

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hello Everyone,

Seems hard to believe that Spring is here, but we've had several nice dance parties and the ABA cruisers are back home. As the weather becomes consistent, you might want to go dancing even more than at our club but not know about another jitterbug opportunity. You may not give it attention, but in every issue of *Footloose* I list our dance party dates with those of our "big sister" Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club. The CWCJC dances at a hall in Franklin Park and they recognize our membership cards like we do theirs. But don't go without your CJC membership card or you'll need to pay the visiting guest fee to enter. You will know the music and probably recognize the DJ. I have been a member about 37 years and think you'll like it too.

Everyone knows what a party is, but do you know what "Weekend Party" means to members of a dance club? You might hear or read of a party in St. Louis, Louisville, Columbus, or Pittsburgh. What "Party" means is an extended dance weekend at a nice hotel, great DJs, free workshops, often free food events (hospitality), and even free pours, all with your ticket. If you're up for it, there's probably dancing all day and into wee hours each night. Sightseeing is often interesting and you can usually drive to the party. You meet dancers from all over because like us your host club belongs to the ABA umbrella organization of about 30 other clubs. So if you want a unique trip this year, think about a Party Weekend. Order a ticket, go, wear your club tee shirt, and have fun!

If a Caribbean dance cruise sounds interesting, pick up at a dance party an ABA flyer for the 20th Anniversary of Dancin' on the High Seas. Call Maureen with any questions about the two-week Princess voyage. You can ask about any price adjustments. These cruises are a fun event for ABA club people like us. Hundreds of dancers are already signed up, some you might even know. Take your club shirt! Works great in elevators.

Ever since Elks Lodge #1596 has been our dance home, we have helped support their charity efforts. Ronald McDonald House is an ongoing one. McDonald House provides a home and everything families need while focusing on their child undergoing medical treatment. CJC is hoping you decide to help us help the Elks. It's easy to do. We just ask that you put aside and save any pull tabs you run into. Pop tops aren't only on soda cans. They're on soup cans, canned fruit, and many other food containers. Simply stick them in a baggie and bring what you've saved to any dance party. There's a big jar for tabs just as you walk in. Elks Lodges all over the state participate in this charity drive, so I am happy to note Lodge #1596 had the #1 pull tab collection in Illinois. It's a new charity year now, so put those tabs in a bag and take them to a dance. Thank you. Hope to see you soon.

President Mary Lou



<u>Date</u>	<u>Scheduled Dance Parties</u>
April 27	CJC Black & White Dance Party, Elks, Crestwood
May 4	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion, Franklin Park
May 11	CJC Birthday Dance & Tee Shirt Party, Elks, Crestwood
May 18	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion, Franklin Park
May 25	CJC Dance Party, Elks, Crestwood
June 1	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion, Franklin Park
June 8	CJC Flag Day Dance Party, Elks (Please wear red/white/blue)
June 15	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion, Franklin Park
June 22	CJC Dance Party, Elks, Crestwood

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Belated Birthday Wishes March Dancers

Greg Champlin	March 2
Bert Kuehlhorn	March 6
Jack Sacks	March 6
Mike Kazarian	March 16
Jan Levy	March 16
Fred Sandine	March 17
Darlene Adams	March 30

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

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

April- May -June Birthday Wishes

Janet Campeotto	April 5
Tom Duffy	April 6
Sandy Ceretto	April 10
Rich Patterson	April 12
Dennis Smith	April 12
Sue Yessa	April 12
Matt Naillieux	April 13
Arlene Dalia	April 17
Audrey Krautter	April 17
Lindalou Hess	April 18
Billie Sacks	April 20
Tony Koufos	April 21
Flavia Betts	April 24
Louis Panfil	April 25
Liz Brousil	May 1
Maureen Markham	May 2
Gay Essary	May 4
Jerry Koppel	May 8
Virginia Roby	May 10
Debbie Lapina	May 23
Mary Lou Poremba	May 25
Patricia Ciarrocchi	May 28
Marshall Ellenstein	May 28
Les Engelbrecht	May 28
Gerard Woloszyk	June 1
Linda Kopperl	June 4
Debbie Smith	June 8
Dolly Swiszc	June 9
Joe Rebec	June 15
Jack Boyle	June 16
Gene Bylina	June 20
Donna Strimas	June 23
Tom Cozzolino	June 28
Doug Clark	June 30

Welcome New Members

Wanda Boyd Sandy Rothauer
Linda Pliska David Tison

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What a banner year for Char **Ludwig**. Char and Whitey are just back from their ABA Cruise and Char was delivered a cool looking new Hyundai. The color is appropriate for a child of the 50's, Denim Blue! . . Also sporting new wheels is **Jean Engelbrecht** with a sparkly white Chevy SUV. . . We're happy to report Board Member **Slim Waschke** is out of the hospital and back on the dance floor and at the club Welcome Desk. . . At Saturday's dance party we were happy to welcome back **Rubber Legs Dolly Swiszc** and husband **Bernie Swiszc**. Joining them were **Lorraine Rybka** and friend **Joe LaRock**. Also back after several months was retired **Board Member Barb Buschman**. Everyone was looking well and enjoying a great evening of music and socializing. . . Quick recovery wishes are sent to **Sandy Ceretto** so she can get back to dancing. . . Now what's new with you? Let us know!



DJ Party Doll

Rockin' 50s/60s Night Returned

Your CJC brought back a night of Rockin' 50s/60s on April 6th with DJ Party Doll playing the tunes. Though the dance seemed to have a slow start, it wasn't long before our dancers stepped up and kept the floor busy all evening. A few members even enjoyed catching the fever and dressed up for the dance party. We were able to catch them around memories of yesteryear. Some pics of them are in the next column (thanks to Secretary Arlene).



May 11th - Another Year

CJC will be celebrating another birthday, another year of lasting memories. Another year of seeing our dance family change with new members joining and losing some as well. Every dance party our door hosts get to meet a lot of people and each time a volunteer serves the club they earn free admission. On May 11th as we celebrate with birthday cake, we will draw two names from among those volunteers. Each winner will be awarded a free club membership renewal, regardless of when their year of dancing expires



Andy & Raquel

CJC Renewal Cards

Hey members! We have a great club with a lot of wonderful people who over the year have become your dancing family. When that renewal card comes addressed to you, don't hesitate to return it and keep connecting. Fill it out and return it to CJC. You can bring both the card and your annual membership to any dance or mail them back if it's more convenient. Keep in mind delaying this process could result in removal of your name from our roster, which means you enter a dance as a guest and pay guest dues.

Trying Something New

Over the years the CJC has hosted a variety of dance lessons and workshops that included lessons like the Jitterbug, Cha-Cha, Night Club Two, Stationary Cha Cha, and even the River Waltz. So, this year we are hoping to take a new direction and offer something new. **New?** even for those polished dancers who have been with our club for many years? So, until we have everything worked out, we are just going to leave you hanging and wondering what could CJC possibly offer that hasn't been taught before.



Arlene & Jan



Sherril & Liama



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Proud Member:

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First Premier Cruise Club–2006

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Retired

Black/White Dance Party is April 27th

Member Get a Member Benefit Ends April 30

Happy

