

Thank you to our new and returning Board Members who work to keep our club running smoothly.

Their names appear on page 2 and 3.

From the President: AllenBatchelor

Thanks for your confidence in me to be your Club President for 2017. I am looking forward to a good year of dancing and fellowship. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that the year, 2017, will be full of happy events and memories.

Allen



BILL BOYER III
Vice President

First and foremost in this initial article, I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me to represent the

Richmond Shag Club as your Vice President!

I do look forward to working with our **President: Allen Batchelor**, **Secretary: Kelli Mallinger, Treasurer:**

Mike Walton, and At-Large Directors: Darrell Ratcliffe, Steve Bateson, Graham Haddock, Lisa Atkinson and Judy Petree. What a terrific selection of RSC members to align with and accomplish exciting goals for our members during 2017.

We know already that inviting past members back into the Club, and having those that have recently let their membership drop renew soon, is important to the RSC at large . We would be interested in knowing what would be of most interest to them in having the motivation to renew their membership. I am also looking into the prospect of having a common "Annual Renewal Date" so that it simplifies the renewal process for members while keeping more accurate records for the Club. If this occurs, then the dues will be prorated accordingly.

We are all "ambassadors" for the RSC so please think about people you know that would appreciate learning to Shag Dance with our excellent instructors and invite them. Fresh new RSC members throughout the age spectrum are vital to keep the dance we all love elevated and exciting.

Once again, "Thank You"!

Bill Boyer III

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Graham Haddock-Dance Committee

New Year Resolution

Some of us may have over-indulged during the Thanksgiving and holiday season... thank goodness its only for a short time once a year. Afterwards we can make resolutions of things we would like to accomplish in the new year. Some goals are short term, some long term and some are harder to keep than others. The board of the shag club works hard and has goals to ensure the continued success of the club for its members. The club is a great way to socialize, have fun and share good times with a variety of folks with one common goal... we love to shag. So perhaps you could resolve, in the new year, to support the club with its various activities. It will help make the club stronger and maybe even help us work off some of those extra calories we enjoyed over the holidays.

Graham Haddock

Dance Committee chair

Call for Volunteer; in 2017 to Help at R\$C Member;hip Table

As the newly elected 2017 Hospitality chairperson for Richmond Shag Club (RSC), one of my roles is to organize staffing for the Club Hospitality desk, located near the rear entrance of Visions Dance Lounge in the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton.

The desk is staffed by RSC member volunteers, for a short period on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, who provide a warm welcome to prospective new and existing members. Whether you are a new or existing RSC member, it's the best way to meet and greet fellow shaggers, keep up with the clubs' activities and help RSC keep its members informed.

If you are unfamiliar with the volunteer duties at the desk, I can arrange an orientation for you so that you can learn what's required. A small time commitment of Tuesday and/or Thursday for one calendar month, from 6:30 to 8:30, is all that is required to help the club keep running smoothly. Please consider volunteering and reply to me using the link below with your availability so I can work up a desk schedule for the year.

Thank you for your helpful cooperation and have a Happy New Year!

Graham Haddock, RSC Hospitality Committee Chairperson

Steve Bateson

Director at Large

As I reflect on my year as a Director of the Richmond Shag Club, I am amazed by the devotion of the Board as it relates to the Club and its success! I learned so much about the Club as well as other matters that relate to the Shag Lifestyle. I am looking forward to another great year on the RSC Board to learn more.



For those that do not know, most of my career has been in the accounting/auditing field, so, as in many organizations before, I was appointed to audit the books of the RSC. Some might say that they would not come within feet of auditing the books, but I love it. Mostly because I have a servant's heart and want to make anything I touch become better, including the RSC. I appreciate the opportunity to give back to the RSC that has so enriched my life as a dancer.

Steve

Hi Everyone,

Just wanted to thank you for your prayers, cards, food, well wishes, hugs and positive thoughts. The fact that I am in remission proves that prayers do work.

Hallelujah!

I am truly blessed to be a member of such a fun supportive group. I will see you on the dance floor.

Mary Ann Lambert



RSC Makes Camp Fantastic a reality for many young people who live with cancer. See Dave Smith's letter on page 7.

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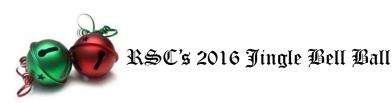
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Our annual Jingle Bell Ball Christmas party, awards and recognition ceremony was held Dec. 17th at the private Meadowbrook Country Club (MCC). Hosted by RSC and MCC members Carrol and Lisa Cox, 195 RSC members and quests enjoyed the cozy, and more intimate atmosphere of the Club dining room and bar, fully-decked with Christmas lights and arrangements. Thanks to volunteers Joan Byrnes, Corinne and Bill Richardson and **Sue McClendon** that helped with pre-party preparations.

Upon their arrival, attendees were received by **Kevin** and **Joan Byrnes** and **Rogers** and **Nancy Verser**, directed to

the coat room and their table and provided their 2 free drink tickets. A line quickly formed at the bar, but dissipated just as fast as the 2 MCC bartenders expertly filled orders, and members enjoyed the fruit, cheese and cracker appetizer table and mingled around the room, socializing and celebrating the season.

President **Byrnes** welcomed the crowd and, at 7:00 pm, began calling Board members, Camp Fantastic quests and randomly-called tables to proceed to the luscious buffet line. On the recommendation of Carrol Cox, the Party Committee selected as entrees the Chicken Cordon Bleu and Marinated Flank Steak in Bordelaise sauce and Carrol's recommendations were on target, as members raved about the tasty dishes as well as the



Figure 1. Our MCC

whole meal. Throughout the evening, DJs Gary Harman, Brute Vaughan and Figure 1. Our MCC Sponsors: Carrol & Lisa George Stanford kept the tunes com-

ing, varying the tempo from easy-listening holiday tunes through dinner to hard-rocking shag, line dance and slow-waltz music to keep the floor full.



Figure 2. DJ Gary Harman



Figure 3. DJs Brute Vaughan & George Stanford

To keep the evening moving on schedule, Pres. **Byrnes** kicked off the award and recognition ceremony promptly at 8:00, thanking **Carrol** and **Lisa** for hosting the affair (saving the Club a considerable amount in waived facility rental charges), recognizing the 2016 Board members and several specific members that volunteered their time or their homes throughout the year, including: **Bob & Linda Stevens** (for hosting the summer pool party), **James Osborne** and **Martha Foley** (for hosting the backyard barbecue party), **Pam Tinsley** (newsletter editor and e-communications coordinator), **Charlie Barnes** (for setting up the mem-

Boyer for coordinating the successful Brunswick Stew fund-raisers, and Dink Slaughter, Sam Williams, Mo Phillips and Mike Graham (as the backbone of the volunteer group that help prepare, pack and distribute our delicious stew). Pres. Byrnes also explained that the Board had approved a generous end-of-year bonus for Visions' bar managers Tammy Reams and Jennifer Bondi for their tireless service to the membership throughout the year.

Moving to the Camp Fantastic (CF) part of the program, Pres. Byrnes invited Special Love Executive Director **Dave Smith** and Camp parents **Stefanie** and **Paul Becker** to join him at the podium. Kevin recognized the team captains of the three primary fund-raisers (Golf Tournament: **Dickie Robinson** and **Doug Strother**; Silent Auction: **Nancy Wall** and **Mary Kathryn Taylor**; and SOS Char



Figure 4. Pres. Kevin Byrnes with Dave Smith, Special Love CEO, and Stephanie & Paul Becker, Parents of CF Camper

Silent Auction: **Nancy Wall** and **Mary Kathryn Taylor**; and SOS Charity Brunch hosts **Michael Feilding** and **Cleo Tinsley**) that contributed to the Club's annual contribution. **Dave Smith** expressed the Camp's appreciation for the Club's perennial support and clarified that the Richmond Shag Club's donation is the

<u>only</u> sponsor-funding from the Richmond Metro area, directly supporting every Richmond area child that attends CF summer camp.

Dave introduced Camp parents Stefanie and Paul Becker, who explained that their son, Jack, was unable to attend due to a depressed immune system and Jack's siblings had stayed home to keep him company. Both Stefanie and Paul spoke eloquently of what attending camp means to the CF campers (and their families) and thanked the Club for its continued support. Pres. Byrnes then presented Dave with the Club's 2016 donation of \$15,600, noting that the accumulative Club donation to Camp Fantastic over 28 years now amounts to \$270,346!



Pres. Byrnes then recognized Dance Committee Chair **Joan Byrnes** to introduce and present the annual Most-Improved Shag Dancer Award winners, including:

- Best Female: Sue McClendon,
- Best Male: Steve Bateson, and
- Best Couple: Roger & Denise Underhill.

All recipients were surprised and very pleased to be recognized for their efforts.

Kevin then called on Vice President **Allen Batchelor** to introduce the incoming 2017 Board of Directors and asked Allen to explain the Club's Spirit of Shag (SOS) Award selection process. Allen presented the award to **Charles Harward**, **Sr.** for his devotion to the dance and helping so many members learn and enjoy the Shag.



Figure 6 SOS Winner Charles Harward, Sr. with VP Allen Batchelor



Kevin proceeded to introduce the RSC honorary membership award, explaining that nominations sometimes come from the membership and other times come from the Board. In this case, the nomination (unanimously approved by the Board) came from a member who proposed that the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award should be given to **Joan Byrnes**, for her 11 years of service on the Board (including 2 as President), 10 (going on 11 in 2017) years as Annual Party chair, participation on and leadership of many Club committees, and the other awards she has received (e.g. Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame, ACSC Shaggin' Icon, National Living Legends of Dance, etc.) which reflect well on the RSC. **Kevin** explained that it was a real challenge keeping this award secret at home, and presented **Joan** with an Honorary Membership plaque and permanent honorary membership card.

Figure 6. Pres. Byrnes & Newest RSC Honorary Lifetime Member Joan Byrnes

Kevin wrapped up the 30-minute ceremony, thanking the Club for the honor of serving as President and calling for members to support the incoming Board and to anticipate lots of events to commemorate our 30th year as a social dance club. Gary Harman then took the mic, and the dance floor was quickly filled with dancers and stayed that way until the closing time at 11:00 pm. Behind the scenes, **Kevin** proceeded to handout Special Love-donated Christmas tree ornaments to award winners and significant Club volunteers recognized during the ceremony. Someone at each of the 25+ tables won the red poinsettia flower centerpiece raffle, and groups of happy shaggers (perhaps with "visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads") collected their shoe bags, overcoats and various prizes and drifted off into an unseasonably-warm evening to find their sleigh (car)! Many attendees complimented the event organizers for a wonderful event and suggested that the Club should return to MCC for 2017!



Best Wishes for a Prosperous, Healthy and Happy New Year! Kevin and Joan Byrnes

December 21, 2016 Kevin Byrnes The Richmond Shag Club P.O. Box 35771 Richmond, VA 23235





Thank you so much to you and all the RSC members for hosting me and the Beckers, and especially for your "Fantastic" donation of \$15,600 to sponsor all the Richmond area children to Camp Fantastic. Your continued support is truly a godsend and also has helped us finish our 34th year of programs on a high note. (It also provides a boost as we get us ready for a whole new batch of campers in 2017.) I hope you and the club enjoy your own high notes this holiday season – though none are likely to be as high as your fabulous party!

It seems like only last week that the buses rolled out of Camp Fantastic 2016. It was a great session with so many memories made – thanks in large part to generous donors like you! The campers made more lasting memories doing traditional camp activities like crafts, swimming, canoeing, and campfires, plus original classes like The Glamour Institute and the Challenge Course, with zip lines, trust falls, and other adventurous activities. All of that fun came against a backdrop of top-notch medical, making it possible to include even acutely ill children like Abby. (And what a story that was – she was literally "living for camp" after her doctors gave her 48 hours to live last July. She made it to camp, where its magic revived her body and spirit so much that she's still going strong!)

I hope you enjoy the attached photograph, which includes Abby in the front left of the group shot and on the right side of the candids. More highlights are on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/SpecialoveCamps), including the year-end highlights video that we just posted last week. I hope you'll claim some credit for the smiles and laughter you'll find there.

Although our full-time camp volunteers "on the frontlines" get much of the credit for the wonder of camp (and deservedly so), it's generous folks who make it possible for them to have that impact. We truly couldn't do it without you. Thanks again for helping us provide a magical, healing experience to our campers.

With Special Love,

David Smith, CEO

P.S. Your donation is fully tax-deductible as you received no goods or services in exchange for it. Our tax ID # is 54-1218130. Thanks again!



The 2016 Jingle Bell Ball





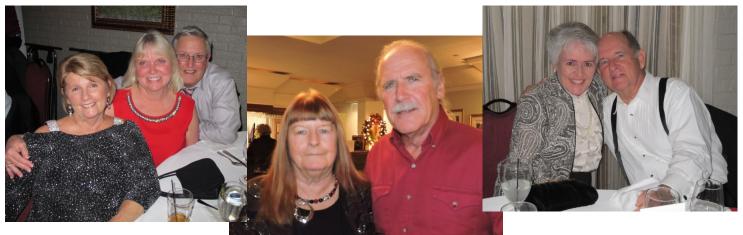








December 17 at Meadowbrook Country Club











One of these two look-alike gentlemen attended the RSC Jingle Bell Ball!



January



Happy Birthday, Shaggers!



February

Joe	Tedesco	1	2
Billy	Bain	1	3
Diane	Dew	1	3
Sue	Moore	1	4
Debbie	Meadors	1	5
Glenda	Harris	1	8
Whit	Cochran	1	8
Steve	Bateson	1	8
Janis	Grimes	1	9
Sue	McLendon	1	9
Rob	Ayers	1	10
Gordon	Burton	1	14
Larry	Price	1	14
Kaye	Williams	1	15
Emory	Minnick	1	16
Larry	Fischer	1	16
Pat	Conner	1	17
David	Ferry	1	17
Penny	Richardsor	1 1	20
Parker	Dillard	1	24
Dick	Frush	1	25

Bruce

Art

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Seward

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31

January and **February Birthdays**



Kandall	Hookodov	2	4
Kendall	Hockaday	2	1
Nancy	Wall	2	1
Lisa	Dawson	2	1
Melinda	Mahan	2	2
Barbara	Pettesch	2	3
Arlene	Helton	2	4
Peggy	Seward	2	5
Terri	Wilson	2	6
Pam	Shultz	2	6
Sandra	Mawyer	2	9
Darrell	Ratcliffe	2	10
Donna	Kontopanos	2	11
Linda	Hass	2	11
Dawn	Harman	2	12
Louis	Slade	2	13
Carrol	Cox	2	14
Stephanie	White	2	18
Lynn	Weishaar	2	19
Jackie	Fischer	2	22
Carol	Hawkins	2	22
Beth	Gordon	2	23
Inke	Beville	2	24
Wayne	Vick	2	25
Sam	Short	2	25
Tim	Sullivan	2	27
Jamie	Lewis-Boyer	2	28



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

Check out the NEW features of the RSC website home page, including a Club activity calendar, Message **Board and voluntary member contact** information list.

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

Membership Expirations

November, 2016

Expiration: 11/30/16

Varney

Dobbins

Fielding

Harward

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Anderson

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Benson

Tammy

Michael

Sally

Mary

Kathy

Tommy

Charles

Cleo

Tina

James

Carolyn

Leonard

Candy

Sam

Steve

Paul

Barbara

Charlie

Donna

Eileen

Brad

Ron

Inke

Barbara

Rodney

Peggy Anne

Keep your membership up-to-date!

December, 2016

Expiration: 12/31/2016

Graham Haddock Marsha Tedesco Jessie Diane Shug Ward Kenn Ward Sheila Parker Bubba Loehr Kim Overbey **Howard Overbey** Debbie Edmonds James Minor Art Seward Peggy Seward Sandi Gibson Cherry Seagraves Michael Shelton Robert Smith Will Whaff III Wildes Jean

If anyone on these lists has renewed your membership recently, thank you!



January, 2017 Expiration: 1/31/2017

Rhonda	Armentrout
Michael	Armentrout
Billy	Bain
Charles	Barnes
Ronald	Bessent
Ellen	Cousins
Debbie	Cunningham
Phil	Cunningham
Avery	Goodwin
Linda	Hass
Kathryn	Jacoby
Nancy	Kirsh
Kathy	Lane
Jim	McAllister
Lee	McAllister
Glenn	Miller
Jewel	Moore
Emett	Nuckols
Bob	Owen
Linda	Stevens
Robert	Stevens
Toni	Termini
Faye	Vines
Judson	White
Lucy	White
Charles	Williams
Samuel	Williams
Kaye	Williams

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RSC ACTIVITIES 2017

2017 Richmond Shag Club January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 New Year's Day (observed)	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Intermediate Shag Class ® Visions	4	5 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Beginner Shag Class @ Visions	6	7
3	9	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Intermediate Shag Class ® Visions	11	12 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Beginner Shag Class @ Visions	13 ACSC Mid-Winter Workshop	ACSC Mid-Winter Workshop
15 ACSC Mid-Winter Workshop	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Intermediate Shaq Class @ Visions 7 pm - 8:30 pm RSC Board Meeting	18	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Beginner Shag Class @ Visions	20	21
2	23	24 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Intermediate Shaq Class @ Visions	25	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Beginner Shaq Class @ Visions	8 pm - 12 am National Shag Dance Championships: Pre- Lims	28 8 pm - 12 am National Shaq Dance Championships: Pre Lims
29	30	31 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC General Membership Meeting	1	Groundhog Day 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Beginner Shag Class © Visions	3	4

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RSC ACTIVITIES 2017

February 2017

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2 pm - 4 pm FEB. SHAC JAM with Kevin & Joan Byrnes	6	7 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Intermediate Shag Class @ Visions	8	9 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Beginner Shag Class @ Visions	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	Valentine's Day 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Intermediate Shag Class ® Visions	15	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Beginner Shag Class @ Visions	17	18
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26	27	28 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Intermediate Shaq Class @ Visions	1	2 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm RSC Beginner Shag Class @ Visions	3	4

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The Richmond Shag Club offers

intermediate and beginner shag dance lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays (respectively) at

VISIONS Dance Club.

Following each lesson there is OPEN dancing

for all levels & ages from amateur to pro!

Tuesday: Intermediate lessons begin at 7:00 pm

Thursday: Beginner lessons begin at 6:30pm

Come and Dance!

Did you know.....

Suppose your address, e-mail, or phone number changes since your last membership renewal.... Then you stop getting messages from the RSC! Did you know you can update your personal information, including contact info, on the club website under:

"Update Members' Contact Information"

http://www.richmondshagclub.org

This will help the membership and communications committees keep your information up-to-date!



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Rhythm & News invites YOUR stories or memories of shag events that you have attended, or the role shag dancing plays in your life.

Let us hear from you! Photos (with captions) are welcome, also.

We would like to make our newsletter our own form of "social media!" Please share with your fellow club members through *Rhythm & News*. Send your submissions to:

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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 Kathy Lane know the details (email: socrmom8286@yahoo.com)

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 Kevin Byrnes kfbyrnes@verizon.net.

Also, please specify that you would like for that information to be sent in a bulk email or phone tree to the members. (We do not want to compromise anyone's privacy.) Thanks!