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February 2017

2016 HOLIDAY BALL

Chanhassen American Legion was the setting for the 2016 Holiday Ball. The group was smaller, but the fun was huge. Fifty-seven Ullrs socialized, enjoyed a buffet dinner, and filled the dance floor to the music of the American Flyer Band. A beautiful Merry Christmas cake was provided by the club.

New members Ruth Unzicker, Kim Urdol, and Keith Waldron were introduced, as well as guests Jeanne and Chas Scheiderer.

The ULLR Foundation gave away many nice gifts. A drawing was done for the gorgeous fresh flower centerpieces made by the *Flower Box*.

Thanks to our photographers, Mary and Tom VandeHei, and Bruce Edwards, and to all who came and enjoyed the evening. [And thanks to the chairs Sharon Marini, Mary Jane Hochstein and Diane Erlandson for planning the evening.]

See many more good photos at ullr.org
It is always hard to choose which to print in the Nullr. I try to show many folks throughout the year.



Ullrs enjoying table talk.



Middle right: Susan & Rick N, Margo D

Bottom Right: Ellise L, Bruce R, Jan C, Barb K

Bottom: Amy and Jon D



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jim Habeck

Greetings Ullrs!

Welcome to a new year. The holidays are over. The Holiday Ball came and went. This year it was held at a new place, the Chanhassen American Legion. The food was good, there was an old familiar band, the American Flyer Band, but attendance was down from other years.

Are you are looking for something to do in the coming months? You can join us on one of the planned hikes, or go skiing on Wednesdays, or attend an upcoming social event.

It is time to start planning for the 2017/2018 Warm Weather and Western Trips. There are forms and guidelines at ullr.org, the ULLR website. If you need help getting a proposal done, let a board member know. We would be glad to help you.

Jerry Schuster and I were the only two Ullrs on the MSC Winter Carnival Trip in December to Giants Ridge. The number of skiers was down from other years. Don't worry, Jerry or I did not hurt, or help, the ULLR reputation. The weather was cold. It was in the single digits during the day. But, we got warmed up in a nice new chalet. One run was open on Friday, two by Saturday, and three by Sunday.

There was a large trail map in the ticket area showing two new high-speed chair lifts. They are going to be installed in two years. That should help to get rid of those long, cold, slow rides up the hill. See you on the trail.



March 31st is the deadline to submit a plan for a trip or event.

WESTERN SKI TRIP OR WARM WEATHER GETAWAY
PROPOSAL GUIDELINES FOR 2017-2018

ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club has great trips for members who love to ski in the mountains or have a spring, summer or fall adventure trip. Each April our members present trip proposals for the following year. If you have had experience running an ULLR club event and have an idea for a trip, please prepare a proposal for presentation to the Board. It is fun to do, and you will have lots of help along the way to make your event a success.

Brief guidelines on how to prepare a trip proposal are viewable or downloadable at: <http://ullr.org/UllrForms.html>

The ULLRNET

The ULLRnet was created as a way to receive messages of a personal nature about current and past members. Club membership does not automatically include receiving ullrnet messages. The ULLRnet has a voluntary sign-up. If a member or former member has not signed up, and would like to, please send an email message to ULLRnet@ullr.org. Also, inform us of email address changes.

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Look at all the fun events coming up.
Join or rejoin this month. Membership is now only \$20!

There is a reason the ULLR Club is in its 67th year. Members want to do fun activities with like-minded folks. Print a membership form by logging onto ullr.org and click on [Membership Information](#), or forms will be available at the meeting on January 19 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Be sure to sign the waiver, and, if a couple is using one form, to both sign the waiver. Remember to **indicate your interests and willingness to volunteer**. Include a check with the correct membership fee amount and send to the address printed near the bottom of the membership form.

Jan Butler, Membership VP

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FOLDING PARTY

By Nancy Sand

When Ullrs came to Jan B's home last spring to prepare the ULLR Membership Directory for mailing, temperatures were in the 90s. There was quite a contrast when fifteen Ullrs came again to Jan's home on December 8. Temperatures were frigid that day, but the group was quickly embraced by the warmth of Jan's home and wood-burning fireplace.

All ULLR social events include good food, and it didn't take much time for everyone to load up their plates and come back for seconds before choosing their desserts.

After lunch, event chair Nancy S called everyone to their work groups: labeling, folding, taping, and stamping. And finally, Margie D examined each Directory for quality control. (Yes, she sent several back!)

Thanks to all the Ullrs who came to help prepare the ULLR Membership Directory for mailing, and special thanks to Jan B for hosting this event at her lovely home.

A Walk down the ULLR Memory Lane as reported in the 2003 February Nullr.

by Margie Deutsch

John Egan and Carolyn Buswell led a 3-day weekend to Haywood, Wisconsin for skiing and snowshoeing.

Ullrs chartered a bus for a weekend trip to ski and snowshoe at Lutsen.



The February General Meeting featured a Valentine Dinner/Dance. The advertisement said, "Bring your sweetheart or meet one there."

The report from the 2002 Holiday Ball said 141 people attended. The Singles even had an at-home pre-party. The evening's white elephant exchange "reached a new level of tacky and/or gaudy."

The ULLR President wrote that the club "finally got a new webmaster: **JJ Coursolle**." Thanked for his "about six years of work on the website" was **Lee Erickson**.

The Nullr page "footer" included the ULLR hotline phone number. (Who answered the phone?)

Foundation member, **Gus Bjorklund**, a volunteer ski instructor at Courage Center, was happy to give the Center a check from the Foundation for \$4,000 to purchase alpine ski equipment.

The Foundation asked members to donate used books, music and VHS tapes for a sale at the April meeting. **Mike Moss, Colleen Barden & Lorri Christenson** sorted them.

Gary Gray advertised a May weekend trip to 4 Minnesota State Parks "to enjoy scenery, Indian history, geology, and fun." The trip was for 12 singles and 4 couples.

The "Back Page" had an invitation from **Dolly Eastman** to attend her retirement hors d'oeuvres party.

Make a memory! Volunteer to lead an activity or social event. Call a Board member with your idea.



Host Jan B and Ellise L chat during the afternoon Directory Folding Party.



John S, Nancy H, Mary Ellen G, & John V are sharpening the crease and folding evenly. Good job!

UPCOMING SINGLES EVENTS

ULLR Singles' Events are open to all single Ullrs. Contact Jan Butler about ULLR Singles' activities or to volunteer to plan and/or host an event: 952-544-8163, Singles@ullr.org or jscmunch@comcast.net

DINNER &/OR BEVERAGE & MOVIE NIGHTS

Dates: Tuesdays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21

Order dinner by 6:00 PM or come for a beverage. First person there saves the table.

Location: Big 10 Restaurant and Bar
1106 Main Street, Hopkins, MN 55343
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 manntheatres.com/theatre/?tid=86

2017 SINGLES' FINE DINING

Please RSVP to Ellise Lamb, ellise.lamb@mchsi.com or 952-442-9332 by the Sunday before the event.

February 28 - Fine Dining - 5:30 PM or come earlier for Happy Hour at the *5120 Restaurant* (in the Country Inn Suites), 5120 American Blvd., Bloomington 55437;
www.5120mn.com

March 28 - Fine Dining - 5:30 PM or come earlier for Happy Hour at the *Wildfire*, 3020 Eden Prairie Center, Eden Prairie, 55344-6055 (Hwy 212 & Prairie Center Drive);
<http://wildfirerestaurant.com>

April 25 - Fine Dining - 5:30 PM or come earlier for Happy Hour at *Lou Nanne's Restaurant*, 7651 France Av., Edina 55435; lounannes.com



SINGLES CARD/GAME NIGHTS

Bring a dish to share, beverage, and any games you would like to play.

Date: Friday, January 13 - 7:00 PM

Host: Char Strand - **RSVP:** 952-884-5859
10725 James Road, Bloomington 55431

Date: Friday, February 10 - 7:00 PM

Host: Carol Bush - **RSVP:** 952-922-8035
5691 Hyland Courts Drive, Bloomington 55437

Date: Friday, March 10 - 7:00 PM

Host: Mary Ellen Gabel - **RSVP:** 612-789-7832
3213 Skycroft Drive
NE, Minneapolis
55418

Hosts are needed for the September, October and November Card/ Game Nights. Call Jan to volunteer.



(It seems polite for partygoers to bring slippers in Minnesota winters.)

Nisswa Bike and Golf trip, June 12 - 15, 2017

Cost: \$160 (Last chance to sign-up is now!)

The Carols again invite you to Nisswa. The trip INCLUDES:



3 nights lodging (Mon.-Wed.);
3 continental breakfasts
Monday Eve Welcome Party: Drinks
Wednesday night: cookout dinner
(Assigned attendees will bring appetizers & side dishes.)

Nancy Harman is organizing a golfing program for those interested in golfing rather than biking. If interested in being put on her list, email her at fischerking@usfamily.net

Make check payable to ULLR Club. **Send to:** Carol Bush, 5691 Hyland Courts Drive, Bloomington, MN 55437. Include emergency contact and roommate preference with your check.

Co-Chairs: Carol Thelen, 320-333-6642, carolte@me.com

Carol Bush, 952-922-8035, carolsbush@aol.com

ULLR Cancellation Policy applies. See the flyer at ullr.org

13 of us ventured "Into the Woods" of Lake Elmo on

Nov. 15 for an enchanted moonlight walk. Weather and all conditions could NOT have been better to view the full moon, not this bright for the last 68 years!



Don't miss the General Meeting on

February 9, 2017

We are going to be entertained by the

WonderWeavers

Tina and Colleen

Professional storytellers



Check out their website: wonderweavers.com

2017 Winter Social Calendar *See ullr.org for flyers*

January 13, Friday - 7:00 PM
Singles' Cards & Games Night
Char Strand; RSVP: 952-884-5859

January 17, Tuesday - 6:00 PM
Singles' Dinner or Beverage & Movie

January 19, Thursday (see p. 6)
ULLR General Meeting at K.C. Hall,
5 PM Optional Dinner; 6 PM Socialize
7:00 Meeting; Program: Preventing
Fraud and Scams (see p. 6)
Contact: Mary Jane Hochstein
763-479-6890

February 9, Thursday (see p. 4)
ULLR General Meeting at K.C. Hall,
5 PM Optional Dinner; 6 PM Socialize
7:00 Meeting; Program: Wonder
Weavers
Contact: Mary Jane Hochstein
763-479-6890

February 10, Friday - 7:00 PM
Singles' Cards & Games Night
Host: Carol Bush; RSVP: 952-922-8035

February 11, Saturday - 11:30 AM
February Social & Potluck (see p.7)
Diane Erlandson; RSVP: 952-941-5184

February 12, Sunday - 1:30 PM
"Little Shop of Horrors" (see p.7)
Karen Gray; RSVP: 952-895-8960

February 21, Tuesday - 6:00 PM
Singles' Dinner /or Beverage & Movie

February 26-March 4 (see p. 6)
Park City Ski Trip

February 28, Tuesday - 5:30 PM
Singles' Fine Dining at *5120 Restaurant*
(in Country Inn Suites)
RSVP: Ellise Lamb, 952-442-9332

March 9, Thursday (see p. 6)
ULLR General Meeting at K.C. Hall
5 PM Optional Dinner; 6 PM Socialize
7:00 Meeting
Contact: Mary Jane Hochstein
763-479-6890

March 10, Friday - 7:00 PM
Singles' Cards & Games Night
Mary Ellen Gabel; RSVP: 612-789-7832

March 12, Sunday - 4:00 PM
Bike Season Planning Party (see p.7)
John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald
RSVP: 952-470-5411

March 18, Saturday - 4:00 PM (p.7)
St. Patty's Day Party & Potluck
Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel
RSVP: 952-470-5411

March 21, Tuesday - 6:00 PM
Singles' Dinner &/or Beverage &
Movie Night

March 28, Tuesday - 5:30 PM
Singles' Fine Dining at *Wildfire*
RSVP: Ellise Lamb, 952-442-9332

Recalling Nov-Dec

A sincere thanks to these ULLRs who organized/ led an event.

NOVEMBER

3, Nine Mile Creek Hike (see p. 6)
Linda Heintz

6, Play: Bye, Bye Birdie
Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel

9, Coon Rapids Dam Hike
Carol Bush

10, General Meeting
Mary Jane Hochstein & speaker,
Alan Moore

**11, Singles
Cards/games**
Char Strand

**15, Lake Elmo
Full Moon Hike**
Sharon Tornes

17, Nine Mile Creek Hike
Linda Heintz

**25, Singles' Fine Dining at Fire Lake
Grill** -Ellise Lamb

DECEMBER

3, Holiday Ball
Mary Jane Hochstein, Sharon
Marini, & Diane Erlandson

5, French Park Hike
James Habeck

**8, Membership Directory Folding
Party**
Jan Butler

9-11, MSC trip to Giant's Ridge
Jerry Schuster



Winter Hiking Calendar 2017

January 21, Saturday - 1:00 PM
Elm Creek Regional Park Hike, SS, XO
Jim Habeck, 763-559-5593

January 24, Tuesday - 10:30 AM
Snowshoe Around a lake
Sally Chevalier, 952-935-7000

February 10, Friday - 10:45
Como Park Hike or SS
Mary Ellen Gabel, 612-789-7832

February 13, Monday - 10:45
Hyland Park SS or XO
Sharon Marini, 952-893-7408

February 17, Friday - 11:00
Whitetail Woods Hike or SS
Nancy Sand, 952-435-5225

February 20, Monday - 10:30
Minnesota River Valley National
Refuge Hike or SS
John Vogt, 952-829-7056

See photos from past events at <http://www.ullr.org/EventPics.html>



SKI TRIP TO PARK CITY, UTAH Feb. 26 – Mar. 4, 2017

[The trip with 40 folks is full! There is a wait list.](#)

Cost: \$978; Land Only: \$616 (Costs subject to surcharges.)

Make checks payable to: ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club

Mail to: John Vogt, 11032 Oregon Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55438

TRIP CHAIRS: Jim Habeck, 763-559-5593, james.habeck@q.com and John Vogt 952-829-7056(h), 952-250-9150(c), jvgt11@gmail.com

ULLR Membership and Cancellation Policies Apply.

See the flyer at ullr.org for more details.

SNOWSHOE / HIKE at the MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

When: Monday, February 20, 2017

Meet: at 10:30 in the parking lot at the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge in

Bloomington. Snowshoe or hike at 10:45 in the Bass Ponds area.

Lunch after at TGI Fridays, 2201 Killebrew Dr, Bloomington.

RSVP: to John Vogt, (c) 952-829-7056 jvgt11@gmail.com

In case of bad weather, call John.



ULLR General Meetings—2017

Put these dates on your new 2017 calendar and come!

Dates: January 19, February 9, March 9 & April 13

6:00 PM Socialize — 7:00 PM General Meeting

Jan. 19 Program: "Preventing Medicare Fraud and Avoiding Scams." The Guest Speaker is from the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging and Senior Linkage Line. Come to hear ways to prevent YOU from being a target.

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Blvd. W., Bloomington. Consider having your dinner at the Hall. The dining room opens at 5:00 PM. Call Kim at 952-888-1492 to reserve a spot. The cost of meals and drinks is credited to the Club and helps to defray the rental cost of the meeting room.

Thrown Out of Park by Bloomington Police

By Linda Heintz (See photos at ullr.org)

We had some excitement on the Nine Mile Creek Hike. More excitement than we were prepared for. We had barely started when about half a dozen police cars came with lights flashing. The police got out with big guns and politely asked us to leave.

We stayed in the area hoping whatever was happening would blow over fast, and we could continue. When it didn't appear that it would happen anytime soon, another hiker suggested we walk down to

ULLR Outdoor Winter Summary

Jan. 11, 18, 25, Ski Welch, 9:30

Jan. 21, Elm Creek XO/SS/Hike

Jan. 24, Snowshoe Around a Lake

Jan. 31-Feb. 2 Wausau WI - Ski, XO,SS

Feb. 10, Como Park SS/Hike

Feb. 13, Hyland Hills SS/XO, 10:45

Feb. 15, Afton Alps, 9:30

Feb. 17, Whitetail Woods SS/Hike

Feb. 20, Minnesota River Valley SS/Hike

Feb. 22, Ski Welch, 9:30

Feb. 26-Mar. 4, Park City Utah

Mar. 8, Ski Welch, 9:30



Still want to go to WAUSAU?

Did you sign up to go to Wausau January 31-February 2, 2017?

Although the ULLR trip is filled with sixteen Ullrs, trip leader Nancy Sand says it is likely she could get a room for you.



Car pool to Wausau to join Ullrs to downhill ski, cross-country ski, or snowshoe.

Cost is **\$119** per person and includes two nights lodging at the rustic *Stoney Creek Inn* (2 per room), a pizza party, and two breakfasts. Get together with a friend, reserve your room, and drive to Wausau to join our group downhill skiing, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing at mid-week discounted rates. Act now!

Mail your check: now, payable to "ULLR Ski Club" to: Nancy Sand, 15001 Burnhaven Drive #108, Burnsville MN 55306.

106th and start our hike there. However, more and more police cars showed up, and we were told it would be best to just leave the area. At this point, were more than happy to oblige.

We ended up at the Old Cedar Bridge and hiked toward I-35W. Four people at the first creek crossing decided that they had walked enough. The remaining five of us went forward only to turn around at the next wet crossing.

Since I, for one, was a little stiff and sore later that night, I think we made a wise choice.

It may be winter, but let's party!!

Saturday February 11, 2017 at 11:30am

Where: Diane Erlandson's Party Room
8200 West 33rd St.

St. Louis Park, MN 55426

RSVP: Diane at 952-941-5184 or
diane.erlandson1976@gmail.com

Bring a dish to share for pot luck,
\$1 donation

Coffee and water provided, BYOB.

Bring games and/or cards

Not mandatory, but if you want to win some
money bring quarters as we will play a few
games of **BINGO**



Let's socialize and have some fun!!

Biking Planning Party

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

Sunday, March 12th, at 4 pm.

Main dish & beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish and \$1.

The party will be at the home of John Stiefel, 19595 Near Mountain Blvd., Shorewood, MN.

RSVP: to 952-470-5411 or patfitzjohns@msn.com by March 8th



"A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, *Little Shop Of Horrors* has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over 30 years. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (*Disney's The Little Mermaid, Beauty And The Beast, and Aladdin*) are the creative geniuses behind what has become one of the most popular shows in the world."

<http://www.mtishows.com/little-shop-of-horrors>

Sunday, February 12, 2017, 2:00 show time

Tickets are selling fast. Send a \$36 check to:

Karen Gray, 13216 Pine Ridge Rd, Burnsville, MN 55337.

February is a good time to enjoy a little doo-wop music and wild humor with your ULLR friends. Artistry never disappoints.

Optional restaurant dinner following the performance, TBD.

ULLR Cancellation Policy Applies.

Come to a St. Patty's Day Party

SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

4 PM TO ??

Wear your **GREEN**, bring a dish to share, your beverages for the evening and a \$1 donation.

If you have a favorite game, bring that along too. We will socialize, share a meal and have some

IRISH FUN

19595 Near Mountain Blvd., Shorewood

From 494 and 62, go west appx. 4 miles, follow Hwy 101 South, turn right on Townline Rd, it becomes Vine Hill Rd. after 1 block. Take Vine Hill Rd.

to Near Mountain Blvd, left to house.

RSVP: John Stiefel and
Patty Fitzgerald,
952-470-5411

patfitzjohns@msn.com



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

[The new information does not appear in the Online Nullr. You will find this information in an e-mail sent to you by the webmaster, Joe Coursolle.]

For December

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Fran De Well
Kenneth & Julianne Ernst

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

Marilyn and Jerald Barnard
Bill Kansas
Nedra Nicholls
David A. Walberg

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS!



Wendy Blue
Samuel Cave

Taffney Van Steenhuyse

Remember to keep your address, phone number(s) and email address current with the Club Membership VP. You don't want to miss knowing about ULLR activities.