

Jan/Feb 2017



Footloose

Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hi Everyone:

Happy New Year to you all!

I would like to share your Club's holiday events with you. We had our Holliday Dance at the Elks Club on December 10th. The dance crowd was very light due to Old Man Winter rearing his ugly head, which made some nervous to drive. However, those who braved the weather enjoyed the music of Party Doll Arlene, lots of pizza from Beggar's and a wonderful selection of donated desserts. Thanks to all who made and/or brought goodies! A big Attagirl to Judy, Kitty, and Mary Lou for helping serve the pizza, and a tip of my stocking cap to Santa Bruce Bossier for providing the lap for all the kids and to Blanche Arreguin for her awesome pictures (inside)! We did not have our Annual Toy Drive this year, due to having only one dance at the Elks in December and the effort to reduce revenue losses.

Our New Year's Eve Gala was brought back to the Palos Country Club in spectacular style. After everyone got their hats, horns, crowns, beads, and leis, we all enjoyed hand-served appetizers. Then came a dinner of beef tenderloin and shrimp scampi with all the trimmings. And we brought in the New Year with champagne and confetti poppers. Thanks to Mary Lou for handling reservations, seating, favors, and whatnot for setting up a great evening. She was also able to negotiate a return to the Palos Country Club to welcome New Year 2018!

Our 2017 Calendar, with themes, is now online for you to see and a copy is in this newsletter. The handy pocket calendars are available, so make sure you get yours at the desk before we run out. We had our first 2017 dance on January 14th, at which time we celebrated our 24th Birthday! It was another lightly attended event but there was lots of cake served to everyone, thanks to Arlene VanHouten-Maynard and Kitty Shannon.

We have two theme dances in February. On February 11th, we are trying something new: a Valentine Mixer, and on February 25th it will be Mardi Gras time. I hope to see many of you at these dances. On April 22nd, we are offering a pre-dance lesson from our own Mike & Debbie Lapina. Watch for flyers at coming dance parties with all the particulars. Coming soon will be a Guest DJ too!

Just to let you know, your Board is working hard at trying to keep expenses down without making any major or painful changes. We've eliminated mailing birthday cards and switched to a monthly listing, so you'll still get in free but only during your birthday month. You may notice a fewer number of newsletters and two months with only one dance party. We have a presence on Facebook for our smartphone users and on our own website. We are also implementing some of the suggestions members have made, such as eliminating the free-to-members Birthday Dance Party, and we increased door dues to nonmembers in the hope of getting more people to join. We really hope these changes get us out of the red ink of the last few years and back into breaking even. Lastly, I am happy to note that we are planning a picnic this summer!

Wishing everyone a great 2017, with more of you on the dancefloor!

Barb Buschman, President

Guest Dues Increase - Tell Your Nonmember Friends!
Effective January 1, 2017, Nonmember/Guest Dues increased to \$12.00

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Chicago Jitterbug Club

2017 Dance Calendar

(May be subject to slight changes)



Featuring:
DJ Norm
DJ Party Doll



January 14 – Birthday Dance Party (Cake is free)

February 11 – Valentines Mixer Dance Party

February 25 – Mardi Gras Dance Party

March 11 – Fancy Dress! Dance Party

March 25 – Justadance Party

April 8 – CJC Easter Bonnet Dance Party

April 22 – Justadance Party

May 13 – Black & White Dance Party

June 10 – Annual Flag Day Dance Party (Casual Red/White/Blue)

June 24 – Welcome to Summer Dance Party

July 8 – Justadance Party

July 22 – CJC Tee Shirt Dance Party

August 12 – Beachcomber Dance Party (Luau Casual)

August 26 – Ice Cream Social & Justadance Party

September 9 – Annual Business Meeting @ 7:30 (Doors open @ 7:15 this night only!)

September 23 – CJC Western Roundup Dance Party

October 14 – 50s Greasers & Geeks Dance Party

October 28 – Halloween Dance Party, Costume Raffle & Parade

November 11 – Meet the Candidates @ 7:30/Veterans Victory Dance Party

November 25 – Justadance Party

December 9 – Holiday Dance Party

December 31 – New Year's Eve Gala (Location TBA, Prepaid Tix Only!)

Dance Party Home

Chicago South Elks Lodge
4428 W Midlothian Turnpike
630/257-6479

Doors open @ 7:30, except as noted. Please comply for the convenience of our host workers. Thanks!

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CJC Holliday Blizzard Dance Party, December 10, 2016





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CJC and CWCJC Dance Party Checklist

February 11	CJC Valentine Mixer Dance Party, Elks
February 25	CJC Mardi Gras Dance Party, Elks
March 4	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall (Line dance lesson @ 6:30, \$4/\$5, + admission)
March 11	CJC Fancy Dress Dance Party, Elks
March 17	CWCJC St. Patrick's Day Dance, American Legion Hall (Sandwiches & chips, \$7/\$15)
March 25	CJC Justadance Party, Elks
April 1	CWCJC Baseball Dance, American Legion Hall
April 8	CJC Easter Bonnet Dance Party, Elks
April 22	CJC Justadance Party, Elks
April 29	CWCJC Dance, American Legion Hall

2016/2017 ABA & ABA Sisters' Multi-Day Parties

March 10 – 25	ABA Hawaiian Island Cruise from San Francisco (Maureen @800/727-9577)
April 6 – 9	Boogie in the Burgh 2917, Steel City Boogie Club (Pittsburgh, PA)
May 25 – 28	Summer Boogie Blast, Music City Bop Club (Nashville, TN)
June 29 – July 1	Sweet Home Chicago 2017, CWCJC (Itasca)
July 21 – 23	Sparkle City Celebration 2017, R & B Shag Club (Spartanburg, SC)
August 24 – 26	Beach Boogie 2017, Tampa Bay Beach Boppers (St Pete's Beach, FL)
Aug 31 – Sept 4	Rollin' on the River 2017, West County Swing Dance Club (St Louis, MO)
October 11 – 14	Boogie in the Bluegrass 2017, Derby City Bop Club (Louisville, KY)
November 8 – 12	Move across the River, Cincinnati Bop Club, Cincinnati

Flyers may be 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.