NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB

Shag Rag

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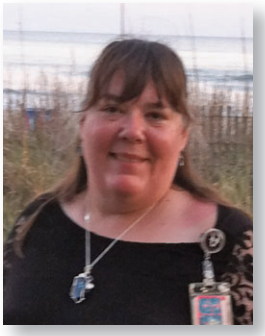
President's Corner

BY SHERRI WILDONER



First and foremost – happy New Year! What a crazy several years it has been. Thank you to Bonnie Arms for the leadership she provided as our President over that last four years, including the Covid-19 state of limbo. I am humbled by all of the wonderful accomplishment of those who served before me and am honored to take the reins. One thing the pandemic has shown is that change is inevitable; however, dealing with this new virus and the challenges it has brought to how we socialize has certainly forced us to address and reassess many things. We have lost loved ones, experienced long term illness (ourselves or know others who have), modified how we live and work, and essentially, put a halt to many social activities. Ever the optimist, I believe that there is light at the end of the long, dark tunnel although it may take a bit longer to get there.

NVSC held our modified Holiday Party at our December 9 dance at the Elks Lodge. There were over 30 folks who came out to enjoy the evening. Special thanks go out to: Bonnie Arms for coordinating the event with the venue to allow our members to bring their favorite (and delicious) appetizers and desserts to share; Fran Mong for lining up Craig Jennings as our fabulous DJ, providing a very welcome change from our "canned" music; Sue Young and Pamela Alfano for finalizing the board's gift to Bonnie; and last but certainly not least, for everyone that came out to enjoy the evening.

The annual DC Hand Dance Club's New Year's Eve party was held at the DoubleTree near BWI and was attended by about 80 folks, including a nice contingent from the NVSC. Wine, beer and the fabulous White Russians by Dave Rapson were served with tasty appetizers followed by a very tasty buffet dinner and great music by Kathy K, who kept the crowd on the dance floor. Jack Jones took photos for our group and has posted several on our Facebook page, along with a great video of dancing throughout the evening. Here's hoping we'll be doing it again to wrap up 2022 and that even more folks will be able to join in the festivities.

Over the Martin Luther King weekend, I attended my first ACSC meeting held during the mid-Winder SOS at the OD Resort. There were quite a few folks in attendance. It is a great opportunity for all clubs to come together and share ideas. As I get familiar with the information shared in the recent past and familiarize myself with the association by-laws and handbook, I am hopeful it will spark some ideas for how we can get back in the swing of things (literally!) and not only regroup but thrive as a club.

Don't forget to get your SOS cards from Mark Hendrickson at any of our dances. I forgot to get mine in December, so I sent him a stamped

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Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC) was organized to preserve the Carolina Shag dance and its accompanying Beach music. Visit us at www.nvshag.org

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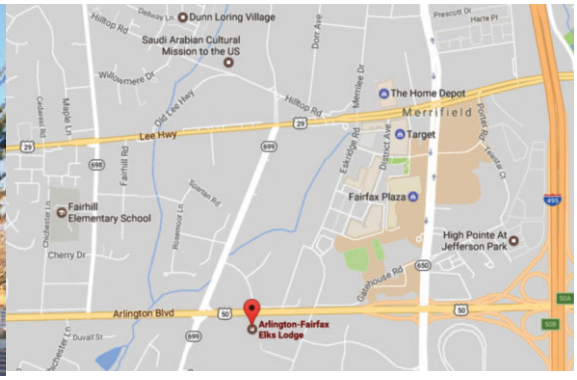
When and Where to Shag

February 10 and March 10
7:00-10:00 pm at Elks Lodge

(Please monitor our website, Facebook and Hello Shagger emails for any updates)
8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA (on Route 50 near Prosperity Avenue). Cover charge: Non-members $11.00, members $10.00.



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.danvilleshag.com*
Franklin Shag Club	*Find them on Facebook*
Lynchburg Shag Club	*www.lynchburgareashagclub.com*
Richmond Shag Club	*www.shagRVA.org*
Roanoke Valley Shag Club	*Find them on Facebook*
Virginia Beach Shag Club	*www.vbshagclub.com*

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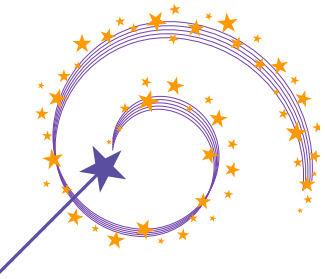
addressed envelope with a check for $30 and had him mail mine, which I received the Wednesday before I left for the beach! If you'd like to ensure you have yours before the event in April, I recommend if doing so through the mail you do it sooner rather than later.

I look forward to working with the 2022 Board of Directors this year and hope that we can get more input from the membership. Please be sure to reach out to any of us with your ideas, comments, and concerns: Bonnie Arms, Vice President; Mark Henderson, Treasurer; Linda Barna, Secretary; and the Directors at Large: returning directors — Pamela Alfano, Barbara Ebersole, & Jack Jones, and welcome to new directors — Adele Robey and Jim Scanlon.

So, what's next? How often should we dance? Where and when? Will we be able to hold special events? How many members does it take to screw in a light bulb? (sorry — couldn't resist!) More importantly, I am hoping that you, the reason for keeping this dance club active, will help us to come up with ideas on what the club is going to look like going forward. We'll explore these questions and many more starting in this issue and in future issues of the *Shag Rag* and our Hello Shagger emails.

NVSC — Is it Magic?



It may seem like magic, but operating the club requires volunteers from the membership and funding through membership dues and supplemented when possible by dance cover charges and other fundraising efforts such as 50/50s. Here's the breakdown:

Yearly Overhead	**Average**
Insurance	$ 425.00
Commonwealth of VA corporation registration	$ 25.00
Yearly ACSC fee	$ 50.00
Fast Dance fees (estimate based on average dance attendance)	$ 150.00
PO Box rental (which seems to increase each year)	$ 200.00
Average Postage	$ 120.00
Average Supplies	$ 150.00
Average ACSC Meeting Attendance costs	$ 1,500.00
Traditional Holiday Party facility rental only (last one in 2019)	$ 1,800.00
SOS parties — based on average attendance 2019	$ 1,107.00
	$ 5,527.00
2021 Membership = 127 @ $25	$ 3,175.00
Need to cover variance from budget	$ -2,352.00

Weekly Dance	**Average**
Space at the Elks Lodge per dance night	$ 175.00
DJ fees – up to:	$ 150.00
	$ 325.00

The membership fee ($25 a year) is intended to cover the Yearly Overhead while the cover charges for dance admissions we'd like to cover the costs of each dance. So, how many attendees does it take to cover the cost of each dance? Well, when we use the "canned" or pre-recorded music, we need 18 members to attend. If we have a DJ, it almost doubles to 33. Therefore, you can see there is a balancing act in determining how often we can dance and what format of music we will use to do so.

Also important to note, when we're in full swing, a member can save over $40 a year just in admission fees alone ($10 vs $11, saving $1 a dance.) In addition, the cost of the holiday party is complimentary.

We're sharing this information as a peek behind the curtains on how the Northern Virginia Shag Club is able to keep making memories, dancing, and enjoying the music and friendships we've grown to enjoy. We wanted to share how important renewing your membership is for keeping the club operating. It is also important to understand how critical the venue selection is, especially its effect on the costs of doing business. Typically, a private club allows us a bit more flexibility in how we function, but we have to pay a fee to dance each night, while a night club or restaurant would be open to the public with no charge or lower admission fees. Each option has other pros and cons. Spoiler alert – you'll see a future article seeking members to form a Venue Review and Search committee.

The cost of running a club isn't just based on money alone – it also involves the time and effort of volunteers to do the work necessary to hold events, dances, and activities. For events, we also need folks to work the front desk at our dances and events, chair and participate in committees, set up and breakdown of event decorations, and much more. Yes, it does take a village!

But you know, the club does actually run on magic – that which the membership brings when we get together to ensure we all have a great time, every time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sherri Wildoner or any of the other Board of Directors.

WANTED

HIDDEN TALENT

A/K/A

SUPER HEROES

Do you have a hidden talent? Perhaps you have been on fundraising campaigns, enjoy party planning, or love to decorate or maybe even enjoy historic details? Maybe any number of other super powers?

As you may notice from the list of Committees / Chairs, we have several vacant positions. While having someone to fill the position is not critical at the moment, as we begin to gather on a more regular basis, we will need to have support for various tasks. Please consider offering your expertise or desire to assist and let Sherri Wildoner know if you'd like more information.

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General Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 27, 2022

DON'T MISS IT!

Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81820540982

The Board of Directors held a special meeting on Friday, January 7, and would like to offer a General Membership Meeting via a Zoom conference call. Since meeting in person is challenging at best, we hope that offering an online meeting will allow more folks to participate.

The meeting is scheduled to open at 7pm and, barring few or no technical difficulties, will start shortly thereafter. We will try to send a reminder email as the time gets closer.

Some Agenda Items:

- General Membership information to include introduction of 2022 Board of Directors
- Treasurers report
- Reminder of inclement weather policy
- Yearly club overhead review
- Request for subcommittee to evaluate potential venues
- Open to the floor for discussions

NVSCers Ring in 2022

Jukin Oldies Presents:
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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 *helloshagger@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*

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- Tickets $85.00 each
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- **Reservation Deadline August 5, 2022**
- **For more Information, Call or Text: Carol Richardson: 803-331-8559**
- **Applications on next page.**

Southern Comfort 24
Park and Party

Columbia, S.C.
June 3 –5, 2022
Hosted by Palmetto Shag Club
www.palmettoshagclub.com

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5/7/2022

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Thursday June 2
Pre-Party
Jamil Shrine Temple
DJ Billy Fanning

FRIDAY June 3

7:00am—11:00am Buffet breakfast for Hotel Guests
2:00pm—9:00pm Registration

Lexington Hospitality Suite
4:00pm—6:00pm DJ John Fletcher

Congaree Ballroom
6:00pm— 9:00pm DJ Billy Fanning
9:00pm *Sam and Lisa West Spotlight Dance*
9:00pm—Mid-Night Buck Crumpton

Super Hospitality Suite
Dance Floor —Open Bar
Heavy *hors d'oeuvres* Friday
Bar Snacks on Saturday
Pool Party
Line Dance Lessons with Brenda Taylor
Shag Workshop with Sam and Lisa West
50/50 Raffles
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SATURDAY June 4

8:00am – 11:00am Buffet breakfast for Hotel Guests
10:00 am – 9:00pm Registration

Pool Party
Noon — 3:00pm DJ Furman Dominick
1:00 pm—2:00pm Complimentary Beer & Wine

Lexington Hospitality Suite
3:00pm – 5:00pm DJ Keith Williamson

Congaree Ballroom
10:00am – 1:00pm DJ Barney Mims
10:00am – 11:00am Line Dance with *Brenda Taylor*
11:00am – Noon Shag Workshop with *Sam and Lisa West*
12 Noon – 1:00pm Open Dance
6:00pm – 9:00pm DJ Butch Davidson
7:00pm – 8:00pm Buffet Dinner Served at Ballroom
9:00pm *Juniors Dance for Dollars*
9:00pm – Mid-Night DJ John Smith

SUNDAY June 5

7:00 am – 10:00 am Buffet breakfast for Hotel Guests

$80/ person—$90 after 5/7/2022
Reserved Tables of 10 are available for more info contact
Susan Martin at susan.martin956@gmail.com

Event Chair: Susan Martin — Event Tri- Chairs: Brenda Dixon, Linda Fanning, and Butch Smith

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2022
SHAGATTACK Dates
2021 Inductions/Spring Party &
2022 Announcements
March 18 & 19, 2022

The 2021 Class of Inductees will be inducted into the BSNHOF & Keepers Of The Dance at the Spring SHAGATTACK.
The 2022 Class will be announced at the Spring SHAGATTACK.

2021 Inductees are:
Debbie Houston, Betty Reaves, JoAn Shaw, Gail Simpson, Harvey Clarke, Mike DeSantis, Jerry Greene, Jr., Jimmy Reaves

Honorary: Thurston Reeder

Posthumous: Donald "Tootie" Brown and Maxine Brown

Keepers Of The Dance:
Cody Edwards
Shea Carver
Krystal Marie Bravo

etc.

January Birthdays

Bob Brambilla
January 3

Bee Buergler
January 8

David Barna
January 9

Craig Jennings
January 9

Maryann Lesnick
January 16

Jim Scanlon
January 16

Buzz Payne
January 17

Lois Lee
January 18

Liz Kestler
January 21

J. T. Price
January 29

February Birthdays

Joan Rippingale
February 2

Kathleen Cheney
February 10

Robert Busey
February 11

Tom Romero
February 13

Sue Benson
February 18

Sue Young
February 19

Arlene Norrell
February 20

Bernadine Fanini
February 25

Adele Robey
February 25

Marcia Conway
February 26

Sherri Wildoner
February 27

Holly Sullivan
February 28

Covid Cocktail Corner

It's been a rough couple of years. Put everything aside for a minute and mix a delicious cocktail!

Nuts and Berries

Ingredients
1 ½ ounces hazelnut liqueur (like Frangelico)
1 ½ ounces black raspberry liqueur (like Chambord)
2 to 3 ounces milk, or cream or half-and-half, to taste

Fill a chilled double old-fashioned glass with ice, and pour the hazelnut and raspberry liqueurs.

Stir well. Top with the milk, cream, or half-and-half. Stir again.

Bailey Balls

Baileys
Fireball
Over ice. Ratios to preference.

Fat Elvis

Ingredients
1/3 shot Baileys Irish Cream
1/3 shot Chambord
1/3 shot Frangelico

Pour all ingredients into a shaker with ice. Shake well then strain into chilled shot glass and serve.

Flaming B52

1 part Baileys
1 part Fireball (or Jack Fire)
1/2 part or to taste Kalua
Over ice. Stir or shake & enjoy

Send us your favorite cocktail recipes!