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THE STATE OF THE CLUB



Joanne Kokalj
President

Well, it's almost hard to believe that another year has gone by...they seem to be going faster and faster.

Seems like just yesterday we were celebrating that big 20th birthday party, and now our 21st birthday is behind us. It was a fun year at the club with our Baseball Night, CWCJC Picnic, Remake Night, Tailgatin' Party, Halloween, Vets Night, Holiday Party, our Chevy Chase dances, our pre-convention dance and of course Sweet Home Chicago. Not to mention all of our regular dances throughout the year.

2010's Sweet Home Chicago was our best one ever! Not only was the hotel beautiful, but we had a great turnout and we actually went on to make \$340.95. While it is by no means a great profit, it is a giant step forward; this is the first time in the 10 year history of Sweet Home

Chicago that we have ended up in the black. We are busy working on next year's convention and details will be forthcoming shortly. As you can see, we can do really well with the support of our members!

Last May we had a Sneak Preview dance in the grand ballroom of the Westin. This year, on April 15th, we are planning a special dance that will be held in the Westin Lakeside Pavilion, so mark your calendars because you won't want to miss this one!

Of course, every year we spend money on the various parties and the general bills for running the club, and, as I mentioned in a previous column, the cost for running the club continually rises. Although it is not a huge yearly increase, if you add up the years, it does become a big increase. We will do our best to hold the cost down to our members, but again we hope that you understand at some point we may have to raise something somewhere.

We have decided on two important things for 2011: First, we will be revamping our dance lesson program. It is no longer feasible for us to continue on a regular basis at North Park Center. We have planned some one hour lessons before the dances and information on this will be forthcoming. We will have our first lesson at the February 5th dance. We will, however, periodically be checking with you to see if there is an interest in a series of lessons and if enough people show interest we can always go back to North Park Center.

Next, we have also made the decision to go to an electronic newsletter. 2010 costs for printing and postage for the newsletter was \$9,000. This figure prompted us to make the decision to go electronic. We know that for some people this may be an inconvenience, but we must make this decision based on what is best for the club, and this clearly seems to be the best way to go. You received information about this in the Nov./Dec. newsletter, and we will continue to remind you throughout 2011 to sign up for our electronic newsletter.

Let's compare the club's bank balances: December, 2009 (a year ago): checking \$8,120 and money market \$11,869, for a total of \$19,989. November, 2010 (current): checking \$8,149 and money market \$11,878, for a total of \$20,027. Over the past year, in spite of an economy that has been in a stagnant recession, we on the board are very proud that we have offered so many benefits to our members and guests, without raising dues or increasing admission to the regular dances! By implementing such measures as an electronic newsletter and moving our dance lesson program to the Legion, we hope to stay on top of things financially, thus insuring a healthy and stable CWCJC well into the future!

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We have added a third DJ to our regular rotation, Gay Essary. Gay played for us twice before for an hour, perhaps you were at the dance. If so, then you will understand why we have added her to our rotation. Gay will be playing at our February 5th dance, so come on out and meet her.

As I said at our birthday party it takes many, many people working and volunteering to keep our club going, again I want to say a heartfelt thanks to all of them.

On behalf of the entire board, we wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

See you at the dance,
Joanne

CENTERSTAGE

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO: Mike Kazarian on the loss of his brother, also to Donna Vitelli on the loss of her mother.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Linda Paige & Stu White on their engagement.

ON A SAD NOTE: CWCJC extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our fellow club member Chuck Geisler, who passed away on November 22nd.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Mary Kirkwood, Richard Marra, Paul Puccini, Sue Sturman

GET WELL WISHES TO: Eileen Pedtke for a speedy recovery.

DON'T FORGET: Visit our Web site frequently: www.jitterbugchicago.com . There are hundreds of photos of members, as well as new Pay Pal information. Also, bookmark www.americanbopassociation.com for the latest ABA news, including cruise info. Our next meetings will be January 12th and February 9th, at the American Legion Hall beginning at 7:00pm.

Meeting Recaps

September:

Checking: 10741.78

Money Market: 11877.50

Interest: .49

537 members

October:

Checking: 11009.89

Money Market: 11878.00

Interest .50

531 members

Sales \$97

November:

Checking: 8149.30

Money Market: 11878.49

Interest .49

525 members

Dance lesson profits: \$265

All **CWCJC Club Dances** are held at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Avenue, Franklin Park 8 pm-12:00 am
Chevy Chase, 1000 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling
Glendora House, Harlem & 102nd St. * **Chicago Jitterbug Club (CJC)** 4428 Midlothian Turnpike., Crestwood

JANUARY

Katherine Ambrosio...1
 Diane Larson.....1
 Bob Burke2
 Ronald Rich.....2
 Dottie Brothersen.....5
 Leroy Bluhm.....6
 Ray Pugliese6
 Barbara Schiller6
 George D. Jurinek7
 George Guending8
 Theresa McDonagh.....8
 Nancy Keen.....11
 Ewing Metoyer.....11
 Linda Lazzara12
 Michaline Romano ...12
 Nick Panos13
 Marlene Butler14

JANUARY

Lorraine Maloy.....15
 Frank Scudiero.....15
 Terry Brazier.....17
 Steve Curtis19
 Dina Keller19
 Mary Pat Lamberty19
 Fred Silver19
 Peg Rank.....20
 Rose Thomas.....20
 David Allen.....21
 Bill Selinger21
 Jan Berezniak22
 Stella Pett23
 Karen Blonn27
 Harry Pierce27
 Beverly Simon.....27
 Robert Karlov.....28
 Virginia Seego30

FEBRUARY

Willie Townsend, Sr....1
 Jerry Skweres2
 Michael Wendt.....3
 Kathy Bagneschi4
 Mina Shah5
 Bob Spivak.....5
 Phyliss Marnstein.....7
 Richard Dary.....9
 Angela Muellner.....9
 Michael Racanelli9
 Sandy Trudeau.....10
 Mabel Debeikis11
 David R. Dudek.....11
 Ron Siegler11
 Joseph Mlynski.....12
 Raymond Rimkus12
 Sally Wenckus.....13

FEBRUARY

Donald Gshwind14
 Kathy Basgall17
 Karen Harnish17
 Judy Kenning18
 Gloria Ollech18
 Jim Tatsuda18
 Diana Berglund.....19
 Sue Weides19
 Mark Gannon20
 Phyllis Piazza20
 Eloise Sramek23
 Joe Martucci.....24
 Judy Poznecki24
 Joanne Schiller24
 Bernard Landsbaum...25
 M.J. Mueller26
 Elaine Morrison27

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY Your admission to the last dance of the month is **FREE**

CWCJC Photos

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

CWCJC's FIRST ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the first electronic edition of CWCJC's newsletter, the **Rockin' Times!** As explained in the Nov./Dec. issue, we're doing this to try to cut down on the approximately \$9,000 that the paper edition costs the club annually. If we have your email address, you should have received a notice, via our Constant Contact account, that gave you the link to this Jan./Feb. issue.

If you have email, but haven't given us your email address, please do so as soon as possible by emailing Joanne at pjkokalj@aol.com . If you don't have email, we'll continue to send you the hard copy edition in the mail. But please keep in mind that at some point in the very near future we plan on adding a small fee to those members who receive the newsletter through the US Mail.

MOVED?

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

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

If you are unable to meet your commitment to help at one of the dances, please contact me:
 Ralph Dahma 224-627-0423 .Thank you all for your cooperation.

CWCJC WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE

**All dances at Franklin Park American Legion,
9757 Pacific Ave. (March 19th at Chevy Chase CC)**

Saturday, January 15th

**COAT DRIVE, JANUARY BIRTHDAYS GET IN FREE!
Doors open at 7:45pm, dancing 8 til 12. DJ Norm.**

Saturday, February 5th

RUMBA LESSON & DANCE

**Doors open at 6:45pm, lesson from 7 til 8, dancing 8 til 12.
Members pay \$4 for lesson with paid admission, guests pay \$5 for
lesson with paid admission. DJ Gay.**

Saturday, February 19th

HOCKEY NIGHT & SPECIAL ELECTION!

Wear your Blackhawks gear. Jeans OK.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS GET IN FREE!

Doors open at 7:45pm, dancing 8 til 12. DJ Norm.

Saturday, March 5th

LESSON & DANCE

Guest DJ Jim Bedrosian from St. Louis.

**Members pay \$4 for lesson with paid admission, guests pay \$5 for
lesson with paid admission. MARCH BIRTHDAYS GET INTO DANCE
FREE! (Lesson extra).**

Saturday, March 19th

SWING INTO SPRING!

DJ Bill. See flyer.

Saturday, April 2nd

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Wear your Cubs or Sox gear. Jeans OK.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS GET IN FREE! DJ Norm.

Friday, April 15th

SPECIAL DANCE AT WESTIN HOTEL IN ITASCA!

Details to be forthcoming.

**Don't forget to pencil in our 11th annual Sweet Home Chicago:
June 30th to July 3rd, 2011 at the Westin in Itasca, IL**

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October, November & December Dance Reports

October 30th-Halloween Dance

Guest DJ Bud Waters

158 Members 24 Guests 182 total

50-50: Peggy Draver won \$220!

\$60 in Jitterbucks, Vickie Chapman not present.

November 6th-Veterans Day, Troop Drive

135 Members 24 Guests 159 Total

50-50: Marshall Ellenstein won \$206!

Club donated \$103 to Troop Drive.

\$70 in Jitterbucks, Kitty Bystrom not present.

November 20th-CWCJC 21st Birthday Dance

250 Members & Guests

50-50: Peg Rank won \$406!

Bill Kohn honored with CWCJC Appreciation Award!

December 4th-Flash Mob Lesson, Toy Drive

136 Members 18 Guests 154 Total

50-50: Bob Burke won \$174!

\$80 in Jitterbucks, Marty Didier not present.

December 18th-Holiday Party

Gerry & Tina Carrao catered dinner.

198 Members 27 Guests 225 Total

50-50: Rick Young won \$373!

Pat Ciarrocchi won \$90 in Jitterbucks!

(Last Jitterbucks drawing)

Thanks to volunteers & dance hosts: Willie Townsend, Sr., Mary Ann Burke, Arlene Robinson, Ilene Deak, Pat Ciarrocchi, Pete Margarites, Tony Brancato, Paul Romz, Sandy Woodbury, Bill Kohn, Ken Liacone, Pam Maddox, Emmitt White, Vince Agriesti, Mike Fletcher, Elaine Morrison, Karen Krisberg, Joe & Vickie Konewko, Pam Cress, Gabrielle Gang

IMPORTANT CWCJC NEWS---PLEASE READ!!!

The CWCJC Board of Directors would like you to please be aware of the following important items:

1. Dance Director Board position: After much discussion and deliberation, and since we were already looking for help with volunteers and hospitality, the Board has unanimously voted to proceed as follows: The Dance Director Board position will be changed to now be called the Volunteer/Hospitality Director Board position. The person in charge of our dance program will thereafter be called the Dance Lesson Coordinator, a non-Board position, subject only to the CWCJC Board of Directors. Because this is a by-law issue, it will be necessary to put this proposal to a vote of the members. Therefore, CWCJC will have a Special Election at the February 19th, 2011 dance at the Franklin Park American Legion. We ask that you support us by approving this motion to change the Dance Director Board position to the Volunteer/Hospitality Director Board position on February 19th. If you'd like an absentee ballot (there are no Board positions on this ballot, only this motion), send a written or email request to Election Chairperson Susan Havrish, 179 Aberdeen Ct., Geneva, IL 60134, phone 630-750-3775, email s_havrish@yahoo.com .

2. December 4th, 2010 Election: Since no eligible Board positions were opposed, the following members were retained in their respective positions: 2nd Vice President Pat Agriesti, Treasurer Janet Campeotto, Audio Director Bill Matthews & Social Director Linda Nelligan. We are thankful that these quality individuals have decided to continue in their service to our club, and appreciate all of the work that they do to insure that CWCJC remains the first and foremost dance club in the Chicago area!

3. In addition to this newsletter, there are many ways to remain aware of club activities: our website, www.jitterbugchicago.com, our club hotline (773)467-0177, regular emails sent via Constant Contact, and of course flyers and announcements at our dances. Also, any Board member will be happy to answer any of your club-related questions, or assist you in finding the person with the right answers!

4. If you're signed up to receive the regular club emails, please note that the return address will appear as rd12dance@aol.com. This is our 1st VP's Ralph Dahma's email address, which is required by Constant Contact. There will usually be some mention of CWCJC in the subject line.


CWCJC's Board of Directors

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CJC (South Side) Schedule

Jan. 8 Birthday Party
Jan. 22 Dance
Feb. 12 Valentine's Dance
Feb. 26 50s Night

All dances at Crestwood Elks

CWCJC merchandise for sale at all regular dances at the American Legion Hall from 9:00 to 9:30pm

Club Jackets \$70.00 **Club T-Shirts** \$12.00 **Club Polo Shirts** \$20.00 **CWCJC Pins** \$15.00 **Shoe Bags** \$30.00

CWCJC Caps \$12.00 **CWCJC Sweat Shirts** \$18.00 **CWCJC Throws** \$35.00

Don't forget to sign up for the club's Official Email List! Send your email info to:
Joanne at pjkokalj@aol.com .

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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Linda Nelligan.....Social Director



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CWCJC Members & Guests To-Do List:

- 1. Bring a used coat to our Jan. 15th Coat Drive.**
- 2. Sign up for CWCJC E-Newsletter.**
- 3. Attend Rumba Lesson on Feb. 5th.**
- 4. Get Blackhawks gear for Feb. 19th Hockey Night.**
- 5. Read notice in newsletter regarding Feb. 19th
Special Election.**
- 6. Attend Lesson on March 5th.**
- 7. Sign up and reserve table for March 19th
'Swing Into Spring' dance at Chevy Chase.**
- 8. Get Cubs or Sox gear for April 2nd Baseball Dance.**
- 9. Circle Friday, April 15th...dance at Westin Itasca.**
- 10. Purchase CWCJC Super Bowl Squares for a chance
to win up to \$500! Go Bears!**

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.



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Swing into Spring

Chevy Chase Country Club
1000 Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL

Saturday – March 19, 2011

6:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.



Members \$40.00
Guests \$50.00

Ticket Price Includes a Buffet Dinner
Served Promptly at 7:30 p.m.
Chicken, Beef, Turkey, Sides, Dessert and Coffee

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Reserved Seating for FULL Tables of 10 Only

No One Admitted After 7:30 p.m.
or Without a Prepaid Reservation

No Exceptions



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Music by Bill Matthews

Prepaid Reservations Required
by March 12, 2011

PayPal and Reserved Seating! For your convenience you may reserve your ticket online at www.jitterbugchicago.com and pay for it through PayPal. You may also reserve a FULL table with the purchase of 10 tickets. If you would like to reserve a table or need more information about the event, please contact Linda Nelligan at (630) 627-2935.



Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club "Swing into Spring" Reservation Form



Deadline for Paid Reservations is March 12, 2011

No Admission Without a Paid Reservation - No Exceptions

Name _____

CWCJC Member # _____ Phone # _____

Member(s) _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

Guest(s) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

Check Number _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

If making reservations for more than one person, please list additional names & membership numbers on the reverse side of this tear off and submit payment for all at time of mailing.

Make Check Payable to: CWCJC – Do Not Send Cash

Mail Check & Form to: Linda Nelligan
137 S. Chase Ave.
Lombard, IL 60148

For more info, call Linda at (630) 627-2935

