


SOS Carefree Times

2020 FALL & WINTER
ONLINE EDITION

Good Times, Good Friends & Great Memories



Society of Stranders


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SOS President Ron Whisenant

Hello Everyone! These are the facts concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. This virus is real! This virus is deadly! The scourge of Covid-19 has been devastating in so many ways. The virus has crippled our economy, endangered our environment, questioned our sanity at times, and thwarted our need to interact with others in social engagement. The virus is a profoundly serious air-borne threat to mankind. None of my remarks are to be construed that I am not taking this virus seriously. My respect for the virus is reflective in any decisions that have been made by our SOS board on behalf of the SOS memberships safety and health.

Face masks, face coverings have become the norm, along with hand washing and social distancing. Large gatherings more than 10 are prohibited. These requirements are necessary steps in controlling the spread of the virus and preventing us from becoming infected with covid-19.

NOW! The rest of my story.

Face masks and social distancing are in direct conflict with SOS social protocol. How in hell can you go into a dance establishment with your face covered and social distance? SOS protocol requires a smiling face, a hug, a peck on the cheek and a big hello! Totally impossible to practice or participate in proper SOS protocol during this Covid-19 virus. Retraining ourselves will be the new order to get us back on track with living life and practicing good(new) SOS protocol.

Let's get started!

The new mandates from the governor's office allows for larger crowds to assemble but is not without restrictions. You must wear a face covering to enter a bar or restaurant. However, it may be removed while sitting and engaging in consumption of food or beverage. Dancing is allowed if you social distance from your partner or other couples. HUM! The governors new mandate shows some relaxation toward gatherings, stadium crowds and restaurant, bars inside seating restrictions. I am guessing that this will continue towards the end of the year as control of the virus evolves. This tells me that the 2021 Mid-Winter event **will** take place in mid-January if there are no outbreaks of the virus during the winter months. We will surely have learned to wash our hands frequently, carry sanitizer and sneeze or cough into our elbow. The face covering and social distancing will be the challenge for Mid-Winter. I could suggest piercing the mask so that a straw could be projected thru a hole for consumption of beverages. The mask would require a flap to cover the opening while engaging in conversation or dancing. Option two, practice good common sense at all times while not wearing your mask.

This last statement poses the problem with social distancing. Unless you and your dance partner have an arm span of 36 inches each social distancing cannot be achieved in shag dancing. This could lead to a lot of "buck" dancing and "doe" prancing as the new norm for our social engagements. This could work! May need more drink to not think. LOL! Just some random thoughts for protecting yourself in a potential serious situation in a necessary social element.

It is difficult to be lighthearted and whimsical about this viral pandemic when talking about our SOS community. The SOS community is all about gathering, socializing in close environments, and physical contact. This is who we are as community. However, this makes us a likely candidate to become infected by the virus or being a carrier that is circulated throughout the SOS community. We already have our own SOS crud so to speak. Imagine adding covid-19 to the system. This is the very reasoning why the past two SOS events were canceled. The risks are too high for our SOS membership and its community.

Within the next few months scientist will find a vaccine that will help to control this virus. We personally, will find a way to live our lives in a safe and more aware mode. We will find ways to socialize together. SOS will again be the party event it has always been. The SOS events will return to their old status prior to Covid-19 days. The year 2020 will be remembered from the horrors of this pandemic. It will be remembered for the trials and tribulations for a year in disarray, and the election of a president of our country. The year of 2020 will soon be in the history book. Hallelujah! The SOS community will be filled with an eager excitement of anticipation of our gathering. The SOS family all together again. The SOS family of friends reunited for a glorious event. Our hearts will be full of love and joy for each other. The SOS community eagerly awaits MID-WINTER 2021.

SOS WILL STAND!

Ron



SOS Board Chairman Ronnie Gregory

Fellow Friends and Shaggers,

What a year it has been! Even with the pandemic, hurricane, and hardships it has brought to many of us in our association. I hope all of you have remained safe and healthy during these trying times. We all have missed SOS and even your local club socials and events. But more importantly, we have missed our friends and sharing great times together. It has been easy to look back and miss all of the things that we were all used to, but we cannot dwell on the past, but look forward to a new year with built up optimism.

It seems that the restrictions are beginning to ease as the virus gets more under control and hopefully soon the cure for this disaster. But we still must practice safety procedures. I know all of us have cabin fever and are ready to get out and socialize and dance. If all of this has done anything it has made us all more appreciative of what we have with our dance, lifestyle and music. Now is time to recapture our way of life that we all cherish so much. We are all looking forward to our next SOS Mid-Winter Event where once again, we can gather to share great times. Stay tuned to the Website, Facebook, and Carefree Times for up-to-date information.

There are great times ahead for each and every one of you, not only owning an SOS Membership, but membership to your local Shag Club. Your SOS Board has continued to work behind the scenes, virtually managing SOS to ensure our future. It might take a while for your local clubs and even SOS to get back to the norm, but NOW it is the time to roll up your sleeves and get busy to bring back our way of life. Many of you are so committed in your club, past and present, to ensure that our dance continues. And thanks to so many of you who have that commitment.

The board continues to work very closely with the City and our SOS Partner Clubs, Advertisers, etc. in hopes of a better 2021.

We are starting off by putting the Carefree Times on the Website. Here, it will be in color, printable and download-able and will be more up-to-date and quicker to get you up-to-date information.

There will be more changes in 2021 as far as SOS, as we try new things. All of these will be for the betterment of you and SOS, but we need your support in buying the SOS Membership Card. Great things can happen, when we all work together. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next big SOS event, Mid-Winter 2021. But until then, Mary and I are making our plans and I hope you are.

Ronnie



SOS Board Member Susan Harrell

Dear Friends,

I have something very important to say to all of you, so please, listen closely!

I MISS YOU!!!!

Our lives have been turned upside down. We have not been able to gather and see our old friends, much less make all the new friends that we all look forward to making at SOS. We have all missed so much this year! As time goes on, and hopefully returns

to normal...we are going to have the biggest party and reunion you can imagine! I can just feel the excitement as I'm thinking about it. Just the thought of Mid Winter makes me happy

Until we see each other again, if I can be of any help to you at any time, please go to the SOS website (shagdance.com) and find my email or phone number.

Be safe, and enjoy your families!

With love and friendship, *Susan*



SOS Board Member Doris Keaton

Welcome SOS Members!

I hope this website edition of the Carefree Times finds you healthy, safe and getting your lives back to a normalcy. We have all been living under stressful times and dealing with things most of us have never had to face. One thing I have realized is we are stronger than we thought we were, it has brought all of us closer to the ones we love and we have learned to prioritize our time. We have learned to value the quality of everything in our lives over the quantity of things.

There is no question about it SOS has faced the most challenging of times since fall of 2018. With extreme conditions that nobody could have predicted or controlled. Hurricane Florence resulted in Fall Migration 2018 being canceled and then the Covid-19 pandemic that started in Mid-March of 2020 deemed it an extreme health issue resulting in cancellations of Spring Safari and Fall Migration 2020. With the turn of events the ACSC and SOS Boards have had many hard decisions to make on behalf of our membership members. As a SOS board member I can personally speak from my heart and say that every issue that was addressed and every decision that was made was carefully and thoroughly thought out, discussed, and made with the Board of Advisors best interest as the main focus of what we planned to do to keep SOS on solid ground. I am proud to represent each of you, I appreciate the confidence you have in me and I want you to know that my job is to do the best I can to help this organization grow and remain SOS strong. I am also humbled to serve with such a great group of people who bring so much to the table with their leadership, experience and ability to look toward the future to make a better ACSC/SOS for all. We as a Board work as a team who agree to disagree, respect each other and listen to each other's ideas. We take the initiative to move forward to insure what is in the best interest of each and every shag club in the ACSC to make sure that you are and always will be taken care of.

Every one of you is a very important part of SOS because you are a membership card holder. As that membership card holder you get a lot for that \$30 membership. You get 3 annual events each year, which equals to 24 days of non-stop dancing, DJ's, bands, dance instructions, parade in the Spring and Fun Sunday and Fun Monday in the Fall plus the large edition of Carefree Times in the Spring and Fall and a Summer and Winter mail out of the Carefree Times. You also get access to our website page that is maintained by our Webmaster, Mary Gregory, to advertise your club name, address, contact person & the contact person's email address and website. You also have a picture of your President and where and when you meet and dance. There is a page for free advertisement of your parties. And you also have our Society of Stranders Face Book page that is administered by Vickie Harrison where you can post information about your parties, submit pictures, and see articles and pictures that are for your reading pleasure. Now that is lot of bang for your bucks isn't it!! What a wonderful organization to be a part of as a membership card holder.

I want to say on a personal note that I have missed all of you that I get to see at our North Myrtle Beach SOS gatherings and the Summer Workshop. What great times we all have when we get together and see one another, getting too catch up, have a dance, a hug, a social drink and enjoy all the great music of our wonderful DJ's in our favorite beach clubs. These may seem like a memory now but please stay positive and stay in touch with all your shag clubs and friends because things will be back to where they were again! Right now the safety and the health of everyone is the most important thing to all of us but as things get better we will be back to shagging again and what a wonderful day that will be!

Take care, keep shagging and practicing your steps, and staying in touch with your fellow shaggers! Always remember to be kind, caring and helpful to each other. We never know what a person is dealing with in their lives. A smile or a kind word goes a long way in helping someone cope with their everyday lives. I personally know that shaggers are the best people in the world!! Hope you enjoy this new Carefree Times – read and be happy!

Doris



SOS Board Member David Galloway

Greetings to you all from cloudy, drizzly eastern North Carolina. Who could have ever imagined the kind of year we all have had to endure. The cancellation of not one SOS, but 2 of them plus the cancellation of the Summer Workshop in Pigeon

Forge is really hard to fathom. But here we are, still trudging along really wishing that we could get together and see all of our friends and acquaintances that we have made over the years. Not only has this pandemic stopped us all from getting together, but also stopped my traveling to many of the shag clubs to support them as well. We have still stayed in touch with many of the clubs and our friends, but it still isn't the same. It is my hope that we will be together soon as January will be here soon for Midwinter SOS and our ACSC meeting. It is my prayer that each of you will stay safe and

make the best out of a situation that has and will be tough to deal with. My best to all of you and I hope to see you all soon. As soon as you are able in your state, keep the shag life alive and get together with your clubs.

David



ACSC Chairman Robin Morley

Greetings Shag Community,

I certainly hope that our first online CF Times finds you happy and healthy. An incredibly special "shout out" to Janet Harold, Vickie Harrison and Mary Gregory for making this happen. We want our shag community to know that we are working on your behalf in keeping you informed and safe.

What a year our shag community has experienced. The events of 2020 have left some of us scratching and shaking our heads, realizing the trickle effect has reached our shag world.

2021 is just around the corner and with your help and support, WE WILL survive these storms. A new year brings new beginnings, fresh starts and we all are going to take advantage of these.

Social Media can be such a great resource if used appropriately. Please be respectful when using Social Networking. I personally ask each of you to practice the rules and social distancing that are in place for your surrounding and visiting areas. We all have our own personal opinions but mine is just this. Let us all practice as asked so that Mid-Winter, Spring SOS and the remainder of the events that not only SOS has planned but shag clubs, community shag events, family time, and the list goes on, will happen. We all must share responsibility in this current situation. Let us rally together so we can make 2021 one of the best for our shag community.

In closing, our shag community is such a special group consisting of so many special and valuable entities. They each have a purpose and a particularly important role. Let us all respect, support and encourage each other in the days ahead. I can only imagine the fun and excitement when we all get to celebrate our great dance once again.

Wishing you and your families a blessed festive holiday season! Warm regards,

Robin



ACSC Secretary Becky Berry

Hello All My Fellow Shaggers,

Well, who would have thought that we would have missed Spring Safari, ACSC Summer Workshop and Fall Migration all in the same year? 2020 has been a strange

year for sure. I am so looking forward to 2021 and Mid-Winter. I know that some clubs have been able to meet again and some are still waiting for the okay to meet. I am a member of a several shags clubs and so far, only one of them has been able to get together and dance again. We at the Florence Shag Club have been extremely fortunate to maintain the same place to dance for many years now. We have had several out of town visitors the last few weeks and are happy that

we had a place to share with them to come dance and enjoy great music. Our crowds have been small but just to be able to see others has been a blessing. We have so many who are hurting from the loss of a loved one, illness, loss of a job, etc. I hope you will join me in prayer to lift those hurting. In this day and time, I think that we all can use an extra prayer or two. I know that I can.

I hope by the time you are reading this, that things will be headed back to normal for all of us. I miss all my fellow shaggers and the many friends I have acquired along the way. I look forward to seeing each of you at Mid-Winter.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your ACSC Secretary for another 2 years. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and I am honored to serve as your secretary.

Until we meet again, stay safe and do not hesitate to contact any of your Board members if you have any questions or concerns. *Becky*



ACSC Vice Chairman Lisa Myers Caveny



What seems like just the other day....was really last year in 2019 and I was looking so forward to many fun plans that were penciled in my 2020 Calendar. My thoughts were that I was going to have a fun

year ahead and make so many good memories with friends and family. Back in January, I used the year 2020 to develop a leadership program which was presented to all our ACSC Shag Club Presidents and was entitled, " A President's Guide to Developing 20/20 Vision in 2020." It seemed so clever and such a fun way to emphasize leadership skills and new challenges for our Presidents, both old and recycled. Little did I know that this year of 2020 would be a challenge for all of us...a challenge far greater than being a Shag Club President. This year has proven to task all of us, in every walk of life to have a greater vision for how to stay safe during a Pandemic, how to work and continue to function in our day to day life, how to care for family and keep them safe, how to stay connected during a time where we learned all about being quarantined, how to cope with loss of life to this virus, loss of our social lives, loss of large gatherings and how to hold on tightly to the precious memories of fun times that we as a shag family have had. If you're anything at all like me, I never even heard or talked about the word Pandemic. I never thought I would see a time where we couldn't bury our dead with our family and friends gathered to pay respect. I never thought I'd see a time where a Bride and Groom could not share their happiness with a traditional wedding. I never thought I would have to worry about who might cough or sneeze around me while at the grocery store. But here we are....This year is only a short time from ending and thank goodness for that fact!! I don't believe anyone will be sad to see it go! We, as a shag family, lost Spring Safari 2020, Summer Workshop in Pigeon Forge and Fall SOS 2020. We also have lost gathering to dance, we have lost our ability to have fundraisers, in-person board meetings and just simply put...our social opportunities were taken away from us.

What were we left with....or better yet, WHO were we left with?? Family. Our closest circle of friends. Smaller was

better. Distance felt safer.

We probably don't talk enough about what 2020 brought us....

- Stillness.
- Value of Time.
- Reflection.
- Purpose.
- Identity.
- Vision.
- Truth.
- Patience.
- Love.
- Gratitude.

We should value the healing just as much as the hurt we have come through. Remember there are those that did not make it. We have.

A new beginning is in sight.

We will again gather. We will again dance and socialize. We will again meet and rebuild. The hugs we give and get during the next SOS will be sweeter and we will hold each other tighter...and maybe just a bit longer. The 20/20 Vision will make us a better people, a better friend and a better shag club...as we count our blessings and develop a sharper vision for better days ahead. We look in our rear view mirror only to reflect...We focus on the windshield of life to see the opportunities that lie ahead.

Sunshine comes to ALL who feel Rain.

Love and Virtual Hugs to each of you until we meet again,

Lisa

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ABSCDJ's President Steve Baker



Shaggers, Shagettes, Newbies and Oldtimers, I would like to say Hello from the Association of Beach & Shag Club DJ's! I believe the last time we were all together for an event in OD was DJ Throwdown this past March. WOW! Sure seems like forever! I know many of you have had some small gatherings so you could scratch your "Shag Itch"! Social media has provided us a way to connect with your friends, your favorite bands or just to share your quarantine status! Thank goodness for the radio stations that provide our favorite music, so we can maintain some kind of sanity! Please be assured all of us in the ABSCDJ's are ready to spread some joy! Hopefully that day will be sooner than later. If we can help your Shag Club in anyway please don't hesitate to contact us. Our website is www.abscdj.com *Steve*



SOS Carefree Times Editor Janet Harrold

Hello and hope you enjoy our first Online Carefree Times!!

I have worn my masks, had the test (negative...yay) use sanitizer on everything including my hands, social

distancing...mostly in my home cooking, cleaning, or working on my computer. I am sure all have mostly done all these things at least from the jump of the Pandemic. Hopefully, the vaccine will be ready soon and all that love Paradise will come and enjoy SOS Midwinter. And then there is 2021 SOS Spring Safari with all the clubs open, events, and of course the Parade!!

As I compose this an ALERT for tornado warning on my phone and television...so that lets me know that Hurricane Sally is showing herself outside with lots of rain and wind.

And this day, Thursday, September 17, 2020 was scheduled the first day of SOS Fall Migration, cancelled. But I'm sure if not all would have found a place to listen to their favorite dee jay, dance, eat at your favorite club or restaurant.

Okay, enough of that so let's all look forward to better times!! A Heartfelt Thanks to all the first responders, hospitals, nurses, and doctors that have worked to help with all patients with the Covid-19!!! *Janet*

2021

Jan. 14-17 Mid-Winter/Workshop

April 15-25 Spring Safari

July 9-11 Summer Workshop

July Junior SOS

Sept. 16-26 Fall Migration

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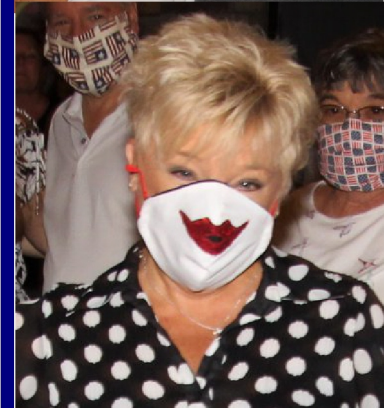
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At the Salisbury Shag Club board meeting May 28, 2020, the meeting was a boring repeat of the previous month. The last monthly social we had was in March 2020, April cancelled, May and June cancelled, what, where and when will it change back to the way it was. Sadly, we still do not know that answer. However, at that meeting we started looking for a way to have a party. The guidelines were to be outside, room for social distancing, good DJ's, good music, dance floor and good food. Just so happens, 20-minute drive from Salisbury there was venue that had an open pavilion, dance floor, food, winery and craft beverages. We called Morgan Ridge Vineyards inquiring their thoughts on the shag club having a party there. After a meeting with them the first week in June we made the final plans and set the date for July 10, 2020 which would be our normal Monthly social night, 2nd Friday night of the month. At this point we now had news to spread to our members. To make the party successful we knew we needed more people to attend than was in our club. The next priority was the DJ's, we booked Carolina Beach Party DJ Johnny B and The Wave countdown DJ Eric Bowman. We then sent out invitations to seventeen area shag clubs. For added enjoyment we had a Covid 19 mask contest, raffled off a basket of cheer and 50/50 raffle. From the first invitations response we knew the party was going to be good. There were shag clubs represented as far away as two-hour drive time.



We realize the shag club society was sensitive of Covid 19, but they were ready to get out of the house and join their friends in what they all have in Common, the love of good shag music, dancing, cold beverages and good memory that they were there.



So??? What did Salisbury Shag Club do? We did a repeat August 29, 2020 with same results and we may be having another in October!

Salisbury Shag Club, E.B. Jackson, President
Photographer: Bob Klimas





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2020 ACSC Shagging ICON Awards

2020 ICON AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Purpose of the ACSC Shagging Icon Award is to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions within their own shag club through out the years. To consider nominating one of your shag club members for this prestigious award, go to our website (www.shagdance.com) to download the ACSC Shagging Icon Award Nomination Form. The following are brief summaries of the information submitted for consideration.

Novelene Powell & Dot Smith
Icon Committee Co-Chairs

Pamela Alfano Northern Virginia Shag Club

Since Northern Virginia Shag Club's beginning in 1993, Pamela has been one of its most active members. She served effectively and tirelessly in many ways. Since serving as an officer or director of the Club for most of

her years of membership, she possesses a unique sense of institutional knowledge of the operation of the club. While members have come and gone over the years, she has persevered as one of the most consistent and dependable members and leaders of the club. No member has been elected to serve for more years on the Board of Directors as Pamela has. As a volunteer dance instructor for her club over the past 20 years, she continues to look for opportunities to share what she has learned about the dance and her appreciation of the music with newcomers to the club and to others in the community. She was honored to be inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2015. Pamela is truly one of the outstanding members of the club and embodies many of the same qualities of those exceptional individuals who have been previously honored as Icons. She is the epitome of what the Icon Award stands for – dedication to the preservation and promotion of the shag and our life style which is evident in all she has accomplished in her 23 years in the shag community.



Dianne Conner – Rutherford County Shag Club

As a founding member of one of the smaller but more vibrant shag clubs in the ACSC, Dianne Conner has been both a strong foundation and a backbone of the Rutherford Shag Club. She is one of only two charter members still attending

the Club who have continuous membership and service for every year of the club's existence. As an ambassador and positive role model for her club, she has been responsible for not only the creation of the club, but also for many of the events, places they dance and the multitude of activities the club puts on. She has held almost every position in her club and has served on every committee. She is spontaneously generous, and in the Shag World, that generosity is expressed as constant promotion of her shag club and unselfish support of neighboring clubs. Diane was recently presented an award for her unrivaled commitment, dedication, and her many years of service to Rutherford County Shag Club. The shag community is Dianne's passion. Her contagious energy and enthusiasm for all things shag is a part of who she is and a part that she loves sharing. Dianne has given her all to her club and to the shag world. She truly represents the spirit of the Icon Award as one who is much involved in the leadership of her club.


2020 ACSC Shagging ICON Awards



Danny Long Rock Hill Shag Club

As one of the original charter members of the Rock Hill Shag Club (the second oldest shag club, established in 1981), Danny Long has worked tirelessly for over 38 years for the club he helped to start and to build.

From president, vice president, sergeant at arms, to role model, shag instructor, promoter, chairman of many committees and major club events, he has done it all. Danny took many shag classes from the famous Shad & Brenda Alberty before he began teaching shag classes in 1984. Danny is inspirational in teaching--especially to young juniors--and is always happy to share his knowledge, or help a new dancer, or teach a new shag step. He is proud to be a member of the Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame and the Rock Hill Wall of Fame. Danny always represents RHSC with his usual quiet charm and humbleness, never seeking praise or recognition. He truly strives for what is best for the club and the dance, not for what will bring accolade to him personally. His calm and steady nature can diffuse any situation, reason any disagreement, and warm any heart. He never grows tired of sharing his love of shag with others. Danny and his wife Linda moved to North Myrtle Beach last year. He will represent the Icon Award with pride and honor.



Robert "Bob" Person Virginia Beach Shag Club

When Robert "Bob" Person joined the Virginia Beach Shag Club 21 years ago, he didn't waste any time getting involved. He immediately started shag lessons and has served as a volunteer dance instructor for the past 15 years. As an admired and respected president of the club, he was instrumental in bringing the Board together and teaching them how to work together as a team. His calming yet professional manner always helps to reinforce the positive nature of club meetings. He has held nearly every office and chair position on the Board and is currently serving a fourth

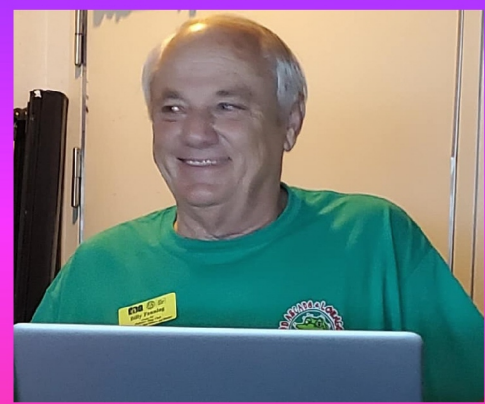
term as Parliamentarian. He sees the best in everyone and always displays his devotion for his club and its members.

He is a proven leader and positive role model in every respect even with his humor and fun antics when participating in club skits and talent shows. Bob was a participant and winner of the last "Womanless Beauty Contest" held during Fun Monday at SOS. Bob created and developed an informative website for the club and served as Webmaster for several years. His expertise in computer programming and servicing computers has proven to be very useful to the club and its members. He is a hardworking, well-liked man who loves the Virginia Beach Shag Club. In numerous ways, Bob has contributed much of his life helping to make the club successful, and he is indeed deserving of the Icon award for 2020.



Jo Patrick Simokat Islanders Shag Club

For 30 consecutive years, Jo has been a member of the Islanders Shag Club. Through the years, she has served in many capacities and has always demonstrated her love of the club, the dance, the music and most importantly – the people. As an active promoter of Shag, she has helped to bring new life and new members to this small club. With her continued efforts, "The Islanders" will continue to thrive and stay alive. After many years, Jo was very successful in bringing back the annual "Shaggers Holiday" weekend party this past year. She is passionate about her club, the shag dance and even more passionate when it comes to teaching, promoting, and supporting Jr. Shaggers. For the past 25 years, she has taught free shag lessons to many in her club and folks around the Charleston area. She is very supportive of other clubs and encourages club members to support their events. As her love for the dance grew, she became involved with not only competing, but also judging shag competitions. She was inducted into the Charleston Area Hall of Fame in 2017 and the National Living Legends of Dance in 2018, a deserved recognition of her contributions to her club and to the greater shag community. She has worked diligently to preserve and promote the Shag and is truly deserving of the Icon Award.



Precious People. A Treasured Dance.

Dear Shaggers,

It hasn't been the same without you in North Myrtle Beach.

We miss you! Your spirit and laughter—your sweet tunes—bring a distinctive flair to our city. The challenges of the past year have given us the gift of looking at life through a new lens. The camaraderie and loyalty of your dance community exemplify that perspective.

We appreciate you and your continued dedication to our community. **THANK YOU!**

Stay well and keep dancing. We are here waiting for you!

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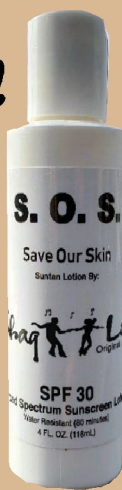




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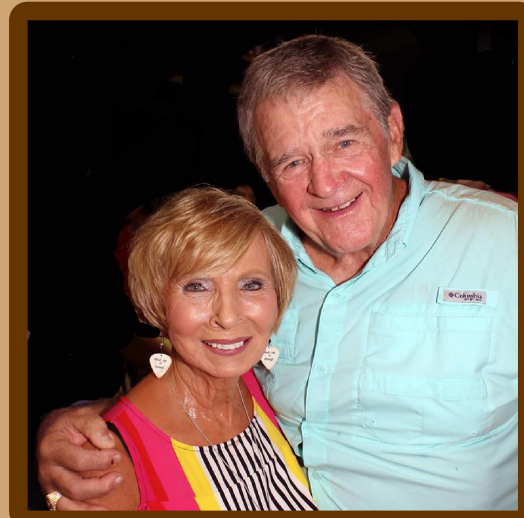
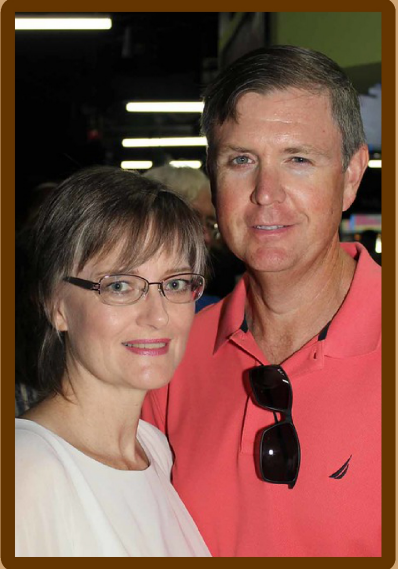


I sure do miss you all, but we will be back together soon. I miss the SOS parties and looking forward to seeing many of you again. We have been staying at home just like many of you and to tell you the truth it is really getting old. And I think I have a bad case of "Cabin Fever". But looking on the positive side, our home and our lawn is immaculate! I am now looking forward to getting back to dancing and talking with many of you. Now with all this being said, I am really looking forward to Mid-winter, our next SOS event where once again we can get together and to share in our lifestyle.

All of that being said, I would like to tell you about our Website. Now that things appear to be opening back up, some parties are being planned by different shag clubs, and DJs are ready to get back to playing some good ole' beach music, all with social distancing and being safe. Please send me your planned parties and I will get them up promptly. Maybe we will even be able to come to 1 or 2 of them.

Always go to www.shagdance.com for the latest and greatest parties, shag club information and the "where and when" it is all happening. Our shagdance website currently gets an average of 1,037,547 hits per month and this is even with the pandemic this year. One of the biggest areas people go to is our Party page. Also, note that on the front page, look for the link "Quick Link to Archived Carefree Times" thanks to Vickie Harrison for scanning all these in, you can now go here and see each year of the Carefree Times. Just remember the SOS website is a place many of your friends and guests go to, to get your club and SOS information. Also, there will be a link for the Carefree Times Online available.

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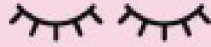
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Our facebook group keeps growing, we have almost 14,000 members now. I am the administrator of the group page and I intend to keep our shaggers well informed with SOS schedules, updates, photos and events. We limit our advertising on the facebook page to the participating partner SOS clubs (OD Resort, OD Arcade, Fat Harolds, Pirates Cove, and Ducks) and ACSC Shag Clubs. **We would love to have your SHAG CLUB to post their events and parties.** We want this fb page to be informative, interesting and FUN for you!

Hope to see you on our facebook page.

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Blast from the Past



Top ten lessons learned at S.O.S.

10) When renting a car, get everyone licensed to drive. (Karen wasn't there.)

9) Girls need to rent a van and party while they travel—it's better than a year of therapy.

8) Groups are great in the van but not on the dance floor.

7) Crowded S.O.S. dance floors prove Rick Hendrix right—real shaggers take *tiny* steps.

6) Two beach chairs and two beach towels will work for five girls—rotate every hour chair to towel. (Karen wasn't there.)

5) Take at least one real south-

erner along in your group to interpret.

4) Even if you agree on a favorite beach tape, you don't have to listen to it all the way home.

3) A four-roll pack of toilet paper is not enough for five girls for five days (in spite of the fact that Karen didn't use her share).

2) Men *love* to dance with a single woman. Definition of a single woman: a woman standing alone, *all by herself*, standing beside Karen. (Karen wasn't there.)

1) Not all gray-haired toe-tappers can shag.

The Virgin Trippers are members of the Northern Virginia Shag Club.



Buck Crumpton - The Act of Kindness

By: Lisa Cline

Do you wonder what our great DJ's are doing during this pandemic? Well I want to take a minute or more of your time and give a shout out for one of these great guys, Buck Crumpton.

Before the pandemic, I was at Lynn's having a casual conversation with Buck, somehow, we discussed Clemson, imagine that with Buck! I mentioned a student at the Community College that I work at that loves Clemson so much, he literally bleeds orange.

This student, Brandon Judd is in the Compensatory Education (SOAR) classes, he is 23 years old and has Cerebral Palsy. He always comes to college with a smile on his sweet face and wearing his orange proudly. He has orange everything, wheels on his wheelchair, the control knob, most of his shirts and hats. He just loves Clemson!

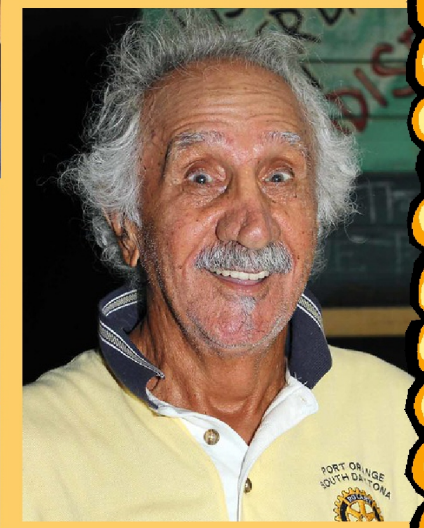
Well, when I mentioned this young man to Buck, he said you send me his picture and info, I am going to get him a football signed by Dabo Swinney. In the meantime, all the COVID came about and I really figured all this would never take place or it would be delayed. But leave it to Buck, he still made it happen. He got the football, signed by Dabo and presented it to Brandon. There were smiles all around, even amid a pandemic!

Thank you Buck!





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JR SOS GOES VIRTUAL

In early June, the JSA Board made the sad decision to cancel JR SOS 2020 in order to help keep everyone safe. But wait—let's go virtual. With the hard work and many talents of our board members, it happened. Each morning, the workshop links were posted. There were classes for Beginners, Intermediates, Advanced, and the new JR SOS 2020 step. I made sure to save the links, in case, I forget the steps (as we know I will).

Thank you to all the instructors for a fantastic job: Krystal & Kaylee Bravo, Gene & Nancy Pope, Johnathan & Bradley Kemp & Ivy Claire Huiet, Sam & Lisa West, John & Tina Phillips, Ashley & Tobitha Stewart, Alan Stokes & Madelyn Finley, Jackson & Lizzie Batten, Scott

Campbell & Nikki Kontoulas, Michael & LeAnn Norris, Les & Marsha Rose. Each afternoon, we hosted the Scavenger Hunt with instructions on posting photos from a past JR SOS. There was great participation and tons of fun going down memory lane. The evenings brought us the "Aging Out Dances". We had a total of 13, which is the largest group I have seen. Each one danced with someone special in their lives—moms, dads, grands, siblings, and special friends. I really enjoyed watching each one. On Saturday night, we went LIVE on Facebook to award the JSA Scholarships for 2020. After reading the fabulous essays, the two winners of the two \$2,500 scholarships were announced: Drew Allen and Lauren Cookman. The JLee Foundation also awarded two \$1,000 scholarship this same weekend which went to Lauren Cookman and Alexis Caronis. JLee Foundation also awarded a four year Merit Scholarship, which went to Drew Allen.

Congratulations to all the winners. We wish you much success as you enter a new phase of your journey through life. Sunday brought us two special dances from our 2020 National Shag Dance Champions: Junior I: Billy West and Brooke Farrior; Junior II: Johnathan Kemp & Ivy Claire Huiet. What a way to end such a special week that we will always remember. Now, go ahead and mark your calendars for July 13-18, 2021 for JUNIOR SOS 2021. It is sure to be the best one yet. In closing, thank you to the JSA Board: Garrett Humphries, LeAnn Norris, Jennifer Batten, Kristal Taylor Davis, Betsy Pittman, Carmen Vaughn, and Larry Edwards for your love of all juniors and for the hard work that you do. It is my honor to be a part of such a wonderful group. Till next year!!!

Keep Shaggin'. Debbie Brown, JSA Board Member

2020 JSA Scholarships



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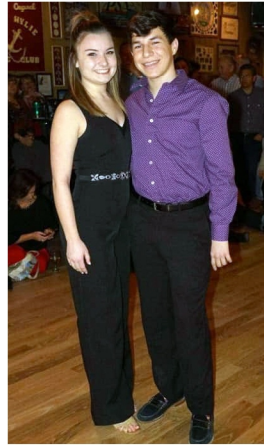
Lauren Cookman



JSA "Aging Out Dances"



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(grandfather)



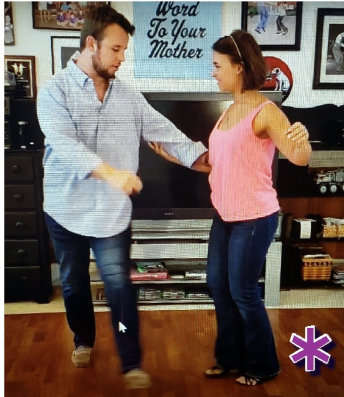
ADRIANA LIGGINS
w/ Maxwell Rusmisell



BRIANA TAYLOR
with Conrad Haas



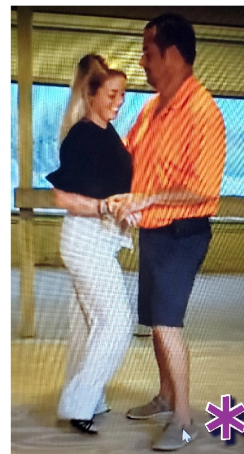
GARNET ROBINSON
w/ Casey Robinson (dad)



JACKSON BATTEN with
Lizzie Batten (sister)



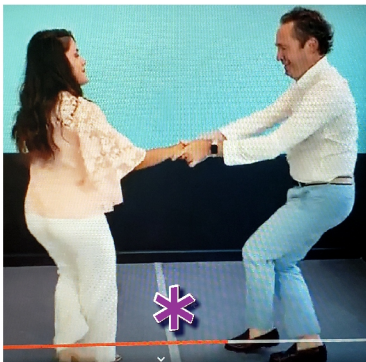
INDYA PAGE with
Ethan Page (brother)



ISLEY TURNER
with Tripp Turner (dad)



KYLE SELLERS
with Mia Sellers (mom)



KAYLEE BRAVO
with Jason Cagle



MASON CLARK
with Anne Soter
(grandmother)



OLIVIA MARTIN with
Kyson Prentice



KATIE TURNER
with Cody Morgan



NATALIE WEAVER
with Nick Weaver

*Screenshots from Virtual Dances

Tribute to Jo Jo

Yesterday we lost another one of the true legends of the Shag, Fas Dance or Beach Step. Whatever you may want to call it depending on your age. Whatever you want to call it, Mike Osborne will go down in the history of our dance as one of the best. Mike and Tommy White earned their status as legends in the mid 50's in the beer joints on Myrtle Beach, Ocean Drive and Cherry Grove. They were the best of friends until the end along with their friend Jo Jo Putman..Somewhere around the summer of 1956, Mike wore out his welcome on Ocean Drive and Chief Bellamy ran Mike off the beach. Years later during the early SOS parties, Mike came back with a vengeance. His house parties were awesome. I had much Man Love for both Mike and Tommy, it was an honor to be their friend.

On another bittersweet occasion, tomorrow (8/17/20) is another legend's birthday. Jo Jo Putman will be 86. Jo has dementia and is living in an assisted living home in the Columbia area. Special thanks to his great friend Wayne "Waco" Williams and his lovely wife Kristi for looking after Jo Jo for many years.

Jo Jo started his legendary status on the beach around 1949. During his many years as a true beach bum, Jo Jo was known as a great dancer, a con man , a ladies man and a knife fighter. In his early years, Jo Jo ran with the likes of Charlie Porter, Maurice Treadway and many other old time beach legends.

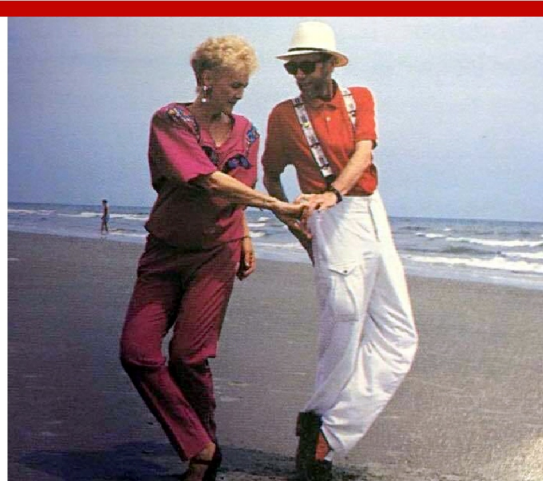
Jo Jo also spent time in Chief Bellamy's Grey Bar Hotel, also known as the O.D. Jail. He had no love for Chief Bellamy. Jo Jo also spent time on the South Carolina Chain Gang and the Crazy House in Columbia after getting into a knife fight with the University of South Carolina's son. It was either prison or the crazy house. Jo Jo chose the crazy house.

These guys and many like them hit the beach in their early teens. They took jobs as life guards, cooks and bingo callers. They did not have their parents pay for dance lessons, they worked with their friends, made up their own steps and were Male Peacock dancers.

There aren't many of this old crowd left. I would be honored if I could be considered one of them.

I truly love and miss my many original old beach friends that I have lost and hope when my time comes, I will be able to rejoin them in that jukin' beer joint in the sky.

AMF, Carl "Lightnin" Smith



Jo Jo & Carl Smith

MY SOS MEMBERSHIP AND WHAT IT MEANS

A few workshops ago, I did a presentation about my SOS Card. Since a lot of members were asking what do I get if I buy a card, I responded by saying: You are buying a membership into one of the greatest organizations that you can be a part of anywhere. True, there are some who buy the card just to gain entry into our SOS partner Clubs at the beach and this is perfectly OK. But many of you bought the membership because you wanted to be part of and support the lifestyle, music and the dance that we all love. I told them by

buying the Membership, it gave them entrance to the SOS Clubs at no charge, have a place to dance that was only playing our beach music and SOS pays to reserve the floor space. It also pays to support our website, face book,

our Carefree Times, advertising and general membership of SOS. Some of the meals you see in some of the clubs are paid for by SOS at no charge to you. SOS runs and maintains the Company Store where you can purchase official SOS attire, Lost and Found, buy SOS Cards and get general information during SOS. SOS also, pays for a shuttle to take you back and forth for your convenience at no charge to you. SOS bought and paid for defibrillator that is in every partner club and maintained and classes taught in case of an emergency. It also supports the Charitable Foundation, Jr. Shaggers Association and management of SOS. SOS also supports

the Dr. Phil Sawyer Foundation which gives scholarships to students that are interested in our dance at the University of SC. It also supports the SOS Parade, Fun Monday, Fun Sunday. These are just some of the benefits that you receive by buying an SOS Membership Card. All this for only \$30, but it doesn't stop here. It gives you 24 days of the greatest times, meeting friends, loving this lifestyle, self-satisfaction and a sense of pride that you are a part of something special. But none of this happens without you and your

support of the SOS membership. We all have realized in the last year and a half, starting off with the hurricane and cancellation of 2018 Fall Migration and then the cancellation of 2020 Spring Safari and Fall Migration because of

Covid-19 and how much we all miss it. But to be honest with you, SOS has given me much more than I could ever mention. The sense of pride that it has instilled in me and the opportunity to be associated with such great people and I am a part of something special.

In closing, if I had to give back as much as I have received from my SOS membership, I would consider it PRICELESS! Thanks for your support and the purchase of the SOS Membership Card.

Ronnie Gregory
SOS Membership Card Holder



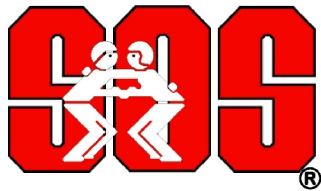
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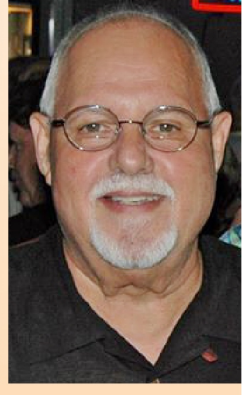
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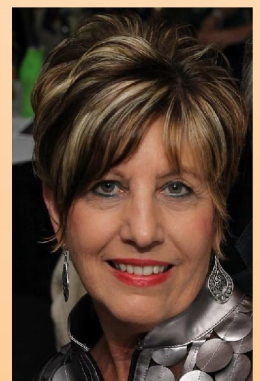
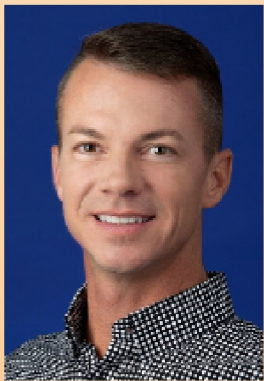
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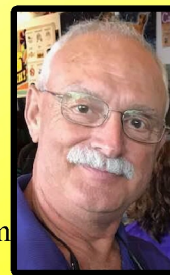
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