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From The President

Wisdom At The Waffle House

I like Waffle House. The other day, I decided to treat myself to Waffle House for breakfast. Sure, I had eggs at the house, but I had gotten up early, gotten ready early, and daggone-it, I deserved WaffleHouse.

On my way to Waffle House I was trying to figure out what I wanted to eat. You see, I like so many things at Waffle House that are bad for you, that I can't possibly eat all of the things that I want. By the time I got there, I had made up my mind to let the calories roll. I walked in the door and I was greeted with, "Welcome to Waffle House!" They love me there.

I always go outside my comfort zone at Waffle House. Normally, if I am eating by myself at a restaurant, I'll grab a booth out of the way where I can people watch and eat quietly. Quiet is not really an option at the Waffle House. So, I parked myself at the counter next to a couple and a waitress promptly took my order. They were slammed. They had 2 or 3 guys at the grill, one guy running about 9 waffle irons, and 4 or 5 waitresses. These folks all had on blue button down shirts, black pants, and really thick soled black shoes that are great if you are on your feet all day, but will not win you any fashion praise.

Then, there was one woman in a white shirt with a clipboard. Remember Sesame Street? "Which of these is not like the others?"

The guys at the grill were flying. They were scrambling, frying, shaking and baking and they were smiling and appeared to be having a good time. The waitresses were promptly picking up plates from various stations near the grille and the waffle iron and they were shuffling to and from customers with expert precision. One waitress appeared to also be the ringleader and she was making sure all the guys cooking and the waitresses were staying in sync. About 5, no more than 10 minutes after taking my order, my breakfast was in front of me.

While I ate, I asked myself, "How do these folks at Waffle House keep such a good attitude when they are slinging waffles? How much do they get paid? What happens to the tips – do the waitresses keep what they make or do they share with each other? What about the grill guys, do they get tips? How does the waffle guy know which waffle iron is ready? Do they ever clean the floors in here?" And then I was back to, "How do they keep such a good attitude while they are working so hard?"

While I was contemplating the greater truths of Waffle

House, I noticed white shirt girl with her clipboard. She was moving at about ¼ the speed of every other Waffle House employee. She appeared to be counting things. She counted the juice and the pie slices in the refrigerator. I never knew Waffle House had pie! She counted forks, spoons, and knives in their various containers. I'm pretty sure she was **pretending** to count some stuff at one point. Not once did I see her re-stock anything that she was counting, pick up a plate, collect any money, wipe down a table, or mop the floor. What was the point?

The point of this article, in case you are wondering, is that there was a really good team at the Waffle House that morning. They were working hard, but they were also having fun. The blue shirts were all working equally and together to provide a good product and good customer service. And, when the rush slowed, they all relaxed a little bit together. They were in sync. Everyone was pulling in the same direction.

We also have a really good team in the Shag club. We actually have A LOT of good teams in the shag club. These teams form not by accident, but on purpose. There is a ringleader, someone who is making sure everyone else on the team stays in sync. Then there are team members who are willing to do whatever is asked of them. Now, do some folks have special talents? Of course. Do some folks prefer to do some things and not others? Yes, they do. But, what you will hear from our team members is, "just let me know what you need and I'll take care of it." But, it is more than that, because these team members will also jump in and fill a void if they see one. And, at the end of the day, when the work is done, they will relax and celebrate together.

We have about 450 members in the Richmond Shag Club now. On any given Tuesday, I would guess that we have 100 to 125 people in Visions. Our teams are made up of "Go To" people. Sometimes you hate to ask them to add one more thing to their plate, because you know that it is full already, but the "Go To's" will find a way to balance the plate and participate.

If you haven't been a blue shirt person at the Shag Club, please consider slipping on a blue shirt and volunteering. Even if it is a light blue shirt, a little bit of help goes a long way. I think you will find that you will get much more out of your club than you put in. If you want to be a blue shirt person, but other commitments keep you from it, please take a moment and thank a blue shirt person for their contribution and let them know that you appreciate them. A kind word may be just the thing that keeps them wearing a blue shirt. To all of the folks in the club that are happily wearing blue shirts – Thank You! You make the club great. You give it your all and when things don't go exactly as planned, you can still sleep well at night, because you did your best.

Jane

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It is really hard to believe that over a third of the 2010 year is gone. The dance classes have been going well and I see some good shaggers in the making. Gotta Practice don't you?!!!!!!

Since our last newsletter, our instructors have been busy performing several dance demonstrations at different functions. The Shag club had instructors at the Columbian Center of off Pump Road perform two dances. Those participating in this were **Joan & Kevin Brynes, Shug & Ken Ward, Beverly & Parker Dillard, Diane Jessie & Phillip Mitchell and Barbara White** and yours truly. We also had **Bob & Kathryn Carter** come out with us and dance.

We had another request to dance at the Masonic Lodge off of Nine Mile Road in the east end of Richmond and since I couldn't attend, I asked **Mo Phillips** who coordinated this event last year, do so again. We were represented with 5 couples again and they were. **Chase Layman & Mo Phillips, Joan & Kevin Brynes, Beverly & Parker Dillard, Brenda & Bubba Adams and Nancy Hallman & Mike Graham.**

On May 8th, there will be a demonstration and lesson at the Manchester Moose lodge and all are welcome to attend. Our own DJ, Cliff Merritt will be playing and we look forward to a large turn out. **Barbara & myself and Diane & Phillip** will be doing the beginner lesson for the folks at the lodge.

Don't forget that we have a Sunday social on May 23rd and we will have **Marsha & Joe Tedesco** teaching at the start and we will have **Linda & Sid Strawderman** finish up with another lesson. Can't beat that, can you? Look forward to seeing you there.

Our CSA contest is on June 12th at the Sheraton on Midlothian. There will be some really good dancers performing for those of you that have never attended an event like this. This is a club function and we need your support in this endeavor.

Keep on dancing as if no one is watching,

Dink

2010 General Membership Meetings

March 16 * June 22 * August 17 * November 9

All General Membership Meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Koger Center in a meeting room and begin at 6:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.



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EXPIRATIONS

May

June

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01 Sally Boykin
 02 Linda Clarke
 02 Dixie Renger
 04 Avery Goodwin
 05 Johnny Hall
 05 Irma Cross
 05 Nan Hamilton
 11 Edna Spitler
 12 Kathy Russell
 12 Kelli Mallinger
 13 Linda Burr
 13 Mike Screeney
 14 Anne Clendenin
 16 Judy Richmon
 17 Leonard McAdams
 18 Larry Ricker
 18 C.J. Blankenbeckler
 19 Ann Dunnavant
 19 Phillip Mitchell
 19 Barbara McCord
 20 Karen Herrholz
 20 Dwight Hash
 20 Paul Hodge
 20 Gene Anderson
 20 James Osborne
 23 Barbara White
 26 Vince Ferranti
 27 Dottie Crowder
 27 Debbie Dahmer
 28 Alan Michaelis
 28 Lynn Pearson
 29 Gladys Peters
 30 Charlotte Oliver
 30 Norman Carter
 30 Debbie McGrath
 31 Steve Zinski

02 Leslie DeMagistris
 05 Marie Perry
 07 Michael Fielding
 08 Lynn Johnson
 08 Bonnie Fore
 08 Graham Haddock
 10 Theresa Folland
 11 Ken Gibbs
 12 Debbie Shelton
 12 Chuck Hamm
 14 Stephanie Hockaday
 14 Brenda Adams
 15 Dexter Oliver
 15 Emmet Nuckols
 15 Don Thompson
 16 Richard Brandau
 17 Wendy Warfel
 18 Tommy Atkinson
 19 LaVerne Ransone
 20 Jim Hall
 22 William Long
 23 Martha Foley
 23 Tommy Balentine
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 25 Carolyn Hodges
 26 Brute Vaughn
 26 Jim Easter
 28 Don Phelps
 28 Howard Noakes
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 29 Steve Harris
 30 Keith Mawyer

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 Abby Bookhultz
 Stephen Fore
 Bonnie Fore
 Brenda Geisz
 Henry Geisz
 Peggy Gibbs
 Ken Gibbs
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 Terry Loehr
 Bubba Loehr
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 Bob Pavkov
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 Kevin Byrnes
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Social Committee

Happy May & June, Shag friends! 2010 is rolling right along... if you were lucky enough to get to Spring SOS, I hope you were able to enjoy the Virginia Shag Clubs free pour at Duck's on April 23rd.

May brings our Birthday Night on the 18th and our second Sunday Social on the 23rd with Linda & Sid Strawderman and Marsha & Joe Tedesco giving lessons beginning at 3:00. Pete Saunders will be our DJ playing music from 5:00-9:00PM. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share – we'll eat about 5:30PM!

June 15th & July 20th are upcoming Birthday Nights. Many thanks go to Diane Dew and Fran & Frank Armistead for coordinating the March & April Birthday Nights.

We're excited that on July 17th RSC members, Bob and Linda Stevens, will open their home & pool for us to enjoy a cookout & pool party. The club will provide hamburgers/hotdogs and the fixings. We'll plan to start up the grills around noon so that we can eat shortly thereafter. Feel free to stay throughout the day to lounge by the pool and enjoy fun with shag friends. Please bring a covered dish to share and your bathing suit if you'd like to jump in the fabulous pool. A signup sheet will be available at the front desk in June so that we can get a count for the cookout.

Mark your calendars now for:

Fall Ball party on Saturday, October 30th at the Bon Air Community Center. Nanny's BBQ will be catering. John Hall will be our DJ for the evening. Halloween costumes are optional, but encouraged – we will be having a costume contest.

Our final Sunday Social for 2010 will be Sunday, November 14th with Larry Fischer as our DJ.

Jingle Bell Ball on Sunday, December 12th at the ACCA Temple. Catering by King's Korner.

Our DJ for this party will be Buck Crumpton.

That's all for now... enjoy this wonderful spring weather!

Dixie



Above: Hall of Famers, Linda & Sid Strawderman. Linda was inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame on March 27, 2010.



Above: Larry & Sharon Ricker at the VA Shaggers Hall of Fame.

RSC MAIN EVENTS

March 14	St. Patrick's Day Sunday Social
April 16-25	SOS Spring Safari
April 23	VA Shag Club Free Pour @ Duck's
May 8	Manchester Moose Open Dance
May 16	VA Beach Music Festival
May 23	RSC Sunday Social
June 7	John Mansini Sr. Golf Tournament
June 12	River City Shag Classic CSA Contest
July 17	Cookout & Pool Party @ The Stevens
August 6 & 7	The Boogie On The James
September 17-26	SOS Fall Migration
September 21	RSC Beach Ball
October 30	RSC Fall Ball
November 14	RSC Sunday Social
December 12	Jingle Bell Ball

Watch your e-mail, RichmondShagClub.org, and listen for phone tree messages for more information on these upcoming events.



“ Humdinger! ”

I was at one of the clubs at Myrtle Beach during SOS one year and I overheard two guys talking and one said to the other about a guy on the dance floor; “man, that guy is a HUMDINGER!!”. I looked at the guy and I was wondering how he was a humdinger? Was he a dancing humdinger, or just a guy humdinger? What was a humdinger anyway? Maybe I would like to be one if I knew what it meant. I noticed he was a pretty good dancer, so maybe that was it; but maybe not; maybe he just hums while he’s dancing, and the dinger? Well last name maybe? Probably not, I don’t know? A dinger who hums; a hum who dingers? Didn’t make any sense to me and I didn’t know any of them, so I was too embarrassed to ask. Can a girl be a HUMDINGER??

I have never heard anyone call a girl a humdinger, but maybe they have and I just missed it!! I mean really it doesn’t sound bad; it actually sounds more good than bad. I’ve heard of HUMMERS, those big SUV’S—Especially the black ones; man they definitely look bad! But they’re good. So, while trying to figure out if I wanted to be a “humdinger” or not, someone asked me to dance and then I forgot about it.

Until later!!!!

One day it came to me, and I realized I had never found the answer. SO, I googled HUMDINGER.

And guess what? One of the first definitions I found was—a device that hums when the string is pulled.

The guy I had seen had no strings and he wasn’t a device, so I figured that couldn’t be it. If it was, then I definitely didn’t want to be one of those. The next definition was that it was probably an alteration of HUMMER. Looking up hummer, I found guess what? “one who hums”. See, now we’re back to the humming thing again and I still don’t know what humdinger means. And even though I don’t hear that well, I know that guy wasn’t humming!!

So not wanting to give up I kept looking and finally I found this definition; “a person or thing considered excellent of its kind”. Ok, so excellent guy or excellent dancer—I’m still not sure, but I think I’m getting closer.

Finally I ran across something that translates basically to “someone extraordinary in what they do”. Since this guy was dancing, and not humming or dinging I decided that had to be it. Plus I was tired of trying to figure it out anyway.

So, if you hear someone say you are a HUMDINGER you should be proud-I guess??



The Wolfman



RSC Jingle Bell Ball Guy hanging out at Ducks during Spring SOS 2010. We need a better name for our guy—send suggestions to JaneRenger@comcast.net.

Catch him in a candid photo, send it to Jane, and you may see him in the news.



Ways & Means

Thank you all for your generous support of the club and Camp Fantastic.

I still have some 2009 shirts, priced to move at \$20.00 each. Let me know if I can place new shirt orders for you.

NEW!! We now have a RSC banner that can be used indoors or outdoors---great to hang from a patio or porch, etc. The print is 'four color' and the banner is 3'x 6'. The banner has our club name, date the club was founded, the club logo and the club e-mail address. The cost is \$75.00 each (for RSC members) and there is no mark-up --- another member benefit to you. You should allow 2 weeks for delivery. I will have a banner hanging each Tuesday night.

Carl



Above: Hall of Famers, Joan & Kevin Byrnes. Joan & Kevin were inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame on March 27, 2010.

Right: Hall of Famers, Dinky Slaughter & Nancy Wall. Dinky was inducted into the Virginia Shagger Hall of Fame on March 27, 2010.

Congratulations to our 2010 Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame Inductees. You join an impressive group of Hall of Famers, Living Legends & Icons. Well done!





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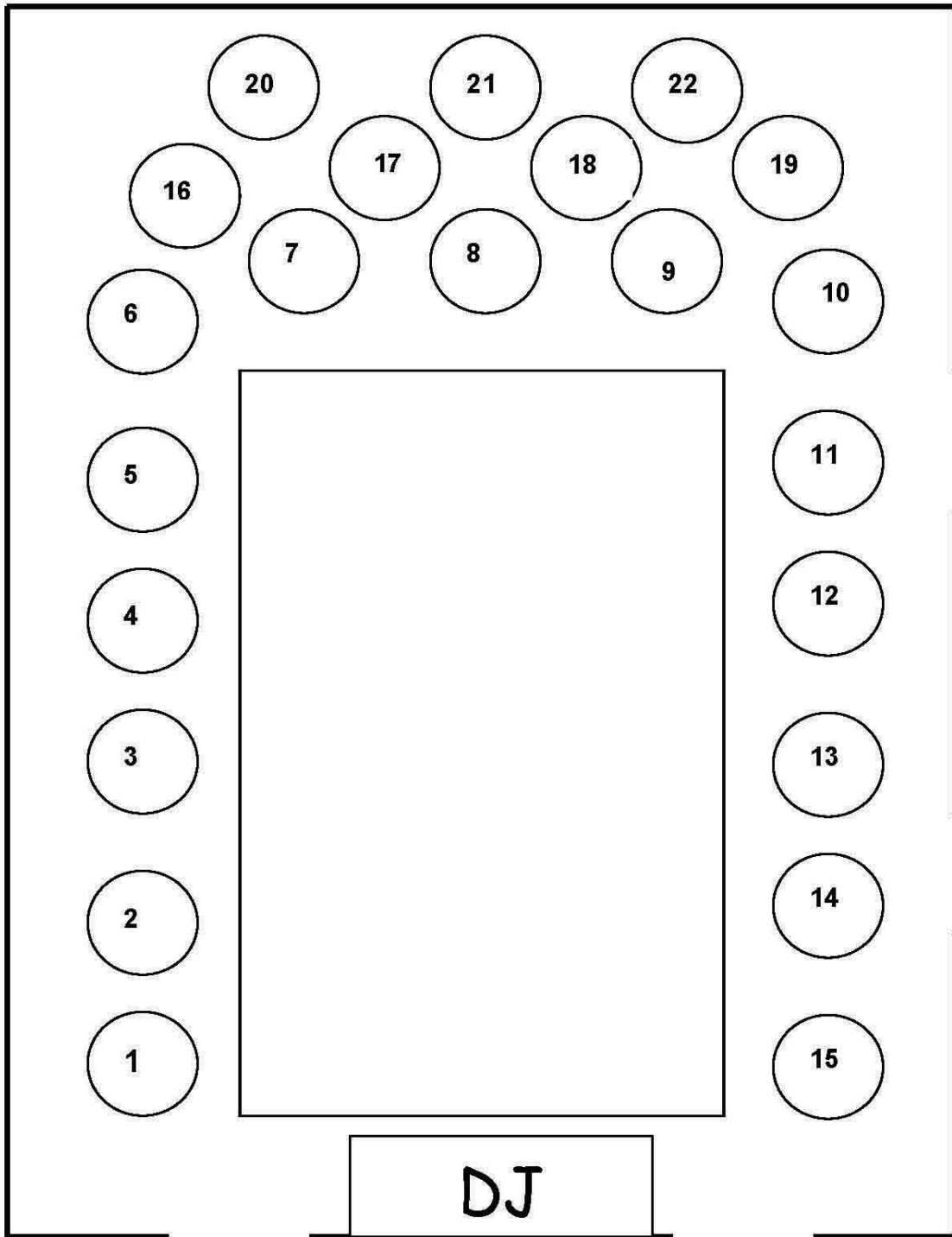
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A special **Thank You** to all of you for continuing to refer your friends, co-workers, and family members to me. They are always appreciated.



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