

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hi Everybody,

I hope you are enjoying our late summer weather and found yourself having a good time back at our dance parties at Elks Lodge. We have been building up a regular attendance again and have had a couple of successful special events. Our Beachcomber Night featured a great dinner/dance put together by **Arlene VanHouten-Maynard** and **Judie Collins**. We had a beautiful spread with a pulled pork entrée, an exotic and delicious Hawaiian Rice/Pineapple side, salad, desserts, and coffee. With all that, **DJ Party Doll** spun the tunes for extra time and fun on the dance floor. Kudos to Arlene and Judie on their forward thinking and to those who supported this event. A special thanks to our additional helpers who assisted this dinner: **Sally Kupczyk**, Courtney Basiorka and Adela Garcia did a fine job handling the food, keeping your plates full, and moving the food line along. Then while our diners enjoyed dessert, conversation, and music, these workers cleaned up and readied the hall for dancing.

This month saw the return of the very popular Ice Cream Social, where guests were able to “build their own sundae” or have it served. There was virtually no waiting or crowding in line with the fountain set up in the back corner and the abundance of ingredients. Carmel, chocolate, and strawberry flavors were offered, plus sprinkled nuts and whipped cream. A big Thank You to our fountain staff: **Arlene, Judie, and Sally** for providing top notch service and then cleaning-up and packaging in the kitchen. As popular as this event is, we already have it in the schedule for next year.

Inside this edition, you’ll have a copy of our annual Nomination(s) Form for seats on the Board of Directors. Club Members for a year or more are eligible to run for office, participate in our behind-the-scene decisions, and get a bigger voice in how the club operates. We also need a few people to step up and join as committee people. Running our little not-for-profit club is work, with no pay. But it is fun and great way to meet more people. New Directors and/or chairmen often bring exciting ideas to try and are always welcome.

If you follow our calendar like most, you know we honor Veterans Day with free admission and recognition of veterans during a dance. We celebrate their service on November 12th. Inside you’ll see an article about the club’s effort last year for them in the hope of meeting or succeeding that support on the 12th. You will also see a list of needed items to help address some of the veterans’ needs so you can begin shopping.

Lastly, our Annual Business Meeting is on September 10th. Come out early and bring ideas, questions, and comments about our club. We would love to hear from you. As always members, thank you for your support!

Mary Lou, President/Founder

CJC & CWCJC Dance Party Schedule

September 10	CJC Dance Party, Elks Lodge, Annual Business Meeting 7pm
September 17	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion, Franklin Park
September 24	CJC Justadance Party, Elks Lodge
October 1	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion, Franklin Park
October 8	CJC Justadance Party, Elks Lodge
October 15	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion, Franklin Park
October 29	CJC Halloween Dance Party, Costumes Encouraged (Parade and Cash Prizes)
November 5	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion
November 12	CJC Veterans Dance Party, Elks Lodge (Free Admission for Vets)
November 19	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion
November 26	CJC Victory Dance Party, Elks Lodge (Election of Board of Directors)

CJC Board of Directors for 2022

President/Newsletter Editor

Mary Lou Poremba

Vice President/Membership Cards

Carol Green

Secretary/50-50 Sales

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard

Treasurer/Tee Shirts

Tony Zawacki

Board Members/Workers

Barb Buschman

Judie Collins

Slim Waschke

Past President

Gene Bylina

Web Master

Dave Chess

Veterans Dance & Collection in November

In 2021 we tried something new by collecting donations for our Veterans. We collected a full table of various items from the overwhelming generosity of our members. Well, the CJC Board decided to do it again this year. As we get closer to our Veterans Dance on November 12, flyers will be available listing the veterans' needs.

We do have one favor to ask. Remember these veterans need assistance because they suffer from various issues they encountered during the time they served our country. Many of them have a difficult time making ends meet. Please be generous and save your trial size items for your travels. (Cash donations are acceptable.)

Hall Temperature

To bring a sweater or not is the question. Well, hopefully this article will assist your decision-making. Lately many board members and the bartender have received comments about the temperature of the room, that it's either too hot or too cold. Here's the scoop! CJC no longer has access to the thermostat in the Elks hall. Management controls the temperature and has the hall set to 72 degrees. The only way the CJC can help control the room temperature is with the ceiling fans. We will try to accommodate our dancers by keeping the temperate at a moderate level, but let's face it. Fans can only do so much.



Judy Leslie	September 1
Dave Knox	September 2
Dean Becker	September 3
Tom Kozin	September 11
Charlene Ludwig	September 19
Cai Trzepacz	September 29
Tony Zawacki	September 30
Willie Macdonald	October 3
Sherrill Bylina	October 4
Barbara Buschman	October 7
Darlene Pellegrini	October 9
Dawn Adams	October 18
Angie Tuazon	October 19
Linda Masterson	October 29
Trudy Knox	October 31
Nancy Marek	November 2
Joyce Lenzi	November 8
Susan Richardson	November 8
Marge Smurda	November 8
Steve Beck	November 9
Jeanne Quigley	November 11
Carole Allen	November 16
Donna Bukowski	November 18
Ross Rocco	November 18
Linda Nyberg	November 26
Jim Antonacci	November 27
Barbara Benitez	November 30

2021 Dance Party Revenue Report

Date	Door	50/50	Total
Feb 26	\$525	\$153	\$678
March 26	\$610	\$187	\$797
April 9	\$473	\$162	\$635
April 23	\$360	\$0	\$360
May 14	\$495	\$175	\$670
May 28	\$500	\$159	\$659
June 11	\$497	\$160	\$657
June 25	\$539	\$140	\$679
July 9	\$670	\$167	\$837
July 23	\$422	\$107	\$529
August 13	\$551	\$165	\$716
August 27	\$499	\$143	\$642

Dances cost \$540, snacks not included



Footnotes

Get well wishes for a quick recovery go out to webmaster **Dave Chess**. He recently underwent hip replacement surgery and is home in Florida recuperating. . . . Another of our gents with a new hip or two is **Tony Koufos**. Tony has recovered nicely after getting his second new hip. He's doing so well that he returned to car racing . . . Congratulations to **Judie Collins** on her easing into retirement after a successful career as a business executive. She hasn't quit working tho, she joined the Board! . . . **Barb Buschman** shared the news that she recently became a Great Great Aunt with the birth of her sister's Great Great Grandson. We welcome the new addition.



Halloween Dance Party

Witches with frog warts, Dracula with drips of blood and many ghoulish friends are making plans to attend the CJC Halloween Bash on October 29th. Cash prizes will be awarded for those dancers who dressed up and scored the most "best" votes. A 1st place prize of \$25.00 will be awarded for the Best Man's Costume; \$25.00 for Best Woman's Costume; and \$30.00 will be awarded to the Best Couple. This year's best couples do not have to be a significant couple, they can be best friends dressed up as a duo. Three individual prizes of \$10.00 will be awarded to those with the Funniest, Scariest, and most Original. To win any of these prizes you must plan on haunting our dance floor with the best of the best costumes and earning votes.

Club T-Shirts

Hey members, the board is interested in knowing if there are more members who would like to purchase a club T-Shirt. Currently the board is revisiting the prospects of obtaining more 4-color club shirts if there is enough demand for an order. Under work is finding a vendor and deciding the style and color(s) of the shirt. The cost is unknown at this time but with the way things are today it's surely to be over \$20.00. How much over just depends on how many dancers are interested in purchasing one? A sign-up sheet will become available at our next dance for those dancers who are interested. Also, on a side note, if there are any members interested in purchasing a zippered, canvas shoe bag with an embroidered CJC logo, see Mary Lou to check out a sample. There is a limited number for sale, so first come / first served till gone.

Board Meeting Recap

- 2023 Calendar reviewed and approved
- One dance in January, February, March, 2023
- Approved 2-year check order from new bank
- Small order for tee shirts investigated
- Membership Chair job reduced
- Volunteer needed to solicit Welcome Desk hosts
- Luau Dinner / Dance cost the club about \$300
- Halloween Costume Dance Party \$\$ prizes approved
- Christmas pizza party – will serve gluten pie too



Glenn Johnson
Richard Patterson

Christine Rafa
Joseph Rebec

August Birthdays

Where has this summer gone? Just yesterday it seems we were celebrating Memorial Day and here Labor Day is around the corner. Time flew by and to those members whose birthday were in August may we extend belated birthday wishes to you all. Happy Birthday our August members! Here's hoping your special day was celebrated with family and friends.

Welcome Desk Volunteers Needed

We are looking for different volunteers to host at the Welcome Desk. We have two shifts 7:00 – 7:45 and 7:45 – 8:30 available for members who are willing to help. After your shift, the rest of the evening is free to dance your feet weary. For those who do assist at our door, your efforts will be rewarded with free admission for your time given to the club. See a Board member at the front table to enlist.

ABA Cruise

Time's a ticking, and if you are thinking of cruising in 2023 with the American Bop Association you will need to contact Maureen Bradley at Just Cruising' Inc, 800-727-9577. The deadline will be upon you sooner than you think. Next year's 10-day cruise will visit Falmouth, Jamaica - Cartagena, Columbia – Panama Canal – Cristobal, Panama – Limon, Costa Rica and the Grand Cayman. Maureen will be able to assist you with all the perks this cruise has to offer. Don't let the clock strike one. Give Maureen a call to book a fun time on the high seas.



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Luau Dinner / Dance





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Officers and Board of Directors Statement of Candidacy/Nomination Form

You may nominate yourself or one (1) person for each Officer position and up to three (3) individuals for Board Member/Director. **Please have the nominee sign to indicate acceptance and approval of the nomination.** The Membership Chair/Vice President will confirm eligibility. Nominations open October 1, 2022, and close October 15, 2022.

I nominate the following individual(s) for the position(s) indicated below:

Officers (qualification is 1 year of service on Board completed immediately prior to January 2023)

President _____ I accept _____

Vice President _____ I accept _____

Secretary _____ I accept _____

Treasurer _____ I accept _____

Executive Board Member (qualification is 1-year current membership-in-good-standing)

Board Member _____ I accept _____

Board Member _____ I accept _____

Board Member _____ I accept _____

I am a member-in-good-standing of the Chicago Jitterbug Club.

Name _____
Must be signed to be valid.

Membership No. _____
(CJC only)

Please mail this nomination form to the Club office (CJC, 11857 S Lawler., Alsip, IL 60803) by October 15th. Competing qualified candidates may be asked to submit a brief statement for possible use in the newsletter and to introduce yourself to the membership at 7:00 pm on Election night, November 26, 2022. Terms for offices are January 1 - December 31, 2023. Unfilled seats will be subject to appointment by the 2023 Board of Directors. Where there is no competition for office(s), eligible candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Mailed Nomination Forms must be postmarked by October 15th and received by October 20, 2022.



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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

Retired

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Annual Business Meeting September 10 @ 7pm

Beachcomber Night Photo Album Inside

Board Nominations Open October 1

Veterans Dance Free November 12



Halloween Bash Costume Dance October 29th