

Footloose



Newsletter of the Chicago Jitterbug Club

CJC September 2020 Survey Results

During this COVID19 experience, the CJC Board confronted the decision monthly to continue or cancel our regular dances. In the beginning the board didn't need to make this decision since it was taken out of our hands because of non-essential closures. As months continued, Illinois began to open up again and that allowed us to sponsor 2 inside/outside dances.

Having the opportunity to dance a few times brought more discussions and decisions for the CJC Board. To resume indoor dancing was a genuine concern. In September the CJC Board decided to survey our members. The Board's intention of taking the survey was to receive insight from our members but was not to be used as a tool as we made the decision to perhaps continue with our 2020 dance schedule.

I am proud to report that 64 of our members responded to our survey and below are the results. (The numbers below reflect the following answers to the questions. Please note not everyone answered every question to total 64.)

1) Are you currently not participating with any of social dancing due to COVID19?

Yes 37 No 27 Undecided 0

2) Are you comfortable attending any dances being held indoors?

Yes 32 No 29 Undecided 3

3) Are you comfortable with the social distancing guideline of 6 to a table?

Yes 44 No 13 Undecided 7

4) Are you required to wear face masks or shields at the dances you attend?

Yes 36 No 6 Undecided 22

5) you required to wear a face mask or shields while you are on the dance floor?

Yes 36 No 7 Undecided 21

6) hand sanitizer available for regular use at the dances you attend?

Yes 32 No 5 Undecided 27

7) When a vaccine becomes available will you resume your dancing?

Yes 49 No 2 Undecided 13

8) When Illinois moves into Phase 5 of COVID19, will you resume supporting CJC or other dance events?

Yes 46 No 5 Undecided 13

The CJC Board felt it was important to share the views our members. We also wanted to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for their participation. We have made note of the comments we received as well. In closing, we hope that all are staying safe and healthy and we hope to see everyone soon.

Arlene VanHouten-Maynard, Secretary

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To all our CJC Members,

Fall and Winter are the seasons that separate the Midwest from all the other regions. It is the time of year we love when the seasons begin to change. It is also the time of the year some of us become more concerned about our health. It is because of those health concerns and our recent situation with CoVid-19 that the CJC Board Members have decided to cancel the remaining 2020 scheduled dances.

The decision to cancel the remaining dances was not an easy one to make. The board took into account not only those members who are currently out and about dancing but also the health concerns for those who choose to stay home. The CJC Board also realizes we could not continue to support dances with less than 40 dancers in attendance.

In closing the CJC Board wishes to extend our warmest Holiday Greetings to everyone, with the hope that our dance floor will be filled again with everyone in 2021. See you then!

The Chicago Jitterbug Club Board

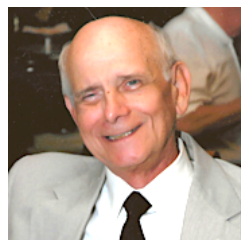
Member News

We're thinking of our dancers and wishing them a speedy and full recovery. **Doreen Berholtz** is recovering from a hip injury. **Art Morgan** is undergoing therapy, and **Phyllis Piazza** is recuperating from a severe knee injury. Good wishes also go out to **Barb Buschman**, **Tom Masbaum**, **Frank Smith**, and **Fred Loibl**, all dealing with challenges.

Condolences to **Lorraine Rybka** on the loss of her son Raymond in an auto accident.



Fred Loibl	November 1
Nancy Marek	November 2
Joyce Lenzi	November 8
Susan Richardson	November 8
Marge Smurda	November 8
Jeanne Quigley	November 11
Donna Bukowski	November 18
Ross Rocco	November 18
Linda Nyberg	November 26
Sharon Carlson	November 28
Barbara Benitez	November 30
Ronald Collins	December 1
Jim Schaeffer	December 3
Wally Wolan	December 6
Carol Green	December 12
Tom Masbaum	December 19
Ronald Thompson	December 20
Dave Chess	December 21
Sally Kupczyk	December 24
Cheryl Leavitt	December 26
Ray Wardell	December 30



Eddie Poremba

With a sad heart, we report **Ed Poremba** passed away November 13th. He had been homebound in the care of wife Mary Lou for several years before dancing into Heaven in his snazzy B/W dance shoes. The Porembas met at a dance in 1998, fell in love, and married in 1999 with a reception resembling a club dance! Eddie was great fun, a good sport, and big helper of the club, participating in virtually every club activity. He helped with any and everything, picnics, special events, conventions, including appearing in the AARP song/dance routine and dressing up as a Christmas elf. Ed loved to cruise too, and the pair joined 12 of the ABA Caribbean cruises and many dance conventions before his illness put him in a wheelchair. This sweet gentleman was also known by our ladies as a ready dance partner, especially complimented by being asked to dance. With marriage, Ed acquired two bonus daughters and ultimately 5 grandchildren, so we know he is missed terribly. Our sympathy to Mary Lou on the loss of her great love, and to her family, and to their many friends.

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2021 Dance Calendar

(Subject to change and/or VID mitigation)



Featuring:
DJ Norm
DJ Party Doll



Guest DJs
DJ Gay
DJ Fast Freddie

January 23 – Birthday Dance Party (Free Birthday Cake!)

February 27 – Justadance Party

March 13 – Wearin’ of the Green Dance Party

March 27 – Justadance Party

April 10 – Justadance Party

April 24 – Black & White Dance Party

May 8 – Club Colors or Club Tee Shirt Dance Party

May 22 – Justadance Party

June 12 – Annual Flag Day Dance Party (Casual Red/White/Blue)

June 26 – Justadance Party

July 10 – Ice Cream Social & Dance Party

July 24 – Justadance Party

August 14 – Beachcomber/Luau Dance Party

August 28 – Justadance Party

September 11 – Annual Business Meeting @ 7:30 (Doors open 7:15)

September 25 – Justadance Party

October 9 – Justadance Party

October 30 – Halloween Dance Party (Costumes & Parade)

November 13 – Veterans Dance Party

November 27 – Board Election, Victory Dance Party

December 11 – Holiday Dance 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. Thanks!

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

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

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We hope to see more of you in 2021!
Wishing you the happiest and healthiest of holidays!!

