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November 2023



Quarry Park and Nature Preserve in Waite Park  
Sept. 13  
Hike Leaders Barb Kolbe and Jan Swanberg

See other photos from this and other events at <http://www.ullr.org/images/EventsPics/2023>

Five Ullrs (Barb K, Linda H, Karen H, Nancy S, and Jan S) made the drive to Quarry Park and Nature Preserve near St. Cloud. The day started out chilly but sunny. After hiking 3+ miles we warmed up. The trail options were marked well so we could easily find and explore around some of the nicest quarry pits, the path to a lookout tower, as well as to the Liberty Derrick Exhibit (mining tools) to make for an interesting hike.

Mining operations of the granite from these quarries started in the late 1800's and early 1900's and continued until the mid-1950's.

The granite was called Saint Cloud Red Granite, giving St. Cloud the nickname of "Granite City". Some of this granite is present in the Landmark Center and James J. Hill house in St. Paul.

Stearns Co. purchased the Quarry lands from the Cold Spring Granite Co. in 1992 and officially opened this park in 1998. Activities available in the park are hiking, biking, snowshoeing, swimming, trout fishing in several ponds, and with a permit you can rock climb or Scuba dive in a few pits. The 684-acre park also features an oak woodland forest, a wet meadow and prairie, bluff lands and rock outcroppings.

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## 2023 IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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

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#### Ski Racing

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#### What's Cookin' Beverage Chair

Janice & Jerry Swanberg

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John Stiefel and Patty Fitzgerald

#### Singles

Jan Butler

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings fellow Ullrs, 42 degrees, trees almost bare, the fireplace turned on yesterday, I'm wearing more clothes as I ride my bike, those all would seem to be clues that we are experiencing a different season.

Our summer events are coming to a close, as I write this note. My picture on the top of this page shows me in a ski jacket that I finally donated after 20+ years of comfortable use. However it generates a lot of memories of trips, downhill runs, (slower now days), and terrific times with many of you. My skis are already tuned for the new season and I know where my snow shoes are located. My hiking boots are strategically located for easy access, so I am ready, I think. Are you?

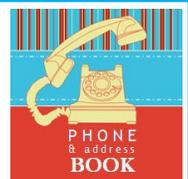
Will I see you at one of our meetings, or on one of our new season events? They are all on our web site. Please remember to thank all the many fellow members that arrange and volunteer to host our events. Don't forget to say hello if we meet. Be safe!

Your fellow club member, Bruce Warner

### 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.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FOLDING PARTY – HOST NEEDED



The Membership Directory Folding Party will be **Monday, December 11**, beginning at noon. Ullrs gather for a meal and then prepare directories for mailing. Can you host this event in your home or building?

For the meal, the host prepares a main dish and provides beverages. The ULLR Club gives the host \$60.00 towards this cost. ULLR participants bring salads, appetizers, and desserts. They also contribute \$1.00 each towards the cost of the event.

Space is needed for four activities – two of which need to be done at tables. The other two activities can also be done at tables or in general sitting areas. Can you host this event? Any questions? Contact Folding Party Coordinator Nancy Sand at 952-435-5225 or [nsand878@gmail.com](mailto:nsand878@gmail.com)

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## THE LAST HURRAH! BY Patty Fitzgerald

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, was chilly and windy, but 14 dedicated Ullr bikers turned out for our last ride of the season. The ride was led by Jared and Melinda Hoke. We parked at the downtown St. Paul airport, across from Holman Table, the restaurant at Holman Field. We biked along the Mississippi River, south to Swing Bridge Park in Inver Grove Heights. We biked to the end of the bridge and had a chance to enjoy the weather and beautiful scenery. The group back tracked, into a very strong head wind, for 9 miles, and returned to our cars. We were very thankful that the day was at least sunny and the temperatures improved while we rode the last half of the ride. Our total distance was 18 miles. 12 Ullrs enjoyed a delicious lunch at Holman Table after our ride. Our biking season has ended until next spring, but it was a successful season. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to lead a ride and to all of the bikers that attended the rides. [See photos on p. 8]



### **At the Hochstein's**

**Tuesday, October 31st at noon**

3140 Birch Ave, Maple Plain

RSVP: Galen and Mary Jane,

Maryjaneh@frontier.com

or 612-669-6285

Chili, water, coffee and hot mulled apple cider will be served. BYOB and a dish to share.

Costumes welcomed, but not required.

## ULLR GENERAL MEETINGS

The ULLR Board announced as of October 19, the Club will be having the General Meetings at the VFW in Richfield.

**6715 Lake Shore Dr S, Richfield, 55423.**  
(South of W. 66th St., west of Lyndale Av. S.)

The VFW is directly across from the Wood Lake Nature Center.

**Lunch will be at 1:00 pm. The meeting will start at 2:30 pm.** There are 5 menu alternatives for a meal. The cost for a lunch is \$15.00. This includes sales tax and a nonalcoholic drink.

There is a separate price for those of you that just want soup. The tip is extra. Please have a check or the correct money amount ready. You are invited to come and to bring a guest.

**2023 meetings: Oct. 19, Nov. 16.**  
**In 2024, dates are Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 21, and Apr. 18.**

## Notice to all ULLR members

### ULLR membership expires on October 31<sup>st</sup>

(Unless you joined the club May 1<sup>st</sup> or later of this year.)

If you would like to participate in ULLR club activities and to be included in the ULLR directory, which will go to print in December, each member must fill out a membership form, sign the waiver, date the form and return it.

The membership form can be found on the [ullr.org](http://ullr.org) home page, under the Membership Tab. Include \$25 for ULLR membership fee. Make the check payable to ULLR.

Bring your form and check to the October 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting, OR mail your form and check to: ULLR Membership, PO Box 201409, Bloomington, MN 55420

Thank You to members that have already renewed! We are planning a fun filled year of activities.

Patty Fitzgerald - Membership VP

## Fall Hiking Schedule - See the individual flyers at ullr.org

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	PHONE
<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>			
October 9-13	<b><i>Do the Door County Hiking Trip</i></b>	Karen Holmquist Kyle McClintick	952-270-4739 KH 651-398-6870 KM
October 21-Saturday	<b><i>Nerstrand Big Woods State Park</i></b>	Nancy Sand	763-280-2600
October 27-Friday	<b><i>Hyland Hills- Richardson Nature Center</i></b>	Sharon Marini	952-893-7408
October 30-Monday	<b><i>Lebanon Hills-Holland Lake</i></b> Eagan	Linda Heintz	612-916-2526
<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>			
November 1-Wednesday	<b><i>Purgatory Creek Park</i></b> Eden Prairie	Karen Holmquist	952-270-4739
November 7-Tuesday	<b><i>Carver Park Reserve</i></b> Victoria	Patty Fitzgerald John Stiefel	612-743-4565 [c] 952-470-5411
November 9-Thursday	<b><i>Nine Mile Creek</i></b> Bloomington	Linda Heintz	612-916-2526

# Ullr Holiday Social



**Wednesday,  
December 6**  
Party room at Aquilla  
Commons, home of  
Diane Erlandson

**8200 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> St. #302**

**St. Louis Park, MN 55426**

**Cost \$25.00**

**1:00 pm** Social Hour

**2:00 pm** Lunch – Turkey, ham and fixings, wine, water, coffee and cake.

Holiday music for your listening pleasure.



Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

There are 40 parking spaces, plus 3 handicapped spaces. More parking is available on 33rd Street and on side streets.

Chairs: Linda Heintz [612-916-2526] and Patty Fitzgerald [952-470-5411]

**Make checks payable to Ullr Ski Club**

Send to: Linda Heintz,  
1381 Berry Ridge Rd, #604  
Eagan, MN 55123

**Sign up deadline: Sat., November 18**

**Ullr Cancellation  
Policy Applies**



## 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 10 - 2:00 PM New time!**

**Host:** Char Strand, 952-884-5859, 612-518-0960 [c]  
10725 James Road, Bloomington 55431  
cmstrand@earthlink.net

**Friday, December 8 - 2:00 PM Need a Host**

**E-mail / call Jan and volunteer to host the Singles 2nd Friday parties in 2024.**



## SINGLES' FINE DINING on TUESDAYS in 2023

RSVP to Ellise Lamb by the Sunday before the event.

Send via voicemail to 952-457-8772 or to ellise.lamb@mchsi.com  
Arrive at 11:15 a.m.



**October 24** at the Blue Water Grill (in the airport Hilton)  
3800 American Blvd. E., Bloomington 55425  
See the menu at: [places.singleplatform.com](https://places.singleplatform.com)

**November 21** at Smack Shack,  
3801 Minnesota Dr., Bloomington 55435 "Smack Shack is a casual, coastal seafood restaurant known for its signature lobster rolls and lobster boils." [Smack-shack.com](https://smack-shack.com)

**Suggest a favorite restaurant to Ellise for 2024.**

## A Perfect Day for a Hike - by Nancy Sand

The weather was perfect: sun with temps about 70°. Four ULLRs (Nancy S., Barb K., Jan S., Linda H.) walked the trails and hills at Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park near Hastings on Monday, September 18. Hike leader Nancy S.

said there would be a few moderate hills, but hiking poles made those hills less bothersome. The group was surrounded by and under the canopy of trees nearly all of the 3.5 miles of the hike.

There wasn't much color yet in the leaves on trees, but sumac and flowering plants provided some lovely red, yellow, white, purple, and blue colors for us. Even the

algae on the lake waters was a bright lime green color under the brilliant blue skies.

After the hike, the group drove to Hastings and enjoyed lunch in the Hasting Public House Restaurant at the Hastings Golf Club.



Thanks to these members for their planning and event work. You are appreciated!!

**September**

7, Sixth Annual Charlie Brown Ride

Maril Barnard

11, Singles Cards, Games

Lori Wolff

13, Quarry Park and Nature Preserve Hike

Barb Kolbe and Jan Swanberg

14, Lakes and Hills of Eden Prairie Ride

Marcia Switenski

18, Cottage Grove Revine Regional Park Hike

Nancy Sand

19, Bloomington Overlook Drive Ride

John Vogt

21, Luce Line Trail Ride

Dan Regan

26, Singles Dining at Firelake Grill House

Ellise Lamb

28, Three Tunnels Ride

Nancy Navis

**October 2023**

**Spotlight**

**Directory addition**

**Joe Fischenich**

**Please welcome these new members:**

**Roberta Gitchel**

**Karen Saari**

Look for your email with the complete information.

**A, B, C, . . . . Z**

**Arboretum, Basilica, Craft show . . Zoo. So many places to visit! Plan an event for ULLR**



**"It is not happy people who are thankful, it is thankful people who are happy."**

I wish all ULLR members a Happy Thanksgiving this November 23rd! Margie



**SKI  
BIG  
SKY**

**MAR.  
17-23  
2024**

**Call Kate to see if any space has become available. Join the Wait list.**

Included: 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 optional small group dinners.

The trip cost of \$1,993 (Land Only \$1,393)

**Payment schedule:**

**Due at sign-up \$1300,  
\$693\*\* due 12/1/23**

(\*\* - Final payment subject to change)

Make checks payable to "ULLR Ski Club" and mail or deliver to Kate Casserly, 2525 Byrd Av. N., Golden Valley MN 55422-3818

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

More information available from:  
Maril Barnard, 651-402-0301,  
mbarnard3952@gmail.com,  
Kate Casserly, 763-238-6029,  
casserly1@gmail.com

## PERFECT Oktoberfest in New Ulm by Karen Holmquist

It was a PERFECT day for a PERFECT 3 mile hike through a PERFECT Flandrau State Park with a PERFECT group of Ullrs with a PERFECT disposition!

After the hike we enjoyed a PERFECT meal of either a PERFECT bratwurst or a PERFECT Ruben sandwich, with a PERFECT Schell Adult Beverage, while watching and listening to PERFECT German Music.

Thank you ten PERFECT Ullrs for a PERFECT Oktoberfest Experience in New Ulm!

At Sand Beach in Flandrau State Part were these PERFECT Ullrs: Row 1: Mike, Paul  
Row 2: Nancy, John, Glen  
Row 3: Liz, Patty, Jeanne  
Row 4: Karen, Linda



### Purgatory Creek Hike

(Approximately 4 miles)

Easy "Lollipop" Loop

on paved path and crushed rock

**Wednesday, November 1**

Meet 10:45 a.m., Hike 11:00 a.m.

Staring Lake Outdoor Center

13651 Staring Lake Pkwy, Eden Prairie

Directions: Easiest route **from the north** is HWY 169 to Anderson Lake Parkway and go west. Turn left or south to Staring Lake Parkway. Entrance on the left.

Easiest route **from the south** is HWY 169 to Pioneer Trail. Go west until Staring Lake Parkway. (Flying Cloud airport.) Go north (right) to the Outdoor Center.

Entrance on your right.

Lunch after hike at Lions Tap  
16180 Flying Cloud Dr. Eden Prairie

**RSVP:** Karen Holmquist  
Karen.holmquist49@gmail.com  
[C]-952-270-4739

**In case of bad weather, call the trip leader to verify the event has not been canceled.**

### Nerstrand Big Woods State Park Hike

**Saturday, October 21**

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Park Visitor Center  
9700 170th Street East, Nerstrand, MN  
State Park Day Pass (\$7) or Annual Permit (\$35)  
Required. Purchase one ahead online or at the  
Park Office

Picnic after the hike

Bring a chair, your own food & beverages  
Directions to Park Visitor Center: South on I-35.  
Take Exit 69. Drive East on Highway 19 to North-  
field. South on Highway 3. East on MN Highway  
246. Right turn onto County Road 40 to  
Park Entrance.

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



Ullrs on the LAST HURRAH Bike Ride October 5th celebrated another great biking season under the leadership of John Stiefel and Patty Fitzgerald.

Photo left: HURRAH ride leaders Jared and Melinda Hoke. Thank you to John and Patty, the Hokes, AND all of the ride leaders in 2023: Maril Barnard, Bill Brechtel, Kate Casserly, Roger Kemp, Sharon Marini, Craig Navis, Nancy Navis, Pat Nelson, Dan Regan, Marcia Switenski, John Vogt, Gail West and Hal West.

### Hyland Hills Hike, Friday, October 27

Meet @ 9:45, Hike @10:00 hike

The trail is made of wood chips, grass and dirt with some rocks mixed in. It is not all flat. Recommend are poles, water and a hat. This hike can be long or short. It is not a hard hike. Meet at Richardson Nature Center, 8738 East Bush Lake Road, Bloomington. Exit I-494 at Bush Lake Road and go South. Turn right on East Bush Lake Road

**RSVP** by October 25, to Sharon Marini, 952-893-7408 Cell: 612-408-7707

### Lebanon Hills Hike (off Cliff Road)

New Location: Holland Lake

**Mon, Oct 30**, Meet @ 10:45, Hike @11:00 Hike

We can make this trail as long or short as we like.

We'll do 3 or 4 miles. Meet in Parking lot. Take Cedar Ave. East to Cliff. Go past 35E. Go all the way to Lexington. Turn right and go down the hill.

Lunch at Doolittles

**RSVP** to Linda Heintz c- 612-916-2526  
linda.s.heintz@gmail.com