

President's Corner

BY BONNIE ARMS

I wish to thank everyone for their confidence in me and electing me to be President, Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) for 2018. Please know that I will give the club 110% and look forward to this new experience. I know I have big shoes to fill as your new President. I am so glad that **Sue Young** (Past President 2015-2017) will be a Director-at-Large on the 2018 Board of Directors so I can query her whenever I have any questions about procedures, history, etc.

I look forward to working with the following Board Members during 2018: **Sherri Wildoner**, Vice President, **Mark Hendrickson**, Treasurer, **Linda Barna**, Secretary and the following Directors-at-Large: **Pamela Alfano**, **John Dent**, **Ken Gibbs**, **Jack Jones**, and **Sue Young**.

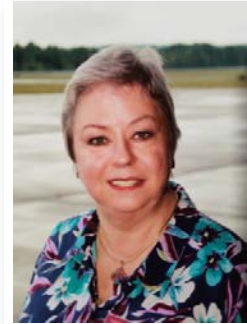
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Some NVSC members brought in the New Year at the DC Hand Dance Club party at the Double Tree by Hilton Baltimore, 890 Elkridge Landing Rd., near BWI Airport, Linthicum, MD. A good time was had by all.



Welcome to the 2018 NVSC Board. L to R: John Dent, Jack Jones Sue Young, Sherri Wildoner, Pamela Alfano, Ken Gibbs, Mark Hendrickson, Bonnie Arms. Not present: Linda Barna

NVSC had our Holiday Party on December 2 at the Kingstowne Snyder Center. Special thanks go out to the following people: **Jason and Jeanne**

Potter and other folks that helped set up/break down and helped in any other way as needed; **Fran Mong** for making the lovely centerpieces PLUS Fran (Music Chairperson) was able to get **Larry & Cindy Black** as our DJs who kept the floor full with their great mix of music and they also got to dance with our club members; **John Romito** for taking all the wonderful pictures of us NVSCers having so much fun at the Holiday Party—he always makes us look good; and all the wonderful cooks that provided plentiful and yummy food. No surprise here that **Sherri Wildoner** was named NVSC **Shagger of the Year 2017**. Way to go, girlfriend! It was an honor well deserved IMHO. We also had two new members join NVSC at the Holiday Party —**Richard Jones** and **Andrea Karlsen**.



We will have our **Pre Super Bowl Party** this year on Saturday, February 3 at Addy's Restaurant Lounge and Bar located in the Best Western Battlefield Inn, 10820 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA located off of Interstate 66 Exit 47A. Please see the flyer on page 9 for more details.

Our **2018 NVSC Capital Classic** will be held this year **July 27-28** at the Westin Washington Dulles

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About Our Organization...

Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) was organized to preserve the Carolina Shag dance and its accompanying Beach music. NVSC dances the Carolina Shag every Wednesday night at:

Elk's Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA

Come join us — learn the Carolina Shag! Free beginner lessons begin at 7:30 pm. A Buffet dinner is available for purchase. Social dancing is from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. Cover charge: Members \$9, Guests \$10.

COME JOIN US!

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When and Where to Shag

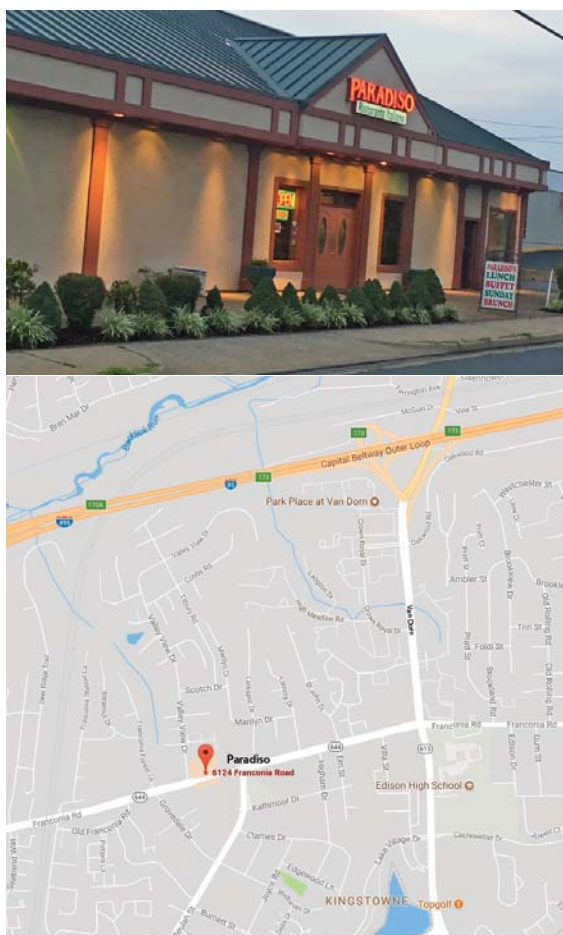
Every Wednesday, 6:30-10:00 pm at the Elks Lodge

8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA (on Route 50 near Prosperity Avenue). Cover charge: Non-members \$10.00, members \$9.00; free lessons at 7:30 pm, no partners needed. Buffet dinner available, 6:45 - 8:00pm, \$9.00, or order from the menu. For example, Appetizers (Buffalo Wings, Quesadilla, etc.), Salads (Caesar, Chef), Burgers & Sandwiches (Bacon & Blue, Pulled Pork BBQ).



January TBD at Paradise

6124 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
5:00-8:00 pm, no cover charge.



DJ Schedule

Please check the website for the DJ schedule

Dance Lesson Schedule at the Elks on Wednesdays

Beginner Level Shag Steps		Intermediate Level Shag Steps	
January 3	Basic and Female Turn	January 3	Side to Side Basic & Front Walk Up
January 10	Basic and Start	January 10	Behind Sailor and Side Pass
January 17	Basic and Male Turn	January 17	Applejack
January 24	Basic, Half Turn, Triple Basic	January 24	Stutter Basic & Kick Basic
January 31	TBD	January 31	TBD

Beginner lessons are FREE to non-members, but membership is required for the Intermediate class. Membership is \$25/year. Lessons begin at 7:30 pm. Social dancing before and after lessons to 10:00 pm. Please remember to ask Red Dot beginner dancers to dance.

It takes lots of practice to become a better dancer!

See more places to dance with other ACSC Virginia Shag Clubs, listed on page 10.

Northern Virginia Shag Club Fab FUNdraising 2017

SHERRI WILDONER

The 2017 fundraising events in support of Capital Caring are a wrap and were a big hit.

Thanks to you, as of December 21, 2017, we raised \$6,667!

The board would like to give thanks to **everyone** who made this year's events successful.

To start, thanks to the Capital Caring rep, Katie Tran-Lam, for coming out to speak at our 19th Annual Shag-A-Thon held at the lovely Colvin Run dance hall. Thanks also to: Dennis Gehley for volunteering to DJ with an iPod assist, our registered dance participants for getting pledges and collecting donations, and those who donated items for the door prizes and bottles of wine for the wine basket raffle, and to everyone who came out on the beautiful sunny October Sunday afternoon.

Our Second Annual Wine Tasting was fabulous fun, including a live auction. Special thank you to Jim Scanlon for once again opening his home to us for this fun social. Our generous participants donated \$392 in auction proceeds, all for Capital Caring.

Special thanks to those persons or groups that donated \$50 or more to Capital Caring. These champions of Capital Caring make it possible for NVSC to contribute to the efforts of our selected hospice and palliative care group. We want to recognize your contributions (listed here in no

particular order) with heartfelt gratitude. Our deepest apologies if we missed anyone!

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| Ann West | Michael/America Wear |
| Barbara & Tipton Tyler | Nicholas/Esther Abate |
| Barbara Ebersole | Pamela Alfano |
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| David Rodgers | Sherri Wildoner |
| Dennis Gehley | Sue/Paul Young |
| Emily Maroon | Tom Brett |
| Estelle Jones | Vaughn Royal |
| Ginger Dontis | Wine Basket raffle |
| Jack Jones | Heather/Craig Jennings |
| Jason Potter | A Schoolcraft Insurance Agency |
| Jim Scanlon | James Metcalf |
| Joan McKinney | Jim Scanlon |
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| Leslie/Carolyn Schuermann | John Myers |
| Linda Jedlicka | Susan Powell |
| Lorraine Rohlik | Leta Deangelis |
| Mark Hendrickson | |
| Michael Martin | |

To our Registered Dance Participants, who committed to getting pledges and sponsors to make donations to Capital Caring, a big thank you from your 2017 Chairperson, Sherri Wildoner:
Pamela Alfano, Tom Brett, Marcia Conle, Jack Jones, Jason Potter, Sue Young

Watch for the FUNdraising activities coming for 2018, our 20th anniversary in support of Capital Caring!



Make some noise!
WE MADE IT TO 2018!

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Airport hotel, 2520 Wasser Terrace , Herndon, VA. More information will be available soon about this fun event.

I would like to address an area of concern for NVSC—**attendance at our Wednesday night lessons and open dancing.** Members that regularly attend these weekly events have noticed the drop in attendance. The Board of Directors have been and are still racking their brains for a solution to this

problem. We, as a club, need to bring the attendance up or otherwise we risk losing the Elk's Lodge for a meeting place. The rent we pay has increased and we need more people attending each and every Wednesday night in order to justify the cost to NVSC. PLEASE start coming on Wednesday nights and bring your friends with you. We always have a good time visiting and dancing so hopefully any non-members in attendance will want to join our membership roster.

There will be a General Membership meeting on January 17, 2018 following the dance lessons.

National Fast Dance Association News

Today I found myself on the email list for the National Fast Dance Association newsletter, which came just in time to pass along this tidbit (and fill this hole in the newsletter!) Did you know that your cell phone actually can stop being annoying for minute and provide some much needed fun? Apparently there are a whole bunch of dance apps available (who knew? I didn't). Take a look: —AR

- All About Swing:** Google play store
- iDanceMobile:** Google play store | iTunes
- Line Dance:** Google play store
- Map Dance:** Google play store | iTunes | Windows 10
- Pocket Salsa:** Website | Google play store | iTunes
- Radio WCS:** Website | Google play store
- Raw Connection:** Google play store | Facebook
- Rock and Roll dances:** Google play store

- Shag Connection and Beach Music:** | Google play store | iTunes
- Swing Dance:** Google play store
- Swing Dancing Lessons:** iTunes
- Swing Points:** Google play store
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- You Dance:** Google play store | iTunes

Dance apps!

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<p>AUGUST 25TH, 2018</p> <p><i>Departing Miami on Saturday, August 25th, 2018</i> <i>9-night trip going to Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao</i> <i>Visiting: Miami, Key West, Oranjestad, Willemstad, Kralendijk</i></p>	<p>www.SOSatSea.com</p>  <p>CRUISE PLANNERS YOUR LAND AND CRUISE EXPERTS</p>

There were toys, great food, great music, dancing, meeting, greeting and an award. In other words, it was the NVSC annual holiday party.

Right, top: Sue Young is flanked by the guest Marines who came to collect the toys. To her left Scott Barnett, Sergeant Major, Marine Corps Reserve. To her right, her nephew Marty Word, Sergeant Major (retired), Marine Corps Reserve.

Below: Santa (otherwise known as Joe Peebles) arrives hoping to take Christmas requests.



Shagger of the Year!



Sue Young awards Shagger of the Year to Sherri Wildoner



Holiday Party 2017



Loren and Kathy Kropat, take a dance break for conversation with friends.



Paul Provost in his annual award-winning pants hits the floor with Cindy Black.



Ken Gibbs and Hilda Clemman.



Need to Know?

Where do I Get a Copy of the Shag Rag?

Go to www.nvshag.org, click on Shag Rag tab, click on the desired month. It's in PDF format. Also, copies will be available at the Fairfax Elks on Wednesdays.

Hello Shagger Emails

Are you getting the *Hello Shagger* e-mails? If not, visit our website at www.nvshag.org. On the right side, click on the blue box that says "Hello Shagger e-mail list" and give us your e-mail address!

Hello Shagger Input

Anyone with information to be included in the Hello Shagger email (including DJ schedules and menus), please send to helloslagger@nvshag.org.

Keep Your Membership Information Current

Have you moved, changed phone numbers or email address? Let Bonnie Arms know at bjrwa@verizon.net.

Shag Rag

The deadline for *Shag Rag* input is the 25th of every month. Please send content (including opinions, humor and recipes) to Adele Robey at arobey@fusemail.com

Welcome New Members

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ADMITTED IN VA, MD AND DC



Pre-Super Bowl Dance

Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 4-8 pm



Ady's Restaurant Lounge Bar

Best Western Battlefield Inn

10820 Balls Ford Road | Manassas VA 20109 | 703-361-8000

From I-95 North: Take Exit 152 to Route 234. Stay on 234 Bypass (approx. 20 miles). Turn right on Balls Ford Road. In 1.7 miles the Best Western Battlefield Inn is on your left.

From Route 234/I-66 West: Take exit 47A to the Best Western Battlefield Inn on your right.

From I-66 East: Take exit 47A to the Best Western Battlefield Inn on your right.

Large wooden dance floor. Full menu and cash bar available.
10% discount on all food.

Come one, come all!

Questions?

Contact Sue Young at susan.young19@yahoo.com



etc.

January Birthdays



Bob Brambilla

January 3

Barbara Dunn

January 6

Bee Buegler

January 8

David Barna

January 9

Craig Jennings

January 9

David Siegler

January 9

Nancy Roop

January 15

Maryann Lesnick

January 16

Jim Scanlon

January 16

Ann West

January 16

Buzz Payne

January 17

Robert Freear

January 21

Liz Kestler

January 21

Brandon Tolman

January 25

Carolyn Heyer

January 29

J. T. Price

January 29

Other ACSC Virginia Shag Clubs

Visit the club websites for venues and schedules.

Battlefield Boogie Club,
www.battlefieldboogieclub.com

Boogie On The Bay Shag Club,
www.boogieonthebay.com

Colonial Shag Club (Newport News),
www.colonialshagclub.com

Danville Shag Club, www.danvilleshagclub.com

Franklin Shag Club, gramelia@yahoo.com

Lynchburg Shag Club, www.lynchburgshags.com

Richmond Shag Club, www.richmondshagclub.org

Roanoke Valley Shag Club,
www.rvsc.memberlodge.com

Virginia Beach Shag Club, www.vbshagclub.com

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