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## From The President

It's that time of year and it is hard to believe that 2010 is almost over.

I want to say a big **Thank You** to the **members** of the Richmond Shag club. If you are asking yourself, "why, what did I do?" I'm about to tell you.

First of all, if you are a member of the Richmond Shag Club, congratulations and thank you for being a member. The folks in the Richmond Shag Club are some of the nicest folks that I have met. We are more than just a group of people who enjoy dancing. Without getting too sappy, we are very much like a family. Just like any family, there are folks that you identify with better than others AND just like any family; we tend to band together, especially when times are tough.

Well, the last two years have been pretty tough for our country. I've talked to a lot of folks this year who have said they have never seen an economy as bad as ours in their lifetime. Folks have lost jobs, had their pay cut, and seen costs of health care and other necessities rise increasing the pinch in their pocket book. Our club members have not been immune to the economic struggles of our country. However, our club has remained somewhat immune.

There are many ways to judge how our club has "performed" over the last two years. We could look at membership. Our membership has stayed pretty steady over the last few years. We fluctuate around 400 members throughout the year. Right now our membership is at about 370. Our beginner and intermediate classes have good attendance, so we are "cultivating" new members through our classes.

We could look at the accolades that our members have received over the last few years to judge how our club is doing. Every year we have members who are inducted into the Virginia Shagger's Hall of Fame (**Linda Strawderman, Dinky Slaughter, Joan Byrnes, and Kevin Byrnes**). We have members (**Linda Strawderman, Marcia Tedesco, Nancy Wall and Sid Strawderman**) who are about to be inducted into the

National Living Legends of Dance. We have members who compete in shag contests and represent our club well (**Earl & Bev Robinson, Kevin & Joan Byrnes, Dinky Slaughter & Nancy Wall, Joyce & Dickie Burnley, Joe & Marcia Tedesco, and Kendall and Stephanie Hockaday**).

We could also look at the donation that we make to Camp Fantastic each year as an indication of our club performance. In 2008 we donated about \$20,000 to Camp Fantastic. In 2009, our donation dropped back to about \$18,000. This year, our donation will probably be around 2009 levels. In a world where everyone is watching every penny, our membership has worked hard and donated well in order to help our chosen charity. Every member of our club should be proud of our contribution to camp fantastic.

I am also very proud of the board members that I served with this year. They are: Vice President and Co-Chair of the River City Shag Classic CSA Contest – **Sid Strawderman**, Secretary – **Pam Tinsley**, Treasurer – **Mike Walton**, Ways and Means Chairperson – **Carl Beck**, Boogie On The James Chairperson – **Tim Sullivan**, Dance Committee Chairperson – **Dinky Slaughter**, Social Committee Chairperson – **Dixie Renger**, and Host & Hostess Chairperson – **Sharon Ricker**.

**Sid Strawderman** is just wise. He's the go to guy for anything shag related. Just when you think he couldn't possibly do more for the club, he does. The board will miss him next year.

**Pam Tinsley** just keeps things straight. She's organized, conscientious, and always has things together.

**Mike Walton** may have to be treasurer for life. He knows the numbers, he's honest, and he makes great recommendations about when to move club monies in and out of our CD for maximum impact.

**Carl Beck** has the innate ability to pick out the hottest woman in the club each week and somehow get her to help him sell 50/50 tickets. Ways & Means is a tough job and raising funds allows our club to do fun things for our members.

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**Tim Sullivan** along with **Faye Vines** and **Jean Sullivan** and many others put on one of the best Boogie on the James parties that I have been to. He and his crew took some risks and they made them pay off for party-goers and for the club.

**Dinky Slaughter** loves to shag and loves to see folks learn to shag. He ran the dance committee well this year and ensured that we continued to provide quality shag lessons to our potential members and club members.

**Dixie Renger** did not want to be the social committee chairperson. However, once she accepted the position, she put everything she could into it and has ensured that birthday nights happened each month and our club had many, varied and fun events to attend. There was literally something for everyone and I hope you participated.

**Sharon Ricker** greeted potential and new members at the hostess desk and helped them with all of their needs from membership to ticket and SOS card purchases. Our desk is a busy place and Sharon did a great job manning it and recruiting others to help man the desk.

I would be remiss if I did not mention **Bev Dillard** and her Silent Auction committee and **Dinky Slaughter** and **Phillip Mitchell** and their John Mansini, Sr. Golf Tournament committee. These folks make our donation to camp fantastic possible each year. They have big jobs and while other club members are enjoying the fruits of their labor, they are, well, laboring.

As the year comes to a close, I have so many wonderful memories of the members of the Richmond Shag Club in 2010 and the wonderful events that we attended together. The fellowship week in and week out helped to lessen the impact of our economy. I hope that you will look back on your year in the Richmond Shag Club with fondness and pride. I am so looking forward to 2011 in the Richmond Shag Club. If you would like to become more involved, but aren't sure how, please let me or another board member know. We can help you find a role with as little or as much involvement as you would like.

See you at the club.

*Jane*



**Dance Committee**

As we enter the last couple of months of 2010, I would to thank all of our students who have had the opportunity to participate in our classes. I hope that you have enjoyed coming to them and we look forward to you continuing your progression in this dance called **SHAG**. I want to give out a **GREAT BIG THANKS** to all of the instructors that give of their time and talents to continue teaching our students year in and out. **THANKS!**

As we look forward to 2011, I encourage each beginner student that takes our lessons to look into joining our club and becoming a part of the organization. I will not be returning as next year's Dance Committee chairman. I would like to thank the club for allowing me to be the Dance Committee chairman and ask that you support next year's chairman.

*Dink*

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## Social Committee

Well, the year has certainly flown by. As I write this, the social committee is preparing for the **Jingle Bell Ball on December 12th**. The flyer for this party is on page 9 of this newsletter—check it out. The price has been reduced for members to attend this party this year—the Board of Directors wanted to give back to the membership for Christmas. Here's hoping old man winter gives us a break this year and allows the Christmas party to be held at Christmastime!

The year has been a busy one for sure!! I hope that during this year you have each found club social activities to attend that you looked forward to and enjoyed.

Who could forget the Hottest Legs in a kilt contest at the St. Patrick's Day Sunday Social?! Our guys really have some hot gams, don't they?! --And, they are very good sports. There was a fabulous pool party at the home of **Bob and Linda Stevens**—if you missed it this year, try to get to the next one because it's always a great day. We've had Sunday socials, birthday nights, VA Shag clubs free pours @ SOS, and a couple of parties thrown in to boot. Great costumes at the Fall Ball!

I would like to thank all of the social committee members who gave of their time and energy to help ensure success at our events: **Fran & Frank Armistead, Carl Beck, Jerri Cowan, Diane Dew, Sally Dobbins, Stephanie Hockaday, Jane Renger, Larry & Sharon Ricker, Tim Sullivan, Carol Ann Thomasson, Pam Tinsley, Nancy Wall, Phyllis Wells and Barbara White**. **Tim Sullivan** has been a great help to me by helping with the ticket sales to the Fall Ball & Jingle Bell Ball. Other Fall Ball help included: **Sally Dobbins (who hauled a ton of mixers to the party!), Robert McAdams (who is now known as Lime Man), Carol Ann Thomasson, Phyllis Wells, Sid Strawderman, and Caroline Brockwell**. Thanks to all of our DJs this year without whom we would not have had the tunes to dance to (**Cliff Merritt, Pete Saunders, Johnny Hall, Larry Fischer, and Buck Crumpton**). I'm also grateful to **Diane Dew, Fran & Frank Armistead, Nancy Wall, The Rickers, Barbara White, and Jane Renger** for helping supply birthday cakes on birthday nights. I hope I haven't left anyone out—if I missed your name, rest assured your help was greatly appreciated. If you weren't officially on the social committee, but pitched in to serve cake or help in any way—**THANK YOU!!!**

Of course, we can't be very social without an active membership. These fun activities occur because our members show up and participate. I would like to encourage all members to become involved with some aspect of the social committee in 2011. Everyone can be helpful in some way and the payoff is that we all have more FUN. Pass along ideas for activities to the new Social Committee chairperson—the social committee is always looking for suggestions from members on what they are interested in doing.

All my best wishes to everyone in 2011...

*Dixie*



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# BIRTHDAYS

## November

01 Delores Vass  
01 Chuck Overbey  
01 David Sussman  
02 Jim Gibson  
02 Pam Tinsley  
03 Calvin Holmes, Jr.  
03 Joyce Reebals  
04 Brenda Price  
07 Susan Awrey  
07 Charles Harward  
08 Cary Estes  
09 Jinx Robinson  
09 Catherine Flemer  
09 David Southers  
09 Darlene Hughes  
10 Allison Perry  
10 Mo Phillips  
11 Clay Johnston  
12 Mary Atkins  
12 Allen Batchelor  
12 Gordon Price  
13 Moody Foster  
14 Lucy White  
15 Dwight Atkins  
15 Henry Geisz  
17 Kenn Ward  
18 Angelo Miliotis  
20 Anita Craddock  
20 Anne Price  
21 Sambo Richardson  
21 Rhonda Armentrout  
22 Carl Beck  
22 Brenda Geisz  
25 Cathy Shreve Carter  
28 Jack Boykin  
28 Phyllis Hall  
28 Mike Paley  
30 Kevin Byrnes  
30 Shonna Meadows

## December

01 Charlie Barnes  
02 Linda Lane  
03 Bubba Adams  
06 Becky Butler  
06 Margaret Turner  
06 Frank Butler, Jr.  
07 Sherry Beck  
07 Ray Jones  
09 Barbara Wiles  
11 Tom Varney  
12 Patty Gerber  
12 Tina Bessent  
13 Pam Hathaway  
14 Bill Mason  
15 Jimmy Brock  
16 Charlie Dew  
16 Sue Moore  
19 Dennis Jarrett  
23 Mastin Kitchen  
23 Ed Mellichampe  
24 Bev Dillard  
24 Michael Deese  
27 Sharon Grow  
29 Alice Rice  
29 Linda Stevens  
29 Lauren Price  
31 Dale Fisher  
31 John Dawson

# EXPIRATIONS

## November

Angie Abbott  
Tommy Atkinson  
Allen Batchelor  
Charlotte Batchelor  
Joe Berkle  
Steve Booth  
Dickie Burnley  
Joyce Burnley  
Bill Chambers  
Frankie Chambers  
Mark Cohee  
Michael Fielding  
Moody Foster  
Tricia Foster  
Janis Grimes  
Mary Harward  
Charles Harward  
Georgeanna Jensen  
Jim Johnson  
Skip King  
Cecil King  
Rebecca King  
Joe King  
Diane Langford  
Ed Mellichampe  
James Osborne  
Pat Radcliffe  
Kathy Russell  
Bill Shelton  
Bob Stevens  
Linda Stevens  
Cleo Tinsley  
Faye Vines

## December

Pam Allred  
Susan Awrey  
Sandy Barnes  
James Breck  
Jimmy Brock  
Carolyn Brockwell  
Bob Carter  
Cathy Shreve Carter  
Fay Coates  
Joy Cobb  
Larry Fischer  
Avery Goodwin  
Sage Hadford  
Bob Meadows  
Shonna Meadows  
Joyce Parker  
LaVerne Ransone  
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## Junior Shaggers Keep the Dance Fire Burning



At the CSA contest held in Beckley WV at Hern's Hangar on October 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> two junior shaggers with RSC connections were among the competitors.

Taylor Perkinson, niece of Dink Slaughter and Nancy Wall placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior II Division. Her partner was Austin Wiggins from Lexington, SC.

Haleigh Brown, granddaughter of Dickie & Joyce Burnley, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior II Division. Her partner was Justin Burroughs from Salisbury, NC.

It is great to see the dance tradition continue with these young people. This was the first shag dance competition for Taylor and Haleigh! Great job girls!!



## RSC MAIN EVENTS

**September 17-26 SOS Fall Migration**

**September 21 RSC Beach Ball**

**October 23 RSC Brunswick Stew**

**October 30 RSC Fall Ball**

**November 14 RSC Sunday Social**

**December 12 Jingle Bell Ball**

Watch your e-mail, [RichmondShagClub.org](http://RichmondShagClub.org), and listen for phone tree messages for more information on these upcoming events.



## Some tips from the “Wolfman” on how to have a great time at SOS

This year I spent 10 days in NMB which is my record in the 21 years I have been going. I surprised myself that this aging body could hold up!! I did more dancing; had great food at various parties; probably a little more drinking!! -- and still managed to read two books.

Having had all this fun myself, I was surprised and actually felt sorry for a lot of folks I talked to who said they were not having a good time. And, there were various reasons why they were not enjoying the great SOS. I'll relate some of them to you and tell you in my opinion how this can be changed.

Several guys and gals said they were staying way down the beach and it was difficult to drive up; find a parking place, and then have to worry about driving back after they had a drink or twelve! Do your homework before you go. All the SOS action is at Main Street and Ocean Drive. That's all you need to know as far as location goes. The object is to stay at one of the various high rise Condo's located right there so you can walk everywhere! One person actually got lost and couldn't find Main Street the first day they were there. All the clubs are in walking distance; there are plenty of places to eat; there are places to shop, and when you get tired you walk a few blocks; take a nap, and then walk back. **PIECE OF CAKE!!** Most of the Condo's are 3 or 4 bedroom so the cost is minimal.

A lot of guys I talked to said they weren't dancing much because they were intimidated (these were guys from various shag clubs) because they didn't know how to dance very well. Well, guess what-**LEARN**. Practice more; take more lessons; dance with more people in your home club. This will build up your confidence. And the best way as long as you have the basic and can keep beat is to walk up to any girl and just ask her to dance. The more ladies you dance with, the better you will become.

Now, let's talk about the girls a little. I was surprised at how many told me no one was asking them to dance. My personal view on this is that this is SOS; Society of Stranders; or Shagging on the Strand; the point being it's about **DANCING**. If you come (and this goes for the guys too) to hang out on the beach and socialize which many of the old timers do now, then you won't worry about how much you dance. **BUT**, if you come to dance, make sure you can dance. You don't have to be Ellen Taylor, but you do have to know the basic idea of the shag or bop or swing and be able to stay on beat. Wear dance shoes that will make all your moves so much easier. Guys watch girls dance and they ask the ones that can. I think you could be Miss America but if you couldn't dance at SOS you wouldn't get asked much.

Ladies; ask the guys to dance; they like it and they will almost never turn you down!! Try it and if it doesn't work you can always blame me.

So, let's all try to be better prepared for Spring SOS. At our club I will work with you as long as it takes. If you really want to be better I can help you, and so will all the other instructors. I love helping people who want to be helped. Most all of the instructors can do the male and the female step so we can help either guys or gals.

Try some of these tips and see if you don't have a better time next SOS.

The last thing to know is to smile and stay around the dance floor where you can be seen!!!!



*Wolfman*

## Care & Concern

**Kaye Williams** suffered a concussion following a fall. Her doctor has placed her on bed rest for a few weeks.

**Russell Harris** had some cancerous spots removed from his face which required skin grafting. Additionally, he is having some complications with one of his knees following his recent partial knee replacement. He had some fluid pulled off it.

**Earl & Dickie Robinson's** brother, Donnie, passed away recently.

Please continue to send thoughts and prayers out to **Doug & Gwen Strother** as Gwen continues her battle with cancer.

**Penny Richardson** recently underwent surgery for breast cancer.

**Johnny Hall** is expecting to have knee surgery in the near future.

**Larry Ricker** is having surgery on November 17th.

On a happy note, two of our club members, **Sandra Barnes and Bruce Justice** were married in early August. We wish them much joy and happiness in their marriage.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

*Kathy Lane*





## Ways & Means

Well our final big fundraiser for 2010, the fall Brunswick stew is in the can--- carton.

My thanks to our many members that purchased stew. We had another sellout. If you didn't buy a quart or fifty quarts this year, you can look forward to another stew sometime during the first quarter of 2011.

I want to thank the members of the Dinwiddie Hunt Club for their usual great hospitality and a special thank you to Dinky Slaughter, C.L. Cates and Harvey Vaughan. Dink is our own RSC Stew Master and a member of the hunt club. He makes all the arrangements for our club to use their club and sees that everything is in place for a great Friday/Saturday of fellowship and a great stew. C L is the Stew Master for the hunt club and insures that we made the stew the right way, his way, so we do have a great stew. C L knows Brunswick stew! Harvey purchases all of the ingredients for the stew and then makes sure that all Stew-Bees are well fed and is always entertaining with his many stories and wit.

The following RSC Stew-Bees made the trip down to the hunt club and helped make the stew and/or packaged it: Mike, Phillip, Beth, Pam, Sonny, Charlie, Sid, Tim, Sam, Kendall, Steve and Jimmy. No Stew-Bees --- no stew. Thank you!

My thanks to all our members for your generous support of our club this year.

Let's Dance!

*Carl*

## 2010 General Membership Meetings

March 16 \* June 22 \* August 17 \* November 9

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



Richmond Shag Club  
~ Jingle Bell Ball ~



Christmas Dinner and Dance

Sunday, December 12, 2010

To be held at the ACCA Temple

**Holiday Attire**

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner served 6:00—7:00 pm

Dancing 5:00—10:00 pm

Buck Crumpton, DJ

Tickets: \$10 for Members ~ \$25 for Guests

Menu

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## ATTENTION: You've Got Mail

**NEW!!!**

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](mailto: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*  
*Doug Strother*

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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 Someone taking free classes  
 Another shag club out of town  
 A demonstration at an event  
 An advertisement  
 The internet

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