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February 2020

## HO! HO! HO! HAPPY HOLIDAYS - by co-hosts Nancy Sand and Karen Holmquist

A Jolly Good Time was had by all at the ULLR Holiday Party, once again graciously hosted by Nancy Sand in her beautifully decorated party room. 72 ULLR members, two guests and two potential members joined in the merriment of the season.

The afternoon began with delicious hors d'oeuvres, beverages and socializing. Donated presents to *Toys For Tots* were generously piled beneath the Christmas trees, sure to brighten deserving children on Christmas Day.

Guest, Bob Gilbertson, expertly and amusingly introduced his friend, and our entertainment for the afternoon, Linda Peterson, of the Peterson Musical Family. Linda put us all in the holiday mood, singing favorite songs and medleys. We would have listened to Linda into the evening, so delightful was her singing.

Dessert was served to conclude the Holiday Party. Luscious and moist cake from *Nothing Bundt Cakes* was enjoyed by all, even two pieces!

Thank you to all for sharing the Joy of the Season!



### Party Attendees:

(top l.) Jan B and Jim H

(top r.) Jean M and Pat N

(l-r) Jan C, Janice S, Nancy K, Barb K.

See more photos at [ullr.org](http://ullr.org)



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Sharon Marini



Greetings Ullrs,

First of all, a BIG thank you to Nancy Sand and Karen Holmquist for co-chairing the Christmas Social. Also, to Nancy for sharing her beautiful party room.

Appetizers were beautifully presented and plentiful.

The music was wonderful and the cakes were "to die for".

We have plenty of snow for downhill skiing, cross country and snow-shoeing. And now for some more good news. We will be serving beer and wine again at the summer picnics thanks to Mary VandeHei's persistence. However, we need to increase the cost per person to \$10.00 due to the fact that we have to purchase a special insurance to serve alcohol. We can revisit this issue and evaluate the results at the end of the summer this year.

Remember that we will no longer be providing single serving water bottles at all ULLR funded/approved functions. Also, there is an increase for social party donation from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per person. This all began on January 1, 2020.

When signing up for the trip to Nisswa, please include your emergency contact and their phone number. We still have openings. Sign up soon.

Little known facts about February:

February was added to the Roman calendar in 713 BC. The length of the month changed over time and, at one time, it had as few as 23 days. When Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar, the month was assigned 28 days during normal years and 29 days during leap years which occurred every four years. 2020 is a leap year. [Don't worry about this rule: If the year can be evenly divided by 100, it is NOT a leap year, unless the year is also evenly divisible by 400. Then it is a leap year. So 2100, 2200, & 2300 won't be leap years.-Margie]

Many holidays take place during February. To mention a few: Chinese New Year, National Freedom Year, National Bird Feeding Month, National Dental Month and some more familiar ones like Ground Hog Day, Valentines and Presidents Day, Ash Wednesday, Black History Day, Chocolate Lovers' Month and Mardi Gras. February has something for everyone to celebrate.

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## THE ULLR NOMINATING COMMITTEE SAYS

**WE NEED YOU!**



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 2020-2021, 2 positions need to be filled. There are years of documentation and information to help you perform your work. Feel free to talk to Sharon Marini, outgoing President, and Linda Heintz, current Winter VP for more information about these two positions.



Linda H. likes the Holiday Party Hors d'oeuvres

### ULLR CLUB TURNS 70 in 2020!!

"For Old Times Sake!"

Special 70<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:roejoank@gmail.com) 952-914-9124



### Plan to attend the 2020 ULLR General Meetings.

January 16, 2020  
February 13, 2020  
March 12, 2020  
April 23, 2020

6:00 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar)

7:00 pm: Business Meeting

**January 16:** *Speaker:* Master Gardener and ULLR Karen Gray-"[Burnsville Gideon Pond Elementary School Garden Project](#)" (entering its 5th year.)

**February 13:** *Speaker:* Robert Stokes will tell us about the [Minneapolis Next Generation Lions](#) Club. Its focus is giving back to the community while having fun.

**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.

**Invite a friend to come!**

### ULLR Trip proposals

Ullr Ski, Bike and Social Club extends an invitation to all members to plan a trip or event. Go to [ullr.org/UllrForms.html](http://ullr.org/UllrForms.html) to see the Western Ski Trip or Warm Weather Getaway Proposal Guidelines for 2020 -2021 Each April our members present trip proposals for the following year. If you have an idea for a trip, please prepare a proposal to present to the Board. We haven't had a warm weather trip in years. It would be nice to see a proposal this year. E-mail Linda if you have questions, [WinterVP@ullr.org](mailto:WinterVP@ullr.org)

### Membership Spotlight

Members receive new updated information in an e-mail.

**Address changes:**

Jean Metz & Gregory Mortenson

**E-mail change:** Alice Ressler

**Directory Additions:**

Laurie Coursolle, Dale Evans, Bob Gilbertson, Mary Hartell, Rosalie Johnson, Shari Kopesky, Mike Lichty, James Maiser, Thomas Nagengast

## Recalling November-December

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

### 11/1, Schulze Lake Hike

Nancy & Craig Navis

### 11/14, General meeting

Janice Swanberg

### 11/7, Theater-"Ripcord"

Kathy Potter



### 11/8, Singles Card/Games

Sally Chevalier

### 11/15, Science Museum

Gary Gray

### 11/18, Murphy Hanrehan Hike

Nancy Sand

### 11/26, Singles' Lunch at Bloomington

Chop House

Ellise Lamb

### 12/7, French Park Hike

Jim Habeck

### 12/15, Holiday Party

Nancy Sand, Karen Holmquist, Diane Erlandson

### 12/9, Folding Party

Sally Chevalier, Nancy Sand

Unfortunately, these events were cancelled because of weather:

11/12, Nine Mile Creek Hike

Linda Heintz

11/30 Arboretum Holiday Lights

Pat Nelson



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** Meet by 1:00 pm (open seating)

You may still purchase a ticket by phone or on-line for \$30.

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

Tell Sally Chevalier if going to lunch and/or the theatre. 952-935-7000.

## Biking Season Planning Party

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

**Sunday, March 8th, at 4 pm.**

Beverages & main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish & \$2.

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

(See directions on the flyer at [ullr.org](http://ullr.org))

**RSVP to John or Patty Fitzgerald 952-470-5411 or [patfitzjohns@msn.com](mailto:patfitzjohns@msn.com) by March 5th.**



## 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 payment may change)

**Trip chairs:** Nancy Sand, (h) 952-435-5225 or (c) 763-280-2600, [nsand878@gmail.com](mailto:nsand878@gmail.com)

Sharon Marini, (h) 952-893-7408 or (c) 612-408-7707, [slmarini@comcast.net](mailto:slmarini@comcast.net)



## ULLR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Do it now!!

**Your ULLR Membership expired October 31, 2019.** Membership renewal forms are available on the [ULLR website](http://ullr.org). 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](mailto:nsand878@gmail.com)

**LABEL, FOLD, TAPE, STAMP** - Nancy Sand

Sally C. graciously hosted 24 Ullrs on a snowy December 9 for the purpose of preparing the updated ULLR Membership Directory for mailing. Everyone arrived safely despite several inches of new snow, wind, and slippery roads. Ullrs knew there was a job to be completed, and they came to do it!

Of course, having a wonderful variety of good food

and beverages was also an incentive to come! Following lunch, Ullrs got busy with the directories. With so many helping hands, soon the job was done. This was the first Membership Directory Folding Party for new member Mike A. We all agreed he has good folding skills.

Sally entertained us with music and demonstrated her athletic flexibility, and we ended our time together with a Christmas carol sing-along.



*The folders: [left, clock-wise] John V, Alan M, Ellise L, Patty F, Mary Jane H, Mike A, Nancy H, Diane E*



*The tapers: Barb K, Bill K, Karen H, Jan B, Joan R*

More photos at [ullr.org](http://ullr.org)

I used larger, easier to see who the people are, photos in this issue.

## Ski, Spa and Pizza Party

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

Ski at Buck Hill, Burnsville

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

\$20.00 Lift Ticket (Buy at Hill)

Party at Nancy Sand's pool area

(which includes a pool, hot tub, and sauna)

Gramercy Club

15001 Burnhaven Drive, Burnsville, MN



Bring your swimming suit, towel, and beverage (no glass container)  
Cost of pizza will depend on number of participants.

Call Barb Kolbe if you have questions or if the event is cancelled due to weather -  
651-633-0936



How did a defeated country, deep into recession at the end of World War 1, become a powerful country by 1938? The National Socialist German Workers' Party, commonly referred to in English as the Nazi Party, was active between 1920 and 1945. Among many of the Party's goals were plans to create a military strong enough to bring victory and renewed prestige to Germany.

Gary Gray has created a 4-part series on how this military power was developed and used. Come for one or more of his presentations. Please read the series flyers at [ullr.org](http://ullr.org) for more detailed information for each program.

All of the programs, with many visuals, will be given at the Apple Valley Community Center, 14601 Hayes Rd, Apple Valley, 55124 at 10 AM.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 Nazi MegaWeapons at Sea

Monday, Mar. 9 Nazi Megaweapons on the Ground

Tuesday, Mar. 31 Nazi Megaweapons in the Air

Monday, Apr. 20 Nazi MegaWeapons Ultimate Failures

## Snowshoe, or Hike Big Willow Park

**Saturday, February 15**

Meet at 10:30 am in the Park small lot,

12398 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka

From Hwy 169 turn west onto Minnetonka Blvd.

Go 1.7 miles. The park is across from Applewood Pointe Senior Co-op.

**RSVP:** Sally Chevalier, (H) 952-935-7000, or (C) 952-484-6146 on that day.

Lunch at the Station Pizzeria

13008 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka

## Snowshoe, or Hike Gale Woods Farm

**Tuesday, February 18, 10 AM**

The Farm is located in western Hennepin County, 7210 County Road 110, Minnetrista, MN.

Snowshoe or hike approximately 3 miles, or less.

Snowshoes are available for rental. Several short hills need walking sticks or ski poles.

Lunch at Dakota Junction 2281 Commerce Blvd., Mound, MN

**RSVP:** Bill Brechtel 952-474-5295 (cell)

**See flyers at [ullr.org](http://ullr.org)**

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

**January 10, Friday - 6:00 PM**

Singles Potluck/Game Night

RSVP: Char Strand, 952-884-5859

**January 15, Wednesday -**

**Meet in the lobby by 1:00 PM**

*A Gentleman's Guide* - at the Old Log Theater (see p.4)

RSVP: Sally Chavalier, 952-935-7000

**January 16, Thursday - 5:00 PM -**

meal; **7:00 PM** - Meeting &

speaker Karen Gray, Gardener

Janice Swanberg, 651-633-7178

**February 13, Thursday - 5:00 PM -**

meal; **7:00 PM** - Meeting &

speaker from Lions Club

**February 14, Friday - 6:00 PM**

Singles Potluck/Game Night

RSVP: Roz Rockman - 612-201-8552

**February 25, Tuesday - 10:00 AM**

Nazi Megaweapons At Sea (see p.6)

RSVP: Gary Gray, 952-895-8960

**March 8, Sunday - 4:00 PM**

Bike Season Planning Party (p. 4)

RSVP: Patty Fitzgerald, 952-470-5411

**March 9, Monday - 10:00 AM**

Nazi Megaweapons on the Ground (Part 2) (see p.6)

RSVP: Gary Gray, 952-895-8960

**March 12, Thursday - 5:00 PM -**

meal; **7:00 PM** - Meeting & speaker Roger Wangen, "Norway & Skiing: Inseparable Friends"

Janice Swanberg, 651-633-7178

Did you notice the larger font size in this issue? Should I keep using it or go with the usual size? Tell me.

Margie

Contact Jan Butler about Singles' activities or to volunteer to plan and/or host an event: 952-544-8163, [Singles@ULLR.org](mailto:Singles@ULLR.org) or [jscmunch@comcast.net](mailto: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!**

**Friday, January 10, 2020 - 6:00 PM** cards/games

**Host:** Char Strand - 952-884-5859

10725 James Rd., Bloomington 55431

[cmstrand@earthlink.net](mailto:cmstrand@earthlink.net)

**Friday, February 14, 2020 - 6:00 PM** cards/games

**Host:** Roz Rockman - 612-201-8552

4350 Brookside Ct., #317, Edina 55436

[roz3141@gmail.com](mailto:roz3141@gmail.com)

**Friday, March 13, 2020 - 6:00 PM** cards/games

**Host:** Mary Ellen Gabel - 612-789-7832

3213 Skycroft Drive NE, Minneapolis 55418

[maryallengabel@hotmail.com](mailto:maryallengabel@hotmail.com)

### SINGLES' FINE DINING on TUESDAYS

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

**March 17 - Lunch** - 11:15 AM at Hazelwood

Food and Drink, 8150 26th Ave. S.,

Bloomington 55425 (east of MOA)

<https://hazelwoodfoodanddrink.com/>

**April 21 - Lunch** - 11:15 AM at FireLake Grill

House, 2100 Killebrew Dr., Bloomington

55425 (in the MOA)

[www.firelakerestaurant.com](http://www.firelakerestaurant.com)



### LANESBORO BIKE & GOLF 2020

**August 23-25 (Sunday and Monday nights)**



**Cost** \$127.00/person (2/room), payable on signup. Space available for 28 people.

Single supplement for one to a room \$100. **Sign-up by June 1, 2020. Reserve your spot soon.**

#### **Contact:**

Carol Thelen, 320-333-6642. [carolte@me.com](mailto:carolte@me.com)

Or Marilyn Barnard, 651-402-0301.

[mbarnard3952@gmail.com](mailto:mbarnard3952@gmail.com)

Send checks made out to "ULLR Club" to Carol Thelen 7517 Shadyview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55311

More trip details on the [ULLR website](http://ULLR website).

**OH, NO!!** February, March, & April have few social events planned. Not everyone is a snow bird. Plan an event. Contact the [winterVP@ullr.org](mailto:winterVP@ullr.org)

## GOOD OL' Days June 1-4, 2020

See the flyer for this 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.

**Bike-Golf-Shop-Zipline-Socialize-Fish-Swim-Eat-Kayak-**

**Sit around the fire pit-Play in the sand!** Don't miss it - sign up soon!

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](mailto:slmarini@comcast.net)  
or Patty at [patfitzjohns@msn.com](mailto:patfitzjohns@msn.com)

ULLR Cancellation Policy applies.

## Downhill Skiing

**January 9, Thursday**

Welch Village

**January 13, Monday**

Afton Alps

**January 23, Thursday**

Welch Village

**January 27, Monday**

Buck Hill (see p.6)

**February 12, Wednesday**

Afton Alps

**February 20, Thursday**

Welch Village

**March 2, Monday**

Afton Alps

**March 11, Wednesday**

Welch Village

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

**March 15-21**

Big Sky Trip

## Snow shoe, Cross Country, Hiking Schedule

### January

**21, Tuesday, 10:30**, Minnesota River Valley SS/Hike,  
(p.8)

RSVP: John Vogt, 952-829-7056

**26, Sunday, 1:00 PM** Elm Creek SS/XC/Hike, ( p.8)

RSVP: Jim Habeck, 763-559-5593

### February

**15, Saturday, 10:30**,

Big Willow Park SS/

Hike, (p.6)

RSVP: Sally Chevalier,

952-935-7000

**18, Tuesday, 10:00**, Gale Woods Farm SS/Hike, (p.6)

RSVP: Bill Brechtel, 952-474-5295

**All skiing and hiking times are AM unless noted.**

Get more information at [ullr.org](http://ullr.org) Call the trip leader if weather might be a problem.

## 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](mailto: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 the outing.

Questions? Call James Habeck 763-559-5593