



NEWSLETTER – October 2023

Hi Everyone – Welcome to October – season of Halloween and pumpkin spice! September is a blur in the rear-view mirror. How is it that the older we get the faster time seems to fly. Thank you to everyone for the positive feedback I received on my initial attempt at writing this newsletter. I am always open to any constructive criticism as long as it is offered in a nice way. Thanks also for some of the items you will see here submitted by our club members. Remember this is YOUR newsletter so let me know what else you'd like to see. This is a long one (5 pages) – get yourself a beverage and settle in. Now let's get on to the good stuff.



PICK A CHAIR –

Our featured chair for October will be our beloved Co-Presidents **Joy Nachtrab** and **Bruce Holmes**. Bruce is doing double-duty as our featured Caller for this month too – so read on for his up close and personal after our Pick A Chair profile. But here's some skinny on Joy who took Basic through Plus lessons Sept - May during the 2009-2010 dance season and now also enjoys dancing Advanced AND is joyfully retired since June of 2017.

Joy went to Toledo University (now University of Toledo) in Toledo, Ohio and lived at home while she was in college. She claims it wasn't a bad experience but encouraged her own daughters to go away to school and always wonders how life would have been different if she had gone away after high school.

Joy also enjoys the things the club provides our community and it takes people working together to make those things possible. She claims to have backed into some of the positions she has held on the board– as an example she was on the committee that worked to change how Glenview Squares was going to move forward. One result of that work was the creation of a new committee - Membership. It needed a chair. The others on the committee were taking other roles. There was Joy- familiar with the reasons for establishing the committee so why not help get that new committee started. After many years, she knew it was time to step up and take turn as an officer of the club, moving from vice-president to president. She thinks it is the Girl Scout in her that tells her to do duty to any organization she is in. "It is always rewarding to give to a

group that is a service to others or provides you an enjoyable activity.” While Joy is still trying to uncover her hidden talent I can tell you she loves chocolate ice cream, Belgian chocolates, puzzles and not limited to jigsaw or crossword, bucket lists Alaska and California for her next adventures and loves lunching w/ friends including a cocktail and dessert! She has an ever growing list of pet peeves which she won’t go into and loves loves her kids – daughter Laura and partner Ryan in Arizona and Jennifer and hubby John and 2 boys JJ (18yo) and Jeffery (16yo) in Ohio as well as Bruce’s 3 children and 2 granddaughters who all live in this area.



And one last tidbit she shared –

Although she did a little tap, ballet and acrobatics in elementary school, she didn’t really get into dancing until late in life. Since then she has enjoyed, at one time or another, English Country Dancing, International Folk dancing, Irish Country Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing (including being on a demonstration team) and Square Dancing. “Dancers are just fun to be around!” And I think we will all agree that Joy is a joy to be around!!

CALLER’S CORNER —



Our double-duty featured caller is Co-President **Bruce Holmes**. This young fella started square dancing in the 6th grade circa 1957 and was at Challenge level 30 years ago but didn’t stick with it but he is currently dancing Advanced with his fave partner Joy. About 10 years ago he was head angel for a Plus class when the caller didn’t show up, so instead of sending everyone home Bruce stepped up gave it a go. He got to practice calling, the class got to practice dancing Plus and when he couldn’t call them home he’d just tell them to square your set. The caller continued not showing up and finally moved out of state. Bruce kept trying to figure things out and became frustrated that there wasn’t a book he could buy to help explain it all so that’s when he wrote *Becoming A Square Dance Caller* and the rest is history so to speak. Bruce is currently working on the 5th edition.

Along with websites that sell music Bruce may also choose music that he likes and feels is a good fit for square dancing. Sometimes he may find music not made for square dancing specific but if the tempo and feel is right he can use it. He also will hear something another caller is using and get the name.

Our man Bruce is a guy of many talents – caller, published novelist, triathlon coach, song-writer, album maker (3!), juggler and has done almost every style of dancing from A to Z! In his down time (hah!) he likes to play guitar with his daughter Sara and has even played for a square dance together. Let’s not forget he has 2 other children also Chris and Davd. Bruce bucket lists travelling the country in an RV, enjoys TV shows including Scott & Bailey, Normal People (Hulu), After Life (Netflix), West Wing, ER – Movies including his favorites Shakespeare In Love, Parenthood, Groundhog Day (maybe with a nice bowl of Dean’s chocolate ice cream or dark chocolate cashews). When not working on learning piano he also likes to write – maybe a 2nd novel? Phew!! Want to know even more? <https://brucetholmes.com>



SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT -

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

Jacqueline Gray and her sweet 5yo golden retriever Kayla volunteer as a Therapy Dog Team and just received recognition from the AKC (American Kennel Club) for 50+ visits of volunteering their services to help others in need. They work with retirement homes, schools, first responders and anyone who could use a little extra love. Well done you two!!



SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT – continued

Next up is **Mike Altschuler** – he’s got a new fur baby – Dimitri - adopted on May 23 and started Obedience training on Sept. 10. Good boys -Dimitri & Mike! Way to go 😊



Our final crow this month is for **Carolyn & Pete Holterman** – these kids are celebrating their **40th** wedding anniversary today- October 1. Congrats you two lovebirds –



FREE TO A GOOD HOME !!

From **Christine Steffy** – gently used ladies Dingo boots size 9W -



HOOK ME UP –



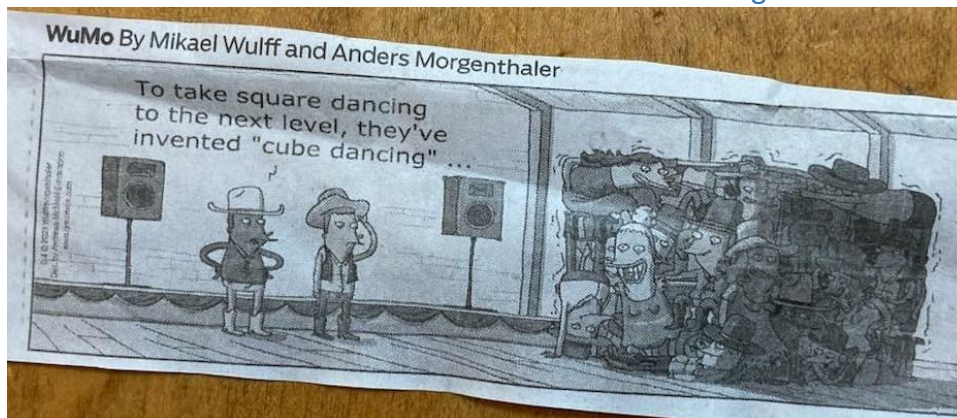
Always check the website for the latest and greatest of what's happening in our club including the current calendar - convention(s) – events, samplers, classes and more.

Website - Glenview Squares



TICKLE YOUR FUNNYBONE -

Thanks to Deb Oberst for this submission out of the Chicago Tribune on Sept. 5



You are the best !

As you can see – plenty of submissions from members this month – keep it up please!!

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

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Congrats to all who responded Imogene Coca (1908-2001) with last month's picture.
No more hints – give this a go – can't wait to see your guesses!

