



# Footloose

## Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

Hello my dancing friends:

And I really think of all of you as “friends”. People I wouldn’t have ever met if it weren’t for dancing. This ends my 5th year as President of the Chicago Jitterbug Club and my last column as President. I have had some very wonderful people to work with these past 5 years and earlier when I was also on the Board. One thing I have always tried to express is that it isn’t “my club” or “your club”, it is “everyone’s” club and we are grateful for all the members who help keep it going.

Sadly, we have lost members by sickness, aging and just not able to dance anymore; but we have gained some new ones and a few younger people who love to dance, too. Dance club membership is down all over the ABA, but I believe I am leaving you in good hands and I will still be on the Board as Past President. I feel our club is strong and we will keep on dancing for many years!

I have served with some great Board members over the past five years and I surely hope I don’t miss anyone. First is **Mary Lou Poremba**, a founder of our club, who, while caring for her husband, has still been a great help in keeping our newsletter going and flyers printed and anything she can help with as Immediate Past President. Kudos to **Carol Green** who serves as Vice-President in charge of membership and also our door host volunteers. **Carol White** has been our Secretary this year after being a Board Member the year before and has been responsible for recording our board minutes and working on our parties and special events. **Tony Zawacki** has served as our Treasurer for several years and keeps us apprised of where our funds go and also helps in any way he can. Our current board members are **Slim Waschke**, who has been on the board for as many years as I can remember and does much of our “grunt” work. **Gene Bylina**, a past president of the club is our “snack” man. **Arlene Maynard VanHouten** is new on the Board this year but served previously and is in charge of our 50/50 Raffle, which is vital to our financial health. She also is the “Sunshine” person who sends out cards to members who are ill, and anything else she can. She put on a great NYE party last year at the club! Everyone returns to the board for 2020, some in a different capacity.

Previous board members who worked very hard were **Kitty Shannon** and **Judy Hook**, each who served as Secretary and/or Board Member for a few years, and **Shirley Medley** who was a Board Member. Also, thanks to our Great DJs, who spin the tunes for us: **Arlene “Party Doll” Waschke** (who is also our treats lady) and **Norm Oden**. They play such fabulous music all year long. Also, thanks to our guest DJs; **Fast Freddie** and **Gay Essary** who also play great dance music.

Thanks also to **Dave Chess**, who keeps our website going so people can see what we are up to. He manages this between his homes in Florida and in Illinois. Many thanks to our members who work the entrance table or the 50/50 raffle, and all of you who buy 50/50 tickets. It helps keep our club going!

I also want to thank all of you for your messages, cards and prayers over the past few months. They have surely helped me on this new journey in my life. I have tried to do my best for our club and I am not going anywhere. I will be around as Immediate Past-President and helping any way I can as I have done since joining this wonderful club some 18 years ago. I don’t think that anyone doubts that I love this club and everyone in it. I hope we’ll be dancing together for many years to come. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and thanks much!

President Barb

### CJC & CWCJC Dance Party Checklist

December 7	CWCJC Dance Party, Elections & Toy Drive, American Legion
<b>December 14</b>	<b>CJC Holiday Dance &amp; Pizza Pizza Party, Elks</b>
December 21	CWCJC Holiday Dance Party, American Legion (\$15 charge for nonmember food)
<b>January 11</b>	<b>CJC Birthday Dance Party, Elks, FREE CAKE!</b>
January 18	CWCJC Dance Party, American Legion

**CJC Board of Directors**

**President**

Barbara Buschman

**Vice President/Membership**

Carol Green

**Secretary/Social Committee**

Carol White

**Treasurer**

Tony Zawacki.

**Board Members**

Gene Bylina

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard

Slim Waschke

**Past President/Newsletter**

Mary Lou Poremba



**2019 Dance Party Revenue Report**

Date	Door	50/50	Total	+/-
Jan 9	\$325	\$100	\$425	(-\$115)
Feb 9	\$492	\$160	\$652	\$112
Feb 23	\$235	\$84	\$319	(-\$221)
March 9	\$261	\$94	\$355	(-\$185)
March 23	\$335	\$119	\$454	(-\$86)
April 13	\$281	\$106	\$387	(-\$153)
April 27	\$414	\$111	\$525	(-\$15)
May 11	\$458	\$153	\$611	\$71
May 25	\$390	\$133	\$523	(-\$17)
June 8	\$486	\$135	\$621	\$81
June 22	\$303	\$134	\$437	(-\$103)
July 13	\$465	\$166	\$631	\$91
July 24	\$540	\$156	\$696	\$156
Aug 10	\$563	\$173	\$736	\$196
Aug 24	\$612	\$175	\$787	\$247
Sept 14	\$538	\$150	\$688	\$148
Sept 28	\$541	\$130	\$671	\$131
Oct 12	\$426	\$145	\$561	\$21
Oct 26*	\$240	\$140	\$380	\$160
Nov 9	\$393	\$147	\$540	\$0
Nov 23	\$466	\$130	\$596	\$56

Dance expenses = \$540, excluding snacks

\*Door net after prizes = \$190



**Helping Hands**

Arlene Maynard is looking for a few club members to assist serve food at some of our Special Event Dance Parties. These might include pizza, ice cream, or other treats. Anyone who is interested can connect with her at any dance.

Ronald Kollins	Dec 1
Jim Schaeffer	Dec 3
Wally Wolan	Dec 6
Carol Green	Dec 12
Tom Masbaum	Dec 19
Ron Thompson	Dec 20
Dave Chess	Dec 21
Sally Kupczyk	Dec 24
Cheryl Leavitt	Dec 26
Ray Wardell	Dec 30
Betty Sirko	Jan 4
Carol White	Jan 6
Richard Podgorski	Jan 7
Marilyn Kozin	Jan 14
Art Morgan	Jan 17
Mikey Orzechowski	Jan 18
Fran Merar	Jan 21
Bernie Swiszc	Jan 21
Barbara Egbert	Jan 25
Pat Lauer	Jan 31

**Split the Pot Winners**

Oct 26	Bob Wilkison	\$140
Nov 9	Mike Kazarian	\$147
Nov 23	Bob Wilkison	\$130



# Chicago Jitterbug Club

## 2020 Dance Calendar

(Subject to slight change)



### Featured DJs

DJ Norm  
DJ Party Doll



### Guest DJs

DJ Gay  
DJ Fast Freddie

**January 11 – Birthday Dance Party (Free Birthday Cake!)**

**February 8 – Justadance**

**February 22 – Mardi Gras Dance Party**

**March 14 – Fancy Dress Dance Party**

**April 4 – Justadance Party**

**April 25 – Black & White Dance Party**

**May 9 – Justadance Party**

**May 30 – CJC Tee Shirt Dance Party**

**June 13 – Annual Flag Day Dance Party (Casual Red/White/Blue)**

**June 27 – Justadance Party**

**July 11 – Justadance Party**

**July 25 – Ice Cream Social & Dance Party**

**August 8 – Justadance Part**

**August 22 – Beachcomber/Luau Dance Party**

**\*September 12 – Annual Business Meeting & Dance Party**

**September 26 – Sports Team Jersey Dance Party**

**October 10 – Justadance Party**

**October 31 – Halloween Dance Party, Parade & Contest**

**November 14 – Veterans Dance Party**

**\*November 28 – Meet the Candidates & Victory Dance Party**

**December 12 – Holiday Dance Pizza Pizza Party**

### Dance Party Home

Chicago South Elks Lodge  
4428 W Midlothian Turnpike  
Crestwood 60445

Doors open for dance parties @ 7:30pm. Please comply for the convenience of our host workers.

\*Doors open at 7:15pm for 7:30 meetings. Door-opening times for workshops to be announced.

For more info call Barb at 630/257-6479 or visit [ChicagoJitterbugClub.org](http://ChicagoJitterbugClub.org).

**Notice: Not all months follow our traditional schedule of 2nd and 4th Saturday dance parties!**



Chicago Jitterbug Club 2019 Halloween Dance Party





**Chicago South Elks Lodge**



**Thanks for getting in the spirit!**



## New Year's Eve Gala



For 27 years, our club has hosted the New Year's Eve Gala and has welcomed members and nonmembers alike. These are dress-up, black-tie events and all have been fun evenings of good food, with good friends, and the ability to dance to the music of our own DJs!

To ring in the 2020 new year, we are returning to a club favorite, The Garden Chalet, in Worth. We've held most all of our Jive at Five Dinner Dances there, and our members have always enjoyed it. The Chalet is located at 1100 S Ridgeland, just north of Walgreen's. Reservations include a plated dinner of Sirloin of Beef & Italian Chicken, sides, dessert, and coffee/tea. There is a nice wood dance floor and we're back to a cash bar. Music will be by DJ Party Doll, who knows all the club favorites. Early Bird Reservations are \$55.00 for members; guest reservations are \$65.00. Each must be received by December 1st, then prices increase by \$5.00. Full table reservations for 8 will be available, so get your group together and take advantage of the Early Bird Discount. Prepaid reservations are a must as we expect an early sell-out! All seating is assigned/reserved.



## Halloween Dance at the Chicago Jitterbug Club by Carol Green

We certainly love to dress up and have fun! The Halloween dance was filled with fun and energy. What fun to see the exciting costumes our dancers wore. There were many impressive outfits and after our Costume Parade, everyone at the dance voted and chose the prize winners.

The 1st Place winners were Gay Essary & Randy Fierke; she in a spectacular 20s Flapper outfit and her handsome gangster friend, tommy-gun and all. The 2nd Place prize was a tie between Dawn Adams as a scary Witch and Cai Trzepacz as a Voodoo Woman.

Some of our other costumes that received Honorable Mentions included the Blues Brothers (Dean & Lorrie Becker); Playing Cards (Tony Zawacki and Sally Kupczyk; and Dracula (Steve Enders). Other inventive and great costumes included Flo (the Progressive Lady); a German Maiden; an un-scary Sheriff, a Priest; Wyatt Earp; a Pirate; The Joker; a Lollipop; the Lavender Lady; various witches and a cat lady. See the photos for the fun outfits worn. Give yourselves a big pat on the back for contributing to this fun evening at the Chicago Jitterbug Club Halloween Party of 2019! Let's start thinking about next year's costumes.

## Elks Lodge Renovations

You may have noticed our dance home is undergoing an extensive renovation. They've already refinished our dance floor! Among things included are re-paving of the parking lot, along with new exterior lighting, new roof, and new security system. The Hall has been painted and the carpeting refreshed. On the list is new kitchen equipment and HVAC system. Probably most exciting for the Elks membership is a new computer system and BINGO equipment. Our lodge was sure to let us know that none of the work will interfere with dance events. We congratulate them on this massive undertaking and wish the membership great success!



## ABA Dancin' on the High Seas Cruise

The ABA has a long-standing arrangement with Princess for annual cruise packages. That's important because on a ship of 3,000 – 4,000 guests, our umbrella group may be host to as many as 300 or more dancing. It also means significant group discounts/upgrades and a good bit of sway when it comes to extra-special considerations like our own private room for nightly dancing. Onboard, you're sure to run in other dancers from ABA-member cities, even just getting on an elevator! Departing Ft. Lauderdale for 10 days on January 23, the Dancin' on the High Seas Cruise will feature stops in Jamaica, Columbia, Panama, Cristobal and Grand Cayman. It stars our own DJs with nightly dancing, and dance instructors with free workshops, all in a private club! A one-hour open bar cocktail party is usually a great highlight. Cruise flyers with all the details are on the snack table at every dance; email [wecruise4@msn.com](mailto:wecruise4@msn.com); or call Maureen or Bob at 800/727-9577.

# Chicago Jitterbug Club

## New Year's Eve Gala

(a Black Tie, Dress-up Event)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019



## Garden Chalet Banquets

11000 S Ridgeland

Worth

DJ Party Doll

7:30 pm – 12:30 am

Roast Sirloin of Beef, Chicken, Soup, Sides, Dessert @ 8:30 pm

Favors, Champagne Toast @ Midnight

Cash Bar

### Reservation Form

Checks payable to Chicago Jitterbug Club and mail to: CJC, 5131 W 115th St, Alsip, IL 60803

No reservations after December 20th (if available). Please print reverse for additional names.

Non-refundable. Transferred/resold tickets must notify office to guarantee proper seating.

# _____	CJC or CWCJC Members @ \$55.00	\$ _____	By December 1, then \$60.00
# _____	Guests \$65.00	\$ _____	By December 1, then \$70.00
# _____	Total Reservations Paid	\$ _____	TOTAL ENCLOSED

PLEASE PRINT (Membership will be verified)

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

For info, email [MaryLou@ChicagoJitterbugClub.org](mailto:MaryLou@ChicagoJitterbugClub.org) or call 708/597-5597 afternoons/evenings.

Tables of 8 only may be reserved together with payment in full at one time.

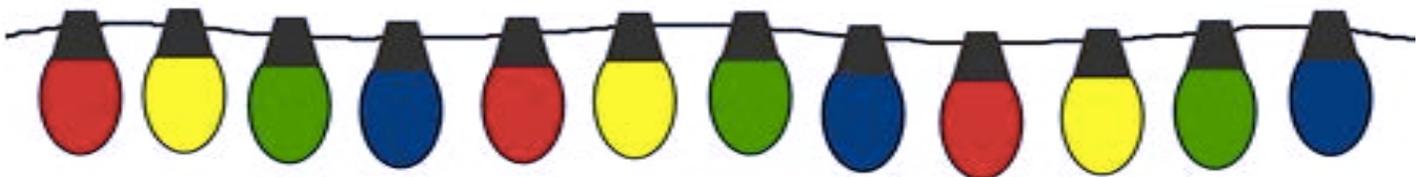
If you wish a confirmation, enclose an SASE or print a readable email for group representative!

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5131 W 115th Street  
Alsip, IL 60803  
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  
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**Season's Greetings!**

**Holiday Party December 14th**  
**New Year's Eve Gala Dinner/Dance**  
**Your Advanced Reservation Form Inside**



**Inside:**  
**Halloween Pix**  
**2020 Calendar**

**ABA Co-hosted Multi-Day Events & Parties**

Jan 23 – Feb 2      ABA Annual Dancin' on the High Seas Caribbean & Panama Canal Cruise

*Cruise flyers available at our dance parties or visit us at [www.chicagojitterbugclub.org](http://www.chicagojitterbugclub.org) for links to the American Bop Association (ABA), sister club events, Ballroom Chicago, Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club, and Danceaholics.*