

SOS Carefree Times

2023 Fall Migration Special Edition



*Tribute to
Dr. Phil Sawyer
His Life & Legacy
Dec. 22, 1930-
June 27, 2015*



Dr. Phil Sawyer

Dr. Phil Huff Sawyer

*SOS President Emeritus - Past ACSC Chairman
Shagging Icon - Author - Shag Historian*

Dr. Sawyer will be remembered for his tireless efforts, leadership, and dedication to make the Society of Stranders (SOS) a huge success.

*Message in Bottle
Opening Fall Migration*

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SOS President Ron Whisenant

Hello everyone! Fall Migration 2023 is here!

I hope that you have had a good summer, and ready for some great music and a lot of shagging in NMB. Fall Migration is here and filled with a full ten days of great DJ's playing your favorite dance tunes. The dance floors around the beach will be filled with fun loving shaggers. Grab your dance partner and find yourself a spot on the floor.

The main events for Fall Migration are SOS Fun Sunday at the O D Arcade on Sunday afternoon featuring two bands, and Fun Monday on Main Street starting around 12:00pm

featuring three top bands. Entertainment in the street all afternoon with a drawing for the winning raffle tickets. You will be entertained and have a chance to win the grand prize. Make sure you have your raffle ticket. The purchase of a raffle ticket gives you an opportunity to win and continues to support the Enhancement Committees efforts to continue this premier event during SOS Fall Migration.

A special presentation will take place at the beginning of the Fun Monday event at 11:30 am. Special speakers will have a presentation honoring Dr Phil Sawyers contribution to our dance and to SOS.

A "Time Capsule" from 2013-2023 has been on display in the SOS store. The bottle will be unsealed, and will be opened and read, revealing Dr. Phil's thoughts and ideas of what SOS meant to him. This event will take place during the ACSC meeting on Saturday morning. The contents of this message will be show cased in the next edition of the Carefree Times. You will not want to miss this memorable event honoring PhD. Phil Sawyer. I am sure there will be more information about this event in the SOS store.

SOS continues to work on creating a positive relationship to bring on Pirates Cove as an SOS club. The goal is to have Pirates Cove participate on a ten-day schedule of events for our SOS membership. Several meetings with management negotiating issues of interest to both parties are showing favorable results. Pirates Cove has had a favorable history with our SOS membership in the past. We hope to continue the tradition during the SOS Fall Migration in September. Please make sure to see the scheduled events for all of our SOS clubs and go by to show your support and appreciation for being part of the SOS family.

The remaining activities of the week will be filled with dancing, shag club parties, beach parties and more. Check out the schedules in the online Carefree Times on shagdance.com or SOS Facebook page.



ACSC Chairman Robin Morley

Welcome to our Shagger's Haven. North Myrtle Beach was certainly a great place to be during Jr. SOS. It truly was the beach town. The laughter of the kids, the smell of cotton candy and the sound of beach music playing was truly a delight.

Fall Migration 2023 is here! It's time to once again come together for us to share our dance with our shag community. Our SOS website www.shagdance.com and our SOS FB page will have schedules of events held for the next 10 days.

The shag community is certainly an amazing group of folks. We all know the importance of sharing and caring for others through our charities and the shag clubs play a vital role.

Please make sure that you purchase your Fun Monday Raffle ticket while here at North Myrtle Beach. The SOS Charitable Foundation and the Caring for Kids of Horry County are two organizations that benefit from your contributions. I promise you that you will have such an enjoyable time at these events. Please come join us!!

The memories and friendships that we make while at SOS will last a lifetime. Our dance, music and lifestyle are alive and well. We are very fortunate to be able to spend ten days with friends doing something that we all have in common. The Carolina shag is so much more than a dance, it's a lifestyle. Let's keep working hard to keep our dance alive. Please support your local ACSC shag clubs, this is truly the root of our organization.

Enjoy yourself while at SOS. Please stop in the Company Store!! Visit the North Myrtle Beach Museum. So many great things to do while visiting NMB!!!

Robin Morley, ACSC Chairman



SOS Board Chairman Ken Akin

Red Hot Summer Greetings!!!

Fall SOS has a very exciting special event planned!! Ronnie and Mary Gregory and Doris Keaton have been preparing for the opening of Dr. Phil's Sawyer's bottle containing his message. Dr. Phil's bottle will be on display at the SOS Company Store and opened during the Saturday ACSC Meeting.

The Enhancement Committee, composed of faithful volunteers, have planned our enjoyable Fun Monday entertainment. The entertainment will include The Magnificents, Original Rhondels and The Swingin'

Medallions. Reminder: Shag club members please continue to sell your Raffle Tickets.

Note to golfers: The Hall of Fame Foundation golf tournament is scheduled for October 21, 2023 at the Eastport Golf Club in Little River, NC. Save that date on your golf calendar. As a Director of the Hall of Fame Foundation Thank You to all the shag club golfers who have previously participated. The proceeds from these golf tournaments has helped many friends in need.

Looking forward to seeing all my shagging friends during SOS.



SOS Carefree Times Editor Janet Harrold

WELCOME TO THE ONLINE CAREFREE TIMES.....www.shagdance.com and SOS FB..... ENJOY!!!

We get thousands of hits daily from folks looking to see what is going on during SOS events before and after. Checking out accommodations, entertainment, shopping....you will find it all right here. Also, if you wish to check out all the issues since we went online that is available here as well.

SOS Fall Migration is September 14-24 is waiting for you to enjoy all the SOS clubs, Fun Monday – September 18. The clubs will have your favorite dee jays, which you will see online as well. Please while you are here enjoy our advertisers if you need anything and some will give a special discount if you present your SOS card. SOS cards are sold at every SOS Club and the SOS Company Store!!

Thank you to all the advertisers that have made the SOS Carefree Times in existence from since SOS began doing the Carefree Times. So put on the shagging shoes, check out all the entertainment online from August 15 until you arrive to ENJOY 10 FUN DAYS!!!

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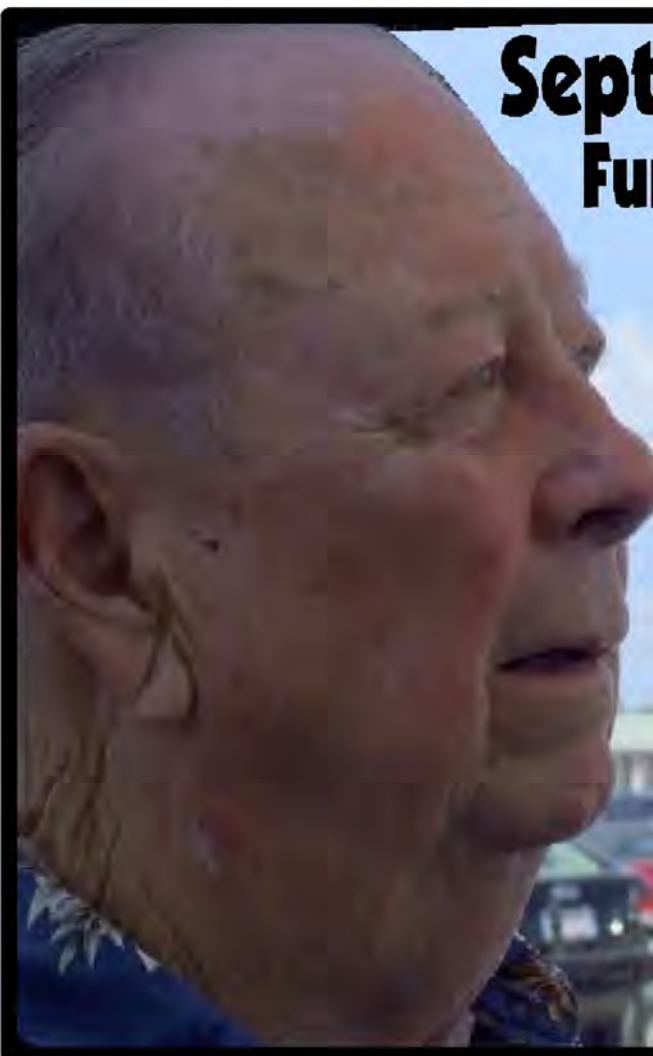


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Message in Bottle
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Dr. Phil Huff Sawyer
SOS President Emeritus - 2006-2020 Chairman
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Dr. Sawyer will be remembered for his tireless efforts, leadership, and dedication to make the Society of Seniors (SOS) a happy society.



September 18, 2023 11:30 am Fun Monday Stage on Main Street

Special Tribute of Dr. Phil Sawyer's Life & Legacy with special guest speakers. The 10th anniversary of the opening and reading of his "Message in a Bottle" will be at the ACSC Meeting Saturday morning, September 23rd.

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It's a Blast From the Past...Thank You Dr. Phil

**Where it all began
in September of 1980**

by Phil Sawyer



Phil Sawyer

knew he had to leave and kept on going. We all remember Thomas Wolfe's legacy to wisdom in this world—"You can't go home again."

At that time, there was no assurance that there would ever be another S.O.S. North Myrtle Beach didn't know quite what to make of us; there was mixed emotion. Some said move it to Myrtle. Swink knew this would not work. But the shaggers and stranders were united in one thought—we're gonna do it again next year.

Thus began the Fall Migration. It did not have a name at the time—that came later—and fortunately for all of us today, there was another S.O.S. in September 1981.

And here we are again. S.O.S. XVIII—eighteen years later. The event is so great it is measured in

Roman numerals, just like the Super Bowl.

The simple reason that we are still around eighteen years later is that we were born of demand from the stranders. We didn't try to create the demand. Swink's idea became a product that people wanted—and still want—and here we are, and here we'll stay.

All of us owe Swink Laughter. What he begat has become something we must have, our events at the beach. There are none others like it. S.O.S. stands above and beyond any and all parties for true lovers of beach, beach music,

shaggers, boppers, stranders, and swingers anywhere in the country.

S.O.S. has grown with the times. We are now a ten-day festival, and throughout this *Carefree Times* you can read about the many exciting things that will be yours this week.

But as you marvel at the incredibly lucky breaks that caused you to be a part of it, pause for a moment. Walk out to the beach, look out at the ocean, turn your head to capture the pulsating beat of beach music from the nearest deejay, look up to the azure Carolina sky, and think to yourself: Thank you, Lord.!

When the first S.O.S. was over in the waning hours of an absolutely magnificent Sunday afternoon in September of 1980, Swink Laughter had to leave to get back to Virginia. He half jogged-trotted from the deck at Fat Jack's up the beach, stopped once, had a strong urge to turn and go back, but

A Shagger's Prayer

Lord shoot the gun and raise the flag,
At long, long last I've learned to shag.

The Basic I can do with ease,
The Boogie Walk with bended knees.

The Pivot I now do very well,
Though learning it was holy hell.

As well as any I Belly Roll,
And better than most I'm often told.

I Sugarfoot, Studder, Pick and Lean,
And as for presence, man I'm mean.

Flybacks and Drop-Spins I take in stride,
Non-shaggers now I can't abide.

Lord look down, that shagger you see,
With graeful heart, Lord,
that's me, Me, ME!

Phil Sawyer, Author



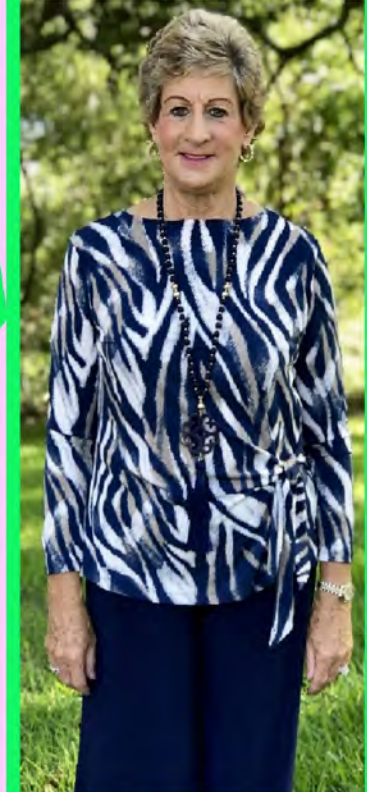
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Patriotic Tribute On The Beach ~ Wednesday, Sept. 20, 12:00 Noon

The annual, PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE ON THE BEACH will be held at 12:00 NOON on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Please gather at 11:45 A.M. (Rain Date Thursday, Sept. 21 at 12:00 Noon) outside the Ashworth and OD Resort. This heartwarming event was originated by Pittsburgh DJ Rich Sliger, who has retired from the Tribute. It is now presented by patriotic singer/songwriter, Jimmy Flynn (www.JimmyFlynn.net/songs). The purpose of the TRIBUTE is to honor all troops and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, especially Vietnam Veterans, highlighted by Jimmy Flynn singing his poignant song, "SOLDIERS OF VIETNAM- WELCOME HOME." This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.



Tribute On The Beach

Honor our Veterans & Troops

Wednesday - 12 Noon

Rain Date: Thursday - 12 Noon

FALL MIGRATION SOS

Presented by



*Jimmy
Flynn*



The highlight of this "don't miss" event is when the attendees "Walk The Line", shake the hand of every veteran, and thank them for their service to our country. The TRIBUTE always includes a very emotional and stirring group sing-along to the incomparable Kate Smith's version of "God Bless America." For up-to-date info, see the TRIBUTE ON THE BEACH-NMB Facebook page.

This year's Tribute will be shorter in duration than in the past. So please plan on attending, spread the word, and wear your red, white and blue.....

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!!!

"Let's Gather and Cheer On The Beach Every Year!"



Dr. Phil Sawyer

Dr. Sawyer died Saturday, June 27, 2015. Born in Salley, he was a son of the late Dan Henderson Sawyer, Sr. and Vivian Huff Sawyer. Dr. Sawyer earned his undergraduate, graduate and Doctorate degrees from the University of South Carolina. He was a U.S. Army veteran who also spent 40 years as a Fort Jackson civilian employee. As Education Services Officer at Fort Jackson, Dr. Sawyer was responsible for an extensive continuing education program. His leadership, commitment to

excellence and innovative techniques provided soldiers and family members with exceptional on-post educational opportunities. He received many awards for meritorious service including the Army's Military Educator of the Year. As an outstanding leader in Army Education, Dr. Sawyer volunteered to be part of numerous programs that promote soldier education. He was a pioneer in using technology in education and a supporter of computer-based instruction. He enjoyed being a mentor to his employees at Fort Jackson and educators within the Army. He was especially proud that his efforts helped land the first facility ever constructed by the Army as a dedicated education facility built at Fort Jackson. He truly believed in life-long learning as after his retirement he enrolled in history courses at USC accumulating an additional 60 credit hours of coursework. His stated philosophy was, "There are no problems in education, only opportunities." Fort Jackson and the Army were fortunate to have experienced his vision, mentorship and leadership.

As a young man, Dr. Sawyer was very active in the Jaycees and was president of the Richland Sertoma Club. He credited these early positive experiences as contributing to his success in later life. He was also proud of his opportunity to serve on the Vestry at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and being a lay reader at Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community. His favorite pastime was listening to beach music and dancing the shag, the official state dance of both Carolinas. He was instrumental in establishing the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) composed of approximately 100 local shag clubs throughout the United States, serving as chairman from 1987 through 1989. As chairman, he was instrumental in acquiring for the ACSC ownership of the Society of Stranders, Inc. (SOS). He served as its president from 1989 through 2000 and president emeritus from 2001 until his death in 2015. SOS is a highly successful organization devoted to the Shag dance, beach music, and good times and is composed of approximately fifteen thousand individual members. As tributes to his many contributions to the shag dance and its lifestyle, Dr. Sawyer was awarded the Shagging ICON award, ACSC Lifetime Achievement Award, and the establishment of the Dr. Phil Sawyer Endowment Fund (currently with principal endowment in excess of \$120,000) to provide scholarships to the University of South Carolina's Department of Theatre and Dance. Dr. Sawyer's unwavering commitment to the Shag motivated him to coauthor a book with writer Tom Poland entitled *Save the Last Dance for Me (A Love Story of the Shag and the Society of Stranders.)*



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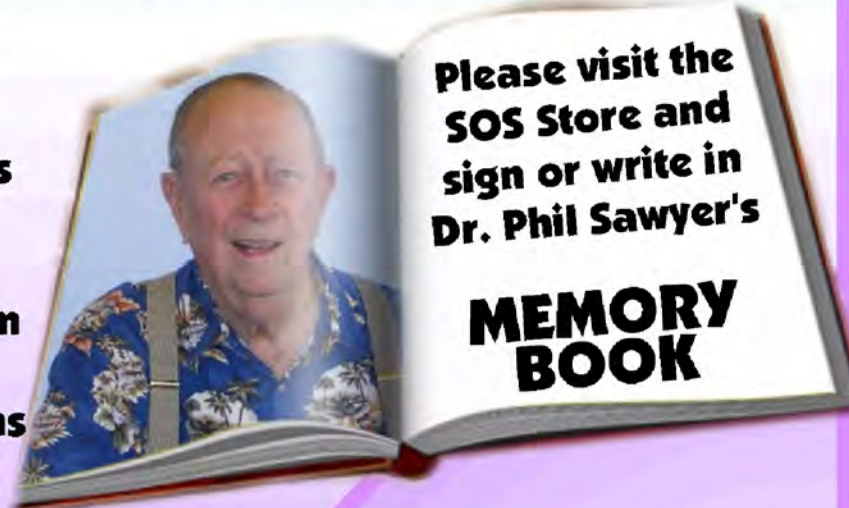
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September 18, 2023



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The Original Rhondels



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Ray
Scott**



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Dr. Phil Sawyer's
Life & Legacy**

11:30 am

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Sunday Funday at OD Arcade

100 S. Ocean Blvd inside OD Arcade
September 17, 2023



Cat5 Band
12 - 3 pm



MC
Ray Scott



Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot
3:30 - 6:30 pm

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**2023
Fall SOS
Schedule**

Fat Harold's Beach Club

DJ Schedule Front Back

Wednesday, Sept. 13

6pm Jay Kinlaw Eddie Anderson
Jimmy Buffkin

Thursday, Sept. 14

1pm Darrell Gaither
5pm Jimmy Buffkin
9pm Dennis Brumble Eddie Anderson(7pm)

Friday, Sept. 15

1pm Jay Kinlaw Phil Long
5pm Buck Crumpton Norman Mills
9pm Bill Moore Bill Harper

Saturday, Sept. 16

1pm Jimmy Buffkin Norman Mills
5pm Bill Harper Craig Jennings
9pm Buck Crumpton Rommie Tyndall

Sunday, Sept. 17

1pm Ken Jones Johnny B (noon)
5pm Dennis Brumble Darrell Gaither
9pm Eddie Anderson Jim Rose

Monday, Sept. 18

1pm Jimmy Pearce Chigger Woods
5pm Jim Rose Darrell Gaither
9pm Ken Jones Buck Crumpton

Tuesday, Sept 19

1pm Jay Kinlaw Craig Jennings
5pm Dennis Brumble Norman Mills
9pm Eddie Anderson Roger Holcomb

Wednesday, Sept. 20

1pm Jay Kinlaw Phil Long
5pm Bill Moore Roger Holcomb
9pm Ken Jones Rommie Tyndall

Thursday, Sept. 21

1pm Buck Crumpton Ken Jones (12pm)
5pm Jim Rose Frank Price
9pm Jimmy Buffkin Dennis Brumble

Friday, Sept.22

1pm Jay Kinlaw Roger Holcomb
5pm Bill Harper Kitty Earles
9pm Bill Moore Rommie Tyndall

Saturday, Sept. 23

1pm Darrell Gaither Vinyl Party 2pm
5pm Kitty Earles
9pm Jimmy Buffkin Darrell Gaither (8pm)

Sunday, Sept. 24

2pm Dennis Brumble
6pm Jay Kinlaw

Event Schedule

Wed., Sept 13

94.9 Jump Start Party
Free Hot Dogs 6pm

Friday, Sept. 15

Too Much Sylvia 2-6

Saturday, Sept. 16

The Castaways 2-6

Sunday, Sept. 17

The Featured Attraction
Band 2-6
Tiny's Camp Kemo
Shooter Party noon

Monday, Sept. 18

Fun Monday

Tuesday, Sept. 19

The Embers 2-6
N. Va. Shag Club 3-5

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Jim Quick & Coastline 2-6
Free Chicken Bog 6:00 pm

Thursday, Sept. 21

Winston-Salem Shag Club 12-3
Cat 5 Band 2-6
Rock Hill Shag Club 5-9

Friday, Sept. 22

Gary Lowder &
Smokin' Hot 2-6

Saturday, Sept. 23

Hall of Fame
Exhibition

Sunday, Sept. 24

Jim Quick
& Coastline 6-10

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Fall DJ Schedule

THURSDAY, September 14

12-4 Billy Fanning
4-8 Larry Calhoun
8-til Tommy Samole

FRIDAY, September 15

12-4 Tommy Davis
4-8 Steve Coley
8-til Larry Calhoun

SATURDAY, September 16

12-4 Mike Swords
4-8 Furman Dominick
8-til JJ Kinlaw

SUNDAY FUNDAY, Sept. 17

MC Ray Scott ~ Cat5 Band 12-3
Gary Lowder 3:30-6:30
7-til Larry Calhoun

MONDAY, September 18

12-4 Richard Conner
4-8 Billy Fanning
8-til Tommy Samole

TUESDAY, September 19

12-4 Gene Hensley
4-8 Furman Dominick
8-til Larry Calhoun

WEDNESDAY, September 20

12-4 Craig Jennings
4-8 Steve Coley
8-til Donnie Meadows

THURSDAY, September 21

12-4 Craig Jennings
4-8 Larry Calhoun
8-til JJ Kinlaw

FRIDAY, September 22

12-4 Gene Hensley
4-8 Mike Swords
8-til Furman Dominick

SATURDAY, September 23

12-4 Billy Fanning
4-8 Tommy Samole
8-til JJ Kinlaw

Patio/Porch DJ Schedule

Friday, September 15
Saturday, September 16
Sunday, September 17
Monday, September 18
Tuesday, September 19
Wednesday, September 20
Thursday, September 21
Friday, September 22
Saturday, September 23

12-4
Billy Fanning
Live Remote Ray Scott/Riptide
SUNDAY FUNDAY 12-6:30
Scott Smith
Glenn Pridgen
Billy Fanning
Mike Swords
Glenn Pridgen
Mike Swords

4-8
Tommy Samole
Johnny B
F. Dominick 6:30-10
Johnny B
Richard Conner
Furman Dominick
Tommy Samole
Tommy Davis
Furman Dominick

Special EVENTS

**SUNDAY FUNDAY, September 17 MC Ray Scott
Cat5 12-3 Gary Lowder Smokin' 3:30-6:30**

Tuesday, September 19 8 pm
ROOKIES REVENGE (sign up 7pm)

Wednesday, September 20 2pm
OLD SCHOOL CONTEST (sign up noon)
Must be 62 years or older

Thursday, September 21 2 pm
SMOOTHIE CONTEST (sign up noon)

Shag Club Tea Parties

Sept. 16- South Strand Shag Club 4pm
Sept. 16- Burlington Shag Club 6-8
Sept. 17- OD Shag Club Brunch 10am
Sept. 22- Lake Norman Shag Club 3-5
Sept. 22- Electric City Shag Club 3-5

BEST BURGERS ON THE BEACH

Lunch and Dinner Specials Monday - Friday



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2023

SOS FALL MIGRATION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 2-6 Bill Anderson- Calabash
- 6-10 Darrell Gaither- N. Myrtle Beach

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 2-6 Randy Sherill- Calabash
- 6-10 Randal Hight HOF- N. Myrtle Beach

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 2-6 Darrell Gaither- N. Myrtle Beach
- 6-10 Chigger Woods- Durham

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 10-2 Bill Anderson- Calabash
GOSPEL HOUR
(SHRIMP & GRITS)
- 2-6 Jim Bruno - Calabash
- 6-10 Bobby Vaughn HOF- Spartanburg

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

FUN MONDAY

- 6-10 Cindy & Larry Black- Va. Beach

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 2-6 David Hadden - Horseshoe
- 6-10 Charles Glazer - Surfside Beach

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 2-6 Frank Price - Rock Hill
- 6-10 Gene Sistare HOF - Lancaster

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 2-6 Randal Hight HOF - N. Myrtle Beach
- 6-10 Jerry Burrage HOF- N. Myrtle Beach
- 7-10 **SINGLES NIGHT**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 2-6 Terry Hopper HOF - Greenville
- 2-6 **BETTY BROWN TRIBUTE**
- 6-10 David Hadden - Horseshoe

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 2-6 Larry Simmons - Spartanburg
- 6-10 Bill Anderson - Calabash

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Sea-Cruz
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Tuesday, Sept. 19

2-6 *Ervin Ellington*
6-C *Tim Johnson*

Thursday, Sept. 14

2-6 *Steve Carter*
6-11 *Ervin Ellington*

Wednesday, Sept. 20

2-6 *Steve Carter*
6-C *Tim Johnson*

Friday, Sept. 15

12-4 *Gene Sistare*
4-8 *Ray Scott Deck Party*
8-C *Carolina Coast Band*
Rhonda McDaniel & Ricky Godfrey

Thursday, Sept. 21

2-6 *Ervin Ellington*
6-C *Tim Johnson*

Friday, Sept. 22

12-4 *Gene Sistare*
4-8 *Ray Scott Deck Party*
8-11 *Sea Cruz*
(Butch & Dino)

Saturday, Sept. 16

12-4 *Gene Sistare*
4-8 *Rouse Rubow*
Road Show
8-C *Carolina Coast Band*
Rhonda McDaniel & Ricky Godfrey

Saturday, Sept. 23

12-4 *Steve Carter*
4-8 *Gene Sistare*
8-C *The Heaterz*

Sunday, Sept. 17

12-4 *Steve Carter*
4-7 *Rick Strickland & Lesa Hudson*
7-11 *Ervin Ellington*



Outside Dance Floor

Monday, Sept. 18

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Saturday, 9/16

Coastal vs. Duquesne

Tailgate starts at 4:00

Game time 7:00

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Thursday, 9/21

Coastal vs. Georgia St.

Tailgate starts at 4:00

Game time 7:30

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Tuesday: Sept. 19	11 AM	Moving & Grooving
Wednesday: Sept. 20	11 AM	Smooth & Easy
Thursday: Sept. 21	10 AM 11 AM	Great Together Step Lead Follow
Friday: Sept. 22	10 AM 11 AM	Lead Follow Jackie, Nikki, Autumn Ladies Class
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Tuesday, September 19th - 10:00am
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Wednesday, September 20th - 10:00am
Turns & Footwork Out Of A Closed Position

Thursday, September 21st - 10:00am
Bonus Workshop with the Competitive Shaggers Association
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Fall SOS 2023

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Saturday Sept 16th
11:00 - Easy Lead and Follow

Sunday Sept 17th
11:00 - Tucks, Turns and Spins

Wednesday Sept 20th
11:00 - Fun Lead and Follow

Thursday Sept 21st
11:00 - Easy to learn Together Step
12:00 - Male and Female Footwork

Friday Sept 22nd
11:00 - Exciting Trail Patterns
12:00 - Building Fancy Footwork

Saturday Sept 23rd
11:00 - Male Only - Steve Balok and Scott Campbell
11:00 - Female Only - Myers Floyd (Ducks Cafe)
12:00 - Basic Variations



Phil Huff Sawyer, Sr.
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December 22, 1930
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**"A cold beer on a warm night with a hot date
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Dr. Phil Sawyer

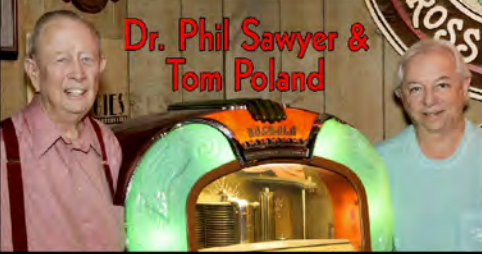
Quote from "SOS deja vu"
 1989 article "Robert's Remembered"

**"...the bottom line
 is I saw shagging
 for the first time,
 somehow learned
 to do it in the
 next year, got it
 in my blood, and
 my life has been
 greatly enriched
 ever since."**



"Save the Last Dance for Me"

A Love Story of the Shag and the Society of Strangers
 by: Dr. Phil Sawyer and Tom Poland



Phil Sawyer's Grab of a Lifetime

By: Foster McKinney, SOS Treasurer

There is an old saying that goes, "Seize the day, young man. You may never get the chance to embark on such an adventure again." Perhaps it is a challenge to seek fulfillment by grabbing opportunity with passion and vigor. Half-hearted attempts with just blind faith rarely work. There are special grabs of opportunity seized with passion and vigor that beamed with glory in the eyes of my mentor—the man who I worked closely with over the past twenty-six years. We shared good times, we shared bad times, and we shared memories. I would like to share with you, his grab of a lifetime.

He stood at the end of a mental crossroads contemplating which direction to choose. He knew perfectly well the direction his passion and his vigor were telling him to go. But he had to carefully weigh all options because, as chairman, he had to consider the wishes of an entire association of dedicated members. Change was coming, whether he liked it or not, and no one could rightly say how things would shake out with change. He could pass over the opportunity, take the easy downhill coast with the certitude of status quo, and appease no appetite for future growth. Or he could seize the opportunity, face the uphill battle with uncertainty, and take a calculated risk on feast or famine. He felt that there was more to consider than meets the eye—a hidden significance, greater than first apparent. So he wisely factored-in an intangible assessment for the wonders of passion and vigor. In February 1989, no one was more dedicated to his cause than Dr. Phil Sawyer, then chairman of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. He was one of the Association's founding fathers and he was now serving as its third Chairman. He pampered it as if it was his baby—alive and kicking, and endowed with his kindred spirit.

In 1989, to an outsider looking in, the once coveted Society of Stranders (SOS) looked as if it was a broken spirit slowly sinking in doubt. Its faithful were losing fervor. Divisive business interests bringing commercial changes to its Ocean Drive playground, coupled with rampant rumor mills churning loyalists into dissidents, were beginning to take their toll. Fat Harold's Beach Club, which once stood where the O.D. Beach Club and O.D. Café stand today, was demolished after the "Last Hurray" in September 1988. Prior to becoming Fat Harold's Beach Club, it was a shagger's shrine called Fat Jack's. Its razing, and subsequent replacement with a modern structure adjoining a high-rise hotel, was viewed by a lot of shaggers as a troubling sign of unwanted progress—a helpless slip of their clinging grip on the past.

Throughout the sunset of 1988 and the sunrise of 1989, Dr. Sawyer had been in close discussions with an important friend, SOS founder and owner, Gene "Swink" Laughter. Laughter had presented him with an opportunity as chairman to purchase SOS for the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. For personal and business reasons, Gene Laughter became increasingly aware that he could no longer continue to run SOS. He had hoped to stick it out until SOS's tenth anniversary, but with the untimely death of his young son-in-law who was his right arm in running SOS, he was forced to revert back to being cloned as self-proclaimed newsletter "editor, publisher, stamp licker, go-fer, etc." Running SOS once again as a one-man show was becoming, as he put it, "pure drudgery." Furthermore, his full-time job—his livelihood throughout most of his adult life—was being jeopardized by SOS continually pulling at his coattails.

At the time, the value of an SOS card was gradually taking a nose dive. For the very first time, SOS faced a competitor organization called the Tradition and Preservation of Shaggers (T.A.P.S.), which later changed its name to Shagtime. Petty little shag wars erupted. Mud-slinging and name-calling turned nasty, and polarized a lot of shaggers into choosing sides, while others straddled the fence. Confident that SOS was mortally wounded, some cardholders threw SOS card-burning parties. One prominent participating club owner, after calling it quits, even swore to never honor another SOS card for as long as he lives. Others followed. Business valuation of SOS to a potential buyer would, understandably, be a nebulous number based on hunch rather than comparable market prices. A bold push by Dr. Sawyer of a proposal to purchase it, especially in the midst of hostility, could easily wind up as "Sawyer's folly."

But boldly push it, he did. He seized the day knowing he would never get the chance to embark on such an adventure again. With passion and vigor, he convinced the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs' board of advisors that purchasing SOS was the prudent thing to do. He strongly believed that the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs with its dedication to local shag clubs is the perfect straddle between shaggers and SOS. This, he believed, is a huge edge to success for the Association. It is the glue that would hold SOS together.

In February 1989, at its Winter Workshop, the Association's board of advisors voted unanimously to accept Gene Laughter's offer and purchase SOS. The purchase took place on April 1, 1989, whereupon, the 1989 SOS Spring

Phil Sawyer's Grab of a Lifetime- Continued

Safari would be orchestrated by its new owner, the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs. The 1989 Spring Safari proved disastrous with only one participating club, Crazy Zack's, honoring the SOS card. The others had joined ranks with the dissidents. Shortly afterwards, SOS was informed that Crazy Zack's, upon committing to host T.A.P.S.'s "Fall Shag Ball," would not be a participating SOS club for the fall. SOS now faced the upcoming Fall Migration with no participating club, whatsoever. All along, Dr. Sawyer warned that SOS was a fragile house of cards that could fall at any moment. This was a devastating jolt of earthquake magnitude. T.A.P.S. appeared to have triumphantly squashed SOS.

The summer of 1989 found the persistent duo of Dr. Sawyer serving as SOS president and B. E. "Speedy" Lewis serving as SOS vice-president. They began negotiating long and hard with the major club owners hoping to convince them that their best interest lay with the Association. Speedy Lewis was a prominent local businessman who became a highly effective liaison for SOS and the club owners. Their negotiations yielded a new bargaining chip, later coined "floor-space rental." SOS would agree to pay a stipend to participating club owners as a form of compensation for lost door-cover revenue that could have been derived had they not opted to be a participating SOS club. Thankfully, the duo's persistence paid off. Club owner Harold Worley agreed to bring the Spanish Galleon onboard for the Fall Migration. Others followed. Now SOS had all of the major clubs participating in the 1989 Fall Migration. T.A.P.S. would be all dressed up with no place to go, and eventually faded away as a long lost memory.



Had Dr. Sawyer not seized this opportunity with passion and vigor, would the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and SOS be the vibrant organizations they are today? Perhaps the best answer to that question lies in the way that individual shaggers who compose these organizations show their appreciation. They thought so highly of Dr. Sawyer that they established and funded the Dr. Phil Huff Sawyer Educational Scholarship with the University of South Carolina. It is a permanent endowment, now totaling in excess of \$120,000, which generates scholarships for the USC School of Dance. These same shaggers honored him with the ACSC Lifetime Achievement Award, the Shagging ICON Award, honorary induction into the Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame, induction into the South Carolina Shaggers Hall of Fame, and they supported his book, coauthored

with Tom Polland, entitled *Save the Last Dance for Me: A Love Story of the Shag and the Society of Stranders*.

Dr. Sawyer passed away June 2015 at eighty-four years of age. His family, friends and acquaintances mourn his death, but they also joyously celebrate his life. He lived a long and prosperous life. One where every precious day must have been seized with passion and vigor to produce such a man of high caliber. He was a U.S. Army veteran who earned his undergraduate, graduate and Doctorate degrees from the University of South Carolina. He served forty years as a civilian Education Services Officer at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. The many people he touched through education know perfectly well the value of Dr. Sawyer's contributions to his chosen profession.

He was a bellwether and innovator, always grabbing for endless knowledge. Letting go of all that he was, and all that he loved, he now places them in our hands for us to carry with our passion and vigor. His memory, and the many doors that he opened for others, will always remain open. His education endowment will continue to grow and provide scholarships. His writings will continue to be read and cherished. His pride and joy, the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and SOS, will continue to prosper and thrive. And, hopefully, his beloved Gamecocks will continue to win.



I must confess that I have misled you into believing that Phil Sawyer's grab of a lifetime was snatching up SOS. This is not the case. It may have placed second or third, but not at his top. For Dr. Sawyer would be the first to tell you that his grab of a lifetime was his lovely wife, Delora, better known as Miss Chick. It took fate. It took passion and vigor. And perhaps it even took, as he would say, "A cold beer, on a warm night, with a hot date, and no plans for tomorrow," to make that grab.



OD Shag Club Welcomes you to 2023 SOS Fall Migration



The OD Shag Club extends the warmest of welcomes to Ocean Drive and the 2023 Fall SOS. Please join us in celebrating the shag and the camaraderie and fellowship of the shag community. We are so happy to have you here!

ODSC Officers & Board

Join us for our monthly shag club parties and special events. Check out our website www.odshagclub.com for more information.

Sept. 16	Charity Golf Tourn.	8am	Eastport Golf
Sept. 17	Fall Migration Brunch	10am	OD Arcade
Sept. 23	Golf Cart Drawing	6pm	Fat Harold's
Oct. 21	Halloween/Elections	6pm	Fat Harold's
Nov. 18	Thanksgiving Party	6pm	Fat Harold's
Dec. 16	Christmas Party	6pm	Fat Harold's

OD Shag Club Merchandise will be displayed and sold in Fat Harold's parking lot during Fall SOS.

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Phil & Chick Sawyer

S.O.S. President's Message

A Tribute to Phil Sawyer

By Ron Whisenant

I guess by now, you realize that this issue is dedicated to our past president of SOS, Dr. Phil Sawyer. We wanted to honor him in a fashion that is worthy of someone so dedicated as Phil has been, and is today, to our organization, SOS.

I can't remember the first time that I met Phil. It had to be at Ocean Drive, in Columbia, or one of the many shag parties that were beginning to take place around the Carolinas. It may have been in Rock Hill, I just can't remember. Oh well, he was always on the scene, and he was known as a mover and a shaker during those early times when shag was making a resurgence. The year was late '78, early '79. We were on the brink of a transformation of the shag coming back from the underground, and taking a rightful place in our world. We were tired of the "Mashed Potato", and the Frugaloop, doing the Twist, (although I was pretty good at the Twist) and all the other dances of expression that we did at the time. It was time for change, and change it did.

Enter shag contests, shag

instruction by one Shad Alberty and Brenda, and our good times were here to stay. This is when I met Dr. Phil. I didn't know him as a Ph.D. I just thought he was a good ole boy who liked to drink beer (Bud), and dance to our beach music, which was not the music we hear today. It was the old Beach Music, the music that was popular in the mid fifties, late fifties, and early, real early sixties. We partied in Columbia, Atlanta, Rock Hill, Greenville, and Charleston. It was never too far, or too soon afterward. It was hugs and kisses, and great new friends in every city. Life is good.

Enter the era of the shag club - it was mid 1980, and Columbia had become the first in the Carolinas to organize as a shag club. Soon there after, Rock Hill started their club, and this whole thing started to snowball like crazy. Clubs begin to pop up everywhere. Shad had a dance group in Charlotte, that later formed as Metrolina. The numbers of clubs were less that a dozen; the first SOS had been held in September that year. Swink planned to do another in the spring. It must be a good thing.

It was a great time in our social lives, (not to mention that we were a lot younger then) and Phil was the president of the Columbia club. I was the out going president of the Rock Hill club, and Ken

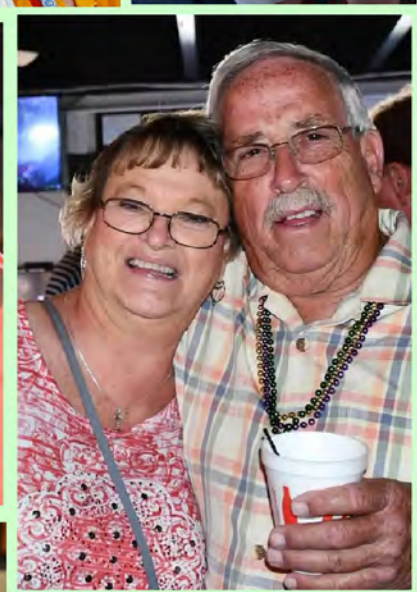
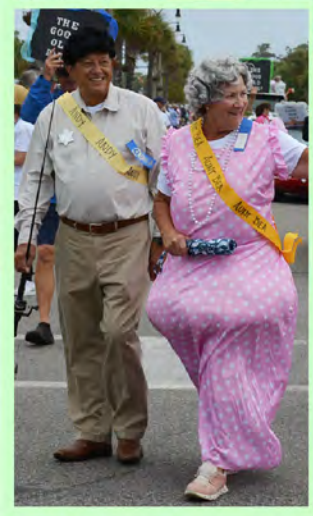
Hudspeth was the president of Rock Hill at that time. An idea that we could join the clubs into an association, whereby we would gain strength in our numbers. Through the efforts of Phil, Ken, and myself, the ACSC was formed in February 1984. Parties every weekend. It was a wonderful time in the land of Shag. SOS was doing well; shag competitions were somewhere every weekend. Life is good.

Fast Forward to 1989 - Phil was the bearer of the news that SOS was for sale. The ACSC had first refusal. How could we do this? How would we pay for SOS? How will we ever put it back together? It was a time to act, and Phil was that leader in the pack, that sold the rest of us on the premise that we could not afford not to buy SOS. (I am not sure that Phil thought that we could pull it off) Today, SOS is very successful, and has a strong foundation, through the efforts of several good leaders.

Phil Sawyer was undoubting, the man of the hour, and his leading of our flagship has been steady and true, for the past eleven years. His persona is a person of individuality, distinctive personal qualities, fortitude, and an understanding of sound leadership.

We salute you, Phil, for a job well done!!!

-Ron



Click HERE For More PHOTOS

2023 ACSC Fall Meeting

Saturday, Sept 23, 10 am
Meeting will be held at
Spanish Galleon/ OD Resort

Special Tribute of Dr. Phil Sawyer's Life and Legacy with special guest speakers. The 10th anniversary of the opening and Reading of his "Message in a Bottle" will be at this meeting. Please join us for the Tribute & Reading!

2023 SOS Fall Migration
September 14-24



Attention: ACSC Shag Clubs

As you can imagine, keeping the Roster for the ACSC is a monumental task. Send in updates to insure that your club information will be correct.

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SOS & ACSC Dates to Remember

2023

Sept. 14-24 SOS Fall Migration

2024

Jan. 11-14 SOS Mid-Winter

April 18-29 SOS Spring Safari

Sept. 12-22 SOS Fall Migration



OD Arcade Dance Contest Results SOS Spring Safari 2023

Rookies Revenge Winners

1. Karen Helms & Dew Izes
2. Shelly Harrill & Bruce Riley
3. Alice Ann Talley & Dan DeVan
4. Diane Underhill & Terry McCoy
5. Kemper Talley & Loretta Duv
6. Lynn Hart & Hollis Wilson
7. Tracy Gregg & Ken Aiken



Old School Winners

1. James Parker & Joann Hickman
2. Jason Swaim & Robbie Brunson
3. Rick Hahn & Beverly Brewer
4. Tommy Beacham & Barbara Banks
5. Lou Martino & Dottie Stover-Dean
6. Jesse Bradshaw & Sheila Fulcher



Smoothies Winners

1. DeWayne Riverbark & Shelia Fulcher
2. Kemper & Aliceann Talley
3. Adam Holmes & Erica Russell
4. Frank Price & Barbara Morrison
5. Craig Harkey & Michelle Mathis



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Cheers to 40 Years!

By: Renee Baker Photos by: Tony Flanagan

The Lancaster Shag Club is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. The first meeting was held in 1983 in the basement of Bill and Jane Mahaffey with 10 shaggers present for the first meeting. From then the club grew quickly. In 1984, the first Jivin' June Jam, Lancaster Shag Club's signature party, was held.

Many changes in membership, venues for the dance, and activities have occurred over the years since that first gathering. The shag club has held many fundraising events from hot dog sales at Finally Friday, Beach Blast and BBQ for Camp Kemo, shag lessons at the Red Rose Festival, to presenting The Embers Christmas Shows. The Club has also been happy to support the Junior Shag Association and SOS.

The club is dedicated to promoting and preserving our heritage of beach and shag music, and shag dancing through the official state dance of South Carolina, the SHAG.

LSC (Lancaster Shag Club) officially celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the club at the Jackson Shrine Club on Saturday, June 24 with a catered meal from Brenda Kay's Café, and the soulful tunes from DJ Billy Fanning. Old friends and new friends joined the club for a great evening of socializing, shag dancing and going back in time through the Memorabilia table. Members of Rock Hill Shag Club, Camden Lugoff Area Shag Society, Lake Wylie, Monroe, Sumter, Palmetto, Sandy Beach, and Burlington Shag Club along with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs were there to support and celebrate the Lancaster Club. The LSC Board of Directors did a great job of planning, selling tickets, decorating, and keeping the party going.

The Lancaster Shag Club is currently dancing monthly at La Chalupa Mexican Restaurant, 775 Lancaster Hwy 9 Bypass E. Check the Lancaster Shag Club Facebook page for our monthly dance date. Join us for food, friendship, and fun!





CLASS 2023 "SHAG BLAST"



It's always been important to the Camden-Lugoff Area Shag Society (CLASS) to actively give back to our local community. It's part of CLASS's mission. This key CLASS fund-raising event began in 2005 and has grown over time. Since 2005, CLASS has donated more than \$79,000 to local nonprofits in Kershaw County. These donations were generated by CLASS's annual SHAG BLAST fund-raiser. This year's gathering featured beach music by three CLASS DJ's that kept the dance floor full. The silent auction was also a big success this year. As always, the food provided by CLASS members and guest was fantastic. This year also included a "Lead/Follow Step" class by Sam and Lisa West. Sam is a 16-time National Shag Dance overall champion. We also had a junior shag couple showed off their shag skills.

During their July 20 weekly Thursday night meeting in Baron's on Broad Street in downtown, Camden CLASS donated \$8,400. Checks for \$4,200 were presented to Community Medical Clinic of Kershaw County (CMC) and Food for the Soul of Kershaw County. CLASS is proud to help support such fantastic organizations that provide a great service to Kershaw County Residents.

Another CLASS mission is to promote and preserve the heritage of beach music and shag dancing. Shag is the official South Carolina State dance. CLASS strives to provide members and guests with dance opportunities as well as education on the art and history of shag dancing. CLASS dances every Thursday night at Baron's on Broad from 7 to 10 pm. Free shag lessons are offered from 6:45 to 7:30 pm. Come and join CLASS. It's also a great way to meet folks, have fun, and hear some great beach and shag music. New members are always welcome.

To learn more about CLASS, visit www.shagginwithclass.com. The next Shag BLAST will be held June 15, 2024 at the Shrine Club in Camden, located on Hwy 521 North. Tables have already gone on sale and several have already been purchased. To RSVP to next year's SHAG Blast, call Ray Amyette at 803-423-1800.





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Friends Helping Friends

The Hall of Fame Foundation/SOS Eddie Monsour/Al Cain Memorial Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Valley @ Eastport Golf Course in Little River, SC.

The proceeds from this event will be used to assist families and individuals throughout the southeast who have faced financial devastation as the result of natural disasters, health problems, accidents or other hardships beyond their control. During the past 33 years we have helped over 400 recipients with more than \$600,000 in assistance to pay for housing, utilities, medical expenses and others bills.

Many thanks to the folks who have purchased "Hole Sponsor Signs" and participated as golfers in the past. The signs are bought to remember/honor family members/ friends or to advertise businesses or organizations. These signs are displayed on the golf course on the day of play.

This tournament has always been our biggest fundraiser and has enabled the Foundation to continue our mission of "Friends Helping Friends." Our assistance is confidential but I can assure you that someone you know has been helped!

Thanks, Nick Mathis, Executive Director HOFF



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The Hall of Fame Foundation
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The "Just a Dollar" campaign during SOS needs you!

**Just Give
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The Hall of Fame Foundation Board Member Mike Pace's idea of an avenue for increasing donations to the Hall of Fame Foundation was for the HOFF Board members to display their Just A Dollar Badge along with their HOFF badge during SOS events in North Myrtle Beach. When you notice the Just A Dollar badges worn by the HOFF Board Members and volunteers please reach in your pocket and donate your \$1.00 or more if you prefer. Your donation will definitely play a part in providing assistance to someone in need.

The Hall of Fame Foundation Board Members strive to seek out and assist members of the shag community who need financial assistance. The HOFF motto has always been Friends Helping Friends and for more information about this organization visit the Hall of Fame Foundation website.

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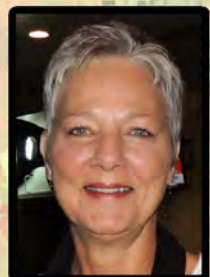
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