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**Joanne Kokalj**  
President

**Don't forget to purchase your ticket for Sweet Home Chicago; it's getting closer and closer. It's always a fun weekend so don't miss out. See me at any one of the dances or mail in a form for your ticket. We have enclosed one with this newsletter and of course they are always available at the dances, as well as on line. Visit our web-site at [www.shc-info.com](http://www.shc-info.com).**

**Our Sweet Home Chicago volunteer sheets will be out soon, so please consider giving us an hour of your time at some point during the event. During the day we need help with registration and security and at night we need help with 50/50 ticket sales, we always appreciate any help that we can get.**

**This year at Sweet Home Chicago, we have a new shoe vendor. Dance Connection will be there with lots of great looking shoes, so stop by and see them. Also, Embroidery on Demand will be there, it's a great time to purchase your 25th anniversary shirt.**

**Our \$1,000/\$250 cash prize raffle is going on right now, tickets are \$5 each and the winner will be drawn Saturday night at Sweet Home Chicago. The winner need not be present, but you don't want to miss out on a great weekend so make plans to be there. Audrey Oleksy is selling these tickets and you can see her at any one of the dances.**

**Speaking of Audrey, she is now our Technical Director pro-tem. I am sure she will be an asset to the board and we are very happy to have her. You can read more about her inside this newsletter, just look for her election blurb. Now that she will be taking over this position, I just want to say a big thank you to Mike Lapina who since last summer has been taking care of our email files and has been sending out the constant contact emails for the club. Between doing this and all that he does for Sweet Home Chicago, he probably feels like he never left the board. Thanks Mike, on behalf of the entire board.**

**Just want to mention a little something about talking to the DJs at the dances. I know that I have said this before and I will say it again. Our club DJs are given guidelines to play, they always try to fit in any requests that they get, but sometimes they just are not able to do that. Also, they realize that you may not like some of the songs that are played. Please refrain from going up there and complaining to them. They do not need that distraction while they are working. If you have a complaint we have a suggestion box; please use it.**

**Don't forget to check out our 25th anniversary tee shirts, we have a sample of what the special logo will look like available at all of the dances. Mary Pat will be more than happy to work with you on how you can order one of these special shirts; they are only available throughout this year.**

**Don't forget to support the club by buying 50/50 tickets at the dances, buying cash raffle tickets and attending Sweet Home Chicago. And of course come to the dances as much as you can. We will soon celebrate 25 years together as a club due to the support of our members, let's continue that.**

**See you at the dance**

**Joanne**

## **CJC 2014 Schedule:**

**All dances at Crestwood Elks**

**May 10 - Justadance - Elks Lodge**

**May 24 - Dance - Elks Lodge**

**June 14 - Dance - Elks Lodge**

**June 28 - Justadance - Elks Lodge**

**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 you convenience!**

**Chicago South Elks Lodge - 4428 W. Midlothian Turnpike (140th west of Kostner)**

**\*\* Glendora House - 10225 S. Harlem**

## **LAST CHANCE**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD REGARDING NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Unfortunately, this past New Year's Eve we did not reach our guarantee with North Park Center. We have a guarantee of 100 people, we had 78. What that means is the club had to pay for these 22 people. At our last meeting we discussed ending New Year's Eve, but feel bad for those that do come and enjoy it. Before we make the final decision we would like to hear from you the members, especially those of you who attended this year. In order for us to continue we would have to increase the ticket price by at least \$10. That means it would run approximately \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. That is still a good price because there are very few places you can go on New Year's Eve for \$65 and have food, liquor and great music. Drop us a note in the suggestions box or email Linda Nelligan at: [lnelligan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lnelligan@sbcglobal.net).

## **MEMBERS**

**SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE CLUB,  
PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO [WWW.JITTERBUGCHICAGO.COM](http://WWW.JITTERBUGCHICAGO.COM)**

## **MARCH 2014 RECAP**

**March 12, 2014 Meeting - Ending February 28th balances - Checking Account \$ 3,389.39 -- Money Market Account \$ 9,892.57 -- 25th Account \$9,104.93.**

**Discussed: Welcomed Audrey Oleksy as our new Technical Director - Pro Tem. Due to the poor attendance, the board is still reviewing the possibility of discontinuing the New Year's Eve Party this year. Discussed the upcoming 2014 SHC convention, attendance, costs, vendors, etc. and also the 2015 SHC Convention. Discussed the Swing Into Spring dance at the CCCC. Discussed the April 5th - Baseball Night Dance.**

## **APRIL 2014 RECAP**

**April 9, 2014 Meeting - Ending March 31st balances - Checking Account \$4,675.10, Money Market Account \$9,882.74, 25th Account \$9,455.33.**

**Discussed: The finances of the club. The Swing Into Spring Dance cost the club \$240.82. Decision needs to be made if we are going to have a New Year's Eve Party or not. Having the SHC Convention Volunteer sign-up sheets available. Discussed the Schedule of Events for SHC. Having Gloria Medel teach the Gospel Line dance at the ALH on May 17th and at SHC.**

## **Absentee Ballots**

**Any member in good standing may request, in writing, that an absentee ballot be sent to them prior to the election. The ballot must be returned along with a copy of their valid membership card. This ballot must be mailed to the election chairman postmarked no later than 5 working days before the scheduled election. POST-MARKED No Later than Monday, June 2, 2014.**

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

## **FOR SALE**

**Electric Cash Register with paper roles for \$100.00.**

**MAY**

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

**MAY**

Gloria Racanelli .....14  
 Frank Lupac .....16  
 Norm Victorson .....16  
 Anthony Brancato .....18  
 Vince Agriesti .....19  
 Fred Renzetti .....20  
 Ernst Dirndorfer .....21  
 Maryellen Heim .....22  
 Debbe Lapina .....23  
 Roxanne Klejna .....25  
 Mary Lou Poremba...25  
 Janice Reynolds .....27  
 Pat Ciarrocchi .....28  
 Marshall Ellenstein ...28  
 Thomas M. Jablonski ...28  
 Hal Johnson .....28  
 Virginia Douglas .....29  
 Pamela Gembicki ....29  
 Bob Parille .....29  
 Clay Voegtle .....30

**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  
 Judy Smaida .....12  
 Kris Taylor .....12  
 Marge O'Connor .....13  
 Susan Chiovari .....14  
 Gerry Fabros .....14  
 Brett Daniel .....15

**JUNE**

Cynthia Dorian .....17  
 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  
 John M. Vick .....27  
 Helen Oshinski .....28  
 Jim Vahey .....28  
 Russ Lijewski .....29  
 Mary Lynn Pross .....29  
 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](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

## Centerstage

**GET WELL WISHES TO:** Dolly D'Agostino, Terry McDonagh and Bill Matthews

**SYMPATHY TO:** Ernie Spears on the loss of his brother and to Michaline Romano on the loss of her brother in-law.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Bud Kohler

**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 MEETINGS ARE:** May 14th and June 11th. 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**

## March/April 2014 Dance Reports

**March 1st**

**44 members, 14 guests, 58 total. Janet Campeotto won \$ 72.00.**

**March 15th**

**112 members, 29 guests, 141 total. Mike Kazarian won \$ 200.00.**

**March 22nd**

**Swing into Spring at the Chevy Chase Country Club**

**131 members, 20 guests, 151 total. Stoney Burke (Mary Ann) won \$326.00**

**April 5th**

**104 members, 22 guests, 126 total. Bob Slater won \$209.00.**

**Thanks to volunteers: Willie Townsend, Sr., Stoney and Mary Ann Burke, Bob Debeikis, Joe and Vicky Konewko, Babe and Sherry Johnson, Mary Ann and Ed Horan, Pricilla Patterson and Vince Agriesti.**

## **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.**

**May 3 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**May 17 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**Reminder: Gloria Medel will be teaching a Gospel Line Dance to be performed at our SHC Convention**

**Members with May birthdays get in free.**

**June 7 - Dance - ALH - Club T-Shirt Night & Elections**

**Jeans will be allowed**

**PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last chance to purchase SHC tickets at the \$77.00 price!**

**June 21 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**Members with June birthdays get in free.**

**June 26-28 - Sweet Home Chicago**


**Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel  
Park  
Itasca, Illinois**

**[www.jitterbugchicago.com](http://www.jitterbugchicago.com)**

**My name is Audrey Oleksy and I am running for the position of Technical Director. I have been a club member for a little over a year, but, have attended many dances throughout the years prior to joining. I have recently retired from my position as a Senior Statistical Analyst at an Insurance Trade company. Many of you may know me; I have worked the Sweet Home Chicago registration desk in the evenings for the past 10 years. This is also my second year of managing the \$1,000 cash prize raffle. I enjoy the club and look forward to working with the board. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.**

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

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Official Email List!  
Send your email info to:**

**Joanne at [pjkokalj@aol.com](mailto: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  
**Vacant** .....1st Vice President  
**Pat Agriesti** .....2nd Vice President  
**Mary Pat Lamberty** .....Secretary  
**Janet Campeotto** .....Treasurer

**Mabel Debeikis** .....Vol./Hosp. Director  
**Bill Matthews** .....Audio-Director  
**Audrey Oleksy** ...Technical Director Pro-Tem  
**Linda Nelligan** .....Social Director



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

## **CWCJC MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO-DO LIST**

- 1. SEE JOANNE TO PURCHASE YOUR SWEET HOME CHICAGO TICKET**
- 2. SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER AT SWEET HOME CHICAGO**
- 3. SEE AUDREY TO PURCHASE A \$1,000 CASH PRIZE RAFFLE TICKET**
- 4. SEE MARY PAT TO PURCHASE A CLUB 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRT**
- 5. SUPPORT THE CLUB – COME TO THE DANCES**
- 6. RAKE YOUR GRASS AND GET THE LAWN FURNITURE OUT –  
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.





**Sweet Home Chicago**  
 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Party  
 June 26 through June 28, 2014



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

**Top Deejays**

Jane Harrington - Valrico, FL  
 Mike Hall - Louisville, KY  
 Norm Oden - Chicago, IL  
 Bill Matthews - Chicago, IL



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**Fantastic Workshop Instructors**

Julie Hein - Country 2 Step & Hustle  
 Phil Dorroll - West Coast Swing & Night Club 2  
 Gloria Medel - Jitterbug

**Your Weekend Ticket Includes:**

- ★ Thursday – Dancin’ to the Oldies with Mike Hartman 7p.m.-9p.m.
- ★ Generous Hospitality
- ★ Friday Afternoon Gospel Hour with Bud Waters
- ★ Friday - Late Night Buffet
- ★ Saturday Afternoon Battle of the Deejays
- ★ Saturday Evening Dinner Buffet
- ★ 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: \$77.00 if postmarked by June 7, 2014; \$87.00 thereafter. Attendees must be 21 or over.**

Event tickets may be purchased online at [www.shc-info.com](http://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](mailto: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 **\$90.00** per night for a regular room, **\$115.00** for a Junior Suite, or **\$140.00** for a Deluxe Suite. These special room rates will only be honored until **June 7, 2014**. Don't delay!

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

**Ticket Price: \$77.00 if postmarked by June 7, 2014; \$87.00 if postmarked thereafter.**

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

**Please Print Clearly**

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

**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.**

**Financial Statement 2013**  
**1/1/13 thru 12/31/13**

<b>Inflows</b>	<b>Inflows (con't)</b>	<b>Outflows (con't)</b>	<b>Outflows (con't)</b>
Checking Acct Begin. Balance	7,402.29	Equipment - Computers	1,173.11
Money Market Begin. Balance	11,888.86	Flowers	1,011.90
25th Birthday Acct Begin. Balance	4,201.06	Hall Rental	8,270.00
25th Birthday Account	4,200.00	Hall Rental - Baseball Dance	550.00
50-50	2,393.00	Hall Rental - Dance Lesson	20.00
50-50 Baseball Dance	242.00	Hall Rental - Halloween Dance	550.00
50-50 Birthday Dance	274.00	Hall Rental - Holiday Dance	570.00
50-50 Dancapoolza	73.00	Hall Rental - St. Patrick's Dance	550.00
50-50 Halloween Dance	171.00	Hall Rental - Tailgate Dance	570.00
50-50 Holiday Dance	235.00	Hall Rental - Veteran's Dance	550.00
50-50 New Years Eve	157.00	Insurance	1,484.56
50-50 Picnic	123.00	Internet Service	1,078.88
50-50 St. Patrick's Dance	254.00	Misc	58.26
50-50 Swing into Spring	268.00	New Years Eve	4,194.58
50-50 Tailgate Dance	128.00	Newsletter	3,459.66
50-50 Veteran's Dance	212.00	Office Supplies	68.65
ABA Rebate	24.00	P.O. Box Rental	54.00
Birthday Dance Revenue	7,290.00	Picnic Expense	1,811.54
Coffee Maker Replacement	82.86	Postage	328.76
Cruise Rebate	54.08	Printing Expense	374.47
Dance Admissions	9,666.00	Registered Agent - Filing Fees	25.00
Dance Admissions - Baseball Dance	843.00	Security - Birthday Dance	130.00
Dance Admissions - Halloween Dance	610.00	Security - New Years Eve	160.00
Dance Admissions - Holiday Dance	699.00	Security - Swing into Spring	130.00
Dance Admissions - St. Patrick's Day	905.00	SHC - Cash Prize Raffle	1,448.50
Dance Admissions - Tailgate Dance	542.00	SHC - D.J.	1,600.00
Dance Admissions - Veterans Dance	589.00	SHC - DJ Preview Dance	250.00
Dance Lesson Revenue	548.00	SHC - Decorations	146.43
Donations - Veterans	109.00	SHC - Floor-Sound Expense	3,800.00
Interest Income 25th Ann. Acct.	3.17	SHC - Hospitality Expense	942.91
Interest Income Money Market	3.38	SHC - Hotel Expense	18,133.49
Membership Dues	11,995.00	SHC - Misc.	384.17
New Years Eve	5,074.68	SHC - Postage	93.00
Newsletter Advertisement	42.50	SHC - Posters, Table Signs, etc.	76.91
Picnic Revenue	573.00	SHC - Preview Dance	573.79
Sale of Merchandise	594.50	SHC - Printing	471.43
SHC - 50-50	1,566.00	SHC - Registration Workers	240.00
SHC - 50-50 Preview Dance	228.00	SHC - Security	487.50
SHC - Cash Raffle Deposit	1,726.00	SHC - Supplies	9.82
SHC - Donation	270.00	SHC - Website Domain	107.88
SHC - Hospitality Revenue	150.00		
SHC - Preview Dance Tickets	835.00		
SHC - Tickets	23,095.34		
		<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>84,307.51</b>
		<b>Outflows</b>	
		25th Birthday Account	4,200.00
		50-50 Tickets	19.83
		50-50 Expense	47.16
		Advertisement	400.00
		ASCAP License Fee	40.28
		Awards	73.03
		Bank Charge	54.00
		Birthday Dance Expense	6,000.49
		Birthday Dance Deposit 2014	500.00
		Coffee Maker	82.86
		Computer Repair - Set-up	108.09
		Computer Software	204.32
		Constant Contact Email	191.28
		Dance Expense	48.50
		Dance Expense - Baseball Dance	323.60
		Dance Expense - Birthday Dance	6.50
		Dance Expense - Halloween	201.47
		Dance Expense - Holiday Buffet	1,505.64
		Dance Expense - St. Patrick's Dance	889.66
		Dance Expense - Veteran's Dance	75.52
		Dance Lesson Expense	141.00
		Dance Lesson Instructors	450.00
		D.J. Expense	3,025.00
		D.J. - Baseball Dance	200.00
		D.J. - Birthday Dance	425.00
		D.J. - Dance Lesson	175.00
		D.J. - Halloween Dance	200.00
		D.J. - New Years Eve	200.00
		D.J. - Holiday Dance	525.00
		D.J. - New Years	425.00
		D.J. - Picnic	200.00
		D.J. - St. Patrick's Dance	425.00
		D.J. - Swing into Spring	200.00
		D.J. - Tailgate Dance	200.00
		D.J. - Veterans Dance	200.00
		Donation	273.00
		Donation - Veteran's Dance	109.00
		<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>86,795.86</b>
		<b>December 31, 2013 Balance</b>	<b>21,003.86</b>