

Northern Virginia Shag Club

President's Message by Cathy Metcalf



In the President's Letter:

- * *Top Volunteers*
- * *Thank you's to the Board*
- * *Visit our Website*
- * *Keith Teele*

My first thought, for my last letter, was to try to thank our top volunteers of the year, but as I started making a mental list, I quickly discovered that would not fit on one page. So many have contributed so much and that means quite a lot from where I stand. It is remarkable to see the way all of your individual efforts come together to make this a terrific group. Thanks to each volunteer for the part you play – whether large or small – our Club is better because of your contribution.

I do, however, wish to thank the Board members that I have been privileged to serve with. It has been a special honor to have three of our Club's founding members: Liz Kestler, Dave Rapson, and Gary Salpini, on our Board in year eleven. When I consider the number of people who come and go, I am very appreciative for their longevity, service, and dedication to NVSC. Vaughn Royal, Secretary, will be taking a break after serving for four years on the Board. He has done just about every job that the Club has to be done (and always done to perfection)—he is such a great asset. Truly, his contributions are endless – too numerous to even start. He has earned a LONG break. Doodah, Director-at-Large, wins the prize for giving me the funniest memory of a long Board meeting—her unique amazement at the detail (such as, minutes of a Board meeting two years ago) that Vaughn could instantaneously pull out of his palm pilot was priceless—I have that image recorded in my mind though not on film. Runners-up in the laugh category were our Treasurer, Dan Ferguson and Director-at-Large, Gary Salpini. A special thanks to Marcia Conway, Beverly Farris, Liz Kestler, and Dave Rapson (Vice-President) for their service in 2004 and for continued service on the 2005 Board. I am sorry that I do not have space to mention the individual contributions of each. It has been a pleasure to serve with each of you. Thanks for a memorable year.



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Celebrate the season with NVSC at our annual Holiday Party on December 11th at the Springfield VFW. This year we are collecting unwrapped gifts for the USMC Toys for Tots campaign. We have been asked to remember the children under three years of age and those over twelve. Cash donations may also be given. Please come -- bearing toys and an item for our delicious potluck dinner. See the flyer inside for further details.



I hope that many of you access our Club's website on a regular basis. You can find a lot of interesting and useful information there. There is a photo gallery for which we need your contributions. Detailed information on our upcoming events, monthly newsletters, Club by-laws, links to other shag sites, places to stay at SOS, minutes of Board meetings and many other things can be found there. Consider making www.nvshag.org your home page.

When you move or change internet providers, please remember to send an update to NVSC. Contact any Board member, send an email to shag@nvshag.org, or call the Club's voice mailbox at (703) 739-0441. We want to make sure that you are staying informed. As winter and the potential of bad weather approach, any changes to our schedule will go out by email and be posted on the Club's hotline – (703) 739-0441.

Many thoughts are with Jean Teele following the loss of her beloved husband, Keith, and our NVSC member, dance partner, and friend. We will miss him too.

I wish you all a very special holiday season. Thanks for the joy that you add to my life. You have been so kind and – looking back, it has been a pleasure to serve such a wonderful group of people. I look forward to being on the dance floor next year so – save me a dance!! Thank you, NVSC!





We Shall Miss Our Dear Friend, Keith Teele



On Monday, November 8, 2004, **KEITH L. TEELE** of Annandale, VA. Husband of **Jean Teele**; father of Karen Teele and Brian Teele (wife, Kelly); brother of Joyce Teele. He is also survived by his grandsons, Ryan, Matthew and Grant Teele and their grandmother, Loretta Teele. Family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Capital Area Hospice of North Virginia.

Remembering Keith:

"He was friendly, outgoing, humorous, charming and had a gentlemanly nature about him. He made sure that he danced with all the ladies, with Jean's permission of course!"

I remember watching Keith and Jean at one of our NVSC picnics. Keith, with his brave yet nonchalant determination, ventured Jean to take a ride with him on the jet-ski. After taking instructions from the host, Don B., they carefully and skillfully balanced themselves and off they went, or so we thought. Varoom! It appeared the jet-ski took a sharp turn to the left and promptly dumped them overboard! The picnickers jumped out of their seats. Jean and Keith soon emerged looking like they were wearing wet blankets (I believe Jean had on her clothing rather than her swimsuit.). Keith and Jean didn't give in to defeat though. Jean dried herself off, re-styled her hair, put on her swimsuit and went back to the water. Instructions were given again, The engine revved, the crowd watched cautiously, the engine stalled—over they rolled again. Did they try again? You bet ya! We see them getting back on the skis. With both of them wobbling in their seat, Keith guns it and black smoke fills the air—the crowd is on edge. They disappear into the water, the jet-ski is doing 360's in the lake – the crowd is now very very concerned. Up pop our lovely couple and the runaway jet-ski is retrieved safely. One could say they provided the exciting, thrilling entertainment that hot summer day that many will never forget! So when the next annual NVSC picnic rolled around, Gary S. teased Keith and asked him if he was bringing the submarine, and he didn't mean the sandwich!!

I shall miss Keith, his dances, and his humor. Bless you Jean, we all are thinking of you and hope you will be with us again real soon." Liz K.

Jean and Fred W. remember Keith as being very caring and supportive of Jean when she had her difficult time with cancer. And how Keith must have felt very blessed to have Jean by his side during his illness. "It was a pleasure knowing Keith; he had such a kindness about him. We will miss him... Our love and prayers to Jean."

"It was always nice to see Keith at the shag club. He always seemed to be having fun with Jean and the other club members. I know he will be missed by many." Heather J.

Ellen T. and Linda S. recall Keith and Jean's wedding day. Keith was so very happy and excited. He wanted to make the "wedding" cruise fun for everyone. He made special accommodations for the wedding party guests to ride in their limo from their hotel in Miami to the cruise ship where Jean and Keith would wed. (Linda S; Ellen T.; Norma W.; Bob (as in Glitter Bob); Valerie S.; and the famous dancing duo, Charlie and Jackie were the invitees of the wedding party.) Jean was gorgeous as always, Keith was very handsome in his tux. Both were very happy. It was such a grand occasion! Everything was perfect. Keith made sure of that!

Note:

A special thank you goes to Joan and Dallas, Reta and Dan for coordinating food deliveries to Jean and Keith's home, from a network of NVSC members, who also deserve a special thank you. Of course, sign ups were filled



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free.*



*Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with head bowed low,
Remember the Love that once was shared,
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It is all a part of the Master's Plan,
A step on the road home.*

*When you are lonely, and sick of heart
Go to friends we know,
And bury your sorrows
in doing good deeds,
Miss me, but let me go.
[Author unknown]*



We meet at Rene's Supper Club

NVSC HAS MOVED TO RENE'S SUPPER CLUB

Beginning Wednesday, November 10th

3251 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 385-0077

WWW.NVSHAG.ORG

WWW.RENESSUPPERCLUB.COM

Shag Classes: 7:30 - 8:15 PM

Dancing: 8:15 - 11:00

PM

Happy Hour Drink Prices 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Cover Charge - \$5.00

Juniors welcome! No dancing on Wed, November 24th (before Thanksgiving).

Location: Near Fairfax Circle, across the street from Artie's Restaurant.

Directions: Fairfax Circle is about 3 miles west of the I-495 Beltway at the intersection of Route 50 (Arlington Blvd.) and Route 29 (Lee Hwy.) At the Circle look for McDonald's. McDonald's is at the corner of Old Lee Highway. Take Old Lee Highway south for about 1/10 mile. Rene's is on the ground floor of an office building on your left with a lighted blue sign, across the street from Artie's Restaurant.

Please join us on Wednesdays for classes and dancing in our new location.

D J's and Dance Steps for DECEMBER 2004



- Step Exchange: Dec. 8th
- Advanced Level Shag Steps: Dec. 15th
- Intermediate Level Shag Steps:
 - Dec. 1st Back Prep; Sugarfoot; Tuck
 - Dec. 8th Stutter Basic; Boogie Walk; & Funky Applejack
 - Dec. 15th Hesitation Basic; & Pause Walk-Up
 - Dec. 22nd Forward Sailor Basic; & Pivot
 - Dec. 29th Leg Up Basic; & Side Walk-Up
- Beginner Level shag steps: Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
- Intro. Level shag steps: Dec. 1st, 22nd, & 29th



Relax. Enjoy the Beauty

FOR DECEMBER:

- Dec 1st - Dennis and Nancy Gehley
- Dec 8th - Craig Jennings
- Dec 15th - Jim Rose
- Dec 22nd - Gerry Scott
- Dec 29th - Eddy Farmer

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SPINNIN' ROUND...NEWS

From the DJ Booth □ By Jim Rose

BEACH MUSIC'S TOP 10 SONGS FOR NOVEMBER 2004

1. Chasin' Dreams – North Tower
2. There's No me Without You - Chairmen
3. What Am I Gonna Do Without You -Craig Wollard
4. I Slipped – Roy Roberts
5. Back That Thing Up – Tyrone Davis
6. Party Till the Lights Go Out – Hardway Connection
7. Nine Times A Man – Wilson Pickett
8. Million To One – Al Green
9. Girl Why'd You Do Me Like That - Attractions
10. Deed I Do – Paul Craver & Marlisa

NEW CD REVIEWS

Let's Dance USA II – The second release from National Association of Rhythm & Blues DJ's & Ripete Records. You'll find some songs already released like; *Party Till the Lights Go Out*, *Zing Went The Strings*, and *Fine Sweet Daddy*. Gary Brown makes a huge splash with *Is The Magic Still There*. Coastline has a great follow up to *Swamps of the Old Santee* with *Little Lucy*. The Fantastic Shakers do a good job with a remake of the Drifter's *Sweets For My Sweet*. All in all, it's worth adding to your collection.

HEY, MR. DJ

OK, here's the second & final set of songs. Nobody has even sent in a guess yet. I've had a lot of questions though! Please note: everyone of the songs on these lists (50 songs) have been played at NVSC at some point in time!

Match the 5 songs with the correct DJ. The DJ's are: Craig Jennings, Gerry Scott, Dennis & Nancy Gehley, Eddy Farmer & Jim Rose. ~~OK~~, now match em' up!

Here's the first list of our DJ's 5 all time favorites. Next month we'll publish the next five. Send your matches to me.

- #1) Jesus Will Fix It – Al Green / Little Red Book – Drifters / Miss Grace – Tymes / Mr. Dollar – Bradford & Bell
Sex On The Beach – T-Spoon
- #2) Come Get To This – Marvin Gaye / The Deacon Moves In – Dominoes / Have Mercy Baby – Titus Turner
Wee Baby Blues – Big Joe Turner / I Gotta Have You – Clyde McPhatter & Ruth Brown
- #3) Club Savoy – Rockin' Louie / Slippin' & Slidin' – Sugar Bees / Honky Tonk – 2000 LBS. of Blues /
New Old Songs – Coastline / Soul Stirrers Medley – Rev. Joe Simon
- #4) Meet Me With Your Black Drawers On – Gloria Hardiman / Don't Say Nothin' Bad About My Baby – The Cookies
Baby Workout – Jackie Wilson / Stagger Lee – Lloyd Price / May I – Bill Deal & Rhondels
- #5) Gonna Be Too Late – 5 Keys / Could it be You – 4 Tops / Wee Baby Blues – Big Joe Turner /
Don't Play That Song – Clovers / I Hope You Won't Hold It Against Me – Thurston Harris

DID YOU KNOW

The great DJ's of today are mixing old & new in and not just one dimensional. Very few DJ's have been successful as one dimensional, playing only one type music. There are a few however that have been successful. We try very hard to please the majority of people we play for. But we also realize that pleasing everybody all the time is impossible.

If you hear a song you like, please come up to the DJ booth and ask the DJ for the name of the song & artist. He'll be glad to give it to you!

Top ten songs!
CD Reviews



Be a lucky member
and win a custom CD
made especially for
you! See this article...
Ed.

AND, THE NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2005 ARE:

Janis Grimes	President
David Rapson	Vice-President
Liz Kestler	Secretary
Russ White	Treasurer
Beverly Larson Farris	Director-at-Large
Marcia F. Conway	Director-at-Large
Debra Parrish	Director-at-Large
Hilda Clemann	Director-at-Large
Terrie Patullo	Director-at-Large



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE VOTING PROCESS!

Happy Birthday!  **December Birthdays!!**

Jeffery Neimuth 12/2
Anne Beeton 12/2
Russ White 12/2
Lela Leakey 12/3
Linda McAfee 12/5
Carolyn Campbell 12/5
Barry Kumar 12/6
Ray Jones 12/7
Denise Lanier 12/8
Victor Clemann 12/8
Randy Campbell 12/8
Melody Wayland 12/9
Jane James 12/9
Kathy Lewis 12/10
Mark Samblanet 12/10

Brennar Goree 12/11
Jeffrey Gaines 12/11
Cathy Metcalf 12/12
Jack Williams 12/12
Betty Davidson 12/13
Marvin Burge 12/16
Darlene Small 12/16
Helen Jencks 12/16
Wynde Sipe 12/17
Dave Rapson 12/19
Michael Browne 12/21
Michael Deese 12/24
Judy Hales 12/27
Sandra Traylor 12/31

If your birthday is incorrect or does not appear here, please contact **Heather Jennings**, the membership chair, at shagnva@crosslink.net to add your birthday to our database.

Be sure to attend the once a month **BIRTHDAY DANCE** in honor of your **BIRTHDAY** and enjoy a delicious **CAKE** made especially for this occasion by Birthday chair, **CRIS GAINES**—she makes wonderfully scrumptious cakes! Watch for "Hello Shagger" news for the monthly Birthday event.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER—MILLIE CAVE; EDWARD O'REILLY; EVE & TIMOTHY FISH; CRAWFORD & HELEN JENCKS; ROBERT KELLEY; KATIE SOUTHERN-KELLEY & ERVIN TYLER

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the family of Keith L. Teele, whose sunset date was November 8, 2004. Keith was a very active participant in our club, along with his wife Jean Teele. Please offer your thoughts and prayers to Jean during this difficult time. You may send cards to: Jean Teele, 3250 Ledbury Ct., Annandale, VA 22003

We send our Well-Wishes for a speedy recovery to long time member Craig Hutchinson



The Northern Virginia Shag Club

Presents A

Shag Workshop and Party

With Pro-Shaggers

Charlie Womble & Jackie McGee

February
19, 2005



Charlie and Jackie are 9 time National Shag Champions (**Jackie 10 times**), US Open Swing Champions, members of the Shaggers Hall of Fame, Shad Alberty Award recipients, 3 time Feather Award winners for: Best Male and Female Swing Dancers, Best Classic Swing couple, New Wave Award. They also produce the USA Grand National Dance Championships.

Workshop

Fort Myer Community Center

228 McNair Road, Bldg. 405
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199
Phone: 703-696-3470

All Classes for Beginner and Intermediate Dancers!

Spins & Turns	12:30 PM — 1:30 PM
Male Step/Female Follow <i>With connection</i>	1:45 PM — 2:45 PM
Funky Footwork <i>Including female steps</i>	3:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Cost: \$10 per workshop for NVSC Members
\$15 per workshop for non-members

Please be prepared to present identification upon entering Fort Myer

Unescorted minors may not be admitted by security

Private lessons with Charlie and Jackie are available. Please contact David Rodgers at 703-239-8978 e-mail David at rogersd3@cox.net to make arrangements.

Juniors Receive Free
Admission to Both Events!

DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

7:30 PM — 11:30 PM

At

Fort Myer Community Center

228 McNair Road, Bldg. 405
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199
Phone: 703-696-3470

Cost: \$10 for NVSC Members
\$12 for Non-members

Club Provides...

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, sodas, setups

Bring your own beer / wine and use discretely

Directions to Ft. Myer: From Northern Virginia: Take I-395 to exit 8A Washington Blvd, Route 27 North. Take Washington Blvd North to Fort Myer exit on right. Once you go through the security check for non-military people, you take the first right on to Sheridan Ave., then right on to Pershing Drive, and then turn left onto McNair. Pass the tennis courts. Park on the right. The Community Center is on the left just past the tennis court.

This is a non-smoking event!



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB SUPPORTS TOYS FOR TOTS

U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

MISSION: The mission of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a marine Reserve Center was located.

Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948. The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children." Bill Hendricks, a Marine Reservist on weekends, was in civilian life, the Director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio. This enabled him to enlist the support of a vast array of celebrities to support Toys for Tots. Since then, celebrities as Bob Hope, John Wayne, Doris Day, Tim Allen, Kenny Rogers, and Billy Ray Cyrus have given their time and talent to promote Toys for Tots. First ladies Nancy Regan and Barbara Bush have served as national spokespersons. The Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve.

From 1947 through 1979, Marines collected and distributed new and used toys. On drill weekends during the fall, Reserve marines refurbished the used toys. From 1980 through the present, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys. Because of more operational demands on reservists time and the need to polish combat skills, no time was left to work on old toys. The goal is to deliver a message of hope, which will build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate these children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. A shiny new toy is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

Despite the trauma the nation experienced as a result of the 9/11 attacks in New York City and Washington, DC, the 2001 Toys for Tots campaign was the second best in the history of the program. Local campaigns were conducted in 388 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Today a non-profit foundation manages the Toys for Tots Program and helps to harness corporate and individual help in this noble effort.

For over 56 years of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, Marines have distributed more than 313 million toys to 151 million children. This charitable endeavor has been made possible by the help of local clubs like the Northern Virginia Shag Club. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Holiday Party on 11 December. We really need toys for age 2 and under and age 13 and above, but we'll accept all contributions. Together the Marine Corps Reserve and Northern Virginia Shag Club can continue to make a difference during the Holiday Season.

Submitted by: Bruce Piner

