



September - October 2013

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Joanne Kokalj
President

This year's Sweet Home Chicago while starting out slow ended up being a great party. While we were down in our counts, mostly from out of town guests, many of our members came out and supported this event. At this time, we cannot give you an actual final dollar figure, but our Treasurer's best guess is that we will be in the red perhaps \$150 to \$200. We are hopeful that next year we can increase our out of town attendance and of course we hope for the continued support of our members, and as always we do our best to try and keep an eye on our spending. Final figures will be in the Nov/Dec newsletter. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported Sweet Home Chicago, we are already busy working on next year's event. Save the date,

June 26th through the 28th.

About 100 of our members and guests came out on July 28th to our annual picnic, although, I am sure they felt like it should have been the Halloween party because it was so cool. As always, the food was very good and Bill played his very best picnic music.

Our annual open board meeting was held on August 3rd. Many good suggestions were brought up at this meeting. We talked about more advertising for the club including a face book page, having a late night breakfast vs. buffet dinner at our Spring Chevy Chase dance, having a dance every week, playing more 50s and 60s music, having a live band at our 25th party, more dance lessons along with several other very good suggestions. The board will discuss all of these at our next meeting and we will let you know what we feel we can and cannot do. Thanks to all the members who came out for this meeting.

We had our annual oldies night dance on August 17th. Mike Hartman was our guest DJ and played all the great music from the 50s and 60s. This dance was dedicated to our late founding board member, Frank Orseno, as always, the dance was great and Frank would have loved it.

We are busy working on a special tee shirt for our 25th anniversary. We hope to have a sample at our tailgatn' dance on Sep. 21st. This is a special tee shirt and will be available through our partner Embroidery on Demand. This is the company that sells club shirts for us. These shirts will only be available for ordering from January 1st until December 31st, 2014, after that they are gone forever. The shirts will be available in black, in several different varieties. The emblem will be in silver to celebrate our 25th anniversary, and there will be a slight adjustment to the emblem itself to signify 25 years. Please keep in mind

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that this adjustment and color change to the emblem is strictly for our 25th and will be available on our regular club shirts. You can visit: www.embroideryondemand to see how things are progressing.

Our fall dance and lesson schedule is in this newsletter, including the flyer for our 24th anniversary celebration at Chevy Chase. Don't miss out on the many things going on at the club.

In closing, no matter how old we get, and no matter how old they are, I don't think anyone is ever ready to lose their mom, for no one will ever love us as unconditionally as they did. I lost my mom at the end of June. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy. It is comforting to know that I have so many caring friends at the club.

Joanne

July/August Dance Reports

July 6th

92 members, 23 guests, 115 total. Joanne Kokalj won \$100.00.

July 20th

84 members, 21 guests, 105 total. Lou Visconti won \$140.00.

July 28th - Picnic at Pottawatomie Park

83 members, 11 adult and 3 children guests, 101 total.

Ernie Spears won \$121 .00.

August 3rd - Open Board Meeting

103 members, 11 guests, 114 total. Bill Matthews won \$135.00

August 17th

110 members, 33 guests, 143 total. Barbara Schiller won \$160.00

Thanks to volunteers and dance hosts: Willie Townsend, Sr. Mary Ann Burke, Pam Cress, Bob Debeikis, Gail Schwartz, Kay and Tony Ambrosio, Jordy and Shelley Gross, Audrey Oleksy, Gloria Medel, Marshall Ellenstein, Doreen Berholtz, Paul Romz, John Schwerdtfeger, Corrine Rugar, Randy Baustert, Christine Karczewski and Ilene Deak.

CJC Schedule:

All dances at Crestwood Elks

September 14: Team Jersey Dance (Casual)

September 28: Justdance with Open Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

October 12: Justdance (Pizza Pie Party)

October 26: Halloween Dance (Free if in FULL Costume - Contests)

JULY 2013 RECAP

July 15, 2013 Meeting: Ending June 30th balances - Checking Account \$5,056.03, Money Market Account \$11,890.04, 25th BD Account \$6,302.37.

Discussed: The CCCC final recap for the Swing into Spring Dance was \$154.98 cost to the club. Ralph Dahma, Gloria Medel, Mike and Debbie Lapina were invited to discuss and offer their suggestions for the 2014 SHC Convention. Discussed our 2014 25th Anniversary. Voted to dedicate our August 17th Oldies Night to honor our late charter and founding member, Frank Orseno. Discussed future dance lessons.

AUGUST 2013 RECAP

August 3, 2013 Meeting: No financial balances were available and will be noted in the November/December Newsletter.

This was our Open Board Meeting and there were many great suggestions. Some of the ideas that were discussed were pertaining to the 50/50, frequency of dances and dances that would include lessons, the length of the songs being played, playing more 50's and 60's music and how to attract more members. Discussed getting shirts with a special 25th Anniversary logo and hiring a live band for this special Anniversary dance.

SEPTEMBER

Pat Czajka.....1
 Vicki Hojnaki.....2
 Don Keegan.....2
 Joyce Marsch.....3
 Joyce Bruno.....4
 Mary Ann Burke.....5
 Lynne Goldberg.....5
 Philip Giambone.....6
 Susan Higgins.....6
 Linda Paige.....11
 Donna Jonas.....12
 Douglas Sandy.....14
 Bill Peters.....15
 Richard Biwer.....16
 Michael Daugherty..16
 Maria Roman.....16

SEPTEMBER

Susan Hosek.....17
 Tom Murray.....17
 Richard Casale.....18
 Peter Margarites.....20
 Tom Zupan.....20
 Sharon Hoppe.....21
 Nancy Portugal.....21
 Marco Hernandez....22
 William Wilwers.....25
 Bill Weiler.....26
 Geri Widde.....27
 Marcia Eckardt.....28
 Debbie List.....28
 William Weed.....28

OCTOBER

Bob Genza.....1
 Danny Gallichio.....2
 Arlene Robinson.....3
 Ruth Lowenstein.....4
 Ray Schultz.....4
 Laura Anne Mills.....5
 Sharon Parille.....5
 Mike Romano.....5
 Sharon Belletynee....11
 Mike Marchese.....11
 Wilmer Metoyer.....11
 Diana Lee Rothbart..12
 Lou Visconti.....12
 Ambrose Esposito....13
 David Coleman.....15
 Ray Gilpin.....15

OCTOBER

Bonnie Coutee.....20
 Victor Razza.....20
 Loius Ploetz.....21
 Bonnie Cozzens.....23
 Alan Mitchell.....24
 Sue Mlynski.....24
 Shirley Headlee.....27
 George Stanfa.....27
 Ralph Dahma.....28
 Sherryon Johnson....28
 George Graham.....29
 Linda Masterson.....29
 Lia Schuch.....30
 Frances A. Pocica.....31

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: Pat Agruesti, Karen Marchese, Sharon Kelch, Bruce Bossier

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Maryellen Heim

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Bobby Spivack who is a first time grand-father.

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: September 11th and October 9th. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall they run approximately 3 hours.

FOR SALE

Electric Cash Register with paper roles for \$100.00.

A Special Thank You to the 2013 SHC Convention Volunteers

Vince Agriesti, Randy Baustert, Doreen Berholz, Mary Ann and Stoney Burke, Dolly and Vince D'Agostino, Adele and Richard Dary, Illene Deak, Marshall Ellenstein, Joe Fioti, Sandy Glunz, Shelley and Jordy Gross, Mary Ann and Ed Horan, Susan and Dan Hosek, Sherry and Warren Johnson, Kenneth Kamiski, Christine Karczewski, Vicky and Joe Konewko, Pete Margarites, Arlene Van Houten Maynard, Ann and Rich Mika, Jim Minard, Priscilla Patterson, Eileen Pedtke, Mike Romano, Paul Romz, Corrine Rupar, Sal Saladana, Pat Schowski, Carol Schultz, Gail Schwartz, John Schwerdtfeger, Rachalle and Ernie Spears, Rici and Larry Sultan, Linda Townsend, Willie Townsend, Sr., Ron Untiedt and Leslie Wiederhold.

Upcoming CWCJC Schedule

All dances are at Franklin Park American Legion, 9757 Pacific Avenue, except November 16th at Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. PLEASE NOTE: ON NIGHTS WHEN THERE IS A LESSON TAUGHT, DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM, LESSON FROM 7 TIL 8. DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8PM FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LESSON.

September 7th

Regular Dance

September 21st

Tailgatin' Night. Members with September birthdays get in free. Food will be served, wear your Bears or other team's gear, jeans OK. Guests pay \$12 since food is being served.

October 5th

Regular Dance, Gloria Medel and Mike Lapina will teach Jitterbug (East Coast Swing). Doors open at 6:45pm, lesson is from 7pm to 8pm. The lesson is \$4 for members with paid admission and \$5 for non-members with paid admission. Regular dance begins at 8pm.

October 19th

Halloween Dance - Prizes for best costumes, jeans OK for this dance. Members with October birthdays get in free. Coffee, cider and cupcakes will be served.

November 2nd

Regular Dance, guest instructor Julie Hein will teach West Coast Swing. Doors open at 6:45pm, lesson is from 7pm to 8pm. The lesson is \$4 for members with paid admission and \$5 for non-members with paid admission. Regular dance begins at 8pm. Salute to the Vets - ALL VETS GET IN FREE, we will be collecting items to be sent to our Troops. Coffee and cake will be served. Members with November birthdays get in free.

November 16th

24th Birthday Dance at Chevy Chase (see flyer in newsletter)

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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.**

Joanne KokaljPresident
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CWCJC Members & Guests To-Do List

- 1. GET OUT YOUR FAVORITE BEARS SHIRT FOR SEP. 21st**
- 2. ATTEND JITTERBUG DANCE LESSON ON OCT. 5th.**
- 3. FIND HALLOWEEN COSTUME FOR OCT. 19th.**
- 4. ATTEND WEST COAST SWING DANCE LESSON ON NOV. 2nd**
- 5. LOOK FOR ITEMS TO SEND TO TROOPS ON NOV. 2nd**
- 6. SIGN UP FOR CHEVY CHASE DANCE ON NOV. 16th.**
- 7. SEE MABEL ABOUT VOLUNTEERING**
- 8. TELL A FRIEND 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.

CWCJC NOMINATION FORM - Election date December 7th, 2013

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 7th: 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 7th: 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 a.m., October 16th, 2013, by Election Chairman, Mary Pat Lamberty, 5625 North Menard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646. Mary Pat can be reached at 773 - 631-6016 or at dancinggrandma2@att.net.

DO NOT GIVE THIS FORM TO ANY OTHER BOARD MEMBER OR CLUB MEMBER!

5. **NOMINATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 12:01 A.M. OCTOBER 16TH, 2013.**

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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***Prepaid Reservations Required by November 9, 2013
For more info, please call Linda Nelligan at (630) 627-2935***

Reservation Form / Deadline is November 9, 2013

No Admission without a Paid Reservation - No Exceptions

Name (s) _____

CWCJC Member #(s) _____ Phone _____

of Member Tickets _____ x \$43.00 = \$ _____

of Guest Tickets _____ x \$53.00 = \$ _____

Check Number _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

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 this tear-off form. Submit form & payment for all reservations at time of mailing. If using PayPal and want to reserve a table of 10, purchase all of your tickets first, then call Linda at (630) 627-2935 for table reservation.

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