



## NEWSLETTER – May 2024

*Named for the Roman Goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants.*

*Also, from the Latin word maiores, “elders”, who were celebrated during this month. (2024 Farmer’s Almanac)*

Hi Everyone – welcome Spring!



**Welcome to May** –The month of May flowers, Kentucky Derby, May the Fourth Be With You (for Star Wars fans), Cinco de Mayo, Mother’s Day, and the most important day of all Memorial Day.

Remember this is YOUR newsletter so let me know what else you’d like to see.



Firstly **Memorial Day** –

Honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. We all know of someone or may be related to someone who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Bless them all.

Let's check out what else we can celebrate this month-

May 4 – National Orange Juice Day – fresh squeezed please!

May 5 – National Hoagie Day ... what do you call this sandwich?

May 10 – National Shrimp Day...bang bang!

**MAY 11** – Mother's Day & National **EAT WHAT YOU WANT DAY!** ....heck yeah!

May 13 – National Apple Pie Day and International Hummus Day ... two fer!

Maay 14 – National Buttermilk Biscuit Day ....fresh from the oven drizzled w/ honey.....

May 15 – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day ... yes please...

May 25 – National Wine Day ...there is no H in wine....so no whining.

May 28 – National Hamburger Day and National Brisket Day. ...enjoy!

May 31 – National Macaroon Day.....sign me up!

**Happy Mother's Day** to all the moms, grandmothers, great-grandmothers to our 2 legged or four legged babies. Take the day and be celebrated!

## **SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT -**



I am congratulating our members who showed up strong in Batavia on Friday, April 26 to support our very own Candice Hansen! James & Janice Cha, Jim & Margie Fischer, Christine Steffy and Tom Galuszka. They all braved the storms to support our gal! You are the best!

## **And remember this from Candice Hansen last month—**

“On April 7th, GVS dancers will perform on stage with the Southwest Symphony Orchestra. The theme of the concert - The Southwest Symphony Journeys Southwest - led conductor David Crane to add three traditional square dance tunes to the program and seek out live dancers to "perform" while the orchestra plays. I'll be the caller for the event. We have 10 dancers who volunteered for this

adventure - one full square. The dancers, in alpha order are: Carol & Phil Moulden, Vicki & Larry Prace, Candace & Dennis Risen, Kathi & Joe Sawyer.

A few pics from this special day. Don't they all look great!



We had a great turn out for our General Membership Meeting on Saturday, April 27 -we voted for our new officers and enjoyed a lot of homemade cookies. As of June 1 here is our new Board –

**Marla Schneider & Kerry Stein** - Presidents

**Nancy Roemer-Huff & Scott Huff** - Vice-presidents

**Jane Atkinson** - Recording Secretary

**Myrnice Ravitch** - Corresponding Secretary

**Peter Holtermann** – Treasurer

And, of course, a HUGE thank you to Bruce Holmes and Joy Nachtrab for doing a bang up job as current Presidents (until June 1) Thank you!!

Congrats to Marla & Kerry, Nancy & Scott for stepping into their new positions and WELL DONE to our devoted Recording & Corresponding Secretaries Jane & Myrnice as well as our trusty Treasurer Pete. We are so lucky to have such great people taking care of this fabulous club. Missing below - Carol Moulden (behind the camera 😊)



Friends – We are 100+ (wow!) strong! Please keep sending me good news!



## Exploring Our Website

by Joy Nachtrab.

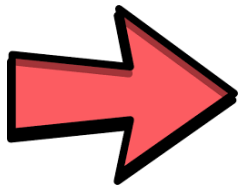
This month's feature is about "bylaws"

Take a Look At . .

[CLUB BYLAWS](#) found on our website under [MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP INFO](#)

Our club bylaws were recently revised to reflect our new 501c3 tax exempt status and to form a new committee to help our club run more efficiently. Read through the bylaws so you will know how much work goes into providing the activity you so enjoy. Please take a close look at the committees, especially our new Club Dances Committee. This committee will plan how to make hosting our dances more efficient and less of a burden to any one person. If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot. Consider joining this, or any committee. A little of your time helps us all have a great time square dancing all year.

**Make It A Point** . . . to Touch hands at the end of each call..



This may mean just a tap as you pass through the end position of one call and continue moving to start the next call.

Tapping/holdings hands after each part of a more complex call, like the SSD call Grand Square or Load the Boat in Plus, is also essential. These touches or hand holds help everyone see the

formation and their position in the formation and in the square. You must always know who your partner is and if you are a center or an end. It's hard to do a Partner Trade if you don't have a partner because you're not holding hands. If you don't form and see the line by touching hands, you won't be able to find the center for a Cast off  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Don't skip the hand taps/holds because you know where you are, what you are doing and what to do next. Others in the square may not. Someone in the square may be momentarily lost and that hand tap could help them find their way back into the call. Remember this is a team sport. Each dancer should know what to do but each is equally responsible to do what is needed to help the others on your team.

Every time a new line is formed be sure all dancers immediately join hands. In lines, maintain hand holds while executing “Forward and Back”, with only the ends tapping hands, then you will all be ready for the next call and not have to find the line again. Again, think of that pesky Cast Off ¾! That center hand hold is important.

During the pandemic and ZOOM dancing, we learned how much we depend on others in the square. “Connecting” with the other dancers makes square dancing easier and more fun!

Always something to learn 😊

## **MCASD...what is it?**

### **As submitted by our club member Christine Steffy, President of MCASD.**

Welcome to the Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers corner of Glenview Squares newsletter~! (AKA - MCASD)

The goals of MCASD are to:

- Promote square dancing throughout the Chicago area;
- Create educational and leadership training opportunities;
- Offer membership to all formally organized square dance clubs in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties; and
- Continue to provide the maximum insurance assistance to all member clubs.

### **Delegates Connect Clubs with MCASD**

Each club has two Delegates that represent their club at MCASD General Meetings, held in September, December and April. The delegates learn what MCASD is doing to help clubs in the area and report this back to their clubs.

The General Meetings are a two-way street where delegates can share what their club needs from MCASD. Here are a few recent examples of how MCASD has implemented club ideas:

- MCASD’s “UCanSquareDance” program has brought in many new students to area clubs via the [ucansquaredance.com](http://ucansquaredance.com) website.
- Smaller clubs expressed their needs that are now being discussed in a Small Club/Banner Committee.

- Glenview Squares submitted an idea regarding the Sweetheart Dance timing and theme that was approved by the MCASD Executive Board. The idea involves moving the early spring regional dance from February to late March in order to include people still taking lessons. As a result, MCASD will test the concept by hosting a 'Spring Fling' on March 30, 2025 in place of the Sweetheart Dance. The Spring Fling's SSD hall will include student level and SSD tips.

### **MCASD & You**

Club members and club leaders are always welcome to attend both the General Meeting and the Executive Board meetings. General meetings take place in person while Executive Board meetings are hosted on Zoom.

Dancers can also become active on the MCASD board. Each year we hold elections for the officers. The MCASD president can also appoint board members. New members bring a fresh look at issues along with ideas.

Currently the MCASD secretary needs to step down due to work conflict. We need someone who can step in to take this position. There is time for training if we can find someone soon. If this is something you can do, please contact Christine Steffy at 847-271-2403.

Wow Christine thanks for this article!

### **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](http://GlenviewSquares.com) .

Also, I have included the link for the **Illinois Square Dance Convention** in Rosemont July 19-20. Sign up NOW using the link below-

[ilsquaredanceconvent\(ilsdc.dance\)](http://ilsquaredanceconvent(ilsdc.dance))

Here is a brief list of dance opportunities for May–

5/3 - Friday @ 7:30pm-10pm - Club dance - First Presb. Deerfield

5/17 - Friday – it's here!! you can still get a ticket no later than May 14 to attend.

## The Big Dance is coming up fast!



*Hawaii is Calling You -  
the Sun, the Warmth, the Sand Beaches and Rolling Surf!*

Unfortunately we can't all hop on a plane and fly away but . . .  
we can easily enjoy the spirit of Hawaii at

### *Luau With Lizotte*

Friday, May 17, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 pm.  
at White Eagle Banquets in Niles.

Colorful shirts, leis, ukuleles, pineapples and a turquoise sea  
will transport you to paradise.

### **All you need is a ticket!**

Tickets, \$65.00 per person, are available at all Glenview events:  
Dances, Lessons and the General Membership Meeting April 27.

**Please bring your cash or check made out to Glenview Squares.**

Look for **Carol M, Candace R, Marla S,  
Janice C, Carolyn H & Joy N.**

All will be able to assist you with your purchase.

The evening includes a multi-course dinner, cash bar,  
photo booth, silent auction, Slit-the-Pot-Plus, Hine dancing  
and of course

**Square Dancing to Ted Lizotte!**



Mark your calendar for our Summer Dance dates –

**GLENVIEW SQUARES  
SUMMER DANCES 2024**

7:30 pm - 10 pm  
First Presbyterian Church  
824 Waukegan Rd., Deerfield  
\$8 Admission  
Alternating SSD & Plus

**Craig Abercrombie**  
Sat. June 8

**Andy Allemao**  
Sat. June 22 &  
Sun. June 23

**Tom Manning**  
Sat. Aug. 10

Sunday, June 23: Special Plus-level workshop - Intro to Hex Squares with Andy Allemao; from 2 pm-4 pm at the Presbyterian Church, 824 Waukegan, Deerfield. \$10 admission.

[GlenviewSquares.org](http://GlenviewSquares.org)



## Want to support our callers?

**James Cha**, as caller, has this opportunity to come out and support our very own in May. James will be calling on Thursday, May 2 @ 730-930pm for Chi-Town Squares @ Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, IL. Admit is \$9 (guests)

**Christine Steffy**, as caller, has this “new student” opportunity on Thursday, May 9 @ 7-8:30pm @ McHenry Township Senior/Recreation Center, 3519 N Richmond Rd, Johnsburg, IL. Admit \$8

## SAMPLERS - With James Cha

Where: Morton Grove Civic Center, 6140 Dempster, Morton Grove, Illinois

Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, Feb. 1 extended through **May 16, 2024!**

(guess who showed up on the 4th Thursday, April 25 – yep this knucklehead!)

Time: 11 am – 12 pm



**IMPORTANT \*\*\* PLEASE HELP \*\*\***

**Friends** – we need your help. I am making it my personal mission to get our website updated to show how strong we are as a club. **PLEASE** send a picture and a short blurb about yourself to Ed Friedman, our webmaster, at [edfriedmangvs@gmail.com](mailto:edfriedmangvs@gmail.com) – he will upload to our site so EVERYONE can see we have a club full of strong, diverse and vibrant square dance lovers from all walks of life. Please make this a priority, I will not quit until we get a decent showing. If you need help- reach out ! I can help you draft a great bio! At **100+** strong it will be amazing! Thank you all for your quick response to this plea. 😊



**TICKLE YOUR FUNNYBONE -**

Why are frogs always so happy?

They eat whatever bugs them.

And I apologize right now – this one is a little naughty but it made me LOL 😊


Q: Why do hamburgers go to the gym?

A: To get better buns!



Anybody remember what show they were on?

Congrats to Christine Steffy, Marla Schneider and Larry Prace for their correct response of Harpo Marx (1888-1964). With such a small response I'm wondering if this was too hard or is this feature losing its luster?

A gold star awarded to Michelle McKenzie Voigt  as the **first** correct response- (2 months in a row now!) Click on this link if you'd like to learn more about Harpo Marx. [Harpo Marx - Biography - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/bio/HarpoMarx/)

Ok try this one – can't wait to see your guesses!!  
It's a double header – give it your best shot!  
(hmmmm could that be a clue to one of their identities?)



**You are the best !**

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

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