

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hi Everybody:

Seems late to be wishing you a Happy New Year, but here it is. I hope you all had wonderful holidays with loved ones! We had a great New Year's Eve Gala at the Elks. If you were there, I hope you had a great time and if you were not able to make it, there is always 2019 to look forward to. Kudos to Arlene Maynard for the super job she did on food and her assistant Judy. Also, to Mary Lou who took care of the money and table assignments. To all who helped decorate, my sincere thanks: Tony, Carol White, Arlene, Sally and anyone I may have forgotten.

We had our Birthday Dance on January 12th, with DJ Fast Freddie spinning the tunes. It was a "good time had by all" dance. We had our annual Birthday Cakes and there was plenty for everyone. We had a good group of dancers and guests at our Valentine Dance on February 9th, and coming up your Board is hosting lessons for East Coast Swing at the February 23rd dance. If you know of anyone who wants to learn Jitterbug, this is their chance to do it. Todd and Mikey are expert teachers and I know people have asked me when someone was going to teach Jitterbug. Lesson is free and doors open at 6:15. No one allowed in after the lesson starts at 6:30. The door fee does have to be paid to take the dance lessons. Hoping for a great turnout, as the snow has gone for now. It is very cold out but the good news is it's the middle of February!! Besides the East Coast Swing/Jitterbug lessons on February 23, additional lessons are scheduled for March 23 and April 27. Please spread the word to anyone you know who has been wanting to learn swing dancing. A flyer is inside!

If you know of anyone who is under-the-weather or just needs a note or a call, please let me or one of the Board members know. We would be more than happy to get in touch with them.

The Chicago Jitterbug Club belongs to all of us; not to me, or the Board, but to everyone and we need everyone's help in keeping it going! Ask someone you know, or someone who used to come, to come to a dance. As we age, my doctor tells me we slow down, others get sick and some just can't dance as much anymore, but we all have to work together to keep our club alive. For many, the Club has been their only social outing. We need to do this for our club to survive. Please help us to "keep on dancing".... Another thing important in our survival is the 50/50 raffle at each dance. Coming to a dance is a pretty cheap night out: \$7.00 entrance dues, \$5.00 for the raffle and maybe \$5 for a beverage or two! You can hardly go to the movies for that; and our snacks and candy are free! You can't go wrong, but we heavily depend on the proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle. PLEASE, purchase raffle tickets from one of your fellow members when they come by with tickets. Well, I think I am done for this column. Have a wonderful Easter, be safe and have fun!!

Barb Buschman

CJC and CWCJC Dance Party Checklist

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| February 23 | CJC Dance Party, Elks, Free Swing/Jitterbug Lesson @ 6:30 (doors open @ 6:15) |
| March 2 | CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion |
| March 9 | CJC Fancy Dress Dance Party, Elks, |
| March 16 | CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion |
| March 23 | CJC Dance Party, Elks, (Free Swing/Jitterbug Lesson @ 6:30 (doors open @ 6:15) |
| April 6 | CWCJC Dance, American Legion |
| April 13 | CJC Halloween Hustle Dance Party, Raffle & Parade, Elks |
| April 26 | CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion (YES, THIS IS A FRIDAY!) |
| April 27 | CJC Black/White Dance Party, Elks, Free Lesson @ 6:30 (doors open @ 6:15) |

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

CJC Board of Directors

President

Barbara Buschman

Vice President

Carol Green

Secretary

Carol White

Treasurer

Tony Zawacki

Board Members

Gene Bylina

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard

Slim Waschke

Past President

Mary Lou Poremba

2019 Committees

50/50 Sales & Assistants

Gene Bylina

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard

Carol White

Album

Carol Green

Club DJs

Norm Oden

Party Doll

Membership/Volunteers

Carol Green

Newsletter

Mary Lou

Publicity

Mary Lou

Carol White

Roadie

Slim Waschke

Snacks/Candy

Gene Bylina

Arlene Waschke

Social Committee

Carol White

Sunshine

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard

Tax Returns

Dave Chess

Web Master

Dave Chess

2019 Revenue Report

| Date | Door | 50/50 | Total Inc |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Jan 9 | \$325 | \$100 | \$425 |
| Feb 9 | \$492 | \$160 | \$652 |

Dance parties expense is \$540, plus snacks/treats



Welcome New Members!

Richard Gregorczyk

Cai Trzepacz

2018 End-of-Year Dance Revenue

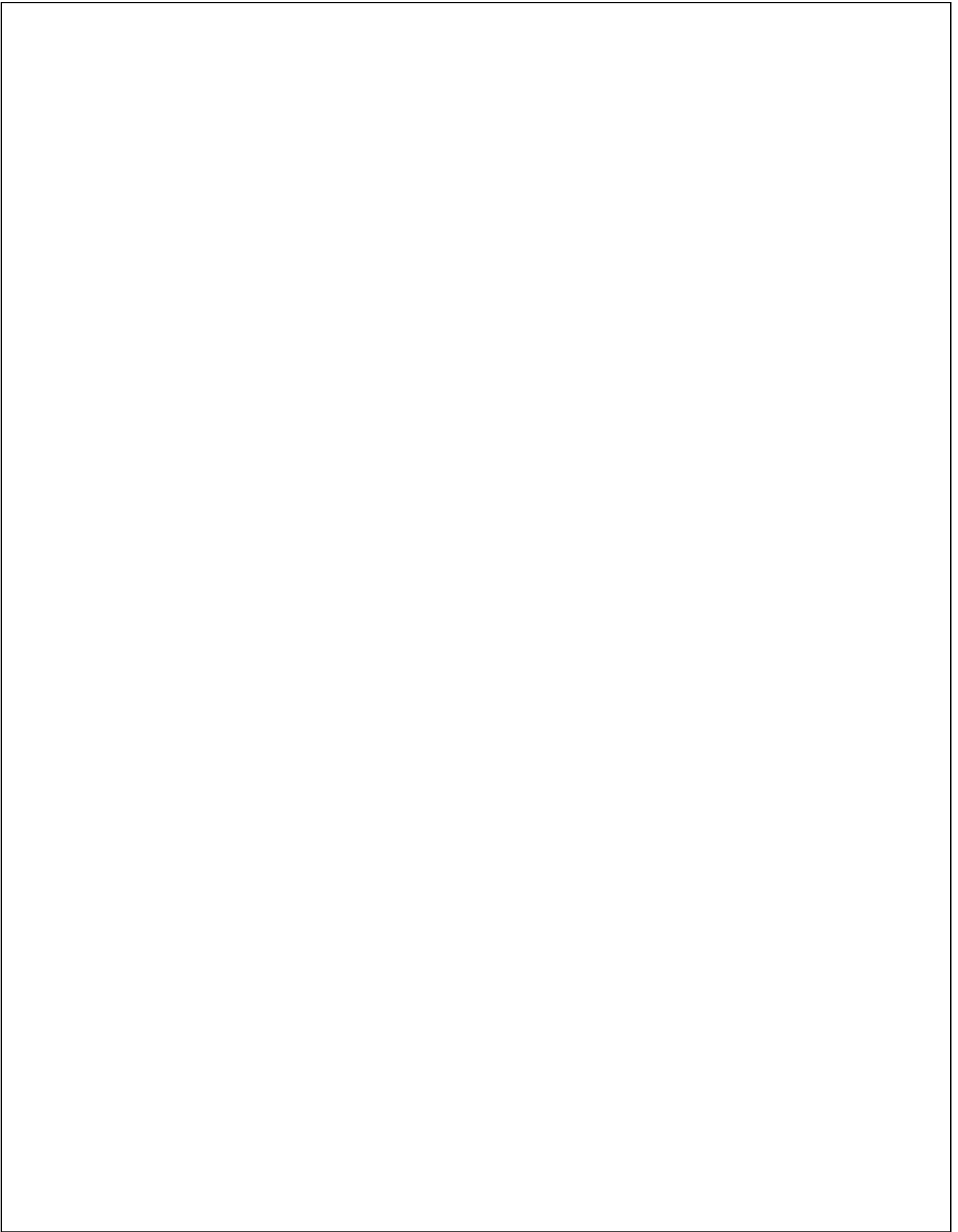
| Date | Door | 50/50 | Total Inc |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Jan 13 | \$525 | \$155 | \$680 |
| Feb 10 | Cancelled due to weather | | |
| Feb 24 | \$262 | \$86 | \$348 |
| March 10 | \$732 | \$179 | \$911 |
| March 24 | \$390 | \$121 | \$511 |
| April 14 | \$342 | \$117 | \$459 |
| April 28 | \$488 | \$122 | \$610 |
| May 12 | \$336 | \$123 | \$459 |
| June 9 | \$325 | \$124 | \$449 |
| June 23 | \$490 | \$125 | \$610 |
| July 14 | \$475 | \$150 | \$625 |
| July 28 | \$528 | \$149 | \$677 |
| Aug 11 | \$353 | \$87 | \$440 |
| Aug 25 | \$632 | \$143 | \$775 |
| Sept 8 | \$336 | \$109 | \$445 |
| Sept 22 | \$370 | \$99 | \$469 |
| Oct 13 | \$291 | \$108 | \$399 |
| Oct 27 | \$287 | \$87 | \$374 |
| Nov 10 | \$305 | \$135 | \$440 |
| Nov 24 | \$405 | \$135 | \$540 |
| Dec 8 | \$441 | \$139 | \$580 |

Dances cost \$540, plus snacks and treats

Board Meeting Recap

The Board of Directors met on February 6th to review recent activities and make plans for 2019. Lengthy discussions were on the following:

- Not mailing newsletters? Hand out at dances?
- 55 newsletters mailed (\$30), 110+ emailed (\$0)
- 11/21 dances in the red; finances even 2018
- Possible new location for 2019 Gala
- Free Jitterbug lessons in February, March, April
- Lessons at 6:30 on 2/23, 3/23, 4/27
- Club picnic date and location to be confirmed
- Need news for newsletter
- Next Meeting April 3rd @ 12:00 noon, Elks



Chicago Jitterbug Club

2019 Dance Calendar

(Updated 2/12/19)



Featuring:
DJ Norm
DJ Party Doll
DJ Gay
DJ Fast Freddie



January 12 – 27th Birthday Dance Party (Free Birthday Cake!)

February 9 – Valentine’s Day Dance Party

***February 23 – Justadance Party (Free Jitterbug/Swing Lesson)**

March 9 – Fancy Dress Dance Party

***March 23 – Spring Dance Party (Free Jitterbug/Swing Lesson)**

April 13 – Justadance Party

***April 27 – Black & White Dance Party (Free Jitterbug/Swing Lesson)**

May 11 – Justadance Party

May 25 – CJC Tee Shirt Dance Party

June 8 – Annual Flag Day Dance Party (Casual Red/White/Blue)

June 22 – Justadance Party

July 13 – Ice Cream Social & Dance Party

July 27 – Be My Guest Dance Party (New people only free with member!)

August 10 – Beachcomber Dance Party

August 24 – Justadance Party

***September 14 – Annual Business Meeting @ 7:30 (doors open 7:15)**

September 28 – Sports Team Jersey Dance Party

October 12 – Justadance Party

October 26 – Halloween Dance Party, Parade & Raffle

November 9 – Veterans Dance Party

***November 23 – Meet the Candidates @ 7:30, Victory Dance Party**

December 14 – Holiday Dance Party

Dance Party Home

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

***Doors open for dance lessons @ 6:15pm. Doors open for dance parties @ 7:30pm.**

Please comply for the convenience of our host workers. Thanks!

Visit www.chicagojitterbugclub.org for more info. Find us and join us on Facebook!

Chicago Jitterbug Club New Year's Eve Gala



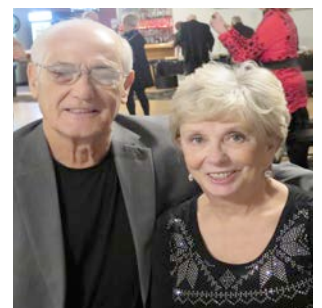
December 31, 2018



Chicago South Elks Lodge



Thanks for the pictures everyone - Mary Lou



Chicago Jitterbug Club
5131 W 115th Street
Alsip, IL 60803
www.chicagojitterbugclub.com

Proud Member:

American Bop Association

First Premier Cruise Club–2006

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2010

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2013

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2014

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2015

**We've missed you,
A 2019 CJC Calendar is inside,
Free Dance Lessons:Feb, March, April,
The New Year's Eve Gala photos are inside too!**

2019 ABA & ABA Sisters' Multi-Day Parties

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Feb 23 – March 2 | 15th Annual Dancin' on the High Seas Caribbean Cruise, ABA |
| March 28 – 30 | 2019 Swing Fling, Evansville River City Bop Club (Early Bird Discount till 2/28!) |
| April 11 – 14 | Boogie in the Burgh, Pittsburgh, Steel City Boogie Club |
| Aug 29 – Sept 2 | Rollin' on the River, St Louis, West County Swing Dance Club |

(More dates added as we receive promos)

Some flyers available at our dance parties or visit us at www.chicagojitterbugclub.org for links to the American Bop Association (ABA), sister clubs, Ballroom Chicago, Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club, and Danceaholics.