



# Footloose

## Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hello my dancing friends and a happy almost spring!

I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays, which seemed to fly by, and I'm wishing you all a wonderful 2016. The Club had a very nice New Year's Eve Gala at the Candle Light Banquets, although once again, it seemed a little iffy that we would make our quota. But all was good, we made a little money, and everyone enjoyed the drinks, meal, and wonderful music from our DJ Norm! A slow response, of course, has happened in past years and I believe it's a sign of the times: members going to warmer climates for the winter, worry about the weather, and/or not wanting to drive on New Year's Eve. Your Board is looking at this matter now.

We had a light turnout but lots of cake at our 23rd Birthday Party on January 9th. Shortly thereafter, myself and a number of others took to the high seas for the annual ABA Cruise, which was 10 days and took us into the West Indies and Eastern Caribbean. A great time was had by all and we met fellow dancers from Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Las Vegas, and Canada. The DJs did an excellent job and the lessons offered new moves and patterns as well as reinforcement of others. Many thanks to Maureen Bradley and Gary Chaney for another wonderful time. Next year, the ABA is offering two cruises! There's one in January for those who prefer the slightly shorter cruises. The second cruise set for 2017 is of two weeks duration and sails for Hawaii from San Francisco. This has already proved to be very popular, as over 80 dancers have signed on already! If you like more cruise time and prefer not to spend the extra money just getting to the Hawaiian Islands, this is the cruise for you. See Mary Lou or me for more info.

If you noticed our cover announcement, you saw that there would be no "Ritz" event at Glendora House this year. As with many dance locations, facilities would rather take in money for sales of food and open bars than from jitterbug dances. Please notify your nonmember dance friends of the cancellation and invite them to try out our wonderful wood floor at the Elks some time. Thanks!

Your Board is still looking for a spot for a picnic this year. Lots of people want us to bring the picnics back, so you'll be first to know if we find a grove. Watch this space.

We closed the books on 2015 in about the same shape as 2014. Some dance parties made a little more than they cost but most did not. As you will see in the Profit/Loss Report in our next issue of Footloose, we try to run a tight ship. But decreased attendance at many events reduces the cushion we used to count on to keep us in the black. If you follow the Dance Party Report in most every issue of Footloose, you'll see that only a handful of dance parties are self-supporting, even adding in the 50/50. The rest often are in the red. And so, I ask you to try a little harder to make the dance parties an important part of your social calendar so that we all might continue to use and enjoy our Club, its fellowship, and all-around good times!

**Barb Buschman, President**

### **CJC and CWCJC Dance Parties – Give Them Your Support!**

March 18	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall (Note: FRIDAY DANCE!)
<b>March 26</b>	<b>CJC Justadance Party, Elks, Easter Parade (Crazy Hat Night)</b>
April 2	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall
<b>April 9</b>	<b>CJC Spirited Dance Party, Elks (CJC Tee Shirt Night)</b>
April 16	CWCJC Spring Dinner Dance, Chevy Chase Country Club (Advance Tix, \$45/\$55)
<b>April 23</b>	<b>CJC Justadance Party, Elks</b>
May 7	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall
<b>May 14</b>	<b>CJC Justadance Party, Elks</b>
May 21	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall
<b>May 28</b>	<b>CJC Dance Party, Elks, Sports Team Jersey Night</b>

## **CJC 2016 Board of Directors**

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## **Thanks to our 2015 Door Hosts:**

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James Blaschek

Marianne Buczyna

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Dave & Joanne Chess

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Carl Pignato

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Billie & Jack Sacks

Sal Saldana & Patty Suchocki

Jim & Judy Schaeffer

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Ishamar Umanos

## 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	\$340	\$63	\$413
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
Oct 31	\$164.10	\$120	\$284.10
Nov 14	\$375	\$108	\$483
** Nov 28	\$495	\$130	\$625
Dec 12	\$200	\$139	\$339
Dec 19	\$375	\$91	\$464

\* Elks Dance Party cost ≈ \$540, excluding snacks

\*\* Glendora House costs ≈ \$1000, excluding snacks



### Footnotes

Congratulations to **Pam Cress** on her lovely new digs. Pam recently relocated to a lovely place in Florida. We wish her all the best and a happy new life among the palms!....We're keeping **Joanne Chess** and **Cindy Burns** in our hearts and prayers as they continue their health battles in Florida. Joanne recently suffered a broken hip but is doing well in rehab. Cindy is home recovering from a stroke....Several of our other dancers recently underwent surgery and are on the mend. Get well soon wishes are sent to **Jack Boyle**, **Arlene Dalia**, **Shirley Krenkle**, and **Betty Sirko**.

### For the World Travelers:

It's not that difficult to tell alligators and crocodiles apart. One will see you in awhile, whereas the other will see you later!



**Hank Cabala**

We are so sad to report on the passing of Charter member Hank Cabala on February 4th. A man who loved dancing and playing cards, he maintained his membership even after taking ill just to stay in touch. Hank also was passionate about his membership in the Dyer VFW Post #6448, where he was a long-time member. He served one year in the US Navy in Viet Nam and on several ships throughout his hitch. While in Hospice care for his COPD, he loved playing cards with Barb Buschman, his love of many years. Hank left three daughters and nine grandchildren, two brothers and a sister. Our deepest condolences to Barb and Hank's family and friends. It was a pleasure knowing this fine man.

### New Cruise Options with the ABA

If a 10-day Caribbean or 15-day Hawaiian cruise is too long for you, the ABA has put together a second cruise for 2017. The 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 passenger qualify for additional discounts.

The ABA's Hawaiian Islands cruise is already proving quite popular. Before this year's cruisers left the Royal Princess this January, over 80 people had already booked passage! The 15-day trip leaves San Francisco in March, with four days of sailing out, visits to Honolulu, Kauai, Hilo, Maui, and Ensenda. There's plenty of time for dance lessons, open dancing to our own DJs, and relaxation. Call Maureen at 800/727-9577 or see Mary Lou for the latest updates.



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**NOTICE!**  
**Puttin' on the Ritz has been cancelled.**

**2016/2017 ABA & ABA Sisters' Weekend Parties**

<b>April 28 – 30</b>	<b>Swing at the Capitol, (Jefferson City, MO)</b>
<b>May 26 – 29</b>	<b>Summer Boogie Bash (Nashville), Music City Bop Club</b>
<b>June 30 – July 2</b>	<b>Sweet Home Chicago ( Itasca), Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club</b>
<b>Aug 11 – 13</b>	<b>Mid-Ohio Boogie Bash (Columbus), Mid-Ohio Boogie Club</b>
<b>Nov 9 – 13</b>	<b>Move across the River (Cincinnati), Cincinnati Bop Club</b>
<b>Jan 22 – 28</b>	<b>ABA Dancin' on the High Seas Cruise (Maureen @800/727-9577)</b>
<b>March 10 – 25</b>	<b>ABA Hawaiian Island Cruise from San Francisco (Maureen @800/727-9577)</b>

*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*