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Joanne Kokalj
President

I am sure that many of you wonder what exactly the officers and directors of our club actually do. I thought I might give you a brief summary of our responsibilities.

I, as President am responsible for all of the business and affairs of the club. I see to it that what the board decides gets implemented as well as seeing that they have what they need to do their jobs. I set the agenda and run the meetings. All club correspondence is under my supervision. I am also automatically a part of any committee that is established. For fun, I work in the kitchen when we have food!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The 1st Vice-President (Ralph Dahma) is responsible for running the dances. Responsibilities include running the front desk, seeing that things are set-up before and put away after the dance and closing out (balancing people to money). In this position, he is also responsible for publicity and promotion of our club and the club's constant contact email updates. The 1st VP also shares the newsletter responsibility with the Secretary, and may also assist the President in other duties as requested.

The 2nd Vice-President (Pat Agriesti) is responsible for the membership. Responsibilities include maintaining the master list (sending out renewal notices, processing change of address, adding new members and deleting those who have left the club). Also, seeing that new members receive their membership packet as well as running the list with the necessary notes prior to each dance.

The Treasurer (Janet Campeotto) is the principal accounting and financial officer of the club. In this position she is responsible for receiving and distributing all monies of the club, as well as being responsible for all of the club's accounts. Other responsibilities include producing a cash flow statement and seeing that the club's taxes are completed each year.

The Secretary (Susan Havrish) is responsible for maintaining a record of all meetings. In this position she is also responsible for keeping a list of all of the club property and in whose possession it remains. The Secretary shares the responsibility of the newsletter with the 1st VP.

The Audio Director (Bill Matthews) is responsible for the maintenance and purchasing of the club's audio equipment. It is his responsibility to see that the equipment is set up and torn down properly prior to and after all dances. The Audio Director is also the liaison to the other club DJs and to also contract guest DJs to play at our dances.

The Sales Director is responsible for purchasing and selling all club merchandise, as well as providing a monthly inventory. This person is also responsible for the 50/50 tickets sold at the club dances.

The Social Director (Linda Nelligan) is responsible for organizing and directing the social activities for the club, including contracting outside vendors as well as purchasing of food and supplies for club events.

The Volunteer/Hospitality Director (Mary Pat Lamaberty) is responsible for lining up volunteers for all club dances and functions. Other responsibilities include assisting at the front desk and welcoming new members.

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In addition to these responsibilities all board members including myself are responsible for several different areas prior to and during Sweet Home Chicago.

Also, we also have three non-board regular positions, and they are webmaster and flyer designer (Gloria Medel), club photographer (Tom Broderick) and dance lesson coordinator (Mike Lapina), who is also responsible for several areas prior to and during the dance convention. These three people work on a regular basis with the board.

When you read these few sentences it somehow doesn't do justice to the amount of work that is involved in running the club. Of course there are many little things that go on that I did not list here, things like trips to the PO Box for the mail, ordering table cloths for the dances, ordering baseball and football tickets, etc. Plus many, many trips to Office Max, the liquor store, Sam's Club and an array of other places to purchase things for the club. Not to mention endless phone calls and emails to make sure that what needs to be done is indeed covered, as well as many other little jobs that we all do. Also, there are the regular monthly meetings in which you report on your position, and of course everyone is expected to keep coming up with ideas and things that we can do to make the club fun and interesting.

So, the next time you see one of the board members or one of our three regular non-board helpers, please say thanks to them for the time and effort they give to our club. Yes, being on the board can be fun, however, it is also a lot of work and personal time that these people give up so that our club can continue to thrive.

For my part, I want to say thank you very much to all of them for all that they do. I enjoy working with each one of them because they are committed and truly care about our club. They make my job a pleasure to have, and they play a very big part in making our club what it is – a really, really great club to come and dance and be with your friends.

Please take the time to look over the cash flow statement that appears in this newsletter. This is the yearly accounting of the club's money. If you should have any questions, please see our Treasurer, Janet Campeotto at one of the dances.

**See you at the dance,
Joanne**

CWCJC Election News

At our March, 2011 CWCJC Board Meeting Mary Pat Lamberty was unanimously appointed as Volunteer/Hospitality Director pro tem. Also, the following Board members were re-nominated for their respective positions, and since none of them were opposed, will continue to serve on the CWCJC Board of Directors for 1 more year: First Vice President Ralph Dahma, Secretary Susan Havrish & Vol./Hosp. Director Mary Pat Lamberty. The Sales Director Board position became vacant when Mary Pat Lamberty was appointed in her new position, and since nobody was nominated for the Sales Director position, shall remain vacant until next June's Election, or the Board appoints somebody for that position. At the June 4th dance, Temporary Election Chairman Joanne Kokalj cast 1 ceremonial vote for each of the above mentioned Board Officers and Director, thus making a vote by the membership unnecessary.

Temporary Election Chairman Joanne Kokalj

MOVED?

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

CENTERSTAGE

GET WELL WISHES TO: Ken Liacone

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO: Frank Orseno on the loss of his brother.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Stu White, Sandra Falesch, Ken Kaminski, Arlene Van Houten Maynard, Mike Gordon, Betty and Clarence Whittemore.

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 : August 10th the meeting is held in the American Legion Hall at 7:00 PM and run approximately 3 hours.

MEETING RECAPS

April

Checking 17,513.57

Money Market 11,880.94 Interest .49

Members: 515 New Member: 1

3/19 Swing into Spring dance at Chevy Chase- Cost to club 228.24

4/2 Baseball dance- Cost to club: 99.50

4/15 Sneak Preview Dance at Westin-Profit: 376

May

Checking 19,285.06

Money Market 11,881.44 Interest .50

Members 519 New Members 7

5/07 Rumba Lesson given by Mike and Debbe Lapina

CWCJC Photos

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

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

JULY

Gerald Carrao	1
Rick Young	1
Pat Alterio	2
James Mauer	2
Sue Lysy	4
Bob Wilkison	4
Margo Rickert	5
Stephanie Yager	5
Terry Crisitello	6
Bob Debeikis	7
Nancy Burger	8
Ron Cappitelli	8
Corky Falkner	8
Gabrielle Gang	12
Carol Schultz	13

JULY

Sue Sturmon	13
Joanne Sears	14
Francie Dencs	16
Janeen Paul	16
Donald Tedeschi	16
Nancy Levi	17
Bill Cardy	19
Ernie Orlando	19
Dominic Vece	19
Sandra Falesch	20
Dee Licari	22
Krysten Lucchesi	24
JoAnne Kokalj	28
Henry R. Seego	29
Sandy Woodbury	30

AUGUST

Edna Cardy	1
Greg Martin	1
Pat Agriesti	2
Robert Smith	2
Charmaine Silver	3
Arlene VanHouten-Maynard	3
Richard Marra	4
Gloria Flasch	6
Shelly Gross	7
Michael Iselin	7
Mike Lapina	7
Mike Gordon	8
Kay Riegler	8
Richard J. Thomas	11
Joe Dubow	12
Susan Szymanski	12
Lee Alo	13
William Kohn	13
Rita Svetlik	13
Vince D'Agostino	14
Joan Ranz	14
Adele Dary	15
Ann Mika	15

AUGUST

Priscilla Patterson	15
Eileen Pedtke	17
Robert Glab	18
Vicki Konewko	19
Ann LeCroy Gavurnik	20
Bill Draver	21
Sharon Scaglione	21
Stoney Burke	22
Jerrold Basofin	23
Rose Bagnole	24
Barbara Tremonto	24
Peggy Draver	25
Jack Giel	25
Nick Sakalares	25
Sue Tileston	25
Frank Paleczny	27
Ingrid Diestal	28
Cardi Fleck	28
MaryAnn Horan	28
Linda Nelligan	29
Nancy A. Stevens	29
Marion Widtmann	30
Judy Fairfield	31

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

CJC Schedule:

All dances at Crestwood Elks.

July 9th: T-shirt Dance

July 23rd: Oldies Dance Party

Aug. 13th: Beachcomber Dance

Aug. 27th: Justadance

CDC Schedule:

All dances at Franklin Park Legion.

July 30th

August 27th

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'.

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 May & June Dance Reports

May 7th---Rumba Lesson
Members 183 Guests 46 Total 229
50-50: Ken Kaminski won \$169!

May 21st---Regular Dance
Members 138 Guests 32 Total 170
50-50: Dan Bihler won \$187!

June 4th---Red, White & Blue Dance
Members 160 Guests 35 Total 195
50-50: Mary Pat Lamberty won \$208!
Emmitt White won 2011 SHC Hotel Raffle!!!

June 18th---Club T-shirt Night,
Walk The Line & Wobble Lesson
Members 158 Guests 46 Total 204
50-50: Bill Matthews won \$179!

Thanks to volunteers & dance hosts: Arlene Robinson, Gail Schwartz, Elaine Morrison, Dee Licari, Dan Bihler, Nancy Levy, Emmitt White, Tony Brancato, Willie Townsend, Sr., Mary Ann Burke, Shelley Gross, Beth & Don Lopotko, Roberta Gerrard, Bill Kohn, Pete Margarites, Paul Romz, Sandy Glunz, Vince D'Agostino, John Schewerdtfeger, Joe Fioti.

A note from the Board:

As you will see in our cash flow statement, last year's picnic cost the club over \$2,000. In years past we were able to make the picnic free to members. Of course, we also had a regular dance lesson program that generated extra money for the club. Unfortunately, we no longer have that program, and we really have no easy way of generating that much money. At most dances we just about break even or maybe make a little extra, but when we start to spend in the thousands without replenishing that money, our bottom line keeps going down. This year we have decided to charge a minimal fee of \$5 to members and \$10 to guests to cover some of the costs to the club. We realize that some people will be not be crazy about this; however, it is the board's job to think of the club's big picture, and to make sure that we stay financially healthy and solvent. The cost of the food alone for our picnic is \$13 per person; in addition to that we pay for your parking, the DJ's fee, and a fee to the Park. We trust that you'll understand our situation, and of course we look forward to seeing you at this year's picnic!

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

CWCJC Summer Schedule

All dances are at Franklin Park American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave.
Doors open at 7:45pm, unless noted. Dancing from 8 til 11:30.
Sweet Home Chicago is at the Westin Hotel, Itasca, IL
July 24th CWCJC Picnic is at Pottawatomie Park, St. Charles, IL

June 30th to July 3rd:
11TH ANNUAL SWEET HOME CHICAGO!

Saturday, July 16th:
MEMBERS WITH JULY BIRTHDAYS GET IN FREE!

Sunday, July 24th:
CWCJC PICNIC AT POTTAWATOMIE PARK
(see flyer)

Thursday, July 28th:
CWCJC JITTERBUSES TO MILWAUKEE!

Saturday, August 6th:
OPEN MEETING/REGULAR DANCE
Doors open at 6:45, Open Mtg. 7pm til 8pm.

Saturday, August 20th:
OLDIES NIGHT with Guest DJ Mike Hartman!
MEMBERS WITH AUGUST BIRTHDAYS GET IN FREE!


Saturday, September 17th:
TAILGATIN' NIGHT!
Wear your Bears or Packers or Steelers gear, jeans OK.
Food served, great prizes!
MEMBERS WITH SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS GET IN FREE!

Note: In keeping with the club's traditions, our DJs will be making a concerted effort to include more oldies from the 50s and 60s in their music mix. We appreciate their hard work and efforts in this matter!

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**Don't forget to sign up for the club's
Official Email List!**

Send your email info to:

Joanne at pjkokalj@aol.com .

Volunteer Party At Sweet Home Chicago!

We've moved the Sweet Home Chicago Volunteer Party from the Legion on June 22nd. The new date & location will be Friday, July 1st at the Westin Hotel during the convention. At around 10:45pm, right after the Late Night Buffet, we'll be having an invitation-only Champagne & Chocolate Reception for our SHC volunteers. We want to show our appreciation to all of the people who make Sweet Home Chicago possible.

See any Board member if you'd like to volunteer or have any questions.

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
Ralph Dahma1st Vice President
Pat Agriesti2nd Vice President
Susan HavrishSecretary
Janet CampeottoTreasurer

Mary Pat Lamberty .Vol./Hosp. Director
Bill MatthewsAudio-Director
Vacant.....Sales Director
Linda Nelligan.....Social Director



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

CWCJC Members & Guests To-Do List

- 1. Attend Sweet Home Chicago!**
- 2. Fill out flyer for July 24th picnic.**
- 3. Sign up for July 28th Jitterbus to Milwaukee.**
- 4. Attend Open Meeting on August 6th.**
- 5. Attend Oldies Night with Mike Hartman on Aug. 20.**
- 6. Get Bears gear for Sept. 17th Tailgatin' Night.**
- 7. Sign up for CWCJC E-newsletter.**
- 8. See Mary Pat about volunteering at dances.**
- 9. Save the date: Nov. 19th---CWCJC 22nd Birthday!**
- 10. Enjoy the summer while it lasts!**

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.



Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club Annual Picnic

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Sunday, July 24, 2011

Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles, IL

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

Catered by BBQ on Wheels

**Jumbo Burgers, White Brats & Italian Sausage (All Cooked On Sight)
American Potato Salad, Cold Pasta Salad & Oven Roasted New Potatoes**

***St. Charles Park District does not allow any alcoholic beverages in the park.
We ask that you please bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverages only.***

CWCJC Members - \$5.00 (Non-Refundable)

Non-Members, 5 yrs. old and up - \$10.00 (Non-Refundable)

Children under 5 - Free

******* FREE Parking *******

DJ - Bill Matthews

Mail reservation form and payment to:

Linda Nelligan, 137 S. Chase Ave., Lombard, IL 60148

Need more info? Call Linda at (630) 627-2935

Deadline for reservations is July 17th - NO EXCEPTIONS

CWCJC Picnic Reservation

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone# _____

_____	CWCJC members	X	\$ 5.00 = \$	_____
_____	Non-members	X	\$10.00 = \$	_____

Check number _____ Check Amount \$ _____

Please provide additional names on the reverse side of this tear off.

Make Check Payable to: CWCJC - **DO NOT SEND CASH**



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