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Joanne Kokalj
President

Well another Sweet Home Chicago is now just a great memory; if you attended this year then I don't even have to tell you what a great party it was. For those of you who did not attend at least one of the days, then you missed out on a really fun event, not to mention supporting our club. The ticket price was \$80, which is very reasonable for all that you get. We have had guests tell us that we could easily charge more for all that we put into this weekend – great music and workshops, lots of food, entertainment, a beautiful ballroom, a very nice hotel. You cannot go anywhere and get all of this over a weekend, so don't miss out next year. Sweet Home Chicago is one of the best, well-run and classy events around. We received so much positive feedback about the weekend; many people told us that it was the best one ever. Things went smoothly from the board's standpoint, although like anything there were a few glitches here and there that we will address for next year. So, mark your calendars for next year, June 29, 30th and July 1st, we will be back at the Westin for our 17th annual dance party.

Financial information about Sweet Home Chicago will be provided in a future newsletter.

Right now I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help us over the weekend. As I have said before, there is a lot of work involved in running a three day event, so we sincerely appreciate all of our volunteers.

I also want to thank the entire board for all of the many, many hours that they put into this event. We start working on our dance party months before the day actually arrives, and work many, many hours while we are there.

Thank you also to several people who go above and beyond every year for our party. Mike and Debbe Lapina, Gloria Medel, Vicky and Joe Konewko and Ralph Dahma. I also want to thank Sue Hosek for the book she put together to help people find restaurants and things to do in the Itasca area.

And finally to all of you who came to Sweet Home Chicago this year, thank you for supporting our club's weekend event, I hope you enjoyed it and had a great time.

Coming up on July 16th is our annual open board meeting. This is the time for you to come and ask questions or make suggestions. Remember, if it hasn't appeared in the newsletter or hasn't been announced at a dance or sent out on constant contact, than it is a rumor. People sometimes like to think they are in the know and that is how rumors get started. So come on out to the meeting and hear it directly from the people that do know.

Mark your calendar for August 20th this is our oldies night with Mike Hartman, one of our biggest dances of the year.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

See you at the dance,
Joanne

Upcoming CWCJC Schedule 2016

All dances are at Franklin Park American Legion, 9757 Pacific Avenue unless otherwise specified. PLEASE NOTE: ON NIGHTS WHEN THERE IS A LESSON TAUGHT, DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM, LESSON IS FROM 6:30 TILL 7:30. DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 7:30PM FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LESSON.

July 16 - Regular Dance - ALH - Open Board Meeting (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

August 6 - Regular Dance - ALH

August 20 - Regular Dance ALH - Oldies Night

Please visit our website at: www.jitterbugchicago.com

Please write to us at: cwcjc@jitterbugchicago.com

May/June 2016 Dance Reports

May 7th

106 members, 16 guests, 122 total. David Charewicz won \$200.00

May 21th

88 members, 17 guests, 105 total. Tom Grewke won \$185.00

June 4th

122 members, 13 guests, 135 total. Jack Stewart won \$240.00

June 18th

64 members, 14 guests, 78 total. Marshall Ellenstein won \$180.00

Thanks to the volunteers at our dances: Vince Agriesti, Cher Converso, Vicky Konewko, Willie Townsend, Sr., Mary Ann and Stoney Burke, Pat Lowry, Bob Debeikis.

A very special Thank You to all of our SHC Volunteers . . . without your help, our convention would not be the success it is! Randy Baustert, Doreen Berholtz, Joyce Bruno, Cher Converso, Ralph Dahma, Adele Dary, Rich Dary, Bob Debeikis, Marshall Ellenstein, Joe Fiotti, Donna Gargiulo, Roberta Gerard, Sandy Glunz, Carol Green, Shelley Gross, Dan Hosek, Susan Hosek, Babe Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Ken Kaminski, Christine Karczewski, Joe Konewko, Vicky Konewko, Joe Kurowski, Debbe Lapina, Mike Lapina, Beth Lopotko, Pat Lowry, Priscilla Marquez, Terry McDonagh, Gloria Medel, Gloria Ollech, Mike Romano, Paul Romz, Sal Saldana, Carol Schultz, Gail Schwartz, John Schwerdtfeger, Frank Smith, Ernie Spears, Rachalle Spears, Bonnie Stoelinga, Sue Sturmon, Patty Suchocki, Larry Sultan, Rici Sultan, Willie Townsend, Sr., Ron Untiedt, Arlene VanHouten-Maynard and Leslie Wiederhold.

RETURNED CHECK POLICY

There will be a \$20.00 service fee for any returned checks to the club.

MAY 2016 RECAP

April 30, 2016 ending balances - Checking Account \$18,935.36, Money Market Account \$12,656.36. The Baseball Dance had a profit of \$129.92 and the Swing into Spring Dance had a profit of \$129.30.

Discussed: Discussed the SHC volunteer sheets and vendors. Confirmed having an Evening Snack instead of the Late Night Buffet and what will be served. Discussed our SHC Hospitality. Discussed the rising costs at the Chevy Chase Country Club. A discussion of having a picnic again was brought up. Voted to begin giving away dance passes instead of a bottle of champagne at our dances at the ALH. Cash Raffle tickets are going well. Constant Contact, Facebook, SHC advertising and emails were discussed.

JUNE 2016 RECAP

May 31, 2016 ending balances - Checking Account \$24,328.45, Money Market Account \$12,656.58. The SHC Convention expenditures still need to paid.

Discussed: Acknowledged the one-year re-election of the positions of Secretary, Volunteer/Hospitality and Technical Director. Regarding SHC, we did discuss the problem of not having enough rooms available at the Westin for Saturday night, July 2nd. The Hyatt Place does have rooms and we will make this information available. Discussed doing something different this year by having dance cards and then have a drawing. Discussed a way to honor Gary Chaney by playing one of his favorite songs and have the members of the ABA Hall of Fame start a 'snowball dance'. At this time, we would also acknowledge Gloria Medel receiving this year's George Baer Award. Verified the compensation we will give to the DJs at this year's SHC Convention. Susan Hosek volunteered to prepare a book of things to do and places to eat. She will have this available at SHC. Confirmed everything that would need to be done for our Hospitality at SHC. Making sure there will be enough power in the ballroom this year. Went over the SHC volunteer sheets and there was still a need for 50/50 volunteers. The Cash Raffle is going well. Constant Contact, Facebook are good and the final SHC email to the out-of-towners will be sent. At the ALH, if the speakers are not placed on the stands, it seems as if the music does not carry to the back of the room. This will be discussed further.

JULY
 Barbara Dellenger3
 William Botti4
 Sue Lysy4
 Bob Wilkison.....4
 Terry Crisitello6
 Bob Debeikis7
 Corky Falkner8
 Gail Botti.....9

JULY
 Gabrielle Gang.....12
 Carol Schultz.....13
 Sue Sturmon.....13
 Donald Tedeschi16
 Nancy Levy17
 JoAnne Kokalj28
 Mary Finlayson29
 Sandy Woodbury30

AUGUST
 Greg Martin1
 Pat Agriesti2
 Robert Smith.....2
 Arlene VanHouten-Maynard...3
 Shelley Gross.....7
 Mike Lapina7
 Richard J. Thomas.....11
 Joe Dubow12
 Rita Andritzky13
 William Kohn13
 Vince D'Agostino14

AUGUST
 Adele Dary15
 Priscilla Patterson15
 Howard Dubman15
 Barbara Foy.....17
 Eileen Pedtke.....17
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 Ann LeCroy Gavurnik....20
 Carol L. Kroemer.....21
 Stoney Burke22
 Frank Paleczny27
 Mary Ann Horan28
 Linda Nelligan29

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY Your admission to the last dance of the month is **FREE... EXCEPT** for November and December when it will be the first dance of the month.

To avoid any late charges, please be sure to check your mailbox and look for the Big Pink Card which will advise you when it is time for you to renew your Membership.

CWCJC merchandise for sale at all regular dances at the American Legion Hall from 9:00 to 9:30pm
Club Jackets \$65.00 Shoe Bags \$30.00

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

If you are unable to meet your commitment to help at one of the dances, please contact me: Mabel Debeikis 773-599-7845. Thank you all for your cooperation.

MOVED?

Contact Pat Agriesti, 2nd Vice President, at one of the club dances or at 847-824-0782 patatcwcjc@sbcglobal.net

All **CWCJC Club Dances** are held at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Avenue, Franklin Park 8 pm-11:30 pm
Chevy Chase, 1000 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling
Glendora House, Harlem & 102nd St. * **Chicago Jitterbug Club (CJC)** 4428 Midlothian Turnpike., Crestwood

CJC 2016 Schedule

(South Side Club)

All dances are at the Chicago South Elks Club except where noted.

July 9 - Black and White Dance

July 23 - Justadance

August 13 - Beachcomber Dance Party (Luau Casual)

August 27 - Ice Cream Social/Justadance

**Please check their website www.chicagojitterbugclub.com
or call their Calendar Hotline: 708 - 388-5867**

Doors Open at 7:30. No exceptions - please comply for our host workers!

Chicago South Elks Lodge - 4428 W. Midlothian Turnpike (140th west of Kostner)

**** Glendora House - 10225 S. Harlem**

Our Dress Code Policy is NO SHORTS!

Jeans which are NOT frayed, ripped or have holes will be allowed.

CWCJC Photos

**As always, you can view all of the latest CWCJC photos at our club's photo site:
<http://cwcjcphotos.shutterfly.com> .**

If you are looking for our club shirts, etc., please visit

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GET WELL WISHES TO: Mary Fazio, Doreen Berholtz, Kris Taylor and Karen Jacobs

SYMPATHY TO: The family and friends of Barbara Schiller a former board and club member who passed away on May 23rd and also to the family and friends of club member Pat O'Neill.

ON A SAD NOTE: Gary Chaney the President of the American Bop Association passed away in March.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Elizabeth Schapals, Tom Grewke and Victoria Parisi

DON'T FORGET: Visit our Web site frequently: www.jitterbugchicago.com . There are hundreds of photos of members, as well as information about what's happening at the club. Also, bookmark www.americanbopassociation.com for the latest ABA news, including cruise info.

Upcoming board meetings are: July 16th (open board meeting) and August 10th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall, they run approximately 3 hours.



CONGRATULATIONS TO: Gloria Medel who received the George Baer award in Nashville in appreciation for the countless contributions she has made to the ongoing success of the ABA.

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From 2nd VP Pat Agriesti:

*Membership cards will be at the desk at the dances for two months.
To receive them after two months, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:*

**Pat Agriesti 2232 Elmira
Des Plaines, IL 60018.**

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CLUB MEMBER'S TO DO LIST

- 1. COME TO THE OPEN BOARD MEETING ON JULY 16TH**
- 2. MARK DOWN OLDIES NIGHT – AUGUST 20TH**
- 3. BUY A 50/50 TICKET TO HELP SUPPORT THE CLUB**
- 4. ENJOY SUMMER – IT GOES BY ALL TOO FAST**

The Mission Statement: **Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club** is a not-for-profit, non-charitable corporation established to provide growth and the perpetuation of Jitterbug dancing, the true expression of American vitality. The purposes of **CWCJC** are to provide a bond among its jitterbug dancers so they can travel and meet other enthusiasts of dancing; to promote and exchange steps and styling among jitterbug dancers throughout the country; and to spread and develop jitterbug dancing so that more people will be able to enjoy and appreciate it.