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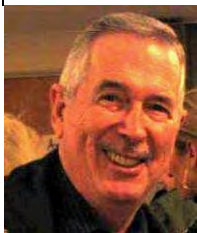


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From The President



The Jingle Bell Ball was a huge success as always. I know everyone in attendance had a great time. The music was outstanding; our club DJ's **Cliff Merritt** and **Pete Saunders** outdid themselves.

Thanks to **Bill Boyer** for giving up some of his party time to take some wonderful pictures of all of us in attendance.

I would like to thank **Phyllis Wells** and her committee for organizing the party and the fantastic decorations. Congratulations go out to **Bob Owens** for receiving the most improved male dancer award, **Pam Shultz**, most improved female dancer and **Carroll and Lisa Cox** for most improved couple. Many thanks to **Joan Byrnes** and the dance instructors for all of their hard work. Congratulations to **Jean Sullivan, Carol Thomasson, and Robert McAdams** for being awarded the RSC Spirit of Shag Award for the Most Outstanding Members for 2012. Each one has worked hard for our club. Thanks to **Carolyn Anderson and her SOS Committee, Gene Anderson and Parker Dillard**. Thanks also to **Jean Sullivan** who researched and prepared our 25 year Anniversary RSC Recognition Awards. Congratulations to **Earl Robinson, Dickie Robinson and Kathy Russell**, they received this award for being an active RSC member for 25 consecutive years.

The RSC donated \$16,400.00 to Camp Fantastic this year. This amount was raised by our club through the Golf Tournament chaired by **Leonard McAdams** and co-chaired by **Dickie Robinson**, the Silent Auction chaired by **Beth Ager**, the Barrow of Booze chaired by **Jinx and Dickie Robinson**, and from private donations. **Jay Robinson and his family; Pam, Kristina, Becca and Ryan from Camp Fantastic** were present to receive this donation. I cannot stress enough how much the families of children with cancer appreciate all that we do to raise money for Camp Fantastic/Special Love. These families look

forward to all the things that Special Love provides to them as a family to help cope with the changes in life that cancer brings. As **Dave Smith**, CEO of Special Love, has previously stated, the RSC is their only consistent source of Richmond area funding and we can take personal credit for all the local cancer patients who attend camp.

At this time I would like to thank the 2012 Board of Directors for a job well done. They are a group of special individuals: **Parker Dillard**, VP; **Pam Tinsley**, Secretary & Communications; **Mike Walton**, Treasurer; **Joan Byrnes**, Dance Committee; **Robert McAdams**, Ways & Means; **Phyllis Wells**, Social Committee; **Allen Batchelor**, Welcome Desk; and **Jean Sullivan**, Boogie on the James Annual Party. Also I would like to give special thanks to **Dixie Renger**, Membership & Newsletter; **Carol Thomasson**, Care & Concern; **Charlotte & Allen Batchelor**, Shag Jams. They all did a Fantastic Job.

I look forward to working with the 2013 Board of Directors.

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Ways and Means:	Robert McAdams
Social Committee:	Phyllis Wells
Welcome Desk:	Allen Batchelor
Director at Large:	Jim Easter

Our club would not be one of the best shag clubs around if we did not have the people to work on our committees and chair all of our club's functions. So many in our club donate their time and effort to make sure everything gets done in a timely fashion and they do a great job. We need members to volunteer and work for the club and give some of our other members a much needed break from the functions they have worked on year after year.

I look forward to serving as your President and if I can be of help to anyone please just let me know.

See ya on the dance floor,

Tim

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If you know of a club member who is ill or has a personal "crisis" and would appreciate hearing from the RSC, please let **Carol Ann Thomasson** know the details.

If you have personal news that you would like to share with the club membership, please email the details as you would like for them to be conveyed to **Pam Tinsley** ptinsley@verizon.net. Also, *please specify* that you would like for that information to be sent in a bulk email to the members. (We do not want to compromise anyone's privacy.)

Our bulk emails will reach most members, specifically those who have posted their email for communication.

If you are an email user and think that you may not be receiving club messages, be sure to check the spam or junk folder in your email program. Also, be sure to check the RSC website <http://richmondshag.homestead.com/> and the RSC Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/groups/51783245956/> for news and for posting info to share.

Thanks!

Carol Ann and Pam

2013 General Membership Meetings

March 5 * June 18 * August 20 * November 12

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.



CLUB BIRTHDAYS		MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS	
January	February	January	February
Joe Tedesco 02 Diane Dew 03 Sandy Gumm 03 Billy Bain 03 Sue Moore 04 Ray Pfeiffer 07 Steve Bateson 08 Glenda Harris 08 Janis Grimes 09 Judy Tidd 09 Sandra Gentry 09 Bill Dereski 13 Larry Price 14 Kay Williams 15 Larry Fischer 16 Emory Minnick 16 Cliff Merritt 17 Marty Vaughan 18 Penny Richardson 20 Hannah Combs 20 Parker Dillard 24 Dick Frush 25 Jean Bazemore 26 Connie Mellichampe 26 Bruce Justice 28 Art Seward 31	Kendall Hockaday 01 Nancy Wall 01 Donna Shropshire 03 Sissy Hudson 03 Barbara Pettesch 03 Pat Trader 04 Arlene Helton 04 Peggy Seward 05 Pam Shultz 06 Brenda Townsend 08 Sandra Mawyer 09 Linda Hass 11 Donna Kontopanos 11 Beth Brown 12 Tripp Hines 13 Charlie Cohill 13 Carrol Cox 14 David John 14 Jack Drewry 17 Lynn Weishaar 19 Roger Bennett 22 Jackie Fischer 22 Bev Robinson 24 Sam Short 25 Tim Sullivan 27 Brenda Gray 27 Don Engle 28 Jamie Lewis-Boyer 28	Fran Armistead Frank Armistead Billy Bain Charlie Barnes Beth Brown Carl Brown Sr. Becky Butler Lisa Cox Carrol Cox Bryan Eads Kim Eads Marcia Faris Bill Faris, Jr. Jim Hall Linda Hass Wanda Hill J.J. Jackson Fay Martin Kathleen Minnick Emory Minnick Debra Owen Carolyn Reade Nick Reams Kevin Reynolds Larry Ricker Sharon Ricker Carol Spangler David Sussman Pat Trader Kay Williams Sam Williams Dickie Wilson	Beth Ager Susan Awrey Steve Bateson Leigh Dicks Cary Estes Vince Ferranti Catherine Flemer Martha Foley Sheryl Jordan Linda Lee Jamie Lewis-Boyer Sue Moore John Moore Howard Overbey Kim Overbey Ray Pfeiffer Susan Pfeiffer Jane Renger Valerie Reynolds Dave Schein Johnnie Shelton Linda Taney Brad West, Jr.



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Vice President

Not to be repetitive, but there's cause for a follow up to an article I wrote for the summer edition of Rhythm & News that dealt with the perpetual question from new shaggers, "**When do I move up?**" referring to their move from the beginner to the intermediate level.

Since that earlier article, there have been several more beginner classes, and quite large ones I happily add. Beverly and I had the pleasure of teaching one of those classes in November, during which we reiterated our opinions (for whatever they are worth) that you should not consider moving up until you have mastered the steps taught in the beginner classes. Your intermediate instructors are going to assume you are confident with the basic and the turns. After all, you may take the beginner classes as many times as you like, and most of us do, several times.

This line of thought was reinforced by a very gratifying email response I received from a reader in Cornelius, NC who wrote: "Peggy and I are currently teaching again, and we have run into the 'retake the first class or move up' problem many times. There is a stigma attached to re-taking a beginner class that implies you FAILED. We try to reassure folks that many people re-take the beginner class. We tell them that they will be more confident the second time. We also tell them we don't want them to get frustrated in a more advanced class and drop out or quit shagging completely...If you can't do the basic to music played at 'normal' dance speed and can't execute turns, etc., you have no business trying to learn the pivot (which we refer to as the hardest commonly executed shag step) and other more advanced steps."

The fellow who sent that response is more than qualified to hold such an opinion. He is none other than **Mike Rink**, the Vice President of the Twisters Shag Club, the very same club that gives us the Annual Fall Cyclone, the most well-known shagging event (21 years old) outside of SOS. Mike was the charter president of the TSC, he was on the SOS Board of Directors for 10 years, is a past Chairman of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC), an avid supporter of the Junior Shag Association, a Life Member of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs, and is a recipient of the prestigious "Shagging Icon" award.

Now let's recognize our new members who have joined the RSC since our last R&N, in order of their memberships: **Tina Holbert, Pat Wallace, Michael Harris, Luda Jones, Larry Lyons, Kenneth Tilghman, Elizabeth Hudson, Donna Boone, Donna and Charles Agosti, Ralph Kelley and Paul Scott.** Welcome to the club; let's dance!

Parker Dillard



Ways & Means

As of December 12, 2012 we have taken in \$2,243 from the 50/50 raffle for 2012. Please remember to support our 50/50 raffle each Tuesday night. Thank you to everyone who has participated and for your continued support.

Anyone who would like a Richmond Shag Club personalized, permanent name tag, please see **Allen Batchelor** at the welcome desk. Tags are \$5 and a much better option than the stick on name tags. It takes about 2 weeks after you place the order to get your name tag.

We still have both the 12 oz (\$12) and the 16 oz (\$15) Tervis tumblers with a travel lid for sale. They will have an embroidery club logo on the inside of the glass. The tumblers are double-wall insulated and carry a lifetime guarantee. They can be used for cold or hot drinks. They are dishwasher, microwave and freezer-safe. They won't crack, melt, scratch, shatter or chip.

We have Richmond Shag Club patches. They are the same patches that are in the tumblers. They are \$2.50 each.

Golf shirts with the club logo are available. They are \$24 each. I have ordered several colors and sizes. If you need additional sizes and colors, I can place a special order. Camp shirts are also available in various colors. We also have shirts for the ladies. See me for more details.

Thanks to everyone for their support during 2012. Your support is important to the club and is appreciated.

The next stew dates are February 22 and 23, 2013. The stew again will be \$6 a quart. There will be a sign-up sheet for stew and volunteers starting at the end of January.

Robert McAdams

Care & Concern



Condolences to the following members who recently lost a loved one:

Jim Hall, whose mother, Mary Eunice Wilkes, passed away on October 25.

Don Shaffer, who lost his son-in-law, Kenneth Mathews, on November 3.

Janet Bell had surgery on a partial knee replacement on November 16 and is recovering at home.

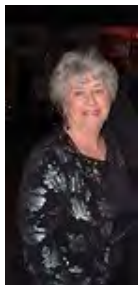
As always, our thoughts and prayers are with these folks/members as they recover from their losses, accidents and surgeries.

We hope they will all be back with us soon.

Let us be ever mindful of the struggles and joys of our fellow club members and keep them close in our thoughts and prayers.

Carol Thomasson

Social Committee



Everyone had a great time at the Jingle Bell Ball held December 22 at the ACCA Temple. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. I don't

have a schedule of events for 2013 yet, but it will be out in the next newsletter.

Phyllis Wells



I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and my wish to everyone is a prosperous and happy new year.

The 2012 Jingle Bell Ball is now a fond memory. In the event some of you could not attend I would like to let you know 2012 marked the Richmond Shag Club's 25th Anniversary. To give you some history of our club I offer the following information.

In 1984 during Spring SOS **Earl Robinson**, **Gene Laughter** nickname "Swink" (SOS founder) and **Fran Bingley** (co-founder of the Va Beach Shag Club) were discussing the idea of starting a shag club in Richmond. The subject was talked about again later that year during Fall SOS. In 1985 Earl approached **Angelo Miliotis** (DJ's Lounge, club owner), about the club becoming a home base for the shag club. With some hesitation, Angelo agreed to give a night for the club to meet and dance. This growing group of shaggers formed the Richmond Shag Club on November 5, 1986. In 1987 the first full year of our club's existence, our club became a Charter Member of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs.

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary there was a presentation of "Special Recognition Awards". **Earl Robinson**, **Dickie Robinson** and **Kathy Russell** received these awards for being a RSC active member for 25 consecutive years.

I have enjoyed being a part of the 2012 Board of Directors. Everyone was such a pleasure to work with. I also enjoyed chairing the Boogie on the James Annual Party. I would like to encourage each of you to chair an event, work on a committee or serve on the Board. Working for the club gave me such an opportunity to meet and talk to a lot of fellow members and gave me a chance to get to know them better. Chairing the annual party also gave me the opportunity to get to know a lot of people from other clubs and make new friends. I know sometimes the thought of chairing an event might seem intimidating. The person that did that event before you will help you all the way. Then you find out, ok that wasn't so hard after all and you wonder why you didn't do it before. We need members in our club to take an active role in a lot of our functions. Trust me you'll have fun and enjoy it.

Shag Clubs have come and gone over the years. The Richmond Shag club has stood strong and unwavering for 25 years and that alone is something to be extremely proud of. During my research into our club's history I thought about some of our members who are no longer with us. They will be remembered for the good times and their contributions to our club's success by all of us who knew them.

Jean Sullivan

2012 Boogie on the James Chair



Host & Hostess Committee

The year 2013, i.e. post Mayan, will be another great year at Richmond Shag Club. Each month for 2013 will feature a new Hostess Table person(s) to greet you at the weekly shag functions. The Hostess Table is your source for information on the different club functions. You will find flyers for upcoming events, both for RSC and for sister clubs. Dance instructors schedules are posted, membership forms are available, SOS cards for sale, etc. Stop by the Hostess Table to learn what's, "shaggin'."

Allen Batchelor



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RSC MAIN EVENTS

- **Check back with the March/April edition of Rhythm and News for the 2013 schedule of events. Also check your email inbox or voicemail for any updates prior to the newsletter.**

*Also look for the Richmond Shag Club group on facebook where event information will be posted.



Watch your e-mail, RichmondShagClub.org, and listen for phone tree messages for more information on these upcoming events.

Dance Committee

Congratulations to our Most Improved Dancers for 2012



Each year the dance instructors nominate RSC members who they believe have most improved their dance during the year. After careful consideration, they then vote to select the recipients.

During the RSC Jingle Bell Ball held on December 22, the following members were honored with a plaque designating their achievement.



Most Improved Male - Bob Owen



Most Improved Female - Pam Shultz



Most Improved Couple - Carrol & Lisa Cox

The Dance Instructors were also recognized for their continued willingness to teach classes each month and to help our dances to become the very best that they can be.

Thank you to **Parker and Beverly Dillard** for teaching the November beginner classes and to **Kevin and Joan Byrnes** for teaching Intermediate classes. Also, **Kevin and Joan Byrnes** and **Allen and Charlotte Batchelor** taught special classes the first two Tuesdays of December.

I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and that you will have a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Joan Byrnes

Kudos to:

Nancy Wall, RSC member, elected to serve on Board of Directors for the Competitive Shaggers Association (CSA) for 2013. Nancy also completed a partial term in 2012.



Parker Dillard & Jean Sullivan



L-R: Carol Thomasson, Parker Dillard, Robert McAdams



L-R: Dickie Robinson, Earl Robinson, Tim Sullivan






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Date: _____

Please complete form in full & write legibly

Membership Fee is \$30.00 (7-1-2012)

** \$25 fee for returned checks **

- New Member
 Renewal/Returning Member

Pick up your membership card at the RSC Club desk any Tuesday night.

Name #1: _____
Last First Nickname Birthday (Year Optional)

Name #2: _____
Last First Nickname Birthday (Year Optional)

Address: _____
Street or PO Box City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Occupation: _____
Home/Primary Cell/Secondary Work (optional) (Optional)

Email Address #1: _____

Email Address #2: _____

(Newsletter, messages about Club activities, events, membership renewal reminders, member news, etc.)

Please choose one option below. If you do not indicate a preference, newsletter will be sent by email.

- I prefer to get my newsletter by email
 I prefer to get my newsletter in the mail (snail mail)

I would be interested in helping with the following committee(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me – I need more information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host & Hostess | |

New Members

I learned about the RSC from:

- A friend that is a member
 Someone taking free classes
 Another shag club out of town
 A demonstration at an event
 An advertisement
 The internet

This information is true to the best of my knowledge. By my signature, I agree to abide by the rules and by the bylaws of the Richmond Shag Club. I understand that my membership may be revoked by the Club at any time it may be deemed necessary. I agree that the Richmond Shag Club and its Board of Directors shall not be held responsible for any accidents, personal injury or loss of any personal property associated with my attendance at, or participation in, any Club function.

Member #1: _____
Signature Printed Name Date

Member #2: _____
Signature Printed Name Date

For RSC Staff Use Only: Next Membership Renewal Date: _____ Card Made
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