

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hi Dancers

We're near the end of the year but still have great things ahead. Inside this edition of Footloose are a few images of our Halloween Spookyacular. Many dancers really got into the theme of the night and some even made a little money. I have never seen such a collection of creativity or had such fun just walking and looking around at everyone. I believe our Halloween Costume Parade is the best around. I wish I had been video recording as well as taking pictures! I couldn't vote for every super outfits but 7 people walked away with some nice cash prizes.

On November 9 is our Honoring Vets Night. The CJC recognizes our veteran dancers with free admission as we support those who are residing at the Veterans Home of Manteno. We can never thank them enough for their service. Included with this newsletter is a list of some items that would be appreciated by the veterans in Manteno. The items are mostly disposable personal or usable items of small cost that a hospitalized vet might need or wish for. Please take a look at what's on the list and maybe pick up a few items for Vets Night. You might never think a hospitalized vet could use batteries, or sugarless gum, or hair gel in a hospital but they do. I took a copy of the list out shopping with me and was easily able to get several items. Please keep them in min

Next month is our Holiday Dinner/Dance Party. So many dancers enjoyed last year's dinner that we are doing it for 2024. A reservation form is inside. **Arlene Maynard, Judie Collins** and **Jean Engelbrecht** are the CJC Dinner/Dance Committee. They have a great menu selected for your dining pleasure, which will be followed by coffee and dessert and, of course, dancing. Just as last year, dinner is free with your pre-paid door dues. The process worked great for us last year. With receipt of your pre-payment, the committee will know how much food to order.

I am delighted to announce that there are some changes coming in 2024 amongst our CJC Board. We've got great new energy coming in with new President **Judie Collins**. **Arlene Maynard** will step in as Treasurer and **Carol Green** will remain as our Vice President. I continue on as Past President and work on the newsletter. **Jean Engelbrecht** and **Slim Waschke** who are always our extra hands are giving us another year as Board Members. The 2025 Board will have the new blood we hoped for with the welcome addition of Board Member **Doug Clark**. These board members will meet, discuss, plan social events, and determine club business for another year. An election was previously scheduled but is no longer necessary this year with rearranging officers and adding a new person.

As we ready to wrap up the year I must say a **BIG THANK YOU TO DJ NORM ODEN** for his many years of DJ service. He stepped in for us during a DJ crisis and played excellent music for us for over 25 years, even hauling equipment to places like Glendora House. He brought us oldies we had forgotten, great remakes, and new songs that became favorites, always keeping our floors busy. Health issues have led him to retire but I can happily report we have promoted two guest DJs, **Gay Essary** and **Doug Clark** to alternate with oldies specialist **DJ Party Doll Arlene**. Our 2025 calendar is inside and 2026 is already reserved. As long as we can dance, the music can continue! I hope to see you November 9th. Happy Thanksgiving and many blessings upon you and your families.

President Mary Lou

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scheduled Dance Parties</u>
November 2	CWCJC Vets Night Dance Party, White Label Banquets, Elgin (Cupcakes served)
November 9	CJC Veterans Night of Honor Dance Party (Shopping/Donation List is inside)
November 16	CWCJC 35th Anniversary Dinner/Dance (Prepaid only, \$70/nonmembers, Hurry reservations)
November 23	CJC Election Victory Dance Party, Elks
December 7	CWCJC Dance Party, White Label Banquets, Elgin
December 14	CJC Holiday Dance Party, Elks (Pre-reserved dinner only, see inside)
December 21	CWCJC Holiday Dance Party, White Label Banquets, Elgin

Note: For any email problems, please contact MaryLou@ChicagoJitterbugClub.org or text 708/597-5596

CJC Board of Directors 2024

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Glenn Johnson	November 2
Mihael Landfried	November 2
Nancy Marek	November 2
Pete Schied	November 6
Joyce Lenzi	November 8
Susan Richardson	November 8
Steve Beck	November 9
LeRoy Schmidt	November 9
Jeanne Quigley	November 11
Andrew Morales	November 14
Carole Allen	November 16
Larry Strimas	November 17
Linda Nyberg	November 26
Jim Antonacci	November 27
Barbara Benitez	November 30

Holiday Party Update!

Our holiday party plans have been finalized and CJC is excited to share this news. Once again CJC will be sponsoring a dinner/dance on December 14th. This will be our last dance for the year, so save the date and plan on joining us.

The committee has chosen Kenootz to cater the dinner. The menu selection will include tossed salad with dressing, roast pork with dressing, boneless chicken breast, garlic mashed potatoes and/or au gratin potatoes, vegetable medley and dinner rolls. And everyone knows no dinner is complete without desserts and coffee. Just like last year the dance doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner being served at at 6:00 pm, which will allow us plenty of time to eat prior to our normal 7:30 pm dance time.

The cost of the dinner/dance is \$7.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Reservations and payments are required prior to December 7th. The committee can handle group table reservations upon requests. Flyers with' the reservation information for the Holiday Party Dinner/Dance are available at the dances or within the newsletter for your convenience.

Welcome New Member

Doug Haberkemp

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	\$618
August 24	\$517	\$170	\$687
October 12	\$462	\$135	\$597
October 26	\$444	\$135	\$579

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



Footnotes

Happy retirement to **Tony Zawacki** and **Sally Kupczyk**. Tony is retiring from the Board after a number of years as Treasurer. That freed the couple to get a seasonal place in Florida. . . Big thanks out to **Doug Clark** and **Janice Reynolds** for the case of great treats and snacks for dancers at our Spookyacular Dance Party. Yum! . . Our sympathy to the many friends of long-time member **Betty Sirko** on her recent passing. She was a warm, funny, and lovely dancing lady. We have missed her.



Sunshine Mail from CJC

We have a Sunshine Committee for sending thoughtful cards when one of our members has been ill or needs a warming note of cheer. If you know of someone, please let us know at the front desk or notify a board member for follow-up.



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



Chicago Jitterbug Club 2025 Dance Calendar

(Subject to change)

January 25th - Justadance Party / Welcome 2025

February 22nd - Justadance Party

March 8th - Shamrocks & Gold Dance Party

March 22nd - Spring Arrives Dance Party

April 5th Black & White Dance Party

April 19th - Justadance Party

May 17th - Club T-Shirt & CJC Birthday Dance Party

June 7th - Flag Day Dance Party (Red, White, & Blue)

June 21st - Justadance Party

July 12th - Beachcomber - Dance Party

July 26th - Justadance Party

August 9th - Ice Cream Social Dance Party

August 23rd - Justadance Party

September 13th - Annual Business Meeting (Time TBD) / Justadance Party

September 27th - Sports Team Dance Party

October 11th - Justadance Party

October 25th - Halloween Dance Party (Costumes)

November 8th - Honoring Veterans Dance Party

November 22nd - Board Elections / Justadance Party

December 13th - Holiday Dance Party

****Chicago Jitterbug Club****

Dances are held at

Elks Lodge 4428 W. Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL 60445

Dance Hours 7:30 - 10:30pm

Doors open for dance parties @ 7:15 pm.

Please comply for the convenience of our guests, hosts, & workers. No outside food allowed.

CoVid-19 Guidelines: Tables are socially distance and masks remain optional.

Find us on Facebook for the most up-to-date scheduled information or provide your email address.

Visit www.chicagojitterbugclub.org for more info or call Barb@ 630-257-6479.

Thank you in advance for attending our dances!

Featuring
DJ Party
Doll

Featuring
DJ Gay



Featuring
DJ Doug



Guest DJ
Fast
Freddy



Holiday Party – Dinner / Dance Party

December 14th, 2024

6:00 – 7:15pm Dinner Served
Doors open 5:30pm

7:30 – 10:30pm Dancing

Sponsored By

Chicago Jitterbug Club

Location

Chicago South Elks Lodge
4428 W. Midlothian Turnpike



Dinner includes: Tossed Salad with Dressing, Dinner Rolls,
Roast Pork with Dressing, Boneless Chicken Breast,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes and/or Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley,
Desserts and Coffee

Reservations for dinner required!!

Cash Bar

Cost \$7.00 for CJC & CWCJC Members / \$10.00 Non-Members

Dinner "Walk In's" on December 14th will regretfully be declined.

This is a nonrefundable event.

Checks made payable to CJC and / or Chicago Jitterbug Club.

Mail payment to Arlene Maynard @ 7833 S. Bristol Park Dr. Tinley Park, IL 60477.

Transfer or resold reservations must notify coordinator for proper seating.

No reservations will be taken after December 7th, 2024

Name: _____ Member # _____ Name: _____ Member # _____

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Enclosed is/are payment(s) of \$ _____ for # of member(s) _____ for # non-member(s) _____

Accommodations for table reservations are available (full payment enclosed) for parties of 6 or 8.

Any questions contact Arlene [Maynard @ vanhouten.maynard@gmail.com](mailto:vanhouten.maynard@gmail.com).

708-638-9558 Monday / Friday 5:00pm - 9:00pm, Saturday / Sunday 12:00pm - 5:00pm



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Retired

Special Event News Inside:

Repeat of Veteran Needs Drive

Holiday Dinner/Dance Preregistration

Dance Party at 7:30 om

It's Fall Y'all



Enjoy the Season Indoors and Dance with Us!