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Joanne Kokalj
President

In my last newsletter I wrote about the responsibilities of the board and the three non-board positions. I failed to mention two very important people who are part of the team, and they are Mary Ann Burke and Willie Townsend, Sr. - our 50/50 ticket seller team. Both Mary Ann and Willie are Charter members of our club, so they have been here for the soon to be 22 years of the club. It is very rare for either one of them to miss a dance; that's a lot of dances when you think of 22 years. It is the support of people like them that has kept our club going and make it what it is today. The next time they come up to your table to sell 50/50 tickets, please consider buying some, as this is one of the few ways the club can make extra money; also please thank them for all that they do for the club. Sorry that I didn't include you in my last newsletter, but I want you to know that you are greatly appreciated, not only by me, but by the entire board.

There was a lot going on this summer at the club, and I hope that you were able to be a part of it. Our dance convention was a great success again. At this time we are not prepared to say what we did financially, but that will appear in the next newsletter. I can tell you for a fact though, that we received many, many positive comments about Sweet Home Chicago from the music to the food and the hotel and our huge Hospitality room. Our 4th of July Celebration on Saturday included a salute to our country and our Vets. We also had the Great Lakes Naval Precision Drill Team with us doing their close-order drills. You have 10 months to save up for next year's ticket - don't miss out on this, we have one of the best conventions anywhere. Come out and join us and support the club, you will not be disappointed. Actually I think you would be very proud of our club.

We had a great day for our annual picnic at Pottowatamie Park. This year we thought we would try something different and we had BBQ on wheels serve lunch, and from the comments we heard just about everyone was very happy with the food. Bill played his best picnic music and of course we had the water balloon and egg toss games in the afternoon. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to really enjoy the day. Thanks to our Social Director, Linda Nelligan, for all of her hard work.

Our bus trip to Milwaukee was a huge success. We had 2 buses leave early in the morning for our ride to Milwaukee. Our first stop was the Miller Brewery for our tour and taste testing. Off to the ball park after that to watch the Cubs and the Brewers. As always, the Cubs played a less than stellar game, but, it was still fun. Milwaukee has a beautiful ballpark and they serve great brat sandwiches. After the game we were off the the Pottowatami casino and then finally back on the bus, where just about everyone slept all the way home. We received so many positive comments about this trip and so many have asked that we plan something else. We will discuss this further and hopefully plan another outing for next year. Thanks to our 1st VP Ralph, for all the hard work he did on planning this great day. I think he missed his calling in life...he would have made a great tour director.

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We held our annual open board meeting at the first dance in August, we really appreciate our members who took the time to come to this meeting and offer their suggestions and comments. This goes a long way in helping the board when we are making decisions. It's very important that you voice your opinions about what you like, don't like or hope to see at the club. Even though we may not all agree on things, it makes for a much better club when people express their ideas and opinions.

Our last dance was August 20th and that was our oldies night with guest DJ, Mike Hartman. It's always nice to come out and listen and dance to all that great music from the 50s and 60s. While we no longer play this music all night long, it is still a very important part of who we are and what this club is about and all of our DJs are making an effort to play more of this during our dances.

Well, summer is coming to an end, but we have lots of things going on at the club during fall. Our Tailgatin' party is on September 17th; we'll be having brats and some Bears items in our 50/50 raffle. Everyone should be ready for a dance by then because we do not have one on the first Saturday in September, due to the fact that so many of our members as well as the board and Bill and Norm are all in St. Louis for Rollin' on the River.

We are also having a Halloween party again this year, Vets night which is the first dance in November, and of course our 22nd birthday celebration at Chevy Chase. And of course our Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Party. Watch the newsletter for flyers or better yet, sign up for constant contact so you don't miss out on anything. Email me at pjkokalj@aol.com and I will see that you are signed up so that you can keep up with all of the goings on at our club.

Enjoy the last few days of summer.

**See you at the dance,
Joanne**

CWCJC July 28th Jitterbus Report

Thank you to everybody who supported our first-ever Jitterbus road trip to Milwaukee on July 28th! We had 81 members and guests who toured the Miller Brewery, had a few free samples, watched the Brewers beat the Cubs in beautiful Miller Park, then contributed to Wisconsin's tax base at Pottawatomini Casino before heading home.

We plan on having more Jitterbuses in the future, and are open to suggestions. One note: Because a number of people canceled after tickets were ordered, we'll be forced to ask for a deposit on future trips. But everybody seemed to have a good time and told us that they're looking forward to doing things like this with fellow club members in the future!

**Thank you!
1st VP Ralph Dahma**

MOVED?

**Contact Pat Agriesti, 2nd Vice President, at one of the club dances or at 847-824-0782
patatcwcjc@sbcglobal.net**

CENTERSTAGE

GET WELL WISHES: Bruce Bossier, Warren Johnson, Fran Pocica.

CONDOLENCES TO: Shirley Hadel on the loss of her mother, Bertha Hughes.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Art Schaffer, Shirlye Whitte, Andy Yohana, Germaine Bolber.

CONGRATULATIONS: To members Butch & Fran Pocica on their 40th wedding anniversary!

VOLUNTEERS: Contact Vol./Hosp. Director Mary Pat Lamberty at 773-631-6016 or dancinggrandma2@att.net if you'd like to help the club out in any way.

DON'T FORGET: Visit our web site frequently: www.jitterbugchicago.com . Also, bookmark www.americanbopassociation.com for the latest ABA news, including cruise info. Our next CWCJC board meetings will be Sept. 14th and October 12th at 7pm at the Legion.

Meeting Recaps

June:

Checking: 33,856.65 (Sweet Home Chicago money)

Money Market: 11,881.93 **Interest:** .49

Members 518

July:

Checking: 8,919.64

Money Market: 11,882.43 **Interest:** .50

Members: 512

CWCJC Photos

As always, you can view all of the latest CWCJC photos at our club's photo site:

<http://cwcjcphotos.shutterfly.com> .

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

SEPTEMBER

Betty Bourbeau1
 Pat Czajka.....1
 Vicki Hojnacki2
 Don Keegan2
 Joyce Marsch3
 Ted Raczka3
 Joyce Bruno.....4
 Ralph Castrovillari.....4
 Mary Ann Burke.....5
 Lee Ann Esposito5
 Lynne Goldberg5
 Philip Giambone.....6
 Susan Higgins6
 Linda Paige11
 Diane Zeller11
 Donna Jonas12
 Douglas Sandy14
 Bill Peters.....15
 Richard Biwer16
 Michael Daugherty.....16
 Kathy Klopack.....16
 Maria Roman.....16

SEPTEMBER

Angela Bratek17
 Susan Hosek17
 Ellen Muradian17
 Tom Murray17
 Richard Casale.....18
 Raymond J. Klopak...18
 Sandy Mancini19
 Peter Margarites20
 Connie Skweres20
 Tom Zupan20
 Elaine Amato21
 Mary Hahn21
 Sharon Hoppe21
 Marco Hernandez22
 Dolores Furlong24
 Frank Orseno.....25
 Bill Weiler26
 Geri Widdes27
 Debbie List28
 William Weed28

OCTOBER

Bob Genza1
 Suzanne Prevo.....1
 Danny Gallichio2
 Arlene Robinson.....3
 Ruth Loewenstein.....4
 Ray Schultz4
 Laura Anne Mills.....5
 Sharon Parille5
 Mike Romano.....5
 Terrence Muellner.....7
 John Pupillo7
 Sharon Belletynee....11
 Mike Marchese11
 Wilmer Metoyer.....11
 Ardean Calloway12
 Stephen C. Joyce12
 Diana Lee Rothbart....12
 Ambrose Esposito....13

OCTOBER

Alan Mitchell.....14
 David Coleman.....15
 Ray Gilpin.....15
 Ann Bechtel19
 Bonnie Coutee20
 Victor Razza20
 Louis Ploetz.....21
 Sue Mlynski24
 Joe Kurowski26
 Shirley Headlee27
 George Stanfa.....27
 Ralph Dahma28
 Sherryon Johnson.....28
 George Graham.....29
 Linda Masterson29
 Lia Schuch.....30
 Frances A. Pocica.....31

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY Your admission to the last dance of the month is **FREE**

CDC Schedule**Dances at Franklin Park American Legion**

September 24th-Regular Dance
October 22nd-Regular Dance
November 26th-Regular Dance
December 10th-Christmas Party

CJC Schedule**Dances at Crestwood Elks
Jingle Ball at Glendora House**

September 24th-Sports fan dance
October 8th-Pizza
November 12th-Veterans Night
November 26th-Jingle Ball

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

**If you are unable to meet your commitment to help at one of the dances, please contact me:
 Mary Pat Lamberty 773-631-6016. Thank you all for your cooperation.**

July/August CWCJC Dance Reports

June 30-July 3
11th Sweet Home Chicago
Over 400 attended.
Members Emmitt White & Linda Tevis
won big 50-50 jackpots!

July 16th
Guest DJ Marty Aerne
137 members 24 guests 161 total.
Sue Havrish won \$195!

July 24th
CWCJC Picnic
120 attended
Pat Agriesti won \$115!

July 28th
2 CWCJC Milwaukee Jitterbuses
81 attended, tour of Miller Brewery,
Cubs-Brewers game, Pottawatomini casino.

August 6th
Open Board Meeting
112 members 17 guests 129 total.
Emmitt White won \$113!

August 20th
Oldies Night, Guest DJ Mike Hartman
132 members 24 guests 156 total.
Carol Schultz won \$195!

Thanks to our volunteers and dance hosts: Pete Margarites, Jordy & Shelley Gross, Willie Townsend, Sr., Mary Ann Burke, Gail Schwartz, Arlene Robinson, Tony Brancato, John Schwerdtfeger, Pam Cress, Elaine Morrison, Karen Krisberg, Paul Romz, Sandy Glunz.

A special thank you to the dozens of members who helped make the 11th Sweet Home Chicago another unqualified success! We hope you enjoyed our invitation-only Champagne & Chocolate Reception; we absolutely couldn't have done it without you!!!

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

Club Jackets \$70.00 Club T-Shirts \$12.00 Club Polo Shirts \$20.00 CWCJC Pins \$15.00 Shoe Bags \$30.00
CWCJC Caps \$12.00 CWCJC Sweat Shirts \$18.00 CWCJC Throws \$35.00

CWCJC Fall Schedule

All dances are at Franklin Park American Legion,
9757 Pacific Ave. Doors open at 7:45pm, dancing from 8
til 11:30, unless noted. Birthday dance at Chevy Chase
CC,
1000 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL

Saturday, September 17th

Tailgatin' Dance!

Wear your Bears or Steelers gear, jeans ok.
Brats and chips served, extra prizes in 50-50.
MEMBERS WITH SEPT. BIRTHDAYS GET IN FREE!
Members \$5, guests \$12.

Saturday, October 1st

Regular Dance

Saturday, October 15th

Regular Dance

MEMBERS WITH OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS GET IN FREE!

Saturday, October 29th

Halloween Dance!

Prizes for costumes, jeans ok.

Saturday, November 5th

Veterans Night, Troop Drive!

VETERANS & MEMBERS WITH NOV. BDAYS GET IN FREE!

Please bring personal items for troops in Iraq & Afgh.

Saturday, November 19th

CWCJC 22nd Birthday Dance!

(see flyer)

Saturday, December 3rd

CWCJC Toy Drive & Election Night

Saturday, December 17th

CWCJC Holiday Party

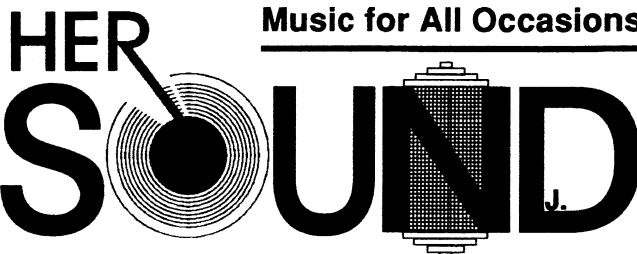
Saturday, December 31st

New Year's Eve at North Park


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Official Email List!**

Send your email info to:

Joanne at pjkokalj@aol.com .

New Closing Time for Regular Dances!

Because most of our members and guests have been leaving our regular dances well before midnight, the Board has voted to close our regular dances at 11:30pm, effective immediately. As usual, we'll close every dance with our signature circle dance to Lee Greenwood's 'God Bless the USA'.

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 KokaljPresident
Ralph Dahma1st Vice President
Pat Agriesti2nd Vice President
Susan HavrishSecretary
Janet CampeottoTreasurer

Mary Pat Lamberty .Vol./Hosp. Director
Bill MatthewsAudio-Director
Vacant.....Sales Director
Linda Nelligan.....Social Director



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

CWCJC Members & Guests To-Do List

- 1. Get Bears gear for Sept. 17th Tailgatin' Dance.**
- 2. Contact Mary Pat about volunteering at dances.**
- 3. Get Halloween Costume for Oct. 29th dance.**
- 4. Find personal items to send to troops on Nov. 5.**
- 5. Sign up for Nov. 19th Chevy Chase dance.**
- 6. Sign up for CWCJC E-newsletter.**
- 7. Get toys for Dec. 3rd CWCJC Toy Drive.**
- 8. Save the date: SHC---June 28-July 1, 2012!**
- 9. Save \$ for Bears-Steelers Super Bowl in Indy.**
- 10. Wobble, Wobble, Wobble!!!**

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.

CWCJC NOMINATION FORM---Election date December 3rd, 2011

REMINDERS:

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

3 Officers to be elected on December 3rd: President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer.

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

2 Directors to be elected on December 3rd: Audio Director, Social Director.

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, October 16th, 2011, by Election Chairman Susan Havrish, 179 Aberdeen Ct., Geneva, IL 60134.

Susan can be reached at 630-750-3775 or at s_havrish@yahoo.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, OCTOBER 16TH, 2011.

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 November/December 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.



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

Reservation Form / Deadline is November 12, 2011

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Name (s) _____

CWCJC Member #(s) _____ Phone _____

of Member Tickets _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

of Guest Tickets _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

Check Number _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

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