

2022 ULLR Holiday Party



Barb K, Jerry S, Marcia S, Bill B, Nancy S, Pat N, and Linda H enjoying Social Hour

On a nice sunny December 4th afternoon 45 Ullrs gathered at the Minnesota Valley Country Club for our 2022 Christmas Social. A beautiful view of fresh snow on the large expanse of golf course was a wonderful sight to see out the huge windows. Our first entertainment of the day started with 6 large wild turkeys right outside the big picture windows parading for us and doing the "Turkey Trot" through the snow.

As we entered the Country Club we saw it was beautifully decked out in colorful Christmas decor. Each year we get to see old friends that we may not have seen in a long time. Lots of toys and games for "Toys for Tots" soon filled 3 very huge gift bags. These would be delivered later along with \$145.00 in checks to the "Toys for Tots" Richfield collection center by Ellise. These gifts, donated by generous ULLR members, will gladden many children.

Our tasty meal of chicken, green beans, and roasted potatoes was served by the efficient and friendly staff of MVCC. Dessert was a beautifully decorated cake provided by the ULLR Club. Our entertainment was provided by local talented musicians Jon de Vaal playing piano and Pauline Boyd singing holiday songs and getting the party attendees to sing along. The ULLR Foundation sold raffle tickets for a "goodies" basket.

The table decorations were provided by Ellise Lamb. Many thanks to Ellise Lamb and Linda Heintz for planning a very entertaining afternoon. Thanks to Diane Erlandson for again doing a great job on name badges and place cards and to Carol Bush for being our photographer. And a huge thank you to all who came and enjoyed their afternoon with fellow Ullrs. A great time was had by all!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Linda Heintz



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and also, I'm hoping this new year is even better than the last for you all.

Our Christmas party this year was spectacular. It was lots of fun. Thanks to Ellise for a very good job putting everything together.

Now is the time to give the board your ideas for a warm weather or western ski trip. (See p.3) Talk to Nancy Navis about your ideas.

If you haven't done so already, sign up for Granite Peak. As of this writing, there are still rooms available.

Thank you to Nancy Sand who always comes up with something new and interesting. The tour of the Art Glass exhibit was a great day.

The general meeting schedule has been finally finalized. We will meet every 4th Thursday in the BEC's downstairs Knight's room. Park on the east side of the building and come in through the east door. There is an elevator if you need one. This schedule is final - for now.

I am hoping Joan will run the trip to the weather station again. It looked very interesting, and I was unable to attend. I've heard many good and exciting things about the hike and Oktoberfest in New Ulm, but I also could not attend this event. I will have to try harder to make this trip next year.

And now to all, a Good Night.

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

Please notify 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. Notices must have the permission of the person for whom it is written.

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2023 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 p.m. by calling 952-888-1492. The dining room opens at 4:30 p.m. Costs of our dinners and drinks are credited to the club to offset rental costs. The meetings will be held on the lower level in the Knight Room. It is easiest to park in the east parking lot.

Thursday, January 26:

6:00 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Meeting
7:15 p.m. Program: David Jones, speaker.
The 555-foot Washington Monument stands proudly in the center of the National Mall in Washington DC. Building the Monument involved disagreements about the design, political infighting, inability to raise money and a 22-year interruption in the building phase. Join us as we explore this fascinating story. David Jones has many interests. He has been making presentations since 1996 and has spoken more than 2,000 times to a total of more than 50,000 people!

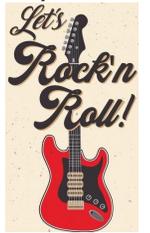


Thursday, February 23,

6:00 p.m. Social. 7:00 p.m. meeting.
7:15 p.m. Program: Jeff Litfin, speaker.
Who better than a Certified Estate Planner, to talk about "Who Gets Mothers Dishes." Jeff conducts estate planning workshops and takes complex legal topics and explains them in an easy-to-understand manner.

Thursday, March 23,

6:00 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. meeting
The candidates for the 2023-24 Board will be introduced.
7:15 p.m. Program: Mike Henry, speaker.
As a former Rock & Roll radio DJ, Mike knows that music can trigger some fun memories. Tonight Mike will bring actual song clips from over 100 of the biggest hits from the 1950's and 60's. Along with the music he shares pictures and stories about some of the artists and songs.



Planning for the Biking Season Saturday, March 4th, at 3:00 p.m.

Please come to the bike planning party and bring your ideas for bike rides for the upcoming biking season. Main dish & beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish & \$2. The party will be at the home of John Stiefel and Patty Fitzgerald, 19595 Near Mountain Blvd., Shorewood



RSVP to 952.470-5411 or 612.743-4565 or to patfitzjohns@msn.com by March 1st

We are hoping that several of you will be able to lead 2 rides this season.

If you can't make the party, or have a ride you want on the schedule, email us with your ideas and possible dates!

See driving instructions on the flyer at ullr.org

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>

A trip is usually planned with a travel agent. Past trips have gone west, south, and east in the USA and abroad. Also remember, a local Minnesota or Wisconsin 3-day trip is fun too. Talk to Nancy Navis about YOUR ideas.

HIKE/WALK - CROSS COUNTRY SNOWSHOE BY CANDLELIGHT

At Lebanon Hills Friday, February 17, 2023



Enjoy Lebanon Hills Regional Park by flickering candlelight. A variety of cross-country ski, snowshoe, hiking and walking trails, and distances, will be lit with hundreds of candles. Warm up with hot cocoa and crackling bonfires. Cocoa provided.



**ADMISSION FOR THE EVENT
IS \$8 / PERSON**

To register and pay, go to the Dakota County Parks programs page,

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/ProgramsEvents> Click on: Calendar of Public Programs, February 2023 calendar, then select the February 17th event. This page will also give information and updates including cancellations due to weather. Ski and snowshoe rental is available.

**MEET AT 6:30 p.m. ON
FEBRUARY 17, AT THE
LEBANON HILLS MAIN VISITOR CENTER**
860 Cliff Road, Eagan, MN

**Please notify Nancy Sand if
you plan to come**

(h) 952-435-5225

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This life-like sculpture of a security guard fooled us all. It was created by the artist Marc Sijan in Milwaukee. See more of his amazing work at marcsijan.com

Karen H and Barb K stand by the colorful chandelier in the CAT museum lobby. Jared H. was surprised by all of the detail found on this security guard sculpture. See the museum tour story on p. 7.



Charlotte N, Paula M, Larry M, Vicki J, Colleen B, and Mary Jane H enjoy the party.

Halloween Party 2022

On Monday, October 31, 2022, and a Top Ten Weather Day, fourteen Ullrs joined us to celebrate Halloween 2022. Witches of all varieties were prevalent, and there were those who came as themselves. Food was aplenty with cider,

chili, corn bread, salads, snacks and desserts. We shared stories, reminisced, and even did a Halloween word find. It was an enjoyable afternoon and everyone had time to get home before dark and trick or treaters. Thanks to everyone who came!

Galen & Mary Jane Hochstein

Recalling November and December Events

We thank the planners and leaders for their work.

November

1, Carver Park Reserve Hike, John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald

17, ULLR General Meeting

Ellise Lamb & singer "Neil Diamond" aka Todd Anderson

22, Singles' Fine Dining at The Hilltop - Ellise Lamb

December

2, Studio Art Glass Exhibit
Nancy Sand

4, ULLR Holiday Party
Ellise Lamb & Linda Heintz

11, French Regional Park Hike
James Habeck

12, Membership Directory Folding Party
James Habeck & Nancy Sand

27, Singles' Fine Dining at Yard House - Ellise Lamb

Cancelled

9, Old Cedar Avenue Bridge Hike
Linda Heintz

15, Long Lake Regional Park Hike
Jan & Jerry Swanberg [cold & wet]

Up-coming Social Opportunities in 2023
3 General Meetings and March 4, Sat., 3:00 PM;
Biking Season Planning Party at home of John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald
(see p. 3)

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.

As of Jan. 4 there are no volunteers signed up for 2023. Hosts are needed. E-mail / call Jan!



SINGLES' FINE DINING on TUESDAYS in 2023

RSVP to Ellise Lamb by the Sunday before the event. Send via voicemail at 952-457-8772 or to ellise.lamb@mchsi.com

Arrive at 11:15 a.m.

February 28 at Luna di Luna; 8820 Lyndale Ave. So., Bloomington, 55420; lunadiluna.com

March 28 at Outback Steakhouse, 1321 E. 78th St., Bloomington, 55425

April 25 at 5120 Restaurant, 5120 American Blvd., Bloomington 55437 (located in the Holiday Inn); www.5120mn.com



Snowshoe at the Gale Woods Farm Friday, January 13, 2023

Meet at 10:00 a.m. Trail options are 1 to 3 miles. Gale Woods Farm is located in western Hennepin County, 7210 County Road 110, Minnetrista, MN. Snowshoes are available online to rent. Several short hills need walking sticks or ski poles. **RSVP** to Bill Brechtel, 952-474-5295 (cell)

Elm Creek Park Eastman Nature Center

Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoe, Hike?
Sunday, Feb. 12; 1:00 p.m.

Eastman is located on the north side of the main park. This is not the regular entrance. See the flyer to decide upon 1 of 3 ways to get there.

RSVP to James Habeck; 763-559-5593
After the outing, Ullrs are invited to come to the Maple Tavern located on County Rd 81.

Snowshoe at Lake Ann Park in Chanhasseen Monday, Feb. 20; Meet at 10:30 a.m.

Snowshoe scenic wooded trails, ranging from 1 to 2+ miles. If you'd rather, hiking boots with Yaktrax chains will work too. Several short hills may need walking sticks or ski poles. Meet in the parking lot nearest the lake, 1456 West 78th Street, Chanhasseen. We begin snowshoeing at 11:00. After snowshoeing join us for lunch and conversation at Brindisi's Pub, 501 West 78th Street, Chanhasseen next to the Chanhasseen Dinner Theater.

RSVP to Bill Brechtel 952-474-5295 (cell)

For all outdoor events: To verify the event has not been cancelled, call the event chair.

In loving memory.....

Ronald Machel

May 6, 1942-Dec. 16, 2022

The German community has lost a dear friend. Ron was known for his music, stories and shared memories. Ullrs offer their condolences to his children, grandchildren and many friends.





John S and Patty F marveled at these large colorful glass pieces of art at the "Persian Wall." See other photos at <http://www.ullr.org/EventPics2022.html>

Dale Chihuly is one of the best-known studio art glass artists in the world. He has sculptures and installations in over 200 museums around the world – including the yellow glass chandelier in the lobby of the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Chihuly and Cafesjian were friends for over 30 years. During that time, Cafesjian acquired many art glass pieces created by Chihuly's studio.

ULLRS LEARN ABOUT BLOWN GLASS ART AT THE NEW CAT MUSEUM

On Friday, December 2nd, 20 Ullrs experienced a guided tour of the newly opened Cafesjian Art Trust (CAT) Museum in Shoreview. ULLR Nancy S made arrangements for the tour. The group included new ULLR members Jared and Melinda H. Descriptive words from Ullrs included: "wow, oh my gosh, amazing, extraordinary, unbelievably beautiful, fantastic, awesome," etc.

Gerard Cafesjian, of Armenian heritage, was a businessman and philanthropist establishing several charitable foundations. He was born in New York and served in the Navy during World War II. He practiced law in New York City for several years, then joined the editorial staff of a publishing company. In 1960 he and his family moved to St Paul where he began a long and distinguished career at West Publishing Company. In 1988 he donated one million dollars to prevent the dismantling and sale of the historic Minnesota State Fair Carousel.

Cafesjian had a passion for art that consumed his life for more than six decades. Following his death in 2013, his family relocated his entire art collection in Shoreview, including his art collections from New York and Armenia. The Cafesjian Art Trust renovated a former warehouse in Shoreview to include exhibit space, a reference library, a soon-to-be-opened gift shop, and storage space for the Cafesjian collection that numbers about 5,000 pieces of which 2/3 is art glass.

The current CAT exhibit of only Chihuly art glass is the first public exhibit at the newly-opened CAT Museum. The exhibit tour highlights the friendship between Cafesjian and Chihuly. The exhibit includes a chandelier made up of hundreds of individual pieces, a four-panel ceiling of 250 individual pieces, cylinders, baskets, baskets that resemble clam shells, a Persian wall and Persian sea form basket, Venetians, and the Putti* & Sealife Series. Ullrs listened raptly to the tour guide who explained the processes for creating the different art glass sculptures that can involve as many as 20 or more artists blowing each of the components that are later fused together to become the sculpture.

Ullrs circulated around the room taking many photos of the beautifully-lit glass art. And, the "security guard" did not have to arrest any Ullrs for touching or breaking anything!

Future exhibits at the CAT will include additional Chihuly pieces, art glass from other well-known glass artists from around the world, and other types of art. There is no charge for attending a CAT tour, but you must make a reservation online to do so. Minnesota is privileged to have the Cafesjian Art Trust Museum in the Twin Cities! Come see it – you will be amazed!

*A putto [plural putti] is a figure in a work of art depicted as a chubby male child, usually naked and sometimes winged. Originally limited to profane passions in symbolism, the putto came to represent the sacred cherub, and in Baroque art the putto came to represent the omnipresence of God. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Putto)"



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY MAILED TO ULLRS

By Nancy Sand

Sixteen Ullrs gathered at the home of ULLR Jim H on December 12 to prepare the November 2022 ULLR Membership Directory for mailing. But first, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch. Host Jim H provided a main dish and beverages. The other ULLR participants brought appetizers, salads and desserts to share.

With their hunger satisfied, Folding Party Coordinator Nancy S organized everyone into four groups to prepare the directories for mailing: attach mailing labels, fold the directories, tape the directories, and attach stamps. The work crews were efficient and quickly completed all the tasks.

Like any ULLR gathering, conversation flowed. Those who had been in the ULLR Club in its early years shared stories of the process for getting the directories ready to mail to 1,000+ members. They also talked about what the early directories looked like when documents like that were produced using typewriters and when everything had to be re-typed when it was time to update the directory.

Today's computers allow us to simply insert or delete information from our database.

With the holidays and the new year approaching, conversations also flowed regarding people's plans for the holidays and winter travel. Our wishes for each other included happy holidays and safe travels.

Additions to the November directory are **Sally Chevalier & Mary Richgels**

Jan C, Jan B, Alan M, and Karen O are ready for their taping work.

See more Folding party photos at ullr.org/EventPic2022



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 breakfast 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 determined. 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 reservation and mail the signup sheet to Nancy Sand, 15001 Burnhaven Drive #108, Burnsville, MN

2023 Winter Hiking, SS, XC Schedule

Friday, Jan. 13; 10:00 a.m., Snowshoe at Gale Woods Farm; Bill Brechtel, 952-474-5295 (cell) (See p.6)

Tue., Jan. 31, 10:15 a.m., Richardson Nature Center SS or Hike, Sharon Marini, 952-893-7408 (See p.6)

Sunday, Feb. 12, 1:00 p.m., Elm Creek XC/SS/Hike, James Habeck, 763-559-5593 (See p.6)

Friday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m. At Lebanon Hills (See p. 4)
Nancy Sand, (h) 952-435-5225 (c)763-280-2600
nsand878@gmail.com

Monday, Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m., Snowshoe at Lake Ann Park; Bill Brechtel 952-474-5295 [c] (See p.6)

Please RSVP Host or contact for more information about weather cancellation.

Skiing 2022-2023 Revised

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

Wednesday, Jan. 11
Afton

Thursday, Jan. 26
Welch

Wednesday, Feb. 1
Afton

Tuesday-Thursday, February 7-9
Granite Peak, Wis.
Nancy Sand 952-435-5225

Wednesday, Feb. 22
Buck Hill

Thursday, Mar. 2
Welch

Monday, Mar. 6
Buck Hill

