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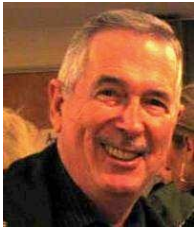


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## From The President



The Jingle Bell Ball was a huge success as always. I know everyone in attendance had a great time. The music was outstanding; our club DJ's Cliff Merritt and Pete Saunders out did themselves. Thanks to Jinx and Dickie

Robinson for giving up some of their party time to take some wonderful pictures of all of us in attendance.

I would like to thank Kendall and Stephanie Hockaday and their committee for organizing the party and the fantastic decorations. Congratulations go out to Larry Herbert for receiving the most improved male dancer award, Sandy Gibson, most improved female dancer and Julie and David Ferry for most improved couple. Many thanks to Kenn Ward and the dance instructors for all their hard work. Congratulations to Beth Ager, Leonard McAdams and Mike Walton for being awarded the RSC Spirit of Shag Award for the Most Outstanding Members for 2014. Each one has worked hard for our club. Thanks to Robert McAdams and his SOS Committee, Nelson "Fuzzy" Lambert and Kathy Lane for all of their hard work.

It is honor and privilege to announce Charlotte and Allen Batchelor, Phillip Mitchell, Alan Michaelis and Joyce Burnley have been voted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame. Their induction will be this March at Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA.

Congratulations to Cliff Merritt, Sonny and Pam Tinsley for their Special Achievement Award for their many years of dedicated service to the RSC.

The RSC donated \$13,200.00 to Camp Fantastic this year. This amount was raised by our club through the Golf Tournament chaired by Leonard McAdams and co-chaired by Dickie Robinson, the Silent Auction chaired by Beth Ager, and from private donations. Robin and Jim Cardillo, Ryan Wickins, his two sisters, Allison and Nicole, and his mom and dad, Kim and Chuck from Camp Fantastic were present to receive this donation. I cannot stress enough how much the family of children with cancer appreciates all that we do to raise money for Camp Fantastic/Special Love. These families look forward to all the things that

Special Love provides to them as a family to help cope with the changes in life that cancer brings. As Dave Smith, CEO of Special Love, has previously stated, the RSC is their only consistent source of Richmond area funding and we can take personal credit for all the local cancer patients who attend camp.

I would like to thank the 2014 Board of Directors for a job well done. They are a group of special individuals. Parker Dillard: VP, Pam Tinsley: Secretary and Communications, Mike Walton: Treasurer, Joan Byrnes: Membership Committee/Boogie On the James Annual Party Chair, Allen Batchelor: Ways & Means, Kendall Hockaday: Social Committee, Larry Ricker: Host/Hostess Desk and Kenn Ward: Dance Committee. Also, I would like to give special thanks to Carol Thomasson: Newsletter, Kathy Lane: Care & Concern, Charlotte & Allen Batchelor: Shag Jams, and Stephanie Hockaday: Social Committee. They all did a **fantastic** job.

I look forward to working with the 2015 Board of Directors: Vice President/Communications: Kevin Byrnes, Secretary: Pam Tinsley, Treasurer: Mike Walton, Dance Committee: Kenn Ward, Ways and Means: Parker Dillard, Social Committee: Kendall Hockaday, Host/Hostess Desk: Kelli Mallinger, Membership and Annual Party: Joan Byrnes

Our club would not be one of the best shag clubs around if we did not have the people to work on our committees and chair all of our club's functions. So many in our club donate their time and effort to make sure everything gets done in a timely fashion and they do a great job. **We need members to volunteer and work for the club and give some of our other members a much needed break from the functions they have worked on year after year.**

I look forward to serving as your President and if I can be of help to anyone please just let me know.

See you on the dance floor.

*Tim Sullivan*

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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 **Kathy Lane** know the details (email: [socrmom8286@yahoo.com](mailto:socrmom8286@yahoo.com).)

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](mailto: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!

## 2015 General Membership Meetings

March 16 \* June 15 \* August 17 \* November 16

All General Membership Meetings will be held at the Doubletree Inn-Kroger South in a meeting room and begin at 6:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.



<b>CLUB BIRTHDAYS</b>		<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS</b>	
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
Joe Tedesco—2 Billy Bain—3 Diane Dew—3 Sandy Gumm—3 Sue Moore—4 Sue Ann Bickert—5 Debbie Meadors—5 Steve Bateson—8 Glenda Harris—8 Janis Grimes—9 Gordon Burton—14 Jill Porter—14 Kay Williams—15 Larry Fischer—16 Emory Minnick—16 David Ferry—17 Cliff Merritt—17 Penny Richardson—20 Parker Dillard—24 Dick Frush—25 Helga Gallahan—27 Bruce Justice—28 Buck Giannini—29 Mark Feola—30 Art Seward—31	Brickey Hughes—1 Kendall Hockaday—1 Nancy Wall—1 Barbara Pettesch—3 Arlene Helton—4 Peggy Seward—5 Pam Shultz—6 Sandra Mawyer—9 Darrell Ratcliffe—10 Linda Hass—11 Donna Kontopanos—11 Dawn Harman—12 Charlie Cohill—13 Carrol Cox—14 Mary Ann Sillman—18 Stephanie White—18 Lynn Weishaar—19 Jackie Fischer—22 Bev Robinson—24 Sam Short—25 Wayne Vick—25 Mel Wilson—26 Elaine Belville—27 Tim Sullivan—7 Don Engle—28 Jamie Lewis-Boyer—28	Angie Abbott Billy Bain Charlie Barnes Carrol Cox Lisa Cox Bill Hackney Jim Hall Linda Hass Shirley Holmes Beth Lyerly Emett Nuckols Ray Paul Tootsie Parker Larry Ricker Sharon Ricker Rob Rogers Bob Stevens Linda Stevens Toni Termini Rob White Kay Williams Sam Williams Rosa Young	Larry Allison Beth Ager Rosie Ashcraft Sue Ann Bickert Rhee Cumbey Don Engle Steve Fox Mimi Fritz Rusty Gressett Glenda Harris Jim Joyner Valerie Joyner Bubba Leohr Donald Lumpkin Renee Manley Cliff Merritt Alan Michaelis John Moore Sue Moore Debra Owen Jill Porter Maureen Romanosky Ron Romanosky Steve Switzer Mary Kathryn Taylor Ralph Tedesco Vicki Tedesco Brad West Dickie Wilson



## Vice President

First, let me say I'm honored to return to the RSC Board as your Vice President for 2015. We all appreciate Parker Dillard's past 3 years of service in this position. Parker will do great as our Ways & Means Committee chair this year, taking over for Allen Batchelor. Pam Tinsley, Club Secretary, has asked to step down as Club Communications Chair and I have volunteered to assume this Board role as the sender of future Club e-mails and phone messages.

Sitting in the Board's last meeting for 2014, I was struck by a number of issues discussed as the Board tries to serve the membership. In no particular order, these issues include:

- Explaining to members the benefits and value of RSC membership,
- Explaining the differences between operating as a non-profit social club (that we are) and a non-profit charity (that we are not),
- Explaining why the Club works hard to raise and donate significant funds for Camp Fantastic and what the Camp does with these funds,
- Finding suitable venues and organizing events at a reasonable cost to provide the membership with fun activities related to shag dancing and beach music; and
- Seeking ways to attract and retain active members.

What struck me about this discussion was that these are all recurring issues which the Club has faced before. The current and past boards generally have tried to manage the Club's affairs in a business-like manner, but perhaps without a long-term vision of where the Club is going. I'm reminded of the expression (attributed to the Alice in Wonderland author, Lewis Carroll) "*...If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there.*"

The RSC bylaws state that the Club's purpose is "...to promote shag dance, Carolina style, and associated music and line dances in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States and to provide for its members opportunities to associate with others who enjoy dancing." I invite the membership to contact me (kfbyrnes@verizon.net) and/or other members of the board to let us know:

- What you want (or don't want) from the Club (for 2015 and beyond)?
- If developing a plan for the future of the Club seems like worthwhile exercise and, if so, if you would like to be involved in the process?
- What you can contribute to make this a better shag club?

Meanwhile, watch for other messages throughout the year regarding those recurring issues which challenge the Board!

*Kevin Byrnes*



**Host/Hostess Committee**

Well, Larry literally left some big shoes to follow, but I look forward to serving as your Host Chair of the RSC Front Desk. I have never worked the desk before, but Larry was kind enough to show me the ropes, and I am grateful to him for that kindness. I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming months and helping you at the desk in any way I am able. Since I am so new, I would greatly appreciate any assistance on the Front Desk that I can get. If you're interested in helping, stop by and see me, and I will get you signed up. 2015 promises to be a fabulous year and I look forward to serving each of you. See you on the dance floor!

*Kelli Mallinger*

# RSC MAIN EVENTS

- January 17-19 Mid-Winter
- April 17-26 Spring Safari
- July Junior SOS
- September 18-27 Fall Migration



Watch your e-mail, [RichmondShagClub.org](http://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.

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## Ways & Means Committee

By the time you read this article I should be firmly entrenched in my new position on the Board of Directors of the RSC. Thank you for the confidence you continue to place in me. No longer am I serving as your Vice President, as I have done for the last three years, but am now the Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee.

Actually, this will be a three-peat for me in this most vital position because my first stint as a board member was in 2005 when Phyllis Wells was our President. When our W&M chair at the time abruptly resigned after a couple of months on the job, for personal reasons, she asked if I would fill in. I volunteered to take over the job and even stayed on the next year to serve as W&M under the presidency of Doug Strother. The next two years (BTW we moved from Razzles to Visions in January 2007), I served as your President.

So you all be on the lookout for me (and probably Beverly) on the prowl on Tuesday evenings. I will be asking if you would like to buy 50/50 tickets (2 for a buck), which have come to be a reliable income stream for the club. I just hope that I can come close to doing as good a job as Allen Bachelor did the last two years as our W&M man. More often than not, he was assisted by his lovely bride, Charlotte. Now, those two, unquestionably two of the best dancers in the club, will not have to be as absent from the floor on Tuesdays, and that's a good thing because I know how we all like to watch them dance.

*Parker Dillard*



## Social Committee

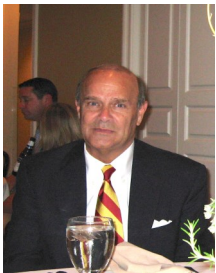
Hi, I'm Kendall, your Social Committee Chairman for 2015. I am thinking about starting a Harem! NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION...LOL It's time to plan for events for 2015. Please come join me for a brainstorming session on Sunday, January 4th from 4-6 p.m. at Doubletree Meeting room immediately following the Sunday Shag Jam. Think about Sunday socials, dances, beach bus trips, wine tours and anything else where the members can gather, socialize and share their love for the dance. Come if you would like to volunteer or have any ideas or suggestions. Together let's make 2015 a year to remember!

The 2014 Jingle Bell Ball was a complete success. Next year I will remember the straws! Congratulations to all the award winners. Thanks to Cliff Merritt and Pete Saunders for spinning the tunes. They played some great new music too! Thanks to all the helpers, Bob Stevens, Bob Owens, Rogers Verser, Carol Ann Thomasson, Robert McAdams, Leonard McAdams, Dwight Hash, Toni Termini, Sally Dobbins, Kay and Sam Williams, Jean Sullivan, Dawn Harmon, Graham Haddock, Debbie Edmonds, Allen and Charlotte Batchelor, and many, many more. I apologize for not catching everyone's name, but know your help was greatly appreciated. We had a lot of compliments regarding Nanny's Catering and the Cakes by Graham. To those who couldn't make it, we missed you! Thanks to Dickie and Jinx Robinson for taking pictures of the memories.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday January 4th at the Double Tree on planning out a great 2015.

Thanks again

*Kendall Hockaday*



## Dance Committee

I first would like to thank all of the dance instructors for a job well done in 2014. I feel very good about the dance classes we had in 2014. Our beginner classes turned out some very good dancers and our Intermediate classes added a lot of polish to many more dancers.

We also enhanced our dance instructing by offering our new Beginner Lesson DVD thanks to Kevin & Joan Byrnes who produced them for us. For that, we owe the Byrnes' a great deal of thanks.

We also owe Charlotte & Allen Batchelor a great deal of thanks for making our Sunday Shag Jams a regular monthly event. They have been extremely popular. If you have not attended one, you have missed out on a great opportunity to improve your dancing.

I would like to congratulate our clubs' award winners this year: Larry Herbert (Most Improved Male Dancer), Sandy Gibson (Most Improved Female Dancer), David & Julie Ferry (Most Improved Couple). In addition, congratulations out to Charlotte & Allen Batchelor, Joyce Burnley, Phillip Mitchell, and Alan Michaelis on being selected for the Virginia Shagger's Hall of Fame. We also had award winners at both spring and fall SOS: Spring SOS: Rookie's Revenge, 3d Place - Judy Petree & partner, 4th Place - Glenda Harris & Tim Sullivan, 5th Place - Charles Harward, Fall SOS: Rookies Revenge, 3d place-Charles Harward. SOS Shag" Smoothies", 2nd Place: Kevin & Joan Byrnes. What a great representation of the Richmond Shag Club!

For all the above reasons I feel we furthered our mission...to preserve the dance. See you on the dance floor in 2015.

*Kenn Ward*



## Care & Concern

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to:

Jerri Cowan whose Mother passed away in December.

Pam Tinsley for the loss of her beloved Sonny on December 23, 2014.

RSC extends heartfelt get well wishes to the following members:

Russell Harris has undergone a successful hip replacement. He has been undergoing physical therapy at Beaufort Health and Rehab Center. Unfortunately his discharge was delayed by a bout with pneumonia.

Let us continue to send prayers and well wishes to those who are continuing to battle their illnesses. These include Cliff Merritt, Mo Phillips and Ann Dunnavant.

As always let us remember our fellow club members in their joys and sorrows. May we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

*Kathy Lane*

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**JANUARY 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4 2:00 – 4:00 Shag Jam	5	6 6:30 – 7:30 Lean (Sid & Jane) 7:30 Line Dance	7	8 6:30 – 8:00 Intro & Basic Step (Kenn & Shug) 7:00 Bd. Meeting	10	10
11	12	13 6:30 – 7:30 Belly Roll (Sid & Jane) Birthday Dance	14	15 6:30 – 8:00 Start, Female & Male Turns (Kenn & Shug)	16 Mid Winters (NMB) Lee- Jackson Day	17 Mid Winters (NMB) 10:00 ACSC Mtg. Beach Club
18 Mid Winters (NMB)	19 Martin Luther King Day	20 6:30 – 7:30 Boogie Walk (Sid & Jane) 7:30 Line Dance	21	22 6:30 – 8:00 Trail Pass, Half Turn, Front & Back Preps (Kenn & Shug)	23	24
25	26	27 6:30 – 7:30 Pivot (Sid & Jane)	28	29 6:30 – 8:00 Sugarfoot (Kenn & Shug)	30	31



**FEBRUARY 2015**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
1  2-4 Shag Jam (Kevin & Joan)	2	3  6:30 – 7:30 Lean (Kendall & Stephanie)  7:30 Line Dance	4	5  6:30 – 8:00 Intro & Basic Step (Parker & Bev)	6	7
8	9	10  6:30 – 7:30 Boogie Walk (Kendall & Stephanie)  Birthday Dance	11	12  6:30 – 8:00 Start, Female & Male Turns (Parker & Bev)  7:00 Bd. Meeting	13  Valentine's Day	14
15  March/April Newsletter Dead- line	16  Presidents' Day	17  6:30 – 7:30 Belly Roll (Kendall & Stephanie)  7:30 Line Dance	18	19  6:30 – 8:00 Trail Pass, Half Turn, Front & Back Preps (Parker & Bev)	20	21
22	23	24  6:30 – 7:30 Pivot (Kendall & Stephanie)	25	26  6:30 – 8:00 Sugarfoot (Parker & Bev)	27	28



RSC Annual 2015  
Jingle Bell Ball

