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August 2024

ULLR CLUB 2024 SPRING CELEBRATION By Patty Fitzgerald

May 17, 2024, was a beautiful day. 53 Ullrs gathered at the Chanhassen American Legion for the club annual spring party. We no longer have awards to bestow upon some of our members, however, the party was thoroughly enjoyed. Members visited with old and new friends during happy hour. Next was the buffet with roast beef and turkey and all the fixings. We finished our meal with cake and coffee. The highlight of the night was our entertainment. St. Croix Crossing delighted us with their singing and entertaining. The group is a senior barber-shop quartet. Jared Hoke, one of our members, sings bass in the quartet. The group was the 2010 Land O' Lakes District champions. In

addition to this honor, they have received five bronze and silver medals at the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Senior Quartet Championships. Their highest award is a gold medal for their performance in Costa Mesa, California in January 2018, at the International Senior Quartet Championships. The group performed for us as if they were performing at the Grand Ole Opry, which was a recent venue for the group. We feel fortunate that our members were able to hear these wonderful singers. Thank you, Jared!

[And thank you event co-chairs Mary Ellen Goriesky and Patty Fitzgerald.]



2024-2025 ULLR Board: Mary Ellen G, Summer VP; Linda H, Past President; Carol B, Treasurer; Kyle M, Winter VP; Patty F, Membership VP; Janet F, Secretary; Nancy N, President; Melinda H, Executive VP

Listings for Upcoming Activities and Events

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- P. 7, 8 & 9 Biking Schedules and July, August, and September bike rides information

2024 IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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

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From The ULLR Board

Every organization's Board has the responsibility to oversee its income and expenses and to be fiscally responsible with the balance in its treasury. The ULLR Board had an audit as of April 30, 2024.

Based on my review of the Balance Sheet and test of transactions of the ULLR Ski Bike and Social Club as of April 30, 2024 and the Profit and Loss Statement for the 12 months ended April 30, 2024, in my opinion the above Statements accurately reflect income and expenses as reported, and account balances as of April 30, 2024.

Barb Sedges, accountant, and ULLR Ski, Bike & Social Club Member.

Financial Report as of April 30, 2024

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash in Bank	18,115.42
Prepaid Expenses	<u>56,781.21</u>
Total Assets	<u>74,896.64</u>
Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	63,033.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	<u>11,863.64</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>74,896.64</u>

Profit and Loss Statement

Lanesboro	(36.84)
Nisswa	343.95
Spring Banquet	202.70
Holiday Ball	(.94)
Do The Door	175.76
What's Cookin'	59.73
Ski Racing	(60.00)
Nullr	(2,372.10)
Membership	3,898.49
Miscellaneous, Office & Website	(1,755.00)
Net Income	<u>455.75</u>

The ULLR Board last year made decisions, partly based on the bank balance, to change meeting venue locations and discontinue awarding OLE awards and gifts. The current Board is again discussing a different meeting location. Another issue is the newsletter cost. Is a newsletter desired and even read by most members today? Are the Saturday reminders and the website maintained by the ULLR webmaster Wayne Jastremski sufficient? Board members welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Sitzmark Ski Club has two ski trips open to MSC members.

Val d'Iseres - Ski Trip and Optional extension to Lisbon;

Jan 31-Feb 11, 2025. The trip is full, but there is a wait list.

Aspen-Snowmass, Mar 9-15, 2025. Currently there are 23 spots still open. See more details at <https://www.sitzmarkmn.org/eventsandtrips>

ULLR Webmaster: Wayne Jastremski

See directory for address

Webster@ULLR.org

NULLR Editor: Margie Deutsch

7600 Golden Valley Road, #505, Golden

Valley 55427 NULLR@ULLR.org

Explore the American Studio Glass Movement through the lens of the **CAFESJIAN ART TRUST (CAT) MUSEUM** **FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024**

Meet at 9:45 am at the CAT Building. 4600 Churchill Street, Shoreview MN (Doors open at 9:50 am.) There is no cost to see the exhibits. Our guided tour is limited to 20 participants. The exhibition showcases the movement that brought glass working in America out of the factory and into small studios where artists acted as both designer and maker for the first time.

RSVP to Nancy Sand no later than July 26
nsand878@gmail.com
(h) 952-435-5225 (c)
763-280-2600



Notify Nancy if you need to cancel so she can include someone from a wait list.

Lunch after the tour at Churchill St. Restaurant (Next door to the CAT Building) 4606 Churchill Street, Shoreview MN



What's Cookin' ULLR Summer Picnics at Brookview Park, 100 Brookview Parkway N. in Golden Valley. (See a map in the ULLR directory.) **Three of the four picnics are from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Lunch is served at noon.** The pavilion is reserved from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Bring cards or games and linger a while.

July 10: BBQ Pork sandwiches; Hosts: bikers

July 24: Scandinavian Smorgasbord; Hosts: ULLR Foundation

August 14: Pulled Pork sandwiches; Dinner served at **6:00 pm.**

Hosts: Vicki Johnson and friends. The pavilion is reserved from 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

August 28: Sloppy Joes; Hosts: Hal and Gail West and 70s, 80s, & 90s Birthday folk

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS. The pavilion is covered so the events happen rain or shine.

Lanesboro Bike & Golf Trip

Tues-Thur, August 20-22

Stay at Green Gables Inn

\$138 per person 2 to a room

Includes lodging and breakfast on Wednesday and Thursday.

Welcome Party Tuesday evening. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverages. Dinner on your own Tuesday and Wednesday (no group dinner) Local Restaurants: *Junipers, Pedal Pusher, Gil BS Pizza, Root River Unwind in Lanesboro*

Biking - 10, 20, 30 or more miles;

Golfing at 2 nearby courses;

Four Daughters Winery;

(Sorry, no Commonwealth Theatre Aug.20-21)

So far 17 people have signed up. There is room for 10 more. If rooms aren't filled, they will be given back on July 15. Sign up now.

Co-Chairs: Maril Barnard, 651-402-0301,

mbarnard3952@gmail.com

Kathy Lucas, 952-836-4723;

klucas.potter@gmail.com

Send check payable to ULLR Club & emergency contact form to: Maril Barnard, 221 Vernon St, St. Paul, MN 55105

ULLR Cancellation Policy applies.

Helmets required for all bikers.



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 snacks to share, beverage, and any games you would like to play.

Friday, July 12, 2:00 PM

Host: Ellise Lamb, **RSVP:** via voicemail to 952-457-8772 or to ellise.lamb@mchsi.com
73 Lakeview Terrace Blvd., Waconia 55387

Friday, August 9, 2:00 PM

Host: Jim Habeck, **RSVP:** 763-559-5593 or james.habeck@q.com
12030 54th Ave N,
Plymouth 55442

Months, Sept. to Dec., are available.



SINGLES' FINE DINING on TUESDAYS in 2024

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.



July 23 at Wise Acre Eatery
(On the patio)

5401 Nicollet Ave S., Minneapolis 55419
wiseacreeatery.com

Aug 27 at Ciao Bella (On the patio)
3501 Minnesota Dr, Bloomington 55435
952-841-1000; ciaobellamn.com

Sep 24 at Hazelwood Food and Drink
8150 26th Ave S., Bloomington 55425
Hazelwoodfoodanddrink.com



ULLR Hikes came to an end in May. Maybe call up a friend or two and go out and walk. The Twin Cities have many interesting places to visit or explore.

Hike at Schaar's Bluff Trail near Hastings

On May 15, 12 Ullrs enjoyed a beautiful 2.7 mile hike at Schaar's Bluff near Hastings. Our hike led us onto a wooded trail along the Mississippi River. At one point we descended 55 rugged steps down into a ravine near the water.

After the hike everyone drove into Hastings for lunch at the American Legion. We enjoyed the outdoor patio overlooking the Mighty Mississippi. Our wonderful hike ended with an eagle flying over the river, giving us a nod to end our great day of being with friends and enjoying the great outdoors. Thanks to the event leaders, Karen Holmquist and Kyle McClintick.



See the flyer at ullr.org for this fun event: **MSC Summer Carnival**
Thursday - Sunday: August 15-18

**Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center,
Alexandria, Minnesota.**

\$455 per person. There are many included or optional amenities and activities. Full details on the flyer at ullr.org

Pre-registration is encouraged.

Trip Registration closes June 3. For more information, contact Paul Benkufsky, pb3942@hotmail.com or call 651-260-6439

There were no trip proposals for Ullrs this year... But that doesn't mean you can't plan a 2-4 day trip here in Minnesota or in one of our neighboring states. What have you done and seen that others might enjoy? What would you like to do? **There is a lot to see and do right here!**
PLAN IT, please!

Or, what one-day activity or event can you plan for this summer? **Contact Mary Ellen Goriesky at summerprogramvp@ullr.org**

2024-2025 WINTER PLANNING PARTY

Sunday July 21, 2024, 11:00 am

The home of Craig and Nancy Navis
3655 Greensboro Drive, Eagan

Join in on the fun planning fall hikes and winter skiing events. Bring your ideas/dates for events to be added to the ULLR winter calendar.

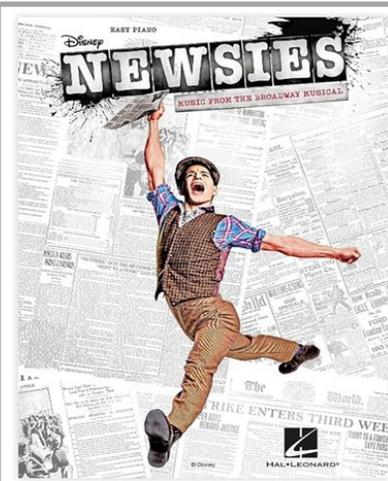
The event will be on the outdoor deck so please bring a chair, a dish to share and \$2 donation.

An egg bake main dish will be served.

**RSVP by Monday,
July 15 to:**
Nancy Navis at 651-329-4836, email
craignavis@gmail.com

or

Kyle McClintick 651-398-6870, or e-mail
tmc1417@yahoo.com



Saturday, July 27, 2024, 2 PM
Artistry Theater, Bloomington Center for the Arts
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington
\$38 Tickets for 18 people

Enjoy the many songs in this musical, inspired by the real-life Newsboys' Strike of 1899 in New York City.

Mail check to: Mary Ellen Goriesky, 6610 Auto Club Rd, #3105, Bloomington, MN 55438.

All unsold tickets were returned July 1st. You may purchase tickets at artistrymn.org to join the ULLR group before the show.

Let Mary Ellen know that you are coming, call 952-983-4708.

ULLR CANCELLATION POLICY APPLIES

**May-June, 2024 SPOTLIGHT - MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTORY PUBLICATION CHANGES**
By Patty Fitzgerald, Membership VP
membershipvp@ullr.org

Welcome New member: Nita Dusek

Rejoining: James Maiser

Directory Changes:

Douglas Anders
Carol Bush
Barbara Sedges

You received complete information from Patty in an email around June 2.



Colleen B and Lori W share stories



Happy Laurie and Joe C



Thanks to Sharon Marini, 2024 ULLR Past President/Advisor, here with friend Charlotte N

St. Croix Crossings Barber Shop Quartet

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

May

1, Kick-off Ride, John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald

6, Normandale Japanese Garden Walk, Kyle McClintick & Sharon Marini

8, Silverwood Park Hike Kyle McClintick & Barb Kolbe

9, General Meeting & ULLR Foundation Bingo & Raffle

Melinda Hoke, Jan Cady & Nancy Keyes

10, Singles Cards and Games Jan Butler

14, City Ride, John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald

15, Schaar Bluff Trail Hike Karen Holmquist & Kyle McClintick

16, Carver Park to Excelsior Ride, Bill Brechtel

17, Spring Fling, Mary Ellen Goriesky & Patty Fitzgerald

23, St. Paul River Ride Jerry and Maril Barnard

28, Singles Noon Dining at Town Hall Station Ellise Lamb

30, Gateway Trail Ride Jared and Melinda Hoke

**Thursday, August 8
Three Tunnels Ride**

Meet at 9:15, Ride at 9:30, appx 17 miles.
Meet at the Big Rivers Regional Trailhead,
1498 Mendota Heights Rd, Mendota Heights.
Be aware that this is a hilly ride. If you have
an ebike, you might want to use it.

RSVP: Nancy Navis; 651-329-4836 or
craignavis@gmail.com

**Thursday, August 15
Hastings to Schaar's Bluff Ride**

Meet at 10:15, Ride at 10:30, appx 21 miles.
Meet in Levee Park parking lot
near the American Legion Post 47
50 Sibley Street, Hastings.
Optional picnic lunch after the ride at Levee Park.
Bring your own chair, food and beverage.

RSVP: Kathy Lucas, 952-836-4726;
klucas.potter@gmail.com **or** Rick Huber,
262-424-0772; richardjhuber@gmail.com

**Thursday, August 29
Ride the Luce Line Trail**

Meet at 9:15, ride at 9:30, about 20 miles
Park at Theodore Wirth Trailhead, 1221 Theo-
dore Wirth Pkwy, Minneapolis.
We will ride west thru Theodore Wirth Park, up
some rolling hills, thru Golden Valley and out to
Plymouth, all on a blacktop trail. We return on
the same trail. The park has mountain bike trails
available for the adventurous!

Walkers are welcome to come to the park and
enjoy the trails while the bikers are riding.

Lunch after the ride, approximately 12:30 pm at
Mill Valley Cafe, a new cafe at the trailhead.

RSVP: Dan Regan, dfregan@msn.com or
952-471-9318 or 763-645-9708(c)

**For more information about the rides or
parking, read the flyers at ullr.org**
Helmets are required on all rides! In case of
inclement weather, contact ride chairs for
cancellation information.

Thursday, September 12

**Cannon Falls Road ride to Welch,
Cannon Valley Trail ride back to Cannon Falls**

Meet at 9:30, ride at 10:00, about 25 miles
*You should be comfortable riding on a highway next
to traffic. This is not a ride for everyone. Good ride
for E-bikers.* Lunch afterwards: TBD

RSVP: Karen Clarke, 651-328-0600, or
Clarke.k.j@hotmail.com

Monday - Tuesday, October 7 - 8, 2024

Leaf Peeping on the Rails Ride and Hike

Unique rail bike trip through the scenic Iowa
countryside. Light picnic stop at Rose's
Landing, overlooking the Des Moines River.
Overnight stay at the Cobblestone Inn, Boone,
Iowa. Tuesday hike at Ledges State Park,
on perhaps the most scenic loop trail in Iowa.

LIMIT: 20 people

Signup deadline: July 15, 2024

RSVP: to: Karen Holmquist 952-270-4739 or
Kyle McClintick 651-644-5919
See complete information at ullr.org

A note about the Nullr cost by Margie

In 2014, I gave this information about the cost of the
Nullr to the Board. These statistics were based on
information from Feb. 2012 to July 2014. (I became
editor in August 2011.) These were the average
monthly costs for 150 Nullrs. (This number based on
of families receiving a mailed Nullr.)

Editor (Margie) \$200
Layout (Cornerstone Copy) \$289.38
Printing \$56.01
Shipping \$17.55
Stamps \$64.48
Party host \$76.66
Total average month cost \$704.08
x 10 issues = \$7,040.80
Divided by 235 members = \$29.96 per member.

The mailing of the Nullr ended as of August 2014.
From then on, only a few issues are mailed.

Since then, **in a year**, the cost for the editor is \$2,000
and mailing costs \$172 (in 2023).

**\$2172 ÷ 168 members (in 2023 directory) is \$12.93
per person.**

BUT, \$2,172 is 18.3% of the 2024 treasury balance.
AND, if only 20% of the current membership (47
people) are Nullr readers, the cost for those members
is \$64.65 a year. From casual conversations I've had,
there are not even that many who read the Nullr. The
website is available for details.

**Please let the ULLR Board know your opinion
about continuing the Nullr. If it is no longer
needed or wanted, it is a waste of money
(and my time.)**

2024 Biking Schedule (cont. on p. 9) Helmets are required on all Ullr bike rides

Bicycling program Coordinator: John Stiefel h-952-470-5411, Patty Fitzgerald c-612-743-4565

Please check the website at <http://www.ullr.org> for flyers to obtain details for each listed event

[Date]	Event	Contact(s)	
JULY			
July 4 - Thursday	St Paul Capital ride & Potluck	Nancy and Craig Navis	651-329-4836
July 11 – Thursday	Rain make-up date if needed	Check the website ullr.org	
July 16 – Tuesday	Cannon Valley Trail	Sharon Marini	952-893-7408 612-408-7707 [c]
July 18-Thursday	Dakota Trail	Dan Regan	952-471-9318 763-645-9708 [c]
July 25 – Thursday	Gray Cloud Island	Karen Clarke	651-328-0600
AUGUST			
Aug 1 – Thursday	Charlie Brown Memorial ride Browns Creek-Gateway	Jerry and Maril Barnard	651-261-7969 JB 651-402-0301 MB
Aug 8 – Thursday	Three tunnels ride	Nancy Navis	651-329-4836
Aug 15 – Thursday	Hastings to Schaar's Bluff	Rick Huber & Kathy Lucas	262-424-0772 RH 952-836-4723 KL
Aug 20-22, Tuesday to Thursday	Lanesboro	Maril Barnard & Kathy Lucas	651-402-0301 MB 952-836-4723 KL
Aug 29 - Thursday	Luce Line, Theo Wirth & points west	Dan Regan	952-471-9318 763-645-9708 [c]
SEPTEMBER			
Sept 5 - Thursday	Maple Grove ride & potluck	Gail and Hal West	763-427-6254 763-360-7445 [c]
Sept 10 - Tuesday	Fish Lake to Elm Creek Parks	Bill Brechtel	952-474-5295
Sept 12 - Thursday	Cannon Falls-Vasa-Cannon Valley Trail	Karen Clarke	651-328-0600
Sept 17 - Tuesday	Bloomington Overlook Drive	John Vogt	952-829-7056
Sept 19 - Thursday	Chanhassen to Chaska	Bill Brechtel	952-474-5295
Sept 26 - Thursday	TBD	TBD	TBD
OCTOBER			
Oct 3 - Thursday	Stillwater Bridge, Browns Creek Trail to Gateway	Maril Barnard & Melinda Hoke	651-402-0301 MB 612-618-6919 MH
Oct 10 - Thursday	Mn River Valley ride	Bill Brechtel	952-474-5295

Thursday, July 4

St Paul Capital Ride & Potluck

Meet at 9:00, Ride 9:15, appx 20 miles.
Meet at the Big Rivers Regional Trailhead.
1498 Mendota Heights Road, Mendota Heights.
Potluck after ride, rain or shine.
Brats, hot dogs & beverages will be provided
Please bring a side dish, \$2, and a lawn chair.
Potluck at 3655 Greensboro Drive, Eagan.
RSVP: Nancy and Craig Navis, 651-329-4836

Tuesday, July 16

Cannon Valley Trail Ride

Meet at 9:00, Ride 9:30, appx 20 miles.
Meet at the Welch Trailhead,
26674 144th Avenue Way, Welch, MN.
Daily Wheel Pass is \$7, (exact cash or check)
Picnic lunch after the ride.
Bring your food and beverage.
Picnic tables available or bring your own chair.
RSVP: Sharon Marini, 952-893-7408 or
612-408-7707[c]

Thursday, July 18

Dakota Rail Regional Trail Ride

Meet at 9:15, Ride at 9:30, appx 20 miles.
Meet in St. Bonifacius at 4150 Bell Street
(City Center parking area by bridge).
Picnic lunch after the ride.
Bring your own chair, food and beverage.
RSVP: Dan Regan, 952-471-9318 or 763-645-9708[c]

Thursday, August 1

**Charlie Brown Memorial Ride
Brown's Creek & Gateway Trails**

Meet at 9:15, Ride at 9:45, appx 21 miles.
Meet at the Brown's Creek Trailhead,
401 Laurel St E, Stillwater.
Picnic lunch after the ride at Pioneer Park,
515 N. 2nd St. Stillwater.
Bring your own chair, food and beverage.
RSVP: Maril Barnard 651-402-0301
mbarnard3952@gmail.com

*Check website ullr.org for information about
a possible ride on July 11.*

Thursday, October 3

**Stillwater Lift Bridge
St. Croix Crossing Fall Color Tour Ride**

Meet at 9:00, Ride at 9:30, appx 15 miles
Meet at the Brown's Creek Trailhead
401 Laurel St E, Stillwater.
Experience autumn's beauty. The 5 mile loop
travels along the river, over the new St. Croix
Crossing bridge, through a bit of rural Wisconsin,
then down the hill and over the iconic Lift Bridge.
A trip along the Brown's Creek Trail extends the
tour another 10 miles, but you may continue as
far as you like by joining the Gateway Trail.
Picnic lunch after the ride at Pioneer Park
515 N. 2nd St. Stillwater.
Bring your own chair, food and beverage.
RSVP Melinda Hoke at 612-618-6919;
melindahoke@midco.net or
Maril Adlin-Barnard at 651-402-0301,
mbarnard3952@gmail.com



Kathy Potter and Carole Magnuson

Thursday, July 25

Gray Cloud Island Ride

Meet at 9:00, Ride at 9:30, 20-25 miles
Meet at DNR Boat Landing under Wakota
Bridge on Verderosa Avenue under the 494
bridge. Bring a snack for on the ride, and
a picnic lunch and chair for after the ride
RSVP: Karen Clarke; 651-328-0600
Clarke.k.j@hotmail.com



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