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From The President

2010. Remember when 2010 seemed a LONG way off. It's a little bit hard to take that it is 2010 and yet, I am so glad that it is no longer 2009.

2009 saw businesses that we thought would be around forever go belly up. It was a year of economic turmoil and a pervasive sense of uncertainty. However, the Richmond Shag Club did not falter and it did not waiver.

I am very excited about 2010. I am excited about continuing the great long standing traditions of the Richmond Shag Club and I am excited about seeing some of our newer traditions continue. For instance, last year we began junior shagger workshops in October. Earl & Beverly Robinson were kind enough to teach the kids 3 workshops. We had about 18 kids between the ages of 7 and 20 and I know that we had one child from as far away as Crewe. Pete Saunders played music for the kids and a number of RSC members brought their children and grandchildren for the workshops and still other members came just for the pleasure of watching the kids and dancing with them. Watch your newsletters and club announcements for more information on Junior Shaggers in 2010.

Another great tradition of the Richmond Shag Club is The Boogie on the James Party that is held in August. This August 6 & 7, The Boogie on the James Party will be back at the Sheraton Park South. The Boogie on the James Committee headed by Tim Sullivan and Faye Vines is diligently working on making this party a huge success. There will be a lot of the things you love about this party – great DJ's, good food, fabulous friends and non-stop dancing. There will also be a couple of great new things at the party.

Keep an eye out for the registration form coming soon.

There is no doubt that we will have a great time partying this year. We will also have a great time raising money for Camp Fantastic. Dinky Slaughter and Phillip Mitchell are back this year to chair the John Mansini Sr. golf tournament. This tournament raises the lion's share of the money that we donate to Camp Fantastic. Dinky and Phillip will be looking for folks to play in the tournament, folks to sponsor holes and folks to donate prizes. If you know any avid golfers, please encourage them to play in the tournament on June 7th. It is absolutely a great time. And don't forget the Silent Auction will be held at the Boogie on the James Party. Bev Dillard and her crew will round up wonderful items for us bid on.

We're going to party hard, we are going to work hard for our charity, and a few of us will compete hard this year. We are in the process of planning the Richmond Competitive Shaggers Association dance contest. The contest will take place on June 12. There 3 main divisions in the contest, amateur, novice and pro. Great shaggers from all over the southeast attend this contest and compete for prizes, trophies, and bragging rights. Whether you plan to compete or just enjoy a good show, the CSA contest is the place to be.

There is a lot to look forward to in 2010 and I am looking forward to doing it with over 400 of my closest friends. If you have any ideas for activities or would like to help out on any of the committees in the club, please let me know. You can e-mail me at JaneRenger@comcast.net or see me at the club. I guarantee that if you become involved in one of our committees, that you will get much more out of the club than you put into it. See you at the club.

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Social Committee

Hello, Friends!

As I write this, 2009 is quickly drawing to a close and I have still not yet started my Christmas shopping or decorating. Hopefully I will not trample anyone when my mad dash does begin!

While the economy this year has not been any fun, haven't we all had a great time with the Richmond Shag Club?! This year's Social Committee chair, Joan Byrnes, and the folks on her committee did a fabulous job. We had a calendar packed with fun, food, and fellowship – Sunday socials, bus trips, and fantastic parties. **WOW.**

So as I prepare to take my turn as Social Committee chairperson, I want to thank Joan and her committee for giving me a good model to follow – not to mention big shoes to fill. I also want to invite all members who may have a suggestion for an activity they would like to have the social committee organize, to email me, call me, or grab hold of me at the club and let me know what you would like to do. If you would like to help with any of our events, by all means, please let me know.

So... here's to the new year – 2010 – (how DID that happen?!). May we all be in good health and enjoy another year of good friends, good music, and good dancing!

Dixie

2010 General Membership Meetings

March 15 * June 22 * August 17 * November 9

All General Membership Meetings will be held at the Holiday Koger Center in a meeting room and begin at 6:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.



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BIRTHDAYS

January

01 Norman Seay
 01 Brad Corington
 02 Joe Tedesco
 03 Billy Bain
 03 Diane Dew
 04 Sue Moore
 08 Glenda Harris
 09 Janis Grimes
 09 Judy Tidd
 12 Carrie Smith
 12 Jeannie Miller
 13 Bill Dereski
 14 Richard Graham
 14 Jim Hudson
 14 Linda Strawderman
 15 Bryan Armentrout
 15 Kaye Williams
 15 Ronnie Grizzard
 15 Fay Coates
 16 Emory Minnick
 16 Mark Craig
 16 Larry Fischer
 16 Betty Seay
 17 Margaret Creasey
 17 Cliff Merritt
 18 Lou Preston
 18 Pat Mason
 19 Penny Grizzard
 20 Hannah Combs
 20 Penny Richardson
 22 Bob Tipton
 23 Gwen Heath
 24 Betty Carter
 24 Parker Dillard
 24 Eddie Parker Jr.
 25 Dick Frush
 25 Joyce Parker

25 Raddy Lockhart
 26 Jean Bazemore
 28 Doug Erck
 28 Bruce Justice
 28 Jim Johnson
 29 Patti Cofer
 31 Paul Pelletier

February

Marilyn Clayton
 01 Kendall Hockaday
 01 Nancy Wall
 01 Sue Williams
 03 Barbara Pettesch
 03 Judy Thatcher
 06 Jerry Pritchett
 08 Brenda Townsend
 09 Curtis Spitler
 09 Sandra Mawyer
 10 Darrell Ratcliffe
 11 Linda Hass
 11 Donna Kontopanos
 12 Dawn Harman
 13 Georgeanna Jensen
 14 David John
 20 Pat Smith
 21 Barbara Berger
 22 Jackie Fischer
 23 Susie Alexander
 24 Sici Cumby
 24 Bev Robinson
 26 Connie Mellichampe
 26 Susan Denny
 27 Belinda Tipton
 27 Tim Sullivan
 28 Jamie Lewis

EXPIRATIONS

January

Gene Anderson
 Frank Armistead
 Fran Armistead
 Billy Bain
 Sheryl Barlow
 Sherry Beck
 Becky Butler
 Frank Butler, Jr.
 Norman Carter
 Betty Carter
 Gladys Connatser
 Oliver Draughor
 Ann Dunnavant
 Dick Frush
 Nancy Fuller
 Richard Graham
 Dewey Gunn
 Joyce Gunn
 Jim Hall
 Phyllis Hall
 Johnny Hall
 Nita Hammond
 Dewain Hammond
 Linda Hass
 Will Hazell
 Shirley Holmes
 Calvin Holmes, Jr.
 Jim Hudson
 JJ Jackson
 Jamie Lewis
 Phillip Mitchell
 Sue Moore
 Emmett Nuckols
 Carolyn Reade
 Kevin Reynolds
 John Ribble

Maureen Romanosky
 Ron Romanosky
 Pete Saunders
 Nancy Sears
 Carol Spangler
 Linda Strawderman
 Ronald Tidd
 Bill Vogel
 Eileen Vogel
 Kaye Williams
 Sam Williams
 Gloria Wright

February

Doug Erck
 Brenda Adams
 Bubba Adams
 Ruth Avent
 Dana Broadway
 Scott Broadway
 Marilyn Clayton
 Dave Clayton
 Leigh Dicks
 Butch Earnhardt
 Jim Easter
 Debbie Edmonds
 Belden Evans
 Nan Hamilton
 Dawn Harman
 Gary Harman
 Kathy Jackson
 Todd Jackson
 Bob Murphy
 Pat Nelson
 Howard Overbey
 Kim Overbey
 Bob Owen
 Kathy Parker
 Eddie Parker, Jr.
 Jerry Pritchett
 Jane Renger
 Curtis Spitler
 Linda Steele
 Francis Thompson
 Susan Wright



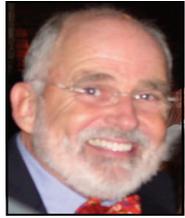
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Ways & Means

I enjoyed serving on the 2009 RSC board and look forward to serving again this year. Once again, I'll have a hard act to follow; Tim did a great job in 2009 by encouraging members (and others) to give of their time and money to support the RSC and Camp Fantastic.

With your support, I hope to continue to successfully 'pick your pockets' each week with a Tuesday night raffle and other raffles though out the year. Our first Brunswick stew for 2010 will be on February 19th and 20th. I will have sign up sheets for those members that would like to help make and package the stew at the Host/Hostess desk. I will begin taking orders for stew on January 5th. Of course we will continue to sell the RSC 'shag Shirts' and t-shirts.

Through out the year I will be asking for your support and your input and I do hope to hear from you. Remember --- the RSC is your club so please speak up and stay active in it.

That's all for now--- look forward to seeing you on the hardwood!

Carl



Care & Concern

Joe Berkle's mother, Martha Berkle, died on November 23rd and services were held on November 28th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe and his family.

Dickie and Earl Robinson's sister, Linda Smith passed away during the week of November 22nd and services were held on November 30th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Earl and Dickie and their families.

Steve Bellville's mother passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Steve and his family.

Chase Layman broke her arm in early December and *Mo Phillips* hurt his back. Now what a pair they are!

Larry Ricker had a brief stay back in the hospital, but was released on 12/14. He has now been cleared by his plastic surgeon to drive again. Yeah Larry, you finally have some wheels and freedom!

Dickey Garrenton (Lou's husband) had kidney surgery in a Myrtle Beach hospital accompanied by a week's hospital stay. He has been released at this writing and is gradually recovering. Let us pray for his complete recovery.

Charlie Barnes had a recent brief hospitalization, but thankfully everything checked out ok.

JJ Jackson's daughter, Wendy, is currently hospitalized in serious condition in Clifton Forge. Let our thoughts and prayers be with JJ and her daughter.

Linda Henshaw had rotator cuff surgery.

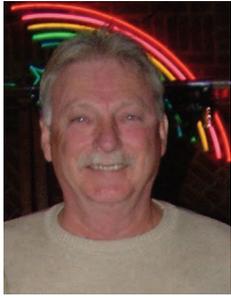
Carolyn Brockwell had knee surgery and is recovering at home. Unfortunately, Carolyn's surgery was more extensive than planned and she has had quite a bit of pain. Please keep Carolyn in your thoughts and prayers.

Courtney Mustin broke her wrist. Thankfully, it was her left and she is still able to shag.

Diane Dew's father has been in the hospital for two weeks. Please say a little prayer that he will be home soon.

Let our thoughts and prayers be with these members and their families during their recovery processes.

Kathy Lane



Dance Committee

Here it is **January 2010!!** Can you believe it?!! I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season and the opportunity to spend time with your friends and families. As we begin the new year, I just want you to know how excited and honored I am to be your Dance Committee Chairman and look forward to working with our many talented and committed dance instructors. I know with their help, we will have another successful year of instruction and hopefully inspire those new to the shag to join our club. I also want to take this time to thank **Nancy Wall**, our outgoing Chairperson, for the outstanding job she did in 2009.

After a December meeting with the instructors, we agreed on a time change to the intermediate lessons in 2010 to hopefully avoid the noise level while instructing. Class will begin promptly at 6:30 as shown below:

1st & 3rd Tuesday:
Shag lessons: 6:30 to 7:30
Line Dance: 7:30 – 8:00

2nd & 4th Tuesday:
Shag lessons: 6:30 to 8:00 or may end earlier depending on the learning curve

Except for the 1st Thursday, due to Thanksgiving, there will be no classes taught in December. There will be step variations taught on the 5th Tuesdays and Thursdays where possible for the intermediate and beginner dancer.

We also discussed the possibility of offering "special" advanced intermediate classes at some of our Sunday socials. If you feel confident in your basic and intermediate steps, this will be a good learning opportunity for you.

One special note to our members – Please during the lessons, do not try to teach someone anything other than the step that is being taught on the dance floor. If a step must be shown, please go out into the hall to avoid distracting teachers and students on the dance floor.

As a reminder, I am providing what is generally considered good "shag etiquette" throughout the shag world:

Shag Etiquette

1. Asking a partner. It is equally permissible for a woman to ask a man as it is for a man to ask a woman. Take your partner's hand onto the dance floor and at the end of the dance, thank your partner.
2. If you don't want to dance, say "No thank you." Don't dance with someone if you just turned down a request to dance. Please, if someone says "no thanks" do not be persistent, take them at their word.
3. It is not polite to correct your partner on the dance floor. Remember this is a social club (have fun).
4. It is not polite to offer instruction to someone in a social dance setting (or in a dance class if you are not the instructor). Let's face it; you may be the one doing the step wrong. Unless they ask for help or are hurting you, don't teach. If your partner requests help, kindly take them off to the side away from the other social dancers.
5. **DANCERS BUMP INTO THE NICEST PEOPLE** and it isn't even a contact sport. Be aware of the dancers around you! If you bump into someone, kick someone or step on someone's foot, or if they bump into you, apologize whether it was your fault or theirs. Show concern that no serious injury has occurred. It's a fairly accepted practice that when a collision occurs, apologize, **EVEN** if it wasn't your fault.
6. **DANCERS, USE SELECTIVE FLOOR PLACEMENT** - Find your Spot and keep your Slot! The first person on the floor usually has the right to set the slot of the dance. Dance Small!
7. Please step off the dance floor if you're not dancing. If you are drinking a beverage of any kind or smoking, keep off the dance floor because of damage to the floor.
8. Leaders: if dancing with a less experienced partner, keep the steps simple at first and build to the level that your partner can handle. Leading should be defined as "the art of making your partner comfortable." Work as a team, don't showboat.
9. Leaders, protect your partner, since you are directing her movement, you need to be sure to protect her safety.
10. Leaders, if you must count and give verbal leads, keep it low enough that just you and your partner can hear. It can confuse those around you and besides, just because you can count doesn't mean "you are on the beat."

Also, please remember, **the instructors cannot teach properly if there is "other" instruction going on by the desk.** It is very distracting. If someone asks for your help or wants to learn a new step, please take them out into the hallway or to the lobby (if not occupied by hotel guests) to show them privately so as not to take the focus off of what people are trying to learn.

Finally, if you are an experienced dancer and you are helping to partner because of a shortage of men or women in the class, we ask that you please do not jump ahead of the instructor and show them higher level steps during class. Please help to instruct only what the students are learning – keep it simple so as not to confuse. Let's have another great year of dancing and fun!!

The Dinkster!!

NEW!!!

ATTENTION: You've Got Mail

The RSC is making a concerted effort to get more folks their newsletter via e-mail. The US Postal Service has new rules regarding bulk mail that make it prohibitive to send our newsletter through the US Mail. If we have a valid e-mail address for you, you will receive a notification through e-mail with a link to the website letting you know that the newsletter is now available for your perusal or for printing.

If we do not have a valid e-mail address for you, we will be calling you soon to get your e-mail address. E-mail is the fastest way for us to get a message out to the club. So, please make sure that we have your best e-mail address on file.

To update your E-mail address with the RSC, please send an e-mail to Jane Renger at JaneRenger@comcast.net. Thank you for your understanding and for helping the RSC to keep its membership informed.



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I would be proud to add your name to the following list of fellow *Shaggers* whom I've had the pleasure of assisting over the years with their real estate needs:

Tommy & Sue Williams
Linda Alexander (Morrison)
Gerry (Preacher) Anders,
Bill Drumheller,
Lou Preston (Garrenton)

If you or someone you know is thinking about buying, selling, or relocating to another area, please give me a call.

A special **Thank You** to all of you for continuing to refer your friends, co-workers, and family members to me. They are always appreciated.

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