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## From The President

### **JOHN MANSINI, SR.** **MEMORIAL GOLF** **TOURNAMENT**

Whenever I have a question about the Shag Club that is “before my time,” I know that I can count on Dickie Robinson for an in-depth answer and full documentation. Dickie is a great resource for our club and when I asked him about the history of our golf tournament, he was more than happy to dig into the archives and write an article for us. Guest writing for me this month is Dickie Robinson. I hope you enjoy his article. See you at the club

*Jane*

It looks like another successful year for the Richmond Shag Club John Mansini, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament. After talking with Dink Slaughter, it appears that we have raised close to \$11,500 for Camp Fantastic. Thanks to Dink and Phillip Mitchell, co-chairmen, Outback Steakhouse, corporate sponsors, donations by corporations and individuals, and our many volunteers, we have successfully completed another banner year for our golf tournament.

You may not know how the golf tournament got started. In 1991, John Mansini and several other club members were sitting at DJ’s Lounge brainstorming about what would be a good way to raise money for our charity. John came up with the idea of organizing a golf tournament. All were in agreement, and Angelo Millotis, manager of DJ’s and the first vice president of the Shag Club, reached in his pocket, and donated a few hundred dollars to get the ball rolling ~ no pun intended. John had the idea of

hosting a maximum field of 36 teams competing for top prizes, corporations sponsoring holes, chances on closes to the hole, longest drive, and after an exhilarating day of golf, providing all the exhausted golfers and volunteers with a dinner and drawings for door prizes. In 2000, John received special recognition by being honored with the “Club” award for his hard work and dedication in chairing the golf tournaments for the years 1999 and 2000. At that time, John and his committee were responsible for bringing in almost \$5,000 for Camp Fantastic. Look how far we have come thanks to the hard work and dedication of our wonderful chairs who have given their time and talents over the past years and our many volunteers who have been there to help raise money for these deserving kids. If you’ve never participated in the golf tournament, next year whether you are a golfer or not, give it a try ~ I know you’ll enjoy the experience.

We have had the opportunity to play at several exceptional golf courses, which have hosted our annual event. The first one was held at the Prince George County Club, other venues have been, Jordan Point Country Club, The Crossings, and the last two years, Stonehenge Country Club. During his lifetime, John was always an active participant of our tournament, and after his death, the decision was made to name the tournament in his honor; i.e., the John Mansini, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament. This year John’s three daughters were in attendance, and they shared with me how exciting it was for them to witness the event that meant so much to their Dad, how honored he would be to know that the tournament bears his name, and how much he loved being a part of the Richmond Shag Club.

*Dickie Robinson*

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## Dance Committee

We are now entering the last half of 2010 and our beginners classes seem to be going well. I do have some concerns over our intermediate classes in that we need to encourage our beginners into moving up to the intermediate classes and to joining our club.

It has been brought to my attention that some **members** on any given Tuesday night might ask the question, "what lesson is being taught and **why do we keep teaching** the same class over and over?" My answer to these members is that we are teaching these classes to new members or students that are taking the class the same as someone in the beginner class. These steps are new to them and we need to allow them to learn also.

Beginning in **October**, Allen & Charlotte Batchelor will be heading up a Sunday jam at Vision's dance club. As of this writing, a date has not been determined.

I would like to encourage each member if you see someone doing a step that you feel that you might like to learn, please ask them to walk out into the foyer area with you and help you with it. We ask you to go out into this area as to not disrupt the classes that might be in progress. Be courteous. I hope to see all of you at SOS in September.

*Dink*

## 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.



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# BIRTHDAYS

# EXPIRATIONS

## September

## October

01 Coleman Holland  
 01 Diane Stillman  
 02 Smokie Sizemore  
 03 Donna Denson  
 06 Carol Spangler  
 06 Mike Graham  
 07 Pat Henson  
 07 Mel Rice  
 08 Pat Radcliffe  
 08 Gene Morgan  
 08 Joe Berkle  
 09 Gloria Wright  
 09 Ron Staszczuk  
 09 Russell Harris  
 10 Robert Parker  
 13 Bob Sims  
 15 Joe Thomas  
 17 Kim Overbey  
 17 Jim McBride  
 18 Janet Bell  
 23 Mary Woodle  
 24 Benny Evans, Jr.  
 25 Skip King  
 26 Nick Reams  
 28 Jimmy Adams  
 29 Kathleen Minnick  
 30 Mary Harward  
 30 Nita Hammond

02 Sharon Arredondo  
 02 Buddy Bibb  
 03 Candy McAdams  
 04 Richard Mathes  
 06 Gary Harman  
 06 Bob Carter  
 07 Dennis Panagopoulos  
 09 Nancy Hallman  
 09 Cynthia Walton  
 14 Bill Boyer, III  
 14 Jack Gray  
 15 George Love  
 15 Sherry Gillard  
 20 Judy Reidmiller  
 20 Elizabeth Ager  
 21 Cleo Tinsley  
 25 Sam Williams  
 26 Paul Pettesch  
 26 Ed Shannon  
 28 Shug Ward  
 29 Pete Saunders  
 31 Dwight Stephens

## September

## October

9/30 Elizabeth Ager  
 9/30 Richard Brandau  
 9/30 Anne Clendenin  
 9/30 George Clendenin  
 9/30 Patti Cofer  
 9/30 Debbie Dahmer  
 9/30 Glenda Harris  
 9/30 Pam Hathaway  
 9/30 Fay Martin  
 9/30 Courtney Mustin  
 9/30 Howard Noakes  
 9/30 Ann Noakes  
 9/30 Chuck Overbey  
 9/30 Paul Pelletier  
 9/30 Bob Sims  
 9/30 Doug Strother  
 9/30 Marsha Tedesco  
 9/30 Robin Wallace  
 9/30 Michael Walton  
 9/30 Cynthia Walton  
 9/30 Phyllis Wells

10/31 Janet Bishop  
 10/31 Thomas Boothe  
 10/31 Gayle Boothe  
 10/31 Bill Chambers  
 10/31 Larry Fischer  
 10/31 Wendell Gwaltney  
 10/31 Charles Harward  
 10/31 Mary Harward  
 10/31 Karen Herrholz  
 10/31 Dennis Jarrett  
 10/31 David John  
 10/31 Raddy Lockhart  
 10/31 Richard Mathes  
 10/31 Robert McAdams  
 10/31 Candy McAdams  
 10/31 Leonard McAdams  
 10/31 Connie Mellichampe  
 10/31 Alan Michaelis  
 10/31 Sheila Parker  
 10/31 Robert Parker  
 10/31 Candy Pedigo  
 10/31 Barbara Pettesch  
 10/31 Paul Pettesch  
 10/31 Nick Reams  
 10/31 Judy Reidmiller  
 10/31 Bev Robinson  
 10/31 Jane Southers  
 10/31 David Southers  
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## Social Committee

Well, the shag social event of the year (Fall SOS) is soon to be upon us—I. Can't. Wait!! After SOS, the year races to its finish.

I hope to see many of you at the RSC annual **SOS Beach Ball** on the beach (NMB) in front of Ocean Bay condos on Tuesday, **September 21—11AM-3PM** (or as long as we can convince the DJs to keep playing!) Best wishes for a **FANTASTICALLY GRAND TIME** to all who are able to attend SOS this year. Have fun, be safe, dance til you drop.

Thanks to **Carol Thomasson, Robert McAdams, and Jane Renger** for providing our birthday cakes for August and September. Our September birthday night comes a week later than normal due to SOS—so watch for birthday nights on September 28th, October 19th, November 16th, and December 21st.

October brings our annual **Fall Ball on Saturday, October 30th** at the Bon Air Community Center. We are planning a Halloween Costume contest at this party so start planning your costume now. Tickets went on sale August 17th and will continue to be sold through October 19th. Member tickets cost \$20 and guest tickets are \$25. See me or Tim Sullivan to purchase your tickets. Seating is limited (and we have to give a final head count to the caterer), so get your tickets early! See the party flyer on page 6 of this newsletter for information on purchasing tickets by mail and other details.

We'll have our last **Sunday Social** of 2010 on November 14th and we'll close out the year with the **Jingle Bell Ball** on Sunday, December 12th (to be held at the ACCA Temple). I'll keep you posted with information on when tickets will be available for purchase for the Jingle Bell Ball. A preview of the flyer for this party can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

*Dixie*

## 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.

## Care & Concern

Former RSC member, **Marvin Knight**, passed away on 6/18/20010. Marvin and his wife, Barbara were long time members of RSC. In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made in Marvin's name to the American Parkinson's Disease Association: Richmond Metro Chapter – APDA, P.O. Box 70283, Richmond, Va. 23255-0283.

**Pam Allred's** father passed away on June 27, 2010 in Tennessee.

Gwen Strother, wife of **Doug Strother**, had a recurrence of her liver cancer and underwent an ablation in early July. Let us pray that Gwen beats this beast.

**Ron Bessent** had an additional surgery on both his knees in mid July and continues with the rehabilitation.

**Russell Harris** has completed his rehab at Beaufont and is now back at home. We are hoping he'll be dancing again soon.

**JJ ( Jeannette Jackson)** sent the following note:

Fellow Shaggers,

My family would like to express our deep felt appreciation for the outpouring of compassion and support for us due to the death of my daughter, Wendy Sue Spade, on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The prayers, emails, Guest Book comments, flowers, phone calls and cards were very comforting to me, Mom and my family. During this time we had such great friends and family supporting us and they continue to do so. This is the time you need shoulders to lean on and it is greatly appreciated.

I cannot say enough but love you all and God bless.

**JJ Jackson** and Thelma Milby (Mom)

### ***BIRTHS and WEDDINGS:***

**Bob Brown** and Diana Moore were married on May 30<sup>th</sup> in North Myrtle Beach. Diana is a member of Camden-Lugoff Area Shag. Additionally, **Bob** is the proud grandfather of his first grandchild, Aidan Zachary Wood, born July 23<sup>rd</sup> to his daughter, Leslie and her husband Christopher. Aidan weighed 6# 3oz.

**Jim McBride's** son, Ryan McBride married Jessica Jones on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Beacon in Hopewell.

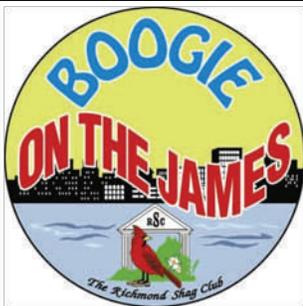
**Charlie and Diane Dew** are the proud grandparents of precious little Isabel Marie Dew born to their son, David and his wife, Katie on June 21<sup>st</sup>. She weighed 7# 9oz.

**Kathy Lane's** daughter, Kristin Lane, married Willie Jenkins on June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Greek Theatre, University of Richmond.

**Janet Bell's** daughter, Cameron Bell married Jerrad Lee on August 7<sup>th</sup> in the University of Richmond Chapel.

As always let us keep our shag club friends and family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Kathy Lane*



The RSC annual Boogie on the James took place on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Park South. The theme this year was "Luau." We had 220 people attending from our club and from various shag clubs up and down the east coast. The party was a huge success and a large time was had by all according to comments from our guests.

A special thanks to **Faye Vines** for co-chairing this party with me. Faye's hard work is greatly appreciated.



Many thanks to **Phillip Mitchell** and his crew for installing and removing the dance floor which included newly decorated floor panels. We depend on these guys every year and they always come through for the club.

The ballroom was decorated by **Phyllis Wells** and her committee. They did a fantastic job in making everyone feel, as they entered, they were indeed in a Hawaiian Luau. Phyllis had a vision and wanted a Tiki Hut on top of the DJ booth. She sought out **Robert McAdams** to build this for her and a great job he did. The Tiki Hut was the focal point of the ballroom and set the luau mood. Many thanks go to Phyllis and her committee for doing a fantastic job.



**Jerri Cowan** and her committee did a great job greeting our guests and making them feel welcome. All guests were welcomed with Hawaiian leis and this set the atmosphere for a Luau. Friday evening started with a free pour enjoyed by all. Everyone enjoyed the "Blue Hawaiian" and the new location for the free pour. **Carl Beck** and his committee did an outstanding job as always.

Following the free pour, we all enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres and a welcome from RSC President, **Jane Renger**. The evening continued with some great music provided by our guest DJ's **Jeff Foster** and **Ed Timberlake**. These guys played some fantastic music. Everyone was on the dance floor having a great time. Guest instructors, **Jac and Erin White**, performed an exhibition/charity dance. We all watched in awe. Oh to be that young again and have those limber bodies. The funds (\$248.00) donated by the guests went to **Camp Fantastic**. **Carolyn Reade** and her dance hall ladies then performed a dance to "Mama's drinking liquor again" to start off our new fund raiser "Barrow of Booze" which was a huge success. A wheelbarrow of booze was raffled off Friday and Saturday nights which raised \$1,275.00, half of this amount went to Camp Fantastic. A big round of applause goes to Carolyn and her ladies for their hard work in soliciting/collecting donated booze to make this possible. Also, many thanks to the ladies and the gentlemen card dealers for selling the raffle tickets. Great idea Carolyn! Saturday morning vendors were set up in the hallways with some wonderful products to sell. **Faye Vines** did a great job in procuring and coordinating these vendors. Our guests were truly happy with the products they had to choose from. **Carolyn Reade** started Saturday morning off by teaching two line dances, "Criss Cross" and "Old Time Rock and Roll". We then enjoyed a wonderful brunch followed by two shag lessons taught by Jack and Erin White. The lessons were enjoyed by all who participated. Many thanks to **Kevin Byrnes** for DJ-ing the dance lessons. From noon to 4:00 we also enjoyed a pool party with our club DJ's **Cliff Merritt** and **Pete Saunders**. This was a huge hit with everyone. Cliff and Pete



played some great music and a lot of our guests were out at the pool and surrounding areas having a great time. I received many compliments that this was a great addition to the party and to please continue



to offer this in the future. Cliff and Pete will be back again next year. Saturday evening started off with the free pour and then a fabulous buffet dinner. Later we were entertained by **Sherry Beck** singing, "You Belong to Me" and **Ed Mellichampe** singing, "Blue Hawaii."

The highlight of the evening (so I'm told) was the famous island beauties known as the "Hula Hoes." They performed a hula dance and mingled with the crowd. These beauties were dressed to the hilt, grass skirts, flowered bras, wigs and makeup. I am told they were some ugly looking women. This skit brought the house down and everyone couldn't stop laughing. In case you don't know, the Hoes were **Tim Sullivan, Dinky**



**Slaughter, Phillip Mitchell, Sonny Tinsley and Parker Dillard.** Many thanks go to **Sherry Beck** and **Diane Jessie** for our entertainment.

**Carolyn Brockwell** and her committee did a fantastic job with the 50/50 drawings both nights. Thanks to their hard work they brought in \$473.00. Can you believe Kevin Byrnes won the drawing both nights? Saturday night Kevin graciously donated half of his winnings to the club. Thanks to Kevin. Once again, our club photographer, **Bill Boyer** took pictures that will be posted on the web site. Thank you Bill. Also, I would like to thank **Joan Byrnes** and **Linda Walton** for their design work for the flyers and programs. Last but not least, a big thank you to **Bev Dillard** and her committee for another fantastic **Silent Auction.**

Parties like this do not take place without a lot of people in the background making things happen. My gratitude to everyone serving on these committees, without you it would not be possible for the Richmond Shag Club to host this event.

*Tim Sullivan*





## Ways & Means

### B. O. T. J.

Have you gone to SOS (spring/fall/mid-winters), The Cyclone, Southern Comfort, The Hangar Party or any of the many other great shag parties held in the Mid-Atlantic and the Southeast? Now, have you attended **Boogie on the James**? If not --- you just missed another great annual party. Many folks from South Carolina, North Carolina, the Tidewater area, D.C., Northern Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland attended this year's party and had a great time. Hats off to: **Tim Sullivan, Faye Vines, Jean Sullivan AND the many RSC members** who made this year's party a success. Good friends, good food and beverage, great guest DJ's, and how about that pool party with our own fine home grown DJ's. How about that entertainment; the great dance demo, one pretty songbird and, for the ladies, one handsome one? They should do a duet. Those five cross-dressers; did they look familiar to you? I thought I had wandered into the wrong room until the not-so-lovely **Ms. Dillard** came over and put his/her arm around me. Seriously guys--- you did a great job, and it was a hoot!

### The Hospitality Suite

I must give a big THANK YOU to the following people that were hands-on involved, provided coolers, and supplies: **Gene Anderson, Carolyn Brockwell, Parker Dillard, Candy McAdams, Leonard McAdams, Robert McAdams, Larry Ricker, Linda Walton, Phyllis Wells, Kaye Williams and Sam Williams**. I must give a special shout-out to **Charlie** --- for testing the "blue brew" and giving it two thumbs-up and up and up! Sorry Charlie---the devil make me write that.

### Camp Fantastic Road Trip

There would be no yearly road trip to Camp Fantastic, but for the work of many and the giving of time and dollars throughout the year, for the kids, by our members and many non-members.

This year, if you didn't make the trip, you missed a darn good B.B.Q. pit stop, the beautiful mountains of Virginia, learning a new line dance (thank you **Candace**) and THE KIDS!

The following members made the trip: **Dixie Renger, Tim Sullivan, Phyllis Wells, Kaye Williams** and our drivers --- **Jane Renger and Sam Williams**.

It's not too late to get your own **RSC banner for SOS** and I still have a few nice shag shirts available.

Thank you for all YOU DO!

*Carl*



# Richmond Shag Club Fall Ball

**October 30, 2010**

Bon Air Community Center  
8725 Quaker Lane ~ Richmond, VA 23235

## Schedule

5:30—Doors Open

6:00—Midnight—Dancing

6:30—Dinner Catered by Nanny's BBQ

(Pork BBQ, fried chicken, coleslaw, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, dessert, iced tea & lemonade)

**B.Y.O.B.**

Mixers & Soft Drinks Provided

## Dinner & Dance Tickets

RSC Members — \$20    Guests — \$25

**To Purchase Tickets by October 19,** see Tim Sullivan or Dixie

Renger. Note: If purchasing a whole table, provide names of all who will be sitting @ table and whether they are a member or guest.

To purchase by mail, send check payable to Richmond Shag Club to: Dixie Renger    3235 Jefferson Woods Court    Powhatan, VA 23139

**For Party Information Contact:**

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Costumes are optional, but there will be a **Halloween Costume Contest...** so plan to join the fun!

Our DJ for the evening will be **ABSCDJ member:**

**John Hall**



## 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.

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*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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