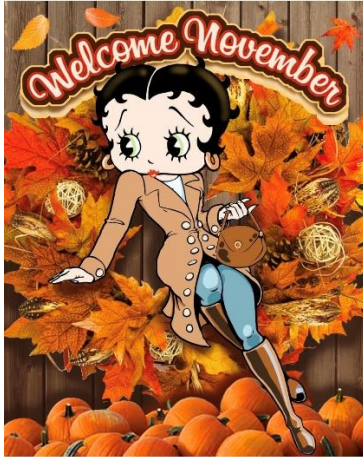




## NEWSLETTER – November 2023

Hi Everyone –



Look at Betty in her steampunk! Doesn't she look fabulous for 93 years old 😊

Welcome to November – season of a residual Halloween sugar coma, time change (scoot the clock back 1 hour on Nov. 5), pending turkey coma, and giving thanks. Remember this is YOUR newsletter so let me know what else you'd like to see.



But this month we lead with our most important holiday of the month **Veteran's Day** on Nov. 11. How can we thank and honor the brave men and women who served our great country – may I suggest if you see these folks at an upcoming event – shake their hand and say thank you – for those of you that responded I am honored and proud to share your names with all our members.



## **With heartfelt respect and gratitude -**

**SGT. BARRY T. GRAY - UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**PETER PRIBYL - UNITED STATES ARMY**

**CAPT. ALEX ATKINSON – UNITED STATES ARMY (1964-1968)**

**KERRY STEIN – UNITED STATES NAVY SEABEE**

**MICHAEL POLZIN – UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE (6 YEARS)**

**FRED BRUGEMANN – UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR RESERVE (1965-1967)**



## **PICK A CHAIR –**

Our featured chair for November is our sweetie Refreshment Chair - Deb Oberst. This is a girl who has absolutely no moss growing under her feet – she’s too busy volunteering by day then dancing the night away! Deb was very nicely drafted into being refreshment chair... after becoming a member in March 2022. Deb is joyfully retired but don’t think for a minute she is sitting still! Volunteering is nearly a full-time job for this gal. Deb is on the Libertyville Senior Council and spends a lot of time adding Senior Center activities for seniors to enjoy with like-minded friends. She’s added ping-pong and beginner line dance classes to the very full schedule of activities, as well as an annual trip to Milwaukee to see the Cubs play the Brewers. In a month or so, Deb will start her 40+ hours of annual tax training so that she can volunteer with AARP to do IRS tax returns for seniors who need help. Deb has to pass certification tests with AARP and the IRS, and says it was really exciting to find that she could learn something new and challenging.

Deb also volunteers with MainStreet Libertyville to help run the summer antique car shows. When not working or training on behalf of seniors and the village she also dances about 8 or 9 times a week - ballroom, line, and square dancing.

Well anybody recognize this bunch? “My square dancing, line dancing, ballroom dancers!”



With finally settling down in Libertyville after a career that had her moving regularly Deb is thrilled to be near four of her five grandchildren who are in Libertyville and Evanston. In her down time (hah!) Deb enjoys watching NFL games, and nice hand or two of poker and/or a game of backgammon. I found a kindred spirit in Deb who also enjoys the Clan of the Cave Bear series of books by Jane Auel with Valley of the Horses (book #3) her favorite. Guilty pleasure – yes she has one but she’s not telling! Phew – ok girl take 5 – just for today!



## CALLER'S CORNER —

Friends, I don't know about you but I love learning about these folks. 😊

James started square dancing in 2003, and dances through the Plus level. James started calling in the summer of 2016 when wife, Janice, signed him up for a new caller seminar at the IL State Square Dance Convention. He's been calling for 7 years now. James finds most music, via a website [www.musicforcallers.com](http://www.musicforcallers.com) which provides links to numerous different music production companies (labels) that produce square dance music. James purchases music from labels such as Arrowhead Recording, Chic Recording, Royal Records, Rhythm Records, Acme and Crest Recording, New Beat, Elmer Sheffield Productions, Riverboat Square Dance Music, Fine Tune Records, Goldwing Records, Blue Star and EGO Recordings.

Often, he will hear a piece of music being played at a dance by another caller and decide he likes the tune and asks the caller for the title of the song and the label, and purchases it. Most square dance music comes in MP3s, so it's a simple task to download the music.

James currently works as an attorney for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and has been with that agency for 31 years. James also met his oldest friend, Timothy Chapman,

through work at the U.S. EPA in April 1993. He (Chapman) now is a veteran federal prosecutor (currently prosecuting high profile public corruption cases in Chicago).

Now how many knew- he has four-legged fur babies both cats and dogs, and his bucket list item is to call a square dance in Yokohama, Japan (where his wife learned to square dance). But wait - there's more! His hidden talent is voice impressions AND as a teenager James boxed in the Golden Gloves!! While he won't share his pet peeve he did indulge us in his guilty pleasure which is the Netflix series Cobra Kai – but also enjoys HBO's The Wire (I can only assume while enjoying a bowl of dairy free vanilla ice cream 😊). While listing square dancing and calling square dancing as his hobbies James also loves a good book with Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse, by Louise Erdrich as his favorite. Wherever do you find the time dear James. We are lucky to have you James – rock on!



## SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT -

A few items that came across the desk that ARE something to crow about!

Bob and Carolyn Lopez just returned from a fabulous 10 day vacation to Ireland. Carolyn writing “our most beautiful, memorable day was at the Cliffs of Moher. Just gorgeous. And it's quite a climb. That castle is the highest point on the Cliffs. Bob's favorite memory is from Donegal, when he talked me into getting a plaid wool coat (he bought it for me for Christmas) which had also been bought by Sarah Jessica Parker (Sex & the City). My favorite memory is when our Irish Guide/bus driver told our US guide to move a barrier where he was supposed to drop us off and a woman from the hotel came bustling out, yelling at Janice to stop doing that and a shouting match occurred between her, our bus driver and a city bus driver. ” Aren't they just the cutest 😊





AND –

Birthdays for November we are crowing about -



Barb Vlcek – November 17 -celebrating in San Diego that week!

Myrnice Ravitch – November 22

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

## **FREE TO A GOOD HOME !!**

From **Christine Steffy** – gently used ladies Dingo boots size 9W - Barb has them in her car so if you want to try on – find Barb!



## 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 "Our Club" tab "About Us" then scroll down. Thanks Ed !

Just an extra mention about the **Pizza Party** on Sunday, **November 12 @ 2-4:30pm.**

Website - [Glenview Squares](#) . Also – warm welcome to our newest members – **Joan Rosenkranz** and **Beth Roher** – say hi! If you see them at our next dance this Friday!

## \*\* 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!



## TICKLE YOUR FUNNYBONE -

What do you call a turkey's evil twin?

A gobbleganger (anybody know how to do an umlaut over the a ?)

Congrats to Deb Oberst, Myrnice Ravitch, Kathi Sawyer, Michelle McKenzie Voight for their correct response of William Frawley (1887-1966) as last month's picture. A gold star awarded

to Larry Prace  as the **first** correct response! Click on this link if you'd like to know more about William Frawley - [William Frawley - Biography - IMDb](#)

Here she is – give it a go – can't wait to see your guesses!



Holy Smokes I've done run on enough to be 7 pages this month – somebody stop me please! I just can't help myself – I love this job!

When I gather around the table this year with my family, among other things, I will be giving thanks for the many new friends and wonderful memories I am creating with those friends by being a member of this club. So nice to meet ALL of you 😊  
And, again, from the bottom of MY heart – thank you to all veterans for your sacrifice and service.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving – EAT the turkey AND the pie!

**You are the best !**

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

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