



March - April 2017

Rockin' Times

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Joanne Kokalj
President

Time really does go by fast; we are now only 4 months away from Sweet Home Chicago. Tickets are \$85 and you can pick up a flyer at any one of our dances and of course you can always stop by and see me. This year we have decided on eliminating gospel hour (actually it's 2 hours) and we are having a western round-up. Dave Thompson from the Ranch will be the guest DJ Friday afternoon. Following that we will have our club's hospitality, always lots to eat and drink. Also, this year we will have ballroom music during the dinner hour for those who like to dance ballroom.

Our workshop instructors will be teaching West Coast Swing, Country 2-Step, Hustle, Night Club 2, Musicality and of course, Jitterbug.

Jane Harrington from Florida will be back this year playing for us and we also have Doug Eskew from St. Louis and our very own Gay and Norm. Mike Hartman will be back too on Thursday evening playing oldies from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

In addition to the club's Hospitality on Friday afternoon there will be light evening snacks and on Saturday afternoon there is the Big Dog Hospitality and of course the dinner buffet.

Sounds like a fun party to me, don't miss out, get your friends together and reserve a table. I guarantee that you will have a great weekend.

We will also be having our \$1000/\$250 cash raffle this year, please consider buying a ticket for this. In addition to our 50/50 this is one of the few ways we have of raising money for the club. You do not have to be present to win and the ticket is only \$5.

Sometimes people make comments or they will ask why things go away, such as New Year's Eve or the picnic. The answer is simple, if things are not supported enough for us to meet the guarantees and the cost to the club becomes too high we have to let it go. Sometimes things go away due to circumstances beyond our control, this is rare. Things do not go away because the board does not want to do them. So, please come out and support Sweet Home Chicago, those who attend this every year certainly don't want to see it go away. Also, please be sure to sign up and volunteer when the sheets come out in early May. Sweet Home Chicago is a big undertaking and we certainly appreciate any help that we can get.

We are happy to announce that due to the great turnout that we had at Chevy Chase in November, we have booked a dance there this year in November for our 28th anniversary. Let me just say thanks to all those who came out to Chevy Chase, it is because of all of you who supported this evening that we are going to have a dance there again this year.

A lot is happening at the club during March and April. Shelley Gross will be teaching a line dance called Cake by the Ocean at the March 4th dance. Also, Fast Freddie will be our guest DJ that evening.

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Friday, March 17th, is our St. Patrick's Day party. We will be having corned beef sandwiches and chips and there will be a pot of gold for everyone to pick out a lucky (hopefully) Instant Scratch-off Lottery Ticket.

Our April 1st dance is baseball night and we will be having hot dogs and chips, and of course some Cubs and Sox stuff in our 50/50 raffle. That evening Mike Hartman will be our guest DJ.

Check out the enclosed flyer about our upcoming dance lessons at the North Park Center in April. If there is something that you would like to see taught, Mike Lapina is always open to suggestions. Drop us a note in the suggestions box, or stop by and see Mike or me at the dance.

Think Spring it's almost here!

**See you at the dance,
Joanne**

RETURNED CHECK POLICY

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

Upcoming CWCJC Schedule 2017

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 7:30 PM FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LESSON.

March 4 - Regular Dance - ALH

NOTE: Line Dance Lesson

March 17 - FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE - St. Pat's Dance

April 1 - Regular Dance - ALH - Baseball Night

April 29 - Regular Dance - ALH

Please visit our website at: www.jitterbugchicago.com

Please write to us at: cwcjc@jitterbugchicago.com

CWCJC Photos

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

CWCJC NOMINATION FORM - June 3rd , 2017

REMINDERS:

1. To run for an Officer position, you must have served on the Board of Directors for six months.

Two Officers to be elected on June 3rd. Vice-President, Secretary.

2. To run for a Director position, you must be a member in good standing of CWCJC.

Two Directors to be elected on June 3rd. Volunteer/Hospitality Director, Technical Director.

3. Nomination forms must be signed by the member making the nomination as well as the member accepting the nomination. The form must be completed in full, including membership numbers and phone numbers for confirmation.

4. Nomination forms MUST be received by 12:01 a.m., April 22, 2017, by Election Chairperson, Joanne Kokalj, 5860 North Odell, Chicago, Illinois 60631. Joanne can be reached at 773 - 792-8842 or at Pjkokalj@aol.com

DO NOT GIVE THIS FORM TO ANY OTHER BOARD MEMBER OR CLUB MEMBER! ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

5. NOMINATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 12:01 A.M. April 22, 2017.

I, _____ hereby nominate _____

For the position of _____.

Signature of nominating member

I accept. Signature of nominated member

Phone #

Member #

Phone #

Member #

Note: If you are running for a board position, you may submit a short article listing your qualifications/attributes, to be run in the May/June newsletter. This article must be submitted with your completed nomination form no later than April 22, 2017. Also, phone numbers are considered confidential, and are only available to the Board of Directors and Election Committee.

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.

MARCH

Judy Wagner1
 Rosario Composto2
 Denise Novak2
 Beverly Solazzo3
 Bill Gronke.....5
 Al Campasano6
 Janis Hartman6
 Virginia Indovina6
 Mike Fletcher7
 Pat Lowry9
 Anthony Ambrosio ...11
 Dolly D'Agostino.....11
 Ilene Deak11
 Darlene Calomino.....12
 Mike Kazarian16
 Art Schaffer.....16
 Diane Visconti.....16
 Shirley Fink.....17

MARCH

Kathy Greenstein18
 Brenda Coppola.....19
 Larry Sultan19
 Robert Lazzara20
 Randy Fierke.....21
 Fred Morgan22
 Nick Bavaro.....23
 Emma Metoyer.....23
 Christine Nowacki ...23
 Christine Karczewski ...25
 Andrea Jakubowski...27
 Renee Sanders27
 Carol Renzetti28
 Mary Rumowski28
 William Siglasky29
 Carole Schreiber30
 Trudy Reuter.....31

APRIL

Robert Blonn.....1
 Joe Lysy1
 Gloria Jacobs3
 Phil Steiner3
 Michelle DiCanio.....4
 Janet L. Campeotto.....5
 Jack Stewart5
 Tom Duffy6
 Bob Aragosa7
 Jordy Gross7
 Karen J. Matthews.....7
 Joe Konewko8
 Harriet Kondziolka.....9
 Ronald Taylor.....9
 Sam Casanova.....10
 Lance Jacobsen.....10

APRIL

Jerry Clarke11
 Margaret Ullrich.....14
 Michael P. Hartman....15
 Joe Fiotti.....16
 Bill Stedry17
 Bill Matthews19
 Bonnie Stoelinga19
 Bob Okeson21
 Linda Townsend22
 Sue Dunlap23
 Kristen Bernard.....24
 Bruce Weiss26
 Mary Gronke28
 James W. Ullrich28
 Joe Zuffante.....29

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.

ST. PAT'S DANCE

FRIDAY, March 17, 2017 7:30 p.m. at the ALH
Corned Beef Sandwiches and Chips
Instant Scratch-off Lottery Tickets

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, 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 7:30 pm-11 pm
Chevy Chase, 1000 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling
Glendora House, Harlem & 102nd St. * **Chicago Jitterbug Club (CJC)** 4428 Midlothian Turnpike., Crestwood

CENTERSTAGE

GET WELL WISHES TO: Louis Visconti, Marlene Butler, Lois Cowsert

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Ron Untiedt and Sue Sturmon on their engagement

SYMPATHY TO: Sue Mlynski on the loss of her mother.

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: Mar. 8th and Apr. 12th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall, they run approximately 2 hours.

JANUARY 2017 RECAP

**November 30, 2016 ending balances - Checking Account \$23,465.83
Money Market Account \$12,659.10.**

**December 31, 2016 ending balances - Checking Account \$12,252.53
Money Market Account \$17,659.64.**

Transferred \$5,000.00 from the Checking Account to the Money Market Account.

Discussed: Having the 2016 taxes prepared. Asking Shelley Gross to teach a line dance at the ALH. As of this date, SHC has 15 people. Discussed the vendors who will be attending SHC. Putting the club merchandise out at our dances. Putting the 'lost and found' items out at the dances also. At the St. Pat's dance, we will have corned beef sandwiches and chips. We will also have a 'Pot-of-Gold with Instant Scratch off tickets - one ticket per person. Constant contact and Facebook is going well and the Cash Raffle tickets for SHC will be ordered.

FEBRUARY 2017 RECAP

**January 31, 2017 ending balances - Checking Account \$12,317.68
Money Market Account \$17,660.24.**

Discussed: The 2016 Holiday Party was a cost of \$303.70 to the club. The 2016 taxes are complete. The ABA Meeting minutes stated the George Baer Award will now be the Gary Cheney Award and Bud Waters is president of the ABA. Confirmed the menu for the St. Pat's dance. The Cash Raffle tickets have been ordered and received.

January February 2017 Dance Reports

January 7

95 members, 15 guests 110 total.

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard won \$178.00

February 4

100 members, 18 guests 118 total.

Linda Nelligan won \$195.00

Thanks to the volunteers at our dances: Gail Botti, Mary Ann and Stoney Burke, Ralph Dahma, Roberta Gerard, Sherry and Babe Johnson, Joe Konewko, Pat Lowry, Kris and Ron Taylor and Willie Townsend, Sr.

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

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www.embroideryondemand.com

Our Dress Code Policy is

NO SHORTS!

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

CJC 2017 Schedule

(South Side Club)

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

March 11 - Fancy Dress! Dance Party - Elks Club

March 25 - Justadance - Elks Club

April 8 - CJC Easter Bonnet Dance - Elks Club

April 22 - Justadance Party - Elks Club

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**

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Official Email List!**

Send your email info to:

Audrey at cadygirl3@comcast.net

From 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.**

Joanne KokaljPresident
Pat AgriestiVice President
Mary Pat LambertySecretary
Janet CampeottoTreasurer

Mabel DebeikisVol./Hosp. Director
Audrey OleksyTechnical Director
Linda NelliganSocial Director



**P.O. Box 713
Franklin Park, IL 60131**

CLUB MEMBER'S TO DO LIST

- 1. PICK UP YOUR 2017 POCKET CALENDARS AT THE DANCE**
- 2. TAKE SOME TRI-FOLD BROCHURES AND PASS THEM OUT TO YOUR FRIENDS**
- 3. PICK UP YOUR SWEET HOME CHICAGO FLYERS**
- 4. BUY A 50/50 TICKETS AND HELP SUPPORT OUR CLUB**
- 5. COME OUT FOR SHELLEY'S LINE DANCE LESSON ON MARCH 4TH**
- 6. GET OUT YOUR GREEN OUTFIT FOR OUR ST. PAT'S PARTY ON FRIDAY MARCH 17TH**
- 7. LOOK FOR YOUR CUBS OR SOX BASEBALL SHIRT FOR OUR APRIL 1ST DANCE**
- 8. SIGN UP FOR THE DANCE LESSONS**
- 9. PUT SOME FUN INTO YOUR LIFE – COME OUT AND DANCE AT THE CLUB**

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.



Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club

www.jitterbugchicago.com

Dance Lesson Hotline 630.231.7644

Dance Lesson Registration Form

*North Park Center in Franklin Park 847.678.4021
10040 W. Addison [Corner of Addison & Scott] - 2nd Floor*

Jitterbug Basics & Beyond (East Coast Swing) Tuesdays, April 4th - 25th, 2017 7:30 - 8:25 p.m.

In this 4 week session, we will start with the basic Jitterbug step, lead and follow, and then learn basic patterns such as crossover variations, cross-handed patterns, & tucks... progressing to intermediate by the end of the session.

Country 2-Step and Night Club 2 Tuesdays, April 4th - 25th, 2017 8:35 - 9:30 p.m.

Country 2-Step April 4th & 11th, 2017

In this 2 week class, we will start from the beginning and build on various patterns. We will also be teaching lead, follow and technique.

Night Club 2 April 18th & 25th, 2017

This popular dance can be done to a wide variety of slow songs. Each week you will learn a different intermediate pattern, building on the basic Night Club 2 Step. We will also be teaching lead, follow and technique.

You must pre-register for the above class prior to April 1st, 2017. This class is filled on first come, first serve basis so please, sign up early! The minimum requirement is 10 people otherwise the class may be subject to cancellation. Call 630.231.7644 or visit www.jitterbugchicago.com for more info.

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CWCJC Dance Class Registration Form April 4th - 25th, 2017

Please make checks payable to: CWCJC - DO NOT SEND CASH

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #:(____) _____ Member #: _____ Non-Member: _____

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jitterbug Basics & Beyond	7:30 - 8:25 p.m.	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$ _____
Country 2-Step/Night Club	8:35 - 9:30 p.m.	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$ _____

Check # _____ Total Amount Paid \$ _____

*Mail check and form to: Mike Lapina
0N200 Coolidge Ave
West Chicago, IL 60185*



Sweet Home Chicago
17th Annual Dance Party
June 29 through July 1, 2017

Westin Chicago Northwest
 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL 60143
 (630) 775-1549



www.jitterbugchicago.com

Top Deejays

Jane Harrington - Lithia, FL
 Doug Eskew - St. Louis, MO
 Gay Essary - Chicago, IL
 Norm Oden - Chicago, IL

Fantastic Workshop Instructors

Joey Cecio & Chrissy Elwonger - West Coast Swing & Country 2 Step
 Julie Hein & Don Leynes - Hustle & Night Club 2
 Phil Dorroll - Musicality
 Beverly Solazzo & Randy Baustert - Jitterbug / East Coast Swing

Your Weekend Ticket Includes:

- ★ Thursday - Oldies 7p.m. - 9 p.m. / DJ Mike Hartman
- ★ Friday - Generous Hospitality
- ★ Friday Afternoon Round Up / DJ Dave Thompson
 Round Up Attire - Western Wear Optional
- ★ Friday Evening - Light Evening Snacks
- ★ Saturday - Big Dog Hospitality - Hot Dogs & Smoothies
- ★ Saturday Afternoon - Battle of the Deejays

Schedule subject to change.

- ★ Saturday Evening Dinner Buffet
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Event tickets may be purchased online at www.shc-info.com and paid for through *PayPal*. Table reservations are available for the weekend with the purchase of 10 event tickets. Tickets are not refundable, but may be transferred. Contact *Joanne Kokalj* at (773) 792-8842 or email pjkokalj@aol.com for table reservations, ticket transfers, and/or for more info regarding the event.

Call the *Westin Chicago Northwest* for hotel reservations during regular business hours at (630) 775-1549 & ask for the reservation supervisor. Please mention *Sweet Home Chicago/CWCJC* to get the special room rate of \$94.00 per night for a regular room, \$119.00 for a Junior Suite, or \$144.00 for a Deluxe Suite. These special room rates will only be honored until *June 9, 2017*. Don't delay!

Please provide a full name and address for each ticket ordered.

Ticket Price: \$85.00 if postmarked by June 17, 2017; \$95.00 if postmarked thereafter. Order early; ticket sales are limited. Attendees must be 21 or over.

Please Print Clearly



Name(s)	_____	# of Tickets	_____
Address	_____	Phone #	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	E-Mail	_____
Club Affiliation	_____	Amt. Enclosed	\$ _____

Make check payable to: CWCJC - DO NOT SEND CASH

Mail check, completed form, and a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Joanne Kokalj, 5860 N. Odell, Chicago, IL 60631

Please note that we do not mail out tickets, instead you will receive a confirmation letter.

Tickets are not refundable, but may be transferred by calling Joanne Kokalj at (773) 792-8842.