

1991 – Served on Executive Board when Steppin' Out Shag Club when the ACSC Organization voted for our club to become a member of the ACSC.

1991-to Present Co-Chair Activities and Ways and Means

1993-1995 Secretary of Steppin' Out Shag Club

1995-2001 Newsletter Editor of Steppin' Out Shag Club

2001-2010 President of Steppin' Out Shag Club<sup>2</sup>

2005–present: Chairman, Sunshine Committee

2014-2023 President of Steppin' Out Shag Club

2024 to Present Vice President of Steppin' Out Shag Club

2010-2013; 2013-2016; 2016-2019; 2019-2022; 2022-Present – SOS Board Member at Large

2010 – To Present – Serve on the SOS Website

2011-Served on the Activities Committee for the 1<sup>st</sup> SOS at Sea Cruise

2018 – selected as an ACSC Shagging ICON



My dedication to SOS, my shag club and SOS began in 1987 with my husband and I attending our first SOS. My love for shag and dancing began from growing up across the street from our local swimming pool that had a jukebox and my older cousins teaching me and my older brother how to shag, once you get it in your blood and into your feet it becomes like a second skin. And so, begins the story...

I was instrumental in forming our shag club in 1990, helped write our by-laws, and locating our club a place to meet and dance. I attended the ACSC meeting in July 1991, for the summer workshop, and our club had applied to join the ACSC. We were incredibly happy to become members of this organization. At that time there were seventy-two shag clubs in the Association.

In 1991, I was on the committee that organized the Junior Shag Competition at Stiggie's Too in Eden, NC that were students of Susie Beaver Gibson and Patrick Gibson. Some of the competitors are now very prominent in the shag world today. Among the couples that competed were **Michael Norris** & Jan Walters, **Sam West** & Kim Sykes, **Wade Adler** & Jennifer Swink, Geoffrey Burdick & **Jennifer Beaver Sogluizzo**, Brent Keyes & Alicia Burdick Perry, Chris Lester & Beth Mitchell (deceased). **Kristal Taylor Davis** & Trey McCants.

In 1992, I was on the committee that organized an Adult and Junior Shag Competition at the American Legion in Eden, NC with SPA scoring. We had a great attendance of area shag clubs and people from surrounding areas, and the event was successful. We had five judges and one score keeper. The total purse was \$1225.00.

In 1996, Tommy Amburn and I represented Steppin' Out Shag Club in a meeting with five other area shag clubs: Burlington Shag Club, Danville Shag Club, Eno Shag Club, Greater Triad Shag Club, and Winston Salem to discuss having Area Shag Club parties to generate and promote interest in shag the dance and each other's shag clubs. The focus was to help each other's attendance, discuss ways of communication between the clubs by way of our newsletters, flyers and by word of mouth. This was a successful meeting and a team effort for our shag clubs to work together, generating great ideas, meeting, and making new friends and introducing shag to a lot of people in the triad. At our second meeting we decided that each of the six clubs would designate a month to hold a party. We were to exclude the months of Mid-Winter, both SOS's, and the two required Workshops for the ACSC. All six shag clubs hold their area party on their designated month to this day.

In 2001, the club discussed our club needed a website, and I volunteered to form a committee to be responsible for establishing an online presence for the shag club.

In 2002, as President of our shag club, I initiated the paperwork for the shag club to become a 501 (c) (7) non-profit organization and except for two other people in the past I am the one who files our 990N (E-postcard) with the IRS for our club. Starting this year, I am will be working with the current officers of our Board of Directors to get acquainted with the website and know how to file the tax form for our shag club.

2003-2005, Talked to our club and we decided to do a fundraiser and sell Boston Butts for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The Chamber of Commerce asked our shag club to participate in Eden's Annual Christmas parade. Our shag club came up with original ideas that incorporated shag music and the dance. We won first place for three years in a straight from 2005-2007.

In 2007, in a meeting with Ronnie and Mary Gregory, my husband and myself, we felt there was more that we could do with six shag clubs. We formed the "Coalition" of Burlington Shag Club, Danville Shag Club, Eno Beach Shag Club, Greater Triad Shag Club, Steppin' Out Shag Club and Winston Salem Shag Club. I served as the Treasurer for the Coalition and set up a list of simple guidelines for the group. Each club contributed \$25 for start-up money. We had T-shirts designed each year to represent the clubs and sold them for \$10.00. The Coalition was officially named "The **Best Darn Group of Shag Clubs East to West**". This was not an official club, nor did it have by-laws. It was a group of shaggers who wanted to network, support, and enjoy each other.

2008 – Discussed with our club about a doing a fundraiser and we decided to do a Steppin' Out Shag Club cookbook fundraiser. To date it is still one of our biggest single fundraisers.

2009–2010, Our shag club organized a Food Drive for Cooperative Ministries Food Bank. We did this in coordination with the church I attended as an outreach project, and the food drive was successful and participated by our shag club.

From 2010-20213 the Coalition of the six shag clubs hosted hospitality rooms for the following shag clubs.

The theme, games, prizes, and drink names were organized by Ronnie, Mary, Doug, and me.

2010- July ACSC Summer Workshop in Fayetteville, NC with a theme of “WE WANT YOU!” and served “Firecracker Juice” beverage and red, white, and blue shooters with games and prizes along with costumes to co-ordinate with the theme.

2011-July ACSC Summer Workshop in Augusta, GA for CSRA Shag Club on the Riverwalk with a theme “Pirates of the Coalition” and served “Pirates Poison”, beer, wine, games, prizes, and food along with costumes to co-ordinate with the theme.

2012-February ACSC Winter Workshop in Hilton Head, SC for Beauford Shag Club with a theme “Come Play with US” and served a “Hilton Head Lizard” beverage, beer, and wine along with games, prizes, food and wore costumes to co-ordinate with the theme.

2012-July ACSC Summer Workshop in Jacksonville, FL for First Coast Shag Club with a theme M-I-C-K-E-Y with a parade and served a specialty drink with watermelon and cherries along with beer, wine, games, prizes, food and wore costumes to co-ordinate with the theme.

2013-July ACSC Summer Workshop in Atlanta, GA for the Shag Atlanta Shag Club with a theme “Duck Dynasty” and made a specialty drink “Duck Call” along with beer, wine, games, and prizes and wore costumes to co-ordinate with the theme.

2014-2015, One of the local schools approached me about our shag club to help with the Rockingham County School Drive. Our club discussed this and voted to do this project. We did this for two years.

2004-2012, I was chairperson of organizing two golf tournaments each year for our shag club and our club members worked extremely hard to make it run smoothly from getting sponsors to working the tournaments. These were very profitable fundraisers for us until our club felt like every organization in town was doing golf tournaments.

2012-2016, Our shag club started doing only one golf tournament a year. I continued to organize the tournament, and it continued to be a great fundraiser. However, when Miller Brewing Company moved out of Eden, they were our main sponsor, we decided to look at doing something else.

2012-to Present, serve as a volunteer for the Enhancement Committee selling the Fun Monday tickets for both Sunday and Monday during the two-day event out on the street. This event raises money for the Hall of Fame Foundation/Caring for Kids.

2013-2017, While on the SOS Board, I served on the committee honoring the Past Officers of the SOS and ACSC planning the menu, decorations, special outfits, and a special gift to give to all the guests.

2013-As a special event for SOS, Ronnie and Mary Gregory and Doug and I went to see Dr. Phil Sawyer to have him write a letter of sometime personal to him that he had never put pen to paper about. We told him we wanted to do a “Message in a Bottle” that we would open in ten years. We opened that bottle at Fall SOS 2023 but sadly Dr. Phil and Ms. Chick were no longer with us. But that did not stop us from dedicating an entire Carefree Times to Dr. Phil and at our ACSC meeting we had Dr. Phil’s adult children there to read the message he left for us. It was a heartfelt and emotional week for all of us who truly knew and loved Dr. Phil and Ms. Chick. We planned a lot of fun activities for the week, and it was definitely a walk down memory lane for all shaggers, young and old.

2001, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2014, and 2018 – Persuaded the Eden News to write about our shag club in the daily paper with pictures to bring awareness of our club and its activities to the community and to let the community know what our purpose is.

My dedication to our club is to always make sure we have a place to meet and dance. Our town is small, and it has been a struggle to keep our club alive since Covid. But we survived, and we still meet and dance twice a month. We hold an annual Mardi Gras party every March with an attendance between 100 to 150. We donate money each year to our charities.