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Our shag club is known as the "Fun Bunch", and it our goal to have fun, first and foremost. We try to include shag news, and party flyers from other clubs in this newsletter. All info must be received by the 15th of the preceding month to be included. We offer \$20 subscriptions to the TSC News for non-members.

Please Note: We do not include flyers and ads from commercial establishments unless they help support our publishing costs by advertising space.

You may re-use items in this publication if you credit TSC in your reprint, and you mail us a copy. (Use address on cover.)

Note: Statements in this publication are directed to members of our shag club, and should not be taken out of context by others. Opinions expressed by authors may not reflect TSC's!

The President's Letter

Hello Fun Bunch,

I did not get a chance to thank all the club members who helped with our News Year's Eve Party. It was a fantastic event, and we started 2008 with a bang. We had 110 attendees.

I was really impressed with the good food prepared by our own Nancy Brody. She always does a wonderful job.

A special thanks goes to Shelia Frederiksen and Jim Hutson for helping Chair the committee. It was also great that our committee members came out in full force and took over without asking what they needed to do. They just started working. And what a super gal Vicki is. She worked the door all night. She is such a trooper. When you see her, please give her a special thanks.

Thanks to *everyone* that made our party such a great success.

A lot of things have happened and are going to happen in the next few months. First, membership re-up time is here. I want to remind you that when you fill out the re-up form, please fill out every line. Your support and input is very important. If you don't complete the entire form, we will have to return it and ask you to finish it.

When you re-up for the club, please consider signing up for SOS Membership. Everyone looks forward to Spring and Fall SOS. One way to support SOS is to become a member. It is not just an opportunity to go to SOS. You get many other benefits when you join. You get merchant discounts any time you are at OD. Plus, the Carefree Times magazine will be mailed to you so you can stay informed of what's going on. SOS puts on several events during the year and needs your support whether you go or not you go to each and every one. Join SOS today. You won't regret it!

Mid-Winter was a blast. We had at least 70 members there. Our tea party at OD Beach was unbelievable, as usually. The OD Beach Club employees made sure we had everything we needed.

Next TSC Meeting: Tuesday Feb 5th

I want to give a special thanks to OD Beach Club for making us feel so comfortable. Along with our members, we had a lot of guests at our party that had so much fun. Friends that joined us said that they wanted to join our club because we just have too much fun. As you all know, that's our nickname; "The Fun Bunch".

Dance lessons began on January 15 with Chuck, Sandra, Frankie and Dennis as our teachers. Once again the floor was full. We really had a good turnout. Thanks to all the members who came to help out. Chuck, Sandra, Frankie and Dennis put in a lot of hard work and have such a good attitude in helping to promote the shag dance and supporting Twister's 110%. You do not feel intimidated while you are in their classes. Both classes make you feel very comfortable. A special thanks to all the instructors for their work.

Please join us on Tuesday nights to welcome the beginning dancers and to join in the fun. Remember, Tuesday February 26 will be the "graduation night". We will have lots of fun, cake and prizes.

Come on out that night to help us entice some more new members, too. Our club is growing by leaps and bounds. Let's keep it going. Anyone who joins now carries over through 2008.

Club officers for 2008 will be elected at the February meeting. Thanks go to the Nominating Committee for working hard and giving us a good slate of candidates for the coming year. It's a tough job, but it helps ensure our future. (See more details in this newsletter.) If you want a say in your leadership, be sure to attend this meeting. Come early and eat, and dance some, too.

There will be a lot of Valentine's Day Parties. So, you can attend the Twister's Shag Club Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 8 at the Havana Club and also attend others' parties, too. With the atmosphere at the Havana Club you will feel you are truly celebrating. More details are included in the newsletter. Please join us. We will have great food and a lot of fun.

I'll see you on Friday nights at the Havana Club. Bring a friend.

Kathy



TSC's Superbowl Party



Are you a fan of the New York Giants? How about the New England Patriots? Perhaps (like some of us) the team you like didn't even come close to making the playoffs this year. No matter what your favorite team is, or if you don't even really follow football, there is going to be a big party and you need to be there!

Once again, Celia Hunter and Mike Turbeville will host the event at their home. There have TV's, and plenty of other activities to enjoy. The Party starts at 3:30pm. Pregame activities start at 4pm. Kickoff is around 6pm. Get there early so you can get in on the "pool". In addition to that, four lucky members will win some prizes, courtesy of TSC.

Bring your own beverages (and a food item to share, if possible). There will be a huge pot of chili for all to enjoy. So now, who is bringing the shooters? ☺

Directions

From I-77, exit 36 (Hwy 150), go west about 3.5 miles. Turn left on McCrary (Lumber Depot is on the corner, Big Daddy's is across the street). Go to the end of McCrary and turn right on Riverwood.

The house is down about 1/2 mile on the left. The address is 305 Riverwood. Park in the natural area in front pulling into it rather than parallel to it. That way it holds more cars.

The driveway is wide enough in sections for parking and still leave enough room to navigate the drive.

Overflow parking at 307 Riverwood in their long circular drive going all the way to the house. No one lives there now.

Lost? Call Celia and Mike at 704-664-2639. See you there!

Shag Club Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be at Fat Boys on Tuesday, February 5th. Social starts at 7pm with music and dancing. The meeting will start at 8pm. Socializing and dancing will follow the meeting.

Nancy Brody missed \$277 in last month's Treasure Chest drawing. Sorry Nancy! But, that amount will be added to this month's attendance total. Any member can win if they are there!

Richard Wagner, Marilyn Wager, Carol Warren and Mike Warren have submitted applications to join TSC. Each will need to be at our meeting to be voted on. Come out and meet them!

Nominating Comittee

Seven club members recently spent a long Saturday afternoon reviewing and narrowing down the club membership list to obtain a slate of capable and willing officers for 2008. Their results are:

President: Frankie Johnson Vice-President: Dianne Harrington
Secretary: Kathy Kerr Treasurer: Kay Howard

Please come cast your vote for officers at the February meeting.

Havana DJ Schedule

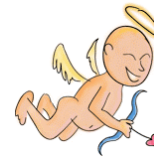
Feb 1: Mike Rink (B'day night) Feb 15: Clyde Waller
Feb 8: Farrell Watts (This will be Feb 22: To Be Announced
our Valentine's Day Party.) Feb 29: To Be Announced

Don't forget that February 1st will be our birthday celebration night. Check out the list of members who have birthdays this month and join us that night to help them celebrate.

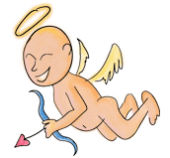
Note: Friday Beach Nights at Havana will now start at 8:30pm. Come on out early and have fun with all your TSC friends and other area shaggers! Crowds have really been great, and your appearance will make them even better! See you there!

Twister's Shag Club Presents A

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY



*For Singles
And Couples*



Friday, February 8th

**At The Havana Social Club
8:30pm - 1am**

DJ: Farell Watts



Only \$5 Per Person



Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

The Havana Social Club has a nice bar with good prices, and a great dance floor. The facility is located at 17105 Kenton Place in Cornelius. From I-77, Exit 25, go West 1.3 Miles. Turn right at the light onto West Catawba Ave. Then turn right into Kenton Place. Havana is near Bruster's Ice Cream. For more information or a map, visit www.goshagging.com or call 704-892-1114.

Important Information

By Sharon Abernethy

Please take a moment to look at your mailing address label. There is a red number written on your label. This number represents the number of points that you have earned and turned in for (or that have been turned in on your behalf) as of December 31. If there are two club members at the same address, the number for each person is listed closest to his or her name on the label.

If your label says "See Me", I need to talk to you to make sure the points total I have for you reflects what you have actually earned.

A few of you do not a number listed. Most likely you are a new club member and have not had enough time in TSC to earn points. Please ask if you have any questions about the omitted number. In fact, please ask if you have any questions. Also, if you feel your points total is off (too many, too few, etc) please see me, call me at 828-428-9625 or email me at rcaska@twave.net so I can correct it.

A few of you do not have any points. Hopefully that "zero" will be a reminder of your support expectation, and that your help ensures TSC continues to be a great club with benefits you can enjoy.

I have a supply of forms (please ask for as many as you need) that may be used for reporting earned points, or to request to use earned points to discount the cost of anything TSC charges for (club apparel, party entry, etc.). You can also email your information to me at the address given above. Ten points have a value of \$1. But, all points should be redeemed in (at least) \$1 increments.

We are still trying to make this system easier for everyone. I appreciate your patience as we find new ways to improve the way we implement and manage this program.

Many of you have really caught on to what we are trying to do. Remember, TSC's goal is to provide a little extra reward to every member for supporting the club and its activities. No matter how many points you choose to earn, TSC appreciates all of your hard work and all of the ways you help our shag club succeed. Thanks!

Nine Words Women use

Submitted By Pat Bouknight

(1) Fine: This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

(2) Five Minutes: If she is getting dressed, this means a half hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

(3) Nothing: This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with "nothing" usually end in "fine".

(4) Go Ahead: This is a dare, not permission. Don't do it!

(5) Loud Sigh: This is actually a word, but it is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to # 3 for the meaning of nothing.)

(6) That's Okay: This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. "That's okay" means she really wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

(7) Thanks: A woman is thanking you. Do not question, or faint. Just say "you're welcome". (I want to add in a clause here - This is true, unless she says "Thanks *a lot*" - That is pure sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. Do not say "you're welcome". That will bring on a "whatever").

(8) Whatever: This is a woman's way of saying f__k you!

(9) Don't worry about it, I got it: This is a dangerous statement meaning that a woman has told a man to do something several times, but is now doing herself. This will later result in a man asking "What's wrong?" For the woman's response refer to # 3.

Wine Versus Water

Submitted By Pat Bouknight

Ben Franklin said, "In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria." In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have found that if we drink one liter of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than one kilo of Escherichia coli (E. coli) which is bacteria found in feces. In other words, we are consuming one kilo of poop.

We do not run that risk when drinking wine and beer (or tequila, rum, whiskey or other liquor) because alcohol has to go through a purification process that includes boiling, filtering and/or fermenting. Remember, Water = Poop. Wine = Health. So, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of crap. By the way, there is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm sharing it as a public service.

Date at the Carnival

Submitted By Tim Davis

Joe took his blind date, Kim, to the carnival. "What would you like to do first", asked Joe? "I want to get weighed", Kim said. They ambled over to the weight guesser. He guessed 120 pounds. Kim got on the scale. It read 117 so she won a prize.

Next the couple went on the ferris wheel. When the ride was over, Joe again asked Kim what she would like to do. "I want to get weighed", Kim replied. Back to the weight guesser they went. Since they had been there before, he guessed Kim's correct weight and Joe lost his dollar. The couple walked around the carnival awhile until Joe again asked Kim what she wanted to do next. "I want to get weighed", Kim responded more emphatically.

By this time, Joe figured his date was really weird and took her home early, dropping her off with a handshake. Later, Kim's roommate Laura asked her about the blind date. "How did it go", she wondered?

Kim responded, "Oh, Waura, it was wousy!"

Membership In Twister's Shag Club

By Mike Rink

Recently, one of our newer members asked me, "What benefits do I get by being a part of Twister's Shag Club?" *Here are just a few:*

1. An informative web site, www.GoShagging.com
2. A 24 hour telephone hotline about our club
3. PhoneTree informational telephone messages
4. Weekly email messages about TSC and other upcoming events
5. One of the shag world's best newsletters, published monthly
6. Many free and discounted parties held locally, and also at SOS
7. Free food and beverages at many various activities
8. Free bus trips to other shag parties and shag dance events
9. Discounted SOS memberships when bought through TSC
10. Yearly calendars showing TSC and other club parties, etc.
11. Discounted shag lessons throughout the year
12. A free shag workshop with Ellen Taylor
13. Free shag workshops with other pro dancers
14. Free line dance lessons
15. Cash drawings at each monthly meeting
16. Discounted prices on shag club T-shirts and other apparel
17. Discounted memberships to BJ's wholesale club
18. A nice place to dance every Tuesday and every Friday night.

In addition, TSC members are fortunate to be part of a club that:

19. Created and funds the Junior Shag Association web site
20. Sponsors Junior SOS (and the Junior Shaggers Association)
21. Is a sponsor of the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's
22. Gave several thousand dollars over the past few years to help with junior shaggers' scholarships
23. Has given many thousands of dollars to buy Christmas presents for needy kids in the local area
24. Is the only shag club to have been a "Sponsor" of WSGE, 91.7 (the local shag music radio station at Gaston College).
25. Hosts one of the biggest and best parties (The Fall Cyclone)
26. Has participated in, and won prizes in the parades held at SOS
27. Is a member of the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce
28. Has a great reputation within the local, and shag community.

Get Your SOS Memberships Early

If you are going to go to any of the SOS events this year, you will need an SOS Membership Card. TSC offers you a substantial discount if you buy through the club. The sooner you buy, the quicker you start getting the Carefree Times magazine in the mail. Of course, you get discounts at the beach from various merchants, and other benefits, too. So don't wait. See our Treasurer for yours!

Christmas In Beckley 2007

By Peggy Cavin

The Beckley Area Shag Club held their annual Christmas Party at White Oak County Club on December 8th with approximately 75 members and guests. To all the members who helped put on this event, you did a great job. The facility was decorated with Christmas lights and candles. The tables were set up so we could all enjoy a wonderful sit-down dinner. You out-did yourselves with the food as always. My hat is off to the chef.

It was good to see our friend George the bartender taking care of our drinks. It just wouldn't be a party without George. Most of you know George as either our great bartender, or our van driver when parties are held at "Hern's hanger". In talking with George, he mentioned that he started working at White Oak in 1964. Wow!

One thing I can say for the BASC members, it doesn't matter whether it is light munchies, heavy hors d'oeuvres or a full course meal, when the DJ starts the music, there is non-stop dancing by your members until the last person leaves the building. I had plenty of dance partners since all of the men in your club made sure that I got to dance during the night. Thanks! You are a friendly group.

It was also nice to see Diane and Dave out. Diane is an inspiration to us all. She's a gorgeous lady. She mentioned to us that she thought she looked like a "Christmas present" that night, and indeed she was a gift. How wonderful it was to see her out dancing and socializing with friends.

Thank you, Beckley, for a great Christmas Party!

Democrats Targeted By Sabotage Effort?

From The North Myrtle Beach Investigator

Sunday, January 20, 2008 was an interesting day at Myrtle Beach, and also at North Myrtle Beach. In Myrtle Beach, all eyes were on Democrats who are running for President of the USA. They were preparing to have a televised debate on Monday. Security was tight, and the crowds (full of media reps) were huge around the Broadway At The Beach area where the debate was to be held.

The La Quinta motel is right across the street from the debate location. According to reports, a room at this facility was accidentally booked by a shagger planning to attend the Mid-Winter SOS dance event. The mistake was discovered and that individual was able to get his reservation moved to the La Quinta (former Wingate Inn) at *North* Myrtle Beach. Still, this lead authorities to conclude others may have had similar location issues.

Early Sunday morning the *North* Myrtle Beach La Quinta motel was rocked by fire alarms. Many guests struggled to wake up and grab some clothes before rushing outside into the cold morning.

Investigators determined that someone had set off a fire extinguishing system on the fourth floor, resulting in the alarms. The high-pressure sprinkler system also sent a cascade of water flowing outward and down into rooms on each floor of the motel.

Rooms at the motel are still closed for repair as the investigation continues. According to reports, a suspect has been questioned who claims to have accidentally set off the system while hanging clothes from the "overhead clothes hanger" (the sprinkler outlet). However, investigators wonder if he may have actually been trying to further sabotage the debate unaware that he was actually at the wrong motel location (as if the actual nominees proposed by the Democrats aren't enough to kill any chance that party has).

Rumors indicate that those with additional information about this incident have been sharing a curious hand signal where they ball up their hand except for the index finger. That digit is extended upward in the form of a hook (as if it were a clothes hanger).

What's Happening In The Shag World

GoShagging.com Has More Items And Details!

Note: Party flyers & club mail can be viewed at monthly meetings.

Feb 3: Superbowl Party. Details are in this newsletter.

Feb 5: TSC Meeting. Social 7pm, Meeting 8pm. Dancing after.

Feb 8: Valentine's Day Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club. Lot's of great music, great food, and much more. Join the fun.

Feb 8-17: Low Country Blues Bash hosted by Charleston Shag Club. \$10/night. 843-814-0577 or mysticlady@mindspring.com

Feb 9: Valentine's Dance hosted by Lexington Shaggers. \$7. DJ Gerry Holland. 336-357-0011 or lexingtonshaggers@hotmail.com

Feb 9: Meals on Wheels hosted by Burlington Shag Club. \$25-\$45. DJ's Murl Augustine, David Tuttle, Rick Turner plus the Coastline Band. Three cash bars, Jr. Shaggers Expo, Silent Auction, Free dance line instruction. 336-213-7053 or windmill@triad.rr.com

Feb 9: Gaston Shaggers Party. \$6. DJ Farrell Watts. BYOB, setups and snacks provided. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com

Feb 9: Valentine's Day Dance hosted by Sandy Beach Shag Club. \$7. DJ Gene Hensley. 828-438-8906 or rsmorley55@hotmail.com

Feb 14: Valentine Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. No cover. DJ Mike Brantley. 740-510-1743 or patti.miller@cms.k12.nc.us.

Feb 15-17: Capital Area Shag Club Winter Shag Blast. \$60. DJ's Gary Gibson, David Harris, Randy Strum, Bill Himes, Walter Upchurch. 919-872-5335 or wintershagblast@gmail.com

Feb 14-16: Lake Norman Shag Club Chicken Pickin' By The Sea at North Myrtle Beach. \$35. DJ's Butch Metcalf, Ed Timberlake, Tootie Brown, Gene Hensley, Kyle Beam, Mike Felts and Jerry Burrage. www.lakenormanshagclub.com or 704-822-6861.

Feb 22-24: ACSC Winter Workshop hosted by R & B Shag Club. \$65. DJ's Jack Moore, Billy Waldrep and John Hook. Free dance

workshops with Ellen Taylor, Kathy & Steve Day, and Cathy McDaniel. 864-583-4656 or drakepg@aol.com

Feb 15-17: Shaggers At Heart hosted by Boogie on the Bay. \$75. 757-686-3155 or suzy_q2@verizon.net.

Feb 16: Valentine's Party hosted by Rock Hill Area Shag Club. DJ Summie Davidson. 803-366-2091 or shagdeb@comporium.net

Feb 16: Sweetheart Shuffle Party hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Steve Coley. 336-838-4144 or hauser013@aol.com.

Feb 16: Valentine Party hosted by Sugarfoot Shag Club. \$8. DJ Tommy Smith. 919-751-0011 or janetpittman@netzero.net.

Feb 24: Raleigh Shag Club Cabin Fever Throwdown. \$10. Band of Oz, Angel Rissoff, The Fantastic Shakers, Craig Woolard and the Coastline Band. 919-528-2136 or gammy1965@msn.com

Feb 28-March 1: DJ Throwdown in Myrtle Beach, SC. Hosted by The Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's. (\$10 for Feb 28 only.) Thursday night bands are The Band of Oz, Debbie Davies and the Fantastic Shakers. 919-676-2159 or sbaker4@nc.rr.com

March ??: Bowling And More Party, hosted by Twister's Shag Club. More details will be announced next month.

March 8: Monthly Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Joanne Johnson. 704-827-1770 or email patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com

March 8: Sandy Beach Shag Club St. Patrick's Day Dance. \$7. DJ Eddie Teeter. 828-438-8906 or rsmorley55@hotmail.com

March 15: St. Patrick's Day Party hosted by Rock Hill Shag Club. DJ Roger Holcomb. 803-366-2901 or shagdeb@comporium.net

March 20-22: Smoky Mountain Boogie in Pigeon Forge, TN. \$65. Day pass \$30. DJ's Ed Timberlake, Judy Collins, Ray Coker. 865-680-6686 or ckryder6686@comcast.net

April 18-27: SOS Spring Safari

July 11-13: ACSC Summer Workshop

July 17-20: Junior SOS

Sept 12-21: SOS Fall Migration.

Nov 7-9: The Fall Cyclone

2008 Membership Renewal Form

*Please Fill Out All Sections, And Answer All Questions!
Otherwise, Your Renewal Will NOT Be Processed.*

Name(s) _____

If your **address**, **phone #** or **email** has changed within the last 12 months, please list it here. **If not put “n/a” in the blank, below.**

Do you currently receive the monthly TSC newsletter? _____

Do you currently receive the weekly email message? _____

Do you currently receive the periodic phone messages? _____

(If you answered “no” to any of the previous three questions, please list the appropriate contact information we need, above.)

Do you currently participate in Tuesday night shag lessons? _____

If not, please tell us why. Is there anything that would make you more interested in helping with or taking shag lessons of any level?

Do you currently support your Club’s Friday shag nights? _____

If not, please describe why. _____

Put a check beside two or more committees (per member) that you pledge to work on and support during the coming year.

HIS	HERS	NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
		Submit articles and other items.
		Help with member “spotlight” articles.
		Help with birthday wishes & member ads.
		Help with labels, stamps, and mailing.

HIS	HERS	WEB SITE COMMITTEE
		Submit enhancement ideas, web links, or other items to be included on our site.
HIS	HERS	PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE
		Take photos and submit them in a timely manner for web and/or newsletter use.
HIS	HERS	PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
		Create and/or distribute flyers to promote TSC or club activities and parties.
HIS	HERS	DANCE LESSONS COMMITTEE
		I'll teach, set up the room, or help in some way.
HIS	HERS	MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
		Recruit new members, <i>and help with the new member application process.</i>
HIS	HERS	SOCIAL COMMITTEE
		You will be assigned events to help set up, host, and clean up after. You <i>may</i> list events you like to support (first come, first served).
HIS	HERS	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (LIST HERE)

Submitting a renewal form is a commitment to do everything you can to help TSC succeed and prosper in the coming year including working on your committees, at the Cyclone, etc. If you can't fulfill membership expectations, you may forfeit your TSC membership and become a newsletter subscriber.

Do you want to be a subscriber, instead? Yes _____ No _____

If you plan to go to the Spring or Fall SOS events, you have to be a SOS member. You will even get a \$10 discount if you renew (or join) through TSC. *You can write one check for both memberships.*

How many S.O.S. Memberships do you want at \$25 each? _____

How many TSC renewals do you want to get at \$20 each? _____

This Month's Birthdays

John Grice	02/01
Chuck Needham	02/02
Al Brandon	02/03
Michelle Halverson	02/03
Frankie Johnson	02/15
Arthur Killian	02/17
Al Waters	02/17

Beverly Munday	02/20
Celia Hunter	02/21
Jane Parsons	02/21
Charles Binder	02/23
Jim Dalton	02/26
Tim Davis	02/26
Sharon Abernethy	02/28

Next Month's Birthdays

Susan Dahl	03/03
Mike Turbeville	03/03
Doris Black	03/04
Richard Harrington	03/04
Doug Honeycutt	03/04
Dianne Harrington	03/08
Gene Hunter	03/08
Dean Fields	03/12
Bill Hackney	03/15

Margaret Hosford	03/15
Jim Hill	03/18
Mike Warren	03/19
Joyce Anderson	03/21
Linda Hightower	03/26
Joanne Sloop	03/26
Margaret Hutson	03/30
Pete Riley	03/30

A Personal Note

From Al and Diane Brandon

While we all like having fun, sometimes life is not always fun. We would like to ask the members of Twister's Shag Club to pray for our brother-in-law (Bud Jackson) who was recently diagnosed with cancer of the brain and lungs. His prognosis is from 3 weeks to 2 years depending on his response to chemo and radiation. Please pray for his peace and relief from suffering and also for his family.

Member Condolences

Thoughts and prayers go to Iris Binder who recently lost her sister.

If you know of any member who has been ill, has surgery, loses a relative, etc., please let us know. Contact Richard Harrington by phone (704-873-5776) or email (rharring@bellsouth.net). You can also respond to a weekly TSC email or call an officer.

**Happy Birthday Charlie! You're aging to perfection.
On Valentine's Day and always, you are my true love.
Always remember the Windjammer. Iris**

**Robin, what a great lover, friend and life partner to
spend this special day with. Thank you for being a part
of my life. Happy Valentine's Day. I'll love you always!
Bill**

**Frances, for almost 29 years you've been the love of my
life. Hopefully for another 30 or so to go! Happy
Valentine's Day. Love you! Walter**

**Beverly, I have loved every birthday that we have spent
together and hope to share the rest, forever and a day.
Happy birthday. All my love, Charles**

**Happy Birthday Frankie. You still look as good as the day
we got married. Thanks for the good times. Love, Dennis**

**Happy Valentine's Day Frankie! I still love you even if you
are not bringing home a paycheck any more. Love, Dennis**

Sentimental Gift

By Robin Nantz

Bill told me that the red box under my Christmas tree was going to make me cry. I imagined everything possible. But he really did surprise me on Christmas Eve when it finally came time to open the gifts. In that red box was the most thoughtful and romantic gift I have ever received! It was a certificate from the Chamber of Commerce of North Myrtle Beach stating that a granite paver had been bought with the following inscription: "Bill Blanton, Robin Nantz March 2005." That was the date Bill and I first met. The icing on the cake was that Bill had it placed in front of Ducks where we actually met! And he was right. It did make me cry.

Christmas In February

By Margaret Hutson

Forgive me for being so late giving details of the "Daycare Christmas". On December 14th, Bill and Mary Caudle a.k.a. "Santa and Mrs. Claus" arrived in their new modern Rudolf-like vehicle; a truck bearing a red nose on the front and a pair of antlers on the sides of the cab. Each child received a sack of wrapped presents. The presents included clothes individually picked for each child and, of course, toys.

As Santa visited, a stocking was given to each child. Each stocking contained a special key so Santa could get into each house safely on that special night, along with many treats. Another successful visit came to an end as the children sang Christmas songs for Santa and his helpers. A special thanks to go out to Mike and Gene for taking photos. Santa's elves Peggy, Kathy and of course myself helped make the day go off without a hitch. Finally, a special thank you to all of you that helped make this financially possible.

Welcome Home

By Beverly Munday

When you stepped into the room you felt it; the voice of one shouting "Welcome Home". It felt like home, it smelled like home, and all the relatives were there. It felt like wearing an old pair of jeans with your bedroom slippers on. It was soooo exciting, and yet like brand new. If you were there, you know exactly what I'm talkin' about. If you weren't, make sure you mark your calendar for next year with the notation "Don't miss this event!"

It was New Year's Eve at the American Legion in Cornelius!

The atmosphere was lively! The decorations were classy! The food was phenomenal! The shooters were fun! The music was Clyde Waller at his very best! The ladies were in the floor! Everyone was dancing, laughing, and having fun!

There was a shuttle bus to the hotel. (Thanks, I needed that.) I haven't had this much fun since my first SOS! Gosh it was good to be back home! Let's do it again real soon!

Twelve Midnight on New Year's Eve

Submitted by Pat Bouknight

It is such an overwhelming feeling at midnight on New Year's Eve. By that time, everyone is happy and ready to ring in the New Year. We have eaten until we were full, drank until there are lines to the bathroom, said hello to everyone at the party, and tried not to make a fool of ourselves.

The champagne is poured and we are ready for the count down. What's next? It's the stroke of midnight and that grand old song is played once a year. Everyone starts kissing and hugging each another. Pretty soon you are hugging everyone and telling everyone "I love you." I hugged people I did not know and loved them just as much. If I missed anyone, let me know for next year. I don't want to slight anyone.

The last tradition for some TSC members is for those ladies to "get down." For the new members, that means after all the hugs and kisses are passed out some of the ladies lie down on the floor and perform their chorus line kicks. It has no meaning except this is the only time we do this.

I have to give Kathy Thompson her credits. She got down with the ladies, but could not do the chorus line kick. She said, "I can't, I have a skirt on". Next year we hope to have more added to our Twisters chorus line at midnight.

Thank you to those that made this a great party for us to attend.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. We want to print an article from the rest of you next month. Whether it is a few sentences, a few paragraphs, or more... please send us something. Thank you!

Fun At The New Year's Celebration

By Margaret and Jim Hutson

We really enjoyed the intimate, cozy feeling of the party. Everyone looked as though they were having a great time. Kathy and the decorating committee did a great job. Kudos! The reserved tables for singles were a hit. Nancy's hors d'oeuvres were fantastic and the tablescape was gorgeous! Clyde Waller kept everybody on the dance floor by playing an eclectic array of songs. At the stroke of midnight, toasts of champagne were given, hugs and kisses were passed out and breakfast was served. Thanks to everybody that helped clean up after the festivities. You did an awesome job. The best part of all was that (as far as we know) everyone got home safe. Happy New Year!

New Year's Resolutions

By Pam Siege

Are you one of those people who makes New Year's resolutions? I never do. I am unorganized, messy, forgetful, out of shape, and most of all, not caring about any of this stuff... like making myself a better person.

I am what I am... me! Oh, I know I should be more concerned about life and what's going on, but I have hit a time in my life when I don't want to learn anything else or be bothered with too many facts. I have friends that do, like Pat Bouknight. She's a detail person. She remembers directions, where each parking space is and every bump in the road. I just sit back and let her take me somewhere. Why bother having two people in the car that know where they are going?

And don't forget Irby Bouknight. He entertains the world. He can take any table decoration and make it into a prop for his jokes.

If everything is getting too serious in his opinion, he suddenly becomes some other personality... like Arnold Schwarzenegger. Go ahead, make my day!

Then there is Beverly Munday. She wants world peace and thin thighs, and not necessarily in that order! She exercises, whitens her teeth and takes care of the homeless, all in one day! I don't think I need to compete with her. Let her save the whales!

Charles Munday... we aren't even going there! Mr. Fix-it. He's in charge of fixing everything that's broken in the universe!

Geoff Siege, Sparky, like in Christmas Vacation! I marvel at the things he does and how funny he is, not trying to be. Actually he is my hero. He had a difficult life growing up and has become a self made man! Geoff always vows to eat right and loose weight and exercise more each New Year. I'll let him go to the YMCA and become Mr. Universe! (That makes me Mrs. Universe!)

Here are the top New Years' Resolutions in the U.S. and how the above people fit into them:

Lose Weight – Beverly & Geoff

Pay Off Debt – Geoff, Charles & Pat

Save Money – Geoff & Charles & Pat

Get a Better Job – We are all to old for this one.

Get Fit – Beverly & Geoff

Eat Right – Beverly and Geoff

Get a Better Education – Are you kidding?

Quit Smoking Now – I may start if it will make me more relaxed!

Reduce Stress Overall – Pam & Irby

Reduce Stress at Work – Irby is retiring and I am shutting my office door.

Take a Trip – All of us.

Volunteer to Help Others – Beverly

Drink Less Alcohol – HAHAAHAHAHAHAHA!

So you see it takes all of us to make an interesting world!

If you make New Year's Resolutions, remember to keep them to yourself when I am around, because I don't really care! I will be ok if I can just remember why I am at the YMCA and where I put my car keys!

New Years Eve Party

By David Kelly

TSC held its annual New Year's Eve Party at the American Legion Post in Cornelius on, of all days, New Years Eve! It was a total blast. I can't think of a better way to close out 2007 and welcome in 2008. Well, I can think of a better way, but I won't go there.

Clyde Waller was the DJ and, as always, he played some awesome tunes! He kept the music going and the floor hot. I even got to see Clyde with a glass of wine in his hand. When I said something to him about it, he told me he was just holding it for someone else.

It was the first time I helped in setup and teardown at the New Years Eve Party. It was a lot of work but with all the wonderful folks who showed up to help, it was very easy.

It was requested that there be two singles table set up for those of the fortunate or un-fortunate, depending on which side of the fence you are on, and it was a big hit! In fact, Clyde called all of the singles out on the floor and we all had a great time.

I didn't see anyone turn into a pumpkin at the stroke of midnight so I have to let you know that Cinderella didn't show up. But all of those who attended had a great time.

The New Year's Eve Party

By Ann Todd

Many, many thanks to Twister's Shag Club. I thoroughly enjoyed being at your New Year's Eve dance. The music, food, decorations and the dancing were all excellent. The club was very fortunate to have such a great dancing facility for such an occasion.

Being a newcomer to the area, I am very appreciative that James Thorndyke invited me to your gala. James taught me how to "shag". Thanks James! I would also like to extend a "Thank You" to all the members I met who made me feel so welcomed.

Mid-Winter 2008

By David Kelly

I have attended Spring and Fall SOS in the past and had a wonderful time at both events. But I had never been to Mid-Winter before and decided it was time I give it a try.

I didn't make it down to OD until Friday afternoon, but still had all I could handle during my two days here. Maybe it was because it was colder. Saturday it rained all day and with temperatures in the 40's it felt a little raw out, at least to me. But it didn't stop the shaggers from coming out in droves.

All the lounges were doing a thriving business and were packed.

Friday afternoon and evening I spent time in all the clubs and ended up at OD Beach Club, where our own Mike Rink was the DJ. I believe all the Twister's members who were at the beach were there supporting him. It was great.

I have to pass along this information. It seems someone pulled a muscle trying to keep up with Kathy on a line dance (or at least that is what was reported to me). Is that right Charles Munday?

On Saturday I was able to attend two workshops put on by Sam and Lisa West. I think a lot of other folks had the same idea because the workshop was packed. We all had a great time and maybe I will remember some of those steps the next time I am on the floor.

Twister's Shag Club's Tea Party was held at the OD Beach Club on Saturday afternoon. There were quite a few members that made the trip down to Mid-Winter and they were all in attendance. The DJ was Wilkie Whaley and he called all of the TSC members out to show their stuff to "Hey Let's Party". Of course the floor didn't look the same without Charles.

So, as I look back over Mid-Winter I have to agree. It is the most fun you can have with your clothes on.

Mid-Winter

By Khris and Teresa Sloop

Teresa and I were excited about going to our first Mid-Winter event. We arrived on a cold, wet Thursday afternoon at N. Myrtle Beach, got settled into our room, and waited for the evening to arrive. Grabbed a cab around 9pm and headed for Duck's.

We knew it would be crowded, but holy crap! We decided to pick a place to stand and watch other folks go at it. I must say there were some interesting dance styles on the floor that night (either that or there might have been some drinking involved)! We even met some other folks from Mooresville that did not live too far from us. We had only been through the Beginner 1 shag classes, but we decided to give it a go. We did, and we got run over! Must have been all those "dance styles/drinking" I referred to earlier.

Anyway, we got out of the way and felt we needed to find a quieter place for the rest of the evening, so we went back to the room and had our own little party (wink, wink, nod, nod).

The rest of the weekend was the best! Friday we met up at the OD Beach Club with some of the other TSC folks and were introduced to a number of members and friends of TSC that we had not met before. We danced until well after midnight. Friday also happened to be six years to the day since I met Teresa, so that made it more of a special day for us.

Saturday, of course, was the "Tea Party". Teresa and I offered to help with the initial sign-in. She got folks to sign the clipboard and I was the one responsible for putting their names on the cups. This was helpful in putting names with faces for us. We hope we can remember them all.

As we got on into the evening, everyone found out it was Peggy Cavin's birthday. A cake with a candle in the shape of a "?" was presented to her on the dance floor. Then the customary birthday dances began. We hated to end the evening, knowing that we would have to leave for home on Sunday and get back to the real world on Monday.

During one of the Beginner Shag Classes, Chuck made a statement that shag is an addiction. I agree! Even though Teresa and I are fairly new members, it is obvious that TSC is one big family and we look forward to becoming a contributing part of this family and dancing the nights away with all.

Mid-Winter

By Bill Blanton

TSC Members, if you missed Mid-Winter, you missed one of the best and one of the worst in my many years attending this great weekend. The rain came down in buckets and the wind blew hard all day Saturday. But of course that did not stop "The Fun Bunch" from having a great Tea Party Saturday afternoon and well into the night. I want to thank all those who helped out with the tea party!

Robin and I (like many of our members) stayed at the O.D. Resort and that made things a little easier on us. The lounges were all packed and our club was well represented everywhere we went. What a great shag club to be a member of.

Twister's Shag Club Does It Again!

By Iris Binder

Beginner lessons are up and running for two weeks already! As usual, we've got a full house. Judging by all the smiles, those cheerful beginners are ready to follow Chuck and Sandra's lead and become members of the Fun Bunch.

Frankie and Dennis are doing it again, Level 2 Beginners that is. They make the pivot look easy and fun. Lots of Beginner 1 folks are hanging around to watch the next set of lessons. It's a great idea to see where it goes from here.

It's nice to see so many of the Old China Hands helping out with lessons. There's a partner for everyone who wants to dance.

The Fun Bunch is also the friendly bunch!

Mid-Winter at North Myrtle Beach

By Janice Musgrove

Hi everyone. Yes, it was cold and raining at the beach during Mid-Winter. But nonetheless, we all had a great time. The clubs were full with bands playing several times at Fat Harrold's. We were able to see The Coastline Band, Craig Woolard Band, Sea Cruse, and the Holiday Band. All of them played new music so we will continue to have new things to dance to and enjoy.

Our Tea Party at OD was fun as always with many members dancing and having a great time. We even got to celebrate Peggy's birthday! Danny and I also enjoyed Sunday morning gospel hour at Pirate's Cove with Ken Culpepper. Walter Upchurch did a great job in the DJ booth. (I need to thank him for always giving extra information about the songs and singers!) There were lots of people enjoying the music and the shrimp and grits.

It was good to see so many of you down at the beach, and it was fun getting to know our new members. We did miss those of you that were not able to be there. See you soon.



Age Differences

Submitted By Bill Blanton

Three old guys in a coffee shop. One is 60, one is 70, and the third one is 80 years old.

"Sixty is the worst age to be," said the 60 year old man. "You always have to pee, but most of the time you stand there forever and nothing comes out."

The 70 year old man said, "Ah, that's nothing. When you are seventy years old you don't have a bowel movement anymore. You take laxatives, eat bran, drink prune juice, and sit on the toilet all day, but nothing comes out".

The 80 year old man said, "Actually eighty is the worst age of all."

The 60 year old man asked, "Do you have trouble peeing too?"

"No", said the 80 year old, "I pee every morning at 6:00. I pee like a racehorse on a flat rock. No problem at all".

"So", asked the 70 year old man, "do you have a problem with your bowel movement"?

"No", the eldest man went on, "I have one every morning at 6:30".

Exasperated, the 60 year old man said, "You pee every morning at 6:00 and have a bowel movement every morning at 6:30. So, what's so bad about being 80 years old"?

The eldest man replied, "I don't wake up until 7:00".

Don't forget to tear out the center page of this newsletter. Then fill it out and turn it in so your membership won't lapse. All TSC memberships expire before the March shag club meeting. We want every member back for a great 2008!