

# SOS Carefree Times

2013 Winter Edition





## S.O.S. President Ron Whisenant

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** We are just unwinding down from a great Fall Migration. The weather was perfect, as it is always. Plenty of beach time for those who like the sun, plenty of dancing for those who wanted to spend their days and nights dancing in the SOS clubs. We had plenty of friends and SOS family to spend time with doing all of the things we do during SOS. It was a great week for SOS and the SOS membership. Fun Sunday and Fun Monday were both awesome events, and played to packed crowds. There were a few lucky people that won some serious cash in the Fun Monday raffle. A great time was had by all. Just think, January is just around the corner. Here comes Mid-Winter 2014! Wow!

Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are upon us. It seems to come much faster than we want, or prepared for. The days fly by in our lives so fast at this age. I am not ready for the holidays! Shopping is not a problem, because I don't shop any more. I buy a hand full of gift cards, and hope that will keep me on the good side of my children and grandchildren. Santa is just not what he used to be, stuffing wrapped gifts under the tree. Christmas! Bah, humbug! Maybe I'll like it a little better when it gets here! Maybe, I will remember what the real reason for the season is all about.

In closing, let me say how much I appreciate each and every one of you. I have learned to cope with life, and learned that life won't wait. It won't be the same as it used to be. You have to adjust, learn how to move on. Many of you have helped me to do that, and I appreciate you, and love you for encouraging me to live out life as it comes. I have begun to do that, and I want to say thank you for your encouragement and well wishes.

In closing, I wish and hope that you and yours will have a wonderful holiday season, filled with love for one another, friends to share with, and family that will hold you close and love you.  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Ron**



## SOS Board Chairperson Helen Still

Hello everyone,

I hope this finds all of you doing well and getting ready for the holiday season and all the parties your clubs will be having. Once the Christmas decorations have been put up they can be enjoyed and have a way of getting us ready for the Christmas season. It is always a chore around our house, but once it's done we're all happy as clams and sit back and enjoy them.

Fall SOS was absolutely slammed and so busy for us with so much going on. It just keeps getting better and better! In fact the past three years have been the best years in the history of SOS. You all have done a great job promoting SOS to your club members with attendance being at record highs. Thank you all for the great job you're doing in selling SOS cards to your club members.

Once again the Enhancement Committee did an outstanding job with Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. It was a wonderful two day event with perfect weather. We enjoyed the performances of everyone! The rain held off on Monday until the end. But the rain caught our group as we took down tents, barricades and picked up trash. We were soaked, but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits, because everyone was still smiling and joking around. This was one of the best, if not the best Fun Monday we've had!

We were recently down in NMB and attended the CBMA Awards Show and the entertainment provided in the various clubs. It was great fun and we enjoyed seeing those of you who were there. SOS won an award for Event of the Year for Fun Monday! I believe this is number 12 for Fun Monday. Congratulations to everyone on the Enhancement Committee and those on the board that also work and help with this major event. Special recognition goes to Judy Collins who has been in charge of the entertainment for 21 years – since Fun Monday originated. We appreciate Judy and everyone that is involved.

Congratulations are also in order for Burlington Shag Club for winning the Shag Club Event of the Year for their Meals on Wheels. It's the second year in a row they have won this award. Way to go Burlington. For a full disclosure of all the winners please visit [www.CarolinaBeachMusicAwards.com](http://www.CarolinaBeachMusicAwards.com).

It has been very heartwarming reading many of the shag club newsletters to discover what you guys are doing within your communities. So many of you have been busy with various projects to raise money to help needy families, toys for tots, meals on wheels, and wounded warriors just to mention a few. This is very commendable and reinforces our belief that shaggers do care about those less fortunate within our communities and you all prove that with the good job you are doing. You have found something positive to get involved in. I'm sure it makes your members feel good to be involved with a project to help others. This sends out a very positive message to the communities you serve and our shag world.

If you've visited the beach you have noticed the huge hole in the horseshoe and long work pier that extends out into the ocean. The company in charge of this project is working to keep this project on schedule, but it is early on in this major project. Their progress will depend on the amount of problems they incur with the Rock bed in the ocean, which will determine if they will continue with extending the work pier or decide to work off a barge. That is a determination that the contractor will make, but hopefully everything will continue to go well. We will be

able to walk around the construction by using the sidewalk. Parking will continue to be a problem in the parking lot across from the O.D. Arcade until all this construction is completed. This will once again provide us with the opportunity adapt and make the best out of an inconvenience. Please be patient as the City continues their efforts to make improvements.

As we close out 2013 and approach a new year, let's keep in mind that we have so much to be thankful for. Just think of the people in the Philippines who have nothing left after that monsoon and the devastation they are enduring. It helps us to bring things into perspective, doesn't it?

Please remember the dates for Mid-Winter: January 17 - 19. And the Winter Workshop February 21-23, 2014, in Columbia, SC hosted by Palmetto Shag Club. This will be the last winter-workshop hosted by a shag club and it is the first workshop every hosted by Palmetto. The members are so excited and are working very hard to assure us a wonderful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts. We certainly appreciate each and every one of you who are working diligently within your shag clubs. YOU make it happen within your clubs. Thank you.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Helen*



### ACSC Chairman **Ken Akin**

Fall SOS exceeded all expectations. After each SOS I say it was the best ever but I have to say this past one was the best ever! Not only was SOS attendance a record breaker we were also blessed with wonderful weather for gathering with friends on the beach. Thanks to the Enhancement Committee and all the volunteers who spend many hours each year planning the events and then performing their duties at Fun Sunday and Fun Monday.

After SOS Janice and I went on the 2nd Annual SOS at Sea Cruise. Another great group of shagging friends traveled with us to Half Moon Cay, St. Thomas, San Juan and Grand Turk. Before leaving on the cruise, we all had a chance to meet and greet on Friday evening at our hotel in Miami. Just like last year, the cruise was like being at a mini SOS. Many planned activities on the ship were available each day and in port and included dancing with DJs Betty Brown, Eddie Anderson and Tony Gonzales and dance lessons by Charlie Womble and Jackie McGee, Don Bunn and Debbie Peterson and line dancing with Brenda Taylor. From all indications, the highlight for the ladies was when we arrived at the ports and there was an abundance of shopping at the diamond stores! No doubt, when our ship left the ports, the employees at the stores were certainly pleased with their daily sales. Don't miss the next SOS Cruise—plan to join us—you will not be disappointed!

The 2014 calendar at North Myrtle Beach begins with Mid-Winter in January followed by Spring SOS in April and Fall SOS in September. In order to save \$5.00, purchase your 2014 SOS cards currently being sold in your local shag clubs. Also, if we all wish to continue having our places to dance, attendance is important in support of your local shag clubs and the SOS clubs at North Myrtle Beach.

The ACSC Winter Workshop will be February 21-23, 2014 and hosted by the Palmetto Shag Club in the Embassy Suites Hotel near downtown Columbia, S. C. The ACSC Summer Workshop will be July 11-13, 2014 and hosted by the CSRA Shag Club in the Augusta Marriott at downtown Augusta, Ga. Both hotels provide excellent accommodations with easy access to restaurants and shopping. Please purchase your tickets and make your reservations for both of these workshops as quickly as possible to assist the clubs in making their plans according to the number of attendees. The Palmetto Shag Club and CSRA Shag Club have devoted a lot of time and effort into making plans for these workshops. If possible, all new presidents should attend the Mid-Winter meeting at North Myrtle Beach and the Winter and Summer Workshops, and by attending these meetings the presidents will be provided the opportunity to meet the other club presidents and also receive valuable in-service information that can be passed on to their club members. Visit [shagdance.com](http://shagdance.com) for more information about ACSC and SOS and these events.

Thanks to each of you for your recent acknowledgement of support for the leaders of ACSC and SOS. I am always available for questions or concerns at [kjakin13@gmail.com](mailto:kjakin13@gmail.com) or by phone at 803 640-3567. Happy Holidays!

*Ken*



### ACSC Vice President **Robin Morley**

Our holiday season is well underway and our ACSC shag clubs are working very hard for many charitable organizations. While reading club newsletters each month, it just amazes me at all the charitable projects that our clubs undertake.

I call this the great work of a "shagger's heart." This is truly what our shag family and community represent. While visiting our website, [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com), take a few moments and read what our shag clubs are doing. ACSC clubs take great pride in their involvement in your communities.

I would like to thank all of the club presidents and officers that have served your club this past year. It is your dedication, knowledge, and experience that contribute to the success of your club. Please take a moment and thank these folks for their contribution. I wish all our association clubs a very successful and prosperous 2014.

Palmetto Shag Club will be hosting the 2014 Winter Workshop. They are working very hard to make this an enjoyable event. Please send in your registration forms so they can make plans for your arrival. All ACSC clubs are required to attend the workshop. We will have an informative presentation planned for you.

If you are traveling over the holidays please check out parties and events hosted by participating shag clubs. You may just find many delightful folks and an evening of dancing and fellowship.

See you in January,

*Robin*



**S.O.S. Member**  
**Ronnie**  
**Gregory**

Dear Shaggers,  
I can't believe the Holidays are here already! Where did the year go? It's been such a joyous and rewarding year, with so many things going on with SOS and the local shag clubs. We can hardly find a

weekend to stay home. We have had lots of opportunities to visit local shag clubs, meeting with their officers and members and sharing memories about our lifestyles and dance. We learned so much about each club and what they do. We also share in ideas and gives me the opportunities to discuss the history of SOS with some of the new and old members. I am frequently asked about the history of SOS in the former years and even now. We often run into members who have a story to share about SOS and the great times they had and the people they have met along the way. I often walk the halls of the OD Resort reading the Hall of Fame inductees learning more and more about how this all started and where it all began. Always talking with some of the Hall of Famers and Shag Club Icons and even local club Hall of Famers, I realize what tremendous leadership these people have gave of their time, energy and their dedication. Even today, they are still doing what needs to be done to ensure that our lifestyle continues into the future. Their journey has been such a wonderful story. We are so lucky to have such leadership in this reputable administration. An organization that unites us, but when we fall, the organization is there for all. Even though we sometimes disagree or we don't see eye to eye, we are still like one big family, that supports us all through the tough times. I have seen so many of you that care so much for your friends and your lifestyle that if you stop for a minute and think, where would we be if SOS was no more? What would we do? Our organization is strong, but it is only strong because YOU care. Each and everyone of you play a big part in the success of SOS and The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. The Journey is NOT over. With a bright future remembering the good times and as I have always said remembering our past with an eye toward the future. I am proud to call you ALL my friends. I am thankful to share in this lifestyle with you and especially this time of year count your many blessings that has been given to each and every one of us. There are many more memories to be made. We all have a lot more to give and working side by side with you, we can make this association even better than it is today. Have a blessed and wonderful Holiday.

*Ronnie*



**S.O.S.**  
**Janet Harrold**

This has been another wonderful Fall season!! Hopefully, it will continue for the New Year and SOS Midwinter here in Paradise! The SOS clubs... Fat Harolds, OD Arcade, OD Café/Galleon, Pirates Cove, and Ducks are preparing for each event and anytime you visit Ocean Drive.

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Merry Christmas to all and a prosperous, healthy & happy new year!!!

*Janet*

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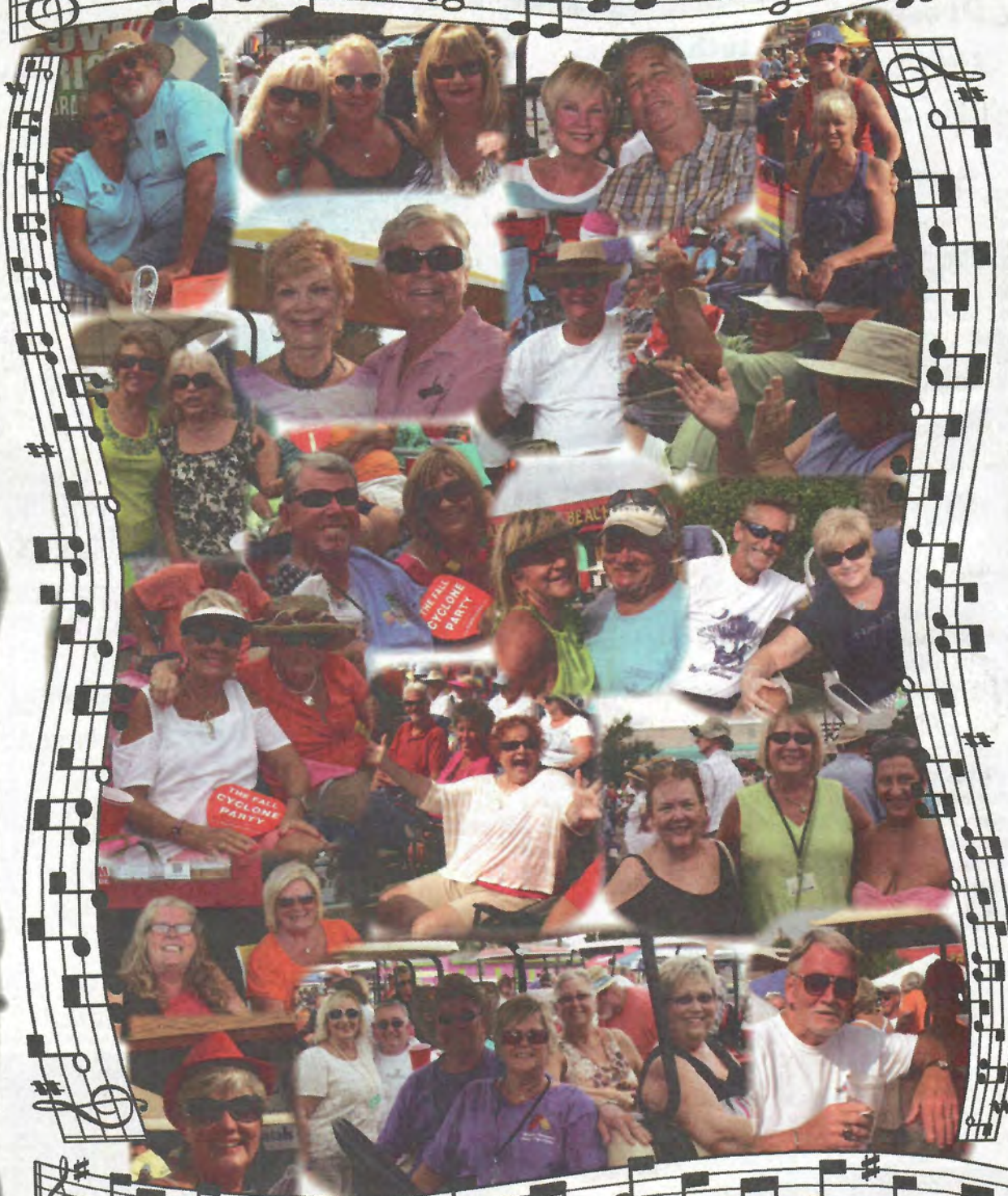
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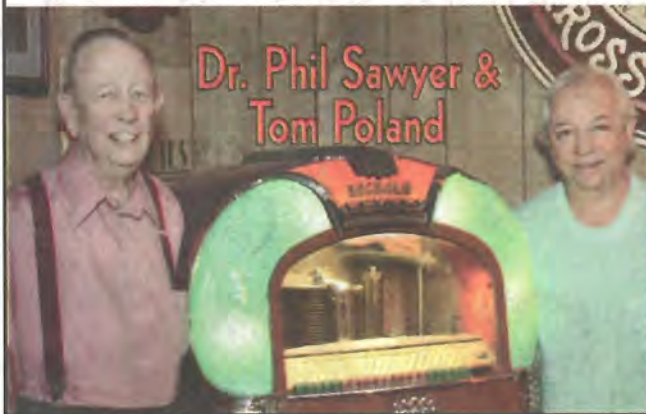


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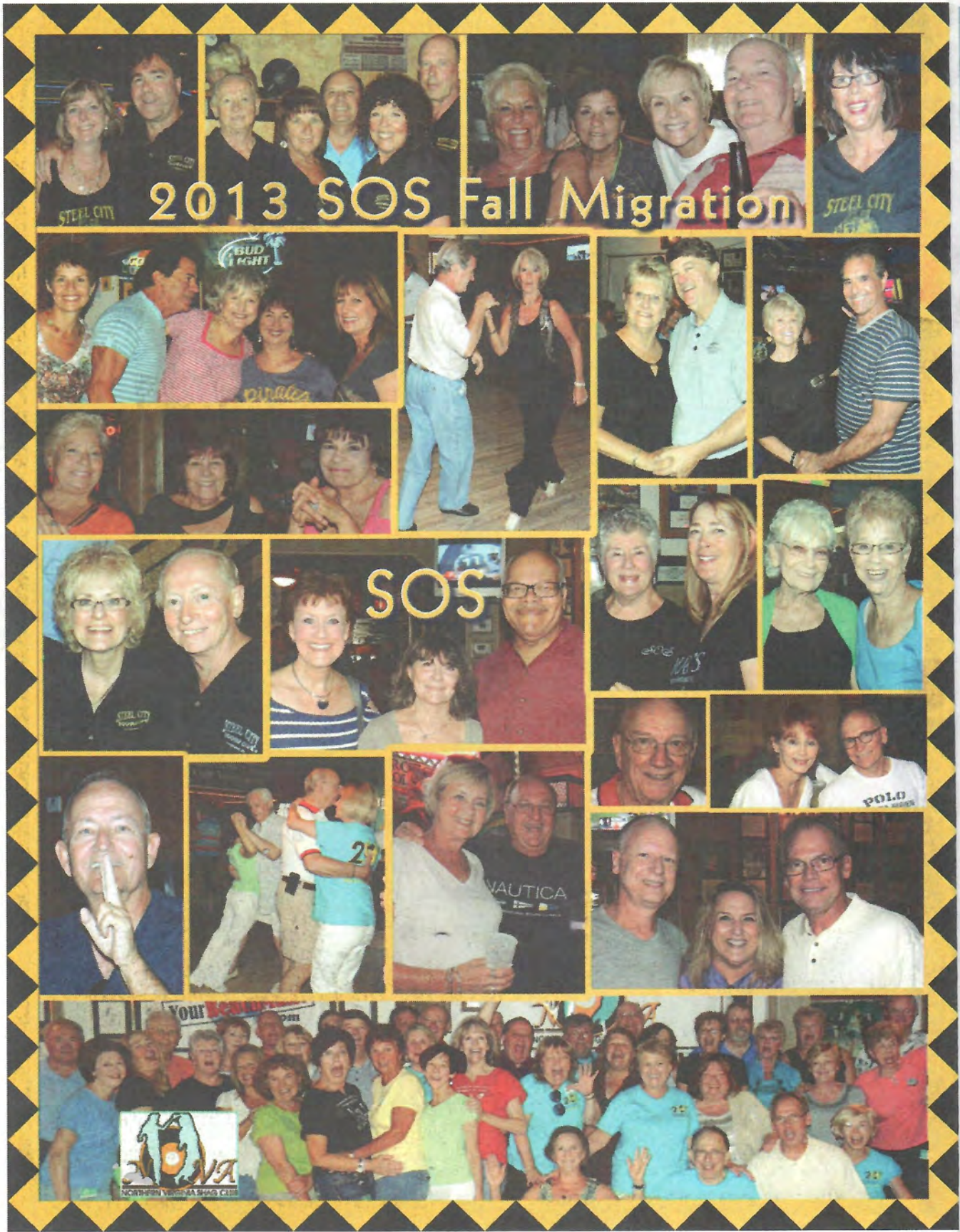
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5:00—8:30	Jr. Norfleet	
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**1989**

# IT'S A BLAST

## From the Past

**You know he's not the kind of guy or girl a shagger should marry if he or she:**



- Thinks a flyback is a player on a Canadian Hockey Team.**
- Collects Sammy Kaye records.**
- Likes accordian music.**
- Thinks Ocean Drive is a street in Daytona Beach.**
- Says they really do shag good in Deluth, Minnesota.**
- Thinks Harold's is in Reno.**
- Thinks SPA stands for the Savannah Ports Authority.**
- Thinks that Delbert McClinton is the Solicitor in Horry County.**
- Looks forward to spending 2 weeks each July at Fontanna Dam in Ruby, Tennessee.**
- Thinks Weejuns are inhabitants of the South Sea Island of Weejee.**
- Thinks SOS is an international morse code distress signal.**
- Thinks Shad Alberty is a herring dish served with lemon butter and chopped roasted alberties.**
- Thinks Richard Nixon is a guy who graduated from Duke University Law School and later sought and won public office.**
- Thinks the Continental is a Lincoln/Mercury product.**

2013



Photos by  
Monty Lee



# 2013 SHAGGERS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

By: Janet Harrold

October 12, 2013, celebrated the 31st year of the Induction. The Inductions have been held in several different clubs since the beginning in 1983. For the past few years the event has been held at the OD Resort where all the inductee's photos/bios are displayed in the hallways for everyone to read their history.

Sam McIntosh, Hall of Fame President, and Wanda Yow, Secretary, did their usual great introduction of each new inductee. Each inductee had many accolades in their acceptance speeches which always bring tears and laughter among their friends and family. Two of the criteria for being nominated are being "a good dancer" and "love of the dance". Each inductee chose a friend or family member to show off their unique styles of the dance. After all, those two things along with the music are the things that have kept everyone together to cultivate friendships throughout the years.

Bill Drew, Executive /Director/Treasurer of Hall of Fame recognized the Association Of Carolina Shag

Club in commemoration of their induction as Honorary Members of the Shaggers Hall of Fame in 1986, in appreciation for their contributions to the dance, music and lifestyle. Foster McKinney, SOS Treasurer accepting the plaque

Bob Myrick, Chairman of the Keepers of the Dance, introduced the 2013 inductees, Christina Woodruff, High Point, NC, and Norman Aldridge, Atlanta, GA. The Keepers framed photos are located at Fat Harolds Beach Club (Keepers Korner). The 2014 preliminary round will be held Friday, February 7, 2013 and the finals on Saturday, February 8 at Fat Harolds, along with the Induction of the Keepers of the Dance for 2014.



**KEEPERS OF THE DANCE 2013 INDUCTEES**



For more information check out [www.shaggershalloffame.com](http://www.shaggershalloffame.com) and [www.keepersofthedance.com](http://www.keepersofthedance.com)

**2013 Honorary Inductee**  
Warren "Wormy" Wall, Southern Pines, NC

### 2013 Female Inductees

- Montine Bridges  
N Myrtle Beach, SC
- Lois Chenault  
Washington, NC
- Jan Lewis  
N Myrtle Beach, SC
- Vivian Weaver  
Greensboro, NC

### 2013 Male Inductees

- James Parker  
Fayetteville, NC
- Richard Morgan  
Gilbert, NC
- Rick Little  
Monroe, NC
- John Chenault  
Washington, NC



PHOTOS BY MONTY LEE



# Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame



The Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame held their annual induction party at Lynn's Dance Club in Charlotte, NC Saturday, November 23, 2013.

We are honored to welcome the new inductees and enjoyed meeting their families. It was a grand night for all. Sincere thanks to Tom Bare and his staff for taking care of everyone and to our members who brought the delicious food. Butch Metcalf rocked us with some great boogie music and the "King of Charlotte," Randy Rowland showed his wit and charm and did a great job as Master of Ceremonies.

The Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame is grateful for all the people who support us at our two events each year. We thank you for coming from near and far and welcome you back next year. Proceeds from these events are used to support the Hall Of Fame Foundation, Junior Shaggers and the Beth Mitchell Scholarship.

Best regards,  
Johnny Church, President  
Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame

## 2013 Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame Inductees:

- |                    |                    |                       |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                    | <b>Female</b>      | <b>Male</b>           |
|                    | Dianne Hager       | Tommy Davis           |
|                    | Sandra McGee Kelly | Ron Glover            |
|                    | Anna McAteer       | George "Peanut" Neely |
|                    | Glenna Watts       | Barry Smith           |
| <b>Youngbloods</b> | <b>Honorary</b>    | <b>Posthumous</b>     |
| Holly Cagle        | Jack Rainwater     | Bob Jacobs            |
| Chuck Jenkins      |                    |                       |



# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All!

## 2014 Mid Winter

**It's All Ocean Front Where It All Began**



**WINTER JAM** - Dec 13-14-15 A Shag Event Just For Juniors  
Sam & Lisa West - OD Beach & Golf Resort

**TOYS FOR TOTS** - Dec 15 6PM - 11 PM - Spanish Galleon  
Jim Quick and Coastline & Hip Pocket Band

**H Lee's 14TH ANNUAL - NEW YEARS CELEBRATION**  
Dec Jays Nightly - DEC 27 - Jan 1st  
Jeff Foster, Jim Waye, Jerry Burrage  
Claude Collins, Mae Mast, Rommie Tyndall  
Tommy Hamrick, Sid Pruitt, Jason Cagel  
Vivian Weaver, Stevie B, Chigger Woods

**SOS - MID WINTER LIVE BANDS IN THE SPANISH GALLEON**  
with **JOHNNY B'S CAROLINA BEACH PARTY**  
and **JON HOFFNAGLE - CLOSING THEM DOWN**  
Thursday: Jan 16 - Jim Quick & Coastline  
Friday: Jan 17 - FANTASTIC SHAKERS  
Saturday: Jan 18 - THE ENTERTAINERS

A Host of Classic Dee Jay's in the OD Beach Club

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*Ring in the New Year at the best party in town!*

<b>OCEAN DRIVE Packages</b>	4 nights	\$439
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	1 night	\$199

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STARTS THURSDAY DEC 26! Tickets for Options 1 & 2 Going Fast!!  
 CLUB OPENS 7:30 FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE SEATING.

### NEW YEAR'S PACKAGES

This is a "SPECIAL EVENTS WEEK". VIP Cards Not accepted for free admission except Tuesday, Jan. 1st for Craig Woolard Band (food not included).

**\$50.00 p/p Option 1: BEST DEAL!**  
**TOTAL 7-DAY PACKAGE!!**

- All 7 DAYS OF BANDS!
- NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - includes Party Favors, Midnight Champagne Toast, Full Breakfast Buffet
- NEW YEARS DAY - Lunch Buffet followed by THE CRAIG WOOLARD BAND.

**\$35.00 p/p Option 2: NEW YEARS EVE PARTY AND NEW YEARS DAY PARTY**

- Includes HIP POCKET with Party Favors, Champagne Toast, Breakfast Buffet, NEW YEARS DAY with CWB and Lunch Buffet.

**\$5.00 ADMISSION p/p Option 3:**

- INDIVIDUAL BAND NIGHTS ~ EXCEPT FOR NEW YEARS EVE PARTY... See OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2

**JANUARY 1 FOR CWB BAND:**  
 (NEW YEAR'S EVE WRIST BANDS REQUIRED FOR FOOD)

ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE NYE OPTIONS 1 OR 2 WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED FOR A DRAWING NYE FOR A NEW 40" FLAT SCREEN COLOR TV! MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!

### BANDS ALL WEEK!

Thurs.  
Dec. 26

**HOLIDAY BAND**

Sat.  
Dec. 28

**THE SWITCH**

Mon.  
Dec. 30

**MARK ROBERTS BAND**

Wed. Jan. 1  
**CRAIG WOOLARD BAND**

Fri. Dec. 27

**NORTH TOWER**

Sun.  
Dec. 29

**CAROLINA BREAKERS**

Tues.  
Dec. 31

**HIP POCKET**

New Years Day Party!  
2 to 6 pm

### DUCK'S NEW YEARS EVE EXTRAVAGANZA PARTY! TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

GO TO OUR WEBSITE (see below & PURCHASE THRU PAYPAL), or PURCHASE AT DUCK'S OFFICE, or CALL 843-663-3858, 843-450-7059, or 980-422-1805. Tickets can also be purchased at JUDY'S HOUSE OF OLDIES, 300 Main St. (corner of Main & Hillside,) NMB, Open Mon.-Sat. 10-5, 843-249-8649. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE. "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE."

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HAPPY HOUR 4-7, DINNER SPECIAL 6-9. LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 5 PM UNTIL..

TUES. 12/31 (NYE): OPENS 12 NOON UNTIL...HAPPY HOUR 4-7

SPECIAL NYE DINNER BUFFET (SEE MENU BELOW) 5-9 PM

Dinner  
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Week!

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This will include Rosemary Pork Tenderloin, Beef Tips, Chicken Pasta Alfredo, Wild Rice, Green Beans, Salad & Roll.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY BUFFET

Lunch Buffet 12:30 pm for those who have purchased NYE Packages; Armbands required.

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**Steve Owens & Summertime**

Sun - Dec 29th 9PM-1AM  
**Craig Woolard Band**

Mon - Dec 30th - 9PM-1AM  
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Tues Open 11AM to 5PM  
**DJ Party - Hang Out HERE!**

Tuesday Dec 31st - 7PM  
**DJ and Dancing New Year's Eve  
Come Party With the Fun Team!**

Wed - Jan 1st Eat at 12 NOON  
**Traditional New Year's Meal  
The Band Plays 1PM-5PM  
Blackwater Rhythm & Blues Band**

**New Year's Eve Ticket includes  
Wed Meal and Cover to see  
Band on Wednesday**

**Get Tickets for the Party!**  
**\$10 Cover Each Night**  
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**Make Plans NOW!**  
**SOS- MidWinter 2014**  
 Our Party starts Jan 15th  
 Wed- Hot Dog Jump Start 6PM  
 Thur- CWB plays 9PM-1AM  
 Fri- Jim Quick & Coastline 1-5  
 Sat - Sea Cruz 1-5  
 Sun- Steve Owens & Summertime 1-5  
 DJs Start at NOON!

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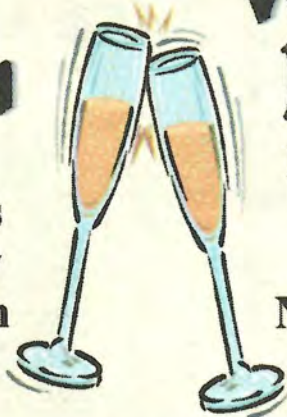


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# New Year's PARTY

## Tuesday December 31

Doors open at 8pm.  
DJ Betty Brown plays  
all night! Free Heavy  
Hors d'oeuvres at 9pm  
Champagne toast at  
Midnight



## Wednesday January 1

DJ Tootie Brown  
starting 10 am,  
Traditional  
New Year's Lunch  
served at 12pm  
\$7 per plate

\$20 per ticket - Additional information  
available on website [www.piratescovelounge.com](http://www.piratescovelounge.com)

## 2014 SOS Mid-Winter Schedule

### Friday, January 17

1-5 Tootie Brown  
5-9 Ken McGee  
9-Close Betty Brown  
Shag Lessons: 11-12:30  
Jeff Hargett & Autumn Jones

### Saturday, January 18

1-5 Danny Navey  
5-9 Dick Hamrick  
9-Close Clyde Waller  
Shag Lessons: 11-12:30  
Nikki Kontoulos & Alan Stokes



Beach Memories is OPEN and isn't going anywhere! Please visit  
Becky Stowe and her staff and check out the new inventory.



# New Year's Eve Extravaganza

## New Years DJ Schedule

**Saturday • 12/28**

Murl Augustine 7 until

**Sunday • 12/29**

Murl Augustine 6 until

**Monday • 12/30**

Tommy Samole 4-9

Murl Augustine 9 until

**Tuesday • 12/31**

Tommy Samole 4-8

Murl Augustine 8 until 2014

## Mid-Winter DJ Schedule

**Thursday • 1/16**

Tommy Samole 4-9pm

Larry Calhoun 9 until

**Friday • 1/17**

Terry McPhail 12-5pm

Butch Davidson 5-9pm

Murl Augustine 9 until

**Saturday • 1/18**

Larry Calhoun 12-5pm

Tommy Samole 5-9pm

Murl Augustine 9 until



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Champagne Toast  
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at Midnight as  
DJ Murl Augustine  
spins you  
into the  
New Year!!!







# Parade Talk 20th Anniversary

Don David, Your SOS Parade Chairman



It's coming! It will be soon! Only a few short months! The excitement is in the air! I, of course, am talking about the upcoming 20th anniversary of the **SOS SPRING SAFARI PARADE!** I have already been getting phone calls and e-mails with questions. Some from "first timers", which is great. This should be the "mother of all parades". Twenty years! I have to ask the obvious question....Where has all the time gone? And who would believe after twenty years this thing would still be going on and would have grown the way it has. From a meager beginning to now over 1100 participants on average. And we can still claim that it's the only non-commercial parade that we know of. How cool is that! Hats off to all the clubs who have participated over the years making this parade the success that it is.

The Grand Marshall has been chosen...a special Grand Marshall for a special parade! I have already started on the clues for the "Mystery Grand Marshall Contest" which airs each year on 94.9TheSurf and 949thesurf.com, now for the past 11 years. I've been told by those in the know that this is the most listened to radio contest on the Grand Strand, something we can all be proud of.

The winners and participants this year will be immortalized...well sort of. A plaque will be made with pictures of the winning entries and the names of all the clubs that were in the parade. This will be placed in the company store for posterity. I sincerely hope your club will be among those listed. The winning float will receive a cash prize of \$5000.00.

There is one hitch in our giddy-up. As most of you know the horseshoe is under vast reconstruction for drainage control, which has long been needed. However this will change our parade route. At this writing the route has not been finalized. I will have this info for everyone hopefully by the Winter Workshop. I really hate that this has come about on our 20th anniversary. I tried to get the city to delay the project but they simply would not listen to me. (Right!) Anyway we will prevail, we always prevail! We will have a wonderful celebration of the past and glorious twenty years.

We are anticipating that there will be a record number of clubs in the parade this year. Keep in mind the smaller clubs can join together, or join with a larger club. It's been done before with good success.

If I can be of help to anyone or any club please don't hesitate to contact me. Let's make this one **THE ONE** to remember!!





# **Second SOS at SEA**

by: Helen Still

On October 11th we arrived in Miami at our hotel only to find our shag friends already there, outside on the patio having cocktails and watching the planes fly overhead. We all hung out together all pumped up about boarding the Carnival Liberty the next morning. We had only just begun to have fun!!!

The next morning we were up early and eager to board the ship. Once we boarded we all met in one of the clubs in order to check in our group and give out the armbands and schedules. Then we all headed to the Hot & Cool Disco for our meet and greet.

We had the most wonderful group sailing with us! They were so much fun and everybody was so congenial, cooperative and ready to have fun, which we did. We danced every day that we were on board, even on the days we visited various ports, and on those days we danced every night. On sailing days we had dance classes and line dance classes and lots of dancing. Instructors: Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble, Don Bunn and Debbie Peterson, along with our line dance instructor, Brenda Taylor did a phenomenal job. They filled the floor with shaggers eager to learn a new step and line dance.

Our DJ's Eddie Anderson, Tony Gonzales and Betty Brown did an awesome job working together and playing fantastic music. It was great to see the camaraderie among our DJ's and seeing them have fun as well. We had a party at Margaritaville in Grand Turk and Tony Gonzalez had people dancing in the pool, around the pool and everywhere. He picked out the perfect music to keep everyone happy – including those not in our group! It was a fantastic time!

Alpha Jewelers in St. Thomas donated a one ct diamond ring. We visited Alpha Jewelers and each of us put our raffle ticket in for the drawing. Some us who made purchases got to put our names in for each additional \$500 spent. This is a great jewelry store for those of you who visit St. Thomas. The lucky winners were LeGrand and Saundra Caulder, from Jacksonville, FL and First Coast Shag Club!

I can't say enough about the team we had on board with us. This includes the dance instructors and djs, and most certainly our SOS Board team: Ken & Janice Akin, Robin Morley and John Carpenter, Ron Whisenant and Jean Semmler along with Rodney and me. Even though we worked the entire time to make sure all our cruisers had a fun time – we had a wonderful time too. Overall I think this was the BEST shag cruise we have ever been on. The dancing time and places were just great – we couldn't have asked for better.

We plan to take a year off and schedule another cruise in 2015. We will keep you posted as plans continue to form.



## **2nd SOS CRUISE 2013 Carnival Liberty**

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We appreciate your support of the Company Store  
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# In the Sack with Money

by: Jim Money



## SINGLE AND SEARCHING

We all know that SOS stands for Society of Stranders, and it was originally started for the lifeguards that worked the lifeguard stations on the Golden Strand in the 50's and 60's. However, on my last trip to SOS I talked to several single men in their late 50's, 60's and even in their 70's. By actual count 100% of them said that to them SOS meant "SINGLE AND SEARCHING"

I can tell you that in my case this is absolutely true. I am single and searching, just like the men that I interviewed. My zip code is in Jacksonville, Florida, and although I grew up at Atlantic Beach, NC, and have been shaggin' since I was 16 years old, if I would like to find a "significant other" in my senior years that can Shag and most likely, she has to be found at SOS, or one of the Shag Parties that are given around the Carolinas. Oh, don't get me wrong there are ladies that Shag in Jacksonville. However, I have to tell you that Carolina born and raised women grew up on Beach Music and Shaggin' and it makes a huge difference in their style and approach to the dance and their lifestyle. It's a different feel when you are dancing with someone raised on Shag than someone taught Shag from an instructor that took lessons themselves and then took what they learned back home to teach others. I know, this is going to get me in a lot of trouble back in Florida, but I grew up with Beach Music...never took a lesson, as it is just in my bones, like the sand in my Weejuns and I never danced in a contest (although many women encouraged me to give it a try in my youth). But I just never thought it was something that should be contested...it's a dance...it's fun...it is a living breathing life and those things are not meant to be something you do in a contest in my opinion.

Two of the men that I interviewed told me that the

SOS staff should use a color code for "Single and Searching" that would be different from the attendees that are just there to dance and party. It would give them a "heads up" when they were searching the crowd for that special lady that could dance and wasn't in a relationship with someone and not interested in meeting anyone new..... to being able to read at a glance that the hot chick leaning on the bar rail, might be interested. Not a bad idea but it wouldn't make any money for SOS.

SO WITH THAT IN MIND, HERE IS MY IDEA: We all know that internet dating is what is going on today. It's an unbelievably huge business, probably in the billions of dollars. Yes, that is BILLIONS with a "B". So here is my suggestion to the SOS staff. Start an internet "DANCE AND DATE AT SOS" for the people that are registered. SOS could charge a small fee for registering. No more than \$10 to insure all that are interested would participate...and by posting a (current) picture (face and body shot) and a short profile, describing yourself as a beginner, intermediate, seasoned or advanced shagger. Give the people that register a way to contact each other and meet up at SOS. I can guarantee you that after the word gets out, the registration for SOS will grow exponentially larger as more and more men and women will want to come to SOS. The reason is simple, they will have 10 thousand men and women IN PERSON to meet. We all know that people divorce, husbands and wives die, and that leaves the remaining men and women without a "life partner. If your life has been surrounded with Beach Music and Shaggin', it's a fact that you would love to find someone that understood the lifestyle and wanted to find someone that would



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I would wager that 50% of every attendee at SOS is either retired or close to retirement. This simply means that they could or would be interested in re-locating to wherever the other person lives, select a mutual area, or be willing to travel back and forth to each other's hometown. This could even be on the profile...."I would or would not be willing to re-locate, but I would be willing to travel back and forth if we become a couple."

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Let's just say that I am writing this column as my civic duty to all those men and women that come to SOS and hope to find someone that loves the Shag, or has a background and lifestyle that mirrors theirs. I can assure you that hundreds of the attendees come to SOS in hopes of finding that special person with which they might start a new life. Most of them are single, widowed, alone, searching for another single person that is at SOS. So, if you like this idea and you want to see it come about, email the SOS staff and tell them you would be willing to register and support this venue. Who knows, we just might hear a few wedding bells ring during SOS and wouldn't that be a good thing!

I think so....Shag On...SALUTE!!!



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# Making Memories at SOS



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# Thirsty's 2

## Bunk Leach Charity Mixed Doubles Contest

By: Linda Reeder Photos: Max Madrin

On September 28, 2013, Thirsty's 2 hosted the 17th year of the Wall of Fame induction ceremonies. The purpose of the Wall of Fame is to recognize those people in our area that have contributed to the music and the dance.

The Wall committee selects those people, nominated by their peers, which meet certain criteria. They should have strong ties to the Triad area with boundaries from Salisbury, Asheboro, Raleigh and the NC/VA line. They are selected from three categories: Dancer, Contributor, and DJ. Each member of the Wall may nominate one person each year but only if they wish to do so. Since age is not a factor, Beth Mitchell was the youngest inductee, chosen in 2005, and the oldest is 70+.

The Wall of Fame began in 1994 as part of the Bunk Leach Charity Mixed Doubles Contest at the first Thirsty's and continued through 1998 when the club closed a few months later. The first year, some of those chosen were pioneers and innovators like Lacy Moore, Bunk Leach, George Lineberry, Louise Hunsucker, Shad Alberty, Rick Lyman, Bill Griffin and Spider Kirkman.

When Thirsty's 2 opened in 2002, the Wall of Fame ceremonies continued on once again. This year the new inductees were: Archer Joyce, Carol Hiatt Huff, Frank Brantley, Tommy Elliott, Martha Shoffner, Ricky Shoemaker, Kay Taylor, Milton Nowell, Peggy Waye and Jimmy Soles. There were 51 members of the Wall present that evening to welcome these new inductees with a champagne toast!

Since the inception through 2012, the Wall of Fame has inducted a total of 117 people from our area. We now have a web page with information and photos: [www.thirstys2walloffame.com](http://www.thirstys2walloffame.com) If it wasn't for this event, some people may not ever be recognized. This is the reason the Wall of Fame continues each year so these great legends are never forgotten.

### Thirsty's 2 Wall of Fame - 2013





To: Potential Sponsor

From: Junior Shag Dance Team

RE: Financials Donations and Sponsorships for the 2013-2014 Season

We are sending you this letter on behalf of the Junior Shag Dance Team, which is comprised of juniors from North and South Carolina. Each one of them is working hard to spread Carolina Shag as far and as wide as possible with hopes of preserving the dance and its traditions! In the efforts to help minimize the financial burden for each of their parents, we are seeking corporate and personal sponsorships and/or donations to help absorb the costs associated with traveling, lodging, clothing, & food to different events throughout the year.

We would consider our dance, the Carolina Shag, as a dance with extremely deep roots in ideals once shared at the dinner table, a sub-culture that is self-sustaining and a lifestyle that once it has infected you is very hard to leave behind. Many friendships and long-lasting relationships are formed through our dance and sometimes the dance even bridges generational gaps. None is more evident than when you enter an establishment and see young adolescents having fun and dancing with their parents and grandparents.

We would like to give you a little insight regarding the history of this team, both past and present. The Junior Shag Dance Team was founded in 2008 by Brennar Goree and Autumn Jones. The 2013-2014 Team is Choreographed and Directed by Brennar Goree and Krystal Bravo, and Managed by Ashley and Tobitha Stewart. The Junior Team Members for 2013-2014 are: Kalin Ellis, Kyler Byrum, Kaylee Bravo, Kolten Ellis, Thomas Bulter, Hannah Ashmore, Chase Forrester, Jeremy Webb, Olivia Hildreth, River Harmon, Mary Elizabeth Jacobs, and Noah Veon Team Alternates: Anna Victoria Jacobs, Michael Bravo

We are getting ready to start our 3rd season with The Junior Shag Dance Team and we are starting to raise monies needed for The Junior Shag Dance Team to travel to as many Shag Events possible to keep our dance alive!! Some of our big events this season will be the Nationals Living Legends, USA Grand National Dance Championships, the US Open, and if we raise enough money by this coming February the French Open in Paris, France! The Team's Mission Statement is to "Spread Carolina Shag dancing around the world and preserve the concepts that separate it from the rest!"

Even though the economy is in dire shape nowadays, charitable gifts and donations to organizations, such as ours, will bring pure joy to your eyes once you see how much our juniors love this dance. Just because our world these days is in the balance it doesn't mean we can't still invest in things like this team that will ensure the future of things we love. Please be proactive and help the group accomplish their goals. We will do our part and rest assured, if we were millionaires we would make it happen unilaterally. ☺ However, we can't. Let us show the world how great our community is and let us get behind these kids, together! Any gifts or donations will go 100% directly to the expenses of the Junior Shag Dance Team such as lodging, entry fees, wardrobe, meals, and travel expenses. Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact us for any more detailed information about the team, sponsorships, or performances. If you would like to donate to the team, please make your checks payable to the Junior Shag Dance Team and mail them to 175 Old Stagecoach Road, China Grove, NC 28023.

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# Carolina Beach Music Awards

During the Carolina Beach Music Awards, November 10, 2013 held at the Alabama Theater, Fun Monday was again announced the BEST MUSIC EVENT. Judy Collins, Hollis Britt, and the Enhancement Committee are dedicated and work hard to organize this great day of entertainment. Please continue to support these efforts in buying Fun Monday Raffle tickets. The sale of the raffle tickets are what helps fund this event. Congratulations to Fun Monday and to all the other winners!!!



Accepting the Event of the Year Award:  
Judy Collins, Helen Still & Ken Akin

Female Vocalist  
**Rhonda McDaniel**

Male Vocalist  
**Craig Woolard**

Rising Star  
**Allie Privette**

Song of the Year  
**"Still Strokin'" Ms. Jody**

Group Album of the Year  
**"Live By Request"  
Band Of Oz**

Solo Album of the Year  
**"Soul Therapy"  
Gary Lowder**

Entertainer of the Year  
**Jim Quick**

Smoothie of the Year  
**"Hey Eugene" Sea Cruz**

Compilation Album of the Year  
**"Back In The Day Cafe"  
KHP Music**

FM Radio DJ  
**Pat Patterson  
WKRI 91.9FM**

AM Radio DJ  
**Gary Smith  
770 AM WLWL**

Syndicated Radio Show  
**"On The Beach  
with Charlie Brown"  
Charlie Brown**

Club (Bill Griffin Award)  
**OD Pavilion**

Show Club  
(Cecil Corbett Award)  
**Duck's Beach Club**

## Event of the Year Fun Monday SOS

Group of the Year  
**Band of Oz**

National Dance Song  
**"Don't Rush"  
Kelly Clarkson & Vince Gill**

FM Radio Station  
**Cool 105.3 FM  
Whiteville, NC**

AM Radio Station  
**770 AM WLWL  
Rockingham, NC**

Club/Mobile DJ  
**Joey Warren  
Producer  
Keith Houston, Jay Jenkins,  
Julian B. Fowler  
"Back In The Day Cafe' CD**

Engineer  
**Keith Houston  
"Back In The Day Cafe' CD**

Collaboration or Duo  
**"Private Number"  
Marsha Morgan Band feat. Gary  
Lowder**

Song Writer(s)  
**Jim Quick & Casey Meyers  
"The Driver"**



Michael Branch Award  
**"Julian B. Fowler" KHP Music**

Instrumentalist  
**Albert Rogers - Bass  
Jim Quick & Coastline**

Live Production Award  
**John Brady Band Of Oz**

Internet Radio Show Award  
**"Morning Mess Around"  
Joey Warren**

Internet Radio Station  
**"yourbeachmusic.com"**

Shag Club Event  
**Meals On Wheels 20  
Burlington Shag Club**

Radio Show Of The Year  
**"Surf Top 20 Countdown"  
Ted Bell - WVCO 94.9 FM**

Concert Series Of The Year  
**Hoto's Summer Deck Party**

# Dubious Wheels With a Higher Calling

By: Foster McKinney, SOS Treasurer

Our great nation governs within a framework of powers and rights carefully fashioned by its founding fathers and perpetually ordained by its pledging people. These powers and rights are regenerative forces emanating from enough resolve and muscle to push them through nonstop revolving doors of unforeseen trials and tribulations forever. Penned and framed into everlasting words that reverberate through time like an echo ricocheting across a deep, endless canyon, they resonate from an open document that is powerful in reach and steadfast in principles--the United States Constitution. Its words are propitious. They jump out, as though alive and breathing, and endow us with rights to basic freedoms that drive our daily lives. Time tested, and judiciously espoused, the Constitution is the blueprint we follow to ensure our great democracy remains democratic--of the people, by the people and for the people. Its principles guide us as a peoples' government, and since people, as human beings, are ambitiously progressive and inherently fallible, to be effective, it has to be adaptable to changing times and forgivable of human error. President Abraham Lincoln said it best, "It has within itself all necessary capacity for improvement and change." If we screw up and allow infringement upon our inalienable rights with some sort of crazy amendment catering to the whims of a fleeing movement that fails miserably, we are afforded the right to wise up to the mistake, and fix it. Perhaps this is why the twenty-first amendment to the Constitution is so down right humbling, because it repealed "the great experiment" enacted by the eighteenth amendment, which did fail miserably.



The eighteenth amendment is the only amendment ever repealed, but it probably will not always hold that distinction. The great experiment, of course, was prohibition. Prohibition resulted from a temperance movement pushed by "drys," who believed alcohol consumption to be the root of not all evil, but just about most. Their goal was to have it banned entirely with federal legislation enacted through a constitutional amendment banning it nationwide, so that quick trips across dry county and state lines into booze friendly territories couldn't find legal means for quenching even the faintest of thirsts for high octane liquid spirits. The "drys" were fiercely opposed by the "wets," who were led by powerful commercial backers such as brewers, distillers and distributors with huge financial interest at stake, and supported by consumers with nothing more at stake than a moral or drinking interest. When the barrage of campaigns mounted by both sides finally clashed on the battlefield of state ratification, and all the shattering blows had done their marring and scarring, the "drys" won the battle. Prohibition became the law of the land. But sweet victory would inevitably languish into sour defeat when prohibition proved abominable.

Prohibition was doomed from the start. It was too farfetched and overreaching. A constitutional amendment banning sex had just as much of a chance at working as did prohibition. It was a law that spawned a new brand of lawlessness, which began brewing and festering in a tumultuous era hailed as "the roaring twenties"--an era renowned for bathtub gin, speakeasies, and bootleggers. Gangsters syndicated bootlegging into a lucrative underground industry, all the while battling over smuggling turf with unprecedented violence. No gangster was more ruthless and notorious than Alphonse Gabriel "Al" Capone who rose to power and led the Chicago Outfit. Capone was a shrewd and allusive operator who successfully escaped the grasps of law enforcement for many years. Gangsters of the day, including Capone, wielded a Robin Hood mystique that rang popular with public opinion until the St. Valentine's Day massacre sparked pure outrage and condemnation for their unbridled lawlessness. When in public view, Capone openly spread his tail feathers like an arrogant peacock, but when it came down to insulating himself from crimes perpetrated by his Chicago Outfit, he surreptitiously furlled them like a bluffing poker hand. He was boss, and everyone knew it, yet he remained beyond reach of the long arm of the law. That is until an unlikely Treasury Department investigation unit, activated at the behest of President Herbert Hoover, and fueled by the tireless efforts of Treasury investigator Frank Wilson, trumped "G-Man" Elliot Ness's efforts to put Capone behind bars by methodically building a case against him for income tax evasion.

The case effectively stirred circumstantial evidence about Capone's lavish spending and extravagant lifestyle together with concrete evidence from a confiscated bookie ledger and testimony from federally protected witnesses, including the ledger's bookkeeper, to convincingly prove he had significant unreported income. Capone failed to file income tax returns from 1924 through 1929 even though he had, according to the government, substantial income that financed his opulent lifestyle. Purportedly, he reasoned, "The government can't collect legal taxes on illegal money." But in a 1927 precedent tax case, the United States

Supreme Court ruled that gains from illegal sources are, in fact, taxable. Never underestimate the power of pencil pushing, number crunching government agents packing calculators in lieu of heat. IRS agents need only sniff out a few wayward receipts to shiver the knees of unwary taxpayers snared by the subterfuge of complex, red-taped webs woven by the dreaded agents' creator, the Internal Revenue Code. In 1931, Capone felt the wrath of these revenue code warriors when convicted of income tax evasion. Sentenced to eleven years imprisonment and assessed roughly \$273,000 for back taxes, penalties, fines, and court costs, Al Capone was behind bars and slapped with liens for seizure of his personal property by the Treasury Department to satisfy its tax claims. But our story does not end with prohibition and the downfall of Al Capone.

Fast-forward a decade later to the dawn of that tranquil Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, later to turn utterly chaotic and helplessly tragic. As ham and eggs sizzled on breakfast griddles and sunrise perched at 7:48 am high above the Hawaiian island of Oahu, a fleet of seven battleships with an eighth in dry dock, each proudly christened for an American state, lay unsuspectingly moored below, targeted like sitting ducks by two waves of Japanese bomber squadrons. It was "A day," decreed President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "which will live in infamy." The bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese naval fleet caught American forces stationed there by complete surprise and stunned a war neutral nation, virtually unprepared for war, into immediate and decisive action. On this day, of all days, the White House staff was without the President's speechwriters. Senior Fellow Historian at the Roosevelt Institute, David Woolner, in the History Channel documentary *Pearl Harbor: The Untold Story* reveals that, "All of Roosevelt's speechwriters were out of town that weekend. So he was left alone to draft what was going to be the most important speech of his presidency." He was to address a joint session of Congress convening the following Monday morning calling for a declaration of war against the Empire of Japan. But Roosevelt was not a president who bumbled around reaching for words that were not there. He was an orator among orators, and a bellwether who led up front. He commanded a phenomenal ability for composing powerful and persuasive speeches and an uncanny knack for delivering them with compelling candor. In the same History Channel documentary, presidential historian Timothy Naftali adds that, "...Roosevelt understood whatever he said on December 8th had to be the very best message to bring the country together and to restore its self-confidence."

Caught off guard just like everyone else, Secret Service officials scrambled to cover security concerns over possible Japanese and German conspiracies to assassinate President Roosevelt. Secret Service agent Michael F. Reilly, Esq., director of White House security detail, in his book *Reilly of the White House* recounts the extensive security measures taken, "The next morning we lined his route from the White House to the Capitol with soldiers, draped ourselves all over his car, and hoped for the best. We turned out every policeman in Washington, and we virtually soaked the halls of Congress with Secret Service operatives summoned from New York, Philadelphia, and other Eastern cities." Reilly, assigned to White House security detail as an underling six years earlier, was humbly devoted to serving and protecting his "Boss," President Roosevelt. But on December 8, 1941, the United States was a nation at war, and there was no time to waste. Only the best qualified and capable should hold critical reins during crises. Consequently, the unassuming Reilly was promptly promoted and now in charge of calling shots over Roosevelt's security. He states in his book, "I had always thought that the President of the United States should have an armored car..., but armored cars cost money and the Government of the United States can only spare \$750 for any single automobile. We could pay a million and a half dollars for a cannon, if we thought that would protect the President, but the book said \$750 for a car, and when the book says anything in the government that's it. However, I made a phone call." Reilly goes on to indicate that on Tuesday, December 9th, the day after Congress voted for a declaration of war against the Empire of Japan, the President sent for him and said, "Mike, I want to go for a ride, and don't look so horrified. I'm not going to spend the rest of the war in hiding."

Previously, Reilly had gotten wind that the Treasury Department still had Al Capone's 1928 bulletproof 341A Cadillac Town Sedan seized for back taxes. He had commissioned it with the phone call he made. Mechanics worked feverishly cleaning and putting it into good working order, making it capable of serving the President of the United States. When the President was ready for his ride on Tuesday, the Cadillac, revitalized with new life and new purpose, rolled into the White House driveway where Roosevelt patiently waited holding onto Reilly's arm for support--Polio had paralyzed the President in 1921. When the President caught a glimpse of it, Reilly recounts the ensuing conversation:

"What's that thing, Mike?" he asked.

"Mr. President, I've taken the liberty of getting a new car. It's armored. I'm afraid it's a little uncomfortable, and I know it has a dubious reputation."

"Dubious reputation?"

"Yes, sir. It belonged to Al Capone. The Treasury Department had a little trouble with Al, you know, and they got it from him in the subsequent legal complications. I got it from the Treasury."

The Boss looked at it a moment and said, "This is very interesting. I hope Mr. Capone doesn't mind. How does it work?"



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