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April 2018

Lutsen by Bruce Warner

The ULLR Ski Gods accompanied Nancy S, John V, James H, and Bruce W to Lutsen Mountain, Sunday Feb. 25 – 27. They encountered 30” of new snow that had been delivered the previous week, trails that were spectacularly groomed, and three mountains that had been reserved just for them.

Monday was light clouds, 25 degrees & very few people. Tuesday was 30 degrees, clear blue skies & even fewer skiers. Pizza was enjoyed at Sven & Ole’s Sunday night in Grand Marais and we enjoyed Lutsen Resort’s famous walleye on



Monday night. The New York cheese cake at The Caribou Lodge/ Hotel finished the stay Tuesday night. It was a terrific ski trip.



Jim, John, Nancy and Bruce enjoyed the glorious view of the wispy clouds which were reflected in the glistening waters of Lake Superior. Lutsen is a Minnesota treasure.

SPRING FORWARD!

The 68th Annual ULLR Awards Banquet and Dance

Friday, May 18, 2018

Chanhassen American Legion

290 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317

5 PM Social Hour (Cash Bar)

6 PM Buffet Dinner (Vegetarian meal by request)

6:45 PM Awards Presentation

8 PM Dancing to “The American Flyer Band”

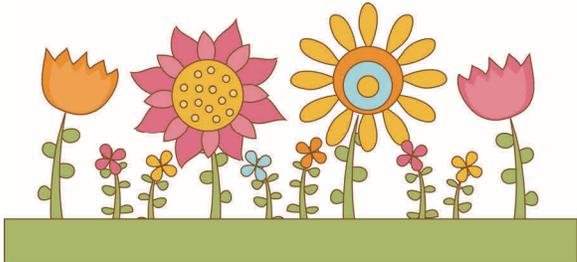
Cost: \$40; Make check payable to: ULLR Club

Send to: Diane Erlandson, 8200 West 33rd Street #302, St. Louis Park, MN 55426. 952-941-5184

Reservations due by Friday, May 11th.

Co-chairs: Joan Roe and Nancy Keyes

ULLR cancellation policy applies



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mary Jane Hochstein



Boy, did I get hooked on the Olympics! Weren't they awesome? They made a serious cut into my sleep time. But the excitement of it all! Highlights were: the opening and closing ceremonies that showcased South Korea; the unbelievable performances of the snowboarders and the speed of the Alpine skiers; and the exquisite ice dancers and figure skaters. How about those Minnesotans on the women's hockey team and Jessie Diggins! I was squirming in my recliner trying to help her to the finish line. It was exhausting! I LOVED every minute of the TV viewing, seeing the athletes from many nations with such talent and commitment to sport. Ahhh, youth.

On a sobering note was the school shooting in Florida. Absolutely heart-breaking. Such loss and devastation. Yet, rising above the unimaginable, were the well-spoken youth sparking a call to action, to justice. They are certainly showing we adults their determination to be heard and taken seriously. Then there were the alerts in our metro area schools. Where are our priorities and responsibilities in regards to our children and their safety? There are so many hot button issues facing us. Hopefully we can move forward, have good discussions, and come to some action and resolution.

As a club moving forward, April is a transitional month. We will wrap up our General Meetings with the election of new Board officers and have the Foundation-sponsored Bingo. We will enjoy more outdoor activities with the anticipation of Spring. Our snowbird friends will return and we can all celebrate at the Spring Banquet in May. There are lots of activities to come. Be sure to check your email and the website for any updates and changes.

ULLR SUMMER PICNICS by Mary Ellen Goriesky

Thanks to Joan Kruse for securing the summer picnic dates at Brookview Park. I also want to thank last year's picnic hosts, cashiers and the chairs who brought beverages and supplies.

Now is the time to submit your plans for summer events. Contact the Summer Vice President, SummerVP@ullr.org. What do you enjoy doing and where do you enjoy going?

Please put these dates on your calendar for the 2018 What's Cookin' Picnics at Brookview Park on Highway 55 in Golden Valley: June 6 and 20, July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22, and Sept. 5. Still needed are hosts for August 8 (70's and 80's birthday party) and Sept. 5.

The picnic meal price will remain the same as last year. Picnics start at 5 PM with food served at 6 PM.

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A Walk down the ULLR Memory Lane as reported in the April 2009 Nullr.

by Margie Deutsch

Co-Chair **Bruce Warner** wrote that for 57 Ullrs, the Snowmass Ski Trip was unusual, nothing went wrong! Transportation, weather, scenery, food, skiing and camaraderie all were great!

President **Barb Carpenter** reported on equally good trips to Giant's Ridge (Gloria Dombrok, chair) and Granite Peak.

Jerry Swanberg, the Granite Peak chair, wrote that the Ullrs not only had a great time skiing and snowshoeing, but also "partied hard like the days of old." He recommended returning to this ski area, the second largest in the Midwest with only Lutsen being larger.

The C4C (Committee for Change) proposed an on-line experiment of posting the Nullr. This was largely due to the high cost of a printed newsletter, \$7,000 in fiscal year 2007-2008. Members were asked to comment on the posting. Concern was for the current 30 members who were not on the internet.



The Board recommended that **JJ Coursolle**, the webmaster from 2001 to 2009, be honored with a lifetime membership for his tremendous work in keeping club members informed. It would be voted on at the annual meeting. Up until then, all past presidents and Nullr editor, **Joyce Croizer**, had received honorary membership. *[JJ has doubled the time he has been webmaster since then. Wow! Thanks, again and again!]*

Vicki Lee led 13 Ullrs on an unplanned hike on February 8. Those gathered at Lebanon Hills park found it too warm to cross country ski or snowshoe.

Brian Johnson, the ULLR racing teams coordinator, reported on the two racing teams. One statement surprised me. He said, "We prefer to race on ice rather than snow." *[Pictured were 5 racers, 4 in skin-tight outfits. Getting that on would be my greatest challenge!]*

The ULLR Foundation was planning its 25th anniversary party. Gifts to the Foundation keep on giving to others. *[Go to the ULLR [Foundation page](#) and see all of the generous memorials given to the Foundation.]*

Attend ULLR General Meetings

Members and guests are invited to ULLR Meetings. They are held at the Bloomington Event Center (BEC), the new name for the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Blvd W, Bloomington, MN 55420.

Make a reservation in the dining room, which opens at 5 PM, by calling 952-888-1492. The costs of our dinners and drinks are credited to the club to offset rental costs. Come downstairs for socializing after dinner.

The meetings start at 7 PM.

Put these Meeting dates on your 2018 calendar:

Thursday, March 15: The speaker will be Cathy Thoma, the Volunteer Director for the Hammer Residences. Last month's Nullr told of the donation to this agency. *"Helping people with developmental disabilities live life to its fullest."* There are over 40 staffed Hammer homes and apartment programs, serving over 200 adults and children throughout the western suburbs of the Twin Cities. The residences are adapted to meet the range of age and abilities.

The Thursday, April 12: meeting will feature the ULLR Foundation Bingo games and Raffle. Bring your friends! There are many nice raffle items. Contributions are still being accepted at the March meeting. Call Joan Roe, 952-914-9124.



Share a newsletter with a friend to let them know about our active club. Invite them to an event or meeting.

Directory Updates— see your e-mail for complete information. It does not appear here for security reasons. Remember to print and file these updates in your membership directory.

Additions for:

Eldon Kaul

Welcome new members:

JR (Judith) Holm

Sharon Erickson



The Trip still has some spaces. Sign up NOW.

Nisswa Bike and Golf Trip, June 11 - 14, 2018

3 Nights lodging: Monday-Wednesday, 3 breakfasts

Wednesday night Mexican Fiesta Dinner

Cost: \$160 (Due at sign-up)

Make check payable to ULLR Club.

Send to: Carol Bush, 5691 Hyland Courts Drive, Bloomington, MN 55437. Include emergency contact with your check.

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

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election of officers for the ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club will take place during the Annual Meeting which will be held Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the Bloomington Event Center (KC Hall.) Officers to be elected are President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Winter Programs Vice President, Summer Programs Vice President, and Membership Vice President. (The current President automatically assumes the position of Past President and becomes a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Club.)

Candidates for offices will be presented by the Nominating Committee at the ULLR General Meeting on March 15, 2018. At that time, any additional nominations must be made from the floor. Any member nominated at the meeting must be present and must have given the Secretary a written consent to such nomination. Write-in nominees are not allowed.

Each member shall have one vote upon each question before the meeting. Only members present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote, except that a Member may vote upon the election of officers by an absentee ballot, the form of which shall be prescribed by the board, and received by the person designated by the Board on or before the date of the Annual Meeting. The vote on Officers of the Club, Honorary Members, and all other issues that require a vote shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

Directions for Requesting an Absentee Ballot Any member wishing to vote absentee may request an absentee ballot from the ULLR President no earlier than March 17 and no later than March 30. Call Mary Jane Hochstein at 763-479-6890 or mail a request to ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club, PO Box 201409, Bloomington, MN 55420. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the President no later than April 6 at that same address.

Meet the Proposed Slate of ULLR Officers for 2018-2019

The Election of officers for the ULLR Ski, Bike, and Social Club will take place during the Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 12, 2017, at the Bloomington Event Center (K.C. Hall.)

Pictured are the candidates. The current President, Mary Jane Hochstein, automatically assumes the position of Past President Advisor and becomes a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Club. The new Board takes over on May 1, 2018 and their terms ends on April 30, 2019.

Joan Roe for President



I am looking forward to serving as President and working with the awesome members who have stepped up to serve on the 2018-2019 Board. Being Executive VP this year leads easily to progress to this next level.

Joining ULLR in the late 80's was one of the best decisions I've made. I have served as Membership VP 1994-1995 and Executive VP 2006-2008. I also have been on the Foundation Board for many years, helping those in need. I am grateful to be able to give back to this club which means so much to me. I love being with active, involved, interesting individuals who thrive on being together and enjoying many activities together.

See more candidates on page 5.

Janice Swanberg for Executive VP



I have been a member of the ULLR Ski Club since 1987. Since then I have been blessed to participate in many ski and bike trips, two Apostle Island sailing trips, plus many social events planned by wonderful ULLR members over the years. I married my husband Jerry in 1999, and have assisted him with running many ULLR ski and bike trips, and a few social events. Also, I served as Secretary on the 1999-2000 Board, and as Ski Programs VP for the

2008-2009 Board. In recent years I have not been very active, so when asked to serve on the Board I decided it was time for me to again participate more fully with my ULLR friends and new members.

From the May, 1999, NULLR: "Jan Pfarr is ULLR's 1999 Skier of the Year." Look at the size of that trophy!



Linda Heintz for Winter VP

See Linda at the March ULLR meeting.

I've been a member of the ULLR Ski Club since 1979. Since then I've run ski trips, bike trips (both day and weekend) and hiking events.

In 1991 I was ULLR of the Year. I've also served as secretary on the ULLR Board. I've been retired for over five years and love biking and hiking.

Mary VandeHei for Summer VP



I am eager to be considered for ULLR summer activity chair. Although I've kept busy as a substitute teacher for the past 18 years, the past 8 years my husband, Tom, and I have relished following Patty and John around the Minnesota biking trails. We also have led a few bike rides in the Chanhassen/Eden Prairie areas ourselves. I co-chaired the 2015 70's summer picnic, as well as co-chaired several Lanesboro bike trips. ULLR socials and hikes have also become an enjoyable way to connect with fellow ULLR adventurers. Being part of ULLR has been an inspiring experience for me, so I look forward to giving back just a tiny portion of what I've received.

Carol Bush for Treasurer

I have been a member of ULLRs since



the early 1980's. During that time, I have participated in a variety of club activities and enjoyed them. I was on the ULLR Foundation board for

several years in the late 1990's and early 2000's and am back on the Foundation Board as of last spring. I finally retired a year ago. In the past, I have served the club on the Board as Secretary, Membership VP and Treasurer. The nominating committee is hoping I have learned how to add 2 plus 2 by now and have asked me to be Treasurer again.

Pat Nelson for Membership VP

I have been a member since the mid 1990s serving on various board



positions: Winter VP, ULLR Foundation, Singles group and nominating committee. I have co-led and participated in western and local ski trips. I take part in club hikes, biking outings and an international trip. The ULLR organization has been an important part of my life for meeting new friends and experiencing events that have enriched my life.



Nancy Navis for Secretary

I have been a member for almost three years. I have enjoyed the many new friends I have met and the events the club has. My husband and I both ski and bike so the club has been a perfect fit for us. I look forward to serving on the board for another year.

See the other 2 candidates on page 4.

The Nominating Committee presents these candidates for the ULLR Board.

Mary Jane Hochstein becomes the Past President/Advisor for the Board.



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

SINGLES CARD/GAME NIGHTS

Bring a dish to share, beverage, and any games you would like to play.
Please RSVP the host!



Date: Friday, March 9 - 7:00 PM
Host: Pam Anderson - 763-315-3772
6217 Creekview Lane N., Brooklyn Park 55443

Date: Friday, April 13 - 7:00 PM
Host: Sandra Shearer - 952-236-7194
5225 Grandview Square, #319, Edina 55436

Date: Friday, May 11 - 7:00 PM
Host: Jan Butler - 952-544-8163
13506 Larkin Dr., Minnetonka 55305

**Hosts are needed for 2018 on: 9/14, and 11/9.
Call Jan Butler now to volunteer.**

2018 SINGLES' FINE DINING

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

March 27 - Lunch - 11:15 AM at *McCoy's Public House*, 3801 Grand Way, St. Louis Park 55416;
mccoysmn.com



April 24 - Lunch - 11:30 AM at *Arezzo Ristorante*, 5057 France Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55410
arezzoristorante.com [The restaurant opens at 11:30.]

May 27 - Lunch - 11:15 AM at *Redstone American Grill*, 12241 Wayzata Blvd., Minnetonka 55305 [The exterior of Ridgedale.] redstonegrill.com

April 1 is the deadline to submit your plan

WESTERN SKI TRIP OR WARM WEATHER GETAWAY PROPOSAL GUIDELINES FOR 2018-2019

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 download-able at:

<http://ullr.org/UllrForms.html>

E-mail your proposal to WinterVP@ullr.org

Foundation News

We are getting everything ready for the Bingo games and Raffle at the General Meeting on April 12 and hope many will be present.

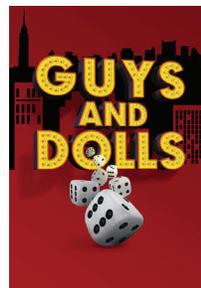
You can also invite your non-ULLR

relatives, friends, and neighbors. Lovely items, movie passes and gift certificates will be some of the items in the Raffle.



Valentine's Social Party

On Tuesday, February 13, 11 Ullrs joined hosts Galen and Mary Jane Hochstein for an early Valentine's Day social party. Festive heart decorations and red garb was evident. Spirits were buoyed up by the warm (above freezing) and sunny day. Galen displayed some marble mazes and his new pinball machine so Ullrs could try out their luck. Shrimp, hot pepper jelly and crackers for appetizers, sliders, red cabbage and ham and assorted desserts were enjoyed by all. A Valentine trivia quiz tested everyone's knowledge and memory recall. Margie Deutsch won the grand prize of Linder Truffles. It was a great time of fellowship and sharing.



Wednesday, April 11 - 1:30 PM

Old Log Theater, 5185 Meadville St., Excelsior, MN

Meet for lunch at *Maynards* - 11:30 AM
(Optional and on your own)

Set in mythical New York City, *Guys and Dolls* is considered the perfect romantic musical comedy. The story tells how

gambler, Nathan Detroit needs cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough. Sky, then, to settle Nathan's bet, begins to chase straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, proprietor of the Save-a-Soul Mission.

RSVP to Sally Chevalier by March 14, 952-935-7000.

Send a check for \$28 payable to Sally to: Sally Chevalier, 4108 Kerry Court, Minnetonka, MN 55345

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2018 Social Calendar *See ullr.org for flyers*

March 9, Friday - 7:00 PM

Singles' Cards & Games Night
Host: Pam Anderson - 763-315-3772

March 15, Thursday - ULLR Meeting

6:00 Socialize; 7:00 Meeting & speaker
Kathy Thoma, Volunteer Director from
Hammer Residences
Contact: Joan Roe, 952-914-9124

March 18, Sunday - 4:00 PM

Bike Season Planning Party (see p.7)
Hosts: Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel
RSVP: 952-470-5411

March 27, Tuesday - 11:15 AM

Singles' Lunch at *McCoy's Public House*
RSVP: Ellise Lamb, 952-442-9332

April 11, Wednesday - 1:15 PM (p.6)

Old Log Theatre (**Reserve by March 14**)
Optional: 11:30 AM Lunch at Maynards
Sally Chevalier 952-935-7000

April 12, Thursday - ULLR Meeting

6:00 PM Socialize; 7:00 Meeting &
Bingo & Foundation Raffle

April 13, Friday - 7:00 PM

Singles' Cards & Games Night
Host: Sandra Shearer - 952-236-7194

April 23, Tuesday - 11:15 AM

Singles' Lunch at *Arezzo Ristorante*,
RSVP: Ellise Lamb, 952-442-9332

May 4, Friday - Noon

Membership Directory Folding Party
RSVP: Sharon Marini - 952-893-7408

May 11, Friday - 7:00 PM

Singles' Cards & Games Night
Host: Jan Butler - 952-544-8163

May 18, Friday - 5:00 PM

Spring Banquet & Dance (see p. 1)
Contact: Diane Erlandson, 952-941-
5184

June 11-14, Mon.-Thursday

Nisswa Bike & Golf Trip (see p. 3)
Contact: Carol Bush, 952-922-8035
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Hikes

April 15, Sunday

Minnehaha Falls
Karen Holmquist - 952-431-1903

April 21, Saturday - 10:15 AM

Lake of the Isles
Carol Bush - 952-922-8035

April 27, Friday

Kaposi Park
Sharon Tornes - 920-540-0298

May 9, Wednesday

Como Park
Barb Kolbe - 651-633-0936
Kyle McClintick

May 16, Wednesday -10:30 AM

Battle Creek
Nancy Sand - 952-435-5225

BIKE PLANNING PARTY -

Sunday, March 18th, 4 PM

There still is plenty of skiing ahead, but Ullrs like to have plans for all of the seasons. 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.

Where: the home of John Stiefel and Patty Fitzgerald, 19595 Near Mountain Blvd., Shorewood, 55331

RSVP to 952-470-5411 or pat-fitzjohns@msn.com by March 11th.

Eating veggies & biking lead to good health.

How about a veggie bike? (How many different veggies are here?)



Ullrs like to have fun!

How about you planning an event or party? Maybe a Happy Spring Party, or *your idea* for a party. How about an evening at a comedy club, a casino dinner & program, a Sunday afternoon concert or a college game? Tell your plan to V.P. Joan Roe, 952-914-9124.

Bike Schedule

May 5, 9:45 AM Bike Season Kick-off Ride

Hopkins to Minneapolis Lakes
Contacts: John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald, 952-470-5411

May 10, 9:15 AM

First Thursday Ride, meet at Lynnhurst Field parking lot.

Recalling February

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

5, Hike/SS at Minnesota River Valley Refuge - **cancelled**
John Vogt

8, General Meeting
Joan Roe and speaker, Rasa Troup

9, Singles' Cards & Games Night
Carol Bush

10, R U Feeling Electric 2 Day
Gary Gray & host, Nancy Sand

12, Snowshoe Whitetail Woods Park - **cancelled**
Nancy Sand

13, Valentine's Party
Mary Jane & Galen Hochstein

17, Elm Creek Park Hike/SS
Jim Habeck

25-27, Skiing at Lutsen
Bruce Warner

27, Fine Dining at *Wildfire*
Ellise Lamb

