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Joanne Kokalj
President

This month I thought I would write about support and what it means to our club. First of all, I do want to thank the many, many members who have loyally supported this club throughout the years. That said, I would like to say what can happen when that support is no longer there, in particular for special events. For the past few years, attendance at the Swing into Spring dance at Chevy Chase has been dwindling. We are not sure why, but assume it could be for a variety of reasons: health or family issues, too costly for some, might be getting tired of it, had something else do; and the list can go on. Even our birthday dances in November are not what they once were, although attendance is higher at that dance. This year we did not make our minimum guarantee for Swing into Spring, however, Chevy Chase was kind enough to work with us.

Sometimes we might think I am not going to go to Chevy Chase this year or to Sweet Home Chicago, I'm going to take a break or do something else, understandably so, as we all sometimes want to take a break or try something new. And of course there are times when we have other obligations that we must attend to, and unfortunately for some they have health issues. The problem comes in when you think I am only one person, how much can they miss me. Believe me those one or two people can add up quickly and become the difference of whether or not we can continue with certain events. I am not talking about the regular club dances here, at this time we are doing well with those, but special events seem to be taking a hit. I want everyone to understand that if they are not supported they will indeed go away. If we continually lose money, or the counts just keep going down then the right thing to do is to no longer have these events. And that is so unfortunate for those that enjoy these special evenings and have come out and supported it.

Right now our Sweet Home Chicago count is lower than normal at this point in time. While we seem to be a club that does most of our ticket sales as it gets closer to an event, this too can go away if not supported. Also, if we had enough support locally we would not have to rely on out of town people coming to this event. Unfortunately, even tho we are a big club and this is a big city with other clubs, we still need to rely on out of town support. I am hopeful that ticket sales will improve, of course we do well with sales at the door, but it is scary for those of us who know what this can mean to our club if we have a really low turnout.

Remember, a club remains strong because its members support its dances, and its events as well as purchasing a raffle ticket or buying some 50/50 tickets. Eight board members cannot hold everything together, cross their fingers and pray

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everything turns out okay. I'm sure our members would want the board to act responsibly and do what is best for the club. And we as a board make those decisions based on what we see in the way of attendance and ticket sales. So if you don't want things to end then you need to support our events and dances as much as possible. Again, thanks to all of those who continually support this club. Over the past few months quite a few of our members have been ill, please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers and we wish all of them a speedy recovery.

See you at the dance,
Joanne

March 2013 Recap

Corrections: In the January/February 2013 Newsletter, the 25th BD Account was shown as \$5,551.25. It should have been \$4,551.25. Mabel Debiekis' (Pro-Tem Volunteer/Hospitality Director) phone should be 773 - 599-7845.

March 13, 2013 Meeting: Ending February 28th balances - Checking Account \$8,262.46, Money Market Account \$11,889.24, 25th BD Account \$4,901.43.

Discussed: SHC Convention ticket sales, Salute to the Veterans, SHC schedules and the participating vendors. ABA Hall of Fame letter for Norm Oden. Selling the cash register and paper rolls for \$100.00. Ideas for increasing the club's membership. Closet Sale at the May 4th dance. Shelley Gross teaching a line dance lesson at the May 18th dance. Mike Hartman being our guest DJ at the April 6th dance. Our upcoming Swing into Spring dance at the CCCC. The St. Pat's dance and the Baseball dance. Preparing the additions, corrections and/or updating the CWCJC By-Laws.

April 2013 Recap

April 10, 2013 Meeting: Ending March 31st balances - Checking Account \$8,104.49, Money Market Account \$11,889.44, 25th BD Account \$5,251.65. The St. Pat's Dance was a cost of \$506.28 to the club.

Discussed: Having the SHC schedules printed. Preparing the SHC volunteer sign-up sheets. SHC vendors. Upcoming Swing into Spring dance at CCCC. Picnic at Pottawatomie Park.

Correction

The phone number for Volunteer/Hospitality Director,
Mabel Debiekis, is: 773 - 599-7845.

CJC Schedule:

All dances at Crestwood Elks.

May 11 Regular Dance

May 25 Crazy T-shirt Night

June 8 Flag Day Dance

June 22 Regular Dance

For Sale

Electric Cash Register with paper roles for \$100.00. Alpha 710ML---Royal Cash Management System. \$200+ value, call Joanne 773-792-8842.

Save The Date

Please save the date for our Picnic at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles on July 28, 2013.

MARY PAT'S CLOSET SALE - MAY 4, 2013 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Sale prices: SHC Polos (Small Only) \$5.00 but if you buy a different size SHC Polo for \$10.00, you will receive a small SHC Polo for free.

Old CWCJC Polos - \$10.00. CWCJC T-Shirts - \$5.00.

SHC Pins and CWCJC Pins - \$3.00. SHC Mugs - \$3.00.

Regular priced items: Black Satin Club Jackets - \$65.00.

Lightweight Jackets - \$80.00. Newer CWCJC Polo Shirts - \$35.00.

Shoe Bags - \$30.00

| MAY | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Bill Johnson | 1 |
| Danny Hosek | 3 |
| Leslie Wiederhold | 3 |
| Philomena Dawson | 4 |
| Gay Essary | 4 |
| John (Butch) Pocica | 4 |
| Carm Scanlon | 4 |
| Marilyn Jablonski | 6 |
| Paul Romz | 7 |
| Gerald Koppel | 8 |
| Jane Laich | 9 |
| Linda Applebaum | 10 |
| Beth Lopotko | 10 |
| Virginia Roby | 10 |
| Stanley Ryzner | 10 |
| John Szuper | 10 |
| Ron Untiedt | 10 |
| Sybil Wijas | 11 |
| Stephen Koncz, Jr. | 12 |
| John Schwerdtfeger | 12 |
| Connie Gilpin | 13 |
| Gloria Racanelli | 14 |

| MAY | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Frank Lupac | 16 |
| Norm Victorson | 16 |
| Anthony Brancato | 18 |
| Wayne Rohr | 18 |
| Vince Agriesti | 19 |
| Fred Renzetti | 20 |
| Charles Spring | 20 |
| Ernst Dirndorfer | 21 |
| Debbe Lapina | 23 |
| Roxanne Klejna | 25 |
| Mary Lou Poremba | 25 |
| Susie Johnson | 27 |
| Janice Reynolds | 27 |
| Gloria August | 28 |
| Marshall Ellenstein | 28 |
| Thomas M. Jablonski | 28 |
| Hal Johnson | 28 |
| Virginia Douglas | 29 |
| Pamela Gembicki | 29 |
| Bob Parille | 29 |
| Clay Voegtle | 30 |
| Mary Jo Cappitelli | 31 |

| JUNE | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Linda Koppel | 4 |
| Gene Dombrowski | 5 |
| J.A. Armour | 6 |
| Scott West | 6 |
| Bob Presta | 7 |
| Warren Johnson | 8 |
| Corrine Rupar | 9 |
| Joyce D. Bien | 10 |
| Patti Kamerlander | 10 |
| Jim Canada | 12 |
| Judy Smaida | 12 |
| Kris Taylor | 12 |
| Marge O'Connor | 13 |
| Gerry Fabros | 14 |
| Brett Daniel | 15 |
| Cynthia Dorian | 17 |

| JUNE | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Ruth Graham | 19 |
| Audrey Pijanowski | 19 |
| Tina Romano | 19 |
| Gene Bylina | 20 |
| Gail Tatsuda | 22 |
| Rici Sultan | 23 |
| Mary Jo Kelly | 24 |
| Lyn Alongi | 25 |
| Michael Ader | 27 |
| Karen Jacobs | 27 |
| John M. Vick | 27 |
| Helen Oshinski | 28 |
| Jim Vahey | 28 |
| Russ Lijewski | 29 |
| Joseph Cavallaro | 30 |
| Douglas Clark | 30 |

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: Sam Casanova, Willie Townsend, Lynne Goldberg, Larry Chudnow, Terry McDonagh, Christine Karczewski, Frank Orseno, Ewing Metoyer, Steve Koncz Jr., and to all the others that we may not have heard about.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Tom Broderick and Ginny Turner on their engagement.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO: Kay Riegler on the loss of her father.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Denise Novak, Wayne Romzo, Thomas Russo.

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: May 8th and June 12th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall they run approximately 3 hours.

March/April Dance Reports

March 2nd Jitterbug Lesson

124 members 35 guests 159 total Marshall Ellenstein won \$198!

March 16th St. Pat's Dance & JB Lesson

154 members 26 guests 180 total Arlene Kaminski won \$248!

April 6th Baseball Dance & West Coast Lesson

151 members 24 guests 175 total Frank Orseno won \$241!

April 20th Chevy Chase Dance

146 members & guests Jim Mauer won \$267!

Thanks to our volunteers and dance hosts: Audrey Oleksy, Mary Hale, Vickie & Joe Konewko, Stoney & Mary Ann Burke, Warren & Sherryon Johnson, Marshall Ellenstein, Doreen Berholtz, Vince & Dolly D'Agostino, Willie Townsend, Sr., Bob Debeikis, Jordy & Shelley Gross, Dan & Sue Hosek, Ed & Mary Ann Horan, Greg Martin, Paul Romz & Pam Cress. Thank You!

Upcoming CWCJC Schedule

All dances are at Franklin Park American Legion, 9757 Pacific Avenue, except May 10th and Sweet Home Chicago, June 27-30, which are at the Westin Hotel, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL. Doors open at 7:45 pm, unless noted.

**May 4th
Regular Dance
Mary Pat's Closet Sale**

**Friday, May 10th
Tent Dance
Westin Itasca Lakeside Pavilion**

**May 18th
Regular Dance
Shelley Gross teaches a line dance.
Members with May birthdays get in FREE! (lesson extra).
Doors for lesson open at 6:45pm, doors for dance open 8pm.**

**June 1st
T-Shirt Night & Club Election (jeans ok).**

**June 15th
Red White & Blue Dance
Members with June birthdays get in FREE!**

**June 27th-30th
SWEET HOME CHICAGO
Westin Itasca**

**July 6th
Regular Dance**

**July 20th
Regular Dance
Members with July birthdays get in FREE!**

**Sunday, July 28th
Picnic at Pottawatomie Park**

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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.**

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

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| 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. Check out Mary Pat's Closet Sale on May 4th.**
- 2. Attend SHC Tent Dance at Westin on May 10th.**
- 3. Attend Shelley's lesson on May 18th.**
- 4. Wear your club shirt on June 1st.**
- 5. Wear Red, White & Blue on June 15th.**
- 6. Get hotel raffle tickets from Mike Lapina.**
- 7. Get \$1,000 SHC Cash raffle tickets from Audrey.**
- 8. Get Sweet Home Chicago tickets from Joanne.**
- 9. Reserve your room at the Westin, June 27-30.**
- 10. Tell a friend or stranger about CWCJC!!!**

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.



Sweet Home Chicago

13th Annual Dance Party

June 27 through June 30, 2013

Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL 60143
(630) 775-1549



Top Deejays

Jane Harrington – Valrico, FL
Sue Kestner – Nashville, TN
Gay Essary – Chicago, IL
Bill Matthews – Chicago, IL



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Matt & Crystal Auclair – Imperial Swing
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

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| 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.

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