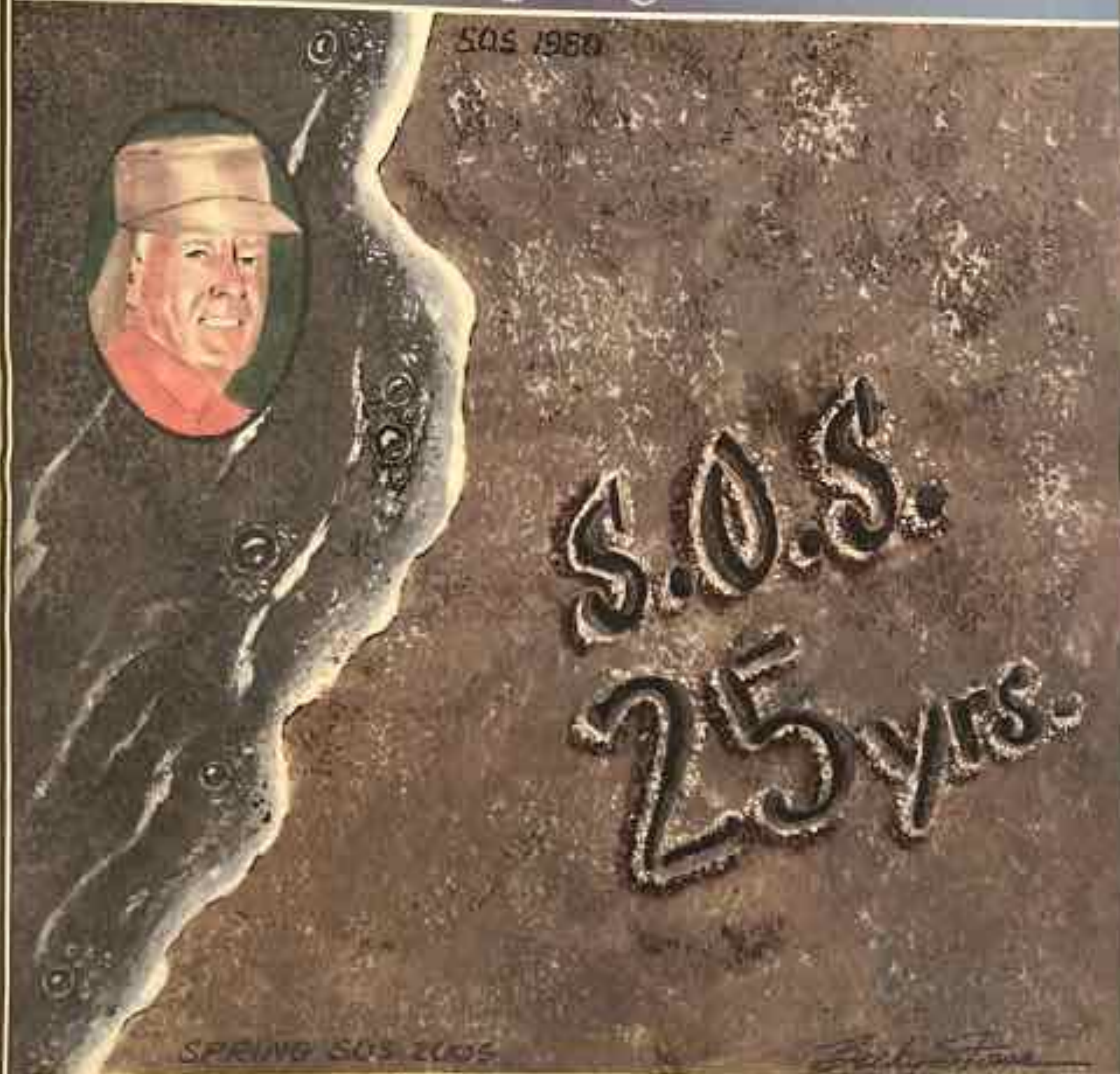


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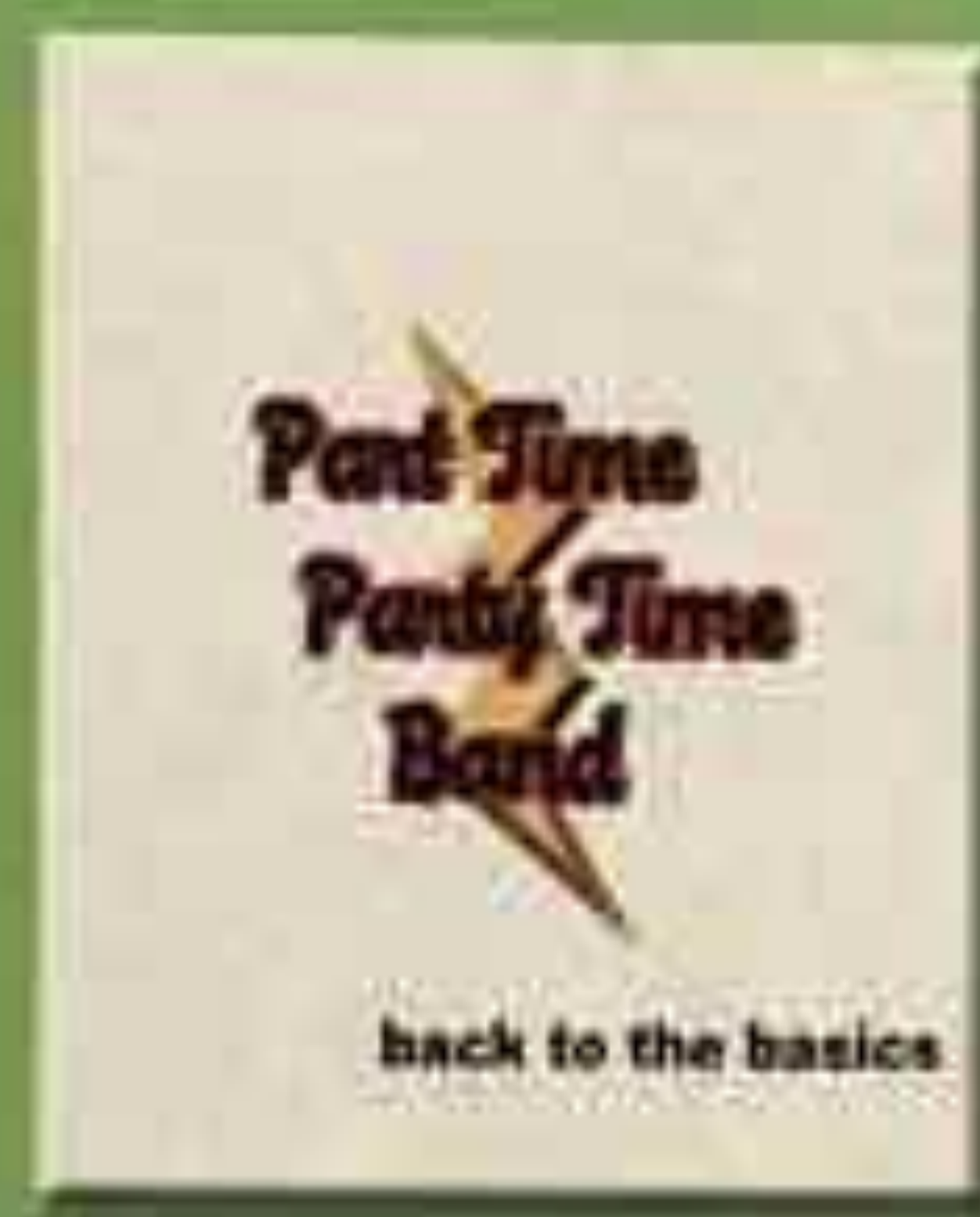
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HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY! Can you believe that we are celebrating twenty five years of Spring Safari? Wow, how time flies. I thought that this would be just a fad back in 1980. It would only last a few years, three or four at most. **WRONG!** That shows you how much I know about fads. I just knew that I did want to be a part of all of this for however long it lasted. It has been a great ride this far, and SOS keeps getting better and better.

I asked Gene Laughter to write an article for the Carefree Times concerning his thoughts of SOS. He is the man responsible for making this party possible. He will be in town for the festivities, health permitting. If you get the chance, shake his hand and say thank you for a great party. Thank you for a job well done, Swink

It seems that there was some confusion about the dates for Spring Safari this year. Shagdance.com posted the one date; an old refrigerator magnet had another date printed. Which date was correct? Many phone calls later, everyone knew that the date on shagdance.com was the date. The magnet was printed early in 2002, the same year that the date for Spring Safari was changed in the new date April 22- May 1st, 2005. The reason that the date was changed was because April 15th always seems to have an effect on the attendance for SOS. Hence, the new date for Spring Safari, 2005. You can almost always trust that the correct date will be posted on shagdance.com. The dates for SOS are posted thru 2008.

Don't forget the parade! Don David has promised that the

parade will be as great as ever. The parade will happen rain or shine. I know that we are doing some special things to celebrate our anniversary. One of those will be the founder of SOS riding on the ACSC/SOS float. If you are not participating in the parade, please come out and show your support for your parade.

In honor of our 25th anniversary, SOS has created a special edition Charm or Pendant. The jewelry will have 25th SOS, and all pieces will be numbered on the back of the piece. Order early if you want a low number. Please see the ad in the Carefree Times that show the jewelry, along with pricing and an order form. There will be a number of these items in the Company Store for as long as they last. You will be able to order these items online at shagdance.com, or mail order with the order form in the Carefree Times. The charm or pendant is a great looking piece, and will be a great addition to your collection. The pieces can be bought in 14k gold or Sterling Silver.

I look forward to seeing my many thousands of SOS family members and friends at the 25th Anniversary reunion of Spring Safari, 2005. Remember to obey the laws and rules of NMB. They allow us to come and have a great experience in our "Shag Mecca". Lets show our appreciation by being model citizens while here, and always watch out for those who sometimes over indulge, and loose their navigational abilities. Without saying, this is a fun lifestyle. Welcome to the 25th Spring Safari.



S.O.S. Chairman

Hector Phifer



Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Fellow SOSer's,

I want to declare that this SOS is our 25th Spring Safari !!!!!!!!!!!

How many of you can remember what you were doing 25 years ago when the first Spring Safari took place? Do you know where it took place? Do you know who started, or better yet, who founded SOS? Were you there participating in the first Spring Safari? Well, I'm not going there because most of you can not remember that far back anyway, and besides that, you probably were enjoying yourselves, thinking that this won't last but a year or two. Bah Hum Bug! Were you ever fooled! This reunion of old friends, etc., of our early OCEAN DRIVE YEARS DID SURVIVE! Though some of our loved ones have gone to a much greater place and some are not able to come as much as they would like, many have continued their trek to Ocean Drive over the many years to be a part of a generation that loves to be a part of the SOCIETY OF STRANDERS! Each one of you

have a special place in your heart for the past that you continue to share with your old friends and the new friends you make. This SOCIETY OF STRANDERS can be proud of all they have done with their friends over the years with hugs, the yearly update of their lives, the camaraderie, and the assistance you give in a time of need!

This 25th annual Spring Safari will have all the trimmings for a big parade that will top all in the past SOS Safari parades. Don David and his Elves will not let anyone down when it comes to having fun with a parade. You can ride on a float, ride in a car, ride a bicycle, a golf cart, walk (which ain't never crowded for anyone), and any other way you can imagine to participate in this fun parade - rain or shine. So, contact Don and get with the SOS 11TH ANNUAL SPRING SAFARI PARADE!

In closing, I want to say this. Most of us are guests, and we need to remember that as we enjoy our stay at Ocean Drive, we need to follow the rules. When you see one of the city folks, just walk up to them, say howdy, and thank them for their warm hospitality. (If you want to, you can hug-em too). I also want to thank all the Ocean Drive Citizens and Businesses for sharing their city with us and making SOS at OD a pleasurable memory.

May GOD bless us all,
Hector

A.C.S.C. Chairman Judy Vick

Welcome to Spring SOS. As you've heard, this is our 25th Anniversary. Many changes have occurred in this time, some good and some bad. But when all is said and done we have persevered.. Thankfully, we still have places to dance at the beach and places to

meet new friends. What could be better?

Don't forget the parade on Saturday. Should be a big one. Don David outdances himself ever year.

Have fun and be safe while at the beach.

Keep Shaggin' - Judy



Welcome Home!

It's great to have the family back together again, especially for our 25th Anniversary! We, here in N. Myrtle Beach, have had a very mild Winter and we know that with your arrival, Summer is just around the corner. This week is a special homecoming for many of us. It's a chance to see all of the changes that have gone on since the Fall Migration, plus it's "our time" to renew old friendships that have lived, some

over 30 to 40 years! During my travels over this past 47 years, I have never found anything that brings folks closer other than their belief in God and our dance. If we could get our nation to embrace both, WOW! What joy we would have!

Some of you may not know that our dance dates back to the 40s & 50s and has evolved into an organization with over 100 shag clubs, stretching from coast to coast. The true romance and fellowship of the dance is alive and growing. The "music", the "dance", and most of all "you" will make this the best homecoming ever!

For you old timers, you know what to expect, but if this is your first time on our hardwoods, "welcome to the family." I encourage you to sign up for some classes, visit *all* of the clubs, and most of all support our local businesses. Through your support we insure a long life for our dance and its continued growth.

It goes without saying that without two special gals, we would not have the *Carefree Times*. Ms. Shirley Jones (co-editor and love of my life) and Ms. Janet Harrold (advertising manager) are my right and left arms. Without their diligence and hard work this issue would not have come to pass.

As many of you know, this has been our first complete year in bringing you the *Carefree Times*. This has truly been a labor of love and we look forward to serving you better with your input. If there is anything you would like to see or if you would like to place an ad, please do not hesitate to contact Shirley or Janet. *Together* we can make our paper the best!

Once again, thanks for your support of the dance. You are keeping it alive for generations to come.

Larry

P.S. While you are at the beach this week, don't forget that we have Christian services at the Pavilion starting at 9:30 both Sundays. Come on down and enjoy "the creation" while we worship the Creator! We'll save you a seat!

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see what goes on behind the scenes. When you get the opportunity, tell Janet what a terrific job she is doing and how much we appreciate all of her efforts.

On a personal note, these two editors of the *Carefree Times* (Larry & Shirley Jones) would be in a "world of hurt" if it were not for all of the things that Janet does. "Thank you" doesn't even scratch the surface of the deep appreciation and affection that we feel for her. Keep up the good work, Janet. We need you and wouldn't want to do without you!

With much love,
Larry & Shirley

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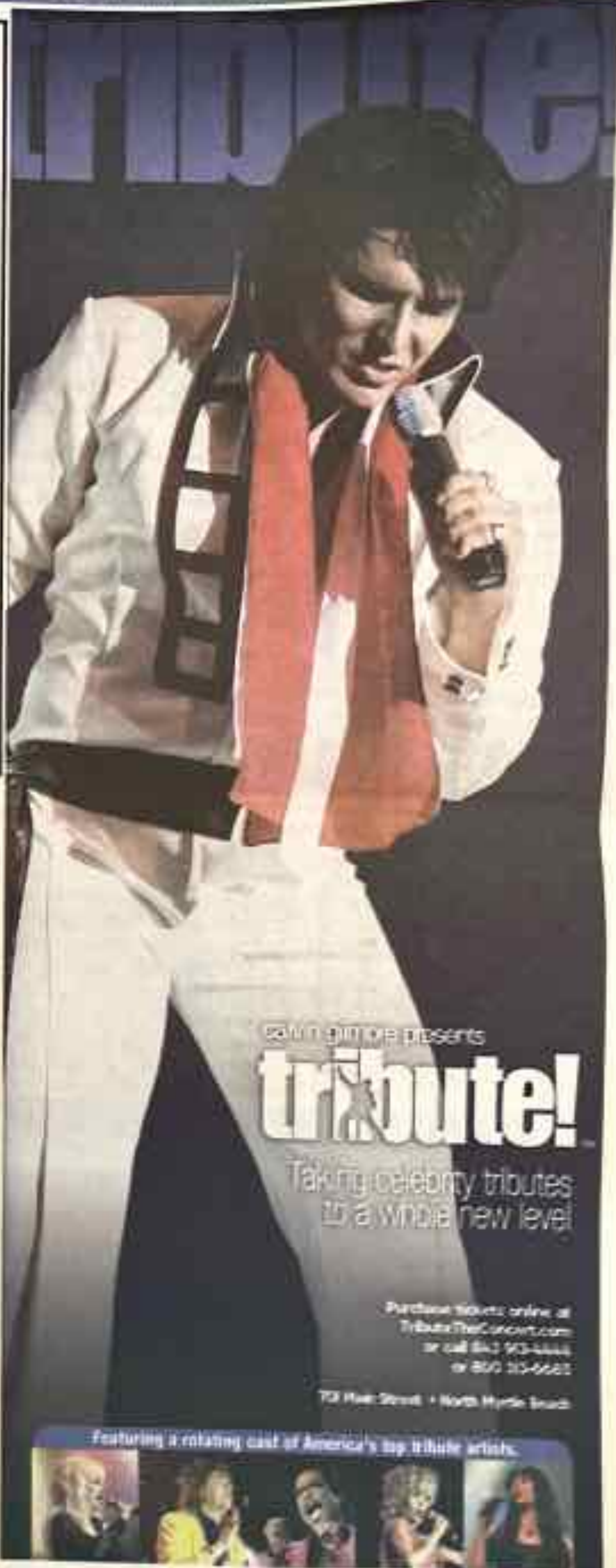
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Note from Ken Akin, Vice Chairman, ACSC - from the Mid-Winter meeting at the beach: Judy Vick read this history of the Association, and I thought that you might like to see a copy.

THE ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS FOUNDED 1984

A SWINGING PAST AND A SHAGGING FUTURE

By Phil Sawyer

The ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS was founded in 1984. Ken Hudspeth, then President of the Rock Hill Shag Club, gathered the Presidents of the Clubs attending the 2nd Annual Columbia Invitational in October, 1983, at Pine Island on Lake Murray and suggested a low key organization of Clubs in South Carolina and the one in Atlanta to share ideas, exchange information and to sponsor a party for the Clubs at the beach in January. Harold Bessent (Fat Harold) also met with us and endorsed the idea.

Ken and the Rock Hill Shag Club arranged for the first of what was to become the MID-WINTER BEACH CLASSIC in January of 1984. Participating Clubs were Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, Shag Steps, Rock Hill and Wimsboro. The Presidents of local Clubs continued their efforts to form an organization. Earlier,

Ken Hudspeth and Phil Sawyer, then President of the Columbia Shag Club, had met several times to formulate the concept and to develop a Charter. The representatives of these Clubs met again in February 1984, in Columbia, to formally establish the Organization.

The Presidents agreed that the Organization would be named THE ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS. Since Atlanta was a Charter Member, it is immediately obvious that there was no intention on the part of the Founders to limit membership to the Carolinas. Carolina in the name of the Association refers to the dance and not to the geography. The original Charter provided for the Association to be governed by a Board of Advisors to be presided over by a Chairman. Ron Whisenant was elected Chairman, the first, and served for two years.

The local Clubs continued to sponsor statewide parties, always with Atlanta included, and soon Columbia, Charleston, Atlanta, Greenville, Rock Hill, and Wimsboro were having regular working events to which all other Clubs were invited.

The first major effort by the fledgling Association, still less than one year old, was a cruise. Over 150 Shaggers boarded the S.S. Galileo (now the Meridian) on March 3, 1984, for a five-day Caribbean Holiday. This was the first of what was to be many cruises to South America and the Grand Caymans, the Virgin Islands, Mexico, the California Coast, and

the never-to-be-forgotten week-long fantasy on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. Trips became the forte of the Association. Always exciting, affordable, and filled with Beach Music and Shagging, the travels are the highlight of many a Shagger's life.

News of the success of this little Association soon spread. Ken Hudspeth followed Ron as Chairman, and the Metrolina became the first North Carolina Club to become a member. All the while, S.O.S., contests, invitational weekends, and other events at the beach began to flourish. The second Mid-Winter Shag Meet (still not named) was in January 1985, at where else, Fat Harold's. The late and very much loved Richard Nixon was the DJ.

The Clubs and statewide parties continued to grow and prosper. There was another cruise, and S.O.S. was becoming a bigger and bigger event. No Shagger worthy of the name of the dance would have missed it for anything. Cities all over both North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and Virginia were forming Clubs, and their first order of business was to become a member of the Association. The Association was inducted into the BEACH SHAGGER'S HALL OF FAME in 1986. This little known honor is one of our most distinctive.

The flag was passed from Ken Hudspeth to Phil Sawyer, 3rd Chairman, an office he would hold for three years. Phil designated themes for each of his years as Chairman. The "Year of the Club"

1987; the "Year of the Trip" 1988; and the "Year of the Bold Leap Forward" 1989. In the "Year of the Club," order and structure were stressed and the Winter and Summer Workshops were begun. In the "Year of the Trip," Hawaii became the all-time favorite shag vacation of over 200 Shaggers, and the "Year of the Bold Leap Forward" saw the Association acquire S.O.S. This might be equated to jumping off Grandfather Mountain on a hang glider. During these years Member Clubs increased from 18 to 45.

Bob Wood, then President of the Atlanta Shag Club, immediately became involved with Phil, Larry Taylor, and others in the S.O.S. There was much to do in order to organize and develop a plan for restoring S.O.S. to the place it once occupied. The potential of this fortunate union was too great to allow it to fail, and Bob Wood was one of the first to see this.

Thus, Bob was elected Chairman in 1990 and continued to lead the Association, having been re-elected in 1991 and 1992 until 1993. Under Bob's leadership, the Association grew at unprecedented levels. Workshops, which once attracted forty to fifty participants, now regularly attract well over 200. Serious business related to Association expansion, development, and benevolence, can occupy the most committed people in the Shag World for hours. All the while, serious parties are underway, often just next door.

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Martha, ever thoughtful, said to One Lung, "Someone should do something."

One Lung thought to himself, "I am someone. I shall endeavor to do something." With that thought he placed an ad in the local paper that a meeting was to be held. The people who were sad and did not know why came to the meeting because they had nothing else to do anyway. At the meeting there was argument for and argument against as always happens at meetings, but it was finally decided that a dance would take place. The dance took place and the people who were sad but did not know why came to the dance because they had nothing else to do. As the music played, One lung looked upon the people and watched the happiness enter them. Here, he saw a foot tapping to the music. There was a head bobbing back and forth to the beat. After several good beach songs the miracle happened. Two by two just like on the ark the people came to the dance floor and shagging broke out.

One Lung turned to his faithful companion Martha and said, "I am pleased, the People are happy." Martha, ever thoughtful, said, "I just hope you know what you have started."

And that, my friends, is how the York Shag Club came into existence and if it isn't, it should

have been. In August 1991 the Club got its charter and has grown quite a bit since then. One Lung a.k.a. Charles Blackwell and Martha are still with us and dance on occasion.

We have a great core group of shaggers who keep the club going and we accept new members usually after they have completed basic shag lessons. We try to get the new members involved as soon as possible which gives them a reason to come back. The most important thing we do is learn the names of these new shaggers and dance with them every chance we get. Keeping people involved, keeps them happy and isn't happy people the main reason for shagging in the first place?

If you are not involved with your local group find out why. Find the powers that be and tell them you want to get on a committee. Learn the names of the other shaggers and ask them to dance. You never know, you may not have given your club a chance.

Mike Marr
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Carolina Shaggers Support Hospice of Robeson



Miriam Edwards, Director of Hospice of Robeson, holds a \$3,500 check from the Carolina Shaggers. The organization raised the money in their 2nd Annual Charity Golf Classic. Carolina Shaggers' officers are, from left, Greg Price, tournament treasurer; Cameron Britt, club president; Frank Jones, past president; and David Sumner, SRMC vice president. (not pictured) Paul Stone, tournament director.

The Carolina Shaggers Shag Club recently made a donation of \$3,500 to Hospice of Robeson, Southeastern Regional Medical Center's program of care for terminally-ill persons and their families.

Shaggers President Cameron Britt, tournament treasurer Greg Price and past President Frank Jones made the presentation to Miriam Edwards, Director of Home Care Services and Hospice of Robeson. The funds were raised at the club's annual Charity Golf Classic in October.

This is the second year that the club has designated the proceeds from the golf fundraiser to benefit Hospice of Robeson. Edwards said that all donated money goes directly to caring for hospice patients.

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How The Gold Weejun Pendants Were Born

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It's All About The Love...

By Billye Whisker



If you ever thought that shag was just about dancing, you're wrong... it's about love, pure and simple.

When my husband, Jim and I decided to move to Kingsport, TN about 9 years ago, he moved first. We had a home to sell in Chattanooga, I had a job that I couldn't leave and he had committed to a position in Tri Cities. For 5 months every Monday night, Jim would come out to shag alone. Little by little, he got to know the club members, who at that time weren't nearly as plentiful as they are now. Many of these folks were original members when Mountain Empire Shag Society was founded in 1992. One couple, Millie Brobeck and Judd Thurston, fit that mold.

Finally after about 3 months, I was able to stay over a Monday night and go to shag. That night one couple stuck in my mind - Millie and Judd. They were the most beautiful couple, youthful, graceful, wonderful dancers together. Well, I just assumed they were one of those "old marrieds" - those lucky couples who had been together for years. Only later did I find out it wasn't so... certainly a couple, nearly joined at the hip, so to speak. They were fun to watch, fun to be with, just plain fun. Over the years, we all became closer. There were trips to Hickory in February. That party was nearly an annual trek for them. There were trips to Boone, jaunts to Columbia, excursions to the beach and other events. These times were the ties that bound us all... that and the love of the music and the dance.

Soon we learned those trips, those times we all laughed and cried and shared so much were truly what shag was about. Sure there was dancing involved. Sure there were roadtrips and late night breakfasts and the smell of too many Bud Lights on the clothing the next

morning but amidst all these things, we all found the love that kept us coming back for more.

Judd and Millie aren't joined at the hip anymore. Two days after Christmas, he went on to a much deserved great reward, after two years of knockdown, drag out, hard core fighting with the big C. He came close to winning for a while but the good Lord must have needed him to assist with the heavenly choir men. Judd and Millie are joined at the heart now, perhaps united in the beginning with the love of the music and the dance, the enjoyment of those Bud Lights, the love of friendships that shag brings but now bound forever by love. We too are so bound. To Judd. To Millie. To each other... And it all started with the shag...

So you think it's about the dance? Wrong, wrong, wrong! It's about loving something so much that you keep coming out, you get to know your fellow shaggers so well, they're closer than family, you travel here or there, and before you know it, you're hooked. You're hypnotized by the magnetism of this beautiful relic of the past, this thing called S H A G.

Don't lose it. Don't lose those friendships. We never know how long we have on this earth. Let's keep Judd and his smile, his fabulous pies, his prize winning spaghetti sauce, and his firm lead on the dance floor in our minds and our hearts. And please keep Millie in your prayers.

"Factors such as habitual pearl-wearing, time spent at the beach, proficiency in the Carolina Shag, and a diet of fried foods, green beans, and oysters have all played an instrumental role in ranking South Carolina 1st by a National Hotie Report. The Palmetto State, is renowned as being a perfect, exclusively southern area filled with smiling faces, beautiful places, and the sweetest and most charming girls in the country"
-The New York Times

It's "Shagtime" at Disney World

By Sam and Lisa West

The shag is alive and well, if you don't believe us just ask the Shagtime Dance Team. A group of five couples, ages 8-13, from North and South Carolina. They have no problem executing pivots, boogie walks, and even drop belly rolls and they know what shag is all about- having fun and hanging out with your friends.

This summer they have been asked to perform at The Walt Disney World Resort as a part of Magic Music Days. The team is excited to be the first group to show Disney World the Carolina Shag! Of course moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and a few grandparents all plan on sharing in the fun in Florida. While in Orlando they will also dance at the Orange Blossom Country Western Dance Festival in their Saturday Night Show.

The five couples often compete against each other in contests but being a part of a team has put a different focus on their dancing. The couples all cheer for each other and are truly happy to see each other do well. Since organizing the team last fall we have been impressed with how dedicated all the kids have been and how much their dancing has improved.

Shagtime has also performed at the National Shag Dance Championships in Myrtle Beach and at the Beth Mitchell Memorial Contest at Thirty's Two in Greensboro. Every time they dance they are a huge hit with the crowd. Yeah, they're cute, but their talent and hard work is evident.

Shagtime will be in North Myrtle Beach during SOS on Saturday, April 23, having a practice weekend and raising money for their trip to Florida. If you would like to see them perform stop by one of the clubs on Saturday afternoon where they will give exhibitions and selling special "Shagtime" koozies.

If you don't get a chance to see them dance but would like to make a contribution to their trip please see Sam or Lisa West. (We are easy to find all during SOS at the OD Resort teaching workshops.)

Shagtime Team Members:
Guys- Casey Cooper, Will Dallas, Brady Ellis, Mason Floyd, Chasin Seebly
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News from the Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays



The Association of Beach and Shag Club Deejays celebrated our Fourteenth Annual DJ Throwdown Weekend at DUCK'S and DUCK'S TOO during the first weekend of March. The party weekend was put on with the wholehearted support of the new DUCK'S owner David Shaw, was free to all on Friday and Saturday and attracted a huge crowd, thank you David and Cooter for all the help you gave us in putting on this major event. The Fantastic Shakers along with The Craig Woolard Band and legendary blues harpist Mark Hummel put on a terrific show on Thursday night for all the deejays, their significant others and over 325 paid guests. The traditional Reverse Raffle raised money for our Deejay's Association's favorite projects and

we thank all of you for the support in that endeavor. We also conducted several computer classes for deejays in our continuing efforts to provide the best in music content and music delivery systems for the shag world. When you make plans for next year be sure to include Deejay Throwdown weekend (now set for March 2-4, 2006) on your schedule. We also ask you to help us in supporting the DJ Hall of Fame Weekend at Fat Harold's Beach Club this fall. Harold Bessent will be announcing the dates for this weekend event during Spring S.O.S.

I wish to thank all the members of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and S.O.S. for their continuing support of the ABSCDJ's; we constantly strive to play the best in all the new shag and beach hits along with the thousands of "oldies" everyone always likes hear and dance to.

Please check out our web site at www.abscdj.com and if you need help with getting a deejay or identifying that elusive song title you just heard contact one of our members. They're always ready to assist!

And Let's Dance!

Larry Edwards



Fun Monday's 10th Anniversary



Are you ready for FUN MONDAY? It is coming up quick. Everyone get ready for a day of fun and great music. Sept 19, 2005 is our 10th anniversary and will be here before you know it. If your shag club wants to make some extra money, you can set up a vendor booth on the street on Fun Monday. You can increase your bank account and add to your bottom dollar by doing so. All you have to do is work the streets a little. You can sell Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, T-shirts, buggies, artwork, lemonade, Bar-B-Que and anything that is legal. You must submit a check for \$150.00 with your application to the Fun Monday Committee. When you sell your 100 Fun Monday tickets that \$150.00 will be returned to you. The Fun Monday tickets will be passed out at the ACSC/SOS meeting on Saturday morning April 30th. The new rule is that you will now have to have a North Myrtle Beach business license for the day. The license fee is \$48.00. Each club will be responsible to

return your application to the city office in North Myrtle Beach. As always there will be a DHEC inspector to check out each food vender and again this year there will be an inspector to see that you have your business license posted for the day. You cannot operate your booth without being inspected by these people. They are just doing their job and they are very nice to work with. You can have a lot of fun and make some money for your club at the same time. Please talk it over in your club meetings and begin planning on what you want to sell. The possibilities are endless. The applications and DHEC regulations will be in your Fun Monday ticket packages. If you have any more questions you can check out the Fun Monday website at www.shagdance.com. Start making plans now before all the good spots are taken up.

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My Blue Heaven

By: Buddy Aron

"Do we all have a 'Blue Heaven'? If you are a Tar Heel you can honestly say, 'This is My Blue Heaven'. I think we all have a place or a song that would make our case.

From the mid-forties till the mid-fifties there was a club in Myrtle Beach called The Oasis. This night spot had it all, bootlegging, gambling, and a lot of gals we will call prostitutes. All of these things were popular at this beach beginning in the thirties. Burroughs and Collins built a racetrack for trotters in 1938; it was called harness racing. I was nine years old and enjoyed a day at the races on Wednesday and Saturday nights. I am sure Billy Jeffers was around and only a few years later I would meet him and we would become good friends.

The summer of 1937 was the year USC students came to Myrtle Beach and introduced South Carolina's second swing dance, The Big Apple. I am sure you have heard the rest of the story about the contents in Charlotte and Columbia. Four teenage couples each from North and South Carolina made it to Broadway. This would become their 'Blue Heaven'.

Where did the words My Blue Heaven originate? It was a

song title by George Whiting who introduced it in the stage musical, 'Ziegfeld Follies of 1927'. Gene Austin's Victor recording of the song sold over five million copies and was the all time best seller until Bing Crosby's 'White Christmas' broke the record fifteen years later. Moving to 1953 and The Oasis Club in Myrtle Beach and guess who's appearing? That's right, Gene Austin. What the South Carolina connection was I never found out and sadly I never saw the show.

Austin was my father's favorite singer during the twenties. Daddy attended Clemson College from 1916 till 1920. The popular dance then was South Carolina's first swing dance, The Charleston. What was interesting during those years was each class had a dance club. If you wanted to dance and see a pretty girl you had to join the club. Clemson was all male, all military at the time. Some of those country boys chose to milk cows and stare at the sheep. During the thirties The Jimmy LANCEFORD Band became the most popular black band to play the annual dances at Clemson and he too had a big hit with 'My Blue Heaven.'

Hope you have seen the recent movie 'Aviator', the Howard Hughes biography with

Leonardo DiCaprio playing Hughes. The soundtrack is great if you like big band music. It features the music of Artie Shaw. One song was 'Summit Ridge Drive', which was Shaw's favorite Hollywood address. What's so amazing about the song was the arrangement which experimented with a harpsichord with 66 keys instead of a piano with 88 keys. His sextet, which recorded it, was a small group within Shaw's big band. It was called Artie Shaw and the Gramercy Five. Johnny Guarnieri played the harpsichord and soloist Billy Butterfield was on trumpet. In 1940, Artie recorded 'My Blue Heaven' with the same format.

A few years back Steve Martin starred in a movie with the same title, 'My Blue Heaven'. The version of the song featured in the movie was by Fats Domino. It was recorded in 1956 and was one side of a two sided hit. The flip side featured an early favorite by Fats, 'I'm In Love Again'. In the eighties at SOS the DJ's introduced a new version by David Aronoff. Finally, and hopefully, not the last, was my favorite by Mel Carter and the Band Of Oz.

Now we are in the fifth year of the 21st century and I am sure there are a few more charts

of this song waiting to be heard. This song you will have to admit is one of the greatest ever produced. For the record, Walter Donaldson wrote 'My Blue Heaven' with lyrics by George Whiting. Imagine...from 1927 till today this song is still around. By the way, other good arrangements were by Perry Como and Glenn Miller.

So if you like nostalgia, ask your DJ to play the Mel and Oz CD and give it a shag. You will be dancing to the longest playing song ever recorded and re-recorded. Maybe this will be your 'Blue Heaven'.

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Some say that the annual Georgia-Florida football game at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida is the largest outdoor cocktail party. Some say that the Carolina Cup in Camden, South Carolina is. But we all know what the largest adult shag dance party is. That is the Spring Safari. Yes, Oh, yes ... S.O.S. It is all about the beach — THE beach. And the shag. THE dance. And the music that supports the dance. And that is what this article is about ... THE music. Our music. Beach music.



It was only a few short years ago that Little Laidore graced the stage of the Fall Migration with Little Leopold belting out their hits, Harlem Hit Parade and Jitterbox. Little Leopold is Angel Ristoff, and he is back with his solo debut, Where Have You Been? And boys and girls is it heavenly! It was the number one breakout CD for March's DJ Throwdown. There are four strong cuts on this one, two of which were played numerous times at the Throwdown. Remember The Temptations' I Want A Love I Can See. Move over David Ruffin. The Angel is in the house. He gives a great rendition of this classic. Angel's own penned Break Out The Tears was also a favorite during the weekend and should begin climbing the charts in short order. Remember The Manhattans' I Wanna Be (Your Everything)? Angel and his band do a great job with this classic, also. The group also does a fantastic job with Don Covay's It's Better To Have and Don't Need. Have trouble finding? No problem! It is in stock at Judy's House of Oldies in North Myrtle Beach

(OD) and the Wax Museum in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Denise LaSalle is back with us this spring with a strong release from Ecco Records entitled Wanted. Already the previously released single, Snap Crackle And Pop has been receiving some dance floor activity in some areas. This song gives a message to Theodis, Marvin, Mel, Bobby and all the others. But my choice will be It Was A House Until You Made It A Home to come on strong. But don't overlook This Love You Threw Away or Denise's own penned title track. They also come in close to the others. All in all, this is a must-have. Don't leave your favorite outlet without it.



I became aware of this one channel surfing television. I stopped when I heard the music on HBO's Lackawanna Blues. Not only was it a good movie, but also I just had to have the Soundtrack from Vanguard Records. It was Big Joe Turner's Boogie Woogie Country Girl that made me stop surfing. Once getting a hold of the compilation, it was That's All I Need by Ricky Fame that really caught my attention. I played it at Throwdown and got quite a dance floor reaction. It is a great song. The album also has J.J. Jackson's classic, But It's Alright, as well as

Tommy Tucker's High Heel Sneakers. You will also find the original Party Girl by T-Bone Walker. This one will not be hard to find, as it will be in any record store across the nation.



Marvin Sease is known for his risqué recordings and his latest release from Malaco Records is no exception. But it is not these that make his Playa Haters worth obtaining. Again, I played Who's Knocking At My Door at DJ Throwdown, and the dance floor was filled. This is one great song and should receive a lot of attention. But don't overlook Bad Love Affair. This, also, is a good dance number. This release is backed by great musicians, including a very talented horn section. Background vocals come from LaKiesha Burks, Val Kashimura and Freddy Young. This release, too, should not be hard to locate.

Ripete Records is back on track with The Holiday Band's latest, New Ol' Soul. The lead song is Motown Here Today, which was penned by Ron Moody. Remember Ron Moody & The Centaurs? Yes, it is the one and the same. Another original you will want to listen to carefully is I

Want To Think About Love. Penned by Holiday's Mike Taylor, he is joined by Shuggin' Maggie's Pam Russell on the duet. Listen to the harp. That is none other than the very talented Gary Bass. The release also contains the previously released La Di Da, Bop and It's You. This one was recorded the old way, using analog 2-inch tapes. Nothing digital; with no synthesizers. It was recorded in Mitch Easter's studio in Kernersville, North Carolina. Mitch's group was REM's producers.

Just in time for the weekend is Boogie V, produced by Jerry Holt of Holt's Productions. Following up to his mega-hit, I Slipped, Roy Roberts comes on strong with two numbers written by Jerry Holt, Picture of Beauty and Step Out of My Dreams. These two were previously released on singles. Calabash Flash is back, and he is doing the Funky Shag. Not only is Flash performing, Dink Perry is also on the compilation with a Flash-penned, Our Love. And Brownie is back. Gary Brown comes on strong with Call Me Lonely. Other artists featured on V include Michael Wayne Deese, Michelle Marshall and Jody Hunter. Of the series, this one promises to be the best one yet, with lots of talent from an array of talented artists.

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Special People

By Gary Mann



Our family's introduction and friendship with Ellen and Carl Taylor goes back

to our first Shag-O-Ween, not long after we joined the Northern Virginia Shag Club. Robbi and I were so impressed with Ellen and her kindness and consideration toward Kelly when they first met in Virginia Beach several years ago. You know it's easy and, some would say "politically correct" to be sweet to Kelly. But the true measure of character is how you treat the special people in this world when no one is watching. Ellen's love and caring for Kelly is genuine and comes directly from the heart. They email back and forth and always seek each other out at Shag events.

One year in the SOS parade, "Miss Ellen," as Kelly calls her, was passing Robbi, Kelly, and me as we watched from the sidewalk. Ellen waved to Kelly, called her name, stopped the parade and had Kelly join her in a convertible for the rest of the parade. Kelly could not have been happier. To ride in the parade, with Miss Ellen, was one of Kelly's great life moments. Ellen, grand lady that she is, saw the joy in Kelly's face and

drove back around to the back end of the parade and had Kelly join her on one of the shag club floats to do it all again.

Then last year, Ellen called to ask us if she could use a photo of Kelly and her on the back of an instructional video she was making. We quickly said yes and signed the release. Ellen asked us to keep the information secret until she could show the finished product to Kelly. It took several months and keeping the secret was difficult. But, when the videos arrived in the mail, you would have thought Kelly had won the lottery or been selected as Miss America. She was thrilled beyond belief and could not wait to call "Miss Ellen." One of the reasons we gravitated to Shag and the people associated with the dance, was because of the way they accepted Kelly and made her

feel welcome and loved. People like Keith Teele, who used to dance with Kelly frequently and always watched out for her. The Ellen Taylors and KeithTeeles of this world make it a better place for everyone. Kelly, Robbi, and I are so lucky to have had our lives interact with theirs. We are truly blessed to be able to count them and all of our Shag World as friends.



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Shagging Icon Award for 2005

David Sessoms



David Sessoms has been an active member in good standing of the Fayetteville Area Shag Association (FASA) since 1986 when he was transferred to Fayetteville and Ft. Bragg while serving on active duty in the US Army. During his twenty year military career, David served as an intelligence officer and Latin American Foreign Area Officer in light infantry, armor, Psychological Operations and Special Forces units. He served as the unit S2, or intelligence officer, for the 7th Special Forces Group during OPERATION JUST CAUSE, the invasion of Panama, in 1989-1990. He speaks near fluent Spanish and his travels took him to Panama, Honduras, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia and Argentina over the years. In addition to being a US paratrooper, David was also qualified to wear the Honduran paratrooper badge. Upon his retirement at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, David moved back to Fayetteville in 1992.

He has proven to be an invaluable member of our club as well as an active and positive force in the shag world. During his FASA membership his contributions to our club have been remarkable, leading to his induction into the prestigious

Fayetteville Shaggers Hall of Fame in 1995. David served as Sergeant-At-Arms and twice as President. He was editor of our newsletter, *On The Beat*, for six years. David continues to be totally supportive of FASA even though he has more than contributed his share of time and work during his tenure as a member.

David is also a well-respected and sought-after DJ and a very active member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's (ABSCDJ) since 1992. Each year he plays for Shag clubs across North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, in addition to Deejaying for numerous weddings, class reunions and company parties.

David's talents and enthusiasm as a DJ have greatly benefited FASA. He always donates his time in support of the annual joint FASA and Fayetteville Shrine Club charity fundraiser. Proceeds from the raffle, silent auction and party are contributed to the Sudan Transportation Fund for Crippled Children, a fund which transports children in need to various medical facilities free of charge. He also procures and coordinates the services of fellow DJ's who donate their time for this yearly event and David donates the use of his DJ equipment.

He is also FASA's favorite DJ, providing music for parties and meetings for twelve years. As our resident DJ, he can always be relied upon to provide expert, professional and reliable DJ services. David continually upgrades his music and equipment to ensure he is providing cutting edge, professional DJ services. He encourages requests and makes sure everyone gets to hear their favorite song. His knowledge of beach and shag music is phenomenal; he generously shares his knowledge of this music genre with everyone.

David has also been a whirlwind of activity as a member of the ABSCDJ. He was a member

of the board as Secretary for four years, was newsletter editor from 1994 to 1999 and again since 2002. He has also been Vice President and was appointed to the Executive Board as a permanent member in 1998. He has also served as Historian for the past six years.

True to his dedication to charitable events, he planned and directed the first three ABSCDJ Reverse Raffles, a highlight of the annual DJ Throwdown and DJ Hall of Fame Weekend.

David was also instrumental in continuing the tradition of publishing the Top 50 Shag Songs of each year, a tradition begun by the late Charlie Byrd. David has compiled this list, with the help of other ABSCDJ members, for the three years since Charlie's death, and beginning with the Top 50 Shag Songs of 2004, is publishing the list as the official list of the ABSCDJ's. This list is dedicated to the memory of Charlie Byrd (Carawan) and the Charlie Byrd Beach Blast, his syndicated radio show.

David's common sense approach and business-like manner have made him an extraordinarily valuable member of both FASA and the ABSCDJ. He contributes practical, valuable ideas for the continual betterment of both organizations.

David never has an unkind word to say about anyone. He is congenial and interested in the welfare of all club members and his great sense of humor make him a joy to have as a friend and club member.

On Thursday night of DJ Throwdown of this year, David was presented with the "Richard Nixon Memorial Service Award" by Larry Edwards, President of the ABSCDJ's. This award was established in memory of Fat Harold's first house DJ, Richard Nixon, who passed away with cancer. David was the first member selected to receive this new award.

David is currently employed by Troy University as an instructor at the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center at Ft. Bragg, where he is the Latin American Seminar Director for the Regional Studies Course. He has two children, a daughter Andrea who lives in Raleigh and a son, Eric, who lives in Kingsport, TN.

David Sessoms is one of the best-known and loved members of the Fayetteville Area Shag Association (FASA). He is treasured for his dedication to FASA and is "our favorite DJ." He aspires to excellence in all that he does and we truly appreciate his dedication to doing the best job possible in all that he does for our club. His dedication, not only to the dance, but to beach and shag music, makes him a true ambassador for the shag, the shag world, and is truly representative of the friendship and camaraderie that are intrinsic to this dance and the culture that surrounds it. He is most deserving and will serve as an outstanding example of those who are selected as recipients of the Shag Icon Award.

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Shagging Icon Award for 2005

Kathy Thompson



In March of 1996, a bundle of energy, enthusiasm and vitality joined Twister's Shag Club. That bundle is Kathy Thompson. Since that time Kathy has served in the following positions:

- ◆ President - Two terms (separated by several years)
- ◆ Treasurer - Two terms (separated by several years)
- ◆ Social Committee Chairperson - One Term
- ◆ Day Care Fundraiser Chairperson - One Term
- ◆ Fall Cyclone Security Chairperson - Five Times
- ◆ Fall Cyclone "Supplies" Chairperson - Three Times
- ◆ Fun Monday Raffle Ticket Sales Coordinator - One Term
- ◆ Line Dance Lesson Instructor - Many Years
- ◆ TSC Social Event Coordinator - Many Times
- ◆ Grievance Committee Member
- ◆ Newsletter Committee Member
- ◆ Publicity Committee Member
- ◆ SOS Parade Float Committee

Kathy has attended many ACSC meetings to represent our club, and even coordinated the "Parties And Events" Section of the ACSC Reference Manual. She also helps to spread information about SOS and ACSC to our new members when they join our club. For the past few years, over 90% of our Twister's Shag Club members have joined or rejoined SOS when

they renewed their Club Membership. Kathy has been instrumental in making that possible.

Kathy has done everything for our club from dressing as a clown to put on a presentation, to stuffing flyers for parties, to spending her lunch hour demonstrating shagging with fellow TSC members in downtown Charlotte, to helping the club raise money, etc., etc. Her commitment and involvement in TSC activities over the last eight years can NOT be overstated. Simply put, she is involved in every facet of our Club. In fact, it will be extremely difficult for the people who submit this nomination to keep those activities hidden from Kathy because she is "always there".

I could easily continue writing about all the things Kathy has done for our club over the years. But, what I could never adequately put into words is the amount of energy and enthusiasm she brings to our Club. She is the "Energizer Bunny". Those of you who know her have seen that she never "runs down". She is always full of enthusiasm, and she spreads it all over our Club.

As leaders in the shag world, you know how tough it can be to get people to do something in a "volunteer organization". But, Kathy is a spark plug. She gets things going, and makes them interesting and fun. She inspires people and makes them want to be involved in Shag Club activities (even if that activity is a work task).

Kathy is so effective at spreading enthusiasm and interest that I dare say she could get people excited about going to the dentist for a checkup. In fact, she would have them eagerly waiting in line to go!

Kathy is also an effective communicator. She can get the "shy" people to come out of their shells and participate. She has

been great with members who have just joined our club. She will have them talking, dancing, and having fun with the rest of our members before they ever know what hit them. Many times I have heard someone say, "I am a Twister's Shag Club Member because of Kathy Thompson." That remark would be followed by some explanation of something Kathy had done or said to them that encouraged them to become shaggers and shag club members.

One of my most vivid memories about Kathy is from many years ago when she let me know that she was moving away to Atlanta, Georgia to live closer to her daughter and grandchildren. She had written a "good-bye" letter to all her TSC friends and she asked me to publish it in our newsletter. Some folks cried when she left, knowing the affect it would have. It seems like the ink had barely dried on the newsletters, and members had just finished reading the sad news when I got a phone call from Kathy. To my surprise and great joy, Kathy told me that things had not turned out in Atlanta the way she expected, and that she was moving back to be with her shag club and her shagging friends. Needless to say, it was a great day for Twister's Shag Club.

On another occasion, Kathy was about to go to the hospital for some health related issue

when she demonstrated her enormous dedication to our Club. Before she would leave (and much to her daughter's dismay) Kathy took time out to attend to some TSC business! She sat down and wrote a letter and made some phone calls on behalf of the Club without regard for her own condition (or her daughter's protest).

Twister's Shag Club has some long-standing "core" members that take great pride in the Club, its activities, and its accomplishments in the shag world over the last 14 years. Those core members, as well as the rest of the entire membership, would wholeheartedly place the leadership and direction of Twister's Shag Club into Kathy Thompson's hands at any time, and without any reservations. That is, by my estimation, the ultimate compliment our organization can make about this fine lady.

By each and every definition, Kathy Thompson is an excellent example of a "shagging icon". Your positive vote on her nomination will ensure that a truly deserving individual is recognized for her outstanding contributions to our Shag Club.

Thank you for your time.
Mike Rink



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Shagging Icon Award for 2005

Eddie Monsour



served as a guiding light for FASA for over two decades.

He has been involved in a great number of FASA events and fund-raisers over the years as a committee member and/or financial sponsor; FASA Golf Tournament, CSA/SPA dance contests, Eastern Carolina Shag Blast, Old Timer's Party, FASA/Fayetteville Shrine Club fundraiser to support of the Sudan Transportation Fund that transports children in need of medical treatment free of charge and many more.

Eddie helped create the Fayetteville Area Shaggers Hall of Fame in 1992, of which he has been Co-Chairman of the selection panel since its inception. He did so to recognize people who stand out as leaders in our dance community. He was elected to this prestigious collection of shaggers by acclamation that same year. Each year, he serves as Co-Chairman of the event, and is the main financial contributor for the induction party.

Eddie is also a proud member of the legendary Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame (1986) in North Myrtle Beach and has served as Master of Ceremonies for the induction ceremony for eight years. Impressively, he is also a member of the "Living Legends".

His support and active participation in the shag world are legendary. He is a contributor to Junior Shagger events, the Nashville Classic, the Shag Nationals and the USA Grand Nationals. He is the Executive Director of the Hall of Fame Foundation and is truly one who lives up to that organization's motto, "Friends Caring For Friends".

Few have done more to perpetuate the dance and life style than Eddie. His name can be found scattered along with the greats of shag history. His name is

splashed on the walls of Ducks, and Fat Harold's like a time worn coat of paint. His picture is on the wall of the OD Museum and just about every other club along Ocean Drive. In fact, his name is even etched in the sidewalk on Main Street, with all of his friends. His spot in shag history does not need this award to confirm it, yet he is eminently deserving of this recognition. The work that he has freely performed over the years will assure the shag is danced on beaches and in smoky rooms for years to come. His generosity will always be remembered by the recipients of his charitable endeavors. If the measure of a man were counted in the memories of the people that he touches, the sum of Eddie Monsour would match a king's ransom.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Baloyot
Past President, FASA

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR MY ELECTION AS A SHAGGERS ICON. I AM HUMBLER TO BE AMONG THIS PRESTIGIOUS GROUP.

Eddie Monsour

George Schieren



Shagging has become a way of life, a reprieve from all the demands that we tend to impose on

ourselves. Thanks to George Schieren for changing lives and giving many people this awesome shag family.

All this began in 1994, with George giving me private shag lessons. Night after night he and his wife, Kay, spent hour after hour teaching this not so grateful lady how to shag. Not only did he teach me to shag he taught me the history and a love of shag that only a true shagger can feel.

Over time I learned that George was instrumental in the creation of the "Boone Shag Club". George was President of the club for many years. He has taught the shag dances for over 11 years, including church groups, ASU students, ASU personnel, kindergarten students and anyone that shows an interest in learning how to shag.

Noted are a few of George's contributions to the shag world:

- ◆ Co-founder of the Boone Shag Club
- ◆ President of the Boone Shag Club - 6 years
- ◆ Vice President of the Lake Hickory Shag Club - one year
- ◆ Board member of the Lake Hickory Shag Club - 3 years
- ◆ Shag instructor for Appalachian Summer, 2004
- ◆ Shag instructor for Appalachian facility and staff - 4 years
- ◆ Shag instructor for 11 years
- ◆ Shag instructor for local elementary school for beach day - 6 years
- ◆ Shag instructor for NC history - 3 years
- ◆ Maintains Lake Hickory Shag Club's website

The most important aspect of George Schieren is his love for shag and his awesome ability to transfer that love of shag to other shaggers.

For George to obtain the "ICON AWARD" would be a small token of our appreciation for all the years of dedication and commitment.

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Shagging Icon Award for 2005

Gordon Shannon



of Gordon Shannon. Gordon is not only an icon in the Monroe Shag Club, he is the benchmark of shag that we all strive to attain. Gordon loves the Monroe Shag Club and the Monroe Shag Club loves Gordon.

Respectfully Submitted By:

**Ron
Alexander**



As a personal friend of this nominee, it is my pleasure and honor to recommend Mr. Gordon Shannon for the 2004 Icon Award.

Gordon was directly responsible for the formation of the Monroe Shag Club. Without his insight, hard work, determination and love of the dance, we would not be in existence today. During the first years he opened his home for our monthly meetings.

Gordon has remained the backbone of our club since its conception in 1987. He served as President in 1988-1989 and 1999. Under his leadership our club grew to 240 plus members. He is also a member of the Monroe Shag Club Foundation Board of Directors. He is a regular attendee of S.O.S. and Mid-Winter. He never misses our monthly dance and always greets everyone with an outstretched hand.

Gordon was President during our first "Shaggin' for Dollars" fundraiser and he has continued to work on this fundraiser each year. This fundraiser started with \$3,000.00 and over the past seven years it has raised over \$150,000.00 for local charities. He gives of his time, his money and his talents and never becomes discouraged over any obstacle that might get in our way.

When you think of Monroe Shag Club you automatically think

I am very proud to nominate Ronald Lee Alexander for a Shagging Icon Award. Ron has been an active member of York Shag Club since its formation in 1991. He served as Vice President in 1996 and then served two terms as President in 1997 and 1998. Ron has served on a number of the club's nominating committees as well as other various committees. He has always been a willing participant in raising funds for The American Cancer Society through Relay for Life and the club's Shag for Life events as well as the other charities that we support.

Ron's greatest contribution to our club and the Association as a whole is his never-ending and unfailing devotion to our youth. He understands the importance of keeping our great dance alive and what it takes to accomplish that end. Ron was instrumental in forming Junior Shag Clubs and the

Junior Shag Association in 1993. He organized the first Junior SOS that was held in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1992. In 1994, Junior SOS was moved to the beach where it continues to be held every July, thanks to Ron Alexander. He is now trying to form collegiate clubs in the hope of getting even more youth involved with "The Shag".

Please consider Ron for this most deserving award. Thanks to his love of the dance and our young people, we have a wonderful group of young shaggers that will help keep "The Shag" alive and growing for many years to come.

Respectfully, Gail D. Clifton,
President

John Gilstrap

John Gilstrap is an active member of the Danville Shag Club and has been since it was formed in 1990.

John was the acting force that formed this shag club. He was introduced to the shag as a teenager and has always loved the dance and the music.

John was President of the Danville Shag Club from 1990 to 1994. He has always held a position in our club, chairing committees such as: Ways & Means, Special events, Promotions, and Nominations. He was involved in incorporating our club.

John shares his love of the shag with everyone he comes in contact with. He has devoted countless hours teaching shag lessons and he always gives a history of shag to new students taking shag lessons.

John served on the SOS board from 1999 to 2002. He chaired the 2004 ACSC Winter

Workshop hosted by Danville Shag Club. In our first meeting of preparing to host this event John said to all of us, "We don't want to go into this event to make money. We want to share a good time with all our shagging friends and make it a wonderful weekend for everyone. And our goal is remembering that it is our friendliness and socialization that people remember!" On occasions he is asked to attend ACSC meetings when they might need his expert advise on a Parliamentary procedure.

John is truly deserving of this award. Through his work as Director of the Parks & Recreation Department in Danville, he has promoted the shag by having shag and beach music bands locally. He arranged for approximately 20 of our members to attend our first SOS.

In 2003, John and wife, Janice was presented by the Danville Shag Club with a honorary life time membership to the Danville Shag Club.

John has extended his love and lessons outside of the Danville area going to surrounding communities and teaching shag lessons without any compensation.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Strader, President

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Shagging Icon Award for 2005

Phyllis Drake



Phyllis has taken a very active part in helping the R&B Shag Club be successful since 1982—its second year of existence. She served in several positions on our Board, chaired many committees, served many years as editor of the newsletters, taught shag classes and encouraged her students to attend Shag Club parties, directed the Arts Center for numerous Shag Club parties, played a major part in organizing shag parties, workshops, and beach music concerts. She circulates at our Club's parties to help newcomers feel welcome. Phyllis designs flyers to circulate at other social clubs and businesses in Spartanburg to encourage folks to attend Shag Club events. She is always available to give shag demonstrations for nursing homes, schools, new business openings, charitable organizations, fun raisers, and other events.

Phyllis attends other club's big events throughout the Southeast. During the past couple of years she has visited Chattanooga, Dadeville, Savannah, Greenville, Columbia, Charlotte, and several other area clubs. She is a member of and regularly shags at Dockers in Greenville.

During her "growing up" years in Anderson, SC, Phyllis shagged at Boscobel, the Filly, the YMCA, and at lake-house parties at Broadway Lake. She rarely missed a big dance at Clemson. She taught shag and ballroom dancing from 1957-1960 and often worked with high school seniors in small towns around Anderson to teach students to shag before their

big prom nights.

Phyllis served as secretary of the ACSC 1987-1988 when there were only nine shag clubs in the Association. Through the years she has regularly attended the ACSC/SOS meetings and workshops to bring home information to our club. She is the person responsible for selling SOS tickets for our club. Since 1982 she has missed very few SOS and Mid-Winter events.

- ◆ Member of R&B Shag Club of Spartanburg since 1982
- ◆ President July 1986-June 1987 and July 2002-December 2003
- ◆ Vice-President 1985-1986
- ◆ Secretary 1983-1985 and 1988-1990
- ◆ Newsletter Editor 1983-1984, 1985-1989, and 2001-Present
- ◆ Nominating Committee Chairperson three times
- ◆ Served on original Bylaws Committee and the update committee
- ◆ Served as Chairperson for the SOS parade float in 2003
- ◆ Taught shag at the Spartanburg YMCA 1986-1993

Having known Phyllis Drake for the past twenty years, she is a "Shagging Icon." Her accomplishments include the following:

- ◆ President of R&B Shag Club
- ◆ Board Member of R&B Shag Club
- ◆ Charter Member of R&B Shag Club
- ◆ Originator of R&B Shag Club's 1st scrapbook
- ◆ Teaches steps to new members
- ◆ Responsible for bringing name bands to raise money for the club
- ◆ Organized first R&B Shag Club Reunion
- ◆ Has served on and chaired most R&B Shag Club committees
- ◆ Current editor of our newsletter - Shag Lines
- ◆ Promotes shagging wherever she goes.

Tom Armstrong, Member of R&B Shag Club

Sarah Little



One of the honors that I get to do as President of Lake Norman Shag Club is to recognize and nominate a member of our club for the Shagging Icon Award. This year I am happy to nominate Sarah Little for this most important and prestigious award.

Lake Norman Shag Club was formed in 1983 and Sarah Little is one of its original charter members. For over 20 years, Sarah has continued to contribute her time and energy to make Lake Norman Shag Club one of the great shag clubs in the A.C.S.C. Shag clubs, or for that matter any kind of organization, cannot survive for more than 20 years without the likes of members like Sarah, who contribute so much to its life.

Sarah is the "what do we need to do" person in our club. By that I mean, when an event, project, or new idea comes up, Sarah is one of the people who will help make it happen! Sarah is never reluctant to volunteer, offer help or ideas. As an example, in 1993 and 2003, Sarah chaired our 10th & 20th anniversary cruises on the Waccamaw River where we had a DJ play and we invited shag VIP's to join us in celebration of our club's anniversaries. Most recently, Sarah came up with the idea to hold our 17th Annual Chicken Pickin' at the beach. That idea has become a reality and in February 2005, Lake Norman Shag Club will hold its annual event at DUCKS. To my knowledge,

LNSC will be the first shag club to move its major annual event to the beach. What a great idea!

Sarah has participated in everyone of LNSC's Chicken Pickin's and has chaired or co-chaired this annual event several times. This past year, Sarah chaired our Silent Auction Committee and her efforts raised over \$1,000 for our club. Although LNSC no longer has its Fish Fest event, Sarah served as chair of several committees over the years. In 2003 to celebrate our 20th Anniversary, Sarah chaired the committee to put a float in the spring SOS Parade. She did a fantastic job on it. Sarah has also served as our membership chairperson for the past 6 years.

Sarah is a busy person who in addition to her activities with LNSC is also active in her church as a Session member, and wedding director. Sarah is also an avid golfer who plays whenever she gets the chance.

As a president of a shag club for 4 years, you or your club cannot be successful without people like Sarah. You know that you can always depend on them and know that they will always get the job done.

It is a great honor and privilege for me to nominate Sarah Little for this year's Shagging Icon Award. She has been a cornerstone of Lake Norman Shag Club for many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Soney Brown, President
Lake Norman Shag Club



Shagging Icon Award for 2005

Jim Harlow



I would like to nominate Jim Harlow for the Association's Shag Icon Award.

I have been associated with Jim Harlow and the Lynchburg Shag Club for over ten years. I have witnessed the hours of dedicated service and countless hours Jim has given promoting the Lynchburg Shag Club, the Association, the Shag dance and Shag music. He is dedicated, sincere, honest, trustworthy and always has the best interest of the club in everything he has done for the club. Jim served in many capacities thinking only of what he could do for the club and not for recognition for himself. He is truly worthy of this distinguished service award.

Jim and his wife, Connie, are charter members of the Lynchburg club. They were also members of the Roanoke club in 1995. Jim and his wife together kept the club going when there were only a few members that attended weekly, he made it fun. I have heard that we, "the LASC are a good bunch of people that like to do fun things together". He kept everyone informed about what was happening in the Association, with shag clubs, and where the beach bands were playing. He joins the Moose Club every year so he can get tickets for the club members to the annual "Fantastic Shakers" dance and to be able to purchase drinks for them. He also handles getting tickets for all club mem-

bers to the annual "Homebuilders Christmas Party" (the best throughout the season), which has a beach band. He is contacted each year concerning which band to hire for the "Homebuilders Christmas Party" and the "Realtors Christmas Party", both having beach bands.

Jim taught many classes in various towns and counties. Many times there were 2, 3, 4 and more classes a year. This took a lot of his spare time. He and his wife attended nearly every workshop the last three years he was President, there were four per year, and he attended approximately fifteen. Jim and his wife have been to every SOS but two since they started attending in the Spring of 1992. That makes twenty-five attended.

◆ 1991 joined Lynchburg Shag Club

◆ 1992 present at ACSC meeting when the Lynchburg Club was accepted into ACSC

◆ 1992 Charter member of the Lynchburg Shag Club

◆ 1993 Treasurer of the Lynchburg Shag Club

◆ 1996 President of Lynchburg Shag Club three terms

◆ 2000 - 2001 President of Lynchburg Shag Club

◆ 2001 - 2002 President of Lynchburg Shag Club

◆ 2002 - 2003 President of Lynchburg Shag Club, six terms total as President of Lynchburg Shag Club

◆ Represented Lynchburg Shag Club at ACSC meetings and workshops, put out Lynchburg Shag Club newsletter since Fall of 1999, including time as President. Acted as DJ on Friday night meetings and provided own music and DJ'ed at no charge to the club.

◆ Co-taught shag classes in Amherst and Campbell Counties, on Friday nights to prospective new members. Continues to give free lessons on Friday nights.

◆ Served in several capacities at "Sweet Virginia Breeze", a multi-club weekend shag party for two years.

As you can see Jim's service to the Lynchburg Shag Club and support of other clubs and associations has been invaluable. The Lynchburg Shag Club would not have survived without Jim Harlow. He is truly a dedicated shag dancer and club member.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to nominate Jim Harlow for the Association's ICON Award, he is truly worthy.

Sincerely,

Ramona Davis

Lynchburg Shag Club Member

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Friday, April 22nd

Buddy Whaley 7 - 10 pm

Rodney Still 10 - till

Saturday, April 23rd

Rick Turner 7 - 10 pm

Gene Hensley 10 - till

Sunday, April 24th

Ted Whitlock 7 - 10 pm

Frank Price 10 - till

Thursday, April 28th

Brad Crawford 7 - 10 pm

Gene Sistare 10 - till

Friday, April 29th

Tommy Almond 7 - 10 pm

Frank Price 10 - till

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Lesson 101: SOS for Beginners"

We finally made it, our first SOS. We were new and boy did it show. In the beginning it was obvious that we were novices as we unloaded our 2 very small overnight bags. There they were, the pros (Bundys, Reynolds, Oakleys, Godwins, Williams, Lesernes, etc., unloading everything but the kitchen sink from their cars. Coolers, beer, mixers, wines, food, sandwiches, breakfast meals, food - did I say food???

We came to see SOS. They came to live it!!! This was only Thursday evening. Lucky for us, they tucked us into their back pockets and nursed us as if we were little saplings looking for the great forest. Don't really remember if we unpacked before we were dragged to the lights of Ocean Drive and the familiar sounds vibrating from the clubs. We were there to dance and time was already wasting away. This first night we spent dancing at Fat Harold's. Since the big crowds had yet to arrive, we had plenty of room and enjoyed the hardwood unscathed by overcrowding. Smart move !!! Come Friday and Saturday nights, you couldn't get in unless you had a shoehorn to squeeze you through the door.

Friday we spent bar hopping and dancing in the great clubs of Ocean Drive; Fat Harold's,

Ducks, Spanish Galleon, OD Club and The Pirate's Cove. Every club seemed to play a different variety of Shag music whether it was oldies, traditional, R&B, or Blues. This was really enjoyable as we watched many of the old shaggers along side the new doing their things. The guys were going to try and get some golf in but mother nature decided it would be better to stay inside and dance. Some of the girls managed to get some shopping done (gee...imagine that.) At the end of the evening we found a quaint grill and ate as we planned the next day's events.

Saturday was the big day. Our club was to be nominated for membership in the ACSC and we were ready. We filed into the workshop as a force to be reckoned with. Tommy O'Brien spoke on our behalf as the rest of the membership contemplated our acceptance. We were asked to leave while they voted. Our departure from the meeting left quite an impression as 22 of our members paraded past the directors on the way out. The entire room began laughing, as they certainly didn't expect to see a showing quite like this. (There were only 4 officers sitting at the table while the rest of us were tucked quietly in the corner).

Needless to say, we were

accepted, asked to return to the room as we were applauded. It's great to feel loved...

We attended our first workshop, learned some new moves, and caught up with the rest of the gang later. Once again we hit a few clubs and decided to stake our claim at OD's Arcade for the rest of the afternoon and evening. We managed to get ringside seats and this would be as good as it gets. Even better was watching Kathy Bundy entertain us as she broke in her new shag shoes. She has a new dip move that has to be seen to be appreciated. Ask her for a free demonstration. Saturday night was filled with free food, high-spirited folks, and lots of great shagging. We even got to see the Embers perform for free Friday and Saturday at the OD Cafe.

As all good things come to pass, Sunday was pack up day and say goodbye to SOS. We all met for breakfast at a local diner and then scurried back to Ocean Drive for some last minute souvenirs. What a great time...

As first timers, we were impressed with the atmosphere of SOS, the incredible people, and of course, the music. Looking at the sidewalk stars of hall of famers was pretty cool. What a neat tribute and gift to be able to show your kids and grandkids. Next time we

will be old salts as we will remember these following rules:

1. Bring plenty of snacks and food
2. Bring plenty of mixers
3. Women shop, that's what they do
4. Whatever you bring, belongs to everyone
5. Visine
6. 40 degrees requires a jacket
7. Umbrella
8. Dance early, eat late
9. Drinks are cheaper at OD's Arcade
10. What happens at SOS...STAYS at SOS

Had a great time...see you at the next event....

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Saturday, April 23

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Sunday, April 24

8:00 - Close Jason Justice

Monday, April 25

8:00 - Close David Sessoms

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 - Close John Wilson

Wednesday, April 27

Noon - 4:00 Jason Justice

4:00 PM Free Hors d'oeuvres

4:00 - 9:00 Gene Sistare

9:00 - Close Jack Moore

Thursday, April 28

Noon - 4:00 Jason Justice

4:00 PM Free Hors d'oeuvres

4:00 - 9:00 John Wilson

9:00 - Close Gerry Holland

Friday, April 29

Noon - 4:00

4:00 - 9:00

9:00 - Close

Jason Justice

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Tootie Brown

Saturday, April 30

Noon - 4:00

4:00 - 9:00

9:00 - Close

John Wilson

Tootie Brown

Skip Lancaster

Sunday, May 1

8:00 - Close

Jason Justice

Spanish Galleon Schedule

Friday, April 29 - 9:00 - Close - Gene Sistare

Saturday, April 30th - 9:00 - Close Gerry Holland

OD Café Non-Smoking

Friday, April 22, Saturday, April 23, Sunday, April 24 - 7:00 pm - Close

Thursday, April 28, Friday, April 29, Saturday, April 30 - 7:00 - Close

See Page 46 For Sam & Lisa West's Workshops



Fat Harold's Beach Club

DJ & Event Schedule

Front

Back

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 - Close Wilkie Whaley

Thursday, April 21

8:00 - Close Paul Northrup

Friday, April 22

12:00 - 5:00 Gary Bass Jay Nelms
5:00 - 9:00 Gary Bass Wilkie Whaley
9:00 - 2:00 Gene Sistare Joanne Johnson

Saturday, April 23

12:00 - 5:00 Ray Scott Jimmy Buffkin
5:00 - 9:00 Jay Nelms Gary Bass
9:00 - 2:00 Terry Ellis Paul Northrup

Sunday, April 24

12:00 - 5:00 Allen Hedrick
5:00 - 9:00 Jay Nelms Jerry Munson
9:00 - Close Lanny Elmore Wilkie Whaley

Monday, April 25

12:00 - 5:00 Paul Northrup Bobby Guyton
5:00 - 9:00 Lanny Elmore Allen Hedrick
9:00 - Close Gene Sistare Ray Scott

Tuesday, April 26

12:00 - 5:00 Lanny Elmore Jay Nelms
5:00 - 9:00 Jack Moore Joanne Johnson
9:00 - Close Gary Bass

Wednesday, April 27

12:00 - 5:00 Gary Bass Wilkie Whaley
5:00 - 9:00 Jay Nelms Joe Shipman
9:00 - Close Gene Sistare Ray Scott

Thursday, April 28

12:00 - 5:00 Gary Bass Wilkie Whaley
5:00 - 9:00 Jack Moore Paul Northrup
9:00 - Close Fred Rouse

Friday, April 29

12:00 - 5:00 Jimmy Buffkin Joe Shipman
5:00 - 10:00 Gary Bass Roger Holcomb
10:00 - Close Terry Ellis Fred Rouse

Saturday, April 30

12:00 - 5:00 Jack Moore/Gary Bass Gene Briles
5:00 - 9:00 Terry Ellis Gene Sistare
9:00 - 2:00 Roger Holcomb Ray Scott

CAMP KEMO SUNDAY, May 1

12:00 - 5:00 Roger Holcomb/
Gary Bass
5:00 - 9:00 Paul Northrup
9:00 - 2:00 Lanny Elmore



For Workshops for
Charlie & Jackie
please see page 27.
For Workshops for
Judy Duke please
see page 29.



Thank You For Not Smoking
On The Back Deck During SOS!

Friday, April 22

1:00 - until The Attractions

Saturday, April 23

1:00 - 5:00 Holiday Band CD Release Party
5:00 Until - Twisters Shag Club Tea party/Back Deck

Tuesday, April 26

1:00 - 3:00 Two Blondes on the Beach
Fashion Show - Back Deck
4:00 - 7:30 Gotham City Shag Club/Back Deck

Wednesday, April 27

1:00 - 5:00 Coastline Band

Thursday, April 28

11:00 am - 3:00 pm Winston Salem Shag Club
Back Deck

Friday, April 29

12:00 - 5:00 one20inc. &
JUDY'S HOUSE OF OLDIES SHOWCASE
4:00 - 6:00 Northern VA Shag Club/Back Deck
5:00 - 10:00 Fantastic Shakers
6:00 Original Lake Wylie Shag Club
Fish Fry/Back Deck

Saturday, April 30

2:30 - 4:00 Greater Triad Shag Club/Back Deck
4:00 Hall of Fame Exhibition Front Room
4:30 - 6:00 Northern VA Shag Club Back Deck

Sunday, May 1

1:00 - 3:00 Camp Kemo Sunday Fund Raiser



Come out on Sunday, May 1st at 1:00 and send a child with cancer to camp. This semi annual event will feature, as always, Gary Bass, as our auctioneer and Roger Holcomb will DJ.

There will be local entertainers and from what I hear, some international entertainers as well. Also, there will be lots of nice items for sale. It takes \$500 to send one child to camp. They need a week to party just like us. Let your heart do the talking and come to Fat Harold's for CAMP KEMO.



Ducks DJ Schedule

Thursday, April 21	
8:00 - Close	Trac Anderson
Friday, April 22	
1:00 - 5:00	Jerry Holt
5:00 - 10:00	Bill Harper
10:00 - Close	John Smith
Saturday, April 23	
2:00 - 6:00	Todd Gettys
6:00 - 10:00	Billy Waldrep
10:00 - Close	Ed Timberlake
Sunday, April 24	
2:00 - 6:00	Craig Jennings
6:00 - 10:00	Bill Harper
10:00 - Close	Billy Waldrep
Monday, April 25	
2:00 - 6:00	Larry Edwards
6:00 - 10:00	Ed Timberlake
10:00 - Close	Bill Harper
Tuesday, April 26	
2:00 - 6:00	Larry Edwards
6:00 - 10:00	Ed Timberlake
10:00 - Close	Billy Waldrep
Wednesday, April 27	
2:00 - 6:00	Craig Jennings
6:00 - 10:00	Bill Harper
10:00 - Close	Ed Timberlake
Thursday, April 28	
2:00 - 6:00	Frank Anderson
6:00 - 10:00	Larry Edwards
10:00 - Close	Booger Brothers
Friday, April 29	
1:00 - 5:00	Mike Lewis
5:00 - 10:00	Billy Waldrep
10:00 - Close	John Smith
Saturday, April 30	
1:00 - 5:00	Craig Jennings
5:00 - 10:00	Todd Gettys
10:00 - Close	Booger Brothers
Sunday, May 1	
1:00 - 5:00	Jerry Barrage
5:00 - Close	Frank Anderson



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During The Week

DUCKS

Friday, April 22 - 1:00 - 5:00 - WNMB CD Release Party
 Friday, April 29 - 1:00 - 5:00 - Ripete Records CD Release Party

Ducks II

Wednesday, April 27 - 5-10 pm - Twisters Tea Party
 Thursday, April 28 - 2-5 pm - Charlotte Shag Club's Prez Party
 Friday, April 29 - 1-5 pm - Fileropa Carolina Shooter Party
 4-6 pm - Bopper's President Party
 4-6 pm - Columbia Shag Club Shooter Party
 Saturday, April 25 - 4-6 pm - Northern VA Shooter Party

For Charlie & Jackie Workshops, See Page 27.



Ducks II DJ Schedule

Friday, April 22	
6:00 - 10:00	Trac Anderson
10:00 - Close	Butch Metcalf
Saturday, April 23	
1:00 - 6:00	Craig Jennings
6:00 - 10:00	Steve Baker
10:00 - Close	Butch Metcalf
Sunday, April 24	
5:00 - 10:00	Jerry Barrage
9:00 - Close	Butch Metcalf
Monday, April 25	
9:00 - Close	Butch Metcalf
Tuesday, April 26	
4:00 - 9:00	Craig Jennings
9:00 - Close	Billy Waldrep
Wednesday, April 27	
1:00 - 5:00	Larry Edwards
5:00 - 10:00	Mike Rank & Eddie Teeter
10:00 - Close	Butch Metcalf
Thursday, April 28	
1:00 - 5:00	Mike Brantley
5:00 - 10:00	Butch Metcalf
10:00 - Close	Steve Baker
Friday, April 29	
1:00 - 6:00	Kyle Bean and the Boys
6:00 - 10:00	Butch Metcalf
10:00 - Close	Steve Baker
Saturday, April 30	
1:00 - 5:00	Trac Anderson
5:00 - 10:00	Steve Baker
10:00 - Close	Butch Metcalf

Upcoming Events

June 8 - Social Shag Lessons Every Wednesday at 7:00 taught by Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee - \$10.00 per person.
 FREE Basic Beginner Shag Lessons - 8:00.
 June 10-12 'The Tommy Watkins Memorial' Ducks Wide-Open Tournament
 June 17-18 OD Shag Club's 3 Men and A Lady Golf Tourney
 June 26th OD Shag Club's Fish Fry 6:00 until
 July 1-4 Fourth Annual Red, White & Blues Party
 July 15-18 Junior SOS
 July 22-23 Fourth Annual Booger Family Reunion
 August 5-6 Hall Of Fame Foundation Golf Classic
 September 2-4 The Nearly World Famous Duck's Labor Day Mixed Doubled Contest





DJ Schedule

Friday, April 22
4:00 - 9:00 DJ Germany
9:00 Until Larry Calhoun

Saturday, April 23
12:00 - 5:00 Bobby Bennett
5:00 - 9:00 Dennis Hydrick
9:00 Until Murl Augustine

Sunday, April 24
12:00 - 5:00 Murl Augustine
5:00 - 9:00 Dennis Hydrick
9:00 Until Gene Hensley

Monday, April 25
12:00 - 5:00 D.J. Germany
5:00 - 9:00 Terry McPhail
9:00 Until Larry Calhoun

Tuesday, April 26
12:00 - 5:00 Bobby Bennett
5:00 - 9:00 George Perkins

Wednesday, April 27
12:00 - 5:00 Terry McPhail
5:00 - 9:00 Gene Hensley
9:00 Until Larry Calhoun

Thursday, April 28
12:00 - 4:00 Butch Metcalf
4:00 - 9:00 Murl Augustine
9:00 Until Dennis Hydrick

Friday, April 29
12:00 - 5:00 George Perkins
5:00 - 9:00 Larry Calhoun
9:00 Until Murl Augustine

Saturday, April 30
12:00 - 5:00 Terry McPhail
5:00 - 9:00 Dennis Hydrick
9:00 Until Murl Augustine

Sunday, May 1
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Monday, April 25

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Tuesday, April 26

"Fancy Footwork in Turns"

Wednesday, April 27

"Learn to 'play' in Lead/Follow"

Thursday, April 28

"Making Good Use of Your Basics"

Friday, April 29

"Learning to Use the Lean"

Saturday, April 30

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Tuesday, April 26 8:00 pm
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#2 Smoothies Contest

Thursday, April 28 2:00 pm
(Sign up 1:00)

Saturday 23rd

Heavy Hors d'ouvers

5:00 pm

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4:00 pm
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Tea Party

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		with fruit	



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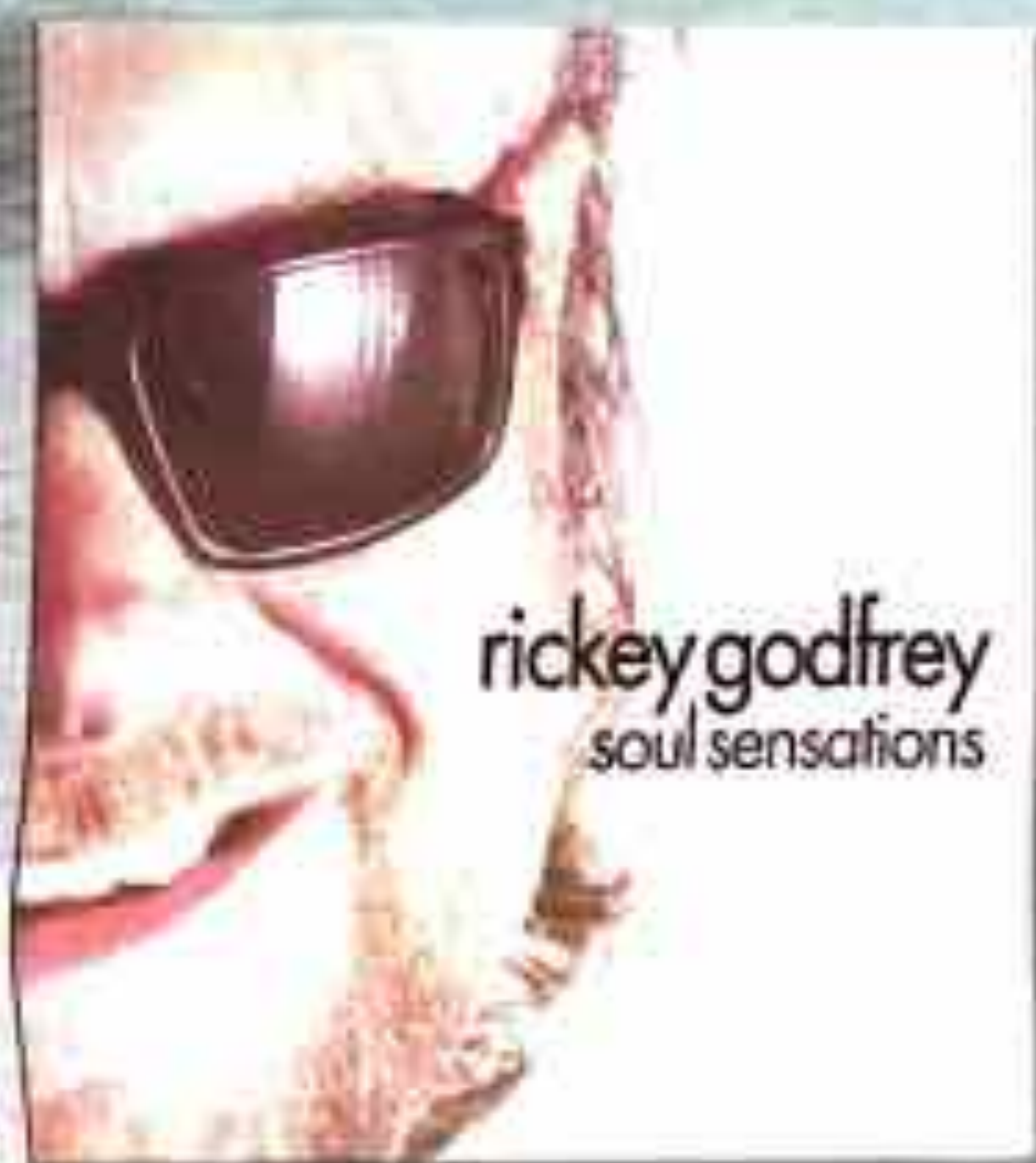
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OD Shag Club 2004 Charity Donations

OD Shag Club by-laws state that the objective of our club is to perpetuate and preserve the shag dance, and to create and maintain an environment conducive to the dance. There is another objective in our shag club that is not published in our by-laws but in our hearts, the joy of giving to our community. The ODSC board selects the charities we will sponsor and through the help and participation of our members, we were able to make donations to six local charities. Our annual Charity Golf Tournament held each year during Fall SOS enabled us to make this a very charitable year.

The Dewey Kennedy Scholarship



The Dewey Kennedy Mixed Doubles Dance Contest is held on Thanksgiving weekend each year to help raise money for The Dewey Kennedy Scholarship Fund. This is the seventh year that Ducks has given away a scholarship to a young person and the longest running scholarship in the shag community. The scholarships have totaled \$15,000 and since 1999 the scholarship awarded has been \$2,000 each year. ODSC takes great pride in having the opportunity to help with our \$1,000 donation to this worthy scholarship fund.

Camp Kemo



There is an Auction held twice a year at Fat Harold's Beach Club during SOS and all proceeds are donated to Camp Kemo. Camp Kemo is a camp for children with cancer and the families. For these kids it may be a brief moment of joy in a life that has its share of pain and fear and the week long camp can provide them with a normal childhood experience. Children attend this camp free because of the support and love that come from events like the Camp Kemo Auction at Fat Harold's. It is such an honor to know our \$1,000 contribution will help these special children.

CASA (Citizen's Against Spousal Abuse)



CASA is a program of services for families in crisis in Horry County. The goal is to stop the cycle of violence by offering help to all members of the family, and by educating the community about the serious and costly nature of the problem of domestic violence. The purpose of CASA is to provide emergency safe shelter, counseling and support for abused women and children. All CASA services are free. Gayle Post, Director of Counseling Services, told us that they have sixteen children at the shelter now and our donation came at just the right time. What a heart warming experience to present this check to CASA.

The Horry County Shelter Home



Our club members were delighted to present our gift of \$1,000 to Ed Jones, Director of The Horry County Shelter Home. The Home is a state licensed, private, nonprofit organization providing emergency, temporary shelter in a clean, safe, secure and morally responsible homelike environment for abandoned or neglected children. Our love and support is very much needed and appreciated.

Southern Atlantic Women's Motorcycle Rally (SAWMR) for Breast Cancer



The mission of SAWMR is to bring together women to laugh, learn, and ride. The rally will act to raise awareness and funds for research for women, men, and families whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. Fund raising events such as poker runs, bake sales, yard sales and festivals are held through the year. ODSC was delighted to present our check for \$1,000 to show our support for all whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

NMB Police Department - Shop with Santa



The NMB Police Department changed the name this year from Shop with a Cop to "Shop with Santa." The entire department participates in putting joy in the lives of children that are underprivileged and with special needs. The program has grown from 20 children last year to 50 this year because of the support in our community. The teachers in North Myrtle Beach submit the names of the children in need. They will take the children shopping the week before Christmas and also treat them to lunch. We applaud our fine police department for the work they do and proudly presented our \$500 donation.

Christmas Party for Residents of Myrtle Beach Manor



Twenty-five club members participated in our party for the residents of Myrtle Beach Manor. We gave stockings filled with goodies, served cookies and punch, sang Christmas carols, and danced. Bill Clinard was a joking jolly ole' Santa and the crowd loved him. Many thanked our club for bringing some Christmas spirit and cheer into their lives. It was a wonderful time for all.

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SUNDAY APRIL 24

12:30PM - **6-COUNT TOGETHER STEPS**

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2:00PM - **ADVANCED TOGETHER STEPS**

A more challenging step. (Dew's competition steps.)

MONDAY APRIL 25

12:30PM **LEAD/FOLLOW - TURNS & SPINS**

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 27

12:30PM - **MALE LEADS AND FEMALE STEPS**

Fancy steps to do in 6 and 8 counts.

2:00PM **CONNECTION & PARTNERSHIP**

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THURSDAY APRIL 28

12:30PM - **BASIC PIVOT/REVERSE PIVOT**

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2:00PM - **ADVANCED PIVOTS**

Dew's competition pivots.

FRIDAY APRIL 29

12:30PM - **FUN & EASY TOGETHER STEPS**

Step may also be used as a male lead.

2:00PM - **ADVANCED TOGETHER STEPS**

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SATURDAY APRIL 30

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S.O.S. In Retrospect A BRIEF HISTORY

"S.O.S." "THE RAVEN IS MOILING AND ROCKING OFF THE COAST. GET IN TOUCH WITH CAPTAIN EARL BOSTIC ABOARD THE FLAMINGO AND ASK HIM TO MEET US AT OAK TREE IN SEPT. (signed) CAPTAIN WYNONNE HARRE, JUNE 14, 1896"

The antique bottle was authentic. The message nearly printed on what appeared to be very old parchment was legible. The bottle was found and reported to several museums. The curators believed it and announced the find and the story soon made the National Wire Service. S.O.S. was the national copy after a D.J. solved the riddle.

Time, with a boat and a hope, Gene Laughter, a former Life Guard and beach bum on Ocean Drive in the early fifties launched the first S.O.S. in the Spring of 1980.

September 1980, the magic week-end finally arrived. The migration began and never stopped. They came by the hundreds. Billy Smith's Beach Party, Fat Jack's, The Afterdeck was packed. The Oak Tree Inn sold out early. Gene expected two to three hundred former Lifeguards, Stranders, and Beach Bums, but about 5,000 showed up. Ocean Drive hasn't been the same since, neither has any one who was at the first, never to be duplicated experience.

S.O.S. continued but its future in the early days was by no means certain. The format evolved. At first there were committees and bands. Many of the Clubs had a cover charge. Clubs opened and closed. They changed bands from one season to the next. What was, suddenly wasn't. The city fathers didn't quite know what to make of our what to do with it. Encourage or prevent...support or oppose. No one quite knew what to make of it.

Gene Laughter knew. He more than any other one person knew the people, the music, the beach, and the potential of the brand new product he just suddenly became the guardian of. But the unbridled joy of everyone who attended told him one simple thing: THIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...KEEP IT GOING AND EVEN EXPAND!

Thus, in September of 1981, S.O.S. II and September 1982, S.O.S. III followed. Things were not well organized. There was a dime base of members, regular publications, and organized and structured events. Membership cards replaced cover charges for entrance to the clubs. The early Boogie Boat proved unwelcome. Contests and bands were eliminated. The D.J.'s took over. S.O.S. began to look like what we know it is today.

Throughout the mid to late 80's S.O.S. grew in strength and character. Shuggers and Stranders came back to Ocean Drive in the Spring and Fall by the tens of thousands for what everyone agreed was one of the finest parties for adults in the whole country. Everyone who ever had one grain of sand in his shoes agreed that S.O.S. was for the Grand Strand, and to miss one was unthinkable. Fat Harold's, Dock's, Crazy Zack's, Harold's Across the Street, and the Galloon became shrines to which devout Stranders made pilgrimages many times each year.

Everything was good until 1988 and 1989 when the business interest at the beach became divided. Further, the originator, for personal and business reasons, could not continue to run S.O.S. The dancing space became smaller as the crowds grew bigger and larger. The competition became fierce, and the one thing that had kept it all going was uncertain.

In February, 1989, the ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS received an offer

from Gene Laughter for the sale of S.O.S. The Board of Advisors discussed this at length at the Winter Workshop in Morehead, N.C., and without a dissenting vote approved the purchase of S.O.S. The discussion centered around the desire of the Association to bring unity to all elements involved and to assure that the kind of S.O.S. that we all loved so well would continue for many years to come.

Since there were scarcely six weeks until Spring Safari, the interim Board plunged into the planning and organizing for the event. The Association ran our first S.O.S. with headquarters at Crazy Zack's. As in any first efforts there were mistakes, but we learned a lot. The bottom line is we brought it off, paid the bills, and made a little money. A lot of people worked long and hard and managed to have a good time doing it.

The interim Board, with minor modifications became the Board of Directors of S.O.S. and Larry Taylor of Columbia was elected Chairman. The Board then elected Officers of the Corporation with Phil Sawyer, President.

The new Board of Officers discussed the goals of S.O.S. at length, and little has changed. Unity, crowd control, high class parties, responsible use of funds, permanence, and outstanding relationship with the North Myrtle Beach Municipal Officials and residents were then and are still our goals. We are proud to report that we have achieved all of these objectives.

S.O.S. continued unprecedented growth. Many exciting features have been added. The uniformed security at all participating Club doors, the tram, Wed, and expanded Carline Times are Association initiatives. Funds from S.O.S. support local Club activities, the Association budget, the Mid-Winter Classic, and charities. We committed to contribu-

tions of \$100,000.00 over time to a foundation to support the National Hospice effort.

S.O.S. is now in its fifteenth year! Its a teen-ager! Most of us were teen-agers when we got on this train, many of us have teen-agers of our own now what we have brought through these troubled waters. We know that there can be difficult years. However, with our attention firmly focused on our established objectives and a deep commitment to "DO WHAT'S RIGHT" S.O.S. will grow to a rich and rewarding old age.

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But This is a Social Organization...

By Mary Ann Williams
Advisor, The Shag Club

On the bus going back to our motels after the Winter Workshop, I overheard a conversation refreshing the meeting. And then, there was that comment I hear all too often... "Why do we have to sit in a meeting all day? This is a SOCIAL ORGANIZATION!" Oh, moan, I thought, but I managed to keep my composure and my mouth closed. As time passed, I felt more and more the need to express my opinion. Yes, we do socialize when we get together. Being SOCIAL, however, does not an ORGANIZATION make.

I think of the fantastic job Twister's did in planning the weekend and pulling it off with every detail anticipated. This comes from years of experience where they have kept detailed records of what works and what doesn't.

What if...after the summer workshop in 2003 when Twister's entered the winning bid for hosting the 2005 Winter Workshop, they returned to their club and, each week for the next two years they met only to dance and socialize. It's the last weekend in February 2005 and they go to the AMVETS Club to get ready for the weekend and its padlocked. "What gives?" they ask. Well, no one contacted us about renting the facility. The shuttle service is otherwise obligated because, again, no one contacted them to make arrangements. There are no DJ's ready to play, no volunteers ready to prepare the drinks, no caterer lined up to prepare / serve a meal, etc. etc. etc. All because they chose to be totally SOCIAL instead of ORGANIZED.

Remember...The PURPOSE of the Winter and Summer

ACSC Workshops is to MEET and network, share ideas, offer suggestions and TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS!!!! The fact that we have an opportunity to play after we've finished our work is just icing on the cake.

Think about all of the individuals who SOCIALIZE at Spring and Fall S.O.S. If it wasn't for the small group of ORGANIZED individuals working their biceps off, it would not happen. There would be no Spring Parade, no Fun Monday in the Fall. In fact, without ORGANIZATION chances are there would be no S.O.S.

Were it not for the ORGANIZED clubs throughout the Southeast, it's unlikely business owners would take a chance on offering a beach night if they can't be assured more than a few people will take advantage of it. What would happen to our lifestyle then????

We are asked to spend, on an average, approximately one hour per month to attend the Association's two workshops and the three meetings at the beach. Is

it really asking too much of you to take the time from your SOCIALIZING to be assured that our Lifestyle can continue?

If the majority of our club's members would adopt the attitude the minority has exhibited, on both the individual club level and the Association level, the limits of our accomplishments would be endless. Thank goodness for that ORGANIZED minority who want to take care of our business for without it, our opportunities to SOCIALIZE would diminish until our Lifestyle would eventually become extinct.

Thank you Organizers, for all you do!!! And, if I can help in any way, please call on me. I can honestly say that I enjoy taking care of business and, yes, even attending meetings.



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Smoky Mountain Boogie VII March 24 – 27, 2005

By Betty Ludwig

The Smoky Mountain Shagger's of Knoxville, TN and the Atlanta Swing Dances of Atlanta, GA co-hosted their seventh annual weekend event. This year the event took place at Music Road Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, TN due to the remodeling in process of the Gatlinburg Convention Center.

Thanks to all who attended this party making it successful once again. We missed those of you who were unable to be there and hope you will join us in 2006.

DJs Billy Waldrep, Ed Timberlake, Chris Aiken, and Ray Coker played for the 650+ dancers representing 69 dance clubs from 20 states across the country. A great selection of music kept dancers on the floor from noon until 1 A.M.

Workshop instructors were Ellen Taylor/shag, John

Henning/night club two-step, Phil Dorroll & Louise Seabright/hustle and Ray & Kay Coker/west coast swing. They filled the ballroom Friday and Saturday mornings. Even after partying till closing, the dancers were up and at 'em early to participate in the workshops. Exhibitions by the workshop instructors and other guests entertained the crowd on Friday and Saturday nights.

Other favorites of the guests were the free pours and hospitalities sponsored by Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club, Cincinnati Bop Club, Choo Choo Shag Club, Toe to Toe Dance Shoes and the two host clubs. Additionally the Dance Floor was fabulous. Smoky Mountain Shagger's and Atlanta Swing Dancers rented the floor from Bill Snider out of Memphis TN.

Music Road Hotel, con-

nected by a covered open walkway to the convention center, was our headquarter hotel. Music Road Inn, Motel 6, and other nearby hotels/motels were within walking distance. Matter of fact, they were just across the street. All the hotels and motels in that area are relatively new, very clean, comfortable décor and welcomed our guests with open arms.

Now a bit of news which some of you already know, a decision was made by both clubs that in 2006 the SMS and the ASDC will each host their own event rather than co-host.

Seven years ago the Atlanta Swing Dance Club accepted the invitation to co-host the Smoky Mountain Boogie with the Smoky Mountain Shagger's.

We have had successful and wonderful events for seven years. Both club's members have

worked hard together and we have been fortunate for the terrific support of all of our guests. This year, as well as last year, was a sell-out.

The reason for two parties is that ASDC would like to host an event in their own city of Atlanta. Tentatively their event will be in October 2006. SMS 2006 event will be as near the last weekend of March as possible, depending on availability of locations and dates available.

The Smoky Mountain Shagger's and the Atlanta Swing Dancers donate a large portion of the profit each year to various charities. Again, the two clubs will continue to support each other's event.

Please join us for our events in 2006 and let's keep on dancing.

Betty Ludwig

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Below is a section of the SOS Anniversary print by Becky Stowe, Official SOS Artist in Residence. A matching sequel print will be available Fall SOS.



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"Swink" Laughter, SOS Founder, My Fall and Spring SOS 2005 Prints Are Dedicated to You!

By: Becky Stowe

The first time I met "Swink" was 1982. He purchased my originals of the Fifty's and the Seventy's "Pad". He and I worked together on the first SOS print during the summer of 1987. We published the 1987, 1988 Fall Migration limited edition prints together. After 1988, I published them myself.

Since then, he has purchased other originals from me. "Swink" still comes by to visit when ever he's here. I don't think he knows how much he has done for me and I hope he reads this article. Thank you very, very much, "Swink"! The SOS Spring print and the

sequel Fall SOS print are dedicated to you. Look what you did for N. Myrtle Beach! You deserve a key to this city!



When "Swink" visits he's always interested in what I have been doing. He also drops by the "Cove" to visit with my husband Milford, too.

I have been doing the SOS prints for 18 years thanks to "Swink". I have been painting the "beach places of character" for 19 years. Is it time for me to retire? Should I hold out for another year, 2 years, 5 years? Tell me "Swink", what should I do?

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The Beth Mitchell Memorial Shag Contest

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The Greater Triad Shag Club and Thirty's 2 Beach Club in Greensboro again jointly sponsored the second annual Beth Mitchell Memorial Shag Contest on February 3rd & 4th. Due to a scheduling problem (not of our doing- last year's event was held the last weekend in February) we were all concerned about the shortened time to find sponsors, advertise and plan the event. After all, we outdid ourselves last year, in dancers, attendance and money raised (over \$8,000) for the continuing scholarship fund.

This year we had a Non-Pro mixed doubles Friday night, workshops Saturday afternoon (by Michael Norris & Dr. LeAnn Best and Jennifer & Joey Sogliuzzo) and Saturday night saw Junior I & II competition as well as a Pro-Hall of Fame mixed doubles. Quite a bit of talent on the floor and sumptuous entertainment for the crowd. The weekend also included exhibitions by three dance teams: Shag Time (an



under-14 junior team coached by Sam & Lisa West), The (local)



Triad Shag Dance Team (coached by Michael Norris) and the National Shag Dance Team (coached by Joey & Jennifer Sogliuzzo). The National Team is



without peer; the Triad Team won second place at Nationals; but, Shag Time brought the house

down. Their performance was worth the entire weekend. (Don't miss a chance to see them somewhere, anywhere, if at all possible.)

Ed Timberlake again provided the excellent quality DJ work he always exhibits, no problems, no mistakes, no music glitches, etc. And good music between rounds for everyone to dance to. A truly thankless but yet vitally essential job at such an event.

Oh yeah, about the scholarship funds raised.....at the National Shag Dance Championship Finals held 10-12 March, Pat & I represented the Greater Triad Shag Club and Thirty's 2 Beach Club in presenting a check to Nancy Lee Mitchell (Beth's mom) for the scholarship fund. I wrote in last year's article it just didn't get any better. Well... I lied. The check this year was for \$10,560.00.



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A Shagger's Attitude About Age

The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let her know.

Old age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometimes despair over my body — the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, skin spots and bumps, the sagging butt, etc. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror, but I don't agonize over those things for long. It's God's plan for us.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful

life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become more kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avant-garde on my patio. I am entitled to overeat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon, before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read until 4:00 am and sleep until Noon? I will dance with myself or a partner to those wonderful tunes of my youth, the 50's & 60's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I

will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the bikini set. Oh yes*, they, too, will get old.

I know I am often forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten — and I eventually remember most of the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when a beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. I can say "no," and mean it. I can say "yes," and mean it. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

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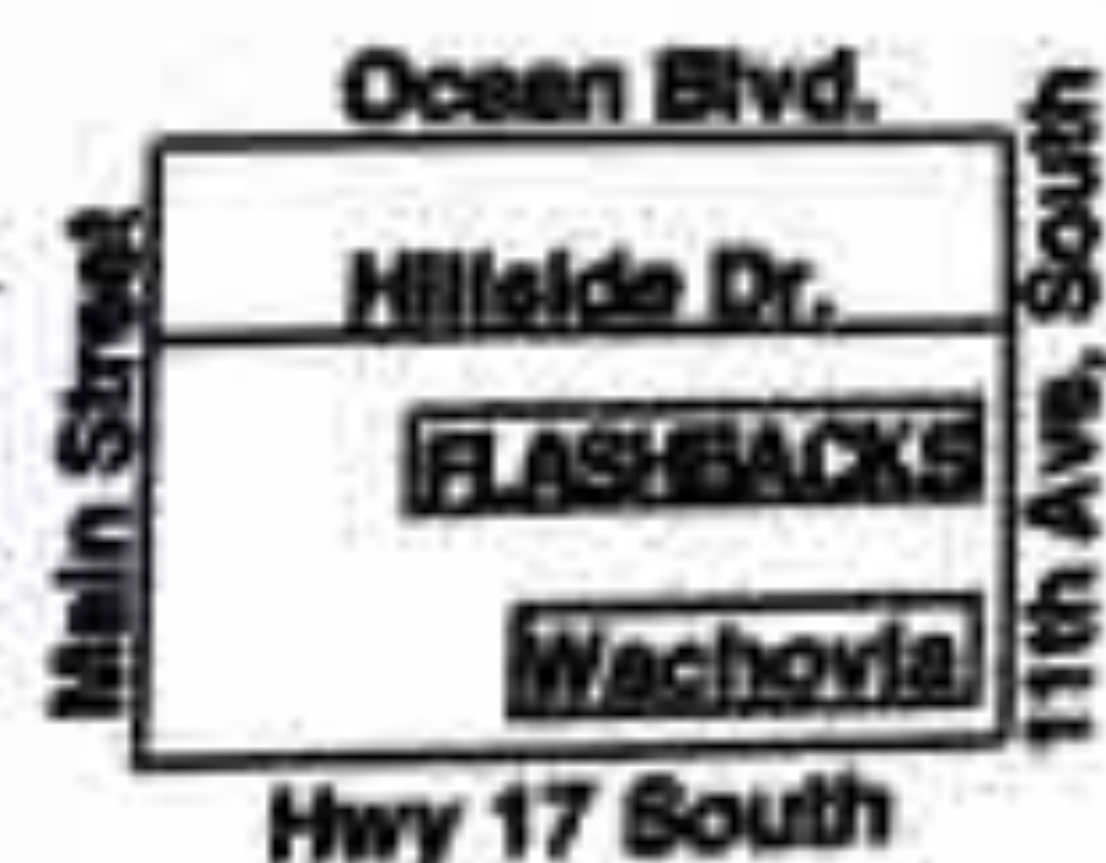


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