



November - December 2014

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**Joanne Kokalj**  
President

**Well, it is almost time for our 25th anniversary celebration. I'm sure there are a lot of the older members who think back and can say there was a time we weren't sure the club would survive, but it did. Just like in life there are growing pains and of course there are parting of the ways when people want something else. But, we have managed to weather the storms as some would say.**

**There are so many reasons a club lasts this long and they all have to do with people. Starting from the very beginning there were the founding members, they had a great idea and decided to try it out and never gave up. They met every week for three years not only to work on what needed to be done to keep the club going, but ideas for parties and fun things to do at the dances. If it were not for the founding members and the charter members supporting this club faithfully in those early years it would have never made it.**

**Putting together our dance lesson program was no easy feat, and for many years our dance instructors worked week after week teaching people how to dance so that they could come to the club and enjoy and participate in the dancing.**

**Our DJs have worked so very hard throughout the years looking for songs that we all would enjoy dancing to, introducing new music and new songs that they found. And, when they would find a long lost great oldie or a new version of it they could hardly wait to play it at the club.**

**Many people throughout the years have given their personal time to serve on the board. Most of them doing it while holding down full time jobs and some of them serving in various positions, sometimes for years. The club would not have been able to function as well as it does without the dedication of its board members both past and present.**

**There are so many things to be done and volunteers are such an important part of the club. When they give their time to help out it makes it so much easier to do more of the fun things that we all enjoy.**

**And, of course there are all the members who support this club and have done so throughout the years, and hopefully will continue that support, for without all of you we would not have a club.**

**So congratulations to CWCJC on our 25th anniversary, may you continue on for many, many more years.**

**See you at the dance,  
Joanne**

# **CENTERSTAGE**

**SYMPATHY TO:** Joe Romando on the loss of his sister, to Debbie List on the loss of her mother and to Eileen Pedtke on the loss of her sister.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** John Milazzo, Rich Marquez, Bruce Weiss, Lynn & Howard Dubman, Hanli Mackrill, Cher Converso, John Butler, Connie Logan, Armondo Lopez and Barbara Dillenger.

**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:** Nov. 12th and Dec. 10th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall, they run approximately 3 hours.

## **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 TILL 8. DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8PM FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LESSON.**

**November 1 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**Vets and Troop Drive**

**Vets and Members with November birthdays get in free.**

**November 15 - 25th Anniversary Dance**

**Chevy Chase Country Club**

**Wheeling, Illinois**

**December 6 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**Elections and Toy Drive**

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

**December 20 - Holiday Party - ALH**

**December 31 - New Year's Eve**

**North Park Center**

**Franklin Park, Illinois**

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**Hello Windy City Jitterbug Members. My name is Gay Essary and I am one of the Dj's for Windy City. I will be on the ballot for Audio Director on Dec.6. I would like to give you some information about myself in regards to this position.**

**I became a Night Club Disc Jockey in 1976. In 1984 I started my own mobile Disc Jockey Service called Her Sound. I purchased and maintained the sound equipment and music library. I called or had meetings with all my clients, drafted contracts and executed all billing and paperwork involved in maintaining a business. My specialty was Weddings and Corporate parties. This requires particular attention to details and having a good rapport with various types of people. I was also the MC for these events which included making all announcements and encouraging guests to participate in activities such as line dances which I led. Her Sound was in business for 30 years. I continued to work in Dance Clubs during this time and offered my services to The Thunderbird Singles Dances, Good Time Charlie Singles Club and The Rebels Dances. I have also been a DJ for Swing Dance America, Danzapalooza and Sweet Home Chicago conventions. I think I would be an asset to the Windy City Board and I hope you will vote for me.**

**A brief dossier on me.**

**Hello, my name is Bruce Bossier. I'm a charter member, and the former Audio Director of this fine club. I'm running for the position of Audio Director again. While on the board, I assisted in getting our sister club (Chicago Jitterbug Club) to get started.**

**I have a degree from DeVry Tech in electronics. I also have a degree from the Le Cordon Bleu in Culinary Art. In high school, I worked for National Tea Co. as a stock boy. I also worked at an Italian Bakery as an assistant baker.**

**After high school, I worked for my father as a carpenter. Sanding and Refinishing wood floors. At night I would go out dancing at the disco's and lounges. One particular lounge was the WFYR lounge on top of the McCormick Inn. Where I was trained by Tony Rugero as a backup DJ, Engineer and gopher at the lounge and the radio station.**

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**NOVEMBER**

Mike Wenckus .....1  
 Ken Falkner .....10  
 Jolene Biddle .....11  
 Sharon Kelch .....11  
 Kathleen Sauser .....14  
 Bob Slater .....16  
 Roberta Gerard .....17  
 Richard Chiovari .....18  
 Ken Kaminski .....19  
 Karen Siglasky .....19

**NOVEMBER**

Linda Delby .....22  
 Audrey Oleksy .....22  
 Elaine Schafer .....22  
 Randy Baustert .....23  
 Gail Schwartz .....23  
 John Janavicius .....24  
 Joseph Chasey .....27  
 Janice DeToro .....28  
 Karen E. Marchese ...28  
 Claudia Presta .....28

**DECEMBER**

Robert G. Bechtel .....1  
 Doreen Berholtz .....2  
 Gloria Medel .....2  
 Joe Romando .....3  
 Larry Chudnow .....5  
 Chuck Pembleton .....5  
 Blanche Arreguin .....6  
 Ed Horan .....6  
 Don Lopotko .....7  
 Constance Grant .....8  
 Donna Hennessey .....8  
 Marilyn Fredericks ....9  
 Mary Fazio .....10  
 Stu White .....10  
 Michael Biewer .....12  
 Carol Green .....12  
 Paul Puccini .....14

**DECEMBER**

Cathy Alterio .....15  
 Victoria Casale .....15  
 Sandra Glunz .....18  
 Bruce Goldberg .....18  
 Dan Bihler .....19  
 Joseph Booko .....19  
 Richard Marquez .....19  
 Mary Hale .....20  
 Sandra Miller .....23  
 Pamela Maddox .....25  
 Lois Cowsert .....26  
 Donna Kinnaman .....27  
 John Trudeau .....29  
 Mary Vahey .....29  
 Raymond J. Wardell ...30  
 Pam Cress .....31  
 Florence Morgan .....31

**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

## **SEPTEMBER 2014 RECAP**

**Ending August 30th balances - Old Checking Account \$511.11 - New Checking Account \$5,207.13 (Picnic has not been paid as of this date.), Money Market Account \$10,094.66, 25th Anniversary Account \$9,957.40.**

**Discussed: This year's picnic cost the club \$1,882.40. The picnic's location and the possibility of increasing the price for next year's picnic will be discussed and voted on prior to the end of the year. The final figures for SHC were not available as of this date. Discussed the Audio Director's position and the upcoming election in December. The dates for the 2015 dance calendar was given to the ALH. We have confirmed our New Year's Eve party at North Park. Our club sales in June 2014 - \$131.00, July 2014 - \$17.00 and there were no sales in August 2014. Discussed the Tailgatin' Night dance - food and prizes. Discussed Constant Contact, Facebook and free advertising for our club. Discussed the upcoming 25th Anniversary Dance, DJs, food, cake, invitations, photographer, gifts and prizes.**

## **OCTOBER 2014 RECAP**

**Ending September 30th balances - Old Checking Account \$485.33 - New Checking Account \$1,720.65, Money Market Account \$10,095.48, 25th Anniversary Account \$9,957.90.**

**Discussed: The 2015/2016 dance schedule. Discussed having cake and coffee to celebrate Norm Oden being inducted into the ABA Hall of Fame and also having cake and coffee at the Vets dance. In addition to the regular 50/50 at the October 18th dance, we decided to add a couple more items for Sweetest Day. Discussed the upcoming election on December 6th. Discussed the 2015 picnic, location, prices, etc. This will be discussed further at the next meeting since a decision needs to be made. Discussions and suggestions for 2015 SHC will be on the January 2015 agenda. Constant Contact, Facebook and advertising were discussed. Discussed and finalized the menu for the 25th Anniversary dance, gifts, mementos, Ad Book etc.**

## **ATTENTION MEMBERS**

**There will be an election on December 6, 2014. In order to vote in this election, you MUST show your membership card or a picture I.D.  
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **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. The election chairman's address is: Mary Pat Lamberty, 5625 North Menard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646. POST-MARKED No Later than Monday, December 1, 2014.**

# **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014 DANCE REPORTS**

**September 6th**

**124 members, 12 guests, 136 total. Helen Oshinski won \$155.00.**

**September 20th**

**92 members, 12 guests, 104 total. Willie Townsend won \$215.00.**

**October 4th**

**117 members, 18 guests, 135 total. Mike Romano won \$180.00**

**October 18th**

**147 members, 10 guests, 157 total. Mike Biewer won \$255.00.**

**Thanks to volunteers at our dances: Willie Townsend, Sr., Stoney and Mary Ann Burke, Bob Debeikis, Vicky and Joe Konewko, Roberta Gerard, Gabrielle Gang, Carol and Ray Schultz, Ralph Dahma, Beth and Don Lopotko and Bob Burke.**

## **CJC 2014 Schedule**

**(South Side Club)**

**All dances at Crestwood Elks**

**November 8 - Dance - Elks Lodge**

**November 22 - Elks Lodge**

**December 6 - Justadance - Elks Lodge**

**December 20 - Dance - Elks Lodge**

**December 31 - New Year's Eve**

**(No location available at time of printing.)**

**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)**

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**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  
**Bill Matthews** .....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 MARY PAT ABOUT OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS**
- 2. SIGN UP WITH LINDA TO CELEBRATE THE CLUB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**
- 3. SEE AUDREY TO SIGN UP FOR CONSTANT CONTACT**
- 4. NOVEMBER 1ST IS VETS NIGHT – DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOMETHING FOR OUR VETS COLLECTION – WE'RE HAVING CAKE AND COFFEE THAT EVENING**
- 5. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON DECEMBER 6TH AT THE CLUB ELECTION – BRING A TOY FOR OUR OPERATION HOMEFRONT COLLECTION**
- 6. MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTY ON DEC. 20TH**
- 7. SIGN UP FOR OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WITH LINDA - FLYER ENCLOSED**
- 8. ENJOY ALL OF THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS**

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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### Annual Toy Drive Saturday, December 6, 2014

*to be held at our regular club dance at the*

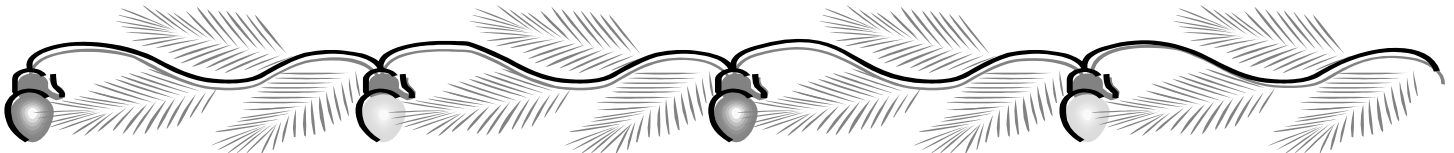


American Legion Hall  
9757 W. Pacific Ave.  
Franklin Park, IL  
8 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.



Bring a new UNWRAPPED toy or game for a child between the ages of 5 through 15 - NO STUFFED ANIMALS PLEASE

The American Legion will assist in distributing your donations to those in need. Thank you for your continued support in making a child happy during the Holiday Season.



## **Holiday Party**

Saturday, December 20, 2014

*to be held at our regular club dance at the*

American Legion Hall  
9757 W. Pacific Ave.  
Franklin Park, IL  
8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Share in the Holiday Spirit with fellow club members & guests at our Holiday Dance on Saturday, December 20th. The doors open at 8:00 p.m.

***More information to follow at the dances and via Constant Contact***



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## 25th Annual New Year's Eve Dance Wednesday, December 31, 2014

North Park Center – Banquet Room  
10040 W. Addison St.  
Franklin Park, IL 60131

DJ: Norm Oden

Cocktails - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Dinner at 8:00 p.m.  
Dancing 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**Please do not  
bring confetti.**

### Ticket Prices

Cash or Check

**Members: \$65.00**

**Guests: \$75.00**

### PayPal Prices

Online

**Members: \$68.00**

**Guests: \$78.00**

### Menu

*Chefs Salad  
Sirloin of Beef  
Potatoes/Sausage/Onions  
Dessert*

*Mostaccioli  
Baked Lemon Chicken  
Vegetable  
Coffee/Tea*



### Open Bar

For your convenience, tickets may be purchased on our website with PayPal; the online ticket price includes a \$3.00 service fee.

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

**Please reserve your seat or table of 10 early; ticket sales will be limited to 140.**

*(If making reservations for more than one person or for a reserved table of 10, please list all names & membership numbers on the reverse side of the tear-off form. Submit form & payment for all reservations at time of mailing.)*

Paid reservations must be received by Dec. 24, 2014.

For more information, please call Linda Nelligan at (630) 627-2935.

### New Year's Eve Reservation Form

*Paid reservations must be received by December 24, 2014*

No Admission without a Paid Reservation - No Exceptions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Members @ \$65.00 *(list all names on backside)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Non-Members @ \$75.00 *(list all names on backside)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **CWCJC** - DO NOT SEND CASH

Send Checks & Reservation Form to: **Linda Nelligan**  
**137 S. Chase Ave.**  
**Lombard, IL 60148**

*For a reserved table of 10, payment for all reservations must be received in one envelope.*



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The form below must be completed in full, mailed with your payment along with three of your business cards, and postmarked no later than December 20, 2014.

For more info, contact Joanne at (773) 792-8842 or email her at [pjkokalj@aol.com](mailto:pjkokalj@aol.com).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

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Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number # \_\_\_\_\_

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