

SHAG RAG



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President's Message by Janis Grimes



the President's
letter:

* Thanks!

* Party Attendees

Many THANKS to all members and guests who attended our Holiday Party!! You made it a fun, exciting evening for all. It was a lovely party, and the large room was filled with a crowd of old and new, and regular members. We were pleased to see out-of-towners who came to party with us – **Joey and Bernie Fanini**, from Philly; **Frank and Nanette Sulik** from NJ; **Kevin and Joan Byrnes** from Richmond; **Janet Richards and Tim Miller**, **Tom Edwards and Kathy Manning** from Virginia Beach! From the looks of things at 11:30, all had a wonderful time. The donated **Toys for Tots (Bruce Piner)** were indeed impressive, as well as our annual donation to **Hospice (Marcia Conway)**—our total donations to **Hospice** now exceed \$104,000!!! **Mike Fortunato** was the lucky winner of the 50/50, which raised \$216 for the **Susan B. Komen Foundation** – a donation will be made in memory of founding member **Pauline Easby-Smith**.

President Cathy Metcalf presented special awards honoring two members for exceptional voluntary efforts – **David Rogers** received the new **NVSC President's Award**, special recognition for all of his work on behalf of NVSC, over the years. David does a superb job on everything he undertakes, including chairing the Dance Committee, hosting Jackie & Charlie in his home every year, organizing all workshops, teaching many of the Wednesday night classes, liaison with Fort Myer for events there, responsibilities at the Classic, and getting the junior program going again. After 4 years on the board, 2001-2004, **Vaughn Royal** received the **Board Service Award** for contributions too numerous to list. Vaughn is always there, steady and reliable, working out front and behind the scenes. After the presentations, Cathy was pleasantly surprised to receive two bouquets of roses, presented by **Kari Jones and Tyler Ervin**, to show appreciation for all that has been done to further our junior program this year.

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SPECIAL THANKS to departing board members **Cathy Metcalf, Doodah, Dan Ferguson, Vaughn Royal and Gary Salpini**—and to everyone who worked so hard to give us all a wonderful evening (**Judy Hales, Gary Salpini, Dan and Reta Ferguson and their team of helpers**). The food was fabulous and plentiful, due to the efforts of all of You. And how about those desserts! The decorations were beautiful (Pamela Alfano and helpers). The music was great (**Larry Black and Cindy Goree**). The exhibition dance by Junior Shaggers (**National Overall Junior Champion Brennar Goree and Kari Jones**) was awesome, especially when you consider that they had only a few minutes beforehand to work on that dynamic performance!! Many thanks to **Kari Jones (assisted by Tyler Ervin)** for teaching a junior workshop for our growing group of junior Shaggers! They are learning and having fun! Thanks also to **Darlene Small**, for her gift of the birthday cake for Brennar, celebrating his 15th birthday with us. The cleanup afterward was another HUGE job, handled by faithful volunteers (**Gary and Sharon Salpini, Valerie Swiger, and others, too many to name**). In every way, it was an outstanding celebration of good friends and fun, music and dancing!

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