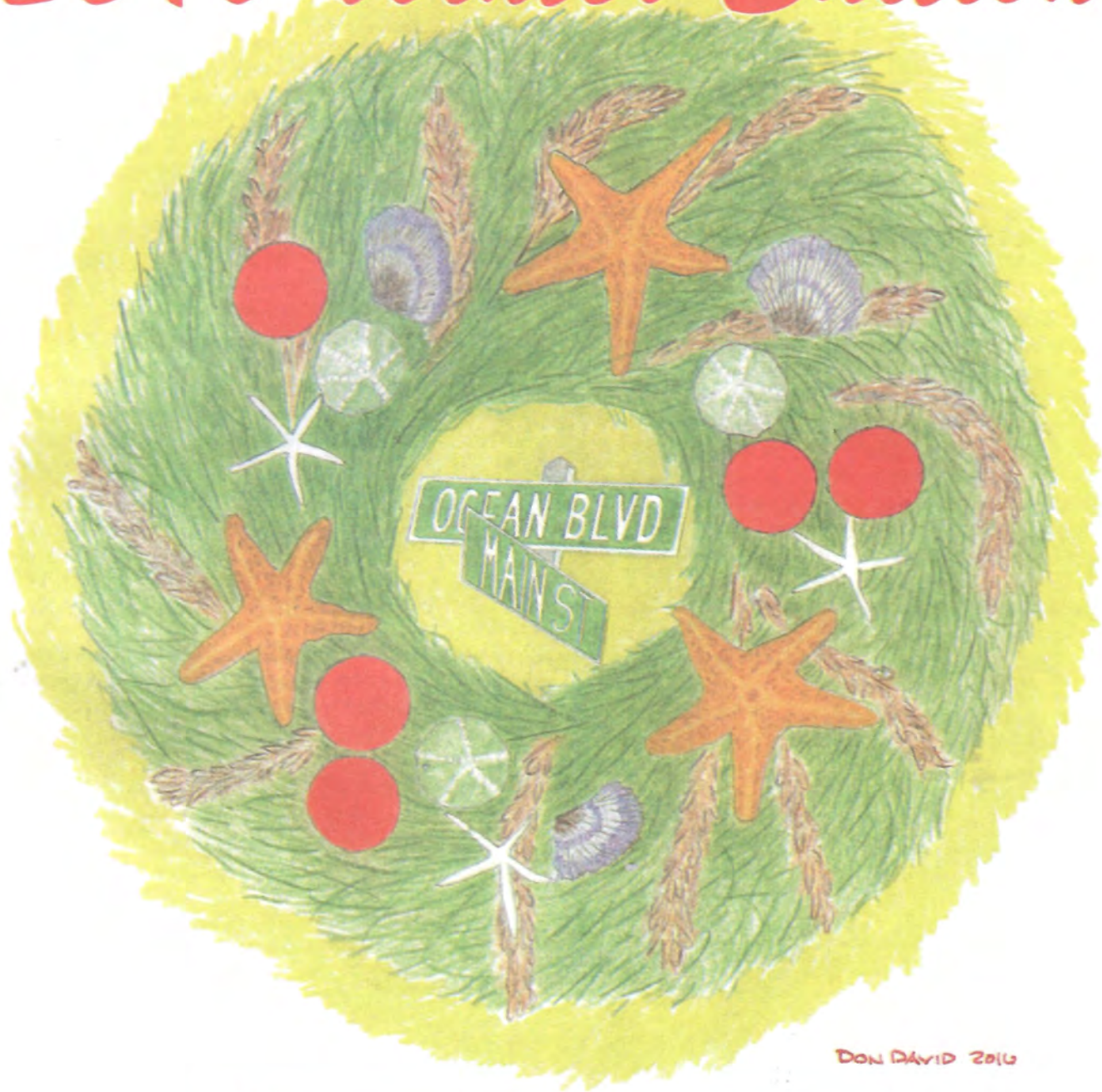


SOS Carefree Times

2016 Winter Edition



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Have a Holly Jolly!



S.O.S. President Ron Whisenant

Hello Everyone! Can you believe that the holidays are upon us? It seems like we were just having fun at Fall Migration. The days fly by when you are living life in the fast lane.

The Fall Migration event was well attended although the weather was not completely shagger friendly. Intermittent rain and thunder storms kept us either inside the clubs or inside the condo. The Fun Monday event was moved inside because of thunder and lightning for the second time in the twenty years that we have held the event. However, being the survivors that we are, we managed to make it a significant part of our memory for another great event. As usual, there were many shag club parties held at the different SOS clubs to share time with fellow members and to invite old friends to a time of social discourse and interaction with exotic libations in the form of shooters or other intoxicating teas. Many new friends are made during these functions. I hope you had the pleasure of attending a few of these events.

By the time you are reading this article, we will have elected a new president to run our country. Whatever the outcome brings, we will be spared of any more political debates, ads, slurs on character and other foolishness that this election has generated over the past thirty months. We can only hope that the country will move forward in a much more positive mode. God Bless the USA!

The holiday season is a time to be joyful and sharing with family and friends. I hope that you will have the time to reflect on the many blessings in life, and the joys of Thanksgiving and Christmas! I pray that you will have a most joyous holiday season, sharing love, laughter and a warm spirit with your family and friends.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Ron



SOS Board Chairperson Helen Still

Hello everyone
Fall SOS was a little windy at times, chilly at times and rainy at times, but that didn't dampen the fun. Fun Monday was rained out for

the first time in many, many years. They did not want to move it inside, but when you have expensive equipment that is needed for sound you must prepare for the worst-case scenario. The best decision possible was made at the time.

As I reflect on past years of SOS: times sure have changed, As it is true with our accomplishments and our successes with the ACSC and SOS. It was through the efforts of many people who came before us as it will be for the folks who serve after us to lead and continue making these organizations great for years to come.

It's been a long hot summer to say the least! But Fall is in the air and the holidays are just around the corner. Such an exciting time. But let's also remember those who have lost love ones and may have empty homes during the holidays. So, as we are having a cheerful holiday, please reach out to those who may need our support during this time. Enjoy being with your family and cherish those times. Also, please remember our military men and women who are without their families and are fighting for our freedom. Please remember their families as well.

You may want to consider purchasing a 2017 SOS card for someone special! Remember you can order on line...go to Shagdance.com today. It will make a great Christmas present! Be sure to go by the Company Store while you are down at the beach: Judy and Linda will be happy to see you.

In looking ahead, Mid-Winter Workshop will be here before we know it. The dates are January 13th - 15th, so please begin making your plans to meet us there. With all the upcoming holiday parties, please be safe in your travels and have fun!

From our home to yours Merry Christmas and wishing you a Happy and prosperous New Year!

Helen





ACSC Chairman Ken Akin

Fall 2016 SOS has come and gone and even though we experienced some unfavorable weather the entertainment continued with the quick action and change of plans by everyone involved. Thanks to the Enhancement Committee

for the continued dedication in bringing quality entertainment during Fun Sunday and Fun Monday.

After I was reviewing some of the many Carefree Times Articles that I have written over the many years of my serving the ACSC, I would like to include in this article the following paragraph (with slight changes) that appeared years ago and continues to express how the shag continues to be an important part of my life.

During the week of Fall SOS, I talked with many of those fortunate enough to attend SOS and everyone seemed excited to be at North Myrtle Beach and expressed their appreciation that the shaggers have this wonderful opportunity during SOS to be together with their shag club friends and meet shaggers from other clubs. As most of you know, the officers and board members of ACSC and SOS wear their name badges at all times during SOS, and I was stopped countless times while walking down the streets of OD and in the clubs and had the pleasure of meeting many shaggers, some attending SOS for the first time. This reminded me of my first trip to NMB when my wife Janice and I looked forward to the trip for weeks. Janice and I could not believe such a wonderful experience was happening to us. NMB was a great location with all the clubs within walking distance and overwhelmingly great music and smooth dance floors filled with awesome dancers. I would observe the dancers and think to myself--will I ever have the ability to do some of these steps. At this first shag event, Janice and I were overwhelmed by this world of shag and tried to watch all the great dancers, dance all day and night and close the clubs at the end of the night. In fact, I continue to be overwhelmed every time I attend SOS, ACSC workshops and ACSC shag club events because I have never been involved with an organization with such wonderful and caring friends.

During the Fall ACSC meeting I was pleased to have renewed interest in the ACSC Workshop bidding process for hosting the Summer Workshops. Three shag clubs, Carolina Shag Club, Eno Beach Shag Club and Rock Hill Shag Club, presented very entertaining presentations but unfortunately only one (1) could be selected. When the votes were counted the Board of Advisors had chosen Eno Beach Shag Club to host the 2018 Summer Workshop in Durham, NC. Thanks to all three shag clubs for their bid to host the 2018 ACSC Summer Workshop!

Happy Holidays and see you in January at North Myrtle Beach!

Ken



SOS Board of Directors Ronnie Gregory

Hello all my Shag Friends from all over Shag Nation,

I hope all your holidays have been filled with joy and happiness. We all have much to be thankful for and I for one am thankful for each and every one of you. Our organization can only get

better with your support and your efforts. From time to time, I reminisce about all the good times and good things that are happening at SOS and in our Shag Clubs. I also realize all the effort that has been put forward by you to keep our lifestyle alive.

After a very lengthy and timely election, it made me realize that sometimes when we don't win or get all we want that being a good supporter has its rewards. As in the election, whether you win or lose it is time to get behind your new officers and boards in our local clubs. It's a great time to be a member of SOS with lots of exciting things being planned for 2017; I know you can't wait for SOS. I always like to hear from you of your ideas about SOS and ACSC. Every voice counts and every little thing you do is noticed and appreciated. Mary and I have had to say goodbye to so many of our friends that we have known for so many years, they will truly be missed. Each and every one of you carries a special place in our hearts and prays for your family and your health. We only live once and I'm going to give it all I got. Thanks to all of you and have a joyous holiday season.

Ronnie & Mary





ACSC Secretary **Lisa Myers Caveny**

At the time of this writing, we have just survived Hurricane Matthew and I know that many of our Shag family all along the East Coast has been effected one way or another. With social media, we can all see instantly what our friends and family are experiencing and therefore, we experience it too. As I am in the upstate of SC, we had a lot of rain and some wind, but nothing like my coastal friends in FL, GA, NC and SC. Just know that you are all in my prayers for complete restoration.

It seems that with the end of Fall SOS, I start to see Christmas decorations in the mall. I'm not sure how time flies by so fast, but I'm glad I am able to hang on and enjoy all that is on the calendar. Mid-Winter Workshop at Ocean Drive is just around the corner, and if you've never been to Ocean Drive in January...well, it's a shagger's weekend that continues to build with more and more attendance. The clubs are hopping and you'd think it was SOS week squeezed in a weekend!! Make plans to escape to the coast January 13th - 15th... I hope to see you there!

As you begin to make our your Christmas list, don't forget that a 2017 SOS card makes a great gift, and also many items from the SOS Company Store!!

I wish all my Shag family a blessed holiday season!

Lisa



ACSC Vice President **Robin Morley**

Greetings Friends,

It's the most wonderful time of the year!!!! It's always a magical time when our shag community shares in fun, fellowship, parades, dance contests, meetings, pot luck dinners, charity events and dancing. I have been reading ACSC club newsletters and it is so apparent what a generous and caring community we are. So many shag clubs are continuously giving and raising money for those in need and preparing for the time of giving. I can truly say that I am proud to be involved in such an incredible community.

Our paradise of NMB certainly keeps busy with continued shag and dance events throughout the year, so if you are visiting I feel sure you will find a favorite club that will be hosting another spectacular shag event. A special thanks to each of you for the role that you play in our shag world. It takes each of you to make our shag community the successful organization that it is today.

As the holidays are upon us a New Year is not far behind. A special thanks to those that have served as ACSC club presidents and officers in 2016. I know that you have made a positive impact on your club. With regards to the new presidents and officers of 2017, we welcome you. To each of the ACSC clubs we wish for your continued success and a very prosperous New Year.

In closing, I hope you have a safe and wonderful holiday season. Enjoy this time with family and friends. We will see you in January for Mid Winter!

Blessings,

Robin





S.O.S. Janet Harrold

November 2016, Hurricane Matthew has come and gone, hurricane season is over, Thanksgiving was filling, we turned back the clocks, and Fall is finally here after the long, hot summer. Now, we look forward to Christmas, New Year Celebration for 2017, and last but not least SOS Midwinter in Paradise. Fat Harolds, Galleon, OD Resort, OD Arcade & Lounge, Pirates Cove, and Ducks will have all the great entertainment that we all look forward to.

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Janet

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Hope you all enjoy your holiday and then we will be ready for our SOS Mid-Winter Break! Contact me if your shag club is having a gathering during Mid-Winter and we would love to "keep the memories".

We have had a wonderful team this past year thanks to Mary Gregory, Lisa Caveny, Gil & Suzie Bradley and Judy Baker.

Merry Christmas

2016 SOS Fall Migration





The Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall Of Fame held their annual induction party at Lynn's Dance Club in Charlotte, NC on Saturday, November 19, 2016. We had a record turnout and there was genuine happiness in the club for all the new inductees. We are so pleased to welcome these deserving individuals who have contributed so much to the shag into the Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame. The proceeds from tonight are used to support the Hall Of Fame Foundation and other charities. Thank you for your confidence in us and showing some love to our 2016 inductees.

Special thanks to Tom Bare and his staff at Lynn's for being gracious hosts to everyone and always having the club perfect for our events. Lynn's is a top-drawer club for sure. Diann Garges and Linda Reese, our Food Chairpersons, did a great job organizing and working with all the members who brought food. And I might add, the food was delicious and lots of it. Also, kudos to Tommie Reynolds for scheduling the door workers who welcomed everyone. Thanks to Carol Church for updating the membership directory and making changes throughout the year.

A special recognition went to two of our own: Tom Bare and Randy Rowland who were inducted into the 2016 National Beach Shaggers Hall Of Fame. We're mighty proud of you.

We bowed our heads in a moment of silence in memory of Audrey Rich Thomas, one of our members, who recently passed away. RIP our friend.

And our Master of Ceremonies, Randy Rowland, the King of Charlotte, was his usual funny and entertaining self. Someone remarked that it was worth the price of admission just to come hear Randy. He told lots of funny stories going back to childhood friendships and back to the old days at Groucho's on some of the new inductees. You can't make this stuff up!!

Hall of Fame deejay, Butch Metcalf, played one right after the other all night long. Just the right mix of boogie-woogie, doo wop, Northern soul, and some Motown too. If you looked around the club, people were standing around singing and we knew all the words. "It don't get no betta than this."

The Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame appreciates every one of you that came last night. Some from great distances made the trip, some from the beach, and lots of locals. If we didn't get to say to you personally, we want you to know we appreciate you and are grateful you came.

Please continue to support Tom Bare and Lynn's Dance Club and let's keep shagging alive and well. Mark your calendar for November 18, 2017 and plan to come to next year's Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame Induction Party at Lynn's. You're always welcome here!

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



Pictured above; Jason Justice, Ashley Shearin Foxx, Sheryl Tart, Booker Clark, Debbie Fowler Honeycutt, Barbara Mauney Kirk, Patty Seigworth, Sam Moody, Steve Dixon, and Tommy Beacham.

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7-Close JIMMY BUFFKIN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

1-5 GARY BASS

2-6 THE ENTERTAINERS

5-9 MILTON WHITE

9-Close KEN JONES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

1-5 GARY BASS-Front

2-6 THE EMBERS

5-9 KEN JONES-Front

9-C JIMMY BUFFKIN-Front

KITTY EARLES-Back

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

1-5 DJ Miss Ethel

5-7 CLUB CLOSED

7-C JIMMY BUFFKIN-Front

JAY KINLAW-Back

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Thursday, January 12

1-5 Gary Bass Milton White

2-6 The Entertainers

5-9 David Harris Kitty Earles

9-C Ken Jones Jay Kinlaw

Friday, January 13

1-5 Gary Bass Norman Mills

2-6 Jim Quick & Coastline

5-9 Ken Jones Larry Edwards

9-C Jimmy Buffkin Joanne Johnson

Saturday, January 14

1-5 Gary Bass Rommie Tyndall

2-6 The Embers

5-9 Ken Jones Joanne Johnson

9-C David Harris Walter Upchurch

Sunday, January 15

1-7 Gary Bass

7-2 Jimmy Buffkin

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE
SAT. DEC. 31**



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Thursday 12/29



Friday 12/30



New Year's Eve



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Saturday • New Year's Eve

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Murl Augustine 12 until

Mid-Winter DJ Schedule

Thursday • 1/13

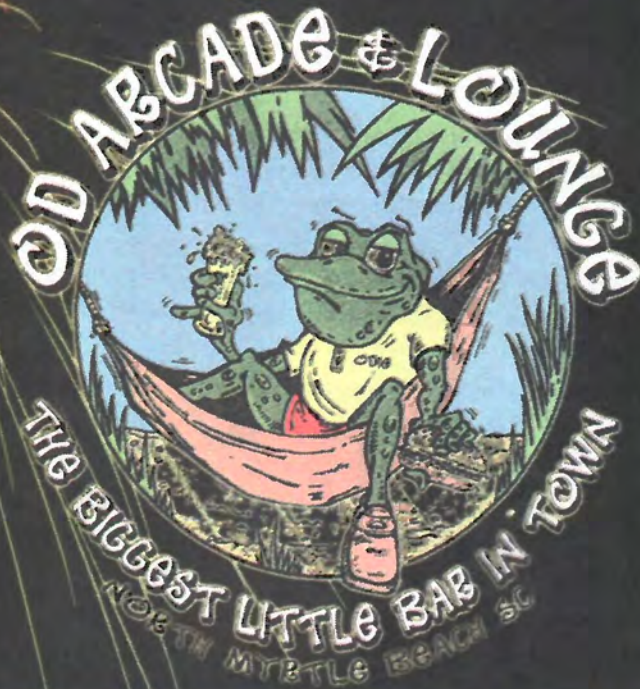
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2016 ODSC Charity Golf Tournament

By Monica Powell, President

For the last 26 years, the ODSC has hosted a charity golf tournament during Fall SOS. This year we did something a little different. We had a tournament within a tournament. We invited all the ACSC shag clubs to participate and compete with each other to determine the BEST GOLF TEAM in the ACSC!

Well, I guess you will automatically think the OD Shag Club since we live in an area with over 100 golf courses, but you would be oh so wrong! The Best Golf Team in the ACSC is the Richmond Shag Club! The team consisted of President Kevin Byrnes, Carrol Cox, Lisa Cox and Lynn Slaughter. They donated their prize of \$400 to Junior SOS! What a great win for Richmond Shag Club, the OD Shag Club and Junior SOS. Everyone was a winner! I would like to thank all the clubs that participated and hope they had a great day.

The OD Shag Club Charity Golf Tournament will allow us to donate over \$8,000 to charities this year. Some of the charities are Camp Kemo, Junior SOS, Junior Shaggers Dance Team, Ellen Taylor Foundation, Hall of Fame Foundation and a few local charities in North Myrtle Beach! It was also a great example of ACSC shag clubs helping other ACSC shag clubs.



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Beach Shaggers National
Hall of Fame

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Photos by: Monty Lee

BEACH SHAGGERS NATIONAL HALL OF FAME 2016 INDUCTION

By: Janet Harrold Photos by: Monty Lee



October 22, 2016, celebrated the 34th year of the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame Inductions held at the Spanish Galleon in the Ocean Drive Resort, N. Myrtle Beach, SC. Each inductee's framed photo/bio since the beginning of this organization is displayed in the hallways of the OD Resort for everyone to view.

Sam McIntosh, 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. Two of the criteria for being nominated are "knowing how to shag and love of the dance". Each inductee chose friends or family members 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.

Maureen Little is now serving on the Executive Board taking the place of Roger Burriss whom is retired. Congratulations Maureen!!! Roger, you will be missed for sure after serving for many years!!

Bob Myrick, Chairman of the Keepers of the Dance, introduced the 2016 inductees Jennifer Batten and Matthew Floyd. Each accepted their award and danced with family and friends. The Keepers framed photos/bios are located in the back room of Fat Harolds Beach Club (Keepers Korner). The Keepers of the Dance shag contest in February 2017 will be held at Fat Harolds. Preliminary round on Friday, February 10, and the final round on Saturday, February 11.

www.keepersofthedance.com

www.beachshaggersnationalhalloffame.com

2016 Female Inductees

Annette Johnson - Wendell NC
Debra Barta - Greensboro, NC
Paula Roberts - Statesville NC
Linda Reeder - Greensboro, NC

2016 Male Inductees

Randy Rowland - Statesville, NC
Chip Brantley - Lexington, SC
Tom Bare - Charlotte, NC
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Charlie Boone Award

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Keepers of the Dance

Jennifer Batten - Wilmington, NC
Matthew Floyd - Aynor, SC





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2017 ACSC Winter Workshop

Saturday - 10 AM
January 14, 2017

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OD Resort Ballroom

2017 SOS Mid-Winter
January 13-15, 2017

From the Webmaster

It's that time of year, most Clubs update their Club information. Right now there are 65 clubs that their Officers take office in January, 3 in February, 6 in March, 1 in April, 2 in May, 2 in June, 7 in July, 1 in September, 2 in October, and 1 in December. Well it is just this easy:

1. Go to www.shagdance.com
2. Right on the Home page, under the yellow scroll, Click on the line "Update Your Club Information Online - click here"
3. Complete the form with your information.
4. Click the Submit button at the bottom of the form and it will be sent to everyone that needs the information.
5. Be sure you email the Webmaster a photo of the incoming President.

Also, don't forget about your Club Parties. If you already know all of your 2017 parties, or just 1 or more, just write a paragraph on each one and send them to me to post. I will get them up usually that day, but no later than 2 days. The following is the information that you need to put in each party paragraph:
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If at any time you need to change something, just send it to me and I will get it done right away.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Mary Gregory



Regulars In The Shag Nationals

By Charles Baird Fortson



The Shag Dance National Championships have been going on since 1984. This contest is held 3 days in March. Here are some interesting statistics about the **frequency** of contestants in the Finals.

First place for the boys is Sam West who has made it to the Finals 33 times. **Second place** is Bill Barber with 21 times. **Third place** is Jimmy Caruso with 19 times. **Fourth place** is a 2-way tie between John Teel and Brennar Goree with 15 times.

First place for the girls is Sarah West Kemp with 20 times. **Second place** for the girls is Brenda Barber with 19 times. **Third place** for the girls is a 4-way tie with LeAnn Best Norris, Nikki Kontoulas, Jessica McAlhany, & PeeWee Teal, 15 times. **Fourth place** for the girls is a 3-way tie with Cameron Nelson Caruso, Maureen Little, & Leslie Melton Jennings, 14 times



There are less frequent but other big names you may wonder about. Charlie Womble made it 12 times and Jackie McGee made it 13 times. They had a very impressive string of 1st place wins. There was only one time they placed 2nd. They created quite a legacy then chose to go to the sidelines.

Charlie and Linda Reese are unique. They didn't work their way up. They appeared only 3 times and did very well. They won 1st place in NonPro and Seniors and won 2nd place in Masters.



Parker Wade did well too in Junior 1. In only 4 times he had three 1st places and one 2nd place with Hannah Ashmore and Allison Pittman.

Favorites aren't just those who win the top places. I think we all see styles of Shag that we like and we wish those contestants could place higher, but the field gets pretty restricted at the top of the pyramid. I hope those who don't get to the top won't quit. They are appreciated.



SOS AT SEA IV

We all just returned from our Hawaii Cruise. WOW, what a cruise! We had a fun group who quickly became like family. We all looked out for one another: Sharing, caring and much laughter was among our fun group. The Waimea Canyon and the Hilo Volcano tour were exceptional. From all the comments everyone had a wonderful time.

We danced in the afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 which was a pleasant change from past cruises. This allowed everyone to return to their cabins and change for dinner then attend one of the shows or visit the casino. Mike Harding did an exceptional job providing music for dancing. We had great attendance every time we danced together.

It has been our intent to share our dance with the folks aboard the ships we have been on. The Carnival Miracle allowed us to perform a couple of exhibition dances and the shag was

well represented. The dance floor was overflowing! We also did the electric slide and many other cruisers joined in as well. Everyone had a great time, but for the most part were ready to return home to family and pets. Except Joan and CB Kimbro. They were still wide open as we left.

I have received notes from several folks sharing their experience, which I have added to this article.

A note from Mike Harding...

SOS at Sea IV - WOW! What a great experience. First of all, I would like to thank the SOS Committee for allowing me to be a part of such a great event. They did a tremendous job putting this cruise together. I would also like to thank Michael Graham of Cruise Planners whose efforts were greatly appreciated by all. And last but certainly not least, all the shaggers who were part of this SOS at Sea. The group shag exhibition for the other cruise guests was a big hit. We had plenty of time with old friends as well as meeting and getting to know new friends.

It was my first cruise and first trip to Hawaii, so I wasn't quite sure what to expect. It was more than I ever imagined. The cruise itself was wonderful, fun entertainment, good food and planned shore excursions were fantastic. There was never a dull moment!

Once in Hawaii, it was unbelievably gorgeous. Each day was a new island and a new adventure. The excursions were well organized and filled with fun and excitement. Special thanks here to Bill Cavin for putting together his special excursions, they were great.

I cannot thank everyone enough for the wonderful time I had. It was a trip of a lifetime and was filled with memories that will last forever. Old friends, new friends, SOS at Sea IV represented the dance and lifestyle well. I look forward to my next SOS at Sea adventure. For those who have considered being a part of a SOS at Sea cruise, I highly recommend it, it will be an experience you won't forget!

From John Carpenter.....Robin and I went on the cruise ship, Carnival Miracle, for our 15 day SOS Shag Cruise to Hawaii. We spent almost ten days at sea getting to and from Hawaii with 62 other SOS Cruise members. We visited



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Kahului, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Kona, Hilo, and Ensenada, Mexico. The time at sea gave us plenty of time to dance with our DJ, Mike Harding! We also gave an exhibition in the main Atrium to all passengers and crew that wanted to attend. We had so much fun and made many new friends on the ship. We all wore yellow or green tags and were easily recognizable as we wore our tags everywhere we went.

We had some great shore excursions and went to see some amazing sites around all the islands. My favorite place was the active volcano on the big Island of Hawaii. We were a mile away from the crater, but you could see lava shooting up into the air.

There are many onboard activities on the boat, but the yellow tagged shaggers became well known for our prowess at the bean bag toss tournament held every day that we were not in port. As many as 25 teams would play and because of the large number of teams, they would have a qualifying/elimination rounds where each member of the two-member team would throw 4 bags. The top 4 team scores moved on to the tournament, with the champions receiving a coveted "Ship on A Stick". The SOS At Sea Team of Ken Akin and myself took home a combined 10 ships on a stick! I would encourage everyone to consider an SOS Cruise. You meet many people that you will be friends with forever!

From Bill Cavin... Let me start by thanking all 64 of our shag friends that went with us to Hawaii on the Carnival Miracle. Also, thanks to all that made this cruise possible. I had been on this same cruise before, but it was really different this time. Friends everywhere you looked. We all wore name badges that had the other passengers on board always wanting to ask about our group. Mike Harding, our DJ, helped fill our sea days with some great tunes that kept our dance floor full. What a great way to spend our afternoons. During our time in Hawaii we visited 5 different ports, on 4 different islands. In 2 ports, SOS at Sea IV provided tours for us. On the Island of Kauai, we went to the Grand Canyon of the Pacific - Waimea Canyon. On the Big Island, Hawaii, the tour was to the Volcano National Park where we saw the bubbling Lava from the crater at Kilauea. Very few can witness this. It was a first for me, and I had been there 4 times prior to this visit. This truly was a trip of a lifetime.

As Bill said, it was the trip of a lifetime! Our next trip will be to Alaska in August 2017. We'd love to have you join us on this trip. Currently we are 194 shaggers strong.

It is simply amazing the way shaggers become friends so quickly. Joan Kimbro said one gentleman asked her how long we had all known each other. She explained some had just met on this trip and some we only saw two or three times a year during SOS. She said he was amazed because he said that our group seemed like best friends. I think that is the shagger way. Michael Graham and Cruise Planners did an excellent job arranging this cruise, air and land transportation, excursions, etc. He made sure we all had the information we needed to be where we needed to be. Thank you, Michael, for a wonderful cruise!!

I would also like to thank the committee for their help in putting this cruise together: Ron Whisenant, Ken Akin, Robin Morely, and Bill Cavin. And of course, our sign man John Carpenter who assisted everyone to getting to our meeting place once aboard ship. And thanks to all the spouses for their support and assistance as well.

You may want to give some thought to joining us on the Alaska Cruise. We only have a few cabins left with our group rate. The flyer is on shagdance.com.

Helen



2017

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HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS



All through my high school days I knew there was something called a high school reunion. But I also knew it was way out there, ten years after graduation. To a 19 year old that was an eternity, so I never gave it much thought. I was more interested in where I was heading in my life. In fact, I didn't really like high school. My grades were ok, C's and B's and an occasional A. And I knew I could do better but I just wasn't interested. I simply wanted those years to go by as quickly as possible so I could "get the hell out of Dodge". You see my dad and I had a strained relationship to say the least.

My graduation class consisted of 276 people. Now I wasn't an introvert by any means but at the same time I didn't go out to see how many friends I could score. After graduation, it seemed that everyone went in different directions, including yours truly. I only saw a handful of my classmates after that. When the first reunion came about I wasn't sure about attending. After a couple of letters and a phone call or two from the reunion committee I decided to go. And it was nice seeing "old friends". Some had really changed, some not at all. In fact, one girl that I would have considered a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-10 was now on that same scale an 11 ½. WOW! And one of my guy friends that you would have thought as unsung and somewhat of a nerd was now a handsome doctor with a very lovely wife. Yes, some had changed! The event was nice, a lot of small talk about kids and occupations. There was a dance and dinner and more small talk. I think it was a 2-night event, not sure though.

That was the only one I attended. I think there has been one every 10 years since but I'm not sure about that either. This year was our fifty fifth. I got a letter, maybe two, and several phone calls. I was told about how many classmates that had passed. That was nice to hear. I think it was being insinuated that this might be the last time to see a number of them. Well to be honest I hadn't seen but 5 or 6 since that first reunion and only a handful before that. Bottom line I didn't go. I would rather remember my classmates as they were 55 years ago, except for that 11 ½! I just wonder...

Having been involved in SOS for the past 25 years or so has been a most rewarding experience. The people I've met and the good times we've shared together can only be compared to family life. I've been very fortunate to have met a large number of folks over those years and many have become close friends, and we cherish those relationships.

So, I guess you could say that the shag life has taken the place of my high school reunions. As a plus we meet several times a year instead of every ten years. A number have left us, but that's ok. One day, many of us are going to gather at that 'Big Dance Floor' beyond the clouds. And that's one reunion I'm definitely not going to miss!

By Don David, SOS Board of Director

Thirsty's 2 2016 Wall of Fame



Photos by: Max Madrin

Thirsty's 2 Wall of Fame 2016

By: Linda Reeder Photos: Max Madrin

On October 1, 2016, Thirsty's 2 hosted the 20th year for 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 seventy plus.

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 once again. This year the new inductees were: Joan Williams, Ted Keaton, Carol Oakley, Allen Stewart, Anne Hall, Gregg Stegall, Ann Stegall, Ken Taylor, Debbie Durham, Dwight Stanton and Penny Moore. There were 50 members of the Wall present that evening to welcome these new inductees!

Since the inception through 2015, the Wall of Fame has inducted a total of 165 people from our area. 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 those great legends are never forgotten. You may visit our web page for more information and photos:

www.thirstys2walloffame.com



Fall SOS



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Unconditional

By Foster McKinney, SOS Treasurer

Few things in life come without strings attached. The old adage "there ain't no such thing as a free lunch" reigns true. Everything we get, in some way or another, seems backed by an "if, and, or but" limited warranty or a caveat-emptor "let-the-buyer-beware" disclaimer, which translates into no warranty at all. Sometimes it seems like for every "give" we make, we gift wrap it with a reciprocal expectation of "receive" in return. And for every rule of law we pass, we seem to encumber it with some sort of loophole favoring somebody's

brother-in-law. Life can be unfairly conditioned upon the conditional. The conditional happens only if something else upon which it is conditioned happens first—referred to as a condition precedent. The conditional outcome weighs heavily upon triggering the condition precedent, which may or may not occur. The likelihood of occurrence can be estimated by laws of probability and expressed as a percentage of likely outcome. Just as did most recent political pollsters, we can take stock in these percentages at our own peril. Conversely, the unconditional is something that we can always count on to occur no matter what. It is 100% absolute, without restrictions or boundaries, and best of all, it comes with no strings attached—no condition precedent.

Sound structures of stability upon which we normally hang our hats are crumbling into chaos because certain condition precedents either happen or they don't happen. Our society is conditioning us to choose sides like playground kids, dangerously polarizing us away from the common ground upon which we once steadfastly stood together. Many people question whether our conditioned minds and beliefs are still rational, believing to the contrary that too often we blatantly think and act irrational. To them, the state of the State seems rudderless and drifting aimlessly beyond our conditional commands. Sometimes it seems like our world is upside down, spinning away from the things that we can normally hang out hats on. Feeding off the conditional is like stacking a house of cards where upholding a standing structure depends upon a balance of reciprocity. On the other hand, the unconditional is a leap of blind faith without balance, where reciprocity is meaningless.

When conditions just kick us in the teeth and turn our individual worlds upside down, where can we find solace? Where can we find the pure and natural unconditional that will lift us up? We need look no further than those fuzzy balls of canine fur standing at our feet, looking up at us with those adorable big brown eyes that say, "We love you no matter what." There are no strings attached and no condition precedents; just unconditional love and dedication. When I feel that unconditional love from our three dogs, Lillie, Buckee, and Winston, my upside-down world suddenly begins to revert right-side upwards again. The panic subsides and things tend to stabilize and fall back into perspective. The highlight of my day, and theirs too, is loading them into our golf cart and taking them on a long ride around the neighborhood. Watching them take in the sights and sounds of the world beyond the confines of our fenced-in backyard is absolutely gratifying. I'm just too lazy to leash them up and hoof it down the street on foot. Besides, once they spot a squirrel, it's off to the races with me holding on for dear life. In the evening when I lie down and watch a little television, they'll jump up on our bed and gently place their heads upon my chest as if to assure me that, "Everything is fine papa, everything will work out." What a blessing. Yep, the best things in life are free and unconditional.

Fall SOS



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