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Joanne Kokalj
President

I read an interesting article in the December, ABA newsletter (www.americanbopassociation.com) The article was written by Cal Shaw, former president of the ABA and was about apathy and how it affects dance clubs.

Apathy is a lack of interest or concern. It can mean that a person is indifferent to things that others care about. When it comes to a dance club that type of feeling by its members can eventually be fatal to a club. On the whole, our club does not suffer from this, however, I am sure there are a few members who actually do feel apathy toward our club. Let's hope that feeling never spreads to the great majority. As President, I will do my best to see that it doesn't, and I hope that you will all do the same.

The article in its entirety is printed in this newsletter.

I want to welcome Mabel Debeikis to the board; she is our Volunteer/Hospitality Director. Mabel is a charter member and comes to us with lots of experience after serving on the board of the Chicago Dance Club for many years. As she continues to work on the club's volunteer list, I am sure she will be around to see if she can interest you in signing up to volunteer at one of the dances.

Volunteering can be fun, so don't ever be afraid to sign up. Working the front door or in the kitchen or at Sweet Home Chicago is not difficult, the board is easy to work with and you will be getting involved and helping the club. I try my best to acknowledge and thank our volunteers throughout the year and I know that the entire board does also, we are all very grateful for the help that we get.

We are going to be having 2 raffles again this year. The first raffle is for a 3-night stay at the Westin in Itasca, over Sweet Home Chicago which is June 27, 28 and 29. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be on June 1st at the club dance, winner need not be present. Mike Lapina will be selling tickets so you can see him at any one of the dances. The second raffle has a \$1,000 cash first prize and a 2nd prize of \$250. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will take place on Saturday, June 29th at Sweet Home Chicago, winner need not be present, but we hope all of you will be there. Audrey Oleksy will be selling these tickets and you can also see her at the dances. A great way for you to help the club is to take some tickets on consignment and sell them to your friends or family. After all, who wouldn't be happy to win \$1,000.

I am selling tickets for Sweet Home Chicago, so pick up one of our flyers or see me at one of the dances. You don't want to miss out on our dance party; we have one of the best. Tickets are \$75 and that includes 5 workshops, oldies from 7 to 9 on Thursday evening, the club's Friday afternoon hospitality, a late night buffet on Friday evening, battle of the DJs on Saturday afternoon, dinner and our 4th of July ceremony on Saturday evening and Gospel Hour on Sunday morning, plus hours and hours of dancing,

We have some fun things coming up at the club during March and April. On March 2nd and March 16th, Gloria Medel will be teaching Jitterbug. On March 16th we will also

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be having our St. Pat's Party and will be serving corn beef sandwiches and chips. On April 6th, Bev Solazzo will be teaching West Coast, this is also our Baseball night dance and we have Mike Hartman as a guest DJ for that evening and we will be serving hot dogs too. Don't miss out they will be fun dances.

See me at one of the dances if you wish to take an ad out in our newsletter. For \$40, (\$10 per newsletter) your business card or ad can appear in the next four newsletters. Also, if you take an ad out in our newsletter, for \$25 more you can advertise on the club's web-site. This is another great way for you to help support the club and it can also benefit you or your business. In our newsletter you can also advertise items you may want to sell or put a want ad in for items that you may be looking to purchase from others. You will get 3 full lines for \$10 per issue.

See you at the dance,
Joanne

January and February Meeting Recaps

January 9th Meeting:

Checking: \$7,882.28 - Money Market: \$11,888.86 - Birthday fund: \$4,201.00.
Members: 484

Discussed:

Susan Havrish has sent in her resignation from the board. Confirmed the tent dance at the Westin will be Friday, May 10th. Discussed workshops, exhibitions and DJ's for this year's SHC. Updating the membership renewal cards. Cleaning out the cabinets and gathering the Lost and Found items to be put out at the February 6th and 16th dances. Discussed the possibility of having our New Year's Eve Party in 2013. We also discussed the St. Pat's Dance on March 16th.

February 13th Meeting:

Checking: \$7,101.81 - Money Market: \$11,889.06 - Birthday fund: \$5,551.25.
Members: 480

Decided to have the New Year's Eve Party again this year. Discussed the 2014 SHC contract at the Westin. Confirmed our reservation at Pottawatomie Park for our picnic. The cabinets in the back room have been cleaned and the Lost and Found items will be on the front table. Decided to have another Closet Sale at our May 4th dance. Discussed the April 20th Swing into Spring dance at Chevy Chase Country Club.

Apathy-the Silent Killer

At some point in time, apathy seems to strike every club regardless of the type club. This terrible affliction can appear without warning or can slowly but inexorably take the heart and soul from a club Why does it happen? What are the warning signs of impending apathy? Can it be stopped or curbed?

Why it happens is relatively simple-people no longer care about the club, it's goals or the running of it's business. There can be a wide range of reasons club members develop an attitude that the club is no longer important to them. Their perception might be the club is no longer fun or it's too much work or the politics within the club are distasteful, or they are among the very few who ever volunteer, and are tired, or some members are trying to change the original intent of the club, or, since no one else seems to care, why should they keep trying to make their club successful.

Some signs of impending apathy can be seen at renewal time, when, not only is the club not getting new members, but renewals are declining year after year. Other signs might include lack of attendance at Board meetings, lack of member attendance at social events, no volunteers to help at social events, lack of participation in elections or serving on the Board, members who don't appear friendly, and those who always ask "What value do I get for my dues?"

Can apathy be stopped or curbed? Maybe so, maybe not. There are some things that can be tried. Perhaps members would be more involved if they thought their input to the club was important. Too often I think members have ideas or suggestions for the club that are casually cast aside by the Board as too much trouble, never been done in the past, was tried 10 years ago and didn't work then, etc. Any reason will work, but eventually the member will perceive that his or her ideas are no good in the view of the Board, so why bother? While that may be true, those same members might dissuade members with perhaps good ideas to save their energy because "the Board has their own agenda and really don't want your ideas." Maybe the club could be more friendly and less cliqueish, maybe the club would be better served to hold close to the reason they formed, and stop trying to be everything to everybody. Maybe the Board could show appreciation to members who help, and remember that, just because they are in power doesn't mean they have control of all the good ideas. Lastly, every club member is a volunteer, and became so when they voluntarily joined the club. Since volunteers aren't paid, no one can expect a volunteer to stick around when they are not made to feel appreciated or needed.

These are just my thoughts and opinions about apathy. I hope there is something here to help a club remain a viable, vibrant entity in the dance community.

Cal Shaw, Past President, American Bop Assoc.

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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> .

CWCJC merchandise for sale at all regular dances at the American Legion Hall from 9:00 to 9:30pm

Club Jackets \$70.00

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 773-545-6107. 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: Tom Broderick, Bill Matthews, Ken Liacone & Gabrielle Gang.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO: Gail Tatsuda on the loss of her mother.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Judy Wagner, Carol Chiakas, Louis Visconti & Cynthia Rohr

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: March 13th and April 10th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall they run approximately 3 hours.

CJC Schedule

All dances at Crestwood Elks, except March 9th at Glendora House.

March 9th: Puttin' on the Ritz

March 23rd: Regular Dance

April 13th: Black & White Dance

April 27th: Regular Dance

January/February Dance Reports

January 19th

110 members 22 guests 132 total Stoney Burke won \$181!

February 2nd

105 members 20 guests 125 total Clay Voegtle won \$143!

February 16th Rumba Lesson

110 members 20 guests 130 total Judy Wagner won \$172!

Thanks to our volunteers and dance hosts: Vince & Dolly D'Agostino, Midge Klein, Dan Bihler, Nancy Levy, Tony Brancato, Sandy Glunz, Willie Townsend, Sr., Mary Ann Burke, Bob & Mabel Debeikis, Jordy & Shelley Gross, Paul Romz, Linda Masterson, Bob Wilkinson, Karen Matthews & John Schwerdtfeger. Thanks!!!

Upcoming CWCJC Schedule

All dances are at Franklin Park American Legion, 9757 Pacific Avenue, except April 20th at Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling , and May 10 at the Westin Hotel, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca.

PLEASE NOTE: ON NIGHTS WHEN THERE IS A LESSON TAUGHT, DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM, LESSON FROM 7 TIL 8. DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8PM FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LESSON.

March 2nd

Regular Dance, Mike Lapina & Gloria Medel teach Jitterbug 1 (East Coast Swing). Doors open at 6:45pm, lesson \$4 for members with paid admission, \$5 for guests with paid admission. Doors open at 8pm for those not taking the lesson.

March 16th

St. Pat's Dance, corned beef served with chips. Mike & Gloria teach Jitterbug 2. Prices and times the same as March 2nd with one exception: Guests pay \$15 for lesson and dance, \$12 for just dance only, since food is being served. Members with March birthdays get in FREE!

April 6th

Take Me Out to the Ballgame Dance, Mike Hartman guest DJ. Wear your Cubs or Sox gear, hot dogs served. Bev Salozzo teaches West Coast Swing. Prices and times are the same as March 16th, since food is served. Members with April birthdays get in FREE! (lesson extra).

Jeans ok.

April 20th

Chevy Chase Spring Dance (See flyer in newsletter)

May 4th

Regular Dance, Mary Pat's Clearance Sale.

Friday, May 10th

Tent Dance, Westin Itasca Lakeside Pavilion

May 18th

Regular Dance, members with May birthdays get in FREE!

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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 .

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
Ralph Dahma	1st Vice President
Pat Agriesti	2nd Vice President
Mary Pat Lamberty	Secretary Pro Tem
Janet Campeotto	Treasurer

Mabel Debeikis ..	Vol./Hosp. Director Pro Tem
Bill Matthews	Audio-Director
Vacant	Sales Director
Linda Nelligan	Social Director



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

CWCJC Members & Guests To-Do List

- 1. Attend lessons on March 2nd & 16th, April 6th.**
- 2. Wear your green on March 16th.**
- 3. Wear your Cubs or Sox gear on April 6th.**
- 4. See Linda about Chevy Chase Spring Dance, April 20th.**
- 5. Attend Tent Dance at Westin Itasca, Friday, May 10th.**
- 6. See Joanne about Sweet Home Chicago tickets.**
- 7. See Mike and Audrey about Raffle tickets.**
- 8. See Mabel about volunteering.**
- 9. Come to Mary Pat's Clearance Sale on May 4th.**
- 10. Save the date: CWCJC Picnic: July 28th. Summer's coming!**

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

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Hot Line (773) 467-0177

Swing into Spring

Chevy Chase Country Club

1000 Milwaukee Avenue

Wheeling, IL

Saturday – April 20, 2013

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



Members \$43.00

Guests \$53.00

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

Ticket Price Includes a Buffet Dinner

Served Promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Chicken, Beef, Turkey, Sides, Dessert and Coffee

Cash Bar

Music by Bill Matthews

**Prepaid Reservations Required
by April 13, 2013**



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 "Swing into Spring" Reservation Form



Deadline for Paid Reservations is April 13, 2013

No Admission without a Paid Reservation - No Exceptions

Name _____

CWCJC Member # _____ Phone # _____

Member(s) _____ x \$43.00 = \$ _____

Guest(s) _____ x \$53.00 = \$ _____

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
137 S. Chase Ave.
Lombard, IL 60148**

For more info, call Linda at (630) 627-2935





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June 27 through June 30, 2013

Westin Chicago Northwest
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Phil Dorroll – West Coast Swing
Bev Solazzo & Randy Baustert – Night Club 2
Mike & Debbe Lapina – Hustle

Your Weekend Ticket Includes:

- ★ Thursday – Dancin' to the Oldies 7p.m.-9p.m.
- ★ Generous Hospitality
- ★ Friday - Late Night Buffet
- ★ Saturday Afternoon Battle of the Deejays
- ★ Saturday Evening Dinner Buffet
- ★ Sunday Gospel Session
- ★ No Competition / Over 25 Hours of Open Dancing
- ★ Free Dance Workshops
- ★ Great Dance Exhibitions
- ★ 2,800 Sq. Ft. Wood Dance Floor
- ★ Wonderful Vendors
- ★ FREE Parking and Smoke Free Ballroom

Ticket Price: \$75.00 if postmarked by June 1, 2013; \$85.00 thereafter. Attendees must be 21 or over.

Event tickets may be purchased online at www.shc-info.com and paid for through *PayPal*. Table reservations are available for the weekend with the purchase of 10 event tickets. Tickets are not refundable, but may be transferred. Contact *Joanne Kokalj* at (773) 792-8842 or email pjkokalj@aol.com for table reservations, ticket transfers, and/or for more info regarding the event.

Call the *Westin Chicago Northwest* for hotel reservations during regular business hours at (630) 775-1549 & ask for the reservation supervisor. Please mention *Sweet Home Chicago/CWCJC* to get the special room rate of \$89.00 per night for a regular room, \$114.00 for a Junior Suite, or \$139.00 for a Deluxe Suite. These special room rates will only be honored until *June 7, 2013*. Don't delay!

Please provide a full name and address for each ticket ordered.

Ticket Price: \$75.00 if postmarked by June 1, 2013; \$85.00 if postmarked thereafter.

Order early; ticket sales are limited. Attendees must be 21 or over.

Please Print Clearly

Name(s)	_____	# of Tickets	_____
Address	_____	Phone #	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	E-Mail	_____
Club Affiliation	_____	Amt. Enclosed	\$ _____

Check box for raffle ticket

Enclose an additional \$5 for a chance to win a 3 night stay at the Westin during SHC 2013
Raffle ticket will be mailed with your confirmation letter
Drawing will take place on June 1st; winner need not be present to win.

Make check payable to: CWCJC - DO NOT SEND CASH

Mail check, completed form, and a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Joanne Kokalj, 5860 N. Odell, Chicago, IL 60631

Please note that we do not mail out tickets, instead you will receive a confirmation letter.

Tickets are not refundable, but may be transferred by calling Joanne Kokalj at (773) 792-8842.

CWCJC NOMINATION FORM---Election date June 1st, 2013

REMINDERS:

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

2 Officers to be elected on June 1st: 1st Vice -President, Secretary.

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

2 Directors to be elected on June 1st : Volunteer/Hospitality Dir., Sales Dir.

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 AM, April 14th, 2013, by Temporary Election Chairman Joanne Kokalj, 5860 N. Odell, Chicago, IL 60631. Joanne can be reached at 773-792-8842 or at 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 AM, April 14TH, 2013.

I, _____ hereby nominate _____

for the position of _____.

Signature of nominating member

I accept. Signature of nominated member

Phone #

Member#

Phone #

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. Also, phone numbers are considered confidential, and are only available to the Board of Directors and Election Committee.