

# Jitterbug Jive

**Dedicated to the Bop, Shag and Swing Dance Styles**

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Dear Music City Members and Friends:

At our last meeting, it was discussed quiet thoroughly about the Pro's and Con's of staying at the Post 88 vs. Maxwell House.....//..

Main Issues brought up about Maxwell House:

No guarantee how long we would be allowed to stay there

2 different people at the meeting said that the land was up for sale- what would that mean for the MCBC if we moved there and started dancing

Safety at the hotel and in the parking lot... that area of town has not gotten any safer

No security

It has been 1 ½ years since they made us leave for renovations....and they have JUST now started working on the bathrooms across from the lounge

They had no problem before...telling us we had to leave and were not welcome back

The Hotel is really run down

There would be no discount on food or drinks any more like we had before

Good things:

We would have George back with us!!!!

It would be dancing on Saturday night

At American Legion Post 88:

Post 88 wants us there!!!

Clean environment, it smells good

Good food and expanded menu of food

Safe parking

Not so good at Post 88..... Traffic is bad on Thursday night trying to get there

Diane and Sylvia went to Post 88 back on 04/05/24 to meet with Sharie Bardo.

We told her our main concerns about dancing at Post 88 were:

The \$200.00 fee that we were paying each night that we danced.

And that Thursday nights the traffic was so bad at that time of day, people trying to get there sometimes it took over an hour to get there.

Sharie response to our concerns:

She took away the \$200.00 fee per night that we dance.....

AS LONG AS WE ORDER FOOD AND DRINK while there.....

We asked if there were any other nights available for us to dance????

Sharie said Sundays (not the first Sunday of the month).... We would have to plan to dance from 6 to 9 on a Sunday. And she would see about bringing someone in to cook food....like from 6 to 8.



Lisa and Aaron did another wonderful job of giving West Coast Dance Lessons on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to tell them THANK YOU.... for them taking their time to teach lessons.

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Sunday July 21<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Dancing and Birthday 6:00 to 9:00 (NEW TIME)

I know some of you will be traveling over the summer and going to different club parties.

I hope each of you will go and have a wonderful time. Come back and tell us all about it.

Take care and God Bless each of you,

Diane Thurston

MCBC President

And here is a Note from the President:

Bringing a friend to a Music City Bop Club dance promises an unforgettable experience filled with rhythm, laughter, and shared memories. Not only does it amplify the enjoyment of the event, but it also fosters deeper connections and strengthens friendships through the universal language of music and dance. Together, you'll immerse yourselves in the vibrant atmosphere of the dance floor, moving to the beat of DJ sets, surrounded by fellow enthusiasts who share your passion for music and community. From swinging melodies to pulsating beats, the energy of the dance floor becomes contagious, igniting a sense of joy and liberation that is best shared with a friend. Whether you're beginners or seasoned dancers, bringing a friend ensures you'll have a supportive partner to laugh, learn, and groove with, creating cherished moments that will resonate long after the music fades.

The joys of the MCBC.

Diane Thurston

The purpose of the Club is to provide an organization for people who have a common interest in music and dancing based first on the music and dancing of the 50's and 60's known as the Bop Era but also encompassing other music and dancing that the Club may desire to include, such as Shag, Jitterbug, Swing, and other forms of "fast dancing" that are agreeable to the membership. It is further dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Rhythm and Blues, Shag, Beach, and Bop music.

**Wanna see the Music City Bop Clubs picture albums?**

Well your wait is over. Here is the link to lots and lots of pictures.

**<https://www.dotphoto.com/viewalbum.asp?>**

These are all albums with lots of pictures inside.

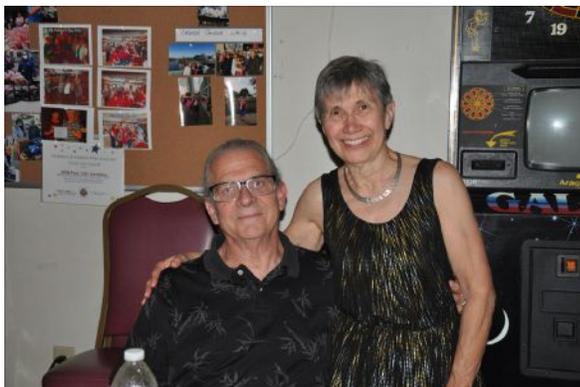


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American Legion Post 88, Donelson TN  
\$5.00 Cover



## New and Renewed Member

Felicia Clark  
Jerry Clark  
Biffie Jones  
Mai Jones  
Loreta Watrous  
Carolyn Watson

## Birthdays

Jennifer Corbitt 1  
Art Harrison 7  
Katrina Smithson 11

## Members' Dues Are Due

Sharon Charney  
Linda & John Franklin  
Art Harrison  
Pat Hartman  
Martye Lasseter  
Robin Marlles

## Office

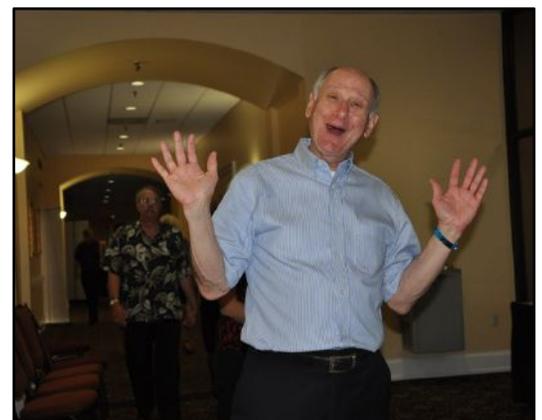
President	Diane Thurston	
Vice President	Janie Thompson	270-991-9991
Secretary	Sylvia Salmon	615-772-6216
Treasurer	Sandy Webster	615-373-1677
Trustee	Sue Kestner	615-876-2343
Michal Scudder	Past President	

## Club Committees

Newsletter Editor	Sue Kestner	615-876-2343
Club DJ's	Sue & Jackie Kestner	615-876-2343
	Janie & Jim Thompson	270-991-9991
	Weedy Bush	615-226-2829
	Doug Brown	615-585-5458
	Mickey Salomom	615-268-3817

## Dance Lessons

Birthday Parties	Sandy Webster	615-373-1677
Monthly Theme Parties	Michal Ann Scudder	931-505-2787
Club Social News & Sympathy Cards		
Flower	Sandy Webster	615-373-1677
Charity Coordinator		
Membership	Sandy Webster	615-373-1677
ABA Director	Doug Brown	615-851-0958
ACSC Rep.		
Club Photo	Diane Thurston	615-444-8668
Website	Sue Kestner	615-876-2343



## MUSIC CITY BOP CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

In order to maintain an accurate record of our membership, please provide the following information:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH:(month/day ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE: \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to get the weekly email update, please PRINT your email address:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ PAID CASH: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in learning to Bop? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Already know how \_\_\_\_\_

### **Release From Liability**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in activities conducted by the Music City Bop Club, Inc., the undersigned "Releasor" hereby releases, waives, and discharges the Music City Bop Club, its officers, and members from any and all claims for loss, injury, or damage to person or property incurred during, or preparing for, any club activities, whether caused by negligence or otherwise. Releasor hereby assumes all risk of loss or damage from injury or damage to his or her person or property incurred during, or preparing for, any club activities. This agreement is binding upon any legal representatives, heirs, and assigns of the Releasor. Laws of the State of Tennessee govern this agreement. Releasor agrees that the courts of Davidson County, Tennessee shall have exclusive jurisdiction and venue to resolve any controversy or claim to which this release may apply.

Releasor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Music City Bop Club is an organization of volunteers operating through committees that do the work of our nonprofit corporation. Members are encouraged to help out by serving on a committee. Please indicate any committees on which you would be willing to serve. Rank your choices 1, 2, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ A. Hospitality, ticket sales and entertainment  
\_\_\_\_\_ B. Decorations and food  
\_\_\_\_\_ C. Membership and Business Directory

\_\_\_\_\_ D. Communications and Publications  
\_\_\_\_\_ E. Charity functions

Please send your check for membership dues, in the amount of \$35.00 for annual membership

Music City Bop Club  
C/O Sandy Webster  
1230 Brentwood Pointe III  
Brentwood, TN 37027



Music City Bop Club is located in Nashville, TN.

We were formed in 1988 as a non profit club dedicated to the style of dance known as Bop & Shag and Swing Dancing.

We meet every Saturday night at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Post 88  
Nashville TN

And our dress code on Saturday night is also casual

Come on out - Let's Dance!

Mailing Address: Music City Bop Club

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# This Party Started 34 Years Ago

By Doug Brown

If you loved oldies music and bop dancing, then the place to be in the mid 80's was Chevy's, a night club located near the corner of Murfreesboro Road and Thompson Lane. Chevy's was the hottest club in town back then and that was where you could always find a group of the few remaining bop dancers in Nashville every night of the week. It all started about six – that's when they served the free buffet and good happy hour drinks and you could get ready for a night of pure fun – and all the dancers knew each other. That place, the people, the music and the dancing became a basic thing in many lives and friendships were formed then which are still alive today.

Eventually, because of neglect by the owners, the place became a shadow of itself, and Chevy's was sold and the music format changed. The bop dancing oldies lovers were left with no place to dance to our music. Some of us heard about a group in Memphis that had formed a club based around the same music and dancing we enjoyed so several Nashvillians journeyed to Memphis to find out what it was all about.

They found the Memphis Bop Club and before long, a group of the Memphis Boppers came to Nashville to show us how it was done. Our small group contacted everybody we could find from the old Chevy's crowd and along with nearly a hundred Memphis Boppers, we threw a party at the Marriott that was a huge success. Our group began to believe that we could do in Nashville what had been done in Memphis. Organizational meetings were held to get the ball rolling and on April 28, 1988 the Music City Boppers, Inc. were granted a charter by the State of Tennessee as a nonprofit corporation.

The founders donated lots of time and the necessary money to get the Club started. In May, 1988, we published our first newsletter and on Saturday, July 9, 1988, the Club held its first "private party" which was attended by 137 members and guests.

Everybody had a great time – and made memories they will never forget. Over the years, the Music City Bop Club has sponsored many more fantastic parties and has donated many, many thousands of dollars to good causes, including the night we sponsored a concert by the Drifters and raised \$10,000 for Jerry's Kids. We've worked hard, too, while we partied, like the time we served all the beer at Nashville's Summer Lights Festival, made about \$8,000 and gave it all away.

Time marches on, we all get a little older and a lot better, and things change. Most of the music we dance to now is a little different from what it was back then, but don't forget that we are older and better than we were back then. The important thing is that we are still having the party, making good friends and dancing to the music like we did back then. This party started 29 years ago – let's keep it going till 34 years from now.

**WE ARE THE MUSIC CITY BOPPERS !!!**