



## NEWSLETTER – December 2023

Hi Everyone – **BREAKING NEWS REMINDER - Venue Change**

**December 1 - Dance @ 7:30pm**

**MORTON GROVE CIVIC CENTER**

**6140 Dempster, Morton Grove**



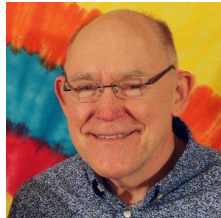
**Betty's ready for the holidays – are you?!**

Welcome to December –Tis the season to be jolly, festive, full of Christmas spirit and kindness. Remember this is YOUR newsletter so let me know what else you'd like to see.

December 7 is Pearl Harbor Day – have you been to Hawaii to see the USS Arizona? It is a moving tribute to those we lost on a most auspicious day – I highly recommend a visit if you ever travel for a Hawaiian vacation.



December 7 this year is also the beginning of Hannukah and to all who celebrate -



## PICK A CHAIR –

Our featured chair for December is Pete Holterman our Treasurer. Why does he look so huggable? Our money man started taking classes with North Shore Squares in 2019 and currently dances at the Plus level.

Currently he is a member of both the North Shore and Glenview clubs and became our Treasurer in 2022.

Pete is still working as an Engineering Hardware Manager and just celebrated 40 years with the same company. Outstanding Pete! How lucky they are to have such a dedicated employee. 40 is the magic number for Pete if you recall in October's newsletter he and Carolyn celebrated 40 years together as well! 29yo Ethan and 26yo Guerin round out the family but also let's not forget the 1 yo kitty cat Lucy!

One thing most people don't know about Pete is..... he grew up on a small island in the Atlantic Staten Island, NY. He jokes about it because it's so NOT New Yorkish. Pete also lists forgetfulness as his hidden talent- there's something I have in common with him – how about you? When he's not working Pete enjoys the BBC version of Antiques Roadshow maybe with some hard pretzels and milk or some mint chocolate chip ice cream and lists "Madison" as one of his favorite reads as well as reading about classic (wood) sailboats, their design and construction. Here's a secret – he's learning Italian! Hmmm....does that mean there may be a vacation to Italy to crow about some time next year – we want pictures! Guess we'll have to stay tuned to find out. Thanks Pete for keeping the books and the IRS in alignment 😊

This reporter must confess a brief interview with Carolyn helped shape our profile of Pete this month. He is a man of many talents but few words .... no matter I can make it work!!



## CALLER'S CORNER —

Our featured caller Bob Lopez, well let's just say he's a calling veteran 😊 and does still call from time to time.

Bob took his first beginner lesson in the fall of 1977. Bob's cousin got married in Nov 1976 and he was asked to be in the wedding party. Leading up to the wedding the bride's soon to be sister-in-law made him promise that if she were to find a square dance club offering lessons close to where he was living that he would give it a try. Much to Bob's surprise she called the following year saying she had found a club and now Bob currently dances C1.

As Bob remembers it was a singles club that he had helped start that had lost their caller for lessons. After much discussion it was decided that he and a friend would share the lessons. After the first year or two his friend began having conflicts with his work responsibilities so Bob ended up teaching the lessons himself. In 1990/91 the club folded. It was then that he turned his focus to dancing other levels.

Bob has always been interested in listening to music on the radio and still has a collection of vinyl records; both square and pop music often times hearing something on the radio and thinking that would be a great song to square dance to!

Some of the things you may not know about Bob is his favorite baseball team is the Cubs and it's his bucket list to see a MLB game in each MLB park. (That's a lot of hot dogs!) Bob also loves a good baguette, Zanzibar chocolate ice cream, chocolate covered peanuts (do they sell those at ballparks and why not?!!) He enjoys all these favorite snacks while watching his fave shows current issue of Wonder Years, Young Sheldon and the current Magnum, P.I. and of course his beloved Cubbies. Bob also loves to clothes shop and go to movie. This all, of course, when he's not reading something by his favorite author Doris Kearny Goodwin. Where do you find the time Bob Lopez!

## SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT -



Look at our own Aaron Schroeder – this is something to crow about!!

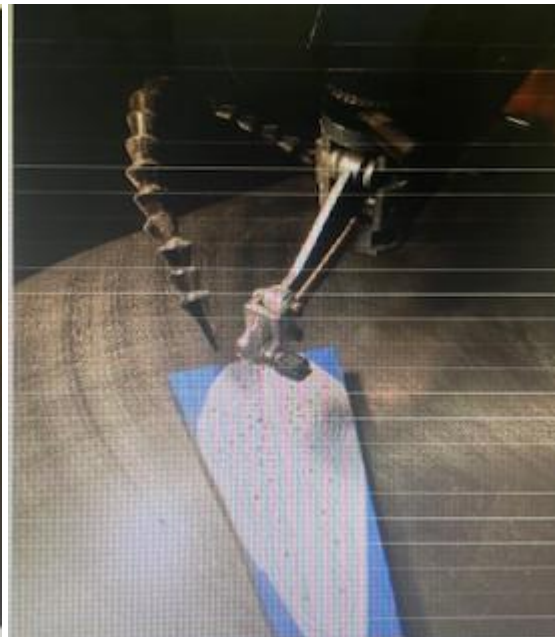
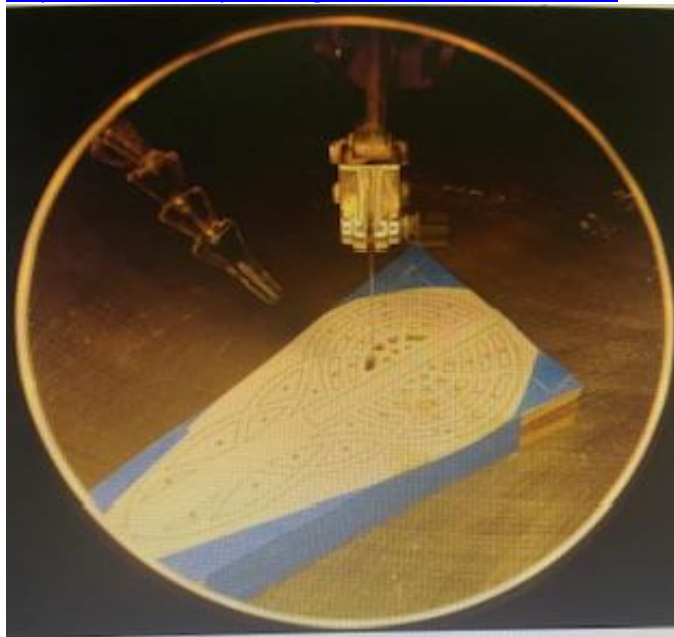
A little background on Aaron first -

Aaron began square dance lessons in 2018 and continued with Plus into 2019 at various locations in Wisconsin and Illinois, got rusty during the pandemic, and was pleased to be invited to join Glenview Squares in 2022 after completing the club's SSD and Plus lessons.

If you visit the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry's *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* exhibit between now and January 7<sup>th</sup>, you will find some ornaments made by our own Aaron Schroeder adorning the USA tree. Aaron was invited by his scroll saw instructor at the Chicago School of Woodworking to make and contribute ornaments to this year's tree. The compound and 2-piece slide together ornaments are made from black cherry, butternut (white walnut) and maple wood from his family farm. Blue painter's tape is placed over wood dimensioned from rough lumber. Paper patterns are adhered to the tape, holes are drilled for interior cuts, and the patterns are carefully cut with the scroll saw. The edges are cleaned up with a file where needed, the slide-together ornament slots are adjusted to fit-up, and the ornaments are finished with gloss polyurethane. Aaron's dad observed the process and wanted to help so some of his contributions are on the tree as well. Who's up for a field trip!

For more information on this year's MSI USA tree, visit

<https://www.kathycunningham.com/2023tree.html>





Beautiful work done with precision and skill. And how wonderful to have a project to work together with your dad. Well done Aaron!!



Kathi Sawyer - December 3

If you don't see your name here for December it's because you didn't let me know!

Ok **January** kids – let me know your day and I'll mention it next month!! Anybody out there born on New Year's Day?

**HOOK ME UP –**



Always check the website for the latest and greatest of what's happening in our club including the current calendar - conventions, events, samplers, classes and more. In case you want to re-



read an issue - Webmaster Ed Friedman is filing all issues of this newsletter under the "Members" tab "Club Newsletters". Thanks Ed !

Website - [Glenview Squares](#) .

Here is a brief list of dance opportunities for December –

12/2 @ 3:30pm-5:30pm St John's Luth. – 1235 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL New Student Dance

12/15 @ 7:30pm-10:00pm - Final club dance of the year at First Presby.- Deerfield, IL

12/31 @ 12:00-2:00pm - Happy New Year Dance Sampler at The Grove, Glenview, IL

**\*\* NEW \*\* CALLING ALL PET PARENTS \*\***



I'm working on a fun idea for the new year – please send me a pic of your pet(s) individual pics with their name(s) – individuals even if you have more than 1. AND send me a pic of you WITH your pet(s) – again individuals if you have more than 1. Dog, Cat, Bird, Snake, Fish, Lizard – don't care just send it. Please do this – I'd like to get as many as possible – giving you plenty of notice – START NOW! \*\* The response has been lackluster to date....this may not happen if I don't hear from you pet lovers/owners.\*\*

**TICKLE YOUR FUNNYBONE -**



**What do you give a Christmas tree with bad breath?**

**Ornamints.**



And another cuz well I just thought it was so dang cute....



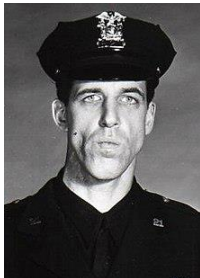
Well I never thought I'd have to start giving hints so early in this game but I don't know about you but "I remember mama" Congrats to Deb Oberst, Carolyn Lopez, Linda Fischer, Karen Ordower, Fred Brueggemann, Jeffrey Liss and Linda Warren for their correct un-scramble of Irene Dunne (1898-1990) as last month's picture.

A gold star awarded to Jane Atkinson



as the **first** correct response! Click on this link if you'd like to know more about Irene Dunne - [Irene Dunne - IMDb](#)

Here he is – goin' a little easier on you this time – can't wait to see your guesses! And can you name the TV show and character he played in this pic?



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah!  
Safe travels whether that's near or far.

**You are the best !**

Let me hear from ya – good/bad- but be nice 😊

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