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Joanne Kokalj
President

THE STATE OF THE CLUB

It's almost hard to believe that our 25th Anniversary has come and gone and we now begin another year. It was a wonderful evening attended by 255 members and guests. The entire board wanted this night to be about the members both past and present and we sincerely hope that everyone there enjoyed that night. A final recap of the cost for this event will be available in the next newsletter.

2014 Sweet Home Chicago was great dance party and the club made a profit of \$457. We of course are very happy to be in the black this year. Once the holidays are over we will have more information about the 2015 party, however, generic flyers are already available at the front flyer

table. It's never too early to start planning to attend. Get your friends together and reserve a table for our 15th annual dance party, it's going to be a lot of fun.

And, now once again it is time for me to talk about money. Unfortunately, for this newsletter I am unable to give exact figures because we are still finishing up a few of the bills from our 25th Anniversary party, and we want to make sure that all our 2014 bills have been paid so that we have an accurate account of money at the end of 2014.

I have always tried in my columns over the years to explain to all the members how much things cost. I fully understand that without being at the meetings, or being part of the emails about club stuff, it's not always easy to see the whole picture, because you only see a \$ figure. So when we state the money in the club accounts, to some members it is a lot, to others not so much. What some people don't seem to understand or cannot accept is that we have no way of making money anymore, and that is one of the reasons we have to raise things or discontinue them. Prices go up on everything, just go to the grocery store or listen to the news and they will tell you food prices are going up. Well, that means they go up for the club too.

We have already been informed by the Legion Hall that our hall rental fee for 2016 will be raised. At this point we do not know how much, hopefully, it will not be too much. Yes, we have the 50/50, and that brings in about \$150, more on a good night, less at a lighter dance. If we do not take in the \$750 at the door that we need to cover the dance then the 50/50 money goes toward paying that. Our profit is far, far less than our expenses. Think about our club dances, 3 and 1/2 hours of dancing for \$7, you cannot go to any lounge and just pay that without purchasing a drink or paying some type of cover charge. Our special dances for \$45 (Chevy Chase); eat and dance for 5 and 1/2 hours. How many places do you know that you can have that? Or how about our New Year's Eve party for \$65, we are one of the lowest price events around, and yet some people still complain about the price. We are very lucky that Chevy Chase does not make us purchase a dinner package which includes liquor. There are many banquet halls that will only rent out their hall with a dinner/bar package. So please

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stop and think about where you can go on a Saturday night for \$7, or where you can go to a special event like some of ours for the price. I can tell you, very few places. The reason I know this is because through the years I have been to many of them.

Here again, is a recap of major costs to the club over the past year:

Holiday Party Dec. 2013 - \$1,221.

New Year's Eve 2013/2014 - \$507.

Picnic - \$1,882.

Insurance - \$1,800.

The 25th Anniversary cost is not included in here.

Of course there is the \$750 cost to run the regular dances. Anything outside of a regular dance is an extra cost to the club; that means any food, cake and coffee, dance lessons, extra items in the raffle. There are also regular operating expenses such as postage, printing of the newsletter for those who do not sign up for constant contact, PO Box fee, table cloths, ABA dues just to name a few, which along with all kinds of other every day costs that it takes to keep the club going.

Listed below is profit to the club outside of our regular dances.

Sweet Home Chicago - \$457

Baseball dance - \$5

Chevy Chase Spring dance - \$240

And that brings us to where we are right now. This year we have chosen to do pizza, salad, cake and coffee for the holiday party. We will see how things go for New Year's Eve, but as we stated last year, this year will determine whether or not we can continue having New Year's. We will still have Baseball night and our Tailgate party since it is not a huge cost to the club. We are working on the club insurance, but one thing many people may not realize is that most insurance companies do not or don't want to insure not for profit organizations. And finally, please read the important message from the board about the picnic.

Finally, I just want to reiterate that the club is doing okay, we are not falling apart or ready to fold. But, it is important that you understand the costs to the club and the fact that some things will have to change. As always, if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please leave us a note in the suggestion box and it will be discussed at the next meeting and you will receive a response from the board.

Please remember this is your club too, take an interest in it, volunteer when you can, support it, and please keep in mind that the board is doing the best that they can.

I would like to say thanks to Bill Matthews who has given so many years to our club. We are all still hopeful that he will feel better soon and be able to join us at the dances. We are very happy to welcome Gay Essary to the board as our Audio Director.

On behalf of the entire board and those who work year round for our club, we wish each and every one of you a very Happy Holiday and a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

See you at the dance,

Joanne

CENTERSTAGE

GET WELL WISHES TO: Adele Dary

SYMPATHY TO: Lorraine Springer on the loss of her husband and to Jordy Gross on the loss of his mother.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Sarina Will, Bob Aragosa, Dale Blum, Wilton Battles, Lana Cleburne and Emily Cappuccitti.

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 board meetings are: Jan. 14th and Feb. 11th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall, they run approximately 3 hours.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

At our November meeting we made a decision to not have a picnic in 2015. The reason for this decision is cost. The cost to the club of our 2014 picnic was: \$1,882.

Here is the breakdown of that cost:

Food - \$1,904.40 (\$12.75 per person plus tax and gratuity)

DJ - \$425

Park Rental Fee - \$300

Parking - \$83

Table Cloths - \$ 20.35

Supplies and prizes for games - \$89.64

GRAND TOTAL OF: \$2,822.30.

We took in \$760 (\$5 fee we charged) and \$180 in the 50/50. If you minus this from the picnic total that leaves the club paying \$1,882.30. We can no longer afford to do this. Even if we were to charge \$15 per person, which we already know some would have a problem with paying that for a picnic. We then would not get as many people and of course this then leaves the club with the balance which could be anywhere from \$1,000 and up. So unfortunately, we must let the picnic go.

You can drop us a note in the suggestion box with your thoughts on this and if you would be willing to pay more, but for 2015 we will not have a picnic.

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

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Katherine Ambrosio...1
 Diane Larson.....1
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 Paul Sapata3
 Dottie Brothersen.....5
 Ray Pugliese6
 Barbara Schiller6
 George D. Jurinek7
 Theresa McDonagh....8
 Ewing Metoyer.....11
 Linda Lazzara12
 Michaline Romano ...12

JANUARY

Nick Panos13
 Marlene Butler14
 Lorraine Maloy.....15
 Dina Keller19
 Mary Pat Lamberty...19
 Rennee Lombardo ...20
 Peg Rank.....20
 Rose Thomas.....20
 Annette Morris.....25
 Karen Blonn27
 Beverly Simon27
 Virginia Seego30

FEBRUARY

Willie Townsend, Sr....1
 Michael Wendt.....3
 Connie Logan4
 Bob Spivack.....5
 Phylliss Marnstein.....7
 Richard Dary.....9
 Michael Racanelli9
 Frank Smith.....10
 Sandy Trudeau.....10
 Mabel Debeikis11
 Ron Siegler11
 Patty Suchocki.....11
 Joseph Mlynski.....12
 Raymond Rimkus12
 Sally Wenckus13
 Donald Gshwind14

FEBRUARY

David Charewicz.....17
 Gloria Ollech18
 Jim Tatsuda18
 Diana Berglund.....19
 Mark Gannon20
 Renee Lugo.....20
 Phyllis Piazza20
 Shirly Witte22
 Eloise Sramek23
 Mary Anne Tigner...23
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 Judy Poznecki24
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 Nora Quindao27

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, 2nd 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 8 pm-11:30 pm
Chevy Chase, 1000 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling
Glendora House, Harlem & 102nd St. * **Chicago Jitterbug Club (CJC)** 4428 Midlothian Turnpike., Crestwood

NOVEMBER 2014 RECAP

Ending October 31st balances - Old Checking Account closed and funds transferred into new checking account. New Checking Account \$5,275.15, Money Market Account \$10,096.34, 25th Anniversary Account \$9,550.58.

Discussed: We want to go over the insurance policy to see if anything can be done to lower our bill of \$1,800.00 per year. Frank Lupac gave our club a generous donation of \$100.00 and a newer member, Bruce Weiss and his wife, donated \$50.00. Sweet Home Chicago 2014 had a profit of \$475.50. Discussed everything that we were going to be doing at the 25th Anniversary Dance at the Chevy Chase Country Club. We were pleased to see that our membership is increasing. Since we liked Fast Freddy when he played at our November 1st dance, we thought we would try to have him play again sometime in 2015. Discussed the election night, Audio Director's position and judges. A motion to eliminate the picnic in 2015 was made, voted on and passed unanimously. We will still look into having a Street Dance in 2015. At this year's Holiday Party, we will be serving pizza, salad, cake and coffee.

DECEMBER 2014 RECAP

Ending November 31st balances - Checking Account \$3,284.93, Money Market Account \$10,097.16, 25th Anniversary Account \$4,550.00.

Discussed: Welcomed Gay Essary as the new Audio Director and new member on the board. We would like to have a Jitterbug lesson prior to one of our dances in 2015. Ordering the business-like cards and tri-folds which have the 2015 Dance Schedule. Discussed the upcoming Swing into Spring dance at CCCC. Discussed the menu, etc. for our Holiday Party on December 20th. And, due to non-support of our New Year's Eve dance, discussed the fact that we might have to cancel. Discussions and suggestions for 2015 SHC will be on the January 2015 agenda. Constant Contact, Facebook and advertising were discussed.

CJC 2015 Schedule

(South Side Club)

All dances at Crestwood Elks

(The 2015 Dance Schedule was not available at the time of printing.)

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 your convenience!

Chicago South Elks Lodge - 4428 W. Midlothian Turnpike (140th west of Kostner)

**** Glendora House - 10225 S. Harlem**

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014 DANCE REPORTS

November 1st

108 members, 20 Vets, 12 guests, 140 total. Bob Smith won \$175.00.

November 15th

25th Anniversary Dance

231 members, 27 guests, 258 total.

December 6th

121 members, 8 guests, 129 total. Mike Lapina won \$185.00

Thanks to the volunteers at our dances: Willie Townsend, Sr., Stoney and Mary Ann Burke, Beth and Don Lopotko, Vince Agriesti, Bob Debeikis.

A special thank you to Midge Klein and Roberta Gerard for volunteering to be our judges at the recent Election on December 6th.

Upcoming CWCJC Schedule 2015

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 6:45 PM, LESSON IS FROM 7 TILL 8. DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8PM FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LESSON.

***** PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO DANCE ON JANUARY 3, 2015 *****

January 17 - Regular Dance - ALH

February 7 - Regular Dance - ALH

February 21 - Mid-Winter Dance

Chevy Chase Country Club

Wheeling, Illinois

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Send your email info to:

Audrey at cadygirl3@comcast.net

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.**

Joanne KokaljPresident
Vacant1st Vice President
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Audrey OleksyTechnical Director
Linda NelliganSocial Director



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

CLUB MEMBER'S TO DO LIST

- 1. SEE LINDA TO SIGN UP FOR OUR SPRING DANCE AT CHEVY CHASE.**
- 2. SEE AUDREY TO SIGN UP FOR CONSTANT CONTACT**
- 3. PICK UP A FLYER FOR SWEET HOME CHICAGO**
- 4. BUY A 50/50 TICKET**
- 5. COME OUT TO A DANCE AND SUPPORT 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.



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Hot Line (773) 467-0177

Mid- Winter Dance

Chevy Chase Country Club
1000 Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL

Saturday – February 21, 2015

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



Members \$45.00
Guests \$55.00

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

Cash Bar

Music by Mike Hartman

Prepaid Reservations Required
by February 14, 2015

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 "Mid-Winter Dance" Reservation Form



Deadline for Paid Reservations is February 14, 2015

No Admission without a Paid Reservation - No Exceptions

Name _____

CWCJC Member # _____ Phone # _____

Member(s) _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

Guest(s) _____ x \$55.00 = \$ _____

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
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2015 Dance Schedule

Date	Day	Dance Location
January 03	Saturday	No Dance Scheduled for this day.
January 17	Saturday	Dance-ALH
February 07	Saturday	Dance-ALH
February 21	Saturday	Spring Dance-CCCC
March 07	Saturday	Dance-ALH
March 28	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Baseball Dance
April 18	Saturday	Dance-ALH
May 02	Saturday	Dance-ALH
May 30	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Elections
June 20	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Club T-Shirt Night
June 25-27	Sweet Home Chicago	Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel in Itasca
July 18	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Open Board Meeting
August 01	Saturday	Dance-ALH
August 15	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Oldies Night
September 19	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Tailgatin' Night
October 03	Saturday	Dance-ALH
October 17	Saturday	Dance-ALH
October 31	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Halloween Dance
November 07	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Vets' Day-Troop Drive
November 21	Saturday	26th Anniversary Dance/CCCC
December 05	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Elections and Toy Drive
December 19	Saturday	Dance-ALH/Holiday Party
December 31	Thursday	NPC/New Year's Eve Dance/Tentative

ALH-American Legion Hall
9757 Pacific Avenue
Franklin Park, IL 60131

NPC-North Park Center
10040 W. Addison
Franklin Park, IL

CCCC-Chevy Chase Country Club
1000 Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL 60090

Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL 60143

*This schedule is subject to change.