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December 2021 - January 2022

Our November 18 ULLR General Meeting will also be a fun social event!

Meetings are held at the Bloomington Event Center (BEC), 1114 American Blvd W, Bloomington, MN 55420. For this special social evening, you might want to make a reservation for yourself, and maybe a guest, for the dining room. It opens at 4:30 PM. Reserve by calling 952-888-1492. See the Fireside Room's menu at bloomingtoneventcenter.com The costs of our dinners and drinks are credited to the ULLR Club to offset rental costs. Come downstairs for socializing after dinner.

6:00 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar)

7:00 pm: Business Meeting

7:30 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar) and program

After the General meeting November 18, you might join others saying with a mixture of nostalgia, happiness, and sadness, "Elvis has left the building." Ullrs and their invited friends will be seeing and hearing Todd Anderson delivering a "Knock-out performance as Elvis!" Todd Anderson has wowed

audiences for the last 10 years. He has been declared "Champion" of numerous Elvis Tribute Artist contests. He formerly performed aboard ships from the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and toured with the Legends Show, "Tribute to the Stars".



A reviewer wrote, "Todd's thrilling interaction with his audience is quite remarkable as he connects to them with his personal touch and humorous stage bits. Todd's performances are always colorful, but never off-color and leave his audiences happily rejuvenated and tingling with excitement!"

The program's cost is partly paid by the ULLR Club. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

ULLR Holiday Social Sunday, December 5, 2021

Minnesota Valley Country Club
Chambers Room

6300 Auto Club Road, Bloomington, MN

1:00 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar) Option: buy ULLR Foundation raffle tickets for 2 wine selections

1:30 pm: Lunch – Pan seared Chicken breast with sides (a vegetarian meal on request)

2:30 pm: Music by Ross Mcleod (former American Flyer Band musician)

3:30 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar)

Bring a new unwrapped toy or a check made out to "Toys for Tots Foundaton."

Chairs: Ellise Lamb and Jan Swanberg

Cost: \$35.00

Make checks payable to "ULLR Ski Club" and send to: Diane Erlandson - 8200 West 33rd Street, #302 St Louis Park, MN 55426

[One Facebook reviewer said, Ross is a "traveling minstrel, leaving comfort and smiles in his wake...!!"]

Reservations due by November 18, 2021

ULLR Cancellation Policy Applies

2021 IMPORTANT CONTACTS

See the membership directory for e-mail addresses and phone numbers.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Janice Swanberg



We start December with a Christmas Social on Sun., Dec. 5th. Ross McLeod, a former singer for the American Flyer Band and now doing one man acts, will be our entertainment. Speaking of singers, the Board approved Ellise's proposal to have singer Todd Anderson do his "Elvis" show at the Nov. 18 General meeting. We hope you will enjoy a musical evening and attend. Nov. 18 is also the deadline for a reservation to the Christmas Social party on Dec. 5. If you haven't mailed a check to Diane E. by then, bring it to the meeting. At these events you may continue an ULLR tradition of either bringing an unwrapped toy or a check for the Toys for Tots Foundation.

It is that time of year when we ask members to consider serving on the ULLR Board for the 2022-2023 ULLR year. Please say "yes" to serving on the Board to share your talents, either for the first time, or again, to continue ULLR's 71 year old history of enjoyable group events. I hope our newer members will volunteer as it's a great way to get to know each other better. The current Board and I would love to share with you the tasks of a given Board position - for me, the President's position.

Thank you to all who planned and led an October hike or bike ride (Karen, Nancy, Mike, Patty & John). Unfortunately, two hikes were cancelled due to rain. A forecast I've read is for more snow this winter, a good reason to update your calendars with the dates of planned ULLR Winter hikes, ski and XC/SS outings. Looking ahead, Sally C. planned a social event for Feb. 17 to see a comedy "The Play That Goes Wrong, Goes Extremely Right" at the Old Log Theater.

May you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy, Happy New Year!

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 a part, please send an email message to ullrnet@ullr.org. All participants are asked to inform me of email address changes. Mary Jane Hochstein, maryjaneh@frontier.com

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See directory for address

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Directory Changes

Please welcome this new ULLR member:

Wendy Louise

A Directory address change for:

Jean Metz

Look for your e-mail with the contact information for these folks. They will be listed in the new directory.

ULLR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ALERT

Your ULLR Membership **expired October 31, 2021**. Membership renewal forms are available on our ULLR website and the November General Meeting. Look at your contact information in our current ULLR Membership Directory. If that information is correct, just write your name at the top of the form and then write "Same". **Only fill out information that has changed**. Sign and date the form at the bottom. **If you are a couple, you must complete two forms**. Please note, the Membership Directory now has separate columns for land line and cell phone numbers. Be careful to write your phone number(s) in the correct space.

ULLR membership costs only **\$25.00** per member. Think about what you get for this: friendships; member-planned, year-round indoor and outdoor activities, meetings, lunches and dinners, summer picnics, and, helping others through the ULLR Foundation.

Talk to your other friends about our ULLR Club. Give them a Membership Form and invite them to join us!

Questions? Contact Membership VP Jan Butler at 952-544-8163



Come to the 2021-2022 ULLR General Meetings.

6:00 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar)

7:00 pm: Business Meeting

7:30 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar)

November 18, 2021

Time change for January, February and March.

12:00 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar)

1:00 pm: Business Meeting

1:30 pm: Socializing (Cash Bar)

January 20, 2022 — February 10, 2022

March 24, 2022 — April 14, 2022

May 12, 2022 (Foundation Raffle & bingo)

Good Ol' Days Nisswa trip, May 31-June 3, 2022

This trip will be a fun and lively kick-off to Summer 2022.

The time is **NOW** to reserve your place on one of ULLR's favorite trips. Golf, fish, bike, kayak or sit and read a good book. There's something for everyone.

A large pre-payment to the resort **is required by**

December 1, so reserve now.

You have successfully registered when Kathy Lucas has received your completed registration form (page 2 of flyer) and your check for \$195.00. Get more information at a

General Meeting or at ullr.org/EventsAndTrips



ULLR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FOLDING PARTY

Come **Monday, Dec. 13**, to Jan Butler's home at 13506 Larkin Drive, Minnetonka, 55305 to help prepare the November 2021 ULLR Membership Directory for mailing.

Lunch at Noon, followed by Directory folding. Main dish and beverages provided.

Please bring \$2 per person, and an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share.

RSVP to Jan by Dec. 10, 952-544-8163 or cartooncat@comcast.net





SKI BIG SKY MARCH 13-19, 2022

The 2022 Big Sky ski trip co-chairs, Sharon M. and Nancy S., are excited the 2022 Big Sky **ski trip is filled, and we have a wait list.**

Our wait list currently includes a single female. If you know a female who might be interested in our trip or anyone else interested in the trip, tell them to contact Sharon M. or Nancy S.

The trip cost of \$1,701 (Land Only \$1,102) includes:

roundtrip airfare to Bozeman & bus to Big Sky; lodging at Huntley Lodge in the Mountain Village with 2 per room, daily breakfast buffet, ski valet, and luggage handling; Pre-trip Party and Welcome Party; and Group Dinner at Huntley Lodge.

Payment schedule: \$500 was due 6/1/21, **\$500 was due 9/1/21, \$702** due 12/1/21**

(** Final payment subject to change)
ULLR cancellation policy applies.

Flyer and signup sheets are available at ULLR general meetings and on the ULLR website.



The MSC Winter Carnival Jan. 21-23, 2022 trip

The trip includes:
*Round trip motorcoach from Minneapolis

- *2 nights lodging, in complex or trailside
- *2-day downhill ski lift ticket
- *Optional Friday afternoon Lift Ticket \$30 additional
- *69 km of XC/SS groomed trails
- *Friday Welcome party & free breakfast Sat & Sun
- *2 drink tickets for tap beer, wine, or soda
- *Wine and cheese party on the hill
- *Turtle Races (\$400 in MSC prizes) & Human Slalom
- *Buffet dinner Saturday night

The cost of your trip is dependent on the lodging arrangements that you choose. Please refer to the chart found on the flyer at ullr.org

Registration for this trip will be done using an online system. Registration is now open and will be done using the Ski Hawks "Wild Apricot" membership management software. Go to www.mnskihawks.org/ Room priority will be by the date registered.

All registration will be done individually online, and will require credit card payment at that time.

If you have any questions, contact ULLR Trip Leader Jerry Schuster at 952-888-0860.

The Last Day to Sign up is January 1, 2022, but don't wait. The trip is expected to sell out fast.

Gifts that live on by Margie Deutsch

I am the president of a genealogy group. This December, via Zoom, our members will share information about the gifts they are giving that somehow share a family story, event, or accomplishment. I was surprised how many different ways I found and shared with the members in September how this can be done.

Our ULLR family has a way of sharing, our recipe page. Dick Dinneen died in April, 2004, but we can remember this adventuring man with his recipe for *Sweet Potato Casserole*. See this recipe and many others at www.ullr.org/Recipes

Fall Hikes

November

10, Wed., 10:45, Roseville Central Park
Barb Kolbe, 651-633-0936 and
Kyle McClintick, 651-644-5919

15, Mon., 10:45, Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve
Nancy Sand, 952-435-5225



December

11, Sat., 1:30 pm, French Park Hike or Snowshoe
Jim Habeck, 763-559-5593

PLEASE RSVP TO HIKE LEADER. Confirm if inclement weather.

SINGLES CARD/GAME NIGHTS

Contact Jan Butler about Singles' activities or to volunteer to plan and/or host an event: 952-544-8163 or cartooncat@comcast.net
Bring a dish to share, beverage, and any games you would like to play. **Please RSVP to the host!**

Friday, November 12 - 6:00 PM Potluck/games

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

No Game Night in December

Friday, January 14 - 7:00 PM Cards/Games/snacks

Host: Margie Deutsch, 763-498-9366
7600 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley 55427

2022 Hosts are needed. Call Jan!



SINGLES' FINE DINING on TUESDAYS in 2021

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

Restaurants open at 11:00 AM, come at 11:15 AM

November 23 - Lunch at Pittsburgh Blue Steakhouse,
3220 W. 70th St., Edina; pittsburghbluesteak.com

December 28 - Lunch at Arezzo Ristorante,
5057 France Av. S., Edina 55410;
arezzoristorante.com/

No January Tuesday Fine Dining

Please check web sites to see if a mask is required.



2021 ULLR TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

In the past, ULLRs have collected toys and donations for Toys for Tots (TFT). Due to COVID-19, many families are still struggling, and our ULLR donations could help make Christmas brighter for these children and their families.

To donate toys, bring your new unwrapped toys to our December 5 ULLR Christmas event or our November 18 ULLR General Meeting. You may also take your toys to any local metro Toys for Tots collection site. To see a list of donation sites, go to: minneapolis-mn@toysfortots.org

(FYI - TFT does not accept clothes, food, used or open toys, or liquid products such as cologne, perfume,

body wash, lotion, toothpaste etc.)

To donate by check, make check payable to "Toys for Tots Foundation" and bring it to our ULLR Christmas event or our November ULLR General Meeting. If you cannot attend either event, you can take your check to any TFT collection site or mail your check to ULLR President Jan Swanberg.

To donate via credit card, go to: minneapolis-mn@toysfortots.org On the page, click on "Donate Local."

An advance **THANK YOU** for opening your heart and making a Toys for Tots donation!

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**The Play
That Goes
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**THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG GOES
EXTREMELY RIGHT.**



Make your check payable to-
Sally Chevalier
5222 Spring Circle,
Excelsior, MN 55331

February 17, 2022
Thursday matinee
at 1:00 pm (open seating)

Ticket cost is \$31.00 -
Mail after 12-15-21

Optional: Lunch at
Maynard's 11:30 am
Let me know when you mail your ticket payment.

Ullr cancellation policies apply



Pat N, Wayne J, Jan S, Barb K, Bill B, Patty F, Sharon T, John S, and Linda H

Lebanon Hills Hike - Linda Heintz

November 1st was a beautiful sunny day. It was a little chilly but we were protected from the wind by the forest. We were going along nicely when I realized that I had missed a turn. In my defense, they [park employees from the Dakota County park system] had made some changes in the last few weeks. We checked a map and realized we were on a

large loop and decided to continue. I had never been on that loop so it was new to me as well. I liked it so much, I went back the next day to do it again.

We had a very nice group of ULLR hikers. Six of us had a good lunch at Doolittles before splitting up and going our own ways. By then, it had gotten much colder and windier.

Recalling These Events

We thank all of the planners for their work!

October

- 2, Hike & Oktoberfest** - Karen Holmquist
- 4, Schulze Lake Hike** - Nancy Navis
- 7, Last City Ride** - Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel
- 8, Tamarack Nature Center Hike** - Karen Holmquist
- 10, Singles Game Night** - Sandra Shearer

- 21, General Meeting** - Ellise Lamb and speaker Vicki Johnson
- 22, Lake Como Hike** - Mike Andrews
- 25, Carver Park Reserve Hike** - Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel
- 26, Singles Dining at Crave Food & Drink** - Jan Cady
- Rain Cancellations:**
- 20, Full Moon Hike** - Sharon Tornes
- 27, Cottage Grove Ravine Park Hike** - Nancy Sand

Roseville Central Park Hike

Wednesday, November 10; Meet at 10:45 am
2540 Lexington Avenue North
Roseville, 55113

We will walk the paved trails around Bennett Lake, and then venture over to the boardwalks on a nature preserve behind Harriet Alexander Nature Center. The easy walk will be approximately 3 miles. Lunch after hike TBD

RSVP by Monday, November 8 to:

Barb Kolbe – call 651-633-0936, or

Kyle McClintick at tmc1417@yahoo.com

Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve Hike

Mon., Nov 15; Meet at 10:45 am,
Hike at 11:00 am

Meet at 15501 Murphy Lake Blvd, Savage
Hike about 3.5 miles. Several short and long steep hills. Grass/gravel/dirt trail surface.

Hiking stick recommended.

Lunch after hike at *Porter Creek Hardwood Grill*
14201 Burngarten Drive, Burnsville

RSVP to Nancy Sand (h) 952-435-5225,
(c) 763-280-2600 nsand878@gmail.com

Hike, Snowshoe, Cross Country in French Regional Park

Saturday December 11 Time 1:30 pm
Stop at Chili's afterwards.

French Park is located in Plymouth on 42nd Av. N., or Co.Rd. 9, or Rockford Road– they are all the same street- between Hwy 169 and I-494.

Questions? Call James Habeck 763 559 5593

In case of bad weather or to verify the event is not cancelled, call the event chair.

2021-2022 Social Opportunities

Nov. 11, Thu., Bachman's Holiday Ideas (limited to 10 for this ULLR event) [see p.8]

Nov. 12, Fri., 6:00 PM, Singles Cards/Games

Nov. 18, Thur., General Meeting [see p.1]

6:00 pm: Socializing (cash bar)

7:00 pm: Business Meeting

7:30 pm: Entertainment by "Elvis"

Nov. 23, Tue., 11:15, Singles Fine Dining Lunch

Dec. 5, Sun., 1:00 PM, ULLR Holiday Party

Dec. 13, Mon., 12:00-noon, Membership Directory Folding Party [see p.3]

Dec. 28, Tue., 11:15, Singles Fine Dining Lunch

Jan. 20, Thur., General Meeting

6:00 pm: Socializing (cash bar)

7:00 pm: Business Meeting

Feb. 17, Thur., 1:00 Old Log: "The Play That Goes Wrong" [see p.5]

2022 Outdoor Fun

Jan. 26, Wed., River Bottom [SS] Snowshoe; with John Vogt

Feb. 1, Tue., Richardson Nature Center SS/XC/Hike? with Sharon Marini

Feb. 11, Fri., Lebanon Hills by Candlelight; 6:30 pm; Hike, Walk, SS, XC with Nancy Sand

Feb. 19, Sat., Elm Creek Park Reserve; 1:00 pm; SS/XC/Hike? with Jim Habeck

Downhill Skiing– no hosts;

Meet in main lodge at 9:30am

Dec. 8, Wed., Afton Alps

Dec. 16, Thur., Welch

Dec. 20, Mon., Afton Alps

Jan. 6, Thur., Welch

Jan. 19, Wed., Afton Alps

Jan. 21-23, Winter Carnival

Jan. 24, Mon., Buck Hill

Feb. 3, Thur., Welch

Feb. 9, Wed., Afton Alps

Feb. 14, Mon., Buck Hill

Mar. 2, Wed., Afton Alps

Mar. 10, Thur., Welch

Mar. 13-19, ULLR Big Sky

Bachman's Winter Wonderland - Ideas & Inspiration for the Home Self-Guided Tour

Thursday, November 11

6010 Lyndale Av. S Minneapolis, MN 55419

Cost of ticket is \$5.00. Part of the ticket cost will benefit *Tree Trust*. Your ticket price will provide you with a coupon for \$5.00 off \$25.00 regular priced Bachman's purchase. You may pay Kyle the \$5.00 ticket fee on the day of tour.

Meet at 10:45 at the check-in desk inside Bachman's. **11:00 Lunch** at Patrick's Cafe located in the greenhouse

Tour will be 12:30 -1:00 in the greenhouse. 10 tickets have been reserved so it will be first come, first serve.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 5 to:

Barb Kolbe – call 651-633-0936

Text Kyle McClintick at 651-398-6870

If you were are not one of the first 10 responders, but would like to see these holiday ideas, register at www.bachmans.com/event for another time. Maybe call an ULLR friend and go together.

Kyle and Barb planned this fun "Pop-UP" event for 10 members who quickly responded by Nov. 5th to the e-mail announcement. You can also submit ideas to the Exec VP, Ellise Lamb for an event which happens soon or in the near future.



Adventures With Linda Heintz - Nine Mile Creek Hike

November 4 was a much nicer day for a hike than the hike 3 days before in Lebanon Hills Park. However, it seems I might need to shorten it as quite a few people chose to take a short cut. This is a lovely park that runs along Nine Mile Creek. We were not able to get to the river this time because of flooding. I had 17 people join this hike including a few faces we don't usually see: Joan Roe, Joyce Krake and Patty Fitzgerald's sister Jeannie. Almost everyone came to lunch at Carmine's Bar and Grill which did a beautiful job of taking care of everyone.

Hiking is good exercise, but even walking a mile a day has benefits: it gives you vitamin D for a healthy body, can create healthier feet, helps with weight control, helps your feel better, improves your digestive process, can help you relax, provides pain relief, changes your heart, and changes your brain.

