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for our lives here up North. And we celebrate the full circle of life, from plants and animals, to fish and birds, to water and soil and light.

To celebrate for many of us is not a loud hurrah. It is quietly appreciating all that we have around us here to grasp in our daily lives and work. For me for many years as an NMU historian, it was the gift of Hogback Mountain. While grading papers or preparing classes at a desk in the library, I looked up often through the window to enjoy its spectacular silhouette in the evening light, and it lightened my spirit. So did the chance to visit often Presque Isle Park, the park that landscape designer Frederick Law Olmstead in the 1890s said human artifice could not improve. Seldom can one find such a beautiful place within a city for a quick lunch or ski or hike, and be back at home or work in an hour. From our speakers you will hear other images that captivate them, from relentless winter blizzards to quiet river bends with endless plays of light and shadow, from chickadees boldly staking out their territory in late February to human migrants and immigrants from around the world attempting to subdue this landscape and imprint their own history upon it.

Residents of the U.P. live on a special peninsula that is ecologically and culturally distinctive within North America. And as much as we love it, we must also assume responsibility for protecting it onto the seventh generation with a twenty-first century land ethic. That does not mean turning the U.P. into a gigantic park, but prioritizing our use of the land. On both public and private lands, a "decent sample" of representative and intact ecosystems need strict science-based protection, while some others warrant restoration or protection for their distinctive natural features. Most parts of the U.P. landscape have been, and will remain, working forests, interspersed with thousands of recreational camps, many small cities and towns, some farming districts, two active iron mines, and many abandoned industrial sites. Whether and how prospective sulfide mining fits into this future remains to be determined.

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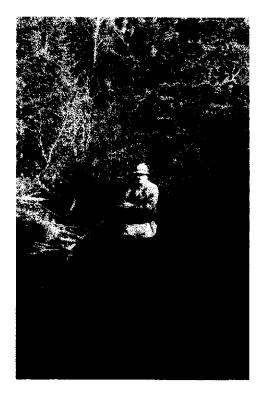
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Bill doing one of his favorite things in one of his favorite places



**UPEC Salutes Bill Robinson** 

When UPEC was formally created back in early 1976, Bill Robinson became a charter member of the board. He continued to serve in that capacity for most of the next thirty years, longer than almost any other board member. During that time, he served as president from 1981 to 1983, contributed regularly to the newsletter, and was a quiet voice of reason and scientific expertise. As a professor of wildlife biology at Northern Michigan Uni-

versity, Bill was a prolific researcher and author, and inspired many not only to pursue their scientific curiosity, but to express their passion and concern for the natural world through activism. Two present board members, Mary Martin and Karen Bacula, in fact, are his former students.

Bill was born in Ironwood, and moved with his family to Marquette as a small child. He is a native "yooper," and his affection for this area has been ever-evident in his stories, anecdotes, and his wonderful sense of humor regarding the people and places he loved. Though perhaps best known outside the U.P. for his popular wildlife management textbook, Bill also published a charming collection of short tales from his youth titled *Fishing with my Uncles* in 2004. This delightful book captures the warmth and spirit that, along with his dedication to protecting this region's environment, make Bill a true U.P. treasure.

Progressive memory loss has afflicted Bill for the past few years, and he now resides at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette. Without a doubt, if it were not for his health problems, Bill would still be an active member of UPEC.

Please join us in honoring his long service at the reception. We will encourage attendees to recount stories of how Bill has touched their lives, so come prepared to share!

- Mary Martin, Board Member



# U.P. Celebration at the Three Corners Schedule of Presentations

# Individual Presentations: What's Special Shout the U.P.?

(Photo on left - Trap Hills, Courtesy of Doug Welker)

#### Peter White Public Library—Community Room

10:15 - 11:15	"An Author's Journey to Advocacy: A Memorable Hike Leads to a Regional Vision" -
•	Eric Hansen, author, hiker
	comment on the standard of the control of the contr

- 11:30 12:30 "The Beaver Basin Wilderness Designation at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore" Jim Northup, Superintendent, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
- 1:30 2:45 Marquette premiere film showing of "Fortunate Wilderness, The Wolf and Moose Study of Isle Royale" George Desort, documentary filmmaker

#### The Landmark Inn -Sky Room

- 10:00 11:00 "From Here to a Beach that's Almost in Paradise" Scot Stewart, photographer, birder
- 11:30 12:30 "Defined by Water" Sam Crowley, kayaker
- 1:30 2:30 "North Country Trail in the Central U.P." and "Exploring the Wild and Spectacular Trap Hills Of Ontonagon Marge Forslin, Lorana Jinkerson and Doug Welker, North Country Trail hiking advocates

#### The Landmark Inn - Board Room

- 10:00 11:00 "Historian Looks at the U.P." Russell Magnaghi, historian, NMU
- 11:30 12:30 "Native American Presence, Spiritual Overview" Earl Meshigaud, Sr., Cultural Director, and Aiesha Meshigaud, Spiritual Leader, Hannahville Indian Community
- 1:30 2:20 "Trails—A Community Asset and Portal to our Wilderness" Michael Sauer, Noquemenon Trail Network hiking advocate

#### Federated Women's Clubhouse

- 10:00 11:00 "Why It Matters—Landscaping with Native Plants" Jan Schultz, botanist, U.S. Forest Service
- 11:30 12:30 "U.P. History from a Weatherman's Perspective" Karl Bohnak, WLUC TV6 weatherman
- 1:30 2:30 "Wilderness Palette: Nita Engle's Vision of the U.P." Nita Engle, watercolorist

#### **Group Presentations:** A Panel and a Tribute

3:00-4:45 "Prioritizing the U.P. Landscape" - Peter White Public Library

Panel Discussion Participants – Dave Dempsey, Tina Hall, Jim Northup, Marv Roberson, and Jan Schultz Moderator: Jon Saari

5:00 - 7:00 Reception and Tribute to **Bill Robinson**, wildlife biologist and founding member of UPEC - Federated Women's Clubhouse

Join us for drinks and refreshments at the reception

#### Karl Bohnak - Meteorologist, Author

Karl celebrates the hardy men and women who settled this rugged, beautiful environment with stories that examine our history with an emphasis on weather and climate.

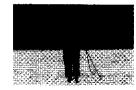
Weather has been Karl Bohnak's passion since his youth. He studied meteorology at the University of Wisconsin and has worked in broadcasting for over 30 years. A fondness of snow led Karl to one of the snowiest regions in the country – the U.P. He has been broadcasting weather here for over 20 years.



#### Sam Crowley—Kayaker, Sea Kayak Specialists

As a peninsula, the U.P. is defined by water. It was water that made up the ancient highways that Native Americans, European explorers and early settlers traveled. Paddling a kayak, one sees the land, wildlife, and history from a unique perspective. Join Sam as he offers a view of Lake Superior, Michigan, and Huron shorelines as seen from the water.

Sam Crowley is a massage therapist and kayak instructor based in Marquette. He has paddled Lake Superior extensively, as well as British Columbia, Finland, Sweden, and Iceland. After traveling, the U.P. shoreline reaffirms itself as a place of beauty, community, and wilderness.



#### George Desort—Documentary Filmmaker

Anchored in the northwest depths of Lake Superior, Isle Royale is one of America's last remaining wild places. Fifty-six miles of inhospitable waters isolate the island from Michigan's mainland. Explore this wilderness with wolf biologists Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich as they attempt to make

sense of the delicate balance between wolf, moose, and climate.

George Desort is an independent documentary filmmaker. A graduate of University of Wisconsin and Columbia College in Chicago, he has spent the last four years shadowing wolf biologists Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich for a behind-the-scenes look into the wolf and moose study of Isle Royale, the longest running single predator, single prey study in the world.

#### Nita Engle—Renowned Watercolorist

Nita Engle is one of America's foremost watercolor artists, much recognized and awarded. She has painted land-scapes around the world, but none so evocatively as the stretch of river and Lake Superior coast north of Marquette which she calls home. She only paints outdoor scenes that she has personally experienced, using color and water in an experimental way that is her very own. In this session she will discuss six to eight of her U.P. prints and what they mean to her. She has written, "there is so little wilderness left...My goal is to take you into the landscape through my painting. I want you to actually be there, although briefly, to be as fully engaged and engrossed in the painting as you might be in a book...I want to make a space where there is freedom for the mind to wander."

#### Marge Forslin—Vice President, North Country Trail Hikers Chapter

Marge will present an overview of the North Country National Scenic Trail, followed by highlights of the trail as it traverses the central U.P. from western Alger Co. to eastern Baraga Co.

Marge serves as the office manager for the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning and is on the board of the Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy.

#### Eric Hansen—Author, Advocate



Eric will present a slide tour of the Upper Peninsula's best hikes and offer his thoughts on the land, its compelling themes, and its almost mythic place in the imagination of people throughout the Midwest. Hansen walked 900 miles researching his best-selling guidebook for the U.P. He found miles of quiet Lake Superior shoreline, sparkling waterfalls, and high rock balconies with knock-your-socks-off views.

Eric Hansen is an award-winning environmental essayist, author, conservation campaigner, adventurer, public speaker and pulpit guest. He has highlighted the U.P.'s natural heritage in *Backpacker Magazine*, the op-ed pages of our region's leading newspapers, and in numerous public radio interviews. Widely traveled, he's a veteran of 28 treks to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, successful ascents of most of the high peaks of Glacier National Park, and a mellow and memorable telemark-style ski descent of Colorado's highest peak, Mount Elbert. <a href="www.eric-hansen.com">www.eric-hansen.com</a>

#### Lorana Jinkerson—Member, National Board of Directors of the NCTA

Lorana will present an overview of the North Country National Scenic Trail, followed by highlights of the trail as it traverses the central U.P. from western Alger County into eastern Baraga County.

Besides being a member of the National Board of Directors of the North Country Trail Association, Lorana also serves on the local North Country Trail Hikers Board and the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources Western U.P. Citizen Advisory Council. She is a retired professor of educational technology.

### Russell Magnaghi—Professor of History, Northern Michigan University

Join Russell as he shares personal insights into viewing, gathering, and writing the history of the U.P.

A resident of the Upper Peninsula since 1969, Russell Magnaghi has taught at Northern Michigan University where he has focused on the history of the region. He is proud to be one of a number of people who have brought a new and wider perspective in studying the region. He believes the history of the region is more than merely copper and iron mining; it is the history of the people, their ethnic groups, and the environment that they live in.

Earl Meshigaud, Sr., and Aiesha Meshigaud—Spiritual Leaders, Hannahville Indian Community

Aiesha Meshigaud will open the session with a description and singing of a traditional Native American song. Earl, who is Cultural Director and a tribal council member, will follow with an invocation paying tribute to those who have occupied or passed through the area and then speak about the meaning of what is described as the Indian Way of Life.

Earl and Aiesha Meshigaud have both been dedicated to helping and healing people that have sought help through traditional healing ceremonies. They have helped to bring greater understanding to both Native and Non-Native people by continuously having an open door policy to their home, lodges, and ceremonies.

#### Jim Northup—Superintendent, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

Despite strong public support, protecting a small portion of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore as a federally designated wilderness has been a long, sometimes arduous effort, filled with passion on both sides. Jim will share some of his thoughts and observations about that effort and why designating an area a wilderness can be such a lightning rod issue.



Jim Northup is a National Park Ranger who currently serves as the Superintendent at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Over the course of a 29-year National Park Service career, Jim has worked at Great Smoky Mountains, Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Big Bend, Guadalupe Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks, as well as Cape Hatteras and Fire Island National Seashores and the Buffalo National River. Jim has served as Director and Lead Instructor for outdoor education programs. Jim has done graduate level work in public administration, and environmental law and policy.

#### Michael Sauer—Board Member, Noquemanon Trail Network

Increased land-use pressure from development and industry requires a community trail advocate more than ever. The NTN works with landowners to secure and maintain trail-corridors through private and public land. Michael's presentation will cover NTN's mission, the current trail network, community involvement and trail advocacy, plus the current situation of the "South Trails."

Michael in a longtime resident of the U.P. Besides his work the NTN, he has been involved with the Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited, the Yellowdog Watershed Preserve, and serves on the board of the Michigan Audubon Society.

# Jan Schultz—Botanist, Non-native Invasive Species, and Special Forest Products Program Leader, Eastern Region, US Forest Service

This presentation will touch on the following questions and ideas – What do we gain by this practice? Where are our pollinators and how are they affected? What plants and where? Biological diversity and climate change. Provenance is not the capital of Rhode Island. Site preparation and opportunities and meaningful practices.

Jan and her family have lived in Marquette for over 30 years. Their life here has provided them with a clear sense of place, galvanized their appreciation of and concern for Marquette. This is where their hearts reside. Jan is the Botany, Non-native Invasive Species, and Special Forest Products Program Leader for the Eastern Region of the Forest Service which encompasses 15 national forests in 17 states and offers exceptional ecological diversity -- from the Ozarks to Appalachia, New England to northern Minnesota.

#### Scot Stewart-Educator, Photographer

The Upper Peninsula's boreal forests, remnant old growth forests, and Great Lake shorelines offer fabulous scenery, biodiversity, and birding. No matter what the season, the U.P. offers visitors and residents some of the best of all three.



For nearly 40 years, Scot Stewart has been exploring both the U.P.'s well-known and more secretive wild places as a photographer, educator, and writer. He says he feels he's found a home in one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

#### Doug Welker—President, Peter Wolfe Chapter of the North Country Trail Association

Doug will use photos and maps to show how high rock cliffs, wild and scenic rivers, waterfalls, a rich copper mining history, and spectacular views from the North Country Trail make the Trap Hills special and why some are proposing a National Recreation Area there.



Besides serving as president of the Peter Wolfe Chapter of The North Country Trail Association, Doug is active in several other environmental groups. Now retired, he has worked as an educator, United States Forest Service Wilderness Ranger, geologist, among other jobs. He and his wife Marjory Johnston reside near Alston in the western U.P.

### Panel: "Prioritizing the U.P. Landscape"

Not all of the U.P. is, can be, or should be a gigantic park, but neither should it once again become a degraded landscape as it was in 1920. How do we map and prioritize land uses on both public and private lands in the U.P.? Which areas are protected now, and how did that happen? Which areas need strict science-based protection in the future? How much is a "decent sampling" of representative and intact ecosystems? Which areas warrant restoration or protection for distinctive natural features? Do some dangers, for example, acid mine drainage from sulfide mining or invasive species, cut across all ownerships and management strategies? How can these dangers be minimized, contained, or eliminated? Should we be searching for alternatives and replacements to resource extraction (forestry and mining) as parts of the U.P. economy, or only making sure that these practices are sustainable? Are "working forest easements" a good model of how timber production, jobs, and environmental sensitivity can coexist? What promise does a greener economy and energy future hold for the U.P.? The panel will try to answer these and other questions.

- Jon Saari, Moderator

## **Panel Participants:**

### Dave Dempsey—Environmental Historian, Author

Dave Dempsey is the author of five books, including one on Michigan's conservation history, *Ruin and Recovery: Michigan's Rise as a Conservation Leader*. He has been active in environmental policy and communications since 1982 and served as Governor Blanchard's environmental advisor from 1982 – 1989. He is currently communications director for Conservation Minnesota in Minneapolis.



# Christine (Tina) Hall—Director of Conservation Programs, Michigan Chapter, The Nature Conservancy

Christine directs all easement, conservation, and stewardship management in the Michigan Chapter as well as running the U.P. Regional Program. Christine's background is in forest management and has researched and written on working forest easements for several years. Christine received a double B.A. in Biology and Environmental Studies from American University, and a M.S. and Ph. D. in Natural Resources Management from the University of Maryland. She has been with The Nature Conservancy since 1989.

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### Marvin Roberson-Forest Ecologist, Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club

Marvin has been with the Sierra Club for 20 years, with positions at the state, regional, and national programs, including National Director of Lands and Habitat Programs. He is currently working on forest-related issues in Michigan. He received both his undergraduate and graduate education in forest ecology from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources.

Jan Schultz—Botanist, Non-native Invasive Species, and Special Forest Products Program Leader for the Eastern Region of the US Forest Service

Jan Schultz lived in Marquette for over 30 years where she and her husband raised their family and built a deep connection to the area. Jan is now the Botany, Non-native Invasive Species, and Special Forest Products Program Leader for the Eastern Region of the Forest Service located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This region encompasses 15 national forests in 17 states and offers exceptional ecological diversity – from the Ozarks to Appalachia, New England to northern Minnesota. Jan took the current position after about 15 years as the Botanist and Non-native Invasive Species Program Leader for the Hiawatha National Forest in the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula.

### **UPEC's Proud History of Activism**

We can get a feeling for the history of an organization by looking at those who have governed it. UPEC has had three people who served (two still serving) on the Board for over twenty years. Bill Malmsten has served since 1983, Doug Welker since 1987, and our honoree, Bill Robinson, served for 22 years. And he was one of the founding members of UPEC in 1976.

Six others have served between 10 and 20 years. Jon Saari first came on the Board in 1980, and has been serving as president since 2000. He holds the longest elapsed span, but due to university things such as sabbaticals has some gaps in his Board tenure.

All told, over 80 people have served on the Board as At-Large Members. Many not on this list served as representatives of organizations. The great majority of the board members have come from the Copper Country (Houghton - Hancock and environs) and from the Iron Range (Marquette county). This has meant considerable driving to meetings - and in the Lake Superior snow belt. That's dedication.

I have been on the Board long enough to have worked with many of the current and past board members. And it has been enjoyable working with them. These are good people committed to preserving what we have for future generations.

- Dave Allen, Board Member

(A list of past and present board members starts on the next page--Ed)

### Chronological List of UPEC Presidents and Board Members-at-Large 1976-2009

William G. Lepthien (Escanaba), President 1976

Roger Harbin (Rapid River), President 1976-1978

Lynn Emerick (Marquette), Board member 1976-1977

Lucy Shampo (Iron Mountain), Board member 1976-1977

William Livingston (Houghton), Board member 1976

Robert M. Linn (Hancock), Board member 1976-1988; President 1987

William M. Robinson, Board member 1976-1988, 1992-1995, 1996-2003; President 1981-1983

Barbara G. Clark, Board member 1976-1981

David P. Bach (Houghton and Atlantic Mine), Board member 1976-1991; President 1983-1984

Randy LaLonde (Bark River), Board member 1977-1979

Charles Meyer, Board member 1977-1978

Jav Johnson (Marquette), Board member 1977

Gary Darling (Republic), Board member 1978-1981; President 1978-1979, 1980-1981,

Jan Schultz (Marquette), Board member 1978-1985; President 1979-1980

Larry Haack (Escanaba), Board member 1978-1987

William Gibson (Houghton), President 1979

Johann Bruhn (Houghton), Board member 1979

Peter Campbell (Marquette), Board member 1979-1980

Katherine Lepthien (Marquette), Board member 1980

Jon L. Saari (Marquette), Board member 1980-1985, 1992-1993, 1997-2009; President 2000-present

Stephen A. Carlson (Marquette), Board member 1981-1983

David B. Kronk (Champion), Board member 1981-1982

Bonnie Passamani (Iron River), Board member 1982-1986

Robert T. Brown (Houghton), Board member 1982-1988, President, 1984-1986

Lynne Sandberg (L'Anse), Board member 1982-1983

Stephen R. Wissler (Marquette), Board member 1982-1983

William Malmsten, Board member 1983-present; President 1991-1992, 1995-2000

Terrell Warrington (Chassel), Board member 1983-1984

Jeffrey Bell (Hancock), Board member 1983-1985

Betty St. Pierre (Marquette), Board member 1983-1986

Cathy Doman/Catherine Andrews (Herman), Board member 1985-1994, President, 1986-1987

Gail Coyer (Skandia), Board member 1985-1991, 1994-1997; President 1987-1991

Richard J. Selfe, Jr. (Houghton), Board member 1985-1992

Gregory Seppanen (Harvey), Board member 1985-1988

Michael Huntly (Skandia), Board member 1986-1988, 1993-1997

Joanne Welsh (Marquette), Board member 1986-1995

Cheryl Reynolds (Marquette), Board member 1986-1987

Carl Tausch (Marquette), Board member 1986-1988

Charlotte Taylor (Escanaba), Board member 1986-1988

Marilyn Cooper (Houghton), Board member 1987-1992

Cathy LaFortune (Marquette), Board member 1987-1988

Douglas Welker (Pelkie), Board member 1987-present

Kraig Klungness (Houghton), Board member 1988-1991, 1993-1994; President 1992-1993

Lynn Foss (Houghton), Board member 1990-1992

Becky Bach (Houghton and Atlantic Mine), Board member 1990-1992

Wendell Greek (Houghton), Board member 1990-1992

Terry Kinzel (Houghton), Board member 1990-1992

Scot Stewart (Marquette), Board member 1990-1995

Rolf Swanson (Marquette), Board member 1990-1991

Dave Harmon (Atlantic Mine), Board member 1990-1995

Lisa Wallace (Hancock), Board member 1991-1993

Bill Kariainen (Marquette), Board member 1992-1993

Jerry Smith (Champion), Board member 1992-1995, President 1993-1995

John Manty (Atlantic Mine), Board member 1993-1996

Connie Julien (Chassel), Board member 1993-1994, 1995-present (FOLK rep)

Mikel Classen (550), Board member 1994-1998

Vern Simula (Toivola), Board member 1994-1995?

Sandra Harting (Toivola), Board member 1994-2003

Dana Richter (Hancock North), Board member 1994-2000

Janet Zynda (Marquette), Board member 1995-2000

Cindy Brown (Champion), Board member 1995-1996

Mark Sanderson (Marquette), Board member 1996-1998

Chris Burnett (Chocolay), Board member 1997-2000

Patty Clancy (Marquette), Board member 1997-2003

Stacy Christiansen (Marquette), Board member 1997-2002

Chris Fries (Marquette), Board member 1997-2003

Greg Kudray (Chassel), Board member 1997-2003

Bob Myers (Sands), Board member 1997-2000

Wayne Stanley (Manistique), Board member 1997-2000

Judy Allen (Marquette), Board member 1997-2003

Dave Allen (Marquette), Board member 1997-present

Kate Alvord (Houghton), Newsletter editor 1999

Holly Linn (Hancock), Newsletter editor 1999-2002

Karen Bacula (Marquette), Board member 2000-2005, 2007-present

Greg Corace (Chassel), Board member 2000-2003

Fredericke Greuer(Houghton), Board member 2000-2004

Suzanne Van Dam, Newsletter editor and business manager 2002-2004; Board member 2005

Marcel Potvin (Houghton), Board member 2003-2006

Karin Steffens (Marquette), Board member 2003-2006

Jim Rivard (Copper Country), Board member 2004-2005

Susan Rasch (Aura), Newsletter editor and business manager 2005-present

Joyce Koskenmaki (Hancock), Board member 2006-2009

Patrick St. Germaine (Marquette), Board member 2007-present

Sherry Zoars (Watersmeet), Board member 2008-present

George Desort (Chassel), Board member 2008-present

Mary Martin (Marquette), Board member 2008-present

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#### **UPEC BOARD MEETING—MEMBERS AND PUBLIC INVITED**

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009, 3:00 TO 6;00 P.M.

SHIRAS BOARD ROOM AT THE PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY (CORNER OF RIDGE AND FRONT STREETS) IN MARQUETTE

TOPICS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE OUTREACH FUND, VISIT WITH ERIC HANSEN, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM, THE KEWEENAW SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE AND THE ELECTION OF THE NEW BOARD FOR 2009-2011.

FOLLOWING THE BOARD MEETING, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WILL ADJOURN TO THE SWEET WATER CAFÉ FOR DINNER AND SOCIALIZING.