Chicago Bar Shop specializes in custom residential and commercial bar design, building, and installation with superior style, attention to detail and timeless craftsmanship. Premium custom gold leaf wooden signs, digital signage, repurposed furnishings and decor from reclaimed materials, custom millwork, and exquisitely finished tin ceilings are just a few high-end conveniences offered. Chicago Bar Shop strives to be a fully integrated hospitality technology center showcasing cutting edge technology solutions from strategic tech company partnerships. With over 100 years of experience in hospitality, discerning clients, bars, restaurants, clubs & pubs turn to Chicago Bar Shop.

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Declan Morgan

CEO, Professional Bar Designer & Builder

Declan Morgan is CEO of Chicago Bar Shop, and professional bar designer & builder, entrepreneur, and restaurateur, with deep roots in the hospitality industry. Declan started early in hospitality- as a boy helping out in his parent's pub while growing up in Belfast, UK. Moving on to restaurants, hotels, and other upscale locations, he learned and worked nearly every position giving him an exceptional understanding of the hospitality field. He worked for international hospitality giants such as Ramada & Hilton, and his professional career in hospitality led him across several continents including Europe & Australia before settling in North America. Declan moved to Chicago over 20 years ago, and began working towards opening his first bar. He partnered with legendary Chicago restaurateur, Joe Carlucci and oversaw several of his restaurants in the Chicago area before the pair later went into business together. Declan has owned several successful restaurants since then, including the popular Declan's Irish Pub in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood and J Patrick's (named after former partner and mentor Joe Patrick Carlucci) in West Town.

Declan has designed and built numerous bars in and around Chicago, and several across the country- including the famous Ditka's bars for Chicago's own legendary Mike Ditka, including the Tremont Hotel bar. Also on the list: Pint Bar & Grill, Temple Bar, McGovern's Public House, The Grumpy Goat at Highland's Golf Course, and BIN 36. He also specializes in designs that utilize a combination of new and re-purposed materials for unique features and establishments with true personality. A shining example is the eye-catching mahogany bar in Declan's Irish Pub that is built around ornate and massive carved pillars that came from the Como Inn (when they closed after 77 years.)

From designing, to building, consulting, and operating- Declan Morgan is a respected expert in the hospitality field.

John Wray

Master Bar Builder

John Wray is the bar building expert at Chicago Bar Shop, and has built hundreds of bars in his nearly 40 year career for commercial hospitality, residential, and private clients nationwide. The first bar he built was at the locally renowned Four Farthings Pub, a history rich part of Chicago established in 1963. Since, John has designed and constructed bars in 19 states including: New York, Massachusetts, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, Colorado and New Mexico and also D.C. John's bars can be seen in homes, private clubs, and upscale restaurants such as: City Winery, Little Goat, Act 1, and the Goose Island Brew Pub. He specializes in authentically styled and expertly crafted bars such as those right out of the 1910 Brunswick Bar catalog. With his own 7,500 square foot design and manufacturing facility located right in the heart of Chicago, he can build custom bars and custom millwork to match any architectural style or taste preference.

John and his bars have been published in numerous publications, and it is no surprize that Crain's Magazine has also had him featured. A sampling of additional top bars John has built in Chicago include: Cullen's Bar & Grill, Charlie's Ale House, Glascott's, Marquee Lounge, Pops for Champagne, The Trace, and Benchmark.

From the restoration and salvage of turn of the century classic bars- to new construction of authentically styled and detailed bars and woodwork, John Wray is a true Master Bar Builder.

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Edward J. Bauer

Vice President, Sales

Mr. Bauer has joined the Chicago Bar Shop as Vice President of Sales and Business Development in June of 2015. Prior to joining, Mr. Bauer has served as an entrepreneur and various sales development and sales management roles in both startup and mature business environments. During the early stage of his business career he worked for Arrow Electronics as an Account Manager selling semi-conductors and integrated computer systems to OEMs. He then took a position as a Regional Distribution Manager with M/A-Com, an RF and Wireless manufacturer.

In 1998, he was recruited, based on his successful business development experience, to be a founding member of an internet search engine startup called Logika Corporation. He would serve as Director of Sales for the next 5 years and played a key role in raising over $3 million early stage capital investment used to fund the development of the core architecture, launch operations, including sales, marketing, staffing and business development. In 2003 Mr. Bauer co-founded and was Vice President of Sales for Ovation Technologies, a custom systems integration company specializing in design, installation and consultation of automation, integrated audio / video, and internet technologies for the commercial and residential construction industry.

In 2005 Mr. Bauer started Lakepointe Spine, a medical device distributorship that specializes in the marketing of spinal implants, biologics and regenerative medicine technologies to neuro and orthopedic surgeons. Here he would serve as President and manage the day-to-day operations of the company.

Mr. Bauer received a B.A. in Business Administration from Augustana College, located in Rock Island, Illinois. He also was a member of the 1986 and 1987 NCAA Division III National Football championship teams.

Candace Zynda

Vice President, Operations

Candace Zynda is the Vice President of Operations at Chicago Bar Shop. With more than 15 years experience providing management in the fields of hospitality, sales, and marketing- she's cultivated start-ups (including several of her own) and managed national marketing campaigns. Acquiring her first restaurant partnership at the age of 23 was at least partially due to being actively involved in the hospitality industry in some capacity for most of her working life. She began at entry level and graduated to mixologist, F&B Director to GM. Her flair for entrepreneurship, and this multifaceted background is now used towards an interdisciplinary approach to coach & teach others as a hospitality consultant for restaurants, bars, and private clubs- in addition to heading up operations at Chicago Bar Shop.

With an early start in sales management, Candace climbed her way up the ladder quickly at ALDO International, successfully running 5 retail stores concurrently by the time she was 21. Recruited by Euro RSCG, she transitioned into running both local marketing & large traveling event marketing/ brand awareness campaigns as tour manager & brand ambassador for many prominent lifestyle brands- quite a few within the hospitality industry. Some brands included: Absolut, Dove, Hillshire Farms, Orbit, Vox, Baileys, Good Stuff, and Captain Morgan. As a brand ambassador, she appeared on dozens of radio stations and television outlets- marketing & promoting co-sponsored fundraising, and local initiatives with personalities across the country.

Candace is also an internationally published photographer with work appearing in online, print, editorial publications, and at 150+ gallery & retail locations including "Deck the Walls" and "The Great Frame Up." She has focused on areas of commercial, lifestyle advertising, and animal/pet photography- with work appearing several times in National Geographic. Advertising/commercial photography clients have included: Design Bureau Magazine, Chicago Wolves, DelMonte, Milk-Bone, Hilary Lamon, Alarm Press, AOL's Patch.com, Cheap Trick, the Examiner, and Chicago Fire. Writing enthusiast & editor/contributor to several publications, dabbles in web development, html, graphic design, web analytics, and SEO writing/SERP trending.

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Advisory Board

Ed Bauer, Sr.

Retired Information Technology Senior Manager and Investor

Ed Bauer's successful career spanned 30 plus years in Information Technology, spanning the evolution from Mainframes to the Personal Computer industry, concluding with 23 years at Intel Corporation.

His career was spent mostly in Sales and Marketing Management positions but also General Management with P+L responsibility for several of Intel's Motherboard and OEM Systems Business Groups. He had Sales leadership positions in all of Intel's product lines and Sales Channels from OEM to Retail, including World Wide responsibility for Intel's VAR, Reseller, Retail, Commercial and OEM Distribution Channels. In his last position, Mr. Bauer was Vice-President and Director of the America's which covered all Sales, Marketing, Technical and Administrative support for North, South and Central America with Sales of over $13b and a headcount of over 2000 employees.

Mr. Bauer retired from Intel in 1998 and has since been involved in early stage investments from information technology to Solar Power. He has served on several Boards and has spent time as Business Development Manager, Board Member and raising capital for an Internet Search Engine startup.

Mr. Bauer resides in Inverness, Illinois and spends time in volunteering and his business interests.

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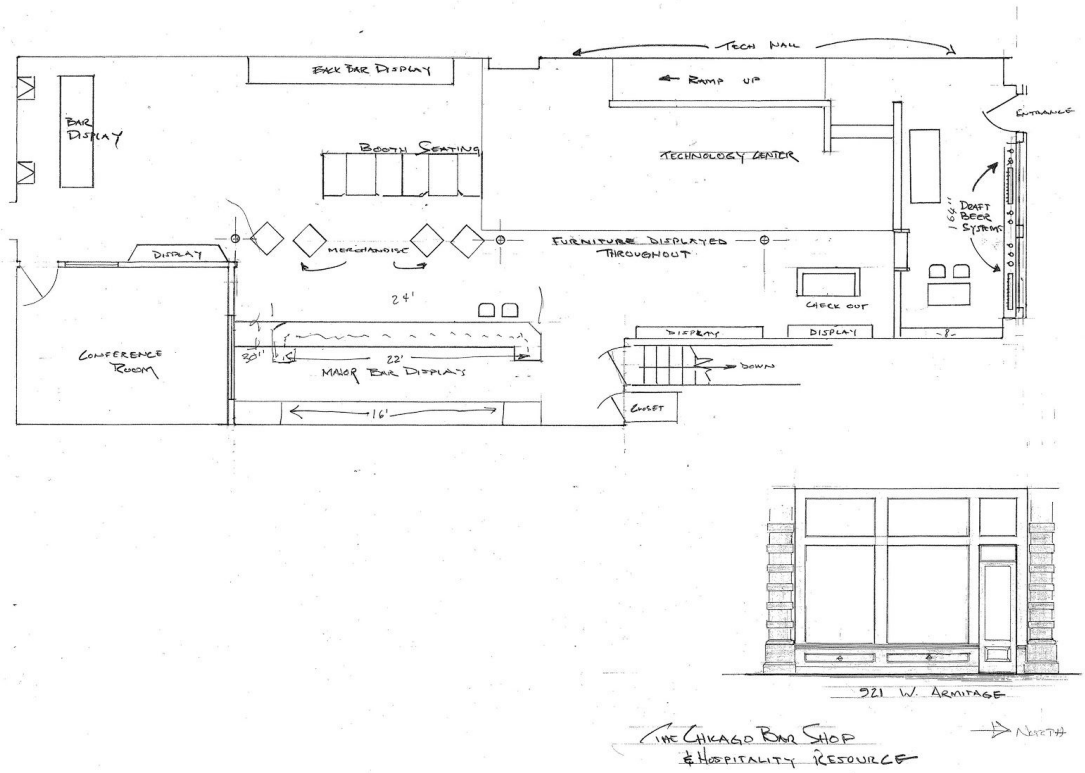

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Christmas carols
always brought tears to my eyes.
I also cry at weddings.
I should have cried
at a couple of my own.
— Ethel Merman

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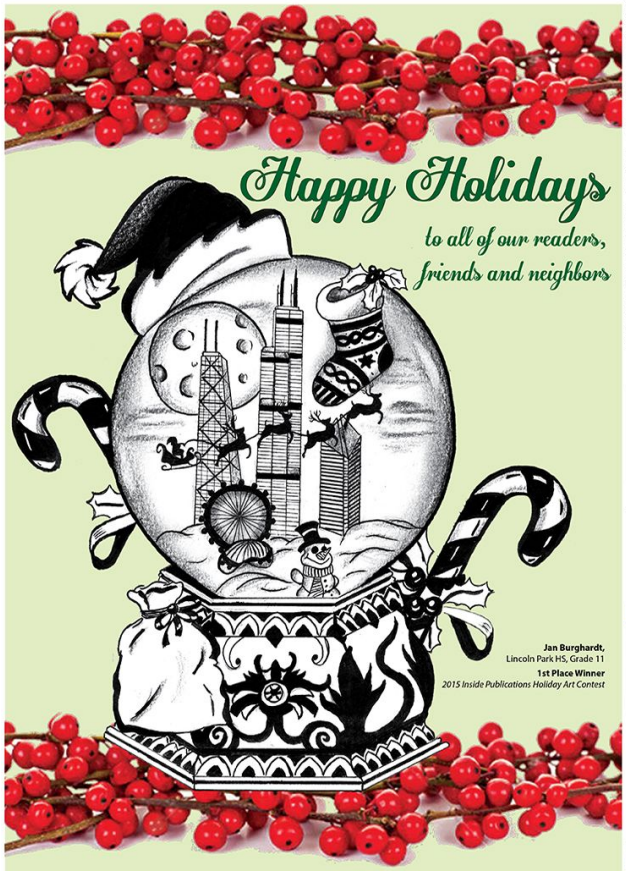

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So you want a bar… now what?

Chicago Bar Shop opens commercial and residential bar design showroom in Lincoln Park

BY RONALD ROENIGK

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift? How about a $50,000 custom-made bar for your man's man cave? Cash and carry, only fair warning, it's a bit too large to take home in the family minivan.

Those with tighter holiday budgets can still find a wide variety of one of a kind and collector items including glassware, umbrellas, mugs, tap handles, artwork, bar furnishings and home brew kits sure to please the budding home bartender.

Whether as a commercial venture or just for your own home use, if you have dreams of buying or building yourself a bar then your first stop should be at the Chicago Bar Shop, 921 W. Armitage.

And when you stop in you're likely to find Candace Zynda greeting you. She is the Vice President of Operations and has more than 15 years experience providing management in the fields of hospitality, sales, and marketing. Here she has found a place to focus her experience and knowledge listing all the products and services they offer and seamlessly moving into their plans for expansion and future growth. "We have financing lined up to build 12 more stores across the country once we get this one settled."

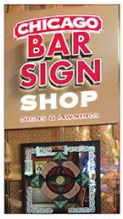
Zynda acquired her first restaurant at the age of 23 and has been actively involved in the hospitality industry for nearly 20 years as a mixologist, food and beverage director, marketing specialist, and consultant for restaurants, bars, and private clubs.

Open for a little over a month now, the Chicago Bar Shop is a totally new retail concept and seems to be in the perfect location for what they're doing… building bars, man caves, wine coolers and wine rooms.

"The build out for this space was a challenge, it used to be a PNC Bank branch so it was hard to turn it into a showroom," said Zynda. "But we've now turned it into a one-stop shop for the hospitality industry."

The store is there not only for bar industry professionals but also individual homeowners with big dreams of dark woods, custom millwork, comfy bar stools and a long row of tap handles. "People are really excited when they find out we can do a bar that matches the designs they've already introduced in their homes," says Zynda.

The new store is the brainchild of builders Declan Morgan and John Wray – and boy, do they know bars. They've built many of Chicago's favorite watering holes including City Winery, Little Goat, Ditka's, Bin 36, Act 1, Goose Island Brew Pub, Declan's Irish Pub, Pint Bar and Grill, Glascott's, Cullen's, Grumpy Goat, Pops For Champagne, Marquee Lounge, Temple Bar, The Trace, The Irish Nobleman and Benchmark just to name a few.



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Small, basement-sized bars are available for sale including some made out of reclaimed materials.

Wray specializes in authentically styled and expertly crafted bars such as those right out of the 1910 Brunswick Bar catalog. With his own 7,500 square-foot Chicago design and manufacturing facility, he can build custom bars and do custom millwork to match any architectural style or taste preference.

"We stop people from making mistakes," said Morgan. "We're more than a design center; we do everything bar related start to finish."

Built on a strong foundation of over 100 years of hospitality experience, The Chicago Bar Shop is the perfect place to receive expert design consultations for any project from building a home bar to creating a restaurant or hotel bar room.

Big spaces or small, public or private, Wray and Morgan will build all new or rehab old bars. They also re-purpose unique materials into bars.

A recent visit to the store found a small, basement-sized bar made out of reclaimed stainless steel from elevator doors salvaged from the Board of Trade building. Another bar was made from old wooden doors and then there are the walls panels made from salvaged copper sheeting, also from the Board of Trade. There is also a giant bar in the center of the 2,500 square foot showroom that was salvaged out of a well-know bar that recently shut down. That is the bar that can be under the Christmas Tree nine days from now for only $50,000 - cash and carry.

"We plan to bring in bigger and better bars every time we sell one of these," said Morgan, who has his sights set on a $250,000 bar in Holland. "It has some really cool mermaid pillars carved into it."

Declan Morgan

The Chicago Bar Shop has everything one needs for any manner of bar and they are working with some of Chicago's most respected vendors for speciality and technical items. From glassware to mirrors and stained glass windows; video games, pinball machines and jukeboxes, bar-themed collectibles, draft beer systems, exquisitely finished tin ceilings, Point Of Sale systems and giant entertainment systems. They will walk customers through the process of budgeting, design, building and manning a bar with the help of industry-leading vendors like Struver & Sons, Micro Matic, IKeg, Peerless, upShow, Control 4, Screenplay, Intel, HP and NEC.

But what makes the Chicago Bar Shop a unique experience for all is their helpful, friendly, and knowledgeable staff. Morgan, the CEO, is a professional bar designer and builder who has an expert understanding of the hospitality industry having worked for both family businesses, such as his parent's pub, and international hospitality organizations such as Ramada and Hilton.

"I was frustrated as a bar builder and bar owner, not having a one-stop-shop for front of house bar furniture, bars, decor, signage, and POS systems," he said. "Having to shop all over the city, state and country for individual items, used to be the only way"… which is why and how he came up with this concept.

He has partnered with master bar builder Wray who has built hundreds of bars for homes, private clubs, and upscale restaurants over the last 40 years in Chicago. Between the two, they have expert experience with an extremely wide variety of types of bars and hospitality environments which makes Chicago Bar Shop the best choice when asking for bar related advice, no appointment needed. Just stop in the store. And with all the giant mansions going up in the vicinity they seem to have found the right location for those with big dreams for home bars to just stroll in.

Next year they plan to get into staff training and 40-hour bartender and mixology classes too. "We will bring in some of the top industry experts and train staff on all the latest trends, products and technology," said Morgan. "We will show people what they need to do to run a fun, efficient and profitable bar."

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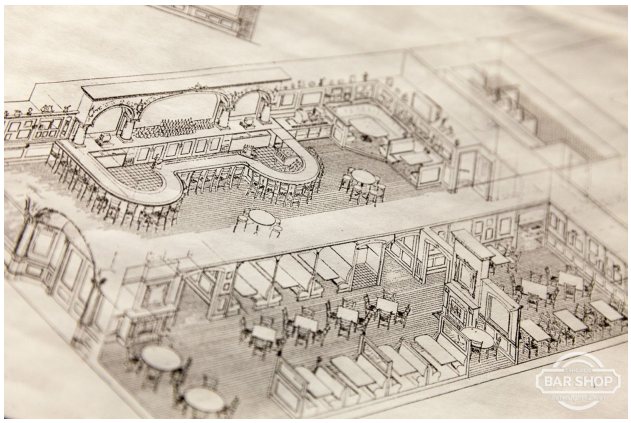

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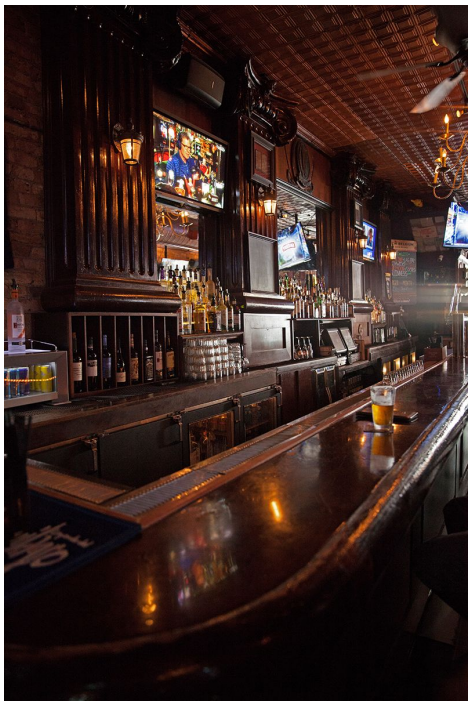

(A few bars we've built.)

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