

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Well hello everyone!! As I write this, they still talk about some snow coming but the sun is out today. March is long gone, so we know it won't be long before we will feel Spring. I hope everyone survived the Winter without having much sickness.

Well, January started out with a bang at our birthday party in January. We had a nice crowd and lots of cake. February was another story. After much deliberation between the Board, myself and Bill from the Elks, the decision was made to cancel the dance for everyone's safety. If anyone came out, I am sorry. I made almost 60 calls, tried to leave messages, and had everyone I spoke to call anyone they thought might come. This is one reason why having an email contact address for you is so important! The second dance in February was very light but those who were there had a great time.

March 10th brought our guest DJ, Fast Freddie, and not only did our gang come out, but Freddie brought in many guests. We had almost 100 dancers, more than we have had in a long time. And we had a nice 50/50, too. I hate to keep saying it, but your club really depends on the 50/50 to take up the slack on lack of dancers, due to sickness, snowbirds, or just not wanting to travel. Even if you have to leave before the drawing, give your tickets to someone and have them watch for your numbers. (We don't keep the winnings when someone's not there.)

We had our Easter Bonnet/Hat dance in March and this month brings a dance lesson with **Debbe & Mike Lapina** on April 28th and a follow-up on May 12. They will be teaching beginning West Coast, which some of you asked for when we had our survey last. Lesson will start at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No one will be allowed in the hall once they start. May 12 says Tex Mex night on the calendar. We are planning a surprise for everyone, so please try to make this dance. And, I think many of our snowbird members will be back in the area so will be a great way to welcome them home!!.

Another great thing is **Frank Smith** has secured the Oak Forest Park District pavilion for our picnic again this year. The date will be August 4th. We will make final preparations and more information in the coming month. I hope everyone will have a great Spring and Summer and come to visit us at the Elks Club.

President Barb

CJC and CWCJC Dance Party Checklist

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| April 7 | CWCJC Baseball Dance and Hot Dog Night, American Legion Hall |
| April 14 | CJC Sports Team Jersey Dance Party, Elks |
| April 21 | CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall |
| April 28 | CJC Justadance Party, Elks, Intro to West Coast Swing #1 @ 6:30 (\$5.00) |
| May 5 | CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall |
| May 12 | CJC Tex Mex Dance Party, Elks, Intro to West Coast Swing #2 @ 6:30 (\$5.00) |
| May 19 | CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall |
| June 2 | CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall, Election |
| June 9 | CJC Flag Day Dance Party, Elks. Wear your red/white/blue! |
| June 16 | CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall |
| June 23 | CJC Official Club Shirt Party, Elks. Wear your colors! |

Problems with your emailed newsletter, message Mary Lou@ChicagoJitterbugClub.org
For dance info, email Barb@ChicagoJitterbugClub.org or call 630/257-6479

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2018 Dance Revenue Report

| | Date | Door | 50/50 | Total Inc |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Jan 13 | \$525 | \$155 | \$680 |
| | Feb 10 | Cancelled due to weather | | |
| | Feb 24 | \$262 | \$86 | \$348 |
| | March 10 | \$732 | \$179 | \$911 |
| | March 24 | \$390 | \$121 | \$511 |

Dances cost \$540, not including snacks

Welcome New/Renewed Members!

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| Sharon Carlson | Gay Essary |
| Sandy Ceretto | Noreen Kozak |
| Tanya Chasey | Tony Menella |
| Camille Connolly | Oscar Vela |



Footnotes

Sincere condolences to the friends of long-time member **Cindy Burns**, on her passing in Florida after an ongoing battle with cancer. A memorial will be held in the area in May. . . Our sympathies are with **Mary Josek** on the passing of her dear sister, **Winnie Caulfield**. Everyone knew sweet Winnie and she kept coming out to our dances even while on oxygen. She had no children but she is lovingly remembered by many nephews and nieces. We will miss her cheerfulness and happy disposition at our dance parties. . . Sadly, we lost another member this winter with the demise of **Ross Engraffia**. Ross enjoyed the dance club and visiting the gambling boats. . . Get well wishes continue for **Joanne Chess**, currently in Florida, who is experiencing a setback on her path to wellness. . . We are also sending healing thoughts and prayers for very long-time member **Fred Loibl**, who is undergoing treatments while holding cancer at bay. . . We're still wishing for a full recovery by **Ed Poremba** from his many health issues. . . Hearty congratulations are in order for **Patty Suchocki** on the birth of her new grandson, Kyle Sean, born on March 20th at 1:35pm, 19 inches long and weighing 7lbs, 8oz. This is #4 for grandma! . . The heartiest of congratulations to Korean War veteran **Gene Bylina** on being selected to participate in Honor Flight Chicago this month. Gene was flown to Washington, DC to visit and reflect at our capital's war memorials, receive thanks for his service, and be welcomed home with a real Mail Call! . . . And what's new with you?

Hall of Fame Dancers
Mike & Debbe Lapina
and the
Chicago Jitterbug Club

present

Intro to West Coast Swing



Saturdays, April 28 & May 12
Chicago South Elks Lodge
4428 W Midlothian Tpk

6:30 PM Sharp!
(Doors open @ 6:15)

Workshop \$5.00 for Members or Guests
Plus Discounted Dues of \$5.00 or \$10.00

As a courtesy to our instructors, no observers!
Dance Party starts at 8:00 PM

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West Coast Swing Lesson, April 28 & May 12, 6:30 pm. Doors open to students @ 6:15!



2018 ABA & ABA Sisters' Multi-Day Parties

June 28 – 30 Sweet Home Chicago 2017, CWCJC (Itasca)
Aug 30 – Sept 3 Rollin' on the River 2017, West County Swing Dance Club (St Louis, MO)
November 8 – 12 Move across the River, Cincinnati Bop Club, Cincinnati

Some flyers 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, and Danceaholics.