

# Footloose



## Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hi Everyone!

Well, it has been a busy Fall and between now the NYE, it looks to be just as busy. We had our Annual Pizza, Pizza Party at the Elks on October 10<sup>th</sup> and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Many thanks to the ordering and serving crew of Mary Lou, Tess, Shirley and Kitty, it was a great success. October also brought our annual Jive at Five Dinner Dance that was held at Garden Chalet once again. The food was very delicious and the tunes spun by Party Doll Arlene were awesome! Judy chaired the event, with some assistance from Mary Lou and I. Thanks to all who helped with these events.

In the last newsletter, we included a survey asking for your opinions and comments, etc. Thank you to the 14 who responded. The Board is considering the responses but it's not too late to send a survey in now. If you do not attend many dances or don't want to leave it at the front desk, you can mail it to me at 16 E. Illinois St., Lemont, IL. 60439. We are just the Board trying to keep our club dancing but it is ALL of our club, and we need and welcome any form of communication from you.

Our Annual Halloween Party was a huge success! The costumes were awesome, as usually and we had a great time. Thanks to all who dressed-up; there was everything from a Baby Girl, a Skeleton, Werewolf, Minions and a Birthday Girl & Piñata. I hope you've seen the pictures on Facebook! The winners in our three categories were: Pat Fiscelli-Baby Girl who Pooped and Glori Fiscelli as Button Candy on paper; Manny Gonzalez & Frannie Merrar were a cow and a chicken, respectively, asking everyone to "Eat More Chikn" and last, but not least, were Dave & Trudy Knox scaring us as Red Riding Hood and the Wolf. This year we were able to award cash prizes for the winners and free passes to the numerous Honorable Mention costumed dancers. What a great evening!

The November 14th election was uncontested, so the current Board was elected by acclamation and will remain in office for 2016. I hope you've checked your schedule and plan to attend our Jingle Ball at Glendora Ballroom on November 28th. We have half of the room this year to cut down on expenses trying to fill a place that holds over 400 for maybe, 180. You will still experience the ballroom feeling and we won't have to raise the price at the door to cover our costs, which will still be over \$700. Dancing is from 8:00pm – 12:30am. And don't forget to support our 50/50; it helps underwrite our many dancing events.

I also want to report that we have shoe bags and shirts available at the front desk and to order. Inside, you will also find a financial report in this newsletter; much the same expenses as previous years but we have managed to reduce costs like our telephone service, fewer/smaller newsletters, and "advertising" by Facebook.

Last, but by no means, least, is our New Years' Eve Gala at a new venue this year, Candle Light Banquets on 106th and Ridgeland Avenue. It is on a "first come, first served" basis reservations and must be in by December 1st for the "Early Bird Discount" with no exceptions. I suggest you bring your checks/payments to the Jingle Ball at Glendora House on the 28th to ensure your space!

Best,  
Barb Buschman-President

### Our Local End-of Year ABA Dance Parties

Nov 28	CJC Jingle Ball, Glendora House (Men suits/jackets, Ladies cocktail/gowns)
Dec 5	CWCJC Dance Party, Election and Toy Drive, American Legion
Dec 12	CJC Dance Party & Toy Drive, Elks
Dec 19	CJC Christmas/Holiday Party, Elks
Dec 19	CWCJC Holiday Party, American Legion

## CJC 2015 Board of Directors

### President

Barbara Buschman

### Vice President

Carol Green

### Secretary

Judy Hook

### Treasurer Pro Tem

Tony Zawacki

### Board Members

Gene Bylina

Kitty Shannon

Slim Waschke

### Past President

Mary Lou Poremba

### 2015 Committees

#### 50/50 Sales/Prizes

Kitty Shannon

#### 50/50 Assistants

Blanche Arreguin

Bruce Bossier

#### Album

Carol Green

#### Birthday Cards

Kathy Kay

#### Candy & Snacks

Gene Bylina

Arlene Waschke

#### DJs

Norm Oden

Party Doll

#### Jive at Five

Judy Hook

#### Membership

Carol Green

#### Newsletter

Mary Lou Poremba

#### Publicity

Mary Lou Poremba

#### Sunshine

Arlene Maynard

#### Volunteers/Check-in Desk

Carol Green

#### Web Master

Dave Chess



## Footnotes

Get Well wishes almost aren't necessary for **Pat Lauer**. Our Pat recently underwent a knee replacement and was home walking/recovering the next week! Our deepest condolences to **Joyce Lenzi** on the sudden passing of her lovely granddaughter, Alecia. Congratulations to **Tony Zawacki & Sally Kupczyk**. This dancing couple became engaged at an October dance party when the lucky fella presented Sally with a beautiful ring.

## New Members

Ruth Espinos

Maryellen Heim

James Karppi

Ron Kollins

Art Morgan

**Never return a kindness.  
Pass it on!**

## 2015 Dance Party Wrap-up

Date	Door Dues	50/50 Donation	Total
Jan 10	\$200	\$116	\$316
Jan 24	\$505	\$123	\$628
Feb 14	\$375	\$90	\$465
Feb 28	\$515	\$125	\$640
March 14	\$1090	\$223	\$1313
March 28	\$480	\$74	\$554
April 11	\$400	\$88	\$488
April 25	\$352	\$75	\$427
May 9	\$550	\$80	\$630
May 30	\$330	\$80	\$410
June 13	\$375	\$70	\$445
June 27	Temporarily unavailable		
July 11	\$535	\$148	\$683
July 25	\$470	\$125	\$595
Aug 8	\$450	\$106	\$556
Aug 22	\$395	\$106	\$501
Sept 12	\$590	\$143	\$733
Sept 26	\$510	\$105	\$615
Oct 10	\$405	\$115	\$520

# Chicago Jitterbug Club

## Financial Report for 2014

### Income

Memberships	\$4,375.00
Door Dues (Members, \$5.00 and Guests, \$10.00)	\$10,245.00
50/50 Donations	\$2,764.00
Rebates/Other Donations/Rebates	\$291.36
Clubwear	\$612.63
Picnic	\$0.00
Jive at Five	\$2,350.00
New Year's Eve*	\$7,150.00
<b>Total Income All Sources</b>	<b>\$27,787.99</b>

\* Gross sales, \$7,260.00 (less 1 NSF check for \$110)

### Expenses

Rent	\$8,720.00
Salaries (DJs/Instructors)	\$5,650.00
Phone	\$803.64
Candy, Snacks	\$788.48
Foods & Food/Beverage Events**	\$8,645.76
Serving Materials, Decorations	\$69.76
Office Supplies	\$975.18
Printing	\$923.87
Mailings	\$1,001.88
Advertising	\$270.00
Shirts, Jackets, Towels	\$306.70
Prizes	\$323.06
Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$1,512.64
<b>Total Expenses All Cost Centers</b>	<b>\$29,990.97</b>

\* Board Liability Insurance, ABA Membership, rebates, tax filings

\*\*New Year's Eve, Pizza, Ice Cream Social, Birthday

**NET LOSS                      \$2,202.98**

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**Proud Member:**  
**American Bop Association**  
**First Premier Cruise Club–2006**  
**Premier ABA Cruise Club–2010**  
**Premier ABA Cruise Club–2013**  
**Premier ABA Cruise Club–2014**  
**Premier ABA Cruise Club–2015**



**Jingle Ball After-Five Dance, November 28th**  
**New Year's Eve Gala Reservation Form Inside!**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**2016 ABA & ABA Sisters' Weekend Parties**

**Jan 19 – 29                      ABA Dancin' Caribbean Cruise (10 nites, with four new ports!), Ft Lauderdale**

*Flyers are available at our dance parties or visit us at [www.chicagojitterbugclub.org](http://www.chicagojitterbugclub.org) for links to the ABA, sister clubs, Ballroom Chicago, Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club, Danceaholics, and Toe to Toe Dancewear.*