



March - April 2018

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**Joanne Kokalj**  
President

**Spring is just around the corner, (hopefully) and we are only 4 months away from Sweet Home Chicago. There is a flyer included in the newsletter and they are always available at the club. The ticket price is \$88 and worth every penny. This year Dave Thompson from the Ranch will be back playing for our western roundup on Friday afternoon. We received many positive comments about Dave last year and we decided to have him back for this year's party. Right before Dave plays, Shelley Gross will be teaching a line dance. On Saturday afternoon instead of the Battle of the DJs, we are having a 2-hour disco afternoon. Gay Essary will be playing and Gay's husband Randy will be teaching a line dance. Gloria Medel will be teaching Jitterbug. Joey Cecio**

**and Chrissy Elwonger from Florida will be back with us teaching West Coast and Country 2-step and Mike and Kim Nelson from Arkansas will be teaching Arkansas Street Swing and Hustle.**

**There is the club's hospitality on Friday afternoon, light evening snacks on Friday night and our dinner buffet on Saturday evening. There will also be a 2-hour oldies session on Thursday evening.**

**Our DJs this year are Jane Harrington from Florida and Larry (Big Fish) Calhoun from Tennessee, along with our very own Gay Essary and Norm Oden. Sounds like a fun weekend to me, so don't miss out; tickets are only \$88 for the entire weekend. Get 10 of your friends together and reserve a table.**

**Audrey will be selling tickets soon for our \$1000/\$250 cash raffle. Please consider buying a ticket for this raffle, take a chance and win the first prize of \$1000 or the 2nd prize of \$250. Tickets are only \$5.**

**There are quite a few things happening at the club in March and April, so make sure to mark your calendars so that you don't miss out. At our March 3rd dance, Fast Freddie will be our guest DJ. Two weeks later at our March 17th dance we are having a St. Pat's Party with corned beef sandwiches and chips. Don't forget to stop by our pot of gold for your free Illinois instant lottery ticket. Our April 7th dance will be baseball night at the club and we will be having hot dogs and chips. Don't miss out on all the fun at the club over the next few months, sign up for reminders before every dance. You can sign up with Audrey for our constant contact email, contact her at [cadygirl3@comcast.net](mailto:cadygirl3@comcast.net). Don't worry; we NEVER give your email address to anyone.**

**In closing, I want to say a great big thank you to Mabel Debeikis who left the board at the end of the year. We are very grateful to her for all that she has done for the club and we will miss her, however, she assures me that she will be at the dances and of course she will volunteer to work the door.**

**Please take the time to read the important message from the board.**

**See you at the dance,  
Joanne**

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2018**

**At our February meeting, we made a decision to eliminate the free entrance for birthdays. If it is your birthday month you are currently getting into the last dance of the month for free, with the exception of November and December which is the first dance of the month. Some people cannot make the dance in the month that their birthday falls and lose out on getting in free for their birthday.**

**We have decided to do something different, which will give every member an opportunity to come to one dance a year for free. Here is how things will work starting in March.**

**Every member will be entitled to 1 free dance a year. You get to pick the dance that you would like to come to for free, with a few exceptions listed in the next paragraph. When you get to the door you will tell the people behind the desk that you would like to use your free dance. They will ask you for your membership card and they will punch it and return it to you. That's it!**

**Now, here is the IMPORTANT part, the dance must be at the legion hall (no Chevy Chase or other outside dances). Dances where food is served, such as St. Pat's Party, Baseball night, Tailgate party and Holiday Party or if we have another night with food you WILL NOT be able to use your free dance. Dances where we serve just coffee and cookies or cake are fine.**

**You MUST have your membership card with you on that night; there are no excuses or exceptions.**

**For those of you with January or February birthdays, if you came to the January or February dance and came in as a birthday you will not be able to come in again for free until next year. If you did not come to that dance then you will be entitled to your 1 free dance of your choosing.**

**Remember, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD on the night you chose to come in for free – NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.**

**For those of you that send birthday wishes, we will still continue to print the birthdays in the newsletter.**

**Every so often we receive suggestions from our members; we discuss every one of them and decide whether or not it would be good for our club. This one came to us from Ralph Dahma – great idea.**

**CWCJC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Our Dress Code Policy is  
NO SHORTS!**

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

## **CENTERSTAGE**

**GET WELL WISHES TO: Bob Spivack**

**SYMPATHY TO: Sharon Parille and the family and friends of charter member Bobby Parille, and to Linda Koppel on the loss of her mother.**

**DON'T FORGET: Visit our Web site frequently: [www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://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](http://www.americanbopassociation.com) for the latest ABA news, including cruise info.**

**Upcoming board meetings are: Mar. 14th and Apr. 11. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall, they run approximately 2 hours.**

### **Upcoming CWCJC Schedule 2018**

**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 3 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**March 17 - St. Pat's Dance - ALH**

**April 7 - Baseball Night Dance - ALH**

**April 21 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**Please visit our website at: [www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.com)**

**Please write to us at: [cwcjc@jitterbugchicago.com](mailto:cwcjc@jitterbugchicago.com)**

**When renewing your Membership and 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.  
PLEASE RETURN THE BIG PINK CARD ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK.**

**MARCH**

Judy Wagner .....1  
 Rosa Composto.....2  
 Denise Novak .....2  
 Beverly Solazzo .....3  
 Bill Gronke.....5  
 Al Campasano .....6  
 Janis Hartman .....6  
 Virginia Indovina .....6  
 Pat Lowry .....9  
 Anthony Ambrosio ...11  
 Ilene Deak .....11  
 Darlene Calomino....12  
 Mike Kazarian .....16  
 Art Schaffer.....16  
 Diane Visconti.....16  
 Kathy Greenstein .....18

**MARCH**

Brenda Coppola.....19  
 Larry Sultan .....19  
 Robert Lazzara .....20  
 Randy Fierke.....21  
 Fred Morgan .....22  
 Nick Bavaro.....23  
 Emma Metoyer.....23  
 Christine Nowacki ...23  
 Christine Karczewski ...25  
 Renee Sanders .....27  
 Carol Renzetti .....28  
 Mary Rumowski .....28  
 William Siglasky .....29  
 Carole Schreiber .....30

**APRIL**

Robert Blonn.....1  
 Gloria Jacobs .....3  
 Phil Steiner .....3  
 Michelle DiCanio .....4  
 Janet L. Campeotto....5  
 Jack Stewart .....5  
 Tom Duffy .....6  
 Bob Aragosa .....7  
 Jordy Gross .....7  
 Karen J. Matthews.....7  
 Joe Konewko .....8  
 Harriet Kondziolka....9  
 Ronald Taylor.....9  
 Sam Casanova.....10  
 Lance Jacobsen.....10

**APRIL**

Jerry Clarke .....11  
 Cindy Rohr .....14  
 Margaret Ullrich.....14  
 Michael P. Hartman....15  
 Joe Fiotti.....16  
 Bill Stedry .....17  
 Bill Matthews .....19  
 Bonnie Stoelinga .....19  
 Bob Okeson .....21  
 Linda Townsend .....22  
 Kristen Bernard.....24  
 Bruce Weiss .....26  
 Mary Gronke .....28  
 James W. Ullrich .....28  
 Joe Zuffante.....29

Members will receive one free dance per year, it's your choice when to use it. Your Membership Card must be presented at that time, the card will be hole punched to verify that you have you used your free dance. However, there a couple of exceptions, the free dance cannot be used when food is served and can only be used for dances at the American Legion Hall.

**CWCJC Photos**

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

**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 interested in volunteering at any of our dances, please contact a board member.  
 Thank you.

**MOVED?**

Contact Pat Agriesti, Vice President, at one of the club dances or at 847-824-0782  
[cwcjc1@gmail.com](mailto:cwcjc1@gmail.com)

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  
**Chicago Jitterbug Club (CJC)** 4428 Midlothian Turnpike., Crestwood

## **JANUARY 2018 RECAP**

**The CWCJC Board did not have a meeting in January.**

## **FEBRUARY 2018 RECAP**

**December 31, 2017 ending balances - Checking Account \$11,919.30  
Money Market Account \$17,666.10.**

**January 31, 2018 ending balances - Checking Account \$13,824.10  
Money Market Account \$17,667.30.**

**The 2017 taxes have been completed and there was a loss to the club in the amount of \$326.17. Holiday Dance was a loss to the club of \$1,163.62.**

**Discussed - Decided not to nominate anyone this year for the ABA Hall of Fame, the open Volunteer/Hospitality Director's position, a suggested change for our members' free birthday dance, having dance lessons again, reviewing the SHC schedule of events, having an Anniversary Dance in 2018 - possibly a Sunday dance at CCCC - or another venue and the St. Pat's Party. The Cash Raffle tickets have been purchased.**

## **December 2017/January/February 2018 Dance Reports**

**December 16**

**105 members, 16 guests 121 total. John Milazzo won \$230.00**

**January 27**

**93 members, 11 guests 104 total. Chris Benesch won \$167.00**

**February 17**

**65 members, 4 guests 69 total. Audrey Oleksy won \$135.00**

**Thanks to the volunteers at our dances: Mary Ann and Stoney Burke, Mabel and Bob Debeikis, Joe Konewko, Pat Lowry and Willie Townsend, Sr.**

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

**EMBROIDERY ON DEMAND**

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**RETURNED CHECK POLICY**

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

**CJC 2018 Schedule**

**(South Side Club)**

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

**March 10 - Fancy Dresses - Elks Club**

**March 24 - Easter Bonnet - Elks Club**

**April 14 - Favorite Sport Jersey - Elks Club**

**April 28 - Just a Dance - Elks Club**

**Please check their website [www.chicagojitterbugclub.com](http://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)**

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**If you change your email address and/or carrier,  
please send your corrected email info to:**

**Audrey at [cadygirl3@comcast.net](mailto: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 Kokalj** .....President  
**Pat Agriesti** .....Vice President  
**Mary Pat Lamberty** .....Secretary  
**Janet Campeotto** .....Treasurer

**Vacant** .....Vol./Hosp. Director  
**Audrey Oleksy** .....Technical Director  
**Linda Nelligan** .....Social Director



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

## **CLUB MEMBER'S TO DO LIST**

- 1 FIND SOMETHING GREEN TO WEAR TO OUR ST. PAT'S PARTY**
- 2 GET OUT YOUR CUBS OR SOX SHIRT FOR OUR BASEBALL DANCE**
- 3 BUY SOME 50/50 TICKETS AND HELP SUPPORT THE CLUB**
- 4 PURCHASE YOUR SWEET HOME CHICAGO TICKET**
- 5 BUY A RAFFLE TICKET AND TAKE A CHANCE ON WINNING \$1000**
- 6 COME OUT AND DANCE WITH YOUR FRIENDS 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.



**CWCJC NOMINATION FORM - June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 21, 2018, by Election Chairperson, Joanne Kokalj, 5860 North Odell, Chicago, Illinois 60631. Joanne can be reached at 773 - 792-8842 or at [Pjkokalj@aol.com](mailto: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 21, 2018.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 21, 2018. Also, phone numbers are considered confidential, and are only available to the Board of Directors and Election Committee.



# Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club

[www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.com)

Dance Lesson Hotline 630.244.7306

*Dance Lesson Registration Form*

## April Dance Lessons Tuesdays April 3 – 24, 2018

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

### Jitterbug (East Coast Swing): Basics & Beyond

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.*

### West Coast Swing: Basics & Beyond

8:35 - 9:30 p.m.

*We will teach the basic West Coast Swing lead and follow techniques along with patterns such as right and left pass and a whip all with variations.*

*You must pre-register for the above class prior to April 1, 2018. This class is filled on first come, first serve basis so please, sign up early! **The minimum requirement is 16 people otherwise the class may be subject to cancellation.** Call 630.244.7306 or visit [www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.com) for more info.*

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### CWCJC Dance Class Registration Form April 3 – 24, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-member</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jitterbug	7:30 – 8:25	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$ _____
West Coast Swing	8:35 – 9:30	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$ _____

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail check and form to:

**Mike Lapina**  
0N200 Coolidge Ave  
West Chicago, IL 60185

*Please call 630.244.7306 if you have any questions.*



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- Larry (Big Fish) Calhoun - Kingsport, TN
- Gay Essary - Chicago, IL
- Norm Oden - Chicago, IL

**Fantastic Workshop Instructors**

- Joey Cecio & Chris Elwonger – West Coast Swing and Country 2 Step
- Mike & Kim Nelson – Arkansas Street Swing and Hustle
- Gloria Medel – Jitterbug / East Coast Swing
- Shelley Gross – A Country Line Dance
- Randy Fierke – A Disco Line Dance

**Your Weekend Ticket Includes:**

- ★ Thursday - Dancing starts at 5 p.m. to 12 a.m.
- ★ Thursday 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. - Dancin' to the Oldies
- ★ Friday Afternoon - Western Round Up with DJ Dave Thompson
- ★ Friday Afternoon - Generous CWCJC Hospitality
- ★ Friday Evening - Light Evening Snacks

**Schedule subject to change.**

- ★ Saturday - Big Dog Hospitality - Hot Dogs & Smoothies will be served
- ★ Saturday Afternoon - Disco with DJ Gay Essary
- ★ Saturday Evening - Dinner Buffet
- ★ Wonderful Vendors
- ★ FREE Dance Workshops
- ★ FREE Parking

**Ticket Price: \$88.00 if postmarked by June 3, 2018; \$98.00 thereafter. Attendees must be 21 or over.**

Event tickets may be purchased online at [www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.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](mailto:pjkokalj@aol.com) for table reservations, ticket transfers, and/or for more info regarding the event.

Call the *Westin Chicago Northwest* directly for hotel reservations at (630) 775-1549 during regular business hours or call the 24 hour central reservation number at (888) 627-8510. Please mention *Sweet Home Chicago/CWCJC* to get the special room rate of **\$96.00** per night for a regular room, **\$121.00** for a Junior Suite, or **\$146.00** for a Deluxe Suite. These special room rates will be honored until **June 3, 2018**.

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

**Ticket Price: \$88.00 if postmarked by June 3, 2018; \$98.00 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 to:

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

**NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED, PLEASE INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CONFIRMATION.**

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