



NEWSLETTER –March 2024

March named for the Roman god of war Mars. This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter. (2024 Farmer’s Almanac)

Hi Everyone – Happy St. Patrick’s Day.



For those that remember last month’s question – Betty’s dog’s name is “Pudgy”

I am sending this out early because I am out on vacation from 2/28-3/8.

Please welcome our newest members- Seth Kaberon and Saula Ostrowsky – we are so happy you have joined us!

Welcome to March –The season of “kiss me I’m...”, good luck, wearing of the green, corned beef and cabbage and a time change. Yes, that’s right, it’s already time to change the clocks by springing ahead 1 hour on March 10.

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

This update to February’s newsletter from Ed Friedman who was our featured “Pick A Chair”. His favorite book in full title is Legacy of Secrecy – The Long Shadow of the JFK Assassination.

A few more mentions about St Patrick’s Day.

The significance of March 17 is that it's said to be the date of St. Patrick's death in the late 5th century (circa A.D.493). St Patrick is the national apostle of Ireland and is credited with spreading Christianity throughout Ireland. Legend has it that people wear a shamrock on this day because it represents the 3 levels of the Holy Trinity. It is a legend because there is no direct proof that St Patrick ever used the shamrock as a teaching tool in this manner. It is most likely he did not drive the snakes out of Ireland either as snakes weren't native to Ireland. Long before the shamrock became associated with St Patrick's Day the four-leaf clover was regarded by ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits. In the early 1900s, an Iowa school superintendent thought using a clover as the emblem for a newly founded agricultural club for kids in the area. In 1911, the four-leaf clover was chosen as the emblem for the national club program which we now know as the 4-H club.

The first St Patrick's Day parade in the U.S. was held in NYC on March 17, **1762**. And we've been partying ever since!

Cabbage seeds are often planted on St Patrick's Day, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while wearing your pajamas! Hmmm... wonder if they still do that. Now go amaze your friends with fun facts about St Patrick's Day.

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

March 1

National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

March 2

National Banana Cream Pie Day

March 3

National Cold Cuts Day

March 4

National Poundcake Day

March 5

National Cheese Doodle Day

March 6

National Oreo Day

March 7

National Cereal Day

March 8

National Peanut Cluster Day

March 9

National Meatball Day

March 10

National Ranch Dressing Day

March 11

National "Eat Your Noodles" Day

March 12

National Milky Way Day

March 13

National Chicken Noodle Soup Day

March 14

National Potato Chip Day

March 15

National Peanut Lovers' Day

March 16

National Artichoke Heart Day

March 17

National Irish Food Day

March 18

National Sloppy Joe Day

March 19

*Oatmeal Cookie Day

March 20

National Ravioli Day

March 21

National Crunchy Taco Day

March 22

World Water Day

March 23

National Chips and Dip Day

March 24

National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day

March 25

National International Waffle Day

March 26
National Spinach Day

March 27
National World Whisky Day

March 28
National Black Forest Cake Day

March 29
National Chiffon Cake Day

March 30
National Turkey Neck Soup Day

March 31
National Oysters on the Half Shell Day
National Clam Day

Goodness – A food holiday (or two) each day this month!
By popular vote I will overlook this section if you're not really into it, just let me know!
I love food so for me I find it interesting 😊



SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT -

I am congratulating our members who showed up 13 strong in McHenry on Saturday, Feb. 13 to support our very own James Cha! We were welcomed warmly by our friends in the McHenry Club and had a whale of a time pre-Valentine's Day! Some of us met for dinner ahead of time – here's a couple pics for your enjoyment. You are the best!



This just in from Jane and Alex Atkinson-as told by Jane-

Jane and Alex spent a week aboard Royal Caribbean's Wonder of the Seas with

600 other square dancers and amazing callers – Jak Pladdys, Tony Oxendine, Ted Lizotte, Mike Hogan, Vernon Jones, Ted Kennedy, Scott Bennett, Bear Miller, Jet Roberts and more. The dancing was great – Mainstream/Plus, with Rounds. While we didn't specifically know anyone, we say people we have danced with at various conventions or other venues – i.e. here and there. The ship was large – 6500 passengers, including lots of kids of all ages – making it an interesting experience. We had a lot of fun and got a lovely reprieve from the Chicago winter. Talk about “rock the boat baby”!



And speaking of Jan and Alex did you know they were chosen the “grand” sweetheart couple (representing North Shore Squares) at last week's sweetheart dance! Congrats!

And speaking of sweethearts – **Congrats to Pete and Carolyn Holtermann** for being selected to represent our Glenview Squares! And another pic from the dance.



Don't forget tax season is here!

In addition to their stellar square dance capabilities, at least two of our Glenview Squares members, Deb Oberst and Sheri Maremont, are volunteers with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate

income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Many locations in and around Cook County are partnering with AARP Foundation to offer free tax-aide preparation appointments. Generally, Tax-Aide service will run from February 1 to April 15, but check a location near you for dates and hours.

https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html?cmp=FDNLOCATOR-BTN-LINK-2024 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers can help with most tax returns.

Below is a link that specifies the types of returns that can and can't be filed by AARP Tax Aide: Tax-Aide: Types of returns we can prepare

Friends – We are 90+ strong! Keep sending me good news!

PICK A CHAIR –



Will return soon....

CALLER'S CORNER –



Our featured caller is the Christine Steffy. Another revelation 😊 .

Christine currently dances SSD and Plus. She is currently teaching classes in SSD that started on Thursday, Feb. 1 at the McHenry SD Club -aka Northwest Grand Squares. Christine is a mama to identical twin girls who both live in the area Chicago and Gurnee and tell us her long time friends are from grade school and high school.

Christine first saw SD when she was in her 20's at a WTTW or WBEZ event at the Shedd Aquarium – way back in the 80's. She joined in and had so much fun.

Unfortunately, no one recruited her! When Christine moved to McHenry after her

divorce she was looking for something to do. The first club she contacted never followed up. Then at a local business Expo, Christine saw someone with a SD jacket. She inquired, they took her information and contacted her in late summer. Christine attended an Intro party given by Lottie Buckbee and started lessons with Woodstock Squares, Barry Johnson as her teacher. The rest is history. Christine finds her music by pater – she listens for real instruments since she doesn't like synthetic music. As for singing calls Christine claims she is not a real singer so she looks mostly for songs she has sung in the car all of her life listening to rock-n-roll.

Per her co-worker Christine is “obnoxiously retired” and is working on her bucket list to include some travel time after the IL SD convention in July. In her free time, although on a break right now, Christine volunteers giving tours at Volo Bog (southern most open water bog in the US) but still volunteers there with other events (think Ghost Stories and WinterFest). When she's not busy volunteering she can be found catching up on Yellowstone with a nice butter pecan or vanilla ice cream. Munching a Hershey's almond candy bar may find Christine working on her paper card making/scrapbooking hobbies or re-reading her favorite book The Village that Slept. Once again, another “retiree” that won't be found sitting still! Rock On Christine!!



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 March–

3/1 - Friday @ 7:30pm-10pm - Club dance - First Presb. Deerfield

3/15 - Friday @ 7:30pm-10pm - Club dance - First Presb. Deerfield



Want to support our callers?

James Cha, as caller, offers this opportunity in March to dance and support our very own.

Plus-level dance for Arlington Squares on March 16, 2024, at Christian Church of Arlington Heights, 333 W. Thomas St., Arlington Heights, IL, 7:30 to 10:00 PM. Calling all Plus dancers-just do it!

Candice Hansen, as caller, has this opportunity to come out and support our very own in March. Now here's a challenge for you – can we beat 13 (what we did for Cha in McHenry) by showing up for Candice Hansen on Friday, March 8th– 7:30-10:00pm – Arlington Squares, 1801 W Central, Arlington Heights, IL. Come on troops let's go and show Candice some love!

SAMPLERS - With James Cha

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

Dates: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, Feb. 1 through April 18, 2024

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

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 – he will upload to our site so EVERYONE can see we have a club full of strong and vibrant square dance lovers. Please make this a priority, I will not quit until we get a decent showing. At 90+ strong it will be amazing! Thank you all for your quick response to this plea. 😊

Now a new little feature we are calling -

Exploring Our Website



by Joy Nachtrab.

This month's feature is about "styling"

Take a Look At . . .

The Glenview Square Dance Club, Styling Tips, Styling & flourishes commonly used by Glenview dancers found on our website under LEARN/Styling.

Styling varies from club to club, area to area, country to country but besides knowing how to do a call, executing the calls in time to the music is a universal styling standard.

From the booklet:

"Good styling is an integral part of good square dancing. Although you can enjoy square dancing without focusing on styling, with some attention to styling square dancing becomes more like dancing and helps everyone execute the calls correctly and on time which makes each tip more successful and more fun. In addition, it makes square dancing more enjoyable to watch. Styling includes dancing with poise (balance, equilibrium, control, and refinement of movement) and good dance techniques. For highly skilled dancers styling may include flourishes (frills) for some calls.

Dancers should not only master the calls but also the basic styling of square dancing. Just as you would not move up a level of square dancing without a good mastery and lots of experience at each level, dancers should not add flourishes or frills until they have mastered: (1) the calls, (2) dancing as a member of a team and (3) basic square dance styling. Never let styling interfere with your dancing and timing."

The booklet divides styling and flourishes into several levels Once you master one level you can move onto the next.

Examples of more styling and flourishes is just another click away. Taminations not only provides the definitions and actions of the calls but also the timing for each call as well as some styling tips including "skirt work". Don't forget to check out YouTube for square dance videos to see the wide variety of styling and flourishes used around the country and the world.



TICKLE YOUR FUNNYBONE -

In keeping with the St. Patrick's Day theme I serve this- I hope you will be "Dublin" over in laughter with these.

Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?

You don't want to press your luck. 

What do you call an Irish spider?

Paddy long legs.

Congrats to Linda Fischer, Carolyn Lopez and Michelle McKenzie Voigt for their correct response of Bert Lahr (1895-1967), our cowardly lion from the Wizard of Oz, among other things. With only 4 responses was this too hard?

A gold star awarded to Tom Lopresti  AGAIN! as the first correct response- Click on this link if you'd like to learn more about Bert Lahr
[Bert Lahr - Biography - IMDb](#)

Ok try this one – can't wait to see your guesses!!

She looks so familiar – wonder where I've seen her before 😊 Let's make everyone else "green" with envy by getting your answer in first!



You are the best !

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

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