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The Official Newsletter of the Utica Roadrunners



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Khemjira Klongsanun, a runner from Thailand, spotted a stray puppy at mile 7 of a marathon and she ended up carrying him all the way to the finish line!

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President's by Jim Mott

STEPHEN SILLER TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION

"The way you think about pain is the way your life will be."

- KIPCHOGE

After a busy August, September finished with a flurry as we had a perfect morning for the Falling Leaves 14k and 5k races. Looking back, it is hard to believe how far we have come in such a short amount of time. From capped numbers to staggered starts, it is so good to be able to hold our live races like they once were! A special thank you to race director Mike Brych and his whole crew including Sybil Johnson and the numerous volunteers that helped make the event a huge success!

As we hit October, that means the Boilermaker for 2021. It will be a different look for this great Utica tradition for sure. We have had great success in our preparations as our Development Runs and Boilermaker Training Program gave our members plenty of time to prepare and train for the 5k or 15k. October also means the return of our Skeleton Run to Deerfield Town Park. The 5k trail race will be held on Sunday, October 17th under the direction of Rick Gloo. The shirt looks great as usual and registration is still open! It is the last piece of our Four Race Challenge. Those who have not picked up their Four Race Challenge shirt and medal can do so at our packet pick-up and on race day.

We are also preparing for our Safety Run that will be directed by Sharon Scala at the Parkway and our traditional Run 2 End World Hunger on Thanksgiving Day that will be directed by Rocco Fernalld. We will have virtual options available but the plan is to return to our Thursday morning run.

It has been an amazing year and we are not done yet! As we look ahead to the end of 2021, we are also looking ahead on how to make 2022 even better. With that, we need you! In November we will be holding our Board of Directors election. We are looking for members that are interested in being involved with the day to day operation of the club. New board members bring energy and new ideas. Please consider running and turn your bio in.

Good luck to all the Boilermaker runners and I look forward to seeing you all out there on the roads!

Jim



CNY Running Clubs Cup

Roadrunners finished the season in 2nd place! Congratulations to the Roman Runners for being crowned the **2021 CNY Running Clubs Cup Champion!**

Standings after Falling Leaves:

	FALLING LEAVES		OVERALL
Utica Roadrunners	358.64	6	26
Roman Runners	356.30	5	33
Kuyahoora Kickers	342.51	4	22
MV Hill Striders	283.09	3	15
Rock City Runners	68.42	2	14
Tow Path Trekkers	63.91	1	7

Our scoring members at Falling Leaves:

Congratulations to the top 5 age graded runners that converted scores: Susan Luley 1:22:16 75.16 Paul Humphrey m54 0:59:45 73.92 0:58:35 71.01 Ryan Misencik m47 Tom Joslin m42 0:56:48 70.31 Dan Stedman m63 1:10:19 68.24

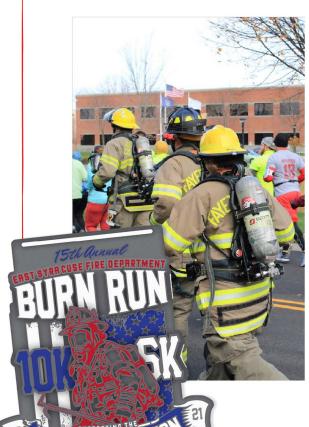
TOTAL: 358.64

THURSDAY NIGHT RUNS ARE BACK!

Thursday Night Group Runs, one of our club's longest standing traditions are back!

- Accelerate Sports, 5241 Judd Rd, Whitesboro
- Meet at 5:30 pm and begin running at 5:45 pm
- Runners of all abilities are encouraged to join
- UR members can look for Tom Bick or Wendy Bowers for more information

Upcoming Race









THE BURN RUN

Supporting The Burn Foundation of Central NY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 5K, 10K, KIDS RUN

East Syracuse Fire Department #2

Visit TheBurnRun.org For More Info

Grand Prix Standings

2021 Remaining Grand Prix Races

Boilermaker 15k - 10/10/21, Skeleton Run - 10/17/21, Mad Mile - tbd*



Men's Standings

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30-34		Richa
Travis Belanger	62	Danie
Ryan Stevener	44	Eric C
James Kuny	38	Kevin
Michael Shue	17	Ross E
35-39		Glen
Christopher Edick	70	Joey S
Nick Grimmer	45	Peter
Troy Williams	28	55-59
Andrew Rubino	24	Dave
Michael Daly	24	Thom
Joshua Belisle	16	Jeff G
Alejandro Gonzalez	13	John :
Cole Perkins	13	Scott
Travis Richards	13	Jim M
Mike Winkler	8	Mike
David Saxe	6	Scott
Michael Carney	4	60-64
Jonathan Mizgala	3	Gary I
40-44		Wayn
Steve Fairbrother	37	Tim K
Tom Joslin	34	Gary I
Joe Mashaw	22	Dan S
Myron Thurston III	20	Bill Ko
Mike Brych	12	Joe Ca
Ryan Maine	10	Christ
45-49		Harry
Lee Sampson	40	65-69
Ryan Misencik	36	Gary I
Jim Latshaw	33	Gene
Robert Bauer	24	James
Nate Getman	12	70+
Philip Trzcinski	10	Rill Lu

Brian Connery	8
Jeff Moulton	8
50-54	
Paul Humphrey	46
Richard Crandall	40
Daniel Pierson	22
Eric Casper	22
Kevin Tracy	20
Ross Berntson	12
Glen Andrew Roberts	8
Joey Santini	8
Peter Angelini	7
55-59	
Dave Putney	60
Thomas Durso II	45
Jeff George	42
John Seigle	30
Scott Shatraw	12
Jim Mott	10
Mike Ambrose	8
Scott Neary	7
60-64	
Gary Burak	32
Wayne Murphy	28
Tim Kane	24
Gary Roback	20
Dan Stedman	12
Bill Kosina	10
Joe Campbell	10
Christopher Devins	8
Harry Campbell Jr.	7
65-69	
Gary LaShure	36
Gene Allen	28
James Siepiola	10
70+	
Bill Luley	44
Tom Bick	24

Women's Standings

As of 9/26/21

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Melanie Crisino

Tracy Parmeter-Perkins	
Allison Miller	24
Tiffany Brown	22
Kristin Campbell	16
Donna Morreall	14
Lindi Quackenbush	10
Melissa Williams	10
Karen Piccola	6
50-54	
Marylisa Nolan	25
Karen Scanio	24
Jeannine Macera	24
Melissa Scanlon	10
Kathleen Novak	10
Lisa Seigle	8
Shannon Farrell	7
Lisa Walchusky	6
55-59	
Laura George	58
Beth Talbot	18
Lesia Roback	16
Ingrid Otto	12
Annemarie Ambrose	12
Felicia Burak	8
Karen McDaniel	7
60-64	
Sue Tucker	36
Sharon Scala	31
Christine Potocki	30
Linda Salerno	10
Debbie Brockway	8
Aimee Devins	7
65-69	
Susan Luley	48
Carolyn Mohr	20
Virginia Truax	10
Katheryn Doran	10
Joanne Campbell	7
70+	
Dorothy Massinger	36
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Upcoming Race



Sunday, October 17, 2021

The Skeleton Run returns to the Deerfield Town Park Wilderness trails Costumes (run safe) encouraged!

Traditional 5K (3.1 mile)
Community Run (1.5 mile)
Kids' Quarter Mile Run (3-12 year olds)

SIGN UP NOW

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Board of Directors Election Ballot - 2022

Election Meeting Monday November 8th 6:30 -8:30 at the Boilermaker Office

To all members of the Utica Roadrunners: here are brief biographies of each candidate for the Club's Board of Directors. Please take the time to read each one and then vote for each person you would like to see serve on the board of directors. There is also space for you to write-in the name(s) of another member(s) if you so choose.

Danielle Bliss

Hello! My name is Danielle Bliss aka Dani. I am a Pre-k teacher and mother of 2 active sons (lan-11 and Orion-14) ...running continues to keep me sane! Though I have fond memories of racing classmates on the playground in elementary school, my running journey really began in May of 2015 when a coworker asked me to join her at a development run. I joined the Road Runners in 2016 and the board in November of 2020. I have enjoyed learning the details of how our club works and serving on the board of directors. I hope to remain on the board in 2022 and continue to work with fellow board members to offer athletic and family friendly social events. This year I helped coordinate group runs, What the Truck in Utica, disc golf, snowshoe events, live music, and mini golf. I hope to add more events such as Fire Pit Fridays, hiking, and brunch run/walks. I am currently serving as the secretary of the G.E. Ski Club so more snowshoe, country skiing, and downhill snowboarding/skiing events will be offered this winter. I am also looking for your ideas so don't hesitate to reach out! I am grateful for the friendships and support I have gained through the URR and would love to continue to give back! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Stefka

My name is Jennifer Stefka, you all know me as Jenna or Jenn. My full-time job is being an auditor and my part time job is volunteering and meeting new people. I have been engaged with The Ride for Missing Children for 5 years as a volunteer and a Shepard. I just rode my bike to the headquarters of The National Center of Missing and Exploited Children in VA to raise awareness. I started running with a few members on Wednesdays in 2020 and met some amazing people. I joined Utica Roadrunners in March of 2021 because of all the talk of the Red Jacket and running 1000 miles in a year seemed pretty cool. Phyllis was my inspiration. I was an avid runner in high school and did the 55-meter hurdles. I have run many 5k's, the boilermaker and this year ran my first 1/2 marathon. I am a critical thinker, always looking to make things better and easier, giving back to the community and meeting new people.

Board of Directors Election Ballot - 2022

Jennifer Bachelder

My name is Jennifer Bachelder, I have enjoyed serving the club for the last 4 years and I wish to continue for another term. Currently, I am finishing up my first year as Treasurer, this is a new role to me, and I have come to really enjoy it. I am also responsible for our social media. I have been on the scholarship committee the last three years and the banquet committee the last two years. I helped with two of our virtual events as well, Push URself & Five after Five. I spent two years as membership chair and have enjoyed planning fun events such as the "It's a Wonderful Bus Trip" in the past. We hope to get back to some events like that in the future.

My husband and I reside in New Hartford and have 3 children, nine and under. I have been running on and off for 10 years, but consistently since 2016 when I joined the club. As a stay-at-home mom, running has been my outlet, my "me time" and my social time with friends. Running has taught me that if you can believe it, you can achieve it. I continue to challenge myself by going after new goals and I look forward to where the next couple of years will take me. Since joining the club I have been abundantly blessed by the many friendships it has afforded me. The support among the runners in this community is astounding and I feel honored to be a part of something so great. Nothing makes me happier than seeing people accomplish big things. The last couple of years have challenged us all but the board held together and came up with some great fresh ideas to enhance our club and keep running/walking communities united and healthy even though sometimes we had to be distant. I am proud to be a part of this team, we aren't done yet! I am running for a seat on the board so I can continue to give back to the organization that has been so great to me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon Scala

Hi. My name is Sharon Scala and I'd like to be considered for re-election to the Utica Roadrunners Board of Directors. I've been on the board for four years and have served as the secretary and vice president. I am founder and co-director for the Marcy 5k, and this year took over as race director of Save Our Switchbacks. I started with the Boilermaker Training Program a few years ago. After completing my first year, I came back each year to volunteer. I've volunteered at the Development Runs for several years also. It's a great way to help others and I've made so many great friends. You can also find me at many of our club races. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Phil Trzcinski

My name is Phil Trzcinski. I have been a Fire Lieutenant and paramedic with the Utica Fire Department for 21 years and a long time Utica Roadrunner member. I recently took the role of club equipment manager, am a race director for the Tunnel to Towers Utica 5k Run / Walk, and Boilermaker Committee member coordinating the Police & Fire Competition. For the past 22 years, I have been an active runner and participate in several local races annually. I would appreciate your consideration in voting for me as a new member of the board of directors. Thank you for your time.

2022 Board of Directors Election Ballot

We currently have 6 seats that will be open on the board of directors for the 2022 term. These 5 people will automatically fill 5 of the 6 seats unless we receive write-in votes that override any of them. Please submit your votes and any write-ins for the election. Thank you.

Danielle Bliss	Sharon Scala	
Phil Trzcinski	Jenn Stefka	
Jennifer Bachelder		
Write-In(s)		
Cast your ballot in advan	ce in one of three ways:	
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Print it (just this page) and Building on November 8th	,	l club business meeting at the Boilermaker Office
<u>OR</u>		
Ballots will also be available	e at the meeting so you can ca	st your ballot upon arrival.
Every member is invited to	o attend our annual business :	meeting. We have food and drinks for all.

Member Accomplishments













Scott Nearyand Scott Thompson

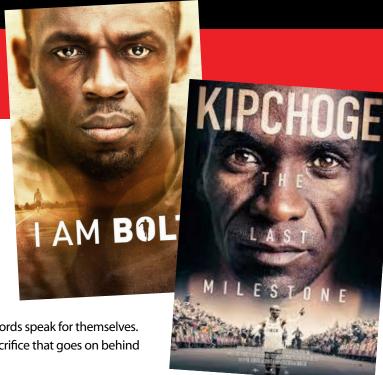
Rebecca Purcell, Phil Trzcinski **Alex Gonzalez and Dave Saxe** ran the Tunnel to Towers in NYC.

President's Picks by Jim Mott

For this month, I have two documentaries for my President's picks. They feature two of the greatest runners of all-time and our time. They also feature the two extremes of running-sprint and distance.

The first documentary is called I Am Bolt. It gives a look at what it takes to be a champion. Usain Bolt is arguably the

greatest track runner of all-time. His accomplishments and records speak for themselves. What we as an audience take for granted is the training and sacrifice that goes on behind the scenes.



The second documentary is called Kipchoge -The Last Milestone. Eliud Kipchoge is arguably the greatest marathoner of all-time. He has won nearly everything there is to win in the sport and at that distance. As he continued to set new records for the marathon, he made us wonder if someone could actually break the two hour barrier. This documentary shows us how science and technology have advanced to a point where Kipchoge states, "no human is limited". It is truly amazing to see how many people behind the scenes were responsible for making this feat a reality as he ran 26.2 miles in less than two hours.

Call For Participation

By George Searles



It's Boilermaker morning and I'm in my corral, ready to rock, with months of hard training behind me and high hopes for a fast time I'll be proud of.

But right before the starter's cannon goes off I look down and suddenly realize I'm wearing—Oh, no!—a shiny pair of black, wing-tipped dress shoes! WTH!?! Of course, this is only a dream—a really BAD dream—and I awake in state of high anxiety.

Have you ever had a running nightmare like this, a crazy one in which everything goes wrong, all your subconscious fears and insecurities given full expression?

If so, you're in luck, because now you can compete for 1st place in the Roadrunners Slumber Run! Just send your story to SpliTimes by the Dec. 1 deadline, so the judges can pick winners (one male, one female) in plenty of time before the awards banquet.

Now get busy. Hit the hay! As Shakespeare's Hamlet says, "to sleep, perchance to dream." (No fair just making stuff up!)

Member Accomplishments



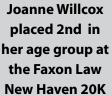
Jenna Stefka, Joanne Campbell, Caroline Mohr, **Dorothy Massinger, Philip Edkins** and Julie Buehner at the Patriot Run



Rich Crandall, Tom Durso, Melanie Crisino, Laura and Jeff George and Dani Bliss, a.k.a. "The Hot Tub Club" Peak 2 Brew Team



Dorothy Massinger, Losay Jones, Al Massinger and Joanne Campbell at Connor's Way 5 Mile Race

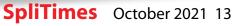








Joe Mashaw, Tom Joslin, **Dave Saxe and John** Gilligan ran the **Meat Grinder Marathon** and Jessica Arevalo and Brittany Praznik tackled the half. **Congratulations to** Tom for his first place finish and Joe for coming in second place!



46th Annual Falling Leaves Race



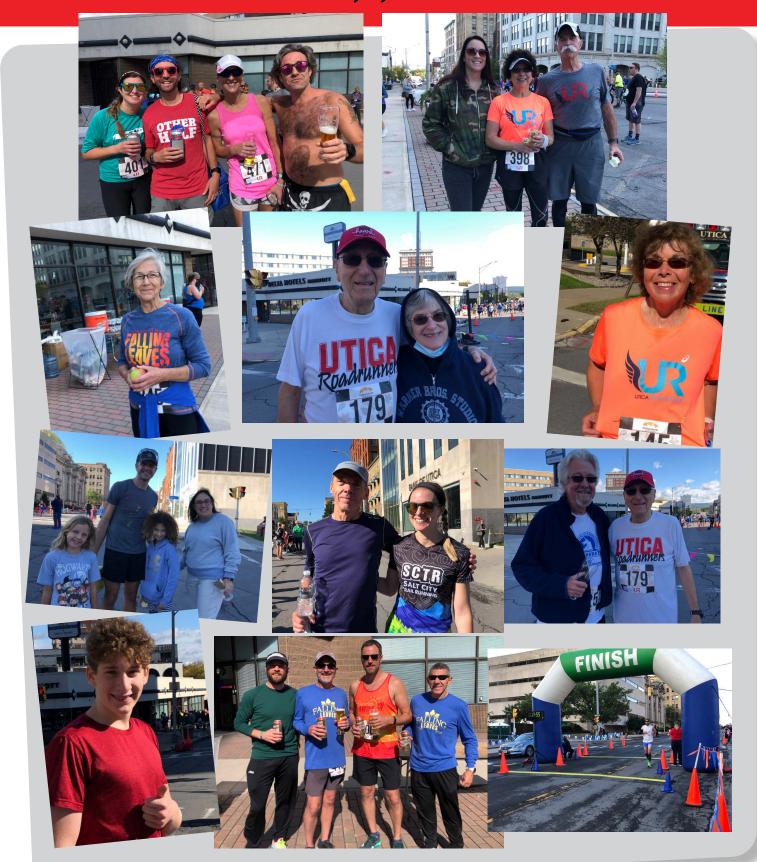
46th Annual Falling Leaves Race

Photos by Sybil Johnson



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Member Article

Squash Goals

by Jeannine Macera



Welcome to fall! Less humidity. Cooler temps. Beautiful foliage. The smell of leaves, and the crunching sounds beneath our feet as we run. Another highlight of the season: Fall foods! Whether it's apples, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, cranberries, pomegranates, or various kinds of squash, all of these foods are delicious and nutrient dense. They are also a great source of fiber, vitamins, and minerals; and are loaded with antioxidants, which are known for cancer fighting properties. In addition, some of these foods are rich in beta-carotene, the antioxidant responsible for their bright orange color. Beta-carotene is associated with vision and skin health, and plays a critical role in maintaining healthy organs like the heart, lungs, and kidneys.

These foods are so versatile and can be used for snacking, smoothies, soups, salads, burritos, and pies. Carb up on pumpkin pancakes and sweet potato burritos! Swap out the refined pies and sweets for healthy, nutrient filled treats. Enjoy a refreshing post-run pumpkin smoothie, or warm up with some butternut squash soup after a cool rainy run. Check out some of my favorite recipes. Most are quick and easy to make. Happy Fall!

Recipes



Vegan Pumpkin Pie Smoothie

Butternut Squash Soup





Crunchy Buckwheat Granola

Butternut Squash Risotto





Pumpkin Cranberry Cookies

Vegan Pumpkin Pie





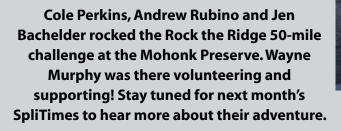
Sweet Potato and Black Bean Burritos

Vegan Pumpkin Oatmeal Pancakes

Rock the Ridge











The Trials and Tribulations of **Marathon Training: A Family Story**

by Terry Dwyer



This month my youngest daughter will run her third Boston Marathon. As in the past, she will be running based on a training plan I wrote for her. Her last marathon was at Chicago in 2019 and she ran a personal best 2:55. It was a race she ran to near perfection. We had set a race goal of 2:54-56. Naturally, her

finishing time left us both ecstatic. She was nearly flawless in her pacing. Strategically, she ran a smart race by going out slower and reeling in those who spent their energy in the first half. This included some sub-elite runners who started earlier than her and who by mile 20 were done. It was a significant gain of ground and time on a set of runners who were off from the pack of regular marathoners like the proverbial rabbit racing the hare. And this is where the moral of this story leads.

Throughout her Chicago training my daughter encountered a few days where she did not run due to work constraints or physical issues. Added to that were the bad training runs. We talked about it over the phone or via email and my repeated encouragement to her was that I would rather she feel a little undertrained than overtrained. I told her to have faith and trust the workouts. To provide some perspective, she was not new to either the marathon or running. Nor was she a runner I had to coax through a training session. This was a young woman who ran at a top 20 Division I cross-country program and a top 10 Division III cross-country program. She had been training as a distance runner since she was in 7th grade. But as a competitive athlete she felt she had to be doing more.

Now to the present. Our recent calls and emails are going over the same ground from two years before. Except this time, she began her marathon training after several weeks off due to a leg injury that was preceded by a general pandemic induced malaise toward training. Last week, in a call to my wife, she said she has had it with her training. Maybe she won't even run the marathon. The latter was a fleeting expression of exasperation. She will run Boston. Her taper weeks are here. The bounce will come back and by the time she steps to the starting line she will be ready for the journey through the suburbs of Boston until she makes the turn onto Boylston Street for the final stretch.

Why have I told you all this? Because this is what marathon training does to us. It makes us tired, and it makes us doubt, and it makes us crazy as we train and wait for the day to come. I relived the conversations I had in 2019 with my daughter. I know she is fine and will run well. I see her training logs and have confidence in the way she has executed the plan. But it is easy for me. I am not the runner in training. I have the objectivity she can't find. I know how it is because I have been there with my own marathon training in the past. In fact, we all have been there whether it is a marathon, the Boilermaker, or a local 5k. We sometimes need another person looking over our shoulder and telling us everything will be fine. But most of all, we need to trust the work we've put in and make sure we get to the starting line healthy and ready to run.

Terry is a RRCA certified distance running coach, USATF Level I coach, and Lydiard Level 1& 2 coach

UR Membership Has Its Benefits!

The Utica Roadrunners, founded in 1975, is a running club that has a "place for every pace". The members are wonderful and the benefits are great. Become a member today!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES & GUIDANCE

Wednesday Development Runs

For over 30 years, we have held the "Dev Runs" on Wednesday nights at the Parkway which includes a kid's fun run, a 2-mile, a 5K and a 10K following a challenging route up the golf course and into the Switchbacks... guaranteed to get you "Boilermaker Ready!"

Boilermaker Training Program

Led this year by RRCA Certified Running Coach, Tim Kane, this popular Saturday morning program will get you ready to finish OR improve on your 5K or 15K race. The weekly routes are laid out, plans are made to follow, and the club provides support for runners.

LIVE UR RACES

We have been running these local favorites for years!

Save Our Switchbacks Summer Sizzle 5-Miler Falling Leaves 5K and 14K **Skeleton Run**

Plus we added the Run Against Racism, and the Tunnel to Towers 5K, which will be back in 2022

CHALLENGE YOURSELF



Run 1,000 miles in one year and accumulate volunteer points and you get our coveted Red Jacket!

EDUCATION & INSPIRATION



From fellow Roadrunners with great stories to the legendary Kathrine Switzer, our Speaker Series grew stronger during the pandemic and will continue with great programming to inspire our members!

FRIENDLY COMPETITION



Get points for running local races and compete against UR members in your age group



A season-long, age-graded challenge against other CNY running clubs.

CONNECTION

So many opportunities to meet new people and stay in the know with running

Social Events Happy Hours Monthly SpliTimes Newsletter Great Social Media Group Bus Trips Friendship & Camaraderie **Natural mentorship** and positive support

SAVINGS!



Our members receive a 10% discount on their gear at The Sneaker Store plus they have access to select members-only sales throughout the year. Plus! Enjoy race discounts exclusively for our members.

GREAT LEADERSHIP



We have some of the hardest working people around involved in UR – from the board, committees, race directors, special program leaders, volunteers and more!



Our Annual Awards Banquet and Ceremony celebrates member accomplishments from throughout the year, lets us kick back and enjoy one of the best events of the year!

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