



May - June 2015

Rockin' Times

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Joanne Kokalj
President

Sweet Home Chicago is only about 8 weeks away. It's going to be a great weekend, so make plans to be there now by purchasing your ticket. Remember the price of the ticket is \$80 if postmarked by June 6th, and then it goes up to \$90. Day tickets are also available; cost is \$15 for Thursday, \$40 for Friday and \$50 for Saturday.

Here is what we have planned for this year: registration and dancing will begin on Thursday around 5:00pm. From 7:00pm to 9:00pm will be oldies with Mike Hartman.

On Friday morning, Rob Guignard from St. Louis will be teaching Jitterbug/Cha Cha Fusion. Also, on Friday morning Phil Dorroll will be teaching West Coast Swing. On Friday afternoon, we will have our 2 hour Gospel Session with Bud Waters, following that is the club's Hospitality hour with plenty of food and drinks. After the Hospitality hour, Shelley Gross will be teaching a line dance. In the evening from 10:00pm to 11:30pm is the late night buffet. So there is plenty of things going on Friday and of course lots to eat and drink not to mention hours and hours of great dancing music.

On Saturday morning Phil will be teaching Hustle and Rob will be teaching Night Club 2. In the afternoon is the Battle of the DJs, always fun and you never know who might be playing during these 2 hours. At 6:00pm in the evening is the dinner buffet, always lots of good stuff to eat. Saturday night is our tribute to the Veterans and later in the evening is the \$1,000 cash prize drawing.

The whole weekend is filled with great music and lots and lots of time for dancing. Our DJs for this year are Jane Harrington from Florida, Bud Waters from St. Louis, and our very own Gay Essary and Norm Oden.

Our vendors for this year are: Dance Connection (shoes), Embroidery on Demand (tee shirts and other items), Fly 2 Buy (jewelry and accessories) and Keep in Touch Massage Therapy. So save some time for shopping and a massage. This is a great time to pick up a club tee shirt, Embroidery on Demand has a large selection to chose from so make sure you check out our club shirts over the weekend.

Hope this gives you a picture of what Sweet Home Chicago will be this year. You can see that for the ticket price you get a fun-filled, food-filled, dance-filled weekend. It's a great time to spend with your club friends, and a great way to support our club.

Raffle tickets for our \$1,000/\$250 cash raffle are currently on sale, see Audrey Oleksy to purchase them. They are \$5 each, a great way to win \$1,000 and a great way to help out the club.

Sweet Home Chicago tickets are \$80 until June 7th. You can see me at any one of the dances, or you can mail in a flyer to me with your check or go on to our web-site: www.shc-info.com and order your ticket through paypal. Get 10 of your friends together and reserve a table now. Don't miss out it's going to be a great weekend!

See you at the dance,
Joanne

SURVEY REGARDING FEBRUARY CHEVY CHASE DANCE AND THE PICNIC

To help us make decisions please take a few minutes to fill out this survey and deposit it in the suggestion box. Please circle your response. There is no need for you to sign the survey.

If the dance at Chevy Chase were mid to late March, would you be more likely or less likely to attend?

More likely - 54 Less likely - 8

Is cost a factor in determining whether or not you attend?

Yes - 19 No - 55

Would you be interested in a Friday night dance at Chevy Chase?

Yes - 45 No - 22

Would no food at all be a better alternative than the buffet? Keep in mind that the dance will still cost approximately \$25 to cover the cost of the hall rental and the DJ.

Buffet - 61 No Food at all - 10

Briefly state your reason for not attending this year's dance at Chevy Chase on February 21st. Vacation, too expensive, other plans, weather, not enough singles.

Would you like to see the picnic at another pavilion?

Yes - 31 No - 22

If the club only served hot dogs and chips would you be willing to come to the picnic and pay \$10 to cover the cost of the park rental and DJ?

Yes - 51 No - 15

If the club only hired the DJ and covered the pavilion cost would you be willing to bring your own food?

Yes - 55 No - 11

Briefly state the reason that you did not attend the club picnic in 2014

Vacation, working, sick, not a member, too far, other plans, don't like picnics

Any other suggestions or thoughts on the Chevy Chase dance and the picnic. There were a few suggestions on this as well as the regular dances and the board will take them under consideration.

NOTE: Some did not answer every question, some answered certain questions stating either way is okay.

MARCH/APRIL 2015 DANCE REPORTS

March 7th

128 members, 14 guests, 142 total. Jack Boyd won \$210.00.

March 28th

132 members, 17 guests, 132 total. Donna Gargiulo won \$260.00

April 28th

103 members, 9 guests, 112 total. Rosario Bonaccorso won \$160.00

Thanks to the volunteers at our dances: Willie Townsend, Sr., Mary Ann and Stoney Burke, Vince Agriesti, Emily Cappuccitti, Bob Debeikis, Roberta Gerard, Sandy Glunz, Vicky and Joe Konewko, Paul Romz, Corrine Rugar and Bob Slater.

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.

May 2 - Regular Dance - ALH

***** JITTERBUG DANCE LESSON *****

May 30 - Regular Dance - ALH / Elections

June 20 - Club T-Shirt Night - ALH

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

June 25-27 - Sweet Home Chicago Convention

Westin Chicago Northwest

400 Park Boulevard

Itasca, Illinois

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MAY	
Danny Hosek	3
Leslie Wiederhold	3
Gay Essary	4
John (Butch) Pocica	4
Carm Scanlon	4
Paul Romz	7
Gerald Koppel	8
Jane Laich	9
Linda Applebaum	10
Beth Lopotko	10
Virginia Roby	10
Stanley Ryzner	10
Ron Untiedt	10
Sybil Wijas	11
John Schwerdtfeger...	12
Connie Gilpin	13
Gloria Racanelli	14

MAY	
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
Hal Johnson.....	28
Virginia Douglas.....	29
Pamela Gembicki	29
Bob Parille	29
Clay Voegtle	30

JUNE	
Patricia Hall-Kurczek ...	1
Linda Koppel	4
Gene Dombrowski.....	5
J.A. Armour	6
Scott West	6
Cher Converso	7
Bob Presta.....	7
Warren Johnson	8
Corrine Rupar	9
Patti Kamerlander	10
Judy Smaida	12
Kris Taylor	12
Marge O'Connor.....	13
Susan Chiovari.....	14
Gerry Fabros	14

JUNE	
Brett Daniel	15
Cynthia Dorian	17
Barbara Driber	18
Audrey Pijanowski ...	19
Tina Romano	19
Gene Bylina	20
Lynne Dubman.....	20
Gail Tatsuda	22
Rici Sultan	23
Mary Jo Kelly	24
Lyn Alongi	25
Donna Gargiulo	25
Helen Oshinski	28
Jim Vahey	28
Mary Lynn Pross	29
Douglas Clark.....	30

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**

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

MARCH 2015 RECAP

**Ending February 28, 2015 balances - Checking Account \$6,023.75,
Money Market Account \$10,099.14, 25th Anniversary Account \$2,551.26.**

Discussed: Our Mid-Winter Dance at the Chevy Chase Country Club cost the club \$243.42, if we had to cancel this dance, it would have cost the club \$500.00 which was the desposit. Discussed the upcoming dances at CCCC for 2015/2016. We contacted the insurance company to be sure the club's music equipment was covered both at the ALH and when we would need to use it outside of the hall, i.e. CCCC, etc. Discussed again the need of replacing/updating our music equipment. This will be discussed again after the SHC Convention. Discussed the upcoming Baseball dance, food, volunteers, prizes and the special raffle for the Cubs jacket. We worked on finalizing the Event Schedule, the DJs schedule, instructors and vendors for this year's SHC. Worked on setting up email addresses for the out-of-town people who attended last year's convention to receive information regarding our 2015 SHC Convention. Plus Constant Contact, Facebook and advertising are always discussed.

APRIL 2015 RECAP

**Ending March 31st balances - Checking Account \$5,529.99,
Money Market Account \$10,099.48, 25th Anniversary Account \$2,551.30.**

Discussed: The results from the recent survey, particularly the comments regarding the club allowing jeans at our dances . . . this will be discussed further. If we should have a picnic in the future, we questioned our insurance company if there would be any liability if we would do the cooking vs. having a caterer. Confirmed the prices, dance workshops, deejay schedules and vendors for 2015 SHC. We will print the Schedule of Events brochure and the volunteer sign-up sheets and have them available at the May 2nd dance. Selling club merchandise at both the ALH and SHC. Discussed purchasing a brass raffle drum to use for the 50/50 tickets, etc. We will begin selling the \$1,000.00 Cash Raffle tickets at the May 2nd dance. At every meeting, we always discuss advertising, Constant Contact and Facebook.

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

**If you are looking for our club shirts, etc., please visit
EMBROIDERY ON DEMAND
www.embroideryondemand.com**

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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 board meetings are: May 13th and June 10th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall, they run approximately 3 hours.

***** REMINDER *****

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

To avoid any late charges, please be sure to check your mailbox and look for the Big Pink Card which will advise you when it is time for you to renew your Membership.

CJC 2015 Schedule

(South Side Club)

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

May 9 - Vintage Dance Party - Elks

May 30 - Crazy Tee Shirt Night - Elks

**June 13 - Annual Flag Day Dance - Elks
(Casual Red/White/Blue)**

June 27 - Black & White Dance - Elks

**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**

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Official Email List!**

Send your email info to:

Audrey at 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.**

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

CLUB MEMBER'S TO DO LIST

- 1. PURCHASE YOUR SWEET HOME CHICAGO TICKET**
- 2. PURCHASE SOME \$1,000 CASH RAFFLE TICKETS**
- 3. BUY A 50/50 TICKET**
- 4. COME OUT TO A DANCE AND SUPPORT THE CLUB**
- 5. GET OUT YOUR LAWN FURNITURE – SPRING IS FINALLY HERE**

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
15th Annual Dance Party
June 25 through June 27, 2015



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

Top Deejays

Jane Harrington - Valrico, FL
 Bud Waters - St. Louis, MO
 Gay Essary - Chicago, IL
 Norm Oden - Chicago, IL



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Fantastic Workshop Instructors

Phil Dorroll - West Coast Swing and
 Beginner Hustle
 Rob Guignard - Night Club 2 and
 Jitterbug/Cha Cha Fusion
 Shelley Gross - "Let's Have A Party"
 Line Dance

Your Weekend Ticket Includes:

- ★ Thursday – Dancin' to the Oldies 7p.m.-9p.m.
- ★ Generous Hospitality
- ★ Friday Afternoon Gospel Hour
- ★ 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: \$80.00 if postmarked by June 6, 2015; \$90.00 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 \$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 10, 2015*. Don't delay!

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

Ticket Price: \$80.00 if postmarked by June 6, 2015; \$90.00 if postmarked thereafter.
 Order early; ticket sales are limited. Attendees must be 21 or over.
 Please Print Clearly



Name(s)	_____	# of Tickets	_____
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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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