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**Joanne Kokalj**  
President

**Sweet Home Chicago is coming up soon; make sure you get your ticket by June 17th that is when the price will go up to \$95. Flyers are enclosed with this newsletter and they are always available at the dances. If you can't find a flyer, just come up and see me and I will be happy to help you. We try very hard to make this a fun and entertaining weekend with lots of great music to dance to, six workshops, lots of food, raffles, vendors so you can shop and lots of time to spend with your friends. Reserved tables are available for 10, so get your friends together and reserve a table today. Don't miss out on all the fun, come and join us this year.**

**If you cannot spend the weekend with us; day tickets are available.**

**The price is as follows: Thursday is \$20, Friday is \$40 and Saturday is \$55. Day tickets are just that, Thursday is from 5:00pm until midnight. Friday or Saturday tickets are from 9:00am until midnight and both days include food. We do not discount tickets for those who want to come to the dance only on Friday or Saturday evening.**

**I know that I have said this before, but I think it is worth repeating. Sweet Home Chicago is a very large commitment, not only just in the hours of work involved, but also from a monetary stand point. We give as much as we possibly can for the price of the ticket. There are very few things you can do or places that you can go for \$85 and get all the food, workshops and dance music that you get at Sweet Home Chicago. Not to mention you are dancing in a beautiful ballroom on a professional dance floor. You can have a reserved seat and dance from morning till night if you so desire. You have a choice of six workshops to take. There is food on Friday afternoon and Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. We have been told by many people both local and out of town that our ticket price is very reasonable and worth every penny.**

**Sign up sheets to volunteer at Sweet Home Chicago for registration, security and 50/50 tickets sales will be available at the dances in May and June. Please consider giving us a little of your time. There is much to do during this event and the board is kept quite busy, so we appreciate any help that we get.**

**Don't forget to purchase your \$5 raffle ticket for our \$1,000 first prize, \$250 2nd prize raffle. The drawing is Saturday night at Sweet Home Chicago, but you do not need to be present to win. You can see Audrey at any one of the dances and tickets will also be available at Sweet Home Chicago. Take a chance, it's a great prize.**

**Our dance schedule through May is somewhat different than the usual first and third Saturday of the month; we will be back to our normal schedule in June for the rest of the year. The legion's priority is to rent the hall as much as possible, sometimes people book this more than a year in advance. We have no control over any of the dates, but we have started booking them much earlier than previously. Our dates for 2018 are already booked.**

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**The best way to keep informed about what is happening at the club is to sign up for constant contact with Audrey. You will get an email before every dance letting you know what's going on at the next dance and of course any news about what is happening at the club. Don't forget to let Audrey know when you change your email address, this way you can be sure you won't miss any club news. You can email her at cadygirl3@comcast.net to sign up or change you email.**

**Don't miss the bus! The Jitterbus is going on the road again. We are going to Milwaukee on Sunday, July 30th. We are going to the Miller Brewery for a tour and samples; then on to the ballgame to see the Cubs beat the Brewers, and after that we are on our way to the casino. We are only taking one bus and it holds 55 people, so sign up if you don't want to miss out See Ralph Dahma at any one of the dances for more info.**

**See you at the dance,  
Joanne**

## **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.**

**May 12 - Regular Dance - ALH  
PLEASE NOTE . . . THIS IS A FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE**

**May 20 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**June 3 - Regular Dance - ALH - Election Night**

**June 17 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**June 29 - July 1 - Sweet Home Chicago Convention  
Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel in Itasca**

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

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

## **CENTERSTAGE**

**SYMPATHY TO:** the family and friends of club member Stephen Joyce who passed away in March.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Jelena Savic

**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:** May 10th and June 14th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall, they run approximately 2 hours.

## **March April 2017 Dance Reports**

**March 4**

**106 members, 24 guests 110 total. Bonnie Stoelinga won \$190.00**

**March 17**

**105 members, 20 guests 125 total. Frank Smith won \$215.00**

**April 1**

**137 members, 30 guests 167 total. Ron Untiedt won \$265.00**

**Thanks to the volunteers at our dances: Vince Agriesti, Mary Ann and Stoney Burke, Ralph Dahma, Bob Debeikis, Vicky and Joe Konewko, Pat Lowry, Paul Romz, Corrine Rupar, Ray Schultz, John Schwerdtfeger and Willie Townsend, Sr.**

<b>MAY</b>	
Danny Hosek .....	3
Leslie Wiederhold .....	3
Gay Essary .....	4
John (Butch) Pocica .....	4
Carm Scanlon .....	4
Paul Romz .....	7
Gerald Koppel .....	8
Beth Lopotko .....	10
Stanley Ryzner .....	10
Ron Untiedt .....	10
John Schwerdfeger .....	12
Connie Gilpin .....	13
Gloria Racanelli .....	14
Frank Lupac .....	16
Norm Victorson .....	16

<b>MAY</b>	
Wayne Rohr .....	18
Anthony Brancato .....	18
Vince Agriesti .....	19
Fred Renzetti .....	20
Jelena Savic .....	22
Debbe Lapina .....	23
Roxanne Klejna .....	25
Mary Lou Poremba .....	25
Pat Ciarrocchi .....	28
Marshall Ellenstein .....	28
Hal Johnson .....	28
Pamela Gembicki .....	29
Bob Parille .....	29
Clay Voegtle .....	30

<b>JUNE</b>	
Patricia Hall-Kurczek .....	1
Linda Koppel .....	4
Gene Dombrowski .....	5
J.A. Armour .....	6
Scott West .....	6
Cher Converso .....	7
Lynn Dubman .....	8
Warren Johnson .....	8
Jim Schmidt .....	8
Corrine Rupar .....	9
Patti Kamerlander .....	10
Kris Taylor .....	12
Marge O'Connor .....	13

<b>JUNE</b>	
Susan Chiovari .....	14
Gerry Fabros .....	14
Brett Daniel .....	15
Audrey Pijanowski .....	19
Tina Romano .....	19
Tom Grewke .....	22
Gail Tatsuda .....	22
Rici Sultan .....	23
Lyn Alongi .....	25
Donna Gargiulo .....	25
Helen Oshinski .....	28
Jim Vahey .....	28
Douglas Clark .....	30

**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.

### **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 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](mailto: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 & 102<sup>nd</sup> St. \* **Chicago Jitterbug Club (CJC)** 4428 Midlothian Turnpike., Crestwood

## **MARCH 2017 RECAP**

**February 28, 2017 ending balances - Checking Account \$12,985.27  
Money Market Account \$17,660.78**

**Discussed: Reviewed the 2018 dance schedule at the ALH. Discussed the 2017 SHC Convention including volunteer sign-up sheets, vendors, decorations, etc. Confirmed the menu for the St. Pat's dance and purchasing the Instant Scratch Off tickets for the 'Pot-of-Gold' - one ticket per person. Discussed the menu for the Baseball Dance - hot dogs and chips, etc. plus having Cubs and Sox merchandise to be raffled off during our 50/50. Constant contact and Facebook is going well and the Cash Raffle tickets for SHC will be ordered.**

## **APRIL 2017 RECAP**

**March 31, 2017 ending balances - Checking Account \$13,517.59  
Money Market Account \$17,661.38.**

**Our St. Pat's Dance cost the club \$423.90.**

**Our Baseball Dance had a profit of \$407.39.**

**Discussed: Discussed our 2017 SHC convention, Hospitality, having the Volunteer Sign-up sheets available at the May and June dances, day ticket prices, vendors, evening Security, etc. Discussed the SHC Event Schedule. Discussed the upcoming Jitterbus trip which will include going to the brewery, baseball game and casino. Discussed and confirmed the 2018 AHL dance schedule. Discussed the upcoming 2017 May/June Newsletter.**

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

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

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

**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.**

## **RETURNED CHECK POLICY**

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

## **CJC 2017 Schedule**

**(South Side Club)**

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

**May 13 - Black & White Dance Party - Elks Club**

**June 10 - Annual Flag Day Dance - Elks Club  
(Casual Red/White/Blue)**

**June 24 - Welcome to Summer Dance Party - 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

**Mabel Debeikis** .....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. PURCHASE YOUR SWEET HOME CHICAGO TICKET**
- 2. RESERVE A TABLE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT SWEET HOME CHICAGO**
- 3. PURCHASE YOUR \$1,000 CASH PRIZE RAFFLE TICKET**
- 4. TAKE SOME TRI-FOLD BROCHURES AND PASS THEM OUT TO YOUR FRIENDS**
- 5. BUY SOME 50/50 TICKETS AND HELP SUPPORT OUR CLUB**
- 6. 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.





**Sweet Home Chicago**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Party**  
**June 29 through July 1, 2017**

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



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 Norm Oden - Chicago, IL

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 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
- ★ No Competition / Over 25 Hours of Open Dancing
- ★ Free Dance Workshops
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**Ticket Price: \$85.00 if postmarked by June 17, 2017; \$95.00 thereafter. Attendees must be 21 or over.**

Event tickets may be purchased online at [www.shc-info.com](http://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](mailto: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.**