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Remember when December meant Christmas, a week off from school, and sledding?

Over the years, the meaning changed to extra shopping, working on Christmas cards, and short days. Also, as the month ends, it is more difficult to identify with that baby New Year. Now, the old codger with the scythe, the guy on the way out, looks like a much more interesting person to trade stories with.

Sad?

Maybe. But on the bright side, December is the month of the Timberline Toppers' New Year's Eve Dinner Dance.

This year, the dance features Don Rouze as the caller, and will be held at the Summit Community/Senior Center. Dance from 7 to 9:30 PM, starting with a half hour of Plus.

The optional dinner will again be prepared by the Keystone Conference Center chef, Steve Nguyen. Thanks to Steve, we've come to expect a gourmet meal to end our year. Plan to arrive by

5 for dinner, reservations are required.

As an added bonus, the Timberline Toppers will have plenty of old codgers on hand to trade stories – some of us have actually owned and/or used a scythe.

Scrooges can, of course, point out that, yes, New Year's Eve will be cold, dark, and lacking in pretty presents. But, obviously, Scrooge didn't square dance.

Merry Christmas all!