

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Happy New Year, Dancers!

Hope you and yours are well and looking forward to the “new year”. The Club wrapped up the back end of our half year under Covid restrictions and the club is looking pretty healthy. Our membership is still increasing slightly after the Covid effect, and the dance parties seem to be normalizing in terms of familiar faces combining with the new members and guests. Everyone seems to be happy to be able to be together again, friendships renewing, and we had another fun event for Halloween and closed out the year with a Holiday Party with pizza.

I want to thank all who came out and helped everyone enjoy the Halloween Dance. Party Doll was top notch on the music and did a frighteningly good job with the decor! The originality of the costumes was so great we had to award extra prizes. The December/Holiday Dance and Pizza Party wrapped up the year and we said goodbye to more of our snowbirds. We need to thank Linda Masterson, Sally Kupczyk, Mary Anne Tigner, and Joyce Lenzi for giving up dance time and dishing up the pizza.

Though our annual board election was scheduled for the end of November, there was no competition for any of the various offices. An election was not necessary. However, there will be some changes to the Board with at least one new face and a switch in some offices. The reorganization of the club for 2022 includes new Member-at-Large Judie Collins, a decades-long, very supportive member who stepped up to serve this next year. We owe her a big thank you, along with those returning members of the board.

Your new CJC Board for 2022:

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| President | Mary Lou Poremba |
| Vice President | Carol Green |
| Secretary | Arlene VanHouten - Maynard |
| Treasurer | Tony Zawacki |
| Board Members-at-Large | Barb Buschman Judie Collins Ron (Slim) Waschke |
| Past President (Advisor) | Gene Bylina |

Charter Member Gene Bylina has served as President and Board Member for about 25 years. Carol Green has been both Secretary and Vice President and has served more than a dozen years. Barb Buschman has been President, Secretary, Board Member and committee chair for at least 20 years, with Charter Member Slim Waschke having over 25 years in club service. With many years in a variety of positions also is Arlene VanHouten-Maynard, who has been Board Member, master 50/50 ticket seller, Treasurer, and Secretary. She also managed a great New Year’s Eve event at the Elks. Last but not least is Tony Zawacki who has carefully and thoughtfully handled the books for going on six years in a very timely and efficient fashion. Besides service on the Board as President or officer, yours truly has produced the newsletter for about 28 years and chaired many events. We thank all of the above for willingly giving up dance time and/or free time at home to support of the success of club operations.

Lastly, I want to take the opportunity here to apologize for the reduced newsletter production, which is entirely my fault as editor. As a result, we missed noting birthdays. I am sorry. Some medical problems popped up and took me out of action for almost two months. I am doing much better and look forward to the new dance season. The Board hopes everyone is well and has had their vaccination, or two, or three and that we see you at one of the coming dance parties. We will be adhering to whatever Covid protocols are in place. A copy of the 2022 schedule is attached in this issue.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2022,

Mary Lou Poremba, President/Editor

CJC Board of Directors for 2022

President / Newsletter Editor

Mary Lou Poremba

Vice President / Membership

Carol Green

Secretary / 50-50 Sales

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard

Treasurer

Tony Zawacki

Board Members

Barb Buschman

Judie Collins

Slim Waschke

Past President

Gene Bylina

Web Master

Dave Chess



Best Birthday Wishes

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|--------------------|--------|
| Catherine LiSoleil | Jan 2 |
| Betty Sirko | Jan 4 |
| Carol White | Jan 6 |
| Richard Podgorski | Jan 7 |
| Marilyn Kozin | Jan 14 |
| Fran Merar | Jan 21 |
| Barbara Egbert | Jan 25 |
| Pat Lauer | Jan 31 |
| Connie Logan | Feb 4 |
| Dorothy Noto | Feb 5 |
| Cyndy Dougherty | Feb 10 |
| Frank Smith | Feb 10 |
| Sandy Trudeau | Feb 10 |
| Ted Lumbarkovski | Feb 14 |
| Phyllis Piazza | Feb 20 |
| Eloise Sramek | Feb 23 |
| Mary Anne Tigner | Feb 23 |
| Whitey Ludwig | Feb 25 |
| Mike Surufka | Feb 28 |
| Jeff Tichelar | Feb 28 |
| Bryan McLawhorn | Mar 1 |
| Bert Kuehlhorn | Mar 6 |
| Jack Sacks | Mar 6 |
| Mike Kazarian | Mar 16 |
| Jan Levy | Mar 16 |

Board Meeting Recap

- \$20 cash donation from a member. Thanks!
- \$30 cash donation from a member. Attagirl!
- 2022 Calendar reviewed and approved.
- Starting January, Dance Parties run 7:30 – 10:30.
- One dance each in January, February, and March.
- Reiterated request for new board members.
- \$162 50/50 donation Matt Naillieux. Thank You!!!

Chicago Jitterbug Club

7:30 – 10:30 pm

Door opens at 7:15 pm

February 26 Dance Party

March 26 Dance Party

**Free River Waltz Dance Lesson
w/Mary Lou @ 6:30 pm**

Dancing 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Belated wishes to all our members who celebrated their birthdays in November and December of 2021. We regret not acknowledging them in 2021 but hope your special day was celebrated to the fullest.

CWCJC Scheduled Dance Party

March 5th & March 19th

American Legion Hall, Franklin Park

9757 Pacific Ave.

7:30 pm – 10:30 pm

(Note new dance hours)



**Remember to
“Spring Forward”
by moving your clocks
one hour ahead.**

March 13th.

Footnotes

This has been a very heartbreaking winter for a few of our members. Sincere condolences to **Doreen Berholtz** on the loss of her sister. Also, our deepest sympathy to **Arlene & Slim Waschke** on the sudden passing of their grandson and helper. Arlene has asked that we thank everyone who took the time to send condolences and healing prayers.



Sherrill Bylina
Maureen Markham

John Trudeau
Sandra Trudeau



CJC Veterans Collection for Elks

In celebration of Veterans Day, many dancers came out and supported the Elks annual Veterans Donation Drive on November 13th. Most all the items from the list were disposable personal care products, including toothpaste and brushes, shaving materials, and/or body washes. Seen above and running off the table is a portion of the items that were donated by our dancers. The next day, the Elks hosted a function for group of “Disabled Veterans” who were able to acquire items for their personal needs. The Elks and our Board of Directors appreciate those who supported the event for the generous donations and cash gifts for our veterans. Thank you!!!

End of Year Finances

2021 CJC end of year finances remain in good standings! Though we started out the year not knowing when we would be able to safely open our dance floor, we did so in June 2021. CJC would not be able to continue if it weren't for the support of our loyal members and friends who attend our dances, participate in our 50/50 and pay their membership fees. We are happy to report CJC income was \$10,328.00 and expenses came in at \$8,564.19. At the end of the year CJC has \$13,554.32 in the bank.



Penny Creviston

We are so very sad to report on the loss of former Board Member and long-time member Penny (Pamela) Creviston on December 2021. Penny had two children, three grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Penny loved to dance, although she was not able to do much the past few years. She also liked to do puzzles, work in her flower garden, play Hand & Foot (a card game), and loved to travel. After enjoying the dance cruise a few times, she decided to cruise to Alaska, which she very much enjoyed. Occasionally, she and good friend Dawn Adams traveled to Michigan City to eat at a Mexican restaurant called Hacienda. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Penny's family and many friends. We know she will be greatly missed.

2021 Dance Party Revenue Report

| Date | Door | 50/50 | Total |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| June 26 | (\$311) | (\$115) | (\$426) |
| July 10 | \$400 | \$182 | \$582 |
| July 24 | \$522 | \$113 | \$635 |
| Aug. 14 | (\$346) | (\$102) | (\$448) |
| Aug. 28 | (\$389) | (\$127) | (\$516) |
| Sept. 11 | (\$318) | (\$152) | (\$470) |
| Sept. 25 | \$555 | \$157 | \$712 |
| Oct. 9 | \$421 | \$162 | \$583 |
| Oct. 30 | \$507 | \$166 | \$673 |
| Nov. 13 | (\$346) | (\$167) | (\$513) |
| Nov. 27 | \$435 | \$150 | \$585 |
| Dec. 11 | \$520 | \$162 | \$682 |



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Premier ABA Cruise Club–2010

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2013

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2014

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2015

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2022 Calendar

End of Year News

March 26th @ 6:30 pm Free River Waltz Lesson