

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hi Everyone,

As I try to write this column, I sit and think about the last quarter of the year and its excitement. We are all so fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors, several of whom are staying for 2025. The Board had our annual CJC Business Meeting on September 14th at which we gave a little report on how or what the club is doing. I know you see two or three people buzzing around at the dances but there are others behind the scene too. The Board meets several times a year to discuss Club business and entertain new ideas. You are welcome to attend to see what you think. As president, I can't thank these people enough and neither can our dancers. I tell you this because the club benefits from having an active board. Our special events and dance themes happen with planning. I am hoping you will consider joining the board. Our club would benefit from new ideas.

It won't hurt and might help a lot having new blood. As Vice President we have **Carol Green** overseeing the membership. She processes applications, makes the membership cards, sends renewal reminders, supervises the welcoming desk getting volunteer hosts to greet our dancers, and keeps track of all that information on our database. Then there is the face you probably know best, our Secretary **Arlene Maynard**. She is in charge of "social" or fun aspects of our Club. She organizes preparations for our birthday cake, pizza, ice cream, and snacks. Arlene oversees our Vets Drive and recently the Holiday Dinner. She also creates the table flyers, emails dance party reminders, and is the chairperson for the 50/50 raffle. Treasurer **Tony Zawacki** is another officer with duties not necessarily obvious. Tony prepares the cash box, assists the DJs with their equipment, and helps the welcome desk. After every dance party, he provides detailed revenue, expenses, and attendance breakdown reports to the Board. Tony also pays the bills and deposits income. This year Tony did an excellent job on organizing and distributing Club tee shirts.

Supporting help for our officers usually comes from newer people on the Board. New people don't have to jump in without getting their feet wet first. You might see **Judie Collins**, filling in at the welcoming desk, selling or counting 50/50 tickets, helping give a dance lesson, serving ice cream, pizza, greeting people throughout the dance hall, and recently participating in the Holiday Dinner Dance. Judie also handles the Sunshine mail, keeping track of things that might warm a member and sending off appropriate cards. New to the board this year and having a good time is **Jean Engelbrecht**. Jean has taken to the fun of greeting members and guests at our welcome desk and has enjoyed assisting with a dance lesson or two. Last but not least is **Ron/Slim Waschke**, our roadie. Having served years on the Board, he can be found at the DJ table or at the welcoming desk assisting with whatever he can Slim is our 'go to' person. He helps with sound equipment, the hall, stores our decorations, you name it he does it.

I've shed some light on what our Board members do throughout their term. It's not a heavy job with only one or two dances a month. With our up and coming nominations and election in November, I hope I encouraged you with the idea of joining the ranks of being a Board Member. There are openings. Maybe one of you will say I love my club and want to help, it doesn't sound hard. Question one of us but feel free to nominate yourself. Happy Fall!

President Mary Lou

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scheduled Dance Parties</u>
Sept 28	CJC Sports Team Jersey Dance Party, Elks (Renegade twosome mixer lesson @ 6:15)
Oct 5	CWCJC Dance Party, White Eagle Events Convention Center, Niles
Oct 12	CJC Justadance, Elks
Oct 19	CWCJC Dance Party, White Eagle Events Convention Center, Niles
Oct 26	CJC Halloween Costume Dance Party, Elks (Prizes for "Bests")
Nov 2	CWCJC Vets Night, White Eagle Events Convention, Niles
Nov 9	CJC Honoring Vets Dance Party, Elks (See suggested donations list inside)
Nov 16	CWCJC 35th Anniversary Dance Party, TBD
Nov 23	CJC Election and Victory Dance Party Night, Elks

Note: For any email problems, contact Mary Lou at MaryLou@ChicagoJitterbugClub.or

CJC Board of Directors 2024

President/Newsletter Editor

Mary Lou Poremba

Vice President/Membership

Carol Green

Secretary/Operations & 50-50 Sales

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard

Treasurer/Tee Shirts

Tony Zawacki

Board Members/Workers

Judie Collins

Jean Engelbrecht

Ron (Slim) Waschke

Web Master

Dave Chess



Judy Leslie	Sept 1
Dave Knox	Sept 2
Tom Kozin	Sept 11
Charlene Ludwig	Sept 17
Raquel Morales	Sept 27
Cai Trzepacz	Sept 29
Tony Zawacki	Sept 30
Lorraine Rybka	Oct 1
Sherrill Bylina	Oct 4
Barbara Buschman	Oct 7
Cheryl Paras	Oct 8
Darlene Pellegrini	Oct 9
Mary Apple	Oct 15
Alan Reese	Oct 17
Dawn Adams	Oct 18
Angie Tuazon	Oct 19
Linda Masterson	Oct 29
Trudy Knox	Oct 31

Our Need for Volunteers

Most every day we learn about ordinary people taking time out of their busy lives in order to help others. The magic is that they learn they have many abilities that they didn't even realize existed. Volunteers are incredible people willing to help take on tasks to fulfill a need for others and also for themselves. It allows you to open your heart and mind, bringing out the nurturing soul that lives inside you. Volunteers are the backbone of most communities whether it be dance clubs, neighbors helping neighbors or doctors donating their precious time to fly across the world to aid others. No job is too big or too small.

Chicago Jitterbug Club has 133 members with many sister club members and guests that faithfully attend 20-22 dances per year. The board consists of 7 members that help keep the wheels functioning. The Club has survived historical events such as Covid 19 and will soon be celebrating its 34th year of existence thanks to its loyal members, guests and volunteers. Throughout that time there have been many board members, volunteers and helpers. Many of the jobs are done learn-as-you-go. All it takes is a commitment on everyone's part to make Chicago Jitterbug Club a place to gather, meet others, and make fond memories that last forever. Won't you please consider finding the talent you have living inside you?

Condolences

Our sympathy to family and friends of recently deceased **Jeanne O'Conner**. Jeanne served our club a long time as Board Member and then as Secretary. She created the Jive at Five and Shamrock Shuffle dinner/dances, hosted picnics and served at special events. We're sorry for her loss.

Welcome New Members

Kenlyn Duddleston Pete Schied
Marge Plummer Leroy Schmidt

2024 Dance Party Revenue Report

Date	Door	50/50	Total
January 27	\$372	\$160	\$532
February 24	\$357	\$112	\$469
March 23	\$518	\$180	\$698
April 6	\$461	\$170	\$631
April 27	\$376	\$165	\$541
May 11	\$0	\$155	\$155
May 25	\$367	\$107	\$474
June 8	\$577	\$194	\$771
June 22	\$442	\$125	\$567
July 13	\$396	\$134	\$530
July 27	\$363	\$135	\$498
August 10	\$491	\$127	\$621
August 24	\$517	\$170	\$687
September 14	\$512	\$160	\$682

Dance expenses = \$540, excluding snacks, pizzas, etc.

Sister Club Relocation

Recently, our big sister club CWCJC was able to relocate after 35 years in Franklin Park to a lovely place in Niles. The White Eagle Events is located at 6839 N. Milwaukee. Dancing starts at 7:30 pm. Don't forget to bring your membership card and have a great time!

Keep Them Coming

The gratitude and appreciation is truly an understatement of the heartfelt emotion we have knowing how many members and guests have brought in bottle caps for a worthy cause. So far, we have filled 2/22-gallon trash bags of bottle caps. If you have forgotten to bring them to a dance or haven't given it any thought, you still have an opportunity to do so. We will continue to collect them throughout the remainder of CJC.

Spookytacular

It's that time of year again when that kid inside of you wants to jump out and say "Here I am!!" It's that time of year again to decide do I really want to dress up or wear traditional colors!! It's that time of year again that CJC will be giving cash prizes for "the Best Male's, the Best Woman's and "the Best Couple's costumes. In addition to those prizes CJC will be awarding prizes for the Funniest, the Scariest, and Most Original outfits. Winners are chosen by those attending the dance party. So jump on your broomstick, stop stirring the cauldron, and join us in our devilish endeavor to celebrate the coming of Halloween on October 26th.



Holiday Dinner at CJC

Currently the Holiday Dinner / Dance Committee and Board Members are in planning stages for this year's holiday event. Things haven't been finalized; however, because the dinner was such a success last year, the CJC is doing it again! We will be catering in a holiday dinner hoped to please everyone's palate. Because it was so helpful when it came to placing the food order, we will be asking all our attendees to prepay their door dues in advance for the dinner count. Reservation flyers will become available at the end of October. Remember to mark your calendar for December 14th, our final dance party of 2024. (Reservation cutoff will be about December 1st.)



Honoring Our Veterans

In conjunction with Elks Club, CJC is asking our members for donations for the veterans who reside at the Veterans Home at Manteno.

Flyers indicating what items are needed will be available at our dances to assist you. The Manteno Veterans Home will accept any item on the list in a trail or regular size container. Monetary donations are welcome as well.

Last year our table overflowed with your donations, and we were able to fill several boxes with needed items. CJC hopes we can strive for the same response this year. However, due to the "Infection Control Policy" we have been asked to follow 1 simple guideline. All personal care items donated must be "NEW" and unopened.

As always, we wish to thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Renegade Dance Lesson

September 28th is our final dance lesson of the year. Richard Patterson and Sharon Waspi will be teaching the "Renegade", a two-person mixer style dance. For those dancers who already know the "Renegade" we encourage you to attend the dance lesson and assist those who are just learning. The lesson is free with your evening paid dance dues. Class starts at 6:15 pm.

Where Does the Money Go?

As the chairperson of the 50/50 raffle I want to thank each and every one of you who openly support this fund raiser. Yes, our 50/50 is truly a fund raiser within the club. Each time you donate to the pot you are helping your club in so many ways.

Sometimes the 50/50 raffle helps pay the expenses we incur just to have a dance, or those extra funds are used towards the little perks. Perks include the ice cream social, birthday cake when we're celebrating the club's birthday, free dances whether it's for your birthday or being a veteran, pizza night, the holiday dinner party and once in a while a free dance for no reason than to say "Thank You" for supporting CJC. Most of these events are funded through your extra \$5.00 donation, along with the half cash prize going to that lucky winner. Take a look at the Revenue Report and see what the 50/50 does for us from red to black.

Thank you again for supporting your club.
Arlene Maynard, Secretary

Chicago Jitterbug Club

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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, 2024, and close October 15, 2024.

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 1, 2025)

President _____ I accept _____

Vice _____ 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 introduction in the newsletter or to present to the membership Election night, November 23, 2024. Terms for offices are from January 1 to December 31, 2025. Unfilled seats are subject to appointment by the 2025 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, 2024



November 9th

The Chicago Jitterbug Club in conjunction with the Elks Club is asking for donations to assist the Veterans' Home at Manteno.

**Due to the Infection Control Policies,
all personal items must be "New".**

**Bring any of these items to the Chicago Jitterbug Club
November 9th Dance.**

**Trial and/or regular size items are acceptable!!!
Support our Veterans and help the Elks Club effort.**

Personal Care Items

Body Wash (Men & Women)

Polident Denture Cream

Efferdent Tablets (Denture Cleaner)

Listerine / Mouthwash (Alcohol Free)

Electric Razors (New only)

Pre-Electric Shave Lotion

Deodorant (Roll-On)

Comb / Hairbrushes

Hairdressing Cream (Men)

Kleenex

Aftershave

Cologne Men & Women (Body Spray)

Other Requested Items

Batteries: AAA, AA, C, D, 9V

Small Flash Lights

Candy – Sugar Free Chocolate Bars

Snack Cakes (Little Debbie's - Hostess)

Packaged Crackers – Cheese / Peanut Butter

Postage Stamps (Forever Value)

Greeting Cards

Sugar Free Gum – Freedent Gum

Cereal Bars (Soft Style, No Nuts)

Cookies – Regular/Sugar Free





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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

Special Event News Inside:

Renegade Mixer Dance Lesson

September 28 at 6:15 pm

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Board Nominations DUE by October 15

Halloween Spookytacular Coming October 26!

Veterans Donations List for Personal & Comfort Items