



March - April 2015

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**Joanne Kokalj**  
President

At our meeting in January we decided that it is best if we no longer make any exceptions for people who come to the dance with jeans. When a non-member comes to the club for the first time, some of them do not realize that we have this policy. We let them in, but explain to them that this would be the only time and if they should want to come back to the club they will not be let in again if they have jeans on. Well, that doesn't seem to be working too well, so from now on, no one will be allowed in with jeans, period. We also feel that this is only fair to our members who cannot wear jeans, so the policy was changed effective with the January dance. And just a reminder to those few members who come with jeans on and think that it is not noticed, please do not do this, you know we have this policy so please abide by it.

At our March dances we will be putting a short survey on the tables to ask your opinion about the Spring dance at Chevy Chase and our picnic (there will not be one in 2015). We are gathering information to see what if anything we can do about these two events. Please just fill this out and drop it into the suggestion box, you do not have to sign it. The more information we have the better decisions we can make.

It's never too soon to start thinking about Sweet Home Chicago. We have signed up three vendors already: Dance Connection (shoes), Embroidery on Demand (tee shirts and other items) and Fly 2 Buy (jewelry and accessories). Our DJs this year are Jane Harrington (Florida), Bud Waters (St. Louis) and our own Gay Essary and Norm Oden. Bud will also be playing Gospel hour on Friday afternoon for us and Mike Hartman will be back on Thursday evening to play oldies. Our workshop instructors for this year are Phil Dorroll (Florida) who will be teaching West Coast Swing and Beginner Hustle, Rob Guignard (St. Louis) who will be teaching Swing n Cha Cha and Night Club 2, and Shelley Gross will be teaching a line dance for us this year. Of course we will have our club hospitality on Friday afternoon; and a late night snack on Friday evening. Saturday is the Battle of the DJs (you never know who will be playing during this 2 hour event) and of course there is the dinner buffet on Saturday evening along with our tribute to our Vets and our country and later in the night our \$1000 cash prize raffle drawing. Tickets are \$80 for the entire weekend, get your friends together and reserve a table for 10. It's going to be a great weekend so don't miss out.

We are in the process of reviewing the job descriptions and will be updating some of them as things have changed a lot over the years and the descriptions in the by-laws no longer reflect what the responsibilities of the board positions are. We hope to have this ready for the December election.

Don't miss our baseball night at the club on March 28th. We will be serving hot dogs and chips and of course there will be some baseball items in the 50/50 raffle. We will also have a special raffle for a Cub's jacket that was donated anonymously to the club.

See you at the dance,  
Joanne

# CENTERSTAGE

**GET WELL WISHES TO: Tom Duffy**

**DON'T FORGET: Visit our Web site frequently: [www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.com) . There are hundreds of photos of members, as well as new Pay Pal information. Also, bookmark [www.americanbopassociation.com](http://www.americanbopassociation.com) for the latest ABA news, including cruise info. Upcoming board meetings are: Mar. 11th and Apr. 8th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall, they run approximately 3 hours.**

## 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.**

**March 7 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**March 28 - Baseball Dance - ALH**

**\*\*\*Jeans will be allowed at this dance.\*\*\***

**April 18 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**Please visit our website at: [www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.com)**

**Please write to us at: [cwcjc@jitterbugchicago.com](mailto:cwcjc@jitterbugchicago.com)**

## January/February 2015 Dance Reports

**January 17th**

**141 members, 10 guests, 151 total. Jack Stewart won \$184.00.**

**February 7th**

**132 members, 15 guests, 147 total. Audrey Oleksy won \$195.00**

**February 21st**

**Mid-Winter Dance Chevy Chase Country Club**

**114 members, 10 guests, 124 total. Bill Siglasky won \$292.00**

**Thanks to the volunteers at our dances: Willie Townsend, Sr., Stoney and Mary Ann Burke, Pat Lowry, Sherry Johnson.**

**MARCH**

Judy Wagner .....1  
 Denise Novak .....2  
 Beverly Solazzo .....3  
 Terry Stites .....4  
 Bill Gronke.....5  
 Bruce Bossier.....6  
 Al Campasano .....6  
 John Grooms .....6  
 Janis Hartman .....6  
 Virginia Indovina .....6  
 Mike Fletcher .....7  
 Paul Keller .....9  
 Pat Lowry .....9  
 Diane Medina .....10  
 Anthony Ambrosio...11  
 Dolly D'Agostino.....11  
 Ilene Deak .....11  
 Darlene Calomino....12  
 Midge Klein .....13  
 Sarina Will .....13  
 Phil Weinstein .....14  
 Janet Kepner .....15  
 Mike Kazarian .....16

**MARCH**

Art Schaffer .....16  
 Diane Visconti.....16  
 Shirley Fink.....17  
 Kathy Greenstein ....18  
 Brenda Coppola.....19  
 Patricia O'Neill .....19  
 Larry Sultan .....19  
 Robert Lazzara .....20  
 Randy Fierke.....21  
 Fred Morgan .....22  
 Nick Bavaro.....23  
 Emma Metoyer.....23  
 John Micek.....23  
 Christine Nowacki ...23  
 Christine Karczewski ...25  
 Andrea Jakubowski...27  
 Renee Sanders.....27  
 George Vonderheide ..27  
 Carol Renzetti .....28  
 Mary Rumowski .....28  
 Ginny Broderick .....29  
 William Siglasky .....29  
 Trudy Reuter.....31

**APRIL**

Robert Blonn.....1  
 Joe Lysy .....1  
 Gloria Jacobs .....3  
 Phil Steiner .....3  
 John Butler .....4  
 Michelle DiCanio.....4  
 Emmitt White .....4  
 Janet L. Campeotto....5  
 Jackie LeVine.....5  
 Jack Stewart .....5  
 Tom Duffy .....6  
 Richard Gewar.....6  
 Bob Aragosa .....7  
 Jordy Gross .....7  
 Karen J. Matthews.....7  
 Marty Didier .....8  
 Joe Konewko .....8  
 Barbara Williams .....8  
 Ronald Taylor.....9  
 Sam Casanova.....10

**APRIL**

Lance Jacobsen.....10  
 Stuaru Kane.....10  
 Jerry Clarke .....11  
 Margaret Ullrich.....14  
 Michael P. Hartman....15  
 Joe Fioti.....16  
 Bill Stedry .....17  
 Bill Matthews .....19  
 Jim Minard .....19  
 Bonnie Stoelinga.....19  
 Sandra Smith.....20  
 Pat Alterio.....21  
 Bob Okeson .....21  
 Linda Townsend .....22  
 Bruce E. Siville .....23  
 Buce Weiss.....26  
 Mary Gronke .....28  
 James W. Ullrich .....28  
 Joe Zuffante.....29

**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](mailto: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 & 102<sup>nd</sup> St. \* **Chicago Jitterbug Club (CJC)** 4428 Midlothian Turnpike., Crestwood

## **JANUARY 2015 RECAP**

**Ending December 31, 2014 balances - Checking Account \$3,284.38,  
Money Market Account \$10,098.02, 25th Anniversary Account \$2,551.10.**

**Discussed: The Holiday Party had a profit of \$59.07. The insurance for the club's music equipment and how old our music equipment is and soon there will be need to replace it. We are working on getting the DJs, instructors and vendors for this year's SHC. Having Debbe and Mike Lapina teach a Jitterbug Lesson on May 2nd. Wondering what we can do since the attendance count is so low for the Mid-Winter Dance at CCCC. Decided to put the 'Lost and Found' items out at the February 7th dance. We also discussed our jean policy, Constant Contact, Facebook and advertising.**

## **FEBRUARY 2015 RECAP**

**Ending January 31st balances - Checking Account \$4,429.72,  
Money Market Account \$10,098.84, 25th Anniversary Account \$2,551.22..**

**Discussed: The cost for our 25th Anniversary celebration was \$7,050.49. Having a special raffle the night of the Baseball Dance - March 28th. Putting a survey out regarding CCCC dances and the picnic. We also discussed the membership, fees, Constant Contact and advertising. We discussed the confirmation and sending out the contracts for the DJs who will be playing at 2015 SHC and then discussed the workshops and instructors for SHC. It was decided to have the \$1,000.00 Cash Raffle again at 2015 SHC. The good news of being able to have the Mid-Winter Dance at CCCC.**

## **CJC 2015 Schedule**

**(South Side Club)**

**All dances are at the Chicago South Elks Club except where noted.**

**March 14 - Puttin' on the Ritz @ Glendora House**

**March 28 - Justadance - Elks**

**April 11 - CJC Spirit Dance Night - Elks  
(Club tee shirts will be the fashion)**

**April 25 - Justadance - Elks**

**Please check their website [www.chicagojitterbugclub.com](http://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**

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**\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\***

**There will be a Jitterbug Lesson May 2, 2015  
Instructors will be Mike and Debbe Lapina**

**If you are looking for our club shirts, etc., please visit  
EMBROIDERY ON DEMAND  
[www.embroideryondemand.com](http://www.embroideryondemand.com)**

**Don't forget to sign up for the club's  
Official Email List!  
Send your email info to:**

**Audrey at [cadygirl3@comcast.net](mailto: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 Kokalj** .....President  
**Vacant** .....1st Vice President  
**Pat Agriesti** .....2nd Vice President  
**Mary Pat Lamberty** .....Secretary  
**Janet Campeotto** .....Treasurer

**Mabel Debeikis** .....Vol./Hosp. Director  
**Gay Essary** .....Audio-Director  
**Audrey Oleksy** .....Technical Director  
**Linda Nelligan** .....Social Director



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

## **CLUB MEMBER'S TO DO LIST**

- 1. SEE AUDREY TO SIGN UP FOR CONSTANT CONTACT**
- 2. PICK UP A FLYER FOR SWEET HOME CHICAGO**
- 3. FIND YOUR FAVORITE SHIRT FOR OUR BASBALL DANCE**
- 4. BUY A 50/50 TICKET**
- 5. COME OUT TO A DANCE AND SUPPORT THE CLUB**

**Our Dress Code Policy is  
NO JEANS OF ANY COLOR - NO SHORTS!**

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.

**CWCJC NOMINATION FORM - May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**REMINDERS:**

1. To run for an Officer position, you must have served on the Board of Directors for six months.

Two Officers to be elected on May 30<sup>th</sup>: 1st Vice-President, Secretary.

2. To run for a Director position, you must be a member in good standing of CWCJC.

Two Directors to be elected on May 30<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer/Hospitality Director, Technical Director.

3. Nomination forms must be signed by the member making the nomination as well as the member accepting the nomination. The form must be completed in full, including membership numbers and phone numbers for confirmation.
4. Nomination forms MUST be received by 12:01 a.m., May 2, 2015, by Election Chairperson, Joanne Kokalj, 5860 North Odell, Chicago, Illinois 60631. Joanne can be reached at 773 - 792-8842 or at [Pjkokalj@aol.com](mailto:Pjkokalj@aol.com)

**DO NOT GIVE THIS FORM TO ANY OTHER BOARD MEMBER OR CLUB MEMBER!**

5. NOMINATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 12:01 A.M. May 2, 2015.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of nominating member

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I accept. Signature of nominated member

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Phone #

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Member #

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Phone #

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Member #

Note: If you are running for a board position, you may submit a short article listing your qualifications/attributes, to be run in the May/June newsletter. This article must be submitted with your completed nomination form no later than April 15, 2015. Also, phone numbers are considered confidential, and are only available to the Board of Directors and Election Committee.