

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hi Dancers,

I hope you've been back to our dance parties and that you're all recovered from a long layoff. Attendance at our Club has been moderate, but we're looking forward to a seeing even more of you real soon and through the end of the year. You can see some Club faces inside, and everyone looks good!

We offered the first of our free dance lessons, which was a Cha Cha Cha workshop by Catherine LiSoliel with over 24 dancers participating. September 25th brings a pre-dance Beginners Jitterbug class by Mary Lou, a Certified Swing Dance Instructor and Hall of Fame member. If you have friends who are interested in learning Chicago-Style Jitterbug, please share this information. If the response is there, the lessons will continue to help dancers to improve their skills and expand their repertoire.

Years ago, I and subsequent board presidents, frequently reminded our members of the importance of supporting the CJC 50/50 "Split the Pot" and of tipping the bartender. Both of these things are important to the overall health of the Club. Since the advent of CoVid, CJC dances have been averaging about 60 dancers. This number represents the attendance of our loyal members and many guests. We are fortunate to have drawn dance interest from the Meet-Up group who have helped boost our door income. However, with our snowbirds leaving soon, 60 dancers isn't enough to cover our costs. Every dance party costs \$540, in addition to the cost of snacks and/or prizes. This is why the 50/50 is so important to our financial health. It often generates another \$100, an amount equal to 10 – 15 members or 10 additional guests attending, and can be the difference in a dance party being in the red or black. So, I'm asking every one of you to say "Yes!" when our ticket seller comes by for a Split the Pot donation, even if you aren't a "gambler" and instead look at it as supporting your Club.

In regards to our bartender(s), the Elks has been very good to our Club. They rent the hall to CJC preferentially and at a discount rate, with the hopes that our dancers will produce a decent revenue for both the bar and bartender while being good tenants. When purchasing your beverages, please thank the bartender with some of your change.

There is one more area where you, the members, can help make our dance parties more successful. Our charter nearly 30 years ago described our Club as an organization created for the perpetuation and enjoyment of the "Chicago-Style" of swing dancing and its related music. But unfortunately our dance floor is empty frequently during a song or two. It would be a wonderful sight to see our dance floor fuller than it's been lately. Members, we have many new faces attending our dances who are eager to help fill our floor again. All of these visitors are worth getting to know. So leaders, take the newbies and/or sitting members out onto the dance floor a couple of times during the night. Remember, at one time you were a newbie as well. Followers/ladies, be brave and ask one of our nice gentlemen for a dance. It's not considered forward in a dance club and the men do love to be asked!

Inside this newsletter is a form on which you can nominate yourself or someone you think would be a great addition to our Board of Directors. The form needs to be submitted between October 1 and October 15th. Please consider the idea of helping out your Club. We meet only every other month with the biggest commitment to the Club is being available to help at our dance parties. You've seen the same half dozen people for years doing any number of things and giving up their dance time. We don't want anyone to wear themselves out, so could you possibly bring new blood and ideas to the Board? Please think about it. Grab a Board member and ask some questions.

As a reminder: where can you go today and get three hours of great dance music, visit with friends, enjoy reasonable drink prices, and get free snacks in a safe environment for \$7.00? You can't beat that, unless you stay home. Please come to the Annual Business Meeting and bring your ideas, comments, and suggestions.

Mary Lou Poremba, Board Member/Founder

CJC Board of Directors for 2021

President

Gene Bylina

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Carol Green

Secretary/50-50 Sales

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard

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Slim Waschke

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Judy Leslie	Sept 1
David Knox	Sept 2
Dean Becker	Sept 3
Kathy McGivney	Sept 9
Tom Kozin	Sept 11
Charlene Ludwig	Sept 17
Tom Murray	Sept 17
Wayne Krempach	Sept 26
Sue Hearne	Sept 28
Kai Trzepacz	Sept 29
Tony Zawacki	Sept 30
Lorraine Rybka	Oct 1
Willie Macdonald	Oct 3
Barbara Buschman	Oct 7
Darlene Pellegrini	Oct 9
Tanya Chasey	Oct 13
Camille Connolly	Oct 17
Dawn Adams	Oct 18
Angie Tuazon	Oct 19
Donna Iwanaga	Oct 25
Penny Creviston	Oct 26
Linda Masterson	Oct 29
Trudy Knox	Oct 31

July Board Meeting News & Recap

- 2021 Web Domains renewed
- New Liability Insurance resulted over \$400 savings
- \$20 cash donation from a member. Thank you!
- Bagged snacks will continue to be available
- Free Beginner Jitterbug lesson on September 25
- Next Board Meeting scheduled for September 15
- Club needs a Board Member-at-Large

CWCJC Scheduled Dance Parties

American Legion Hall
9757 Pacific Ave.
Franklin Park
7:30 – 10:30pm
(Note new dance hours)

September 18

October 2

October 16

Beginner Jitterbug Lesson – Free with Mary Lou

September 25
October 9 (TBD)
7:00pm

As a courtesy to our instructor, no observers. If you aren't taking the lesson, please don't arrive before 7:45.

Why We Like Retirement

Q: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

A: Only one, but it might take all day

Q: Why don't retirees mind being called seniors?

A: The term comes with a 10% discount

Q: What is a gripe of retirees who dance?

A: There aren't enough days to get all my dancing in

Q: Among many retired women, what is dress-up?

A: Rhinestoned dance shoes

Q: Among many retired men, what is dress-up?

A: A CJC tee shirt and dance shoes

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Chicago Jitterbug Club

c/o 5131 W. 115th Street
Alsip, IL 60803

Officers and Board of Directors Statement of Candidacy/Nomination Form

You may nominate yourself or one (1) person for each Officer position and up to three (3) individuals for Board Member/Director. **Please have the nominee sign to indicate acceptance and approval of the nomination.** The Membership Chair/Vice President will confirm eligibility. Nominations open October 1, 2021, and close October 15, 2021.

I nominate the following individual(s) for the position(s) indicated below:

Officers (qualification is 1 year of service on Board completed immediately prior to January 2022)

President _____ I accept _____

Vice President _____ I accept _____

Secretary _____ I accept _____

Treasurer _____ I accept _____

Executive Board Member (qualification is 1 year current membership-in-good-standing)

Board Member _____ I accept _____

Board Member _____ I accept _____

Board Member _____ I accept _____

I am a member-in-good-standing of the Chicago Jitterbug Club.

Name _____
Must be signed to be valid.

Membership No. _____
(CJC only)

Please mail this nomination form to the Club office (CJC, 5131 W. 115th St., Alsip, IL 60803) by October 15th or turn in at a Club dance (October 9th). Competing qualified candidates will be asked to submit a brief statement for use in the newsletter and to address the membership at 7:30 pm on Election night, November 27, 2021. Terms for all positions are January 1 - December 31, 2022. Unfilled seats will be subject to appointment by the 2022 Board of Directors. Where there is no competition for office(s), eligible candidates may be elected by acclamation.

All mailed ballots must be postmarked by October 15th and received by October 20, 2021

Welcome Back Dancers!







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Proud Member:

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Premier ABA Cruise Club–2015



Find out what's going on September 11

Heading into Fall

Annual Business Meeting September 11

Free Intro to Jitterbug Lesson September 25

Beginners Jitterbug Lesson October 9

Halloween Dance Party October 28 (Costumes/Parade)

Salute to our Veterans November 13

Board Elections & Victory Dance Party November 27

Holiday Dance Party December 11



Celebrating our Veterans

Something new this year, CJC is joining forces with the Elks Club to boost their annual Veterans Donation Drive. Our Veterans and the Elks will benefit from our help! The Elks earn a government grant from our donation to help purchase additional supplies needed for the veterans.

The supplied list of items needed is listed below. The Elks in turn make Back Packs for the Vets. You can bring your donations (regular size) to our dance on November 13th, and your donation will greatly be appreciated. Any donations the Elks received that are left over are also donated to the VA Homes.

BACK PACKS FOR VETS

EACH MALE VET WILL RECEIVE A DRAWSTRING BAG FILLED WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- 1 BAR SOAP (LIKE LEVER BROS BRAND)
- 1 COMB
- 1 BOX Q-TIPS
- 1 DEODORANT
- 1 TOOTHBRUSH
- 2 TOOTHPASTE
- 2 BATHROOM WIPES
- 2 HAND SANITIZER
- 2 BODY LOTION
- 1 KLEENEX
- 2 MOUTHWASH
- 1 SHAMPOO
- 1 GILLETTE SHAVING CREAM (can)
- 2 BIC RAZORS

EACH FEMALE VET WILL RECEIVED A DRAWSTRING BAG FILLED WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- 1 BAR SOAP (LIKE LEVER BROS BRAND)
- 1 HAIR BRUSH
- 1 BOX Q-TIPS
- 1 DEODORANT
- 1 TOOTHBRUSH
- 2 TOOTHPASTE
- 2 BATHROOM WIPES
- 2 HAND SANITIZER
- 2 BODY LOTION
- 1 KLEENEX
- 2 MOUTHWASH
- 1 SHAMPOO
- 1 PACKAGE LADIES RAZORS

Please save and take this along while you shop for our November 13th Vets Night

AMERICAN BOP ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to the preservation of Swing Jitterbug Bop Shag

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the new ENCHANTED PRINCESS

FEBRUARY 08 ~ 18, 2022

10 DAY SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN ROUND TRIP FT. LAUDERDALE



Princess Cay 9 am ~ 4 pm
Antigua 9 am ~ 6 pm
Barbados 7 am ~ 4 pm

St. Thomas 9 am ~ 7 pm
St. Lucia 8 am ~ 6 pm
St. Kitts 9 am ~ 6 pm

For up to the minute pricing
call Maureen @ Just Cruisin' 800-727-9577

Government Tax additional @ \$170 per person, subject to change

All Rates quoted are per person, US Dollars, based on double occupancy and include port fees
Air Fare, transfers and insurance are additional. All rates are subject to availability at time of booking

Your American Bop Association Instructors:

Al Simmering- Las Vegas
Janice Mantia - St Louis
Steve & Kathy Day - Boiling Springs, SC
Mike & Debbe Lapina - Florida

Your American Bop Association DJ's:

Larry Huff - Alabama
Mickey Salomon - Nashville
Gary Jones - Jacksonville
Bud Waters - American Bop Association President



FREE ~ FREE ~ FREE

Premier Beverage Package, with tips -
Everything from cocktails, beer & wine to specialty
coffees, smoothies & bottled water

Unlimited Wi - Fi with this internet package you
can video chat and text with family back home,
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Dance Questions: Ask LANA BLOOM,
ABA Cruise Coordinator



lanabloom@comcast.net
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Up to the minute pricing and Cruise Reservations

Call or email

Maureen & Bob JUST CRUISIN', INC.
800-727-9577 wecruise4@msn.com

PASSPORTS or WHTI DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS VOYAGE

Cabins must be reserved with Just Cruisin' to qualify for ABA workshops & onboard events-insuring dance floors are reserved for ABA supporters