

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hi Dance Friends,

It's been a good year, hasn't it? On December 14th, we hosted a terrific holiday dinner and dance that drew in over 90 members and guests to enjoy a top-notch buffet dinner compliments of our club. The holiday spread consisted of salad, boneless chicken breasts, roast pork w/dressing, potatoes au gratin, garlic mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, and gorgeous desserts. We had a lovely crowd, some of whom were long time members or guests we haven't seen in a long time, and there were even Charter Members who returned for the festivities. Inside you'll see pictures of the many happy guests I could catch free between the buffet line and the dance floor. After a delicious dinner, people burned calories with DJ Gay's music and/or did some serious holiday socializing. What a great end to our dance calendar of 2024! Many thanks to the committee of Arlene, Judie, and Jean for putting it together.

For 2025, we're fortunate to have an exciting new and fun president in **Judie Collins**. She's been a board member for several years and supporter for double the decades, serving in a number of different capacities. This last year she took on our Sunshine Lady position sending out cards of comfort and well wishes to our members. Judie will be coming up with her own management style and ideas for the club so I am asking you all to give her enthusiastic support in this new job of hers. Please continue to attend dance parties and know that anything presented in 2025 will be pretty great. **Arlene VanHouten-Maynard** has traded positions from Secretary to Treasurer and we've had super times with her as Secretary/Social Chair. I'll bet she'll still be actively helping create and participate while watching the money. She is a bookkeeping whiz and can follow the excellent financial work of retiring member **Tony Zawacki** after 9 years of service. We are thankful to have had Tony as both Treasurer and tee-shirt Chairperson. We also have some new blood joining the board with the addition of **Doug Clark**, one of our DJs, perhaps with some ideas for club fun. As I've written in earlier columns, we're extra lucky to have the experience and devotion of **Carol Green**, Membership Chair and volunteer recruiter. **Jean Engelbrecht, Slim Waschke**, and I round out the rest of the 2025 board as helpers.

This is my last column as president as I move over to the Past President position again. I can't go without acknowledging the hard and loyal work of retired long-time president and **Charter Member Gene Bylina**. For almost 30 years he stepped in and did whatever he could to help the club. Gene served every activity from blowing up balloons and helping decorate for New Year's Eve dance parties to hauling food for picnics, to booking locations and helping with our dance lessons. He also handled club tee shirt orders for several years. For almost 30 years Gene picked up and delivered our snacks to our dance homes and enthusiastically helped our little committee put together several super weekend dance parties. No matter where or what we were doing, Gene could be counted on to help the club. He took over as treasurer at an ugly time and became president when others weren't available. In my thirty odd years, I can't come up with another club member who served our club better or longer than my friend Gene. One of my favorite people who is no longer able to drive, Gene now lives in a senior home in Orland Park. I hope he knows what a treasure he has been.

I close with wishing you all the happiest of holidays and the healthiest new year. Thank you so much for joining us and for supporting us with your membership. Hope to see you next year. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah!

President Mary Lou

<u>Date</u>	<u>2025 CJC & CWCJC Dance Party Schedule</u>
December 21	CWCJC Dance Party, White Eagle Event Center, Niles
January 25	CJC Dance Party, Elks, Crestwood
February 22	CJC Dance Party, Elks, Crestwood

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CJC Says Thank You to Vets & Elks

In celebration of Veterans Day, many dancers came out and supported the Elks' annual Veterans Drive on November 9th. Most the items needed were disposable personal care products, including brushes and toothpaste, shaving materials, body washes, or lite snacks. The Elks and our Board of Directors truly appreciate those who supported the event with the generous donations and cash gifts for our veterans. Thank you for your kindnesses and help!!



Ronald Kollins	December 1
Wally Wolan	December 6
Christine Rafa	December 7
Carol Green	December 12
Dave Chess	December 21
Wanda Boyd	December 22
Sally Kupczyk	December 24
Shirley Wolan	December 24
Jim Blaschek	December 30
Ray Wardell	December 30

2025 Birthdays

Catherine LiSoleil	January 1
Becky Panfil	January 10
Marilyn Kozin	January 14
Augie Tranowski	January 16
Art Morgan	January 17
Bernie Swiszc	January 21
David Tison	February 2
Connie Logan	February 4
Dorothy Noto	February 5
Kenlyn Duddleston	February 6
Cyndy Dougherty	February 10
Ted Lumbarko	February 14
Liam O'Donnell	February 17
Phyllis Piazza	February 20
Eloise Sramek	February 23
Mary Anne Tigner	February 23
Whitey Ludwig	February 25



Helping Hands

We're looking for a few club members to assist with food service at a "treat night" dance party. This might include pizza, ice cream, or something else. It's easy but is a big help to a busy Board. It's fun, you meet new people, and get in free! We have aprons and gloves. Leave your name at our desk for VP Carol or email carolbgreen57@aol.com. She also would appreciate hearing from you if you can welcome dancers at the reception desk on a shift some evening.

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





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First Premier Cruise Club–2006

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2010

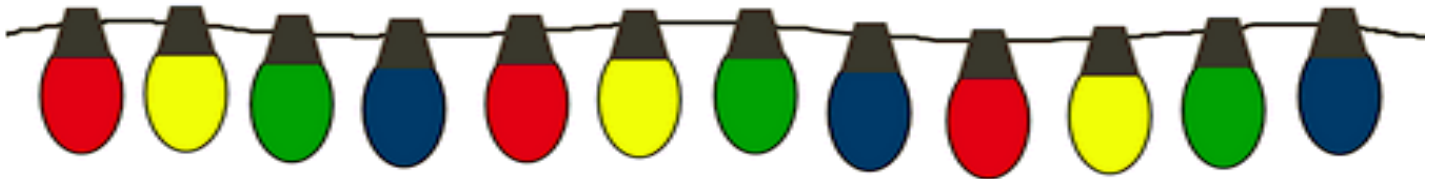
Premier ABA Cruise Club–2013

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2014

Premier ABA Cruise Club–2015

Retired

End of Year Wrap-up
Honored Veterans Night
Holiday Dinner/Dance Album
2025 Calendar



Seasons Greetings!



Dancing in 2025 Starts January 25th
Meet and Greet President Judie