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## HOLIDAY BALL 2012

By Joan Roe (photos by Nancy Sand)

What a delightful way to "Let the Holidays Begin!" Ninety ULLRs enjoyed the annual Holiday Ball, which was held Friday, November 30th at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club. Co-chairs Joan Roe, Nancy Keyes, Jerry Weiskopf and Lorri Christenson decorated the tables with Christmas items, which were taken home by the newest ULLR member at each table. Diane Erlandson was the very capable finance chair, keeping track of checks and dinner choices, and making up all the name tags and place cards. Erl was dearly missed as greeter! The "Toys for Tots" table once again was overflowing with toys and games for needy children, thanks to the effort of Nancy Sand.

After socializing, ULLRs enjoyed a nice dinner of walleye, chicken or steak. Carrot cake was a sweet way to finish dinner. On behalf of the ULLR Foundation, Bill Kansas generously donated lovely crystal pieces to gift to ULLR members via drawings. The Foundation really appreciates all that club members do in support of Foundation efforts to provide funding for adaptive equipment for active individuals with disabilities. The Changing Times Band loves to play for ULLRs. As band leader Larry Larsen says, "ULLRs know how to have fun and really enjoy dancing, which makes it fun for us!" The dance floor was filled for hours!



*Diane E. likes this donation.*



*Bruce W., Charlie B. and Joan R. on the dance floor.*



*Mary Jane H., Alan M. & Charlotte N. enjoyed their dinners.*



*Eileen R., Jim R. & Don S. in holiday finery.*



*Ray and Ginny W. won a centerpiece.*

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Nancy Sand



In recent weeks you probably composed a holiday greeting letter informing friends and family of what you did during the past year, and you likely received similar correspondence from those same people. Now you are contemplating how you will spend 2013.

Did you make any new-year resolutions? Is the ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club in that list? If not, I highly recommend you add "I will participate in more ULLR events in 2013." While it might be difficult to accomplish the commonly made resolutions to exercise more or lose weight, participating in more ULLR events is easy to do! ULLR has nearly 300 members. About 100 members usually come to our summer picnics and about 75 members come to our fall/winter/spring general meetings. The number of participants for special events and trips varies. We would like to see more ULLRs participate.

**Are you single?** Come to a cards and game night, join others for lunch or dinner, and/or see an inexpensive movie on Tuesdays. **Do you enjoy the performing arts?** Join ULLRs at concerts and the theatre. Sometimes we also visit museums and have lectures. **Is the outdoors your passion?** Our calendar is loaded year round with hiking, biking, golf, alpine and Nordic skiing activities. If you are **not an outdoors person**, join the bridge players, or volunteer to start other indoor activities. **Do you have time to volunteer?** Join us when we go to the ReEntry House or the Toys for Tots warehouse. Help with Foundation activities. Let us know about other worthwhile causes and help us plan a participation event. Volunteer to serve on the ULLR or MSC board of directors.

Would you like different activities or different programs at our general meetings? Share **your** skills and knowledge, give us some ideas, or help us contact people and/or organizations to invite. So, in next year's holiday letter, will you say that you increased your participation in the ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club in 2013?

### SEE THE SPECTACULAR ICE CASTLES AT THE MALL OF AMERICA

**Date:** Thursday evening,  
January 31, 2013  
at 6:30 PM

**Meet:** By the Ice Castles ticket  
booth on Lindau Lane  
(located on the big parking  
lot north of the Mall.)

**Parking:** Available on the lot  
near the ice castles or  
in a Mall ramp

#### Dinner & Hot Beverages:

Afterwards at the Twin City Grill in  
the Mall near the North entrance  
on 1st floor.

*(Food cost not included.)*

**Cost:** \$8.28  
Make checks payable  
to Nancy Sand  
15001 Burnhaven Drive  
#108  
Burnsville, MN 55306

**RSVP:** By January 28 to  
Nancy, 952-435-5225  
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## UPCOMING SINGLES EVENTS *(see detailed flyers on the website [www.ULLR.org](http://www.ULLR.org))*

ULLR Singles' Events are open to all single ULLRs. You can call coordinator Margie Seklund at 952-808-8141 or email [Singles@ullr.org](mailto:Singles@ullr.org) for any additions or changes. **If you**

**would like to host a card/game night at your home Mar. 8, Apr. 12, or May 10, 2013** or if you have an idea of what we can do for an outing or activity, please contact Margie.

### SINGLES CARD/GAME NIGHTS

Bring an appetizer, beverage, & any games you'd like to play.

**Date:** Friday, February 8, 2013 – 7:00 PM  
**Host:** Sandra Shearer  
**Location:** 748 Roselawn Ave. E., St. Paul MN 55117  
**RSVP:** Call Sandra at 651-774-3549

**Date:** Friday, March 8, 2013 – 7:00 PM  
**Host:** PLEASE CALL MARGIE TO VOLUNTEER!

### DINNER &/OR BEVERAGE & MOVIE NIGHTS

**Dates:** Tuesdays, February 19 and March 19  
Order dinner by 6:00 PM or join in for a beverage

**Host:** Sherrie Mitchell

**Location:** Big 10 Restaurant and Bar  
1106 Main Street, Hopkins, MN 55343  
[www.big10restaurant.com](http://www.big10restaurant.com)

**Movie after dinner at the close by**  
Mann Hopkins Cinema Six Theater  
For a listing of movies call 952-931-7992 or go to [www.mantheatresmn.com/locations](http://www.mantheatresmn.com/locations)

**RSVP:** Call Sherrie at 952-942-8898

### SINGLES FINE DINING

We meet at 5:30 PM and order by 6:00 PM. Those that want to come for Happy Hour meet in bar area at 5:00 PM.

Please RSVP by the Monday preceding each event to Ellise Lamb 952-442-9332 or [ellise.lamb@mchsi.com](mailto:ellise.lamb@mchsi.com).

#### Please join the Singles on

**Date:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013  
**Location:** McCoys Public House (TCO)  
3801 Grand Way  
St. Louis Park 55416  
952-224-9494  
[www.mccoyspublichouse.com](http://www.mccoyspublichouse.com)

**Date:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013  
**Location:** Porter Creek  
4201 Burngarten Drive  
Burnsville, MN 55306  
*(faces County Road 42)*  
952-698-1888 • [www.portercreek.com](http://www.portercreek.com)

Visit our website at  
[www.ullr.org](http://www.ullr.org)  
for updated details

### BIKE PLANNING PARTY

Please come to the bike planning party and bring your ideas for bike rides for the upcoming biking season.

**Date:** Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 4:00 PM

**Cost:** \$1.00. A main dish & beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

**Location:** John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald's  
19595 Near Mountain Blvd., Shorewood

**RSVP:** 952-470-5411 or [patfitzjohns@msn.com](mailto:patfitzjohns@msn.com)

**Directions:** From 494 and Crosstown CR 62, head West on CR 62, approx. 4 mi to a stop light, which is the end of CR 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 about 1½ blocks down, on the left side.

### BIKE THE PAUL BUNYAN TRAIL

**JUNE 5-7, 2013**

A fun summer event! Exercise, food, drink, shopping, fishing, swimming, boating and best of all, friends. Bike the Paul Bunyan Trail in Nisswa and stay at the comfortable Good Ol' Days Resort on a beautiful lake *(or you may choose to stay offsite)*. There are 2 and 3 bedroom villas and 2-person lodge rooms.

**Cost:** \$142 per person. Everyone will contribute food as last year.

#### Send checks to:

Sharon Marini  
8201 York Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
Make checks payable to ULLR Club.  
*Please include emergency contact person and their phone number with your check.*

#### DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2013

**Chairs:** Mary Ellen Gabel – 612-789-7832 and Sharon Marini – 952-893-7408

## REPRISED DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING A HUGE SUCCESS

By Karen Clarke

ULLR members and friends, thank you for the support the Board received for the revival of a December meeting. 71 people attended this meeting and 45 of them walked away with a gift of some sort, and all but four of the gifts were donated by ULLR members.

Carol Bush reported we have 249 paid members, and one new person dropped in on our General Meeting and decided to join. This new member indicated she may bring her father to the next meeting because of the activity level she noted by this crowd. Thanks to Dolly, Carol, and Karen for helping at the meeting.

The four \$50.00 ULLR gift certificates were won by Marcia Switenki, Charlie Brown, Nancy Sand, and Joan Roe. I thank all of the gift-givers. I have some fun stories from them that I want to share.

\*Brian Johnson gave cookies from Wuolett's Bakery. Brian drove all the way over to Grand and Lexington in St. Paul and had to park 3 blocks away just to get those cookies.

\*Marvin Souba gave a BIG basket of fruit that he personally picked out. He didn't like what the store had, so he told them how to fill up the basket. It was really nice.

\*Mary Ellen Haggerty gave one of her beautiful, hand-painted china trays. A gift from the heart from a talented woman.

\*Our poet, Ray Hartmann, gave a certificate for a poem, to be personalized by the winner, who was Pat Nelson.

\*Jan Hotvedt, who drove from Iowa, ran into the KC dining room around 5:30 PM after a 3-hour drive north to be with us. Jan said she was really happy she made the effort to come because she got a chance to see so many people she hasn't seen for a while. In addition to the wine gift basket she provided, she brought some freshly made lefse from her kitchen.

\*Eileen Ronning gave a gift of a luncheon for 2 people at her home, with an option to play bridge.

Home-made gifts were: caramel corn, cookies, candies, popcorn balls, lefse, watermelon pickles, a cutting board, and scarves. Other gifts were: a Christmas CD, beaded fork & spoon, gift bag filled with holiday table items, gift certificates from the KC Hall, Gary Gray, and Jerry Swanberg, and an ancestry search-all donated by the following ULLRs: Mary Ellen Goriesky, Sharon Marini, Nancy Sand, Karen Hemmingson, Margie Deutsch, Carol Bush, Sally Chevalier, Karen Clarke, Karen Holmquist, Linda Heinz and those listed above.

Our evening was topped off with coffee donated by the KC Hall and delicious cake provided by the Board. We had a busy evening and day for that matter with the Robert Robinson Luncheon and Concert earlier in the day, and our foursome who bowled in the afternoon. Comments on bowling were that we should try having this as an event. Thank you all for the donated gifts to make this a special evening. Happy New Year to All!



*Eileen R. and Joyce K. visit with Robert Robinson and his accompanist, David Billingsby.*

## REENTRY HOLIDAY SOCIAL WITH ULLR SINGLES

By Margie Seklund

On November 27, 2012, nine ULLR singles and three of Margie Seklund's friends went to the ReEntry halfway house in south Minneapolis to sing Christmas carols and socialize with the residents. Margie's friend, Ray, wore a Santa outfit and handed out bags of gifts to each resident. The residents were very pleased with the gifts, the singing,

and the interaction with the ULLR group. The staff at ReEntry provided some appetizers, cookies, and apple cider for everyone. It was a very rewarding and happy occasion. Afterwards most of the ULLR singles went to Curran's Restaurant in Minneapolis. 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.



*ULLR Singles stand behind the gift bags ReEntry residents received.*

### SKI TRIVIA:

**Why is there heavy snow in the mountains around the city but hardly any in Salt Lake City?**

Winter is the wettest season in the mild Pacific Coast, and with the west-to-east weather patterns, storms strike the Pacific Northwest frequently. Freezing levels average above 4,000 feet / 1,220 meters over the winter months. Near that altitude snowfall amounts increase very rapidly with just small increases in elevation.

## HIKING AT LEBANON HILLS IN EAGAN

Twenty three ULLRs arrived at the Visitor Center for the November 15 hike at Lebanon Hills Regional Park. The photo of us is right before we embarked on our 4.8 mile hike. Host Nancy S. had the map and made sure we read the trail markers so we wouldn't get lost.

Along the way, we were entertained by reading or hearing directions some kindergarten had given on how to cook a Thanksgiving turkey. We learned that Wal-Mart is a popular place to buy a turkey, but hunting is also good. Turkey sizes ranged from 8 pounds to 2,614 pounds, and prices ranged from \$1.05 for a 50 pound turkey to \$24 for the 2,614 pound bird. Cooking directions also varied: cook for 1 minute on high the 2,614 pound bird; 15 minutes at 12 degrees for a 31 pound bird; and 5 minutes on the stove for a 50 pound bird. You will know when the turkey is done when it stops moving or when the turkey smiles. When the turkey is done, it should be brown, but black is not good. Side dishes for a Thanksgiving menu include stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, French fries, rice, meatballs, peas, corn, cranberries, tea, and punch. Desserts include cake, pizza or ice cream at the Dairy Queen.

After the hike we had a long caravan to the "Pardon My French" restaurant. We enjoyed sandwiches, quiches, salads, and French wines. And, as expected, most ULLRs were unable to resist the temptations of the array of wonderful decadent desserts.



*Carolyn laughs as Cheryl is reading directions for cooking a Thanksgiving meal.*



*Happy ULLR hikers at Lebanon Hills.*

## FORT SNELLING HIKE

By Carolyn Buswell

Saturday was the 10th annual Fort Snelling Hike on November 10th at 10:00 AM. The day started out misty and ended up with blue sky and 60+ degrees, we were glad we stuck it out. The eleven ULLR hikers were Carolyn B., John E., Nancy S., Jim S., Vern P., Barb K., Patty F., John S., Ron F., Vickie L., and Robin B. The hike started out up on top by the History Center, then down the stairs to the Visitor Center. We hiked the 3 miles around Pike Island, went back up the stairs, then left for lunch at Champs.



*Carolyn & John - Hike Hosts.*



*ULLR Hobbits in their house  
Patty F., Barb K., Nancy S. & Robin B.*



*The whole gang thanks Carolyn Buswell and John Egan for hosting a great day.*

## MSC WINTER CARNIVAL AT INDIANHEAD IN MICHIGAN DEC. 7-9, 2012

By Coordinator Jerry Schuster

Ten ULLRs were among the 98 attendees at the MSC 2012 Winter Carnival. On the early (7:00 AM) bus we had orange juice and bagels on the ride up. Upon arrival, some skied Friday afternoon and four of the ULLR women visited with Anne Schelde, a former ULLR member who lives nearby.

The snow conditions were the worst we have experienced in the last 6 years that the MSC has been going to Indianhead. Although Indianhead had received 20 inches of Lake Effect snow by November 27th, only two runs were open due to a subsequent heavy rain and temperatures in the 50's. The snow on those two runs was OK, but it got a little boring skiing the same two runs on all three days.

It was enjoyable meeting members of other clubs, and dancing/listening to a good band in Dudley's bar. Additional socializing took place during après ski, Friday's dinner, our ULLR Schnapps tasting, Saturday's banquet, and the wine on the hill party hosted by the ULLR club. Due to the shortage of snow, the NASTAR and turtle races weren't held, nor was there any cross-country skiing.

On our bus ride back to Minneapolis, we saw several cars that had slid off the road. Although the road conditions were marginal, our two bus drivers did a great job of getting us back safely. A considerable amount of time was spent digging out our cars when we arrived back at the Honeywell lot; we could have used that snow at Indianhead!

The MSC is planning to go to Lutsen for next season's Winter Carnival; we have discussed the fact that the cost will most likely be higher. To have a better chance of more snow, we may go later than the second weekend in December.



*Grass Skiing by Pam A., Mary Ellen G., John E., Barb K., Manfred D. and Karen H.*



*Too bad the snow came to the cities burying our cars.*

## FRENCH PARK – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

By George Halder

This was the third consecutive French Park ski event that I have hosted, each within a week of the winter solstice. This year looked like the skiing would actually happen as 10 plus inches of snow fell on the French Park trails only a week before. But a low pressure system, coupled with warm moisture, which was followed by warmer than usual temperatures for December, dumped about 0.37 inches of RAIN on the trails on Saturday. The trails were closed on Saturday and with no snowfall overnight, the trails were also closed Sunday. But there was sufficient snow in the snowshoe area and walking paths to accommodate the 5 ULLRs who arrived. We hit the trails at 11 am with a 30 degree temperature.

Bill L., Jim H., Pam A., Barb K. and George H., (organizer and photographer) found the hiking to be enjoyable and invigorating. I was sure Bill had spooked a deer, but Jim thought that the deer's swift departure from the area was because of the wolf that was in hot pursuit of the deer. Pam and Barb said they did not see, or hear, the deer or the wolf. The snow was soft and the hiking on existing snowshoe trails, or making our own trail, gave us the feeling of being in the deep woods. No injuries, no lost mittens, no unruly ULLRs, just a wonderful day in the woods. After about an hour and a half, we headed to Chili's for food. Thanks ULLRs for joining me.



*Bill, Pam, George, Barb and Jim ready to hit the trail.*

## "A PERFECT WEDDING" AT THE OLD LOG THEATRE



These 14 ULLRs enjoyed the play, "A Perfect Wedding" on Wednesday, November 7. The play was a fast paced British farce of mixed identities and anything but a perfect wedding, done well at the Old Log Theatre. Some of the ULLRs had lunch together before the play at Maynards in Excelsior. Thanks to Sally Chevalier for organizing this fun day.

# Social and Cultural Calendar – 2013 ULLR Winter Events

## January 22 – Tuesday

ULLR Bridge Club

Contact: Karen Gray  
Phone: 952-895-8960

## January 29 – Tuesday

Singles Fine Dining at McCoys  
Public House

Contact: Ellise Lamb  
Phone: 952-442-9332

## January 31 – Thursday

Ice Castles at Mall of America

Contact: Nancy Sand  
Phone: 952-435-5225

## February 8 – Friday

Singles' Card/Game Night

Contact: Sandra Shearer  
Phone: 651-774-3549

## February 14 – Thursday

Optional dining and  
General Meeting at KC Hall

Contact: Karen Clarke  
Phone: 651-457-4007

## February 15 – Friday

Folding Party

Contact: Jan & Jerry Swanberg  
Phone: 651-633-7178

## February 19 – Tuesday

ULLR Bridge Club

Contact: Kay Sommers  
Phone: 763-535-7163

## February 19 – Tuesday

Dinner &/or Beverage & Movie Night

Contact: Sherrie Mitchell  
Phone: 952-942-8898

## March 8 – Friday

Singles' Card/Game Night

Contact: **HOST NEEDED**

## March 15 – Friday

Folding Party

Contact: Roger & Shirley Spiry  
Phone: 952-223-7179

## March 17 – Sunday

Bicycling Planning Party

Contact: Patty Fitzgerald  
Phone: 952-470-5411

## March 19 – Tuesday

Dinner &/or Beverage & Movie Night

Contact: Sherrie Mitchell  
Phone: 952-942-8898

## March 26 – Tuesday

Singles Fine Dining at Porter Creek

Contact: Ellise Lamb  
Phone: 952-442-9332

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## WHAT WILL ULLRS DO AND WHERE WILL THEY GO THIS YEAR?

Although ULLRs are in the middle of Ski Season, it is not too early to be thinking about "Where in the world will the ULLR Ski, Bike & Social Club go skiing in 2014?" Also, do you wonder what the snowbirds will be doing with other ULLRs this summer and fall? You can make

a proposal! Include the event budget, the informational sheet, a general itinerary, and an event flyer. Forms can be found on the ULLR web site under "club forms." Be sure to look at the "Trip Proposal Guidelines" article. There are experienced members who can help you. For questions contact Karen Holmquist at [kholmquist@frontiernet.net](mailto:kholmquist@frontiernet.net) or call 952-431-1903. All trip proposals are due by the end of March 2013.

## ULLRS – TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Enjoy a week-long summertime trip to Whitefish, Montana. We will travel round-trip on Amtrak with 6 nights lodging at the Morning Eagle Condos at Whitefish Mountain.

**Trip highlights to include:** Red Bus Tour "Road to the Sun" in Glacier, Rafting on the Flathead River & BBQ dinner.

**Included:** Brewery tour in town with dinner afterward and music on the boardwalk. Hiking on the "Danny on Trail" with scenic ride back down. Play at the Alpine Theater Project and 4 Evening dinners. *Optional items as listed on the flyer include Zip lining, tree-top walking, biking, golfing & boating.*

**Dates:** Sunday, July 28 – Monday, August 5, 2013

**Cost:** Outstanding value at \$1214 for the trip. Limit 32 persons. Payment schedule: \$500 on signup, \$500 – February 1 & \$214 by May 1. (*No refund after May 1.*)

Make checks payable to ULLR Ski Bike and Social Club and send checks to: Karen Clarke, 6484 Bonner Court Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

**Questions? Call the Chairs:** Karen Holmquist - cell: 952-270-4739, [kholmquist@frontiernet.net](mailto:kholmquist@frontiernet.net)

Karen Clarke – 651-457-4007, [clarke.k.j@hotmail.com](mailto:clarke.k.j@hotmail.com)

**ULLR cancellation fees and policies apply.**

## GREET FELLOW ULLRS AT THE WINTER GENERAL MEETINGS

**Date:** Thursdays, February 14 and March 14, 2013

**Location:** Marian Knights of Columbus Hall  
1114 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55420

**Times:** 5:00 if you come to dine  
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. (*See ULLR directory for map.*)

# ULLR Activity Calendar – 2012-2013 Winter Events

## CROSS COUNTRY, SNOWSHOE OR HIKING EVENTS

### January 19 – Saturday

Event: Hyland Lake  
Park Reserve

Contacts: Karen Holmquist &  
Linda Heintz

Phone: 952-431-1903 (K)  
651-454-6152 (L)

### February 2 – Saturday

Event: Cleary Lake Regional Park

Contact: Judy Burich

Phone: 952-440-3188

### February 10 – Sunday

Event: Lake Rebecca Park Reserve

Contact: Pam Anderson

Phone: 763-315-3772

### March 2 – Saturday

Event: Pike Island

Contact: Joyce Butler

Phone: 952-941-6130

### March 9 – Saturday

Event: Elm Creek

Contact: Jim Habeck

Phone: 763-559-5593

### March 27 – Wednesday

Event: Wood Lake Full Moon Hike

Contact: Bill Lyon

Phone: 612-722-8352

## SKIING EVENTS

*Wild Mountain is offering a Tuesday Lift Ticket for half price. Seniors would pay \$18.50. Can't beat that!*

### January 23 – Wednesday

Event: Afton Alps – Meet at 9:30  
AM - Highlands Lodge

### January 29, 2013 – Tuesday

Event: Wild Mountain – Meet at  
9:30 AM – Lodge upper level

### February 6 – Wednesday

Event: Welch Village – Meet at  
9:30 AM in main lodge

### February 12, 2013 – Tuesday

Event: Wild Mountain – Meet at  
9:30 AM – Lodge upper level

### February 20 – Wednesday

Event: Afton Alps – Meet at 9:30  
AM - Highlands Lodge

### February 27 – Wednesday

Event: Welch Village – Meet at  
9:30 AM in main lodge

## MAJOR SKI EVENTS

***Trip leaders have a wait list. Call!***

### January 25-27 – Friday-Sunday

Event: Giant's Ridge

Contacts: Patty Fitzgerald &  
Barb Kolbe

Phone: 952-470-5411 (P)  
651-633-0936 (B)

### February 2-9 – Saturday-Saturday

Event: Sun Valley

Contacts: Bruce Warner &  
Pat Nelson

Phone: 763-229-3377 (B)

### February 23 – March 1 – Saturday-Friday

Event: Ski Utah

Contacts: Barb Carpenter &  
Joe Fischenich

Phone: 952-881-6838 (B)

### SKI TRIVIA:

#### What is a ski slope "yard sale"?

That's when a skier falls and his equipment is spread all over the slope. In high powder areas some skiers tie a long ribbon on their bindings so they can find their skis at the yard sale!

## A LETTER FROM THE MSC PRESIDENT

Hi there! I'm Hal Yngve, President of the MSC. We're an organization of Ski and Social Clubs. Our purpose is to promote member clubs and help you find your next great adventure. Check out our upcoming calendar online [www.midwestfun.org](http://www.midwestfun.org). As you can see, there are many ski events planned this winter, thanks to the many volunteers from each of the clubs. What about you? We need your help! In October the MSC Board brainstormed ideas why people volunteer to be on their ski club board or the MSC board. See the list below. If you can think of other ideas, or want to volunteer, please let me know. In the meantime, ski well and have fun.

Hal Yngve, MSC President  
763-464-1022; [hyngve@comcast.net](mailto:hyngve@comcast.net)

## REASONS PEOPLE BECOME BOARD MEMBERS:

To guide policy, organize/approve trips, volunteer opportunities, regular chance to touch base with other members, sense of belonging, you are an "insider," recreational opportunity, keep skiing going, philanthropy, team effort, common goals with ski club, have fun, a sense of obligation, ski more, meet people, helping, you get to talk skiing, sense of success, meet people with like-minded interests, give back, expand membership to a wider group, promoting the sport and recreational programs.

## NEXT YEAR'S ULLR BOARD

Some of the same reasons given by the MSC president apply to this club. Nancy Sand, ULLR President, has appointed Diane Erlandson, Barb Carpenter, and Bruce Warner as the next nominating committee to submit candidates for board members for the one year term of May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. All current ULLR members are eligible. This is a great opportunity to lend your talents to ensure the future success of our organization. Please contact Diane, Barb, or Bruce, about your willingness to volunteer.

For updated details visit our website  
[www.ullr.org](http://www.ullr.org)

## RECALLING PAST EVENTS

A sincere thanks to these ULLRs who organized and/or led an event in November. VOLUNTEER! Call a program coordinator with your program idea.

### NOVEMBER

**18 & 29 – “Lost Egypt”**

Gary Gray

### DECEMBER

**7-9 – ULLR rep. to MSC Winter Carnival**

Jerry Schuster

**13 – Luncheon & Robert Robinson Concert**

Joyce Krake

**Bowling at AMF Southtown Lanes**

Karen Hemmingson

**General Meeting at the KC Hall**

Karen Clarke

**14 – Singles’ Potluck**

**Dinner and Card/**

**Game Night**

Sally Chevalier

**16 – French Regional**

**Park Hike**

George Halder

**17 – Work at Toys for Tots Warehouse**

Nancy Sand

**18 – 3rd Tuesday Bridge**

Mary Holisak

**18 – Dinner &/or**

**Beverage & Movie Night**

Sherrie Mitchell

### JANUARY

**1 – Afton Alps & Dinner out**

Pam Anderson

**10 – General Meeting at KC Hall**

Karen Clarke

**11 – Singles’ Card/ Game Night**

Mary Ellen Gabel

**15 – Dinner &/or**

**Beverage & Movie Night**

Sherrie Mitchell

**18 – Folding Party**

Vickie Lee

**19 – Hyland Lake Park Reserve (Ski, Shoe or Hike)**

Karen Holmquist &

Linda Heintz

**22 – ULLR Bridge Club**

Karen Gray

**25-27 – Giant’s Ridge Trip**

Patty Fitzgerald &

Barb Kolbe

**29 – Singles Fine Dining at McCoys Public House**

Ellise Lamb

**31 – Mall of America**

**Ice Castles**

Nancy Sand

## ULLR ELVES HELP AT TOYS FOR TOTS WAREHOUSE

Thirteen ULLR elves helped sort and box toys at the Toys for Tots warehouse on Monday, December



17. Toys are picked up from a gigantic pile, sorted into bins by age and gender, and packed into boxes that the Marines distribute to non-profit organizations. Families then get toys and stocking-stuffers from these non-profits. If you ever wonder what toys to select as gifts, this is the place to come. The donated toys range from a simple deck of cards as a stocking-stuffer to sleds and electronic games. It is fun to see the variety and the reactions of warehouse volunteers who often see something that reminds them of a toy they themselves had as a child. Earlier, ULLRs had donated 15 bags of toys and \$375 at the November General Meeting and at the Holiday Ball. That generosity helped provide Christmas toys for children who otherwise might not have gotten any. Thanks ULLRs!

Helping at the warehouse is definitely an aerobic exercise experience that causes participants to desperately want refreshments after work. The ULLR elves did just that at nearby Pizza Luce where special beers, pizzas, and sandwiches were enjoyed by the group.



*Marcia S.*



*Jeff F.*



*ULLR Elves!*



*Margo and Margie finish packing over 2,500 stocking-stuffers from this now empty bin.*

**ULLR Ski, Bike & Social Club**  
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**Membership EXPIRED on November 30th!**  
**Have you renewed yours?**

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

FOLD LINE ↓

<p><b>Future Folding Parties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 15, 2013: Shirley &amp; Roger Spiry</li><li>• April 19, 2013: Sharon &amp; Ken Marini</li><li>• May 17, 2013: Sally Chevalier</li><li>• July 19, 2013: Karen &amp; David Oakland</li></ul>	<p>Folding Parties are fun to host and attend and are a great way for 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: Patty Fitzgerald &amp; John Stiefel 952-470-5411.</i> (An allowance is provided to help defray costs.)</p>
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**The next Folding Party is  
Friday, February 15, 2013  
hosted by Jan & Jerry Swanberg**  
2241 Erin Court  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
*Please RSVP to:  
Jan at 651-633-7178  
(so she can plan food)*

**Directions:**  
From I-694, turn north on Silver Lake Road (Exit 39),  
drive 1.8 miles. Turn east/right onto Erin Court,  
drive .2 miles, 2241 is on the right.

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

