

## THE SPRING BANQUET

May 10th was a beautiful festive evening at the 64th Annual Awards Banquet. The ladies wore their finest and the men were handsome. A delicious meal was enjoyed by 77 ULLRs sitting at tables decorated with baskets of flowers containing white tulips, pink carnations and deep red mums. The master of ceremonies, Jerry Swanberg, did a fantastic job! Lena (Dianne Salmela) made a surprise appearance. She gave her very own award: The History of Scandinavia, to Jan Cady. The 2015 Western Ski Trip to Beaver Creek and Vail was announced by Pat Nelson and Bruce Warner. It will be February 22-28, 2015.

John Stiefel, last year's ULLR of the Year recipient, proudly presented the 2014 ULLR OF THE YEAR AWARD to Nancy Sand. John's presentation spoke of Nancy's many hours of volunteering for club activities. Some of these activities included folding parties, planning parties, hiking outings to various parks around our state, and numerous winter outdoor events such as snowshoeing or skiing at Midwest and Western destinations. Other activities included singles card and game nights and excursions to the Minnesota Zoo and Science Museum. She also spent many hours serving on the board in various positions, including as president, and as a delegate for the MSC.



Sally C. admires Brian's OLE

Ole Awards were presented to Carol Bush, Dolly Eastman and Carol DeVore, Brian Johnson, Cheryl Rogers, and Jerry Schuster. They were thanked for their service for the ULLR club this past year. Brian Johnson and Barb Kolbe awarded racing metals to four of the ULLR ski race team members.

The Squires Band provided the music and ULLRs outdid themselves by dancing until 11 pm instead of their usual 10:30! Thanks to: Alan Moore for taking pictures; to Banquet co-chairs Mary Ellen Gabel and Sharon Marini; and to Diane Erlandson for her help with reservations and name tags.

## Up North to Nisswa - Co-chairs: Mary Ellen Gabel and Sharon Marini

It was a gorgeous sunny morning as 54 ULLRs headed "up north" to The Good Ol' Days resort in Nisswa. We biked, ate, drank and socialized. Even though some of us were caught in the rain Thursday, it did not dampen our spirits.

A roaring fire was ready each evening after we devoured the delicious appetizers and a dinner of pulled pork, potato salad, lots of salads and lots and lots of calico beans. The meal ended with ice cream with toppings and Mary Ellen's famous rhubarb bars and brownies.



We thank everyone for your help with preparation and clean up, and for your food donations. Alan and Charlotte, thanks for the use of your tables.



Co-chairs Mary Ellen & Sharon

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - by Karen Gray

Thanks to our Webmaster, JJ (Joe Coursolle), ULLRs have enjoyed a complete, accurate and creative website plus timely email notices for over a decade. In addition to that, thanks to our Nullr Editor, Margie Deutsch, ULLRs have had the luxury of enjoying ten top quality printed Nullr newsletters every year, available for viewing online. These newsletters were laid out and published by Cornerstone Printing and mailed to your homes on request at considerable expense to the club. ULLRs can no longer afford the luxury of a professionally printed Nullr. At the present time, 94% of our current members (about 248 of 263) are able to receive the Nullr via email. The current board, after extensive deliberation and review of the history and available information, has made the decision to discontinue the printed version of the Nullr as we know it. The folding party at Jim Habeck's on July 18, 2014, will be for the "Membership Directory" only. Margie Deutsch has succeeded in creating a

beautifully professional looking online version of the Nullr which will appear online only following the current monthly schedule, beginning in July 2014. Thank you for all of your hard work, Margie. We do not wish to offend or lose the approximately 15 ULLRs for whom we do not have email addresses. Please add your addresses to our list if you have not done so. Options for those without email are: Go to a library and view the NULLR online and/or print a copy of it. Or, you could have an ULLR friend print it for you. If neither of those options works for you, please contact a board member, and we will determine a cost option for mailing a copy to you. There will be a three month trial period for the online only version of the Nullr. We welcome feedback from all ULLRs. At the end of the trial period, the board will review the success or failure of the new Nullr and examine our options. We hope you will applaud our decision to help balance our budget.

### RECALLING PAST EVENTS

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



#### JUNE

**4-6 – Biking Trip- Paul Bunyan**  
Mary Ellen Gabel & Sharon Marini  
**8 – All about Dinosaurs**  
Gary Gray  
**11 & 25 – Golf at Hollydale**  
Jim Habeck  
**11 – What's Cookin'**  
ULLR Board  
**13 – Single Card/Game Night**  
Joan Kruse  
**14 – Biking (rained out), Brats & Beer** - Margie & Manfred Deutsch  
**17 – Wabun to Como Zoo Ride**  
Karen Clarke  
**17 – ULLR Bridge Club**  
Ruth Elsberry  
**17 – Dinner &/or Beverage & Movie Night**  
Sherrie Mitchell  
**20 – Dinosaurs & IMAX**  
Gary Gray & Nancy Sand  
**21 – Lake Minnetonka Trail Ride**  
Sally Chevalier

**23 – Spring Lake Park Ride**  
Joella Wilson  
**24 – Singles Fine Dining at Lord Fletchers** -Ellise Lamb  
**25 – What's Cookin'**  
ULLR Singles  
**26 – Last Thursday Happy Hour at the Chart House**  
Pam Anderson & Joy Knudson  
**29 – Theodore Worth/Shingle Creek Ride**  
Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel

#### July

**9 & 23 – Golf at Hollydale**  
Jim Habeck  
**9 – What's Cookin'**  
Patty Fitzgerald  
**10,17,24 Dance Lessons in Park**  
Karen Gray  
**11 – Singles Boating/Game Night** - Jim Maiser  
**12 – Sommerfest Concert**  
Carol Burgess

**14 – Lake Minnetonka Cruise**

Sally Chevalier  
**15 – ULLR Bridge Club**  
Eileen Ronning  
**15 – Dinner & Movie Night**  
Sherrie Mitchell  
**16 -Winter Events Planning Party**  
Sharon Marini & Barb Kolbe  
**18 – Folding Party**  
Jim Habeck  
**19 – Elm Creek Ride & Pot Luck**  
Hal & Gail West  
**20 – Prior Lake Ride**  
Cheryl & Woody Rogers  
**22 – Singles Lunch at Grizzly's Grill** - Ellise Lamb  
**23 – What's Cookin'**  
Hal & Gail West  
**27 – Cannon Valley Trail Ride**  
Sharon Marini  
**31 – Frank DiSalvo Show**  
Karen Gray & Eileen Ronning  
**31 – Last Thursday Happy Hour at Cowboy Jack's**  
Pam Anderson & Joy Knudson

## Biking For Some-Beach Party For ALL

All ULLRs are invited to a bike ride and/or Beach Party and Pot-luck Supper.



Plan a day on the lake. There will be several pontoons, a runabout boat, water skiing, kayaking, tubing, swimming, etc. Bring

your swim suit and towel. Plan to get wet in a fun way- not just dodging raindrops!

### **Date: Saturday, August 9**

**12:45 PM** Bike riders arrive at the St. Bonifacius trailhead, 4150 Bell Street. (Take Hwy. 7 west about 9 miles west of Excelsior to Bell Street, turn right on Bell Street to the parking area. Jim Maiser will meet us at the parking area. If you have a pot luck item he will take it to his house and keep it cold/hot until we get there. Bikers will ride from 1-3 PM. Helmets are required.

**RSVP** to Trip leader: John Stiefel. 952-470-5411; 612-743-4565-cell patfitzjohns@msn.com

**3:00 PM** All others arrive. Everyone, please bring a dish to share, your beverage, and a lawn chair.

**5:00 PM** Pot-luck Supper. Brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut and lemonade will be provided.

**Where:** 40 East Lake Street, Waconia

**Host:** Jim Maiser

**RSVP:** maisercpa@embarqmail.com or 952-687-1423

Waconia is located 15 miles west of Chanhassen on state highway 5. At the first stop light in Waconia take a right, this is main street or county road 59. Proceed on Main St. to Pine St.; (just past the city park). Turn right, drive one block to Lake Street and Jim's home. Come to the back of the house.

## Frank DiSalvo Concert

*Call Karen to see if any last-minute tickets have become available. No tickets will be sold at the door.*

### **Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014**

**Noon:** Luncheon of pasta and chicken salad, green beans, roll, beverage, and cookie

**1-3:00 PM:** Concert. A Cash Bar will be available and a small area for dancing will be provided.

**Reservations:** Call Karen Gray at 952-895-8960

**Cost:** \$32.00 This includes lunch, tax, gratuity, and concert.

## Lanesboro Bike & Golf - 2014

*This trip is already full, but there are several options.*

Call Cathy to get your name on a list in case of a cancellation. Lanesboro and close-by neighboring cities have many lodging options. Make your own reservation elsewhere, but join ULLRS for biking or golf. If you want to come for breakfast or Social Hour, it is only \$5 per person for each event.

**Dates:** September 14-16th, Sunday & Monday nights

**Motel:** Green Gables Inn, Lanesboro, 2 to a room Sunday & Monday Social Hour with Appetizers, wine and water

Monday & Tuesday breakfast – coffee, juice, ham and eggs, fruit & muffins

**Biking:** On the Root River Trail – 10, 20, 30 or 40 miles RT

**Golf:** at Lanesboro Golf Club in Lanesboro (507-467-3742); Rivers Bend in Preston (800-552-2512; and/or Ferndale Country Club in Rushford (507-864-7626)

Make your own reservations.

**Theatre:** A Sunday 1:30 Matinee at the Commonweal Theatre to see "Arcadia." *"Arcadia is a witty and hilarious intellectual puzzle about our unquenchable thirst for knowledge."*

**Contact:** Cathy Hartle 320-761-0140 cell; cathyhartle46@gmail.com

## FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES

### PLANNING GET TOGETHER

Come with your ideas to help us plan.

### **Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

at 4:00 PM

**Location:** Nancy Sand's party room  
15001 Burnhaven Dr., #108  
Burnsville, MN 55306

At this party all hiking, snowshoeing, cross country and alpine events for the fall and winter months in 2014-15 will be scheduled.

Planning for one day events is very simple.

All you have to do is set the place, date, time, and where to socialize and/or eat afterwards.

For this party, please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. A main dish will be provided.

If anyone would like to hike after dinner, Nancy will lead us on a 3 mile hike in the area.

**RSVP** to: Sharon Marini, Winter VP

slmarini@comcast.net • 952-893-7408

Or Barb Kobe, Alpine Coordinator 651-633-0936

# Social & Cultural Calendar – 2014

More details and event flyers at [www.ullr.org](http://www.ullr.org)

**July 14 – Monday** [11:00 AM]  
Lake Minnetonka Ride & Lunch  
**Contact:** Sally Chevalier  
**Phone:** 952-935-7000

**July 15 – Tuesday** [noon]  
ULLR Bridge  
**Host:** Eileen Ronning  
**Phone:** 763-416-4585

**July 16 – Wednesday** [4:00 PM]  
Winter Events Planning Party  
**Hosts:** Sharon Marini  
& Barb Kolbe  
**Phones:** 952-893-7408(S)  
651-633-0936 (B)

**July 17 – Thursday** [5:30 PM]  
Meet, Take a dance lesson, then  
DANCE in Rice Park in St. Paul -  
**Contact:** Karen Gray  
**Phone:** 952-895-8960

**July 18 – Friday** [6:30 PM]  
Folding Party  
**Host:** Jim Habeck  
**Phone:** 763-559-5593

**July 19 – Saturday** [Noon]  
Pot Luck lunch after the  
Elm Creek bike ride  
**Location:** Hal & Gail West's  
921 West River Pkwy.  
Champlin, MN 55316  
**RSVP:** Gail West  
**Phone:** 763-427-6254

**July 23 – Wednesday** 12:30 PM  
Golf at Hollydale  
**RSVP:** Jim Habeck  
**Phone:** 763-559-5593

**July 23 – Wednesday** [5:00 PM]  
What's Cookin' Picnic  
**Hosts:** Hal & Gail West  
**Phone:** 763-427-6254

**July 24 – Thursday** [5:30 PM]  
Meet, Take a dance lesson, then  
DANCE in Rice Park in St. Paul -  
**Contact:** Karen Gray  
**Phone:** 952-895-8960



**July 31 – Thursday** [Noon]  
Frank DiSalvo Show  
**Contact:** Karen Gray  
**Phone:** 952-895-8960

**July 31 – Thursday** [4:00-6:00]  
All-ULLR "Last Thursday Happy  
Hour" at Cowboy Jack's, 2801  
Southtown Dr., Bloomington  
55431  
**Contacts:** Joy Knudson  
& Pam Anderson  
**Phones:** 952-240-8418 [J]  
763-315-3772 [P]

**August 6 – Wed.** [12:30 PM]  
Golf at Hollydale  
**RSVP:** Jim Habeck  
**Phone:** 763-559-5593

**August 6 – Wed.** 5:00 PM  
What's Cookin' Picnic  
**Hosts:** ULLR Foundation  
**Phone:** 651-324-7470 - Jerry  
Weiskopf

**August 9 – Saturday** [3:00 PM]  
Beach Party Social & Pot Luck  
**Host:** Jim Maiser  
**RSVP:**  
[maisercpa@embarqmail.com](mailto:maisercpa@embarqmail.com)

**August 16 – Saturday** [Bikers-  
10:00 AM, Social-1:00 PM]  
Pot Luck Social & Bike Ride  
**Hosts:** Charlotte Navratil & Alan  
Moore  
**Phone:** 320-327-2396

**August 19 – Tuesday** [noon]  
ULLR Bridge  
**Host:** Mary Holisak  
**Phone:** 651-260-3691

**August 20 – Wed.** [12:30 PM]  
Golf at Hollydale  
**RSVP:** Jim Habeck  
**Phone:** 763-559-5593

**August 20 – Wed.** [5:00 PM]  
What's Cookin' Picnic-  
Bratwursts  
**Hosts:** Manfred & Margie  
Deutsch  
**Phone:** 763-545-5845

**August 28 – Thursday** [4:00-  
6:00] All-ULLR "Last Thursday  
Happy Hour" at W.A. Frost, 374  
Selby Av., St. Paul 55102  
**Contacts:** Joy Knudson  
& Pam Anderson  
**Phones:** 952-240-8418 [J]  
763-315-3772 [P]

**September 3 – Wed.** [12:30 PM]  
Golf at Hollydale  
**RSVP:** Jim Habeck  
**Phone:** 763-559-5593

**September 3 – Wed.** [5:00 PM]  
What's Cookin' Picnic-Turkey  
Sandwiches  
**Hosts:** ULLRs who turn 70  
**Phone:** 763-205-9757-Vicki  
Johnson  
763-416-4585-Eileen Ronning

**September 14-16, Sunday-  
Tuesday**  
Biking & Golf at Lanesboro  
**Contact:** Cathy Hartle  
320-761-0140 cell;  
[cathyhartle46@gmail.com](mailto:cathyhartle46@gmail.com)

There is a change in location for the JULY 18 Folding Party. It will be at Jim Habeck's home, 12030 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Plymouth 55442. RSVP to Jim at 763-559-5593.

From I-394, go North on **Hwy. 169** for 5.1 miles. Exit on **49<sup>th</sup> Av. N.** Turn left (west.) The street becomes Schmidt Lake Road. Drive 2.2 miles to **Larch Lane N.** Turn right (north.) Go .5 miles to **54<sup>th</sup> Av. N.** (a dead end.) Go .1 miles to 12030. The house is on the left.

# Biking Calendar

## Bicycling Program Coordinator:

John Stiefel [H] 952-470-5411 [C] 612-743-4565  
Please check the ULLR website at [www.ullr.org](http://www.ullr.org) for  
flyers to obtain details for each listed event. **Helmets  
are required on all ULLR bike rides. Times are AM**

**THURSDAY MORNING RIDES** will run through  
October 2. Most rides meet at Lynnhurst Park on  
50th Street W. and Minnehaha Pkwy. at 9:15 AM and  
start at 9:30 AM. The ULLR website will list  
alternative locations and times.

## JULY

### July 19 – Saturday-9:30

**Event:** Maple Grove Ride  
**Contacts:** Hal & Gail West  
**Phone:** 763-427-6254

### July 20 – Sunday-9:15

**Event:** Prior Lake Ride  
**Contacts:** Cheryl & Woody  
Rogers  
**Phone:** 952-469-1647

### July 24 – Thursday-9:15

**Event:** Thursday Ride- Meet at  
Wabun Picnic Area  
**Contact:** John Stiefel  
**Phone:** 952-470-5411

### July 27 – Sunday-8:45

**Event:** Cannon Valley Trail  
**Contact:** Sharon Marini  
**Phone:** 952-893-7408

## AUGUST

### August 3 – Sunday-9:00

**Event:** Sakatah Singing Hills  
**Contacts:** Patty Fitzgerald  
& John Stiefel  
**Phone:** 952-470-5411

### August 9 – Saturday-12:45

**Event:** Biking Before Party  
**Contact:** John Stiefel  
**Phone:** 952-470-5411

### August 16 – Saturday-10:00

**Event:** Silver Lake Ride  
**Contacts:** Charlotte Navratil &  
Alan Moore  
**Phone:** 320-327-2396

### August 21 – Thursday-9:15

**Event:** Chocolate Lovers Ride  
**Contacts:** Karen Holmquist  
& Sherrie Mitchell  
**Phone:** 952-431-1903 [K]

## SEPTEMBER

### September 1 – Monday-9:45

**Event:** Watertown to Winsted  
**Contacts:** John Stiefel  
& Patty Fitzgerald  
**Phone:** 952-470-5411

### September 6 – Saturday-9:15

**Event:** Chaska River Bottom  
**Contacts:** Cheryl & Woody  
Rogers  
**Phone:** 952-469-1647

### September 14-16 – Sunday– Tuesday

**Event:** Lanesboro Bike & Golf  
**Contacts:** Cathy Hartle  
& Mary Vande Hei  
**Phone:** 320-761-0140 [CH]

### September 21 – Sunday

**Event:** Western Dakota Trail  
**Contact:** Bill Brechtel  
**Phone:** 952-474-5295

## OCTOBER

### October 2 – Thursday-9:15

**Event:** Last Thursday Ride  
**Contact:** John Stiefel  
**Phone:** 952-470-5411

### October 4 – Saturday

**Event:** Elm Creek to  
Coon Rapids Dam  
**Contact:** Bill Brechtel  
**Phone:** 952-474-5295

## Pot Luck Social & Bike Ride - August 16 – Saturday

Bikers arrive by 10:00—Ride departs at 10:30

Bike the scenic rural countryside. Both short & long routes are offered. **Bike helmets are required.**

Social & Pot Luck—Arrive at 1:00 pm

Grilled hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, your beverage and a lawn chair. A \$2.00 donation is requested. Optional: mosquito repellent, sunscreen, swim suit, towel, sunglasses.

Hosts: Charlotte Navratil and Alan Moore

11708 200th St. Silver Lake MN

RSVP: 320-327-2396 or cell 612-581-7669 moorea0728@embarqmail.com

Directions: Silver Lake is located 38 miles west of 494 on Hwy 7.

Just past the closed gas station on the right in Silver Lake turn RIGHT on Co Rd 16.

Go WEST approx. 1 mile. Where the blacktop road makes a sharp right turn-go STRAIGHT on the GRAVEL road for about two blocks. Where the road curves to the left-our home is the FIRST HOUSE BY THE LAKE on the RIGHT. (There is a map on the flyer posted on the [www.ullr.org](http://www.ullr.org) Event Page.)

## UPCOMING SINGLES EVENTS

ULLR Singles' Events are open to all single ULLRs. Please tell me if you have any suggestions for other activities. Thanks. Margie Seklund – 952-808-8141.

### DINNER &/OR BEVERAGE & MOVIE NIGHTS

**Dates:** Tuesdays, July 15 & August 19.

Order dinner by 6:00 PM or join in for a beverage.

**Contact:** Sherrie Mitchell

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

**RSVP:** Call Sherrie at 952-942-8898 or [skibirds3@yahoo.com](mailto:skibirds3@yahoo.com)

### SINGLES CARD/GAME NIGHTS

Bring a dish to share, beverage, and any games.

**Date:** Friday, August 8, 2014 – 4:00 PM

for boating and games

**Host:** Jim Habeck

**Location:** 12030 54th Av. N., Plymouth, MN 55442

**RSVP:** Call Jim at 763-559-5593,  
[james.habeck@q.com](mailto:james.habeck@q.com)

**Date:** Friday, September 12, 2014 – 7:00 PM

**Host:** George Graham

**Location:** 8607 Vincent Av. S.  
Bloomington, MN 55441

**RSVP:** Call George at 952-888-9283,  
[geogram@q.com](mailto:geogram@q.com)

### SINGLES Dining

**Date:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 – 11:15 AM  
Lunch at the Patio

**Location:** Grizzly's Grill  
220 Carlson Pkwy, Plymouth, MN 55447  
[west side of I-494]

<http://grizzlysgrill.com/plymouth-mn>

**RSVP:** By July 20 to Ellise Lamb at  
952-442-9332 or [ellise.lamb@mchsi.com](mailto:ellise.lamb@mchsi.com)

**Date:** Tuesday, September 23, 2014 – 5:30 PM  
[Or in the bar at 5:00 PM for Happy Hour.]

**Location:** Woolley's Restaurant (TCO)  
(In Embassy Suites Airport)

7901 34th Avenue South, Bloomington 55425  
<http://woolleysrestaurant.com>

**RSVP:** By September 21 to Ellise Lamb at  
952-442-9332 or [ellise.lamb@mchsi.com](mailto:ellise.lamb@mchsi.com)

### WHAT'S COOKIN' AT BROOKVIEW PARK

Hwy. 55 and Winnetka Av., Golden Valley  
(see map in ULLR directory.)

**Date:** Wednesday, July 23

**Hosts:** Hal & Gail West

**Phone:** 763-427-6254

**Date:** Wednesday, August 6

**Hosts:** ULLR Foundation

**Contact:** Jerry Weiskopf

**Phone:** 651-324-7470

**Date:** Wednesday, August 20 – Bratwurst dinner

**Hosts:** Margie & Manfred Deutsch

**Phone:** 763-545-5845

*(Helpers needed, please call to volunteer.)*

**Date:** Wednesday, September 3

**Hosts:** ULLRs turning 70 in 2014

**Contacts:** Vicki Johnson & Eileen Ronning

**Phone:** 952-470-5411- Call Patty Fitzgerald to  
volunteer if you celebrate your 70<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Time:** Meet 5-10:00 PM. Food served at 6:00 PM.

**Cost:** \$7.00 for meal & 2 beverages

\$3.00 for 2 beverages [no meal]

[These costs include shelter rental of \$1]

\$1.00 attendance only **or** for each beverage  
over two

**Menu:** *Anyone who would like a meatless meal  
needs to notify the hosts at least one week  
prior to the event so that arrangements can  
be made.*

### WHAT'S COOKIN' GOLF

**Date:** Wednesday before each What's Cookin' Picnic

**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Location:** Meet at Hollydale Golf Course  
4710 Holly Lane North, Plymouth, MN  
Groups will form as ULLRs arrive.

After golfing, drive to the **What's Cookin'  
Picnic** only 10 minutes east on Hwy 55.

**Contact:** James Habeck

**Phone:** 763-559-5593

*[call to tell him you are coming]*

**Cost:** \$21 for 18 holes for Senior walkers

## AUGUST MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

By Carol DeVore, Membership VP

*[This information does not appear in the Online Nullr for security reasons.]*

### DIRECTORY ADDITIONS:

Edwin Lanning

Mike Lichty

### PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Wendy Friede

Judie O'Gara

Janet Sidley

## ULLRS VISIT ULTIMATE DINOSAURS

By Nancy Sand

With Gary Gray's expert tutelage, thirteen ULLRs learned about dinosaurs on Friday afternoon, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Ultimate Dinosaur exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota. We began with the permanent SMM dinosaur exhibit, saw the "Dinosaurs Alive" movie in the Omnitheater, and then enjoyed the fascinating special "Ultimate Dinosaur" exhibit. Gary helped us understand bone structure, how the shape and position of teeth and claws determined what they ate, and how to pronounce those long dinosaur names. We gazed at the skeletons trying to imagine these huge animals living on our planet millions of years ago.

Dinosaurs were a unique type of animal that lived during the Mesozoic Era from 245 to 65 million years ago, were vertebrates, were terrestrial (meaning they lived on land), walked with their legs positioned directly under their bodies like birds and most mammals, and are now extinct, but their descendants are alive today as birds.

Following our Museum visit, we enjoyed dinner and lively conversations at The Liffey, inside not outside in the hot sun!



Gary Gray tells ULLRs about these ancient animals



Bill L. with a vertebra



Patty F & Karen G with dino toys

### ULLR BRIDGE – by Eileen Ronning

Last year we played bridge at Ruth's BEFORE she tackled the remodeling of her kitchen and bathrooms. THIS YEAR we got to view the lovely results! Thank you, Ruth Elsberry, for hosting 2 tables of bridge June 17th in your "new" abode! The winners were: 1st: Gwen; 2nd: Eileen; 3rd: Vicki. We still need hosts for October 21 and December 16.

**Sign-up Now for Beaver Creek/Vail Feb. 22-28, 2015. See [www.ullr.org](http://www.ullr.org) for trip details!**