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From The President



What a great Annual party the RSC put together. Congratulations to **Joan Byrnes** and all her committees for doing a fantastic job. We have had a lot of positive feedback from RSC members and out of town guests. In the event you have never attended the Boogie on the James Annual Party you need to put it on your calendar for August 2014. I look forward to seeing you at the party next year.

Fall SOS is right around the corner, if you are planning on attending we still have SOS cards available at the club desk. There will be a Virginia Shag Clubs Shooter Party at Duck's during Fall SOS on the 2nd Friday. Please try to attend and represent our club, you will have a great time.

I know it's still early but at the next general membership meeting we will be voting on the RSC Board of Directors for 2014. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board for next year see VP, Parker Dillard, and Nominations Chairman.

See ya on the dance floor,

Tim



Vice President



While it's certainly not the Eighth Wonder of the World, we think it could be. Of course I'm exaggerating when talking about the Richmond Shag Club's "portable" dance floor. If you've ever attended a Boogie on the James Annual Party, you know exactly what I'm talking about. By the time people arrive on Friday afternoon, the floor is in place and providing the shaggers with a great surface.

It came to be in 2004 when then RSC President **Dewey Gunn** designed a floor to fit the Sheraton Midlothian ball room, our party host for quite a few years. It consists of 22 full sheets of 4' X 8' plywood, plus a half, for a total of 23, providing a dance surface of 720 square feet. To put that in perspective (but don't quote me), the dance floor at Visions is about 600 square feet. Dewey's design was fabricated by our own shagger extraordinaire **Sid Strawderman**, who also stored the floor at his Huguenot Builders shop for many years. The plywood sheets are permanently mounted on two by fours, which fit together similar to an erector set. Many of the sheets have been personalized by members and other clubs over the years; some would say adding "shag" character to the floor.

Installation begins on Friday morning, supervised by **Phillip Mitchell**. While one crew is prepping the Sheraton carpeted floor, putting down a protective sheet of plastic and marking the floor outline with masking tape, others are several miles away loading the floor, sheet by sheet, onto Sid's low-boy flatbed trailer. After being dogged and secured, it's then driven to the Sheraton, where they graciously allow us to tow it up the hill in the rear of the hotel to the back door of the ball room, which is as close as we can get it.

The plywood sheets, all numbered, are then placed in proper order and then attached to each other using wood screws. When all's done, she's a beauty to behold. In case anyone ever asks, there's a diagram

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Club Communications, Care & Concern

If you know of a club member who is ill or has a personal "crisis" and would appreciate hearing from the RSC, please let **Carol Ann Thomasson** know the details (email: thomassoncw@verizon.net).

If you have personal news that you would like to share with the club membership, please email the details as you would like for them to be conveyed to **Pam Tinsley** pstinsley@verizon.net. Also, *please specify* that you would like for that information to be sent in a bulk email to the members. (We do not want to compromise anyone's privacy.)

Our bulk emails will reach most members, specifically those who have posted their email for communication.

If you are an email user and think that you may not be receiving club messages, be sure to check the spam or junk folder in your email program.

Also, be sure to check the RSC website

<http://richmondshag.homestead.com/> and the RSC Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/51783245956/> for news and for posting info to share.

Thanks!

Carol Ann and Pam

2013 General Membership Meetings

March 5 * June 18 * August 20 * November 12

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.



CLUB BIRTHDAYS		MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS	
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Vice President Continued...

on the back of #23, the half sheet and last to go down. Oh, and lest we forget, the DJ platform is also part of this project.

It takes a crew of 10 – 12 shagger guys about two hours to complete the task, which is perfect timing because the ladies begin to come in at 9:30'ish to set up the Silent Auction tables, the Barrow of Booze, and the decorations.

Early Sunday morning, the entire process is reversed, and our pride and joy hibernates to await the 2014 Boogie on the James.

Welcome aboard to the following new members who joined in June, July, and August: **Vickie Aprile, Becky Barrett, Earl Barton, Jo Barton, Brad Benson, Rob Bird, Suzanne Bird, Bernard Bowles Jr., Anna George-Traynham, Ella Johnson, Michael Johnson, Don Lee, Jeff Old, Janie Perry, Lee Ann Pond, Debbie Robertson, Teresa Rousell, Marvin Saunders, Emily Shields, Blake Traynham, and Bobbie Young.**

Parker Dillard



Dance Committee

Instructor Acknowledgement



Thank you to the following RSC volunteer instructors for giving their time and talent: **Rogers and Nancy Verser** - July Beginner Classes, **Dickie and Joyce Burnley** - July Intermediate classes, **Kenn and**

Shug Ward - August Beginner Classes, and **Parker and Beverly Dillard** - August Intermediate Classes. Thanks also to **Kevin and Joan Byrnes** for teaching at the July Sunday Shag Jam and to **Allen and Charlotte** for teaching the August Shag Jam.

Fall SOS Is About to Happen...

Fall SOS Shagging on the Strand) is almost here and many of our RSC members and friends will be traveling to North Myrtle Beach, SC during September 13 - 21. When asked what it is like, my typical answer is something like, "Well, it's kind of like spring break for adults only centered around shagging, listening to great music, enjoying a beverage of choice and sharing all of it with friends (current and new)." For detailed information, you can go to: <http://www.shagdance.com>.

Joey and Bernie Fanini from Gwynedd, Pennsylvania are friends of ours that we met at SOS several years ago. Joey enjoys writing and shared this story that he wrote on his way to SOS last year. It seems to express the feelings that many of us experience as we head on down to SOS.

Joan Byrnes

Shaggin' the Night Away

by Joey Fanini

Everything is calm as we pass Center City Philly, then Delaware—next Maryland—and finally through Virginia. The transformation starts to take place a few miles out of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. It has been over six hours since we left Philly.

“Geez, Bern, SOS,” I say, “sure has been a while; it’ll be good to see everyone.” “A little while!” she says. “How about four years? They say it’s changed. We probably won’t know anyone.” “Yeah,” I answered, “and I don’t think I’ll be able to do it any more. I probably won’t remember any steps. I’ll probably embarrass you.” “Nah,” she says, “You’ll just be a typical uncoordinated Yankee.” We laugh.

Several hours later we cross the South Carolina state line. I feel it. I need to adjust the radio. *Is it 94.9 or 94.6. Aahhh, there it is. Who is that singing? I know, its Rockin Louie and the Mamma Jammers; belting out Club Savoy. Ohh boy—it’s eerie—the change...it’s starting.* My limbs begin to loosen. “*Do I detect a little twitch?*” And then the sign: North Myrtle Beach six miles. “It won’t be long now, Bern.” “Easy Joey, easy now,” she says.

“Listen, Bern. Let’s not go to the condo yet,” I say. “Let’s head straight for Ducks. Joan and Kevin are probably already there.” “No, Joey, first we go to the condo, check it out, unpack, and then I need to change. I mean, just look at my hair!” “But...but... come on, Bern—just for a minute—to see who’s there.” It’s agony. The radio blares: *rocket sixty-nine...rocket six-ty nine.* Bern turns off the radio. I breathe deeply and succumb, “Okay, I give in, to the condo we go.”

We pass The Pirate’s Cove, Fat Harold’s, and then Duck’s. “Look Bern, there’s Dale and Jim.” I blow the horn and wave. Several people wave back. I recognize them but don’t remember their names. There are people all over the place. “Ooooh, Bern, SOS, at last: it don’t get no better than this.” *And then it happened; it took me by surprise. I knew Bernie felt this too, by the look in her eyes. Sweeter than wine—softer than the....*

I swerved the car into Duck’s parking lot. We grabbed our dance bags, jumped out of the car, and rushed into Ducks. “Ya see, Bern, Butch is playing. Hey look, that’s AC and Cathy...over there..., standing next to Ned—and the Pope’s. There’s Dahlia, talking to Sandy and Betty. Yo, Charlie, how ya doin’—whoa—Jackie looks hot.”

We threw off our street shoes—on with the loafers; and the transformation was complete. We danced, and laughed, and hugged old friends, and drank, and shagged, galore. Yeah man, *Me and my baby, dancin’ like crazy, shaggin’ the night away.*

September Schedule

Beginner Classes - 5, 12, 19, 26

Graham Haddock & Debbie Edmonds

Intermediate Classes - None

Look for announcements for "Special" classes for 3, 10, 24

Line Dance - None

October Schedule

Beginner Classes - 3, 10, 17, 24

Dinky Slaughter & Barbara White

Intermediate Classes - 1, 8, 15, 22

Joe & Marsha Tedesco

Line Dance- 1st and 15th

Shag Jam - 6th



Host & Hostess Committee

The Hostess/Welcome Table is looking for the 2014 chairperson. This position is great for meeting the many club members. The duties of this club position have been simplified to a team concept. As chairperson you would organize 12 pairs of volunteers to cover the Welcome Table one month at a time. Please consider filling this very important club position.

Allen Batchelor



RSC MAIN EVENTS

- September 13-21 **Fall Migration SOS** (North Myrtle Beach)
- October 6 **Shag Jam** 2-4pm
- November 3 **Shag Jam** 3-5pm with **Sunday Social** following 5-9pm.
- December 1 **Shag Jam** 2-4pm
- December 21 **Jingle Bell Ball** (ACCA Temple)

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



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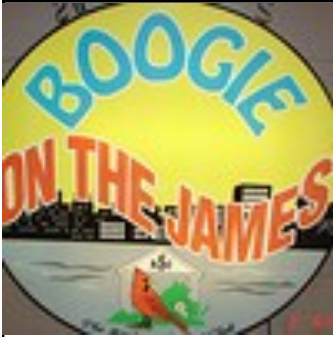
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Boogie on the James

With a theme of "**Denim and Diamonds**," there was much dancing, eating, drinking, laughing and merry-making. We had about 185 participants representing 14 Shag clubs and coming from as far away as Atlanta, Georgia and, get this, Alaska!

A. C. and Cathy Williams, three time champions of the Master Division at the Grand Nationals in Atlanta and three time winners of the Senior Division of the National Shag Dance Championships in North Myrtle Beach, SC taught a beginner and an intermediate shag class. These steps have already been seen on the Visions' dance floor. **Janet Weakley** from Virginia Beach taught a line dance called the "Swizzle." It too will be seen on the dance floor after a review lesson.

Once again, DJs **Ed Timberlake** and **Jeff Foster** kept everyone on the floor and **Cliff Merritt** and **Pete Saunders** provided music for the pool party. Needless to say, the free pours provided a good time for all with **Carol Thomasson, Robert McAdams** and team serving everyone's beverage of choice. Of course, there would not be anywhere to dance if it weren't for **Phillip Mitchell** and his crew who packed up, transported, put down, took up, and stored away the dance floor. Phew, I'm tired just thinking out it.

The food was delicious, as usual, and **Larry Ricker** greeted and collected tickets at the door for the brunch on Saturday. **Carolyn and Gene Anderson** headed up the 50/50 team while **Phyllis Wells** and her committee collected and sold raffle tickets for the "Basket of Wine" and "Barrow of Booze."

A special thanks to the silent auction committee for gathering donations for our silent auction. **Pam Schultz, Bob Owen, Dwight Hash, Mary Ann Lambert, Bev Dillard, and Beth Ager** all spent time seeking businesses, members or friends of

the RSC who would be willing to make a donation for our cause. The \$3,185 we earned will go to Camp Fantastic, a camp provided for kids with cancer or being treated for cancer. Thanks also to the many people who made purchases at our event! We couldn't do it without you! Start planning now for next year's event. Maybe you can make something or you know someone creative. It is never too early to lend a helping hand!

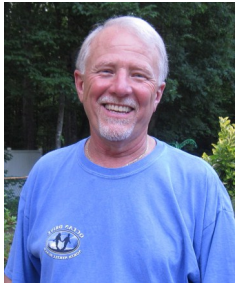
All of this was captured by our roving photographers **Dickie and Jinx Robinson**. You can go to <http://photos.richmondshagclub.org/> to see all of their pictures.

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this party such a success and good time for everyone.

Joan Byrnes

BOTJ Chair





Ways & Means

As of August 13, 2013 we have taken in \$1,656 from the 50/50 raffle. Please remember to support our 50/50 raffle each Tuesday night. Thank you to everyone who has participated and for your continued support.

Anyone who would like a Richmond Shag Club personalized, permanent name tag, please see **Allen Batchelor** at the welcome 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 both the 12 oz (\$12) and the 16 oz (\$15) Tervis tumblers with a travel lid for sale. They will have an embroidery club logo on the inside of the glass. 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 Richmond Shag Club patches. They are the same patches that are in the tumblers. They are \$2.50 each.

Golf shirts with the club logo are available. They are \$24 each. I have ordered several colors and sizes. If you need additional sizes and colors, I can place a special order. Camp shirts are \$39 dollars and are also available in various colors. We also have shirts for the ladies. See me for more details.

The next **RSC Brunswick Stew will be held on October 19.** We need volunteers to help with the stew on Friday and Saturday. The price of the stew is still \$6 a quart. If you are interested in volunteering or placing an order for the stew, please contact me at home (804-768-1549) or by email at thomassoncw@verizon.net.

Thank everyone for their support. Your support is important to the club and is appreciated.

Robert McAdams



Care & Concern

Condolences to the following members who have recently lost a loved one:

Jackie Fischer's mother, Mrs. Arbell G. Holliday, passed away on June 28, after a short illness.

Barbara Pettesch's father, George J. Kapec, 92, of Franklin, NC, passed away on July 19.

Rebecca Maupin of Powhatan, Virginia, granddaughter of **Carolyn Maupin**, passed away after a long bout with cancer on August 13, 2013.

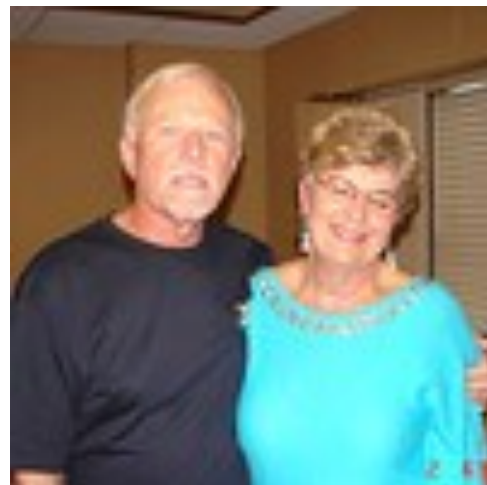
As always, our thoughts and prayers are with these folks/members as they recover from their losses, accidents and surgeries.

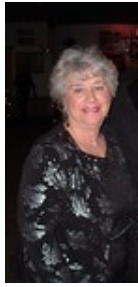
We hope they will all be back with us soon.

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

If you know of any club member who should be included in our newsletter, please let me know. You can email me at thomassoncw@verizon.net.

Carol Thomasson





Social Committee

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the shaggers that contributed to the WHEEL BARROW OF BOOZE for the Boogie on the James Party. It was a big success.

The next Sunday Social will be on November 3, 2013 with Pete Saunders as DJ.

The Jingle Bell Ball will be on Saturday December 21, 2013 at the ACCA Temple. Be sure and put this on your calendar.

Phyllis Wells



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