# Footloose



# **Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club**

Good Day all my dancing friends:

Well, as I write this, it really feels like Spring, after, what seemed, a very long Winter! Of course, being where we live, the weatherman says there might be snow showers tomorrow, but, bring it on, we are almost there-Spring. Now that the weather is better, we are hoping to see more of you coming out to the dances. Attendance has been low so far this year, but we are hoping to see more of you as the weather improves. You know, dancing is one of the very best things we can do. Keeps your memory going, helps with your balance and it is so much fun; not only the dance, but enjoying time with your friends and fellow dancers.

I will also like to touch on our 50/50 raffle at this time. I know I have said it before but I will say it again. We need your participation in the 50/50 raffle. We are holding our own treasury wise, but everyone needs to help with the 50/50. It helps pay the bills. It costs about \$550.00 in expenses for each dance! And with lower attendance, the raffle helps a lot. We don't want to increase the yearly dues, which are very reasonable now, and we don't want to increase the door cost. If everyone just helps with the 50/50, it will be a wonderful thing!

In the works, our Board is looking forward to our Annual Picnic. It is set for September 8 at Slim & Arlene's house which they have been kind enough to offer one more time. A flyer will be circulated later in the year. Your Board also made the decision to have New Years Eve at the Garden Chalet on 110th and Ridgeland Avenue. A deposit by Secretary Carol White, has been made and details will be worked-out in the months to come. We will be in the back room, which is very nice and has a fireplace. Plenty of room to dance and we only have to guarantee 60 guests.

Membership Chair Carol Green reported that we have 5 new members bring our total members to 155. Discussion was had about members who haven't renewed. It was decided by the Board to send a "get in free" card to members will receive a 2nd notice that their dues are "due". We are hoping that will get some of our people a little incentive to come and join us at a dance soon. It has been a while since we have been celebrating birthdays and I asked to have the birthdays of our members listed again in the newsletter. We will start a birthday dance each month for those members who are having a birthday and that will become a "mixer" not just for individuals.

Arlene Maynard will be in charge of the 50/50 raffle and is inviting anyone who would like to volunteer for this important job, please get in touch with her at a dance or by email. Arlene is also our "sunshine" person who sends cards to people who are sick, have a death in the family or just need some encouragement. Please also let her or any Board member know of anything is going on so she can get a card out to them. Well, hope to see more of you at our dances. We miss you and miss socializing with you. Next dance is April 26th at the Elks with another free lesson by Todd & Mikey. Hope to see you there.

President Barb

## **CJC and CWCJC Dance Party Checklist**

April 26	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion (YES, THIS IS A FRIDAY!)
April 27	CJC Black & White Dance Party, Elks, Free Swing/Jitterbug Lesson @ 6:30, DJ Party Doll
May 4	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion
May 11	CJC Justadance Party, Elks, DJ Gay
May 18	CWCJC Dance, American Legion
May 25	CJC Tee Shirt Dance Party, Elks
June 1	CWCJC Dance, American Legion, Election
June 8	CJC Flag Day Dance Party, Elks
June 22	CJC Justadance Party, Elks
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## **CJC Board of Directors**

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2019 Revenue Report

Date	Door	50/50	Total Inc
Jan 9	\$325	<b>\$100</b>	\$425
Feb 9	\$492	\$160	\$652
Feb 23	\$235	\$84	\$319
March 9	\$261	\$94	\$355
March 23	\$335	\$119	\$454
April 13	\$281	<b>\$106</b>	\$387

Dance parties expense is \$540, plus snacks/treats

#### **Welcome New Members!**

Todd Bremner Carol Kroemer Mikey Orzechowski Jim Zaluba



## **Loss to Our Dance Family**

We are saddened at the passing of long-time member **Joanne Chess** from cancer on March 20th. She had been sick for several years but fought hard to beat the disease with husband Dave by her side. Thru her

illness, Jo & Dave (Web Master) continued to split their time between homes in Tinley Park and Largo, Florida and dancing at the CJC and in Tampa. Jo tried a number of protocols and suffered setbacks but kept her hopes up with her sunny spirit and her faith. Two years ago, Dave & Jo even renewed their wedding vows on the Caribbean Princess with club members in attendance snapping pictures! They were married 32 years. Condolences to David and Joanne's family and the many friends she made in her too short lifetime. We will miss her greatly.

#### Thank You 2018 Volunteers!

All the names on this list of Door/Admission Hosts were entered into a drawing for free annual dues. The lucky winners this year were Dave Knox and Jerry Koppel, who won prizes of a free year of CJC membership worth \$25.00!

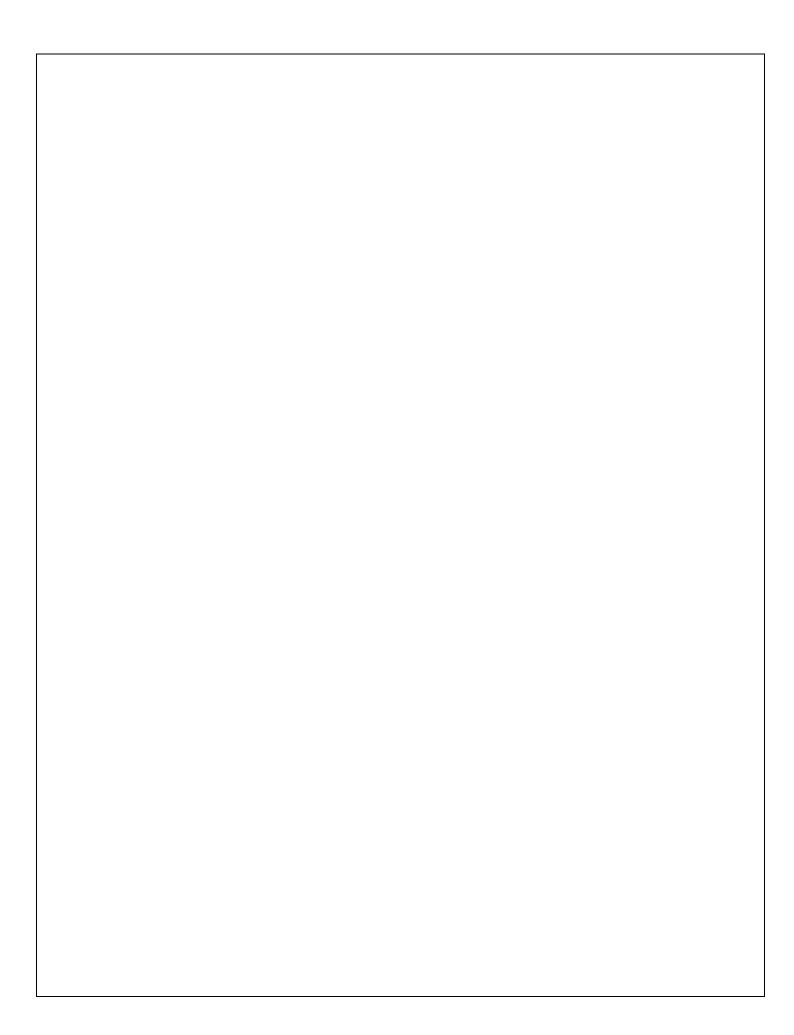
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## Word of the Day: Shenanigator

A person who instigates shenanigans

## **Board Meeting Recap of 4/3/19**

Club membership count is 155
Annual picnic confirmed for September 8 @
Waschke's Wildlife Preserve
New Year's Eve Gala @ Garden Chalet
with plated family-style dinner
DJ Gay plays May 11th
Liability Insurance @ \$800.00 approved
Birthday Dances reinstated as Mixers
Need male teaching assistants for lessons!
Next pre-dance lesson is April 23 @ 6:30
Sunshine – give names to Arlene Maynard
Next meeting Wednesday, June 5, 12n, Elks
Questions? See a Board Member



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# 2019 ABA & ABA Sisters' Multi-Day Parties

May1-4	Beach Hangout Weekend, Birmingham, AL
May $3-4$	Dancin in the Park, Hot Springs, AR
July 4 – 6	Boogie in the Bluegrass, Louisville, KY
July 18 – 21	Sparkle City Celebration, Spartanburg, SC
Aug 15 – 17	Shag Tracks 25, Chattanooga, TN
Aug 22 – 24	Beach Boogie, Tampa Bay, FL
Aug 29 – Sept 2	Rollin' on the River, St Louis, MO
Oct 3 - 5	Rock City Swing, Little Rock, AR
Oct 10 – 13	Atlanta Swing Classic, Atlanta, GA
Nov $6 - 10$	Move Across the River, Cincinnati, OH
Jan 23 – Feb 2	ABA Panama Canal Cruise (10 days)

Some flyers available at our dance parties or visit us at <a href="www.chicagojitterbugclub.org">www.chicagojitterbugclub.org</a> for links to the American Bop Association (ABA), sister clubs, Ballroom Chicago, Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club, and Danceaholics. In addition to our website, look for us and follow us on Facebook.