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THE STATE OF THE CLUB



Joanne Kokalj
President

Well, I am happy to say that the club is doing fine and we have had another fun year.

Sweet Home Chicago was again a great success, lots of fun, and for 2 years in a row now we are in the black. We made \$229; I know it's not much, but as I said before, very few clubs make money on these events; that really is not what these dance parties are about. It goes without saying though, that we are very happy to be in the black again this year.

Thanks to all of the people who have signed up for the club's constant contact e-newsletter. Not only do you receive your newsletter via email, but you also receive updates about upcoming dances at the club. The following figures show you how much we have saved in the last two years by eliminating the flyer mailings and going to an electronic newsletter. 2009 cost was \$8,024, 2010 cost was \$5,873, 2011 cost was \$3,783. We want to encourage all of you to sign up for the club's newsletter and our email updates. You can email me at PJKokalj@aol.com if you wish to sign up.

This past year we have had several discussions about Security at the regular dances. While it is nice to know that there is a guard on hand if something should arise, it is also an expense that the club could probably do without. We are currently working on other ways to have security at our dances and we will keep you informed of that. At our December meeting it was agreed that we will discontinue the guard at the Legion Hall dances. We will, however, have Security at Chevy Chase and Sweet Home Chicago, and possibly at a few other dances if we feel it is necessary. This will save the club approximately \$2,000 per year.

This November we celebrated our 22nd birthday. It is never too soon to plan ahead, and while our 25th birthday is three years away, we would certainly like to do as much as we can for all of you. With that in mind, and the savings that the club will have from raising the dues, eliminating the guard and our electronic newsletter, we have decided to take \$350 a month for the next 30 months beginning in January and put that money into a separate account for our 25th birthday. That money will not be used for anything but the birthday, unless of course in an emergency the board felt the club would not be able to continue on, we would then use the money to keep the club running. Since that is extremely unlikely, given the fact that the club is very healthy at this time, and with our members continued support we should be just fine. In 30 months we should have about \$10,500 set aside for our birthday.

The 2010/2011 checking and saving account balances as of October 31st are: Checking for 2010 was \$11,009, for 2011 it was \$10,084. Savings account for 2010 was \$11,878, and for 2011 it was \$11,884.

We had a great year at the club because of all the support we get from our members, all the help we get from our volunteers, and all of the hard work that the board puts into the club. So, my thanks to all of you, please continue to support the club so that we all have it for many more years to come.

On behalf of the entire board we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Joanne

**2012 CWCJC SCHEDULE
SATURDAYS UNLESS NOTED**

JAN. 7TH	REGULAR DANCE	JULY 7TH	REGULAR DANCE
JAN. 21ST	REG. DANCE/JB LESSON	JULY 21ST	REGULAR DANCE
FEB. 4TH	REGULAR DANCE	JULY 29TH (SUN.)	CWCJC PICNIC
FEB. 18TH	DANCE/JB LESSON	AUG. 4TH	DANCE/OPEN BOARD
MAR. 3RD	REGULAR DANCE	AUG. 18TH	OLDIES DANCE
MAR. 17TH	ST. PAT'S/LINE LESSON	SEPT. 15TH	TAILGATIN' DANCE
MAR. 31ST	BASEBALL DANCE	SEPT. 29TH	REGULAR DANCE
APR. 21ST	CHEVY CHASE	OCT. 6TH	REGULAR DANCE
MAY 5TH	REGULAR DANCE	OCT. 27TH	HALLOWEEN DANCE
MAY 19TH	DANCE/COUPLES LESSON	NOV. 3RD	VETS/TROOP DRIVE
JUNE 9TH	DANCE/ELECTION	NOV. 17TH	CHEVY CHASE
JUNE 16TH	T-SHIRT DANCE	DEC. 1ST	ELECTION/TOY DRIVE
JUNE 28-30	<u>12TH ANNUAL SWEET HOME CHICAGO</u>	DEC. 15TH	HOLIDAY PARTY
		DEC. 31ST (MON.)	NEW YEAR'S EVE

All dances are at the Franklin Park American Legion, 9757 W. Pacific Ave, except April 21st & November 17th, which are at Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling, and Sweet Home Chicago dance party, which is at the Westin Hotel at 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL. The July 29th CWCJC Picnic is at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles, IL. New Year's Eve is at North Park Center.

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

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CENTERSTAGE

GET WELL WISHES TO: Dolly D'Agostino

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO: Linda Masterson who lost both her mother and father within 12 days. To Geri Widdes on the loss of her mother and to Larry Chudnow on the loss of his brother.

ON A SAD NOTE: CWCJC wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to our fellow club member Joe Romando and the family and friends of club member Sharon Scaglione, who passed away on December 13th.

We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of club member Fred Silver who also passed away.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Sal Saldana, Annette Morris.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS ARE: January 11th and February 8th, the meetings are held in the American Legion Hall at 7:00 PM and run approximately 3 hours.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the members of Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club we wish to extend a great big thank you to the Chicago Dance Club for the seven years that they have given to the dance community. Your dances were a reflection of how hard you all worked to give as much as possible to your members and guests who attended your dances over the years, and that is sincerely appreciated.

CWCJC's Officers and Directors

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 Ewing Metoyer.....11
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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> .

CJC Schedule

Dances at Crestwood Elks

Jan. 14th: CJC Birthday Dance

Jan. 28th: Regular Dance

Feb. 11th: Valentine's Dance

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:
 Mary Pat Lamberty 773-631-6016. Thank you all for your cooperation.

CWCJC Dance Reports

October 29th: Halloween Dance

**133 members 21 guests 154 total
Janet Campeotto won \$178!**

November 5th: Vets Dance, Troop Drive

**125 members 27 guests 152 total
Ewing Metoyer won \$244!**

November 19th: 22nd Birthday Dance

**219 attended
Paul Romz, Sandy Glunz & Don & Beth Lopotko won \$352!**

December 3rd: Toy Drive

**Arlene Robinson won \$162!
117 members 19 guests 136 total**

December 17th: Holiday Party

**178 members 31 guests 209 total
Judy Smaida won \$351!**

Thanks to volunteers and dance hosts: Gail Schwartz, Arlene Robinson, Karen Krisberg, Pete Margarites, Tony Brancato, Willie Townsend, Sr., Mary Ann Burke, Sandy Glunz, John Schwerdtfeger, Joe Fioti, Elaine Morrison, Dan & Sue Hosek, Ray & Carol Schultz, Joe & Vicky Konewko.

CWCJC Super Bowl Squares are back!

Be sure to get your Super Bowl Squares at the dances! We'll be selling them for \$10 per square up until the Feb. 4th dance, or until they sell out, whichever comes first. Winners of the first 3 quarters each receive \$100, with the final score winner receiving \$200! The club receives the balance of the money taken in. See 1st VP Ralph Dahma.

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

MEETING RECAPS

October

Checking 10,895.65 Money Market 11,884.42 Interest .49
Members 511 New Members 4
October 29 Halloween Dance

November

Checking 10,083.17 Money Market 11,884.92 Interest .50
Members 509 New Members 2
Nov.5: Vets/Troop Drive
Nov.19: CWCJC Birthday Dance

Upcoming CWCJC dances:

(Entire 2012 CWCJC schedule in this newsletter)

January 7th: Regular Dance

January 21st: Jitterbug Lesson---Doors open at 6:45pm
Lesson from 7 to 8, dancing from 8 to 11:30.

Lesson is \$4 for members, \$5 for guests.

Members with Jan. birthdays get in FREE! (Lesson extra)

February 4th: Regular Dance

February 18th: Jitterbug Lesson

Details are the same as Jan. 21st dance.

Members with Feb. birthdays get in FREE! (Lesson extra)

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Official Email List!
Send your email info to:**

Joanne at pjkokalj@aol.com .

New Closing Time for Regular Dances!

Because most of our members and guests have been leaving our regular dances well before midnight, the Board has voted to close our regular dances at 11:30pm, effective immediately. As usual, we'll close every dance with our signature circle dance to Lee Greenwood's 'God Bless the USA'.

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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CWCJC Members & Guests To-Do List

- 1. Attend Jan. 21 & Feb. 18th Jitterbug Lessons.**
- 2. Purchase Super Bowl Squares.**
- 3. See Mary Pat about volunteering at dances.**
- 4. Sign up for CWCJC E-newsletter.**
- 5. Save these special dance dates:**
 - March 17th, St. Pat's Dance, Line Dance Lesson**
 - March 31st: Take Me Out to the Ballgame Dance**
 - April 21st: Swing Into Spring at Chevy Chase**
 - June 28th to July 1st: 12th Sweet Home Chicago!**
- 6. Have a Healthy & Prosperous 2012!!!**

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.