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December 2019—January 2020

Falling Leaves Full Moon Hike - Karen Holmquist

The rain stopped, and the clouds parted to reveal the “Falling Leaves Full Moon”, a beautiful sight, at the Richardson Nature Center on Sunday, October 13. While we waited for the group to assemble, fourteen Ullrs gathered and were entertained by a guitar-playing, Three Rivers Volunteer and singer. We even joined in on some familiar tunes, “Shine on Harvest Moon”, “Hey, Diddle, Diddle,” and his original “Summer’s Gone to Fall.” After a short science lesson on “why leaves change color,” we walked out into the dark to “listen for animal sounds, even earthworms.” We also had a lesson on planets. Jupiter and Saturn were out shining, but not twinkling as do stars. We also found the Big Dipper and Polaris. Our Naturalist had several interesting constellation stories to tell. A beautiful night for a Walk In the Woods!



These bundled-up Ullrs are: Kyle M, Barb S, Joyce B, Nancy S, Barb K, Sharon M, Joan R, Linda H, Carolyn B, Audrey K, (front) Ken M, John E, [and hike leader photographer Karen H]

Come to the ULLR Christmas Social

Sunday, December 15, from 2:00-5:00 PM.

Gramercy Club, 15001 Burnhaven Drive, Burnsville

The Social Hour will begin at 2:00 PM



with Hot and Cold Hors d’oeuvres and Beverages.

At 3:00 PM we will be entertained by Linda Peterson of The Peterson Family, “Minnesota’s First Family of Music.” Enjoy some easy listening, toe-tapping, and holiday music— all for you to relax and get into a

good, happy mood for the upcoming holidays.

Linda has 5 CDs to her credit. A new CD of Linda’s original compositions was released in the summer of 2015, entitled “You Gotta Be Somewhere.”

At 4:00 PM a decadent dessert will be served with coffee.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys For Tots.

Sign up now or at the November General Meeting.

Make checks for \$20 payable to “ULLR Ski Club”

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

Reservations due by November 30, 2019

Chairs: Nancy Sand and Karen Holmquist

The ULLR Cancellation Policy applies.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Sharon Marini



Greetings Ullrs,

Now is the time to show your support for the club. Yes, it is that time of the year for nominations for board members for the 2020-2021 year. Some Ullrs on our current board have served several successive years in a row and would like to retire again. I say again because many have served on the board in other years. The nominating committee currently is composed of Linda Heintz and Mary Jane Hochstein. I would like one more member to volunteer to be on that committee. Please say yes when they approach you. I would like to see some new members volunteer for board positions. When we all work together, it lightens the load. We have been fortunate to have an excellent board this year and in years past. Please let me know what position interests you or talk to the member who currently holds that position to see what the job entails. If you would like to be president next year, please let me know. Don't be discouraged if my phone is busy with requests to be president, keep trying to reach me.

I hope that you all have your snowshoes and skis ready to go. The snow is coming.

Reminders: Please make a reservation at the Bloomington Events Center at least one day before you plan to have dinner before our ULLR meetings. That will ensure there is enough wait staff to take and deliver your food and drink orders in a timely manner. Also, when signing up for the trip to Nisswa, please include your emergency contact and their phone number. We still have openings. Sign up soon.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas, a happy Hanukkah, and a healthy new year.

A skiers dictionary sent to me from Bob Coulter, a former skier.

Avalanche: one of the few actual perils skiers face that needlessly frighten timid individuals away from the sport. See also blizzard, fracture, frostbite, hypothermia, lift collapse.

Bindings: Automatic mechanisms that protect skiers from potentially serious injury during a fall by releasing skis from boots, sending the skis skittering across the slope where they trip two other skiers, and so on and on, eventually causing the entire slope to be protected from serious injury.

Bones: There are 206 bones in the human body. No need for dismay, however, two bones in the middle ear have never been broken in a skiing accident.

Skier: One who pays an arm and a leg for the opportunity to break them.

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THE ULLR NOMINATING COMMITTEE SAYS



Seven volunteers serve as your elected ULLR Board. Without them, there would be no winter fun and ski trips, no summer picnics or social events, no General member meetings, no accountability for monies collected, - - no ULLR club.

For 2019-2020, 3 positions need to be filled. There are years of documentation and information to help you perform your work. Feel free to talk to Jan Swanberg, Executive VP, Sharon Marini, outgoing President, and Linda Heintz, current Winter VP for more information about these 3 positions that need to be filled.

Plan to attend the 2019-2020 ULLR General Meetings.

November 14, 2019
January 16, 2020
February 13, 2020
March 12, 2020

The November 14th General meeting will have a speaker from Gentle Transitions. Gentle Transitions is a pioneer in the senior relocation industry. Its movers in the St. Paul/Minneapolis area will help seniors sort, pack and move their precious belongings. The firm can also: help with downsizing and/or decluttering, an apartment clean-out, internal moves in a building, or moves to another state.



Meetings are held at the Bloomington Event Center (BEC), 1114 American Blvd W, Bloomington, MN 55420. Make a reservation for 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.

ULLR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FOLDING PARTY

Monday, December 9

Lunch is at noon followed by Directory folding.

Host: Diane Erlandson

8200 West 33rd Street #302, St Louis Park, 55426

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

All are welcome! A main dish and beverages are provided. Members should bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share and contribute \$1.00 per person to help with costs. For more information, contact Nancy Sand, Folding Party Coordinator, 952-435-5225 or nsand878@gmail.com



Now is the time to start planning a social event for January, February, or March. Help make those winter months be friendly and fun!

The ULLRNET

The ULLRnet was created as a way to receive messages of a personal nature about current and past members. If you wish to receive or post information, please send an email message to ullrnet@ullr.org. Notices must have the permission of the person for whom it is written.

Early, but Important - Please note!
ULLR CLUB TURNS 70 in 2020!!

"For Old Times Sake!"

Special 70th Anniversary Celebration
and Spring Banquet
May 16, 2020

Minnesota Valley Country Club

Contact all the former members whom you know and invite them to celebrate the 70 years of memories of this club.

Contact: Joan Roe

roejoank@gmail.com 952-914-9124



Membership Spotlight

Greet these New Members:

Patricia R. Bruns

Mary Hartell

Mike Nelson

Members receive complete information via e-mail. **Remember to update any changes to your information. The new directory will be printed in November.**

Recalling October

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

3, 10, Twin Cities Rides

John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald

3, General meeting

Janice Swanberg

9, Schaar's Bluff Hike

Nancy Sand

11, Singles Card/Games

Jan Butler



13, Full Moon Hike

Karen Holmquist

16, Lebanon Hills Hike

Linda Heintz

22, Singles' Lunch at Good Earth

Ellise Lamb

26, Carver Park Hike

John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald

27, Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular

Nancy Sand

29, Hyland Hills Hike

Sharon Marini

31, Halloween Party

Galen & Mary Jane Hochstein

Unfortunately, these hikes weren't taken because of wet trails:

20, 17th Annual Fort Snelling Hike
Carolyn Buswell & John Egan

21, Arboretum Hike
Karen Holmquist

Visit the Science Museum of Minnesota

Friday November 15, 2019

We'll meet at 1:45 PM in the lobby. The tour starts promptly at 2:00 PM; the movie is at 4:00 PM

If you weren't one of the lucky 12, the Omnitheater

+ Museum senior admission is \$19.95

There have been major changes in personnel, exhibits and even the wonderful Omnitheater, currently showing "The Superpower Dogs." The movie follows six of the world's boldest four-legged heroes as they brave earthquakes and avalanches, protect endangered species like rhinos and elephants, and transform lives.

In addition to the movie, you will get a guided tour of some of the hidden treasures at the museum featuring

ancient animals of the Dakotas; billion-, not million-, year old fossils; remains of animals living when Minnesota was under the vast Western Inland Sea; and unique features of some of the most ferocious animals that ever lived including *T. Rex* and the flying pterosaur, *Quetzalcoatlus*, both in the lobby.

There are elevators and places to sit in the areas where we'll be discussing, but you are also free to strike out on your own to explore the many exhibits. Don't miss the "Body Worlds RX" exhibit with more than 100 plastinated human body specimens and healthy and diseased organs displayed side-by-side to illustrate the differences.

After the visit, we'll head over to nearby *Axel's Restaurant* on HWY 13. (A map will be provided.)

Call Gary, 952-895-8960 or ggray@q.com



A musical comedy, fast paced, who did it and how. "On eve of his mother's funeral, middle class Monty learns he will be an aristocrat, inherit title and money if he does away with 8 earls preceding him from earldom. He [the actor] plays 8 different parts, amazing."

The play is at the OLD LOG Theater in Excelsior.

January 15, 2020, a Wednesday matinee At 1:00 pm (open seating)

Ticket cost is \$28, Payable to: Sally Chevalier, 5222 Spring Circle Excelsior, MN 55331

Optional lunch at Maynard's in Excelsior - meet there at 11:30 am

RSVP no later than December 7. Tell Sally if going to lunch when mailing your check for a ticket.) ULLR Cancellation Policies Apply.

ULLR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Do it now!!

Your ULLR Membership expired October 31, 2019. Membership renewal forms are available on the [ULLR website](#). Go to the "Membership" page. They also will be available at the General Meetings. **Look at your contact information in our current ULLR Membership Directory.** If it is correct,

just write your name at the top of the form and then write "Same." Sign and date the form at the bottom. If you are a couple, you may complete one form, but both must sign and date the form at the bottom. ULLR membership costs \$25.00 per member. Questions? Contact Membership VP Nancy Sand at 952-435-5225 or nsand878@gmail.com



PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS, AND MORE PUMPKINS - Nancy Sand

A crisp evening without snow or rain was perfect for thirteen Ullrs and two guests who marveled at the 5,000 carved and decorated pumpkins on display at the Minnesota Zoo Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular (JOLS). Nancy said pumpkins are replaced throughout the month with different carvings and decorations. By the end of the month more than 20,000 pumpkins will have been carved and decorated.

One of the Hawaiian monk seals in Discovery Bay hovered at the window and delighted all who gathered there to take photos. Along the beautifully lit trail to JOLS, there were signs encouraging guests to do lunges, arm circles, and jumping jacks. Kids loved this, and some Ullrs joined in the fun.

This year's JOLS theme was "A Trip Around the World." Many highly decorated pumpkins depicted places, people, animals, art work, etc. for many countries and regions of the world. There was a special group of pumpkins with scenes of cartoons, comic characters, and movies that small children (and Ullrs with young grand-children) could recognize. Two other special decorated groups depicted

block-buster movie characters/scenes and memorial portraits of well-known people.

Thousands of general jack-o-lantern pumpkins ranged from small sizes to pumpkins weighing nearly 2,000 pounds! Carved faces glowed, displayed on pedestals in large groups, and hung from tree tops. The scenes were enchanting, and Ullrs walked with smiles on their faces.

Professional artists create all the pumpkins and showed their great sense of humor by placing images of tiny "Waldos" on a few of the pumpkins. It was fun to hear grownups and kids exclaim their delight when they spotted a Waldo! Can you find Waldo on the Minions pumpkin photo? [See more photos at ullr.org]



The MN Zoo hopes to have JOLS back next year with a different theme. Plan to come!



Nan F, Mike A, Nancy N, Barb K, Craig N

A BEAUTIFUL DAY AT SCHAAR'S BLUFF

Six Ullrs came to Spring Lake Park Reserve on October 9 to hike at Schaar's Bluff. Sunshine with warmth and blue skies made perfect conditions for spending about 2½ hours outside in nature. We were delighted to have Mike A come to our hike. Mike is our newest ULLR member. We welcome him to our Club and hope to see him at many ULLR events. Hike leader Nancy S lead the group around two loops in the Park with many views of the Mississippi River. Looking out at the scenery was great. Stepping to the edge of the bluff and looking down was not so comfortable

for everyone, but some did go down a little way to see some awesome views. After the hike, we satisfied our hunger and quenched our thirst at the Bierstube in Hastings. - Nancy Sand



**MSC's Winter Carnival
One Weekend, 2 Mountains!
January 3-5, 2020**

- *Round trip coach bus from Minneapolis (Honeywell lot)
- *2 nights lodging in main lodge, complex units or trailside condos with fully furnished kitchens (but no ovens)
- *2-day downhill ski lift ticket for both Indianhead & Blackjack Ski Areas in Michigan, with optional Friday afternoon lift ticket at \$30 additional
- *Friday Welcome Party with light snacks (meat/cheese) at Dudley's 6-7:30 PM courtesy of Big Snow Resort.
- *Free breakfast both Saturday and Sunday AM. Select from options on a special menu or buy your own à la carte
- *Live entertainment Friday and Saturday Nights in Dudley's Saloon. Après ski music in the Sky Bar in Summit Center from 4:30 - 7:30 PM Friday and Saturday
- *Wine and cheese party on the hill; Turtle Races with \$400 in MSC prizes and the Human Slalom

- *Buffet style dinner Saturday night
- *Cross country ski or snowshoe on 69 km of groomed trails at ABR Park on both Saturday and Sunday. Snowshoe also available at Big Snow depending on conditions (to be purchased on your own at Big Snow Resort. Present your MSC neck wallet ID for discount).
- *Indoor heated pool, large hot tub and exercise room in the Lodge.
- *All gratuities and taxes included

Pricing for this weekend depends upon where you stay and how many are in the room. See the flyer for details. <http://www.ULLR.org/Flyers/2020/2020-MSC-WinterCarnival2.pdf>

Contact Jerry with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to another fun event for the MSC and its members. *Jerry Schuster*, 952-888-0860, jeschus@usjet.net

The Last Day to Sign up is Dec. 6th, 2019, but don't wait. The trip is expected to sell out fast.



**BIG SKY - Montana
Ski Trip 2020**

We are currently full. BUT, if you are even remotely interested in joining us, sign up to be on the wait list. Unexpected things do

happen. The dates are March 15-21. Let Nancy or Sharon know of your interest. The [flyer and signup](#) sheets are on the ULLR website.

Cost: \$1,556. **The final \$ 556** is due 12/1/19** (The final payment may change)

Trip chairs: Nancy Sand, (h) 952-435-5225 or (c) 763-280-2600, nsand878@gmail.com
Sharon Marini, (h) 952-893-7408 or (c) 612-408-7707,



Hyland Hills Hike: Alan M, Bill B, Craig N, John S, Pat N, Patty F, Linda H, Nancy N, Judy B, Ken M

Eleven Ullrs hiked Richardson Nature Center on Tuesday, October 29. We hiked up to the ski jump where we contemplated our turn to try it. It turned out to be a nice sunny day with no wind where we walked. The water was

still high with ramps over the water in various places. We didn't see any animals, maybe a bird or two. Following the hike, eight of us had lunch at Poor Richard's in Bloomington. The hike was led by Sharon Marini.



Hike Nine Mile Creek

Tuesday - November 12, 2019

Meet: 11:00 AM, Hike: 11:15 AM

Meet at Moir Park in Bloomington. From W. Old Shakopee Road (Hwy. 1,) turn onto Sheridan

Av. S. At the first intersection, turn left onto W. 105th St. Follow signs to park. First parking lot.

We'll hike to the river and back and then go to lunch at *Willie McCoy's*, 10700 France, Bloomington 55431
RSVP: Linda Heintz: 651-454-6152 (h) or 612-916-2526 (c)

MN Arboretum Winter Lights Walk

Saturday, November 30, 2019

Meet at 5:00 at the reception desk in the Oswald Visitors' Center to start the walk.

Come and spend an evening "Making Spirits Bright" at the Arboretum. The evening will feature a popular Holiday Lights Display. Displays are indoors (a 25-foot poinsettia tree and more) as well as outdoors. For non-members, admission to the Arboretum for entire day is \$15.00 including the lights display. We will not plan to eat as a group but the Arboretum Café has great food. The café, a cash bar, and treats will be available.

Address: 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, Minnesota, phone: 952-443-1400. Continue west from 494 and Hwy 212 to Hwy 5 to Arboretum Drive.

Please RSVP to Pat Nelson, 952-893-1045 or Panelson66@msn.com or just show up.



The 2018 theme was Making Spirits Bright.

The outdoors walk, open from 5:00 to 9:00 PM, will go through 13 beautiful expanded light displays- through sparkling winter gardens. There will be a stunning ice throne, perfect for photos! Warm up near a bonfire, s'mores kits will be available for purchase. More info is available at arboretum.umn.edu.

Hike, Snowshoe, Cross Country in French

Park. Saturday December 7, 2019, Time 1:30 p.m.

Meet in the parking lot by the Visitor's Center.

French Regional Park offers many opportunities for going on or off trail. The Lagoon Trail is a groomed 0.7-mile loop perfect for beginners. Park by the visitor center and hop on the cross-country ski trail that heads southeast along the main road. Snowshoes may be rented at the park in the Visitors Center for \$5.00.

The nature exploration area has an unofficial trail around a pond, or you can follow animal trails through hilly forest areas. Access is off the parking lot on the north side of the main road next to the sledding hill.

Another off-trail area is along the shore of Medicine Lake. Park by the lake access.

We will go to Chili's afterwards. French Park is located in Plymouth at 12605 Rockford Road. The street is also called 42nd Av. N. and County Road 9. It is between Hwy 169 and I-494.

RSVP: James Habeck, 763-559-5593

In case of bad weather or to verify the event is not cancelled, call the trip leader to confirm if the event will happen.

Richardson Nature Center Snowshoe, Cross Country Ski, or Hike

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meet at 10:30 am; SS, CC or Hike at 11:00 am

Meet at Richardson Nature Center, 8738 East Bush Lake Road, Bloomington.

Exit I-494 at Bush Lake Road and go south. Turn right at the light onto East Bush Lake Road. Richardson Nature Center is about a mile and a half on the left.

There are great trails for both snowshoe and cross country skiing. The distance can be flexible.

Lunch TBD

RSVP by Monday, January 6, 2020 to Sharon Marini, (H) 952-893-7408, (C) 612-408-7707

(Winter rental equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call ahead to check hours and availability, particularly if it is a group activity.)

See hiking flyers at ullr.org for more information on these & other hikes.

2019 - 2020 Social Calendar [See ullr.org](http://ullr.org) for flyers

November 14, Thursday - 5:00 PM - meal; **7:00 PM** - General Meeting & speaker from "Gentle Transitions." Janice Swanberg, 651-633-7178

November 15, Friday - 1:45 PM (see p.4)

A 3-in-1 afternoon at the Science Museum of Minnesota—Tour, film, & Body Worlds RX
RSVP: Gary Gray, 952-895-8960

November 28, Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30, Saturday - 5:00 PM
Minnesota Arboretum Holiday Lights Walk (see p. 7)
RSVP: Pat Nelson, 952-893-1045

December 9, Monday - Noon
Directory Folding Party (see p.3)
Host: Diane Erlandson, 952-941-5184; diane.erlandson1976@gmail.com

December 15, Sunday - 2:00 PM
Holiday Party (see p.1)
Chairs: Karen Holmquist and Nancy Sand; checks to Diane Erlandson

Happy Hanukkah
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

January 10, 2020, Friday - 6:00 PM
Singles Potluck/Game Night
RSVP: Char Strand, 952-884-5859

January 15, 2020, Wednesday - Meet in the lobby by 12:45 PM
A Gentleman's Guide - at the Old Log Theater (see p.4)
Mail NLT Dec. 7 to Sally Chevalier, 952-935-7000

January 16, 2020, Thursday - 5:00 PM - meal; **7:00 PM** - General Meeting
Janice Swanberg, 651-633-7178



OH, NO!! February, March, & April have no social events planned. Not everyone is a snow bird. Plan an event. Contact the winterVP@ullr.org

Contact Jan Butler about 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 to the host!**

No December Singles' social gathering.

Friday, January 10, 2020 - 6:00 PM cards/games
Host: Char Strand - cmstrand@earthlink.net
10725 James Rd., Bloomington 55431
952-884-5859

SINGLES' FINE DINING on TUESDAYS

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

November 26 - Lunch - 11:15 AM at *Bloomington Chop House*, 3900 American Blvd., Bloomington 55437
bloomingtonchophouse.com

The next lunch is March 17, 2020



Halloween Party at the Hochsteins

-Mary Jane Hochstein

It was a bright, sunny, cold day when 27 Ullrs made their way to the Hochsteins to celebrate Halloween. They arrived: a coven of witches, a blond angel radiant in white garb, a poodle, an Easter bunny, a convict with a ball and chain escorted by law enforcement, a football hero, and many others in colorful and original costumes. Some of them came as themselves. Of course, there was an overflow assortment of goodies to eat from appetizers to desserts and hot mulled cider to boot. Galen's original marble mazes received some attention, and many participated in a game of Card Shark, won by Paula M. It was an enjoyable afternoon spent with good friends and everyone got home in time for Trick or Treating.



You have heard the saying before, but I guess Jan F really is the ball and chain for Ken F.

Thanks to Nancy Keyes for the Halloween photos. Find more at ullr.org

GOOD OL' Days June 1-4, 2020

See the flyer for next year's trip to the Good Ol' Days Resort in Nisswa

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

or <http://ullr.org/Flyers/2020/200601-NisswaGoodOldDays.pdf>

This is a very popular trip and a great get-together. Don't miss it - sign up soon!

A large deposit is due to the lodge in November. Please send your check for \$170 to Sharon Marini, 8201 York Av. S., Bloomington MN 55431.

Rooming will be first come first serve upon receipt of your check.

If you have a special lodging request, let us know.

Please include emergency info. Co-chairs are Sharon Marini and Patty Fitzgerald

Send any emails directly to Sharon slmarini@comcast.net

or Patty at patfitzjohns@msn.com

In the late 1890's, early settlers, Ernest & Katherine Smiley, built a log homestead at Cullen Creek just north of old 371 (Lower Cullen Road.) When the township was platted, it was named Smiley. In 1908 the town was renamed Nisswa. Since 1915, summer visitors have come to the Good Ol' Days resort location. In 2006, all of the original buildings were removed and replaced with 10 brand new Cottages and an eight-unit Lodge. Many still think Smiley is the perfect name for this town.

Downhill Skiing

December 11, Wednesday

Afton Alps

December 19, Thursday

Welch Village

January 3-5, Friday-Sunday

MSC Winter Carnival

(see p. 6)

January 9, Thursday

Welch Village

January 13, Monday

Afton Alps

January 23, Thursday

Welch Village

January 27, Monday

Buck Hill

There are no hosts for these outings. Meet in the main lodge at 9:30 AM

All hiking times are AM unless noted. Get more information at ullr.org Call the trip leader if weather might be a problem.

HIKING SCHEDULE

November

12, Tuesday, 11:00, 9 Mile Creek Hike (see p.7)

RSVP: Linda Heintz, 612-916-2526

18, Monday, 10:30, Murphy Hanrehan Hike

RSVP: Nancy Sand, 952-435-5225 (see ullr.org)

30, Saturday, 5:00 PM, Arboretum Winter Lights

WALK (see p.7)

RSVP: Pat Nelson, 952-893-1045

December 7, Saturday, 1:30 PM, French Park SS/XC/Hike (see p.7)

RSVP: Jim Habeck, 763-559-5593

January

7, Tuesday, 10:30, Hyland Hills Richardson Center SS/XC/Hike, (see p.7)

RSVP: Sharon Marini, 952-893-74408

21, Tuesday, 10:30, Minnesota River Valley SS/Hike, (see p.9)

RSVP: John Vogt, 952-829-7056

26, Sunday, 1:00 PM Elm Creek SS/XC/Hike, (see p.9)

RSVP: Jim Habeck, 763-559-5593

Minnesota River Valley National Wildlife Refuge - Snowshoe or Hike

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meet at 10:30 AM in the parking lot at 11255 Bloomington Ferry Road, Bloomington MN

Directions: From Hwy 169 take Old Shakopee Road. Exit east on Old Shakopee Road to the first traffic signal. Right on Bloomington Ferry Road to the stop sign. Right turn to Bloomington Ferry Road to Bloomington Ferry Circle. Park in the lower Parking lot.

Fine Dining after the snowshoe/hike at: Bruegger's Bagels 9641 Anderson Lakes Parkway (Jerry's Mall)

RSVP: John Vogt 952-829-7056 jvgt11@gmail.com

In case of bad weather or to verify an event is not canceled call the chair person to confirm.

Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoe, Hike?

At Elm Creek Park Eastman Nature Center

Sunday, January 26, 2020 - 1:00 PM Located on County Rd 81. Directions: The park is located in Maple Grove. With the opening of Hwy 610 all the way to I-94 the route has changed a little. Three ways to get there.

1st, take I-94 west to Maple Grove Parkway. Take exit. Go north on parkway to Hwy 81. Go right 1 block to Fernbrook Lane North. Turn left going North. Look For sign going right to Eastman Nature Center.

2nd, Take Hwy 169 North. Take loop west onto Hwy 610. Take 610 to exit at Maple Grove Parkway. Follow Same instruction as above after getting on parkway

3rd, Take Hwy 81 northwest to Fernbrook Lane.

We will stop at the Maple Tavern after outing.

Questions? Call James Habeck 763-559-5593