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Joanne Kokalj
President

As you read this newsletter many of us will be at Sweet Home Chicago. As always, we hope for a good turnout and hope that everyone there enjoys themselves. At this time, there is no way we can tell you from a cost stand point where we are. Once all the bills have been paid there will be an accounting in an upcoming newsletter. My thanks to the entire board and to Mike and Debbe Lapina, and to Gloria Medel for all that they do before and during Sweet Home Chicago to make our event a success. Also, thanks to Vicky Konewko for all the work that she does every year for our Hospitality room and to Ralph Dahma for all of his help throughout the weekend. And of course, many thanks go out to all of our volunteers who help us out over the weekend.

Now that Sweet Home Chicago is behind us, it is time to start concentrating on our 25th anniversary. We have reached our goal of saving \$10,000 for this. At this time, we do not have any concrete plans other than the date, which of course is November 15th and the place which is Chevy Chase. Some people have suggested a band in addition to the DJs, others have suggested live entertainment, perhaps a sit down dinner vs. the buffet. Drop us a note in the suggestion box of what you may or may not want. We will be discussing this further at our open board meeting on July 19th. One of the things that we will have for our anniversary is a memory/ad book. You can take an ad in this book for business or personal reasons or perhaps you might want to remember someone. I will have a sample of the price list and what the book will look like with me at every dance from now on. Feel free to come up and check out the book.

We have not made a final decision on New Year's Eve, we will be deciding this within the next month or so. There is still time for you to drop a note in the suggestions box to let us know your thoughts about this or email Linda Nelligan at lnelligan@sbcglobal.net. From the responses we did get, most people seem to be okay with increasing the price, however, there is one comment on a couple of the emails that I would like to address. It seems that some people are concerned about whether or not the entire board is going to be there. First of all, some of the board members have other plans – we too have personal lives. Some spend it with family or friends, others go out of town, perhaps some no longer wish to go out on New Year's Eve. This is a holiday; people are free to do whatever fits into their plans and whatever they want to do. The board plans events for the club and makes sure that everything runs smoothly; it's also part of our job to inform you of them and to encourage you to attend, the rest is up to you. No event or dance will ever be canceled because some of the board members are not there. All board members past and present have always made and continue to make every effort possible to attend the club dances and events.

I will be a member of this club for 24 years come January, which means I have been around a lot longer than a great majority of our members. Throughout the years, I along with other long time members, and also with current and former board members have attended many events and hundreds of club dances. I enjoyed every one of them and never worried about where the board was. This is your club; if your main concern is where we are, then we have a lot more to lose than just New Year's Eve.

See you at the dance
Joanne

CJC 2014 SCHEDULE:

All dances at Crestwood Elks

July 12 - Dance - Elks Lodge

July 26 - Justadance - Elks Lodge

August 9 - Dance - Elks Lodge

August 23 - Justadance - Elks Lodge

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**

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

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2014 DANCE REPORTS

April 26th

105 members, 17 guests, 122 total. Jolene Biddle won \$ 141.00.

May 3rd

116 members, 8 guests, 124 total. John Milazzo won \$ 184.00.

May 17th

118 members, 24 guests, 142 total. George Stanfa won \$ 194.00

June 7th

116 members, 27 guests, 143 total. John Schwerdtfeger won \$ 215.00.

**Thanks to volunteers: Willie Townsend, Sr., Stoney and Mary Ann Burke, Bob Debeikis,
Vince Agriesti, Vicky and Joe Konewko.**

PLEASE NOTE: THESE FIGURES DO INCLUDE SHC MONEY.

MAY 2014 RECAP

May 3, 2014 Meeting - Ending April 30, 2014 balances - Checking Account \$6,682.76 -- Money Market Account \$9,882.90 -- 25th Account \$9,805.57

Discussed: SHC ticket sales, cash raffle ticket sales, vendors, gospel session, hospitality and security. Decided that the final decision regarding New Year's Eve will be after SHC. The Baseball Dance - April 5th - had a profit of \$5.98. Discussed the upcoming DJ schedule and the possibility of having a guest DJ. Decided to have BBQ on Wheels again for this year's picnic.

JUNE 2014 RECAP

June 7, 2014 Meeting - Ending May 31st balances - Checking Account \$12,754.37, Money Market Account \$10,073.07, 25th Account \$9,955.90.

Discussed: Upcoming picnic at Pottawatomie Park. Confirmed having BBQ on Wheels, food choices, etc. Variety of SHC discussions, hospitality, vendors and attendees up-to-this-date. Finances of the club.

June 11, 2014 Meeting

Discussed: Upcoming SHC convention, ticket sales, hospitality, vendors, volunteers and security. Upcoming DJ schedule. Club's membership. Cash Raffle update. Member and non-member increased entrance fee. Club's finances including the food expenses to the club for special dances.

ELECTION RESULTS

On June 7, 2014, since everyone was running unopposed, Joanne Kokalj did cast the one vote necessary to re-elect Mary Pat Lamberty as Secretary, Mabel Debeikis as Volunteer/Hospitality Director and elect Audrey Oleksy as Technical Director.

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JULY

Mike Alterio.....2
 William Botti4
 Sue Lysy4
 Bob Wilkison.....4
 Stephanie Yager5
 Terry Crisitello6
 Bob Debeikis7
 Nancy Burger.....8
 Corky Falkner.....8
 Steve Mrnak.....8
 Gail Botti.....9
 Gabrielle Gang.....12

JULY

Carol Schultz.....13
 Joanne Sears14
 Francie Dencs.....16
 Donald Tedeschi16
 Nancy Levy17
 Sandra Falesch.....20
 Dee Licari22
 Krysten Lucchesi.....24
 JoAnne Kokalj28
 Henry R. Seego29
 Sandy Woodbury30

AUGUST

Edna Cardy.....1
 Greg Martin.....1
 Pat Agriesti2
 Robert Smith.....2
 Arlene VanHouten-Maynard...3
 Shelly Gross.....7
 Michael Iselin7
 Mike Lapina7
 Mike Gordon8
 Richard J. Thomas.....11
 Joe Dubow12
 Rita Andritzky13
 William Kohn13
 Vince D'Agostino.....14
 Rhea Spradley.....14
 Adele Dary15
 Priscilla Patterson15
 Eileen Pedtke.....17

AUGUST

Robert Glab18
 Vicki Konewko19
 Ann LeCroy Gavurnik....20
 Bill Draver.....21
 Stoney Burke22
 Macia Matuk22
 Rose Bagnole24
 Peggy Draver25
 Jack Giel25
 Nick Sakalares25
 Sue Tileston25
 Frank Paleczny.....27
 Cardi Fleck28
 Mary Ann Horan28
 John Mathe29
 Linda Nelligan29
 Judy Fairfield.....31
 Robert Pentz31

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 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

CENTERSTAGE

GET WELL WISHES TO: Don Keegan, Carm Scanlan and Terry McDonagh

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Michaline Romano on her marriage to Jim Cosgante.

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: Open board meeting on July 19th and regular meeting on August 13th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall they run approximately 3 hours.

SAVE THE DATE

**July 27, 2014
Picnic at Pottawatomie Park**

UPCOMING CWCJC SCHEDULE 2014

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 TIL 8. DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8PM FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LESSON.

July 19 - Regular Dance - ALH - Open Board Meeting
Members with July birthdays get in free.

Sunday - July 27 - Picnic - Pottawatomie Park

August 2 - Regular Dance - ALH

August 16 - Regular Dance - ALH - Oldies Night
Members with August birthdays get in free.

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Here is a brief summary of things that have been mentioned in previous newsletters. 2013 cost to the club for: picnic - \$1,590, holiday buffet - \$1,221, New Year's Eve - \$507. This does not include the Baseball dance or the Tailgatin party. Also, from June of 2013 through the end of that year, we lost money on almost every single dance, including January and February of 2014. Please keep in mind there are other costs to the club that must be paid, such as insurance, ABA dues, postage etc. To cover expenses we have now started taking money out of the savings account.

Years ago when we had an established dance lesson program it made lots of money for the club. This is the money that helped cover the expenses for the food and anything extra that we did at the dances, it also covered the losses we might sustain at some of the dances due to low attendance. Unfortunately, the lessons no longer drew enough people to even cover the expense of having them and they were discontinued. Therefore, we no longer have any way of making any type of extra money for the club, certainly not enough to dish out thousands of dollars in food, and keep the dances running even if there aren't enough people attending to cover the costs.

Income for the club consists of entrance fees at the door, the 50/50 and membership dues. To run a dance it costs \$800, we are lucky if we have enough to cover this, and if there is any extra you are looking at maybe \$100. In almost all cases we are putting out more money then we are taking in.

Yes, we did raise the dues a couple of years ago, and we did eliminate the security guard and cut down on mailing newsletters, this all helps, and we continually look for ways that we can cut costs and continue to give as much as possible to the members. No organization or business can continually put out more money than they are taking in, nor can they operate as if it were 10 years ago. Therefore, after much thought we have decided to raise the entrance fee to the dances effective July 1, 2014. Members will be \$7 and non-members will be \$12. The entrance fee has probably not been raised in 15 years, maybe even more than that. We understand that some people will complain, but it is our job to see that the club stays solvent. We hope that you understand the reasons for this and will continue your support of the club.

This in no way is meant to scare you into thinking the club is falling apart, because it is far from that. However, if we do not take steps now then we will have to take drastic steps in the future, something that we hope to avoid by addressing things now. In an upcoming newsletter there will be a message about the picnic and holiday buffet, we will be looking for your thoughts on this. As you can see from the figures above, the costs to the club are becoming more than the club can continue to pay for entirely, so we must decide what to do in the future.


We all want to see our club continue and to thrive and we can accomplish this with the members support and good business decisions. Again, we hope you understand the reasons behind raising the admission fee and further discussions about food costs to the club.

Thanks for supporting the club.

MEMBERS

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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.**

Joanne KokaljPresident
Vacant1st Vice President
Pat Agriesti2nd Vice President
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Janet CampeottoTreasurer

Mabel DebeikisVol./Hosp. Director
Bill MatthewsAudio-Director
Audrey OleksyTechnical Director
Linda NelliganSocial Director



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

CWCJC MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO-DO LIST

- 1. SEE JOANNE ABOUT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK**
- 2. SEE MARY PAT ABOUT OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS**
- 3. ATTEND THE OPEN BOARD MEETING ON JULY 19TH**
- 4. SEE LINDA TO SIGN UP FOR OUR PICNIC ON JULY 27th**
- 5. COME TO THE OLDIES NIGHT DANCE ON AUGUST 19TH**
- 6. ENJOY THE SUMMER**

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

www.jitterbugchicago.com

Sunday, July 27, 2014

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, Italian Sausage, & Jumbo Beef Hot Dogs (All Cooked On Site)

American Potato Salad, Cold Pasta Salad & Cubed Fresh Fruit (Seasonal)



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 - \$15.00 (Non-Refundable)

Children 6 to 11 yrs. old - \$5.00 (Non-Refundable)

Children 5 and under - Free

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

DJ – Mike Hartman

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 19th - NO EXCEPTIONS

CWCJC Picnic Reservation

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone# _____

_____	CWCJC members	X	\$5.00	=	\$ _____
_____	Non-members	X	\$15.00	=	\$ _____
_____	Children 6 – 11 yrs. old	X	\$5.00	=	\$ _____

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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CWCJC 25th Anniversary Booklet

CWCJC will be celebrating its' 25th anniversary in November. As a token of this momentous occasion, we are printing an Anniversary Booklet to present to the members at the birthday dance. The booklet will measure 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" and ad space will be available for sale.

The size and rates for the ads are as follows:

Full Page Ad (5"x 8")	\$75.00
Half Page Ad (5"x 4")	\$45.00
Third Page Ad (5"x 2 1/2")	\$25.00

If you are interested in purchasing ad space, you will need to provide camera ready art, a business card, or type out the ad to fit the size you are purchasing. A sample copy of the booklet will be available if you would like to see what your ad might look like. For further information, please see Joanne Kokalj.

The deadline for purchasing ad space is October 4, 2014.

CWCJC 25th Anniversary Booklet Ad Space

(Camera ready art, a business card, or typed info for the ad and payment must be received by Oct. 4, 2014)

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Member # _____

Please check one: Full Page \$75.00 Half Page \$45.00 Third Page \$25.00

Check Amount \$ _____ Check Number # _____

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Mail check, form, and ad to: Joanne Kokalj
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