in south Minneapolis to sing Christmas carols and socialize with the residents. Ray, a friend of Margie, wore a Santa outfit and handed out bags of Christmas gifts to each of the residents. The residents were very pleased with all the gift items, the singing, and the interaction with the ULLR group. The staff at ReEntry provided some appetizers, Christmas cookies, and apple cider for everyone. It was a very rewarding and happy occasion. Afterwards, all of the ULLR Singles went to Curran's Family Restaurant in Minneapolis.



Singles at the ReEntry House: Joan K., Jan C., Jerry S., Pam G., Carol D., Pam A., Margie S.

Thanks to all ULLRs who were so generous in providing clothing, gifts and money to purchase gifts for the residents. They were very much appreciated.

THE HOLIDAY BALL, DECEMBER 2, 2011

By Karen Gray

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Ball as much as I did. Karin Cole and Karin Shullian, fairly new members in the club, volunteered and did a marvelous job on the table decorations and gift baskets. The lovely table center pieces started with a purchase from the Boy Scouts, and then the Karins dressed them up for the party. In addition to our already successful Toys for Tots collections, we may have started another worthwhile tradition with the Boy Scouts. Two lucky individuals won the elaborate gift baskets filled with "all German" delicacies.

Diane Erlandson may have a new career as a professional reservation, name tag, and place card expert. This is her third year of getting it right for each of the 97 guests. Did you wonder how the waiter knew to serve you walleye or chicken?

How about the service this year! The staff managed to get the Apple Pecan Stuffed Chicken Breasts with Champagne Sauce and the Parmesan Encrusted Walleyes out to each table in record time, perfectly hot and delicious. Everyone also seemed to enjoy the Mini-Dessert Trays.

Did you wonder how we managed to get a four piece band for the price of three? The band leader, Larry Larson, slipped and fell on ice just before he came to the Ball. He called in another base guitar player but then discovered that what he thought was a broken finger was only dislocated, and he could still play. The Changing Times Band is always inspired by ULLRs who still know how to dance the night away in style.

(The Holiday Ball admission was only \$35.00 this year, a subsidy was approved by the ULLR Board.)

ULLRS AT THE MSC WINTER CARNIVAL

By Jerry Schuster

Fourteen ULLRs were part of the 137 participants from the member clubs of the Midwest Sport/Ski Council who attended the December 9-11, 2011, MSC Winter Carnival in Michigan.

On the 7 a.m. bus, the first of three buses to Indianhead Mountain, we had bagels and orange juice for breakfast and played a get acquainted game to introduce the members of the four clubs to each other.

Most of the early bus riders skied for 3-½ hours on Friday, having the runs almost to themselves. Some of the ULLR members snowshoed with Ann (Hoffmeister) Schelde, a former ULLR who lives a short distance down the road from Indianhead. ULLRs participated in the beer tasting, skied in the poker run (*which Jerry Schuster won with a*

full house), skied in a multi-club human slalom, enjoyed the wine party and turtle races on the hill, participated in NASTAR racing, and had fun meeting other club members while dancing/listening to a good band at Dudley's Saloon in the main lodge. There were many positive comments about the trip, which was enjoyed by all.

For updated details visit our website
www.ullr.org

ULLR Social and Cultural Calendar – 2012

January 24 – Tuesday

Singles “Fine Dining” at Santorini

Contact: Elise Lamb
Phone: 952-442-9332

February 10 – Friday

Singles Card/Game Night

Contact: Carole Magnuson
Phone: 952-881-2171

February 16 – Thursday

ULLR General Meeting

Contact: Karen Gray
Phone: 952-895-8960

February 17 – Friday

Folding Party

Contact: Gary & Karen Gray
Phone: 952-895-8960

February 21 – Tuesday

3rd Tuesday Bridge

Contact: Karen Gray
Phone: 952-895-8960

February 28 – Tuesday

Singles “Fine Dining” at David Fong’s

Contact: Elise Lamb
Phone: 952-442-9332

March 8 – Thursday

ULLR General Meeting

Contact: Karen Gray
Phone: 952-895-8960

March 16 – Friday

Folding Party

Contact: Margo Dinneen &
Jon Zoller
Phone: 952-542-1185

March 18 – Sunday

Bicycle Events Planning Party

Contact: Patty Fitzgerald
Phone: 952-470-5411

March 20 – Tuesday

3rd Tuesday Bridge

Contact: Kay Sommers
Phone: 763-535-7163

April 3 – Tuesday

“Pirates” at Science Museum of MN

Contact: Nancy Sand
Phone: 952-564-6022

April 12 – Thursday

ULLR General Meeting

Contact: Karen Gray
Phone: 952-895-8960

April 20 – Friday

Folding Party

Contact: Patty Fitzgerald
& John Stiefel

April 24 – Tuesday

Singles Noon Lunch at Granite City

Contact: Elise Lamb
Phone: 952-442-9332

April 28 – Saturday

Spring Awards Banquet & Dance at
the Minnesota Valley Country Club

BIKE PLANNING PARTY

Date: Sunday, March 18 at 4:00 pm

Please come to the bike planning party and bring your ideas for bike rides for the upcoming biking season. Main dish & beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish & \$1. The party will be at the home of John Stiefel, 19595 Near Mountain Boulevard, Shorewood. RSVP to 952-470-5411 or patfitzjohns@msn.com by March 16.

Directions to the party: From 494 and Crosstown CR 62, head West on CR 62, approx 4 mi to a stop light, which is the end of 62 & beginning of Hwy 101. Go straight at that intersection and you will be on Hwy 101 South. Take the 1st right onto Townline Rd. After a block, the road curves sharp right and becomes Vine Hill Rd. Near Mountain Blvd is the 2nd left turn. The house is approx. 1-1/2 blocks down, on the left side.

Sharon Marini has just announced these summer trips:

June 6-8 – Paul Bunyan Trail

July 16-18 – Bike the Heartland Trail in Park Rapids

September 23-24 –
Lanesboro Bike Trip

(In case you can't wait until spring to bike, you might want to try this bike pictured in a 1943 German magazine. The bike builder, hockey player Freddie Chapman, is racing another Brit, Tony Lemay)



BIKE THE PAUL BUNYAN TRAIL

Dates: Wednesday-Friday, June 6-8, 2012

Location: Good Ol' Days Family Resort, Nisswa, MN Resort is next to the trail, just north of Nisswa (see website www.goodolddaysresort.com)

Cost: \$137 (due at sign up). Sign up by March 1st.

Includes: Wednesday and Thursday nights lodging; Thursday and Friday continental breakfasts. Also included: Wednesday night welcome party drinks, Thursday night cookout to include main dish, potato salad, nuts, chips, dessert and drinks.

In order to keep the cost down and reduce the workload of the trip leaders, we are asking participants to bring Wednesday and Thursday night appetizers and sides for the Thursday night cookout. This will be worked out after sign ups are complete and we know how many are coming.

Activities: Bike, golf, shop, socialize, fish, swim, eat, drink and sit around the fire pit.

Make check payable to ULLR Club.

Send to Sharon Marini
8201 York Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431-1006

Cancellation Policy: ULLR cancellation policy applies.

Contacts: Mary Ellen Gabel – 612-789-7832
Sharon Marini – 952-893-7408

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Visit our website at
www.ullr.org for meeting,
event and trip news,
photos and recipes.

FOLD LINE ↓

<p>Future Folding Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 16: Margo Dinneen & Jon Zoller • April 20: Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel • May 18: Jan Butler • July 20: Sharon & Ken Marini 	<p>Folding Parties are fun to host and attend and are a great way for members to get acquainted. Parties begin at 6:30pm. 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.</i> (An allowance is provided to help defray costs.)</p>
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The next Folding Party is

Friday, February 17, 2012

hosted by Karen & Gary Gray

13216 Pine Ridge Road, Burnsville, MN 55337

Please RSVP to: Karen at 952-895-8960

(so she can plan food)

Directions from I-494:

Go South on I-35W for 6.2 miles.

Merge onto MN Hwy 13 North (exit 3A).

Go .7 mile, turn right on Nicollet Avenue, go 1 mile.

Turn left onto 134th Street East, go .8 mile.

Turn left onto Willow Lane.

Take the 1st left onto Pine Ridge Road.

13216 is on the left.

