



September - October 2014

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**Joanne Kokalj**  
President

Hard to believe fall is just around the corner, I feel like summer just started, too bad winter doesn't go as fast. Well, it was a busy summer for the club. Sweet Home Chicago was great; everyone there said it's the best one yet. Final figures will be in our 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 25th through the 27th.

We held our annual open board meeting on July 19th. There were several good suggestions and we will discuss them at our upcoming meeting and let you know what we think we can and cannot do. Thanks to all the members who came out for this meeting.

We had a very nice day for our picnic, even though it was a windy one. BBQ on Wheels served up a yummy lunch and Mike Hartman played awesome music for everyone to dance to. Mike also played for us at our annual August oldies night dance on August 16th. He played all those great oldies from the 50s and 60s that we all know the words to. It was a very good dance and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves.

Just in case you haven't heard yet, Norm Oden will be inducted into the American Bop Association Hall of Fame this coming November. It may have taken a few years, but it is a well deserved honor. Norm is one of the club's founding members and he is one of our regular DJs. While we are so happy for him, this induction unfortunately falls on the same day as our 25th anniversary celebration, so we will certainly miss him that evening. However, it is not every day that one gets to receive this honor, so congratulations Norm from the entire club.

We are busy getting ready for our 25th anniversary party. The flyer is included in this newsletter, but there are several things that we have not yet decided on. We will keep you informed at the dances, through constant contact and of course visit our face book page. From the suggestions that we received most seemed to want us to give back to the members rather than having a band or entertainment. We have decided to charge the members only \$25 for this evening. Keep watching for further information about our party.

We are having a memory/ad book to commemorate our anniversary. If you would like to take out an ad, see me at anyone of the dances. A flyer for the book is enclosed with this newsletter.

Don't forget our tailgating party coming up on Sep. 20th, this is always a fun night, we will be serving brats and will have some Bear stuff for our 50/50 raffle.

October 18th is Sweetest Day and we are planning on a free lesson before the dance that night. Shelley Gross will be teaching a line dance for us, so plan on coming out to the club.

Please read the message from the board with regard to New Year's Eve and also our club shirts.

See you at the dance  
Joanne

## **CENTERSTAGE**

**GET WELL WISHES TO: Willie Townsend Sr. and Linda Masterson**

**SYMPATHY TO: Gloria Medel on the loss of her brother and to Mabel Debeikis on the loss of her mother.**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Shirley Fink, Donna Gargiulo, Pat Suchocki, George Vonderheide, John Micek and Barbara Driber.**

**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: Sept. 10th and Oct. 8th. 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 TIL 8. DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8PM FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LESSON.**

**PLEASE NOTE: September 6 - Regular Dance - ALH  
(This dance is not noted on our original, printed schedule.)**

**September 20 - Tailgatin' Dance - ALH  
Members with September birthdays get in free.**

**October 4 - Regular Dance - ALH**

**October 18 - Regular Dance - ALH  
Free Line Dance Lesson for Members  
Members with October birthdays get in free.**

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**Please write to us at: [cwcjc@jitterbugchicago.com](mailto:cwcjc@jitterbugchicago.com)**

# **JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2014 DANCE REPORTS**

**June 21st**

**88 members, 17 guests, 105 total. Connie Logan won \$140.00.**

**July 19th**

**113 members, 13 guests, 126 total. Ed Horan won \$180.00.**

**Picnic - July 27th**

**116 members, 15 guests, 131 total. Diane and Lou Visconti won \$180.00**

**August 2nd**

**102 members, 13 guests, 115 total. Jordy Gross won \$158.00.**

**August 16th**

**151 members, 29 guests, 180 total. Corrine Rupar won \$195.00.**

**Thanks to volunteers at our regular dances: Willie Townsend, Sr., Stoney and Mary Ann Burke, Bob Debeikis, Vince Agriesti, Vicky and Joe Konewko, Sandy Glunz, Carol Schultz, Paul Romz, Sherry and Warren (Babe) Johnson, Roberta Gerard, Sandy and John Trudeau, John Schwerdtfeger, Shelley Gross, Gail Schwartz.**

**A Special Thank You to all of our SHC Volunteers: Doreen Berholtz, Stoney Burke, Pam Cress, Adele and Rich Dary, Bob Debeikis, Marshall Ellenstein, Joe Fiotti, Donna Garguilo, Roberta Gerard, Connie Gilpin, Sandy Glunz, Carol Green, Shelley Gross, Susan and Dan Hosek, Sherry and Warren (Babe) Johnson, Ken Kaminski, Vicky and Joe Konewko, Beth and Don Lopotko, Arlene Van Houten Maynard, Gloria Ollech, Eileen Pedtke, Mike Romano, Paul Romz, Sal Saldana, Carol Schultz, Gail Schwartz, John Schwerdtfeger, Frank Smith, Rachalle and Ernie Spears, Bonnie Stoelinga, Patty Suchocki, Rici and Larry Sultan, Willie Townsend, Sr., Linda Townsend, Sandy and John Trudeau, Ron Untiedt and Leslie Wiederhold.**

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

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

**SEPTEMBER**

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

**SEPTEMBER**

Susan Hosek .....17  
 Tom Murray .....17  
 Richard Casale .....18  
 Peter Margarites .....20  
 Tom Zupan .....20  
 Sharon Hoppe .....21  
 Marco Hernandez ....22  
 Bill Weiler .....26  
 Geri Widdes .....27  
 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  
 Alan Mitchell .....14  
 David Coleman .....15  
 Ray Gilpin .....15

**OCTOBER**

Dennis Unger .....16  
 Bonnie Coutee .....20  
 Victor Razza .....20  
 Louis Ploetz .....21  
 Bonnie Cozzens .....23  
 Sue Mlynski .....24  
 Joe Kurowski .....26  
 Shirley Headlee .....27  
 George Stanfa .....27  
 Ralph Dahma .....28  
 Sherryon Johnson .....28  
 Linda Masterson .....29  
 Lia Schuch .....30  
 Frances A. Pocica .....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 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

## **JULY 2014 RECAP**

**July 19, 2014 Open Board Meeting - Club's balances are noted below.**

**Discussed: Including a two-hour Country segment during an afternoon at SHC. Changing the picnic venue from Pottawatomie Park to Madison Meadow Park. Having more diversity with the music being played. Finances of the club, picnic food costs, entrance fees to our dances, etc. Ways to attract new members, placing free newspaper ads, preparing a Facebook page for our club, maybe add more information about of our club on the Danceaholics website. The possibility of having more free dance lessons. Sending out a special Constant Contact notice asking once again if members are willing to pay more to have the New Year's Eve Party, prior to the board's decision. Regarding our 25th Anniversary Dance some suggestions were to have a sit-down dinner, a theme for this dance and possibly having a live band. The board was asked if having the Gospel session at SHC on Friday was better than having it on Sunday and the answer was 'Yes', so most likely we will continue to have this on Friday. Some of the decisions such as New Year's as well as a few Anniversary decisions have already been made. We will keep you informed as we go along.**

## **AUGUST 2014 RECAP**

**Ending June 30th balances - Old Checking Account \$2,924.07 - New Checking Account \$100.00, Money Market Account \$10,063.24, 25th Anniversary Account \$9,930.15.**

**Ending July 30th balances - Old Checking Account \$546.00 - New Checking Account \$4,724.35 (Picnic has not been paid as of this date August 13, 2014), Money Market Account \$10,093.80, 25th Anniversary Account \$9,956.90.**

**Discussed: 2015 SHC convention ticket prices, signing of the contract, etc. Various notes that were put in the club's Suggestion Box. Many suggestions and ideas for our 25th Anniversary Dance. Discussed cost of the 25th Anniversary dance, gifts, mementos, etc. Voted to have a New Year's Eve Dance this year. Updated the DJ schedule for the remaining dances for 2014. Having a free line dance lesson for our members. The possibility of having a Street Dance in 2015, more information to come. Once again, having a Super Bowl pool. Serving coffee and cookies at a few extra dances. Discussed asking Embroidery on Demand if they would be able to add black jackets to their inventory. Getting free ads in the neighborhood papers. Preparations for our Tailgatin' Night.**

## **MEMBERS**

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

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

We have decided to try New Year's Eve one more time. From the majority of suggestions and comments we received it appears that most people are willing to pay a little more. This is by far, one of the most reasonable parties anywhere. We will increase the price by \$10, which means this year will be \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. We will see how things go this year and then determine if we can continue. Thanks to all who responded to us.

Embroidery on Demand is our club shirt supplier. We have expanded the club shirts that you may chose from. You may now pick any black shirt that Embroidery on Demand sells and also any pink shirt. The color of the club logo for shirts is black, pink or white. Our 25th logo is silver. There are no exceptions to this. Also, you may have your name put on your shirt, but nothing else. Things seemed to be getting out of control with everyone wanting something different. Please keep in mind when we sold club shirts we only put on the logo and your name. Sweet Home Chicago artwork belongs to the club, but not the wording, therefore, we have decided to let you pick any shirt Embroidery on Demand sells as well as any color thread for the logo. Do not bring in your own shirts and ask them to put on club logos, they will not do this. Embroidery on Demand does many different designs and will be happy to work with your own personal shirts, jeans or jackets, but again you cannot put club logos on your own personal items. We hope this clarifies things up for our members as well as giving you more to chose from. And of course, we hope that is makes life a little easier for Embroidery on Demand. Visit their website at: [www.embroideryondemand.com](http://www.embroideryondemand.com). See Mary Pat, at any one of the dances if you should have questions, she will be more than happy to help you out.

## **CJC 2014 Schedule**

**(South Side Club)**

**All dances at Crestwood Elks**

**September 13 - Dance - Elks Lodge**

**September 27 - Justadance - Elks Lodge**

**October 11 - Justadance - Elks Lodge**

**October 25 - Halloween Dance**

**(Free if in FULL costume - Contests) - 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 your convenience!**

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

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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  
**Linda Nelligan** .....Social Director



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

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

- 1. SEE JOANNE ABOUT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK**
- 2. SEE MARY PAT ABOUT OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS**
- 3. SIGN UP WITH LINDA TO CELEBRATE THE CLUB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**
- 4. SEE AUDREY TO SIGN UP FOR CONSTANT CONTACT**
- 5. FIND YOUR FAVORITE FOOTBALL SHIRT – HOPEFULLY BEAR'S, FOR OUR TAILGATIN DANCE**
- 6. DON'T FORGET WE HAVE A DANCE ON SEPT. 6TH WHICH WAS NOT ORGINALLY SCHEDULED**
- 7. DON'T MISS SHELLEY'S LINE DANCE LESSON ON OCT 18TH – IT'S ALSO SWEETEST DAY**

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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**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 6<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>: 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 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](mailto: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 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.**

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.



## CWCJC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet

CWCJC will be celebrating its' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November. As a token of this momentous occasion, we are printing an Anniversary Booklet to present to the members at the birthday dance. The booklet will measure 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" and ad space will be available for sale.

The size and rates for the ads are as follows:

Full Page Ad (5"x 8")	\$75.00
Half Page Ad (5"x 4")	\$45.00
Third Page Ad (5"x 2 1/2")	\$25.00

If you are interested in purchasing ad space, you will need to provide camera ready art, a business card, or type out the ad to fit the size you are purchasing. A sample copy of the booklet will be available if you would like to see what your ad might look like. For further information, please see Joanne Kokalj.

The deadline for purchasing ad space is October 4, 2014.

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### CWCJC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet Ad Space

(Camera ready art, a business card, or typed info for the ad and payment must be received by Oct. 4, 2014)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please check one:  Full Page \$75.00       Half Page \$45.00       Third Page \$25.00

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

Please make checks payable to: **CWCJC** – DO NOT SEND CASH

Mail check, form, and ad to: Joanne Kokalj  
5860 N. Odell  
Chicago, IL 60631

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*It's Our 25th Anniversary Celebration!*

*Join Us As We Celebrate On*

**Saturday - November 15, 2014**

*Chevy Chase Country Club  
1000 Milwaukee Avenue  
Wheeling, IL*

**6:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.**

***Ticket Price Includes:***

*Dinner - Promptly served at 7:30 p.m.*

Cash Bar

Music by

Gay Essary and Mike Hartman

**Members \$25.00**

**Guests \$55.00**

*Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.*

*Reserved Seating for FULL tables of 10 only - All monies & names must be submitted together on one form.*

*For your convenience, tickets may be purchased through PayPal on our website at:*

*www.jitterbugchicago.com*

***No Admission after 7:30 p.m.***

***Prepaid Reservations Required by November 8, 2014***

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



**Reservation Form / Deadline is November 8, 2014**

**No Admission without a Paid Reservation - No Exceptions**



Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

CWCJC Member #(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of Member Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Guest Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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***Mail Check & Form to: Linda Nelligan, 137 S. Chase Ave., Lombard, IL 60148***