



JANUARY 2021 ONCJC NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year and Welcome to 2021

What a difference a year makes. In the newsletter of January 2020, I was noting that during 2019 we danced 50 out of 52 possible Wednesday nights. I don't need to remind you that we only danced a few weeks before the stay-at-home order went into effect in March. Since then, we all have been hiding behind masks, washing our hands and learning how to shop for groceries on-line. As this year comes to an end, I want to remember some of our members that have unfortunately passed away.

-  Diana Williamson was a long-time member of ONCJC. A past President, dance instructor, and committee chairperson; she always greeted you with a smile.
-  Frank Ganis was 96 years young and always had a dance for the ladies.
-  Alan Miskell was a member for several years and was Cheryl Davis' dance partner and fiancé.
-  Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

The Board continues to plan some exciting things for 2021 even though we don't know when we will be able to resume dancing.

I want to send a great big THANK YOU to those members that have volunteered to help our Club, become the outstanding organization it is today.

When we resume dancing, we will again need the membership to step up and volunteer. If you have not volunteered for a while, consider volunteering for something when we resume. Even if you only offer to sit at the check in table one night you are helping and not letting your fellow members carry all the load. I want to also mention and *Thank* the Board Members that work tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain a quality organization for our members.

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2021.

John Inks

Proud President of the Best Dam Dance Club in the Land

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2020 Board Members
 Bob Poulson, Delbert Stewart, Jeff Pifer,
 Maria Mayo, Verne Friberg, Carol Kyle,
 Bennie Rock, John Inks,
 Cheryl Minnich



ONCJC DJs
 Ed, Mary, Jerry, Lou, Roy, Dave
**YOU MAY FORGET WHAT THEY PLAYED,
 BUT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET HOW THEY
 MADE THEM FEEL!**

IN THE MEANTIME, . . .

Attention ONCJC Members – If you are interested in dancing on Wednesday nights, during this time when our Club cannot dance, please contact Delbert at 330-697-6966 for details.

2020 ONCJC ACTIVITY SCHEDULE			
DATE	ACTIVITY	CHAIRPERSON	LOCATION
<i>All events have been postponed.</i>			
*** 1st Wednesday of each month is BIRTHDAY CAKE & CLUB SHIRT NIGHT			

<i>January Birthdays</i>				
2	Susan D. L		11	Kim S
4	Lisa H		19	Christine G
4	Joe S		21	Machelle S
8	Jo Anne P		21	Caroline S
10	Dave S		22	Carole Stella
11	Wendy C		27	Tony Truman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Like dancing, the Board has suspended membership renewals. Once dancing begins, all memberships will be extended for the length of time we were unable to dance. Expiration dates on membership cards will not be accurate. There may be some confusion as to when your renewal is due. Please see Jeff Pifer, who will update our master membership roster.

LINE DANCES

Dance	Song	Artist
Almost Cha-cha	Alone With You	Derailers
Cab Driver	Better When I'm Dancin'	Meghan Trainor
Cruisin'	Still Cruisin'	Beach Boys
Mambo #5	Mambo #5	Lou Bega
Little Red Book	You're More than a Number In my Little Red Book	Drifter's
Miss Jody's Thang	Ms. Jody's Thang	Ms. Jody
Some Enchanted Eve	Some Enchanted Evening	The Temptations
Swamp Thang	Swamp Thang	The Grid
Tush Push	Shout & Scream	Teddy Pendergrass
	Hey Baby	Bruce Channel
	Shorten 'Bread	The Tractors
Uptown Funky	Uptown Funk	Mark Ronson/Bruno Mars
Train Swing	Lover Please	Billy Swain
	COUPLES DANCES	
Barn Dance (Mixer)	Wild, Wild West	The Escape Club
Colorado Cha-Cha Any Cha-cha beat will work. These also work for Rumba!	Home	Simply Red
	Sweetness of your Love	L.U.S.T.
	Something Smooth	Rick Strickland
	Lady Soul	The Temptations
	Hello Stranger	Barbara Lewis
	My Girl	The Temptations
River Waltz Any waltz will work.	Their Hearts Are Dancing	Forester Sisters
	Last Cheaters Waltz	T.G. Sheppard
	Rainbow Connection	Sarah McLachlin

2021 LINE DANCE ROTATION

1. **Cruisin'** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhSI2zc67is&t=75s>
2. **Little Red Book** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AatrP9-Xx9w&t=35s>
3. **Miss Jody's Thang** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQtREA7uDLI>
4. **Almost Cha-cha** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3uqf4Lr7d4&t=39s>
5. **Colorado Cha-cha** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3674YrVQ-nM>
6. **Some Enchanted Eve** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuw57An9DN4>
7. **Swamp Thang** <https://www.google.com/search?q=swamp+thang+line+dance+instruction&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-us&client=safari>
8. **Tush Push** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAtuUUHfmtA>
9. **River Waltz** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WASDktUDSDU>
10. **Uptown Funky** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzkFVjX4Ut0>
11. **Mambo #5** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eeHQCYGQaI>
12. **Cab Driver** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHLype3e2Nk&t=202s>
13. **Train Swing** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nriQe88JLfA>
14. **Barn Dance** **First video shows basic steps only – not done as mixer. Second video shows how to change partners.**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCLZDyTJ6l4&list=PLFHhWpgk3ZBu_uge2-YpWC2_gANz_FT18
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgoY0TrnE2Y>

CLUB APPAREL AVAILABLE ONLINE

Control and click on the following link: www.embroideryondemand.com/ohio-north-coast-jitterbug

Select an area and start shopping. The ordering format is easy to follow. Items shipped directly to you. Several men and women shirt styles. Sizes XS through 4XL. Men's tall available in select shirts. Sizing charts listed where available. Caps, totes, shoe bags, jackets and other items also available.

All items embroidered with ONCJC red, white and blue club logo. Club Logo will be embroidered on left side of shirt. Larger version of ONCJC logo available for back of jackets and certain shirts.

Items are non-refundable once logo is applied. Any questions can be directed to Sharon at 636-343-5309.
ALL SALES FINAL!

Do The "Social Distance Dance"

[Lucy Gellman](#) | March 19th, 2020

How do you greet someone when you're supposed to maintain six feet of distance at all times? New Havener Aaron Jafferis has the answer: You dance it out. Distantly.

Jafferis, a [spoken word poet and playwright](#) who [founded The Word](#) several years ago, offered up that answer Thursday in [a new video](#) ([click on this link to see video](#)) that has gone viral in under 12 hours. Titled "social distance dance," it urges viewers to fight the anxiety of social distancing by getting off their butts and dancing it out as a form of supporting friends, family members and loved ones. It is edited and produced by his partner TW, who also makes a cameo in the beginning and at the end.

"My family made a dance video for your family," he wrote on social media when he dropped the video. "Dance while you support people (with [CTCORE-Organize Now](#), [Mutual Aid/Support Waterbury, Bridgeport, New Haven and Surrounding Areas](#) and [Connecticut Bail Fund](#)), and remember self-care is important. This is how we do it."

In the video, Jafferis delivers the message with equal parts heart and humor. As his face fills the screen, he explains to his viewers that he's been struggling with the six feet of space that social distancing now requires to guard against [the spread of COVID-19](#). Like his viewers—presumably—he's used to shaking hands and hugging it out. Now, he's putting lives at risk if he does that. So are they.

"And that's hard," he says right into the camera. "It feels like in a time when we want to be human and connected, we have to be less so."

The film cuts to him greeting his dad on a beach by the Long Island Sound, and then hugging and kissing his partner at home. With both of those options off the table, he suggests, there must be another way. A danceable way.

A just-cheesy-enough beat builds in the background. Snippets of video flip between Jafferis pseudo-rapping at his kitchen table and busting some of his silliest, most joyful moves on the beach.

His dad, the perfect dance partner, remains six feet away from him for most of the video. Both of them dance with their entire bodies. Arms lift. Butts shake. Hips make way for hula hoops that aren't there. It is impossible to watch it and not smile.

To say hi or bye to someone we miss or love, we used to shake, dap, kiss or hug. Now we elbow tap, air hug, or give a wistful glance. No! We need physical connection, so...do the social distance dance. Dance, dance, dance, dance, dance.

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From the outset, it is also laced with laugh lines that stick their landing every time. Before he goes into the dance, Jafferis explains that handshakes are officially out, and the awkward elbow bumps [that were okay a week ago](#) aren't really cutting it anymore. He suggests that foot taps are fine in theory, except that toddlers and elders might tip over when they do them. It's a laugh line that lands: his timing is in sync with his hands as they glide through the frame.

With its humor—which also comes in Spanish near the end of the video—Jafferis also delivers a message that mental health, economic relief, and community aid are all part of public health.

The organizations to which he directs viewers are, in many ways, all on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many are working directly to counteract the fact [that coronavirus has exposed a system](#) in which capitalism, and not public health, has left people uninsured and at the economic margins when they may be at their most vulnerable.

As he dances his support for the community, his smile and fluid, pumping arms become contagious. Before ending the video, he suggests that viewers record their own dances and translate the lyrics into different languages, spreading a message of self-care across New Haven and beyond.

“This is an invitation to you, family, to create your own videos of you doing a social distance dance,” he says before launching into Spanish. “And you get extra credit if you translate the little rap about it into some other language.”

To find out more about Aaron Jafferis' work, visit his [website](#).



***At 12:01 a.m. on January 1 for the first time ever,
Hindsight will actually be 2020!***

