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December 2022—January 2023

## Minnesota Weather: It is unpredictably Predictable

Twenty-six Ullrs toured the National Weather Station in Chanhassen on Tuesday, Oct 25. We gained interesting insight into the complex process of weather forecasting. Todd Krause, the Chief Meteorologist responsible for public safety, explained how alerts are sounded for severe events. Even park personnel overseeing reserved park shelters are put on alert! We learned the various TV stations gather

information independently with their own forecasting and graphics companies, but coordinate for severe weather events.

A highlight was watching the release and fast rise of a hydrogen filled weather balloon which gathers upper atmosphere data, such as temperature and humidity. Each day a balloon is released at 6AM and 6 PM from seventy stations around the country. this coordinates national

data. The balloon bursts at 17 miles and the radiosonde, the small transmitter, is parachuted back to earth. This avoids injuries when it lands! Now you know what a radiosonde is if you ever find one! It was a fascinating tour, and Todd was impressed with our very engaged group!

[See a radiosonde and more photos, on p. 5]



### ULLR Christmas Social

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Minnesota Valley Country  
Club Chamber Room  
6300 Auto Club Road, Bloomington

**Cost \$38**

1:00 pm Social Hour

2:15 pm Lunch - Pan Seared  
Chicken Breast with sides  
(a vegetarian meal on request)



### Music and Entertainment

*Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots*

Chairs: Ellise Lamb and  
Linda Heintz

Make checks payable to  
Ullr Ski Club

Send to: Diane Erlandson 8200 W.  
33<sup>rd</sup> St., #302

St. Louis Park, MN 55426

**Reservations due by November 18**

**Ullr Cancellation Policy Applies**

## 2022 IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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

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#### Singles

Jan Butler

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Nancy Sand

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Linda Heintz



Suddenly fun things are happening. Joan Roe and Ursula Nomura ran a trip to the Chanhassen National Weather Station. I was unable to go but I'm sure it was interesting and fun. Nancy Sand is running a trip to an Art Glass Exhibit on Dec. 2 and Galen and Mary Jane had their Halloween Party again this year. Too bad I had to miss some of the activities because I was in Hawaii!!! We still have hiking events coming up. Please come join us. We have a lot of fun on our hikes. Also thanks to the leaders of those hikes for stepping up to plan and lead the hikes.

Ellise is still working with the BEC regarding our meetings. The guy we kept going back and forth with has left. We are now working with his replacement. Things are going much better. BEC still has to approve, but we're hoping to get the downstairs Knights room the last Thurs of the month - except for November as that Thursday is Thanksgiving.

The club needs a lot of new board members next year. Please consider becoming a board member in 2023. Positions to fill are Executive VP, President, and Membership. And, of course, we still need a new Web Master.

It's renewal time. Please don't put it off. If you haven't already done so, please send in a renewal form right away. There might still be time to get your name in the directory.

The club will only have local skiing this year. Hopefully there will be a Western Trip next year. Now is the time to start to make plans! Speaking of skiing: Did you know, there are 206 bones in the adult human body. Not to worry though, the three tiny bones in the middle ear have never been broken in a skiing accident.

**This issue is a two month Nullr.** Even if you haven't already made plans yet for an ULLR event, YOU STILL CAN. Contact Nancy Navis, the Winter Programs VP, with your idea.

You and your families and friends are wished everything good as you celebrate one or more of these upcoming holidays.

**Nov. 24** Thanksgiving - *We all have so much to be thankful for!*

**Dec. 19-26** Hanukkah - *the Festival of Lights.*

**Dec. 24-25** Christmas Eve and Day - *a time of faith and family.*

**Dec. 31-Jan. 1** New Year's Eve and Day - *all wishing for a good year.*

**Jan. 16** Martin Luther King Jr. Day - *a good day to do good deeds.*

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## ULLR General Meetings

Meetings are held at the Bloomington Event Center (BEC), 1114 American Blvd. W, Bloomington, MN 55420. Make a reservation for the dining room after 2:00 PM by calling 952-888-1492. The dining room opens at 4:30 PM. Costs of our dinners and drinks are credited to the club to offset rental costs.

### Meeting Thursday, November 17:

6:00 Social; 7:00 Meeting

7:30 Program: "Neil Diamond" a.k.a. Todd Anderson singing "Sweet Caroline" and other top Neil Diamond hits. Todd entertained Ullrs last year with his Elvis impersonation.



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

## WESTERN SKI TRIP AND/OR WARM WEATHER GETAWAY PROPOSAL GUIDELINES ARE DUE

ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club has great trips for members who love to ski in the mountains and/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>

## ULLR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FOLDING PARTY

Save Monday, December 12, to come to Jim Habeck's home at 12030 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Plymouth to help prepare the November 2022 ULLR Membership Directory for mailing. All members are welcome!

We will begin with **lunch at noon**. A main dish and beverages will be provided. Members should bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share and should contribute \$2.00 per person to help with costs.

After lunch, the Directory will be prepared for mailing.

**RSVP** your attendance to Jim Habeck 763-559-5593 or james.habeck@q.com.

For more information, contact Nancy Sand, Folding Party Coordinator, at 952-435-5225 or nsand878@gmail.com.

## A LASTING FRIENDSHIP: GERARD CAFESJIAN & DALE CHIHULY STUDIO ART GLASS EXHIBIT



**Friday, December 2,  
2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

Come join Ullrs at the Cafesjian Art Trust (CAT) at 4600 Churchill Street, Shoreview, for a guided tour of the inaugural CAT exhibit that explores the nearly 30-year friendship between Gerard Cafesjian and Dale Chihuly. Throughout that time, Cafesjian amassed a large collection of the artist's work including multiple large-scale installations. The exhibit showcases much of the collection while highlighting their exchange of correspondence

and ideas. Dale Chihuly is one of the best known studio art glass artists in the world. The Twin Cities area is privileged to welcome this exhibit and future exhibits that will showcase the Cafesjian collection.

There is no cost to see the exhibit. Meet at 9:45 am at the CAT Building. Our guided tour is limited to 20 participants.

**RSVP to Nancy Sand no later than November 23.**

[nsand878@gmail.com](mailto:nsand878@gmail.com) (h) 952-435-5225 (c) 763-280-2600

Notify Nancy if you need to cancel so she can include people on a wait list.

Lunch after the tour at Shore 96  
1056 Highway 96 West, Shoreview

## 2022 Social Opportunities

**November 17**, Thur., 6:00 PM Socializing, 7:00 Meeting, 7:30 Program "Neil Diamond" a.k.a. Todd Anderson singing Neil Diamond hits

**November 22**, Tue, 11:15 AM Singles Fine Dining Lunch at The Hilltop

**December 4, Sun.**, Holiday Party, 1:00 PM Social Hour, 2:15 Dinner; Chairs: Ellise Lamb and Linda Heintz

**RSVP** by Nov. 18 (see p.1)

**December 27**, Tue., 11:15 AM Singles Fine Dining Lunch at the Yard House

## JENSEN LAKE HIKE

By Hike host Linda Heintz

There were only six of us on October 19, 2022 but we had a great day. It was not too cold and thankfully for me, not hot at all. The colors were good and the conversation rampant as we traipsed around the lake and beyond. Not the hike I had originally thought of doing, but nobody was up to doing the entire hike so we improvised.

After the hike we enjoyed a very nice lunch at Doolittle's - always a good choice.

Pictured below: Jan S, Nancy N, Craig N, Barb K



### The ULLRnet

The ULLRnet was created as a way to receive messages of a personal nature about current and past members. 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](mailto:ullrnet@ullr.org). Please notify [ullrnet@ullr.org](mailto:ullrnet@ullr.org) of e-mail changes. If "undeliverable," you are dropped from the list. Mary Jane Hochstein will post information about ULLR members. All notices must be sent only to [ullrnet@ullr.org](mailto:ullrnet@ullr.org). Notices must have the permission of the person for whom it is written.



Top photo: Nancy, Jerry, Craig, Janice, Nancy, Bruce, John, Jim, Sandra, Patty, Nancy, Jerry, and Marcia.

Lower photo: Janet, Ursula, Lois, Joan, Bill, Alan, Margo, Pat, Andrew, Tee, Charlotte, and Joyce.

**Ullrs tour the weather station and see a balloon launch.**



Weather balloon  
And  
radiosonde

**Recalling October Events**

We thank the planners and leaders for their work.

- 3, Chanhassen Rice Marsh Lake Hike**, John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald
- 8, Hike & Oktoberfest in New Ulm**  
Karen Holmquist
- 8, Singles Cards/Games**  
Margie Deutsch

**19, Jensen Lake Hike**  
Linda Heintz

**20, ULLR General Meeting**  
Ellise Lamb & speaker David Jones

**25, Chanhassen National Weather Service Tour** - Joan Roe and Ursula Nomura

**25, Singles' Fine Dining at Arezzo Ristorante** - Ellise Lamb

**31, Halloween Party**  
Mary Jane & Galen Hochstein

**Cancelled**

**6, Last City Ride** [too cold]  
John Stiefel

**14, Lake Maria Hike**  
Nancy Sand [cold & light rain]

**24, Fort Snelling Hike** [rain]  
John Egan & Carolyn Buswell

## 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, Nov. 11 - 6:00 PM Cards/Games/potluck**

**Host: Cancelled, no host**

**Hosts are needed for Dec. and 2023**

**E-mail / call Jan!**



## SINGLES' FINE DINING on TUESDAYS in 2022

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 22 - Lunch** at The Hilltop  
5101 Arcadia Avenue, Edina 55436;  
hilltopedina.com

**December 27 - Lunch** at Yard House; 1665 Park Place Blvd, St. Louis Park 55416; yardhouse.com



## Long Lake Regional Park Hike (~3 mi RT)

**Tuesday, November 15, Meet at 10:30**

At the Main Pavilion Parking lot  
1500 Old Highway 8, New Brighton  
Lunch after hike at

Exchange Food and Drink Restaurant  
500 5th Ave NW, New Brighton

RSVP: Jan or Jerry Swanberg, 651-633-7178

## French Park Hike

**Sunday, December 11**

**Meet at 1:30 p.m.** Stop at Chili's afterwards.

Directions: The Park is on Rockford Road, (also named County Road 9 or 42nd Av. N.) in Plymouth.

It is between Hwy 169 and I-494.

Questions? Call James Habeck, 763-559-5593

## Snowshoe at the Minnesota River Bottoms

**Thursday, January 5, 2023**

**Meet at 10:15**, leave at 10:30

Location is at the Bloomington Ferry Trailhead at  
11255 Bloomington Ferry Road

R.S.V.P to John Vogt, 952-829-7056 or-  
jvgt11@gmail.com

Lunch TBD

## Richardson Nature Center

SNOWSHOE, HIKE OR CROSS COUNTRY SKI

**Monday, January 31, Meet 10:15 am**, Hike 10:30

8738 East Bush Lake Road, Bloomington

Great trails for both snowshoe and cross country skiing. The distance is flexible. Meet at the east side of the building where there are benches.

Bring/wear crampons if you hike and it is icy.

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

**RSVP** by Monday, January 30, 2023, to Sharon Marini, 952-893-7408, Cell: 612-408-7707

For all outdoor events, contact the event chair in case of bad weather or to verify the event is not cancelled.



ULLR donations could help make Christmas brighter for local children.

To donate toys, bring your new unwrapped toys to our December 4 ULLR Christmas Social or to our November 17 ULLR general meeting. You may also take your toys/check to any local metro **Toys for Tots** collection site. (TFT does

not accept food, clothes, used or open toys, or liquid products such as cologne, body wash, lotion, toothpaste etc.) To donate by check, make payable to "Toys for Tots Foundation."

If you cannot attend either event, you can mail your check to Linda Heintz by Nov. 29. THANK YOU for making a Toys for Tots donation!

*[Just doing what Germans love to do—go for a hike and then afterwards relax with a Beer and Brat.]*

### Hike in Flandrau State Park and Oktoberfest in New Ulm

It was a perfect day for nine Ullrs to hike the three-mile trail in Flandrau State Park in New Ulm.

Surprisingly we found the trail without getting lost. First picture opportunity was in the front of the natural, sand swimming pool, of course, closed for the season. I don't think we had any life-guards in the group! The trail had a few ups and downs with the vibrant fall foliage peeking through. A pleasant surprise along the trail was a herd of goats dutifully eating the overgrown buckthorn in the meadow.

Our reward after the hike was to visit the Oktoberfest celebration going on in town. With the lovely weather, it was not surprising to see a huge crowd, many dressed in German garb. Enjoying a cold beverage from the Schell's booth and a brat with German potato salad was just perfect! DANKE to all that joined in for the fun! *[Thanks Karen Holmquist for leading this event again!]*



### **REVISED** BREAKING NEWS FROM VP ELLISE LAMB

Poor Ellise! She has been working with the management of the BEC to set up our 2023 ULLR General Meetings. This is the third (*hopefully final*) schedule change. Please put these dates (*maybe in pencil*) on your new 2023 calendar. (Now Ellise has to contact scheduled speakers to see if these new dates will work for them. Uff da!) The new meeting place will be the Knight Room,

downstairs from the dining room. Bar service will only be from the upstairs bar. The club will still get a credit from the meals of ULLR diners on the \$250 rent.

Social hour is 6:00 PM, the meeting at 7:00 PM. Meetings will be the 4th Thursday of the month.

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| Jan. 26 | April 27 |
| Feb. 23 | May 25   |
| Mar. 23 |          |



### *In Loving Memory*

Virginia Lee Spector Wilkinson; July 14, 1944 - October 23, 2022

Preceded in death by husband, Raymond, Ginny always brought to ULLR events her wonderful smile and can-do attitude. She will be missed! The club sends heartfelt condolences to her children, grandchildren, and all who loved her.



## LOVE WINTER? COME SKI, XC, SS AT WAUSAU

Plan now to come to Wausau  
Tuesday to Thursday, **February  
7-9, 2023**, to ski, cross-

country, and/or snowshoe with your ULLR friends  
who love winter.

The Wausau area offers many options  
for winter fun. Downhill ski at Granite  
Peak where skiers 80+ ski free. Cross-  
country or snowshoe at Nine Mile  
Forest. Snowshoe at Rib Mountain State  
Park. Ullrs should monitor the websites for lift  
ticket and park pass costs. Purchase  
your own tickets/passes in advance  
online or on site when arriving.

ULLR Nancy Sand reserved a block of  
rooms for the ULLR Ski Club at the  
Stoney Creek Inn. Participants must  
make and pay for their own room  
reservations by contacting the Stoney  
Creek Inn at 715-355-6858 and  
requesting either a king or double  
queen room. Cost per room per night is  
\$102.15.



Participants can reserve a single room or share  
the room cost with a roommate of their choice –  
maximum 2 persons per room. A free hot break-  
fast is available daily at the Hotel. The Hotel will  
release unreserved rooms on January 7, 2023.  
After that date, room availability and the group  
rate will not be guaranteed.

There will be snacks and a pizza party Tuesday  
evening at the Hotel. No money for this event  
will be collected in advance. Nancy will arrange  
for the food and will notify you that evening of  
the cost per person. Bring your own beverage  
or purchase your beverage from the Cubby Hole  
Bar at the Hotel.

Participants will gather for a group dinner  
Wednesday evening at a place to be deter-  
mined. Participants will pay for their own meal  
and beverages.

Questions? Contact ULLR Nancy Sand. A flyer  
with Nancy's contact information and signup  
sheet are available on the ULLR website. Notify  
Nancy when you have made your room reserva-  
tion and mail the signup sheet to Nancy Sand,  
15001 Burnhaven Drive #108, Burnsville, MN  
55306.

### 2022 - 2023 Winter Hiking, XC, SS Schedule

**Tuesday, November 15**

Lake Elmo Hike

Jan/Jerry Swanberg, 612-719-3458

**Sunday, December 11**

French Park SS or Hike

Jim Habeck, 763-559-5593

**Thursday, January 5**

Minnesota River Bottoms-SS

John Vogt, 952-829-7056

**Tuesday, January 31**

Richardson Nature Center SS or Hike,  
Sharon Marini, 952-893-7408

### Skiing 2022-2023 Revised

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

**Thursday, December 15**  
Welch

**Monday, December 19**  
Buck Hill

**Wednesday, January 11**  
Afton

**Thursday, January 26**  
Welch

**Wednesday, February 1**  
Afton

**Tuesday-Thursday,  
February 7-9**

Granite Peak, Wisconsin  
Nancy Sand 952-435-5225

**Wednesday, February 22**  
Buck Hill

**Thursday, March 2**  
Welch

**Monday, March 6**  
Buck Hill

