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From The President

If I wrote my newsletter articles on paper, my trashcan would be full of rough drafts for this one. I have started this article numerous times. Sometimes, the articles come to me quite easily.

They seem to write themselves. Other times, like tonight, I write a couple of paragraphs delete them and start over.

This is my last newsletter article as president and I want to deliver a meaningful article that is also entertaining. I keep trying to think of the best things that have happened since I joined the shag club, and I keep coming back to one thing. The best part about being in the shag club is that my sister joined the club and we have become even closer since she did. It's hard not to be close to someone who has seen you in a thong.

When Dixie and I were kids, our mom used to tell her, "take your sister with you." I spent a lot of time with Dixie and her friends before we moved back to Virginia, none of it was her choice.

Back in Virginia, there were more kids in the neighborhood my age, so Dixie wasn't forced to spend every moment entertaining me. However, if one of the neighbor kids got out of line, she was there to set them straight. I remember one year, when I was still in elementary school, it had snowed a couple of feet. My friends and I were making an igloo out of the snow with a bread pan to make the bricks. You have to make a lot of snow bricks with a bread pan to build an igloo. Anyway, one of the kids was putting snow down the back of my coat while I was trying to make snow bricks. I don't know if Dixie saw it or if I complained, but the next thing I knew the kid was face down in the snow.

Later, when Dixie turned 16, we regained a lot of freedom that we had lost when we moved from San Diego (a few blocks from Mission Bay) to Powhatan. We don't know what our parents were thinking either. Anyway, in California, we could walk places – school, Jack In The Box. Dixie was able to ride her bike to the SPCA to visit the animals. When we moved to Powhatan, we could ride our bikes to visit the trees. But, when she got her license, she could drive us to ride our horses, or we could go to the mall. I remember going to the 5*7*9 shop to try on pants. The style then was skin tight, even at the ankles. I remember Dixie had to rescue me from a pair of pants that I could not get back off of my feet. I was literally sitting in the dressing room floor with her tugging my pants off over my feet. Thank God shag pants are usually wide at the ankles.

Now that we are both in the shag club and going on shag trips together, our relationship and the fun has grown. We've been told that you can hear us laughing through the walls of our hotel room. Truthfully, it was probably my laugh, but Dixie made me do it.

The last few years have been better because I've gotten to share the club and dance that I love with my sister whom I love. We've worked together on projects, met new people, and danced until we couldn't half walk back to the condo at SOS.

In my final article as president, I would like to thank my sister for being my best friend, for spending time with me and going on shag trips and for always having my back. It's been a good ride and I'm glad that we got to take it together.

I have always said that the best part of the Richmond Shag Club is the people in the club. I've had the pleasure of working with some wonderful people in the club and I have very much enjoyed serving as president of the club. I'm sure that the 2012 board will do a magnificent job and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Jane

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Ways & Means



As of October 10, 2011 we have taken in \$2,572 from the 50/50 raffle for 2011. Please remember to support our 50/50 raffle each Tuesday night. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the past and for your continued support.

Anyone who would like a Richmond Shag Club personalized, permanent name tag, please see Bev Dillard at the desk. Tags are \$5 and a much better option than the stick on name tags. It takes about 2 weeks after

you place the order to get your name tag.

We still have an RSC banner that can be used indoors or outdoors. It is 3'x6' with the club name and logo. The cost is \$75 each. You should allow 2 weeks for delivery.

We will soon have 16 oz. Tervis tumblers with a travel lid for sale. They will have an embroidery club logo on the inside of the glass. They are \$15.00 for the tumbler and the lid or two for \$29. This is a bargain folks. The tumblers are double-wall insulated and carry a lifetime guarantee. They can be used for cold or hot drinks. They are dishwasher, microwave and freezer-safe. They won't crack, melt, scratch, shatter or chip. We have them just in time for you to purchase yours for Christmas presents. See me at the club to purchase yours.

I will have a report on the Brunswick Stew in the next newsletter as this report had to be in before the stew took place.

Robert McAdams

2011 General Membership Meetings

March 15 * May 17 * August 16 * November 15

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.



BIRTHDAYS

EXPIRATIONS

November

Dede Vass 01
 Chuck Overbey 01
 Cheryl Daniel 02
 Jim Gibson 02
 Pam Tinsley 02
 Brenda Price 04
 Charles Harward 07
 Elaine Anderson 07
 David Southers 09
 Jinx Robinson 09
 Mo Phillips 10
 Linda Traylor 10
 Bill Faris, Jr. 11
 Clay Johnston 11
 Gordon Price 12
 Allen Batchelor 12
 Moody Foster 13
 Lucy White 14
 Kenn Ward 17
 Angelo Miliotis 18
 Anne Price 20
 Rhonda Armentrout 21
 Sam Richardson 21
 Carl Beck 22
 C.L. Wilson 24
 Eileen Vogel 24
 Steve Barlow 25
 Jan Meck 26
 Phyllis Hall 28
 Mike Paley 28
 Kevin Byrnes 30
 Shonna Meadows 30

December

Charlie Barnes 01
 Bubba Adams 03
 Susan Wright 04
 Becky Butler 06
 Frank Butler, Jr 06
 Sherry Beck 07
 George Harris 07
 Gayle Boothe 09
 Steve Haerbig 11
 Tom Varney 11
 Tina Bessent 12
 Debbie Edmonds 12
 Kristie McLeod 12
 Patty Gerber 12
 Brenda Short 12
 Pam Hathaway 13
 Bill Mason 14
 Charlie Dew 16
 Mark Cohee 16
 Judy Petree 17
 Betty Holden 17
 Sandi Gibson 19
 Dennis Jarrett 19
 Mastin Kitchen 23
 Bev Dillard 24
 Eric Nixon 25
 Cathy Drumheller 28
 Lauren Price 29
 Linda Stevens 29
 John Dawson 31

November

Angie Abbott
 Nan Allen
 Tommy Atkinson
 Charlotte Batchelor
 Allen Batchelor
 Jean Bazemore
 Ron Bishop
 Brenda Bishop
 Steve Booth
 Jan Burkarth
 Bill Chambers
 Greg Chambers
 Linda Clark
 Anne Clendenin
 George Clendenin
 Hannah Combs
 Jerri Cowan
 Robbi Daniels
 Mary Jo Edwards
 Marcia Faris
 Bill Faris, Jr.
 Michael Fielding
 Jackie Fischer
 Dick Frush
 Jesse Fulghum
 Janis Grimes
 Steve Haerbig
 Nita Harris
 George Harris
 Charles Harward
 Mary Harward
 Betty Holden
 Shirley Jarrett
 David John
 Valerie Joyner
 Jim Joyner
 Rob Kelley

Joe King
 Rebecca King
 Randy Kirkland
 Bill Lindus
 Donald Lumpkin
 Terri Lumpkin
 Fay Martin
 Richard Mathes
 Shonna Meadows
 Bob Meadows
 Ann Noakes
 Howard Noakes
 Dick Noblitt
 Karmy Noblitt
 James Osborne
 Debra Owen
 Robert Parker
 Judy Petree
 JC Petree
 Barbara Pettesch
 Paul Pettesch
 Nick Reams
 Kevin Reynolds
 Bev Robinson
 Kathy Russell
 Pam Shultz
 Katie Southern-
 Kelley
 Linda Stevens
 Bob Stevens
 Anne Thomas
 Cleo Tinsley
 Faye Vines
 Phyllis Wells
 Lucy White
 Mel Wilson

December

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Dance Committee

Beginner dancers try to get better by doing intermediate steps
Intermediate dancers try to get better by doing advanced steps
Advanced dancers try to get better by practicing their basic
Seen on a Junior dancer's facebook page

Hey Everyone!

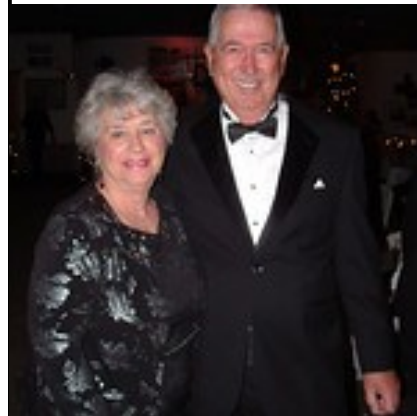
This year has just flown by! I can't believe it's winding down so fast. I've really enjoyed being your Dance Committee Chairperson this year and have learned a lot. We've had an excellent year for dance instruction and a busy one. In addition to our regular beginner and intermediate classes, we've taught and provided demos at an engagement party, a beach music party, a street party, nursing homes, retirement homes and other miscellaneous venues. Charlotte & Allen took the initiative and provided dance lessons the first Sunday of each month for anyone who was interested in learning new steps. Our Shag Jams were very successful. We've had instructors at each of our Sunday Socials as well and they have also represented the club at several competitions during 2011. I think we've done a really great job promoting the dance and our club and I'd like to thank each and every one of the instructors on my team this year. They have been totally awesome and I couldn't have been successful without them. Every last one of them made themselves available each and every time they were called upon. I can't reiterate this enough. These folks do this on their own time, without pay and never complain. Trust me when I say that these folks truly love teaching and seeing people learn. I believe we have some of the best instructors in the shag world and the fact that we don't charge for lessons is a real perk for belonging to our club. Since everyone learns at their own pace and in their own way, sometimes it is beneficial when you are having trouble learning a step, to take it from different instructors. Unlike most other clubs, you have the opportunity to do this every week. I noticed this year, that some of the instructors have added a little something extra to their classes when students seem to already know the step that is being taught. This has also been a

great benefit to our club members. I know that members would like to have some notice as to whether this will happen every week or not, but it is impossible to plan for that. We have to teach to the class and if there are members taking the intermediate class for the first time or new beginners, our mission is to teach them first. I hope that everyone will take the time to thank the instructors for helping to continue the dance by increasing membership through their instruction, encouragement and enthusiasm.

That's all for this year!!! See ya on the dance floor and please don't forget to be kind, courteous and respectful of each other as we dance our way through life

Barbara

Social Committee



Our Christmas Party will be on December 18, 2011 at the ACCA Temple—See the flier on page 10 of this newsletter. The cost for this will be

\$10 for members and \$25 for non-members. I hope you can all attend.

Phyllis

Care & Concern



Condolences to **Cynthia Walton** and her family on the loss of her father, **William W. Whitaker**, on August 24, 2011.

Condolences also go out to **Chase Layman** and her family on the loss of her brother, **Francis T. Eck**, on August 26, 2011.

Also, our condolences to **Avery Goodwin** and his family on the loss of his mother, **Ella G. Goodwin**, on September 29, 2011.

Beth Ager recently lost her brother who lived in California. Our condolences to Beth and her family.

Sambo Richardson started Proton treatments for prostate cancer on September 3, 2011. He is traveling to Hampton daily for 6 weeks and is doing well and is still enjoying the good life.

Jean Sullivan's grandson, **Allen**, was involved in an auto accident while she was at SOS. Fortunately, he only suffered a broken leg which was repaired during surgery. He is doing well and getting around on crutches. Jean, on the other hand, has more grey hair and thinks it took 10 years off her life!

Gene Anderson underwent gallbladder surgery on October 13, 2011. He is on the road to a speedy recovery and Carolyn is by his side nursing him back to good health and a speedy recovery.

On a lighter note-- Congratulations to the following club members who were blessed with a new grandchild:

Jamie Boyer welcomed her first grandchild, **Caroline Leslie Leggett**, who was born on September 7, 2011. Caroline arrived 3 weeks early and weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and was 19 1/2" long. Jamie's daughter and Caroline are doing just fine.

Janet Bell welcomed a granddaughter, **Ruby Pierce Tester**, born on September 27, 2011. She weighed 6 lbs 5 oz. Ruby and her mother are at home enjoying getting to know one another.

Allyson McReynolds (**Jackie' Fischer's** daughter) won her 1st Emmy as Producer of Breaking News for large market. **Patrick McReynolds** won his 4th Emmy, this one for Best Morning News Show large market. This was in the Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Needless to say Jackie and Larry are VERY proud of them. This was Allyson's first nomination for an Emmy.

As always, our thoughts and prayers are with these folks/members as they recover from their losses, accidents and surgeries.

We hope they will all be back with us soon.

Let us be ever mindful of the struggles and joys of our fellow club members and keep them close in our thoughts and prayers.

Carol Ann



Host & Hostess Committee



What really does go on at the desk on a typical night? First is putting out name tags, lessons sign-up sheets and mints. Then we set up for making membership cards.... But speaking of name tags... You may have noticed the classy permanent badges some are

enjoying. Lisa Cox a new and regular shagger makes them for us. They are magnetic, legible and only \$5.00. Stop by and order yours.

We keep the vertical file current. Did you know that there are sheets with the visual instructions for the basic? We have instructions for the PAM, Myrtle Beach rental information, dance shoes catalogs, flyers for other cities' parties, membership forms, current newsletters, and sign-up sheets for everything from Brunswick stew to pool parties. Surely something has been left out. But of course, SOS cards for 2012 will be available by the time you read this. We have a whiteboard for current announcements and a bulletin board for pictures and newspaper articles. Our Sid Strawderman was interviewed by the Virginia Living Magazine in a feature about the shag. If you haven't seen it yet, look on our bulletin board.

One great thing you may have missed is the calendar of activities, teachers for the beginner and intermediate lessons and an opportunity to schedule an evening at our welcome desk.

Looking forward to your visit,

Beverly



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RSC MAIN EVENTS

March 6	Shag Jam
March 13	RSC Sunday Social
April 3	Shag Jam
April 8-17	SOS Spring Safari
May 1	Shag Jam
May 15	RSC Sunday Social
June 5	Shag Jam
June 6	John Mansini Sr. Golf Tournament
June 10	River City Shag Classic CSA Contest
July 3	Shag Jam
July 23	Cookout & Pool Party @ The Stevens
August 5 & 6	The Boogie On The James
August 28	RSC Sunday Social
September 4	Shag Jam
September 16-25	SOS Fall Migration
September 20	RSC Beach Ball @ NMB
October 2	Shag Jam
October 30	RSC Sunday Social
November 6	Shag Jam
December 18	Jingle Bell Ball

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



*Also look for the Richmond Shag Club group on facebook where event information will be posted.



The RSC annual Boogie on the James took place on August 5th and 6th at the Sheraton Park South. The theme this year was "Roaring Twenties". We had 210 people attending from our club and from various shag clubs up and down the east coast. The party was a huge success and a large time was had by all according to comments from our guests.

A special thanks to **Faye Vines** for co-chairing the party. Faye did a great job in procuring and coordinating the vendors. She was there early Saturday morning working with the hotel staff to set up all the tables and helped the vendors set up to display their products.

I would like to thank my wife, **Jean Sullivan**, for all the work she did for this party. She did the flyers, table seating cards, e-mails and a lot of computer work for table assignments. Jean's idea of a "Roaring Twenties" theme was a huge success. The theme presented an opportunity for guests, if they wanted to, to have some fun with their attire Saturday evening. We had flappers of every color, gangsters with their cool hats and even a "Big Daddy" outfit. There are some great pictures on our website



Many thanks to **Phillip Mitchell** and his crew for installing and removing the dance floor which included newly decorated floor panels. **Mo Phillips'** new panel was quite a hit. We depend on Phillip and the guys every year and they always come through for the club.

The ballroom and adjacent areas was decorated by **Phyllis Wells** and her committee. They did a fantastic job. The moment you entered the ballroom you knew you had stepped back in time to the

Roaring Twenties. Phyllis's concept of decorating for a theme (and under budget restraints) truly reflects a talent worth mentioning.

Jerri Cowan and her committee did a great job greeting our guests and making them feel welcome. Many thanks to all on her committee who gave their time during the party to oversee the registration process.



Carol Thomasson and **Robert McAdams** were in charge of the free pour. From the moment you entered the rooms you knew you were in a "speakeasy". The popular drinks, white Russians and madras were renamed "Capone's Milk" and "Bugsy's Juice". Carol, Robert and their committee did an outstanding job.

Friday evening following the free pour we all enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres and a welcome from RSC President, **Jane Renger**. The evening continued with some great music provided by our guest DJ's **Jeff Foster** and **Ed Timberlake**. These guys played some fantastic music. Everyone was on the dance floor having a great time. This year we honored our Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame and National Living Legends members with a spotlight dance. **Beverly and Earl Robinson**, our dance instructors, performed an exhibition dance as we all watched in awe. They make it look so easy. **Carolyn Reade** and her "Flappers" then performed the Charleston to start off our fund raiser "Barrow of Booze" which was a huge success. A wheelbarrow of booze was raffled off Fri-

day and Saturday nights which raised **\$1,050.00**, half of this amount went to Camp Fantastic. A big round of applause goes to Carolyn, Janet, Diane, Kathleen, BJ and Debra for their hard work in soliciting/collecting donated booze to make this possible. Many thanks to all of our club members who donated the booze.

Saturday morning vendors were set up in the hallways with some wonderful products to sell. **Carolyn Reade** started Saturday morning off by teaching line dances. We then enjoyed a wonderful brunch followed by two shag lessons taught by **Beverly & Earl Robinson**. The lessons were enjoyed by all who participated. Many thanks to **Kevin Byrnes** for Djaying the dance lessons. From noon to 4:00 we also enjoyed a pool party with our club's DJ's **Cliff Merritt** and **Pete Saunders**. This was a huge hit with everyone. Cliff and Pete played some great music and a lot of our guests were out at the pool and surrounding areas having a great time. I received many comments again this year that the pool party is a great addition to the party and please continue in the future. Cliff and Pete will be back again next



year. Saturday evening started off with the free pour and then a fabulous buffet dinner. Later, **Sherry Beck**, in charge of entertainment, outdid herself with a Lindy style exhibition dance performed by a young couple from the Richmond area. The highlight of the evening was **Mary Ann Lambert**, in her flapper costume, performing a tap dance to "Five Foot Two". Mary Ann choreographed this dance herself and her performance was outstanding. Such talent!

Carolyn Brockwell and her committee did a fantastic job with the 50/50 drawings both nights. Thanks to their hard work they brought in **\$473.00**. Thanks also to **Dickie Robinson** for being our club photographer for the party. Dickie was everywhere taking excellent pictures all weekend.

Last but not least a big thank you to **Beth Ager** and her committee for another fantastic **Silent Auction**. The Silent Auction is a big job and Beth took on this responsibility without any prior experience in this club function. The auction is a big fund raiser for our charity "Camp Fantastic" and with this comes a lot of pressure. I tip my hat to Beth for a job well done.

The "Boogie on the James" is our club's big event each year. It is a party well known on the East Coast as one of the great parties to go to. The fact that we had forty-six DC Hand Dancers attend speaks for itself. Parties like this do not take place without a lot of people in the background making things happen. My gratitude to everyone serving on these committees, without you it would not be possible for our Club to have this event and maintain its reputation for excellence.



Tim





Richmond Shag Club
~ Jingle Bell Ball ~



Christmas Dinner and Dance

Sunday, December 18, 2011

To be held at the ACCA Temple

Holiday Attire

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner served 6:00—7:00 pm

Dancing 5:00—10:00 pm

Cliff Merritt & Pete Saunders, DJs

Tickets: \$10 for Members ~ \$25 for Guests

Catered by Kings Korner

Menu

Honey Glazed Ham * Roasted Turkey Breast
Mashed Potatoes * Candied Yams * Green Beans
Herbed Stuffing * Rolls * Dessert

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Phone: _____ Occupation: _____
Home Cell Work (Optional)

E-Mail Address(es): _____
(Newsletter, messages about Club activities, events, membership renewal reminders, member news, etc.)

Choose one: I prefer to get my newsletter by e-mail or, in the mail.
 If you do not indicate a preference, it will be sent by e-mail.

I would be interested in helping with the following committee(s):

Annual Party Membership
 Communications Social
 Dance Ways & Means
 Golf Tournament Please contact me,
 Host & Hostess I need more info.

New Members
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A friend that is a member
 Someone taking free classes
 Another shag club out of town
 A demonstration at an event
 An advertisement
 The internet

This information is true to the best of my knowledge. By my signature, I agree to abide by the rules and by the bylaws of the Richmond Shag Club. I understand that my membership may be revoked by the Club at any time if may be deemed necessary. I agree that the Richmond Shag Club and its Board of Directors shall not be held responsible for any accidents, personal injury or loss of any personal property associated with my attendance at, or participation in, any Club function.

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