

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hello Jitterbug Members!

Well, I think Spring is finally here – the grass is green, flowers and trees are blooming and it is Nature's Smile!

Your Board has been working on a New Years Eve venue and we voted on going back to the lovely Palos Country. Final details are being discussed and we will have more later.

On a sad note, we lost a Past President, Ken Dorian, in April. He passed suddenly at his retirement home in Arizona. Our sympathies to his wife, Cynthia, his sons, and their families.

A second sad announcement is the passing of our ABA President, Gary Chaney also in April. Gary did much for our club and has run the annual cruises from their beginning. Our sympathies go to his wife Charlotte and family. He was truly beloved across the dance world.

I would like to thank all of our members and dance guests for their support in the last four months.

Attendance has been down and we have not brought in what we need to pay for the night. There are many factors that contribute to this fact: aging, illness, "snow birds" and cold weather. I'm hoping to start seeing many of them flying in. I always try to encourage everyone to buy 50/50 because it surely is a help in getting us to where we have to be, which is close to \$600.00 to have a dance at the Elks. To that end and keeping the club viable, the Board has been talking about raising the entrance fee a small amount. I have been in the club for 14 years and it was \$5.00 when I started. I don't think that there is anything I bought 14 years ago that I could still get for \$5.00 today. (Subway's \$5.00 sandwiches are now \$6.00!) This has not been passed but will be discussed at the next meeting. Lastly, please maintain your annual membership as that income keeps us afloat, especially those months where we have light attendance.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to attend a weekend dance party, now is your chance to experience the fun and get your feet used to several days of dancing in a row! Sister club CWCJC is hosting Sweet Home Chicago June 30th – July 2 in easy-to-get -to Itasca. There, you will meet old friends and make new ones. Tickets are \$80 by June 18 for 25 hours of open dancing and free lessons! Hotel rates are \$92/night until June 10th, and I do recommend you stay to get the full "dance convention experience."

Hoping for a wonderful Spring/Summer season for all of you and hope to see many of you this summer!

Barb Buschman, President

CJC and CWCJC Dance Parties – Give Them Your Support!

June 4	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall, CWCJC Tee Shirt Night & Election
June 11	CJC Justadance Party, Elks, Flag Day Celebration
June 18	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall
June 25	CJC Justadance Party, Elks
June 30 – July 2	Sweet Home Chicago, Westin Hotel, Itasca (Advance purchase!)
July 9	CJC Black & White Dance Party, Elks
July 16	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall
July 23	CJC Justadance Party, Elks
August 6	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall
August 13	CJC Beach Party Night, Elks

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2016 Dance Party Revenue

Date	Door Dues	50/50 Donation
Jan 9	\$60	\$85
Jan 30	\$270	\$87
Feb 27	\$335	\$140
March 26	\$480	\$74
April 9	\$370	\$123
April 23	\$350	\$97
May 14	\$550	\$80



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ABA Cruise News

If a 15-day Hawaiian cruise is too long for you, the ABA has put together a shorter cruise for January 2017 to give you a taste of the cruise experience. A 5-night cruise will visit Cozumel, Cost Maya and Belize City, with nightly dancing and lessons on at-sea days. The party starts on the Caribbean Princess, January 22 – 28, 2017. Of course, past Princess passengers and former military members qualify for additional discounts.

The ABA's Hawaiian Islands cruise has close to 100 people signed on. The 15-day trip leaves San Francisco in March, with four days of restful sailing, visits to Honolulu, Kauai, Hilo, Maui, and Ensenada. Cruise specialist Maureen Bradley has lined up a pre-cruise hotel right at Fisherman's Wharf at a super rate for those who want to tour the City by the Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge. There's plenty of time for dance lessons, open dancing to our own DJs, and the wonderful Princess shows. There will be no lesson on the Honolulu port day as the ship will be there till 11pm. Call Maureen at 800/727-9577 or see Mary Lou for the latest updates. You can also email her at MaryLou@ChicagoJitterbugClub.org.

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Summer is finally coming. Get in shape by dancing!

2016/2017 ABA & ABA Sisters' Weekend Parties

June 30 – July 2	Sweet Home Chicago (Itasca), Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club
Aug 11 – 13	Mid-Ohio Boogie Bash (Columbus), Mid-Ohio Boogie Club
Nov 9 – 13	Move across the River (Cincinnati), Cincinnati Bop Club
Jan 22 – 28	ABA Dancin' on the High Seas Cruise (Maureen @800/727-9577)
March 10 – 25	ABA Hawaiian Island Cruise from San Francisco (Maureen @800/727-9577)

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