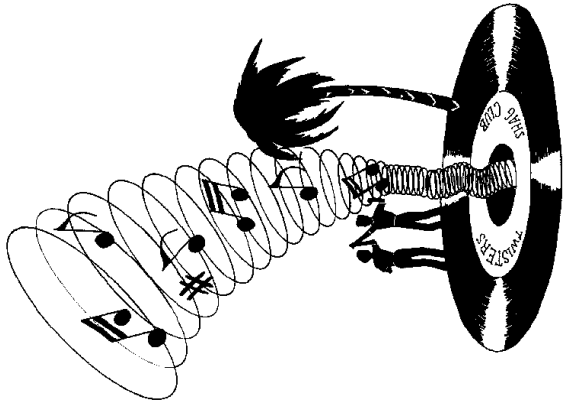


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Our shag club is known as the "Fun Bunch", and it our goal to have fun, first and foremost. We try to include shag news, and party flyers from other clubs in this newsletter. All info must be received by the 15th of the preceding month to be included.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

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Next TSC Meeting: Tuesday April 3rd

The President's Message

Hi Fun Bunch,

Twister's has started a new year with new officers and I truly believe the transition will be smooth due to Roger, Jeff, Dianne and Kay leaving our board with a well organized plan to follow. Our special thanks to Roger, Jeff, Dianne and Kay for doing such a super job in 2006.

Our first meeting of March started off with a bang. Before I tell you about our meeting, I am going to let you in on a little secret. When I was President years ago, before every meeting I would always worry that only a few members would show up for the meeting. But, I should have known we always have a great turnout. When I walked into last month's meeting and saw so many members it made me smile and feel good that there was so much support for our club. We had 74 members and a few guests! What a way to start off the New Year. I just want you to know your support is greatly appreciated by all the Board and other members.

Speaking of support, we had a lot of fun at the bowling alley. Well at least most of us did. My partner was my five-year-old grandson Mason. He has the energy of five more children. Everyone was so kind to him and cheered him on when he would knock the pins down. He also gave big cheers to others and told a few members how to bowl. Why or how he decided to tell others how to bowl, I can't imagine. Thanks to Brian for his patience and Rick for giving and taking advice from Mason.

Vickie and Frances were great cheerleaders, too, and contributed to the good times. I didn't realize Maggie was such a natural with children. Maggie helped a lot keeping Mason occupied. Thanks to all for your patience. Needless to say, Mason and I only stayed for one game. But it was like we had played many more.

On March 23rd we hosted a fantastic fundraiser for WSGE, 91.7 FM. The "half and half" raffle was \$809. One of our newest members, Teresa Flowers, won the \$405 and immediately donated it to WSGE. What a kind gesture. Thanks, Teresa.

The Havana Club was really excited and pleased with the turnout we had, too. We had about 175-180 people at the party.

Fundraisers are so important for any type of need. It is much easier for many to give a little when there is a good cause. This was a great event and we had a lot of support from a lot of people. Overall, we raised \$1800 for 91.7 FM. We understand that is how much they needed to have their broadcasting tower repaired. So, their signal should be good again in the very near future. Great!

Our SOS Kickoff party will be held on April 13th at the Havana Social Club. Details are in this newsletter. Twister's members will make sure all our friends get warmed up and ready to go to SOS.

Why not wear your beach clothes to help us all get ready for long days of shagging and preparing ourselves to be able to enjoy our favorite drinks; ice tea, milk or orange juice. Ok! They may not be your favorite drinks, but I do know they are some of your favorite mixers. We should have all been doctors with the way we put so much importance in preparing ourselves for major changes our bodies will experience.

Speaking of SOS, Spring is here and what better way to start it off than shagging at the beach. SOS! If you are planning on being at SOS, please check this newsletter for details about the events we have during the week. Three parties planned, a golf outing, and participation in the parade. You don't want to miss anything. Who knows, by word of mouth there may be other parties to attend. Keep your eyes and ears opened.

For all our new members that haven't gone to a SOS or a Mid-Winter event, but are planning to go for the first time this Spring, please ask someone if you have any questions about SOS. Twister's Shag Club doesn't want you to miss out on anything.

You can also go back and read articles from Rees Brody, Peggy Cavin, Maggie Hosford, Charlie Binder or Gil Algiers in the February newsletter so you'll be ready to rock and roll. That many people writing about one event proves beach parties are great.

For those of you that won't be able to make it to SOS be sure and check our website www.goshagging.com every day. Mike Rink keeps it informative and updated on a daily bases. Trust me, if you read his "SOS Diary" you will feel like you are there... and wish you were.

We had three great shag workshops last month with guest instructors, and we'll start a new set of Beginner I and Beginner II lessons on Tuesday, April 10. Spread the word. Dance lessons continue to draw very large crowds. Thanks to everyone who comes out and gives so much of their time. If you signed up to help with lessons, please plan to be there on the 10th.

I'm closing for now, Fun Bunch. We've got a workshop with Ellen Taylor, and a wine tasting this weekend. I know we'll all have fun and recaps of those events should be in the next newsletter. Let's all get together on our meeting night, April 3, and then come out on Friday nights at the Havana Club. We need your support to keep it a "happening place".

Keep dancing!

Kathy

Wine Tasting

By Robin Nantz

Do you remember that old famous saying by Paul Masson, "We'll drink no wine before it's time"? Well, it's time!

Please come to our fun day planned on March 31st. The day will begin with Ellen Taylor's dance lessons, and then food and wine. We will be tasting several different wines from a local winery; Childress Wines. They have excellent wines. NASCAR racing legend Richard Childress is the owner of this winery. We will have a great selection of those wines to taste, whether you are into sweeter wines or the more traditional dry wines.

Come out and support a North Carolina Winery. I think you will really enjoy the tasting. Especially after you are on the 6th wine!

April Shag Club Meeting

The April meeting will be at Fat Boys on Tuesday, April 3rd. Music will start around 7pm. The meeting will be at 8pm, and we'll have more music and dancing afterwards.

Remember, Fat Boys offers us a very special price on their buffet. There aren't many places where you can go eat all you want for \$5.99. So take advantage of this offer.

Just by enjoying some good food, you are helping support a facility that *supports us* by giving us a great place to have shag lessons.

Finally, Dianne Harrington was the lucky winner of last month's TSC Treasure Chest Drawing. She won \$74 just for being at the meeting. You can be the winner this month if your name is drawn.

Membership Information

Jim Dalton, Sharon Dalton, Cliff Hammond, Mary Anne Hammond, Buzz Holshouser, Jackie Holshouser, and Al Waters have submitted applications to join TSC. Each will need to be at our April meeting to be voted on. Come out and meet these folks!

Havana's Upcoming DJ Schedule

March 30: Ed Timberlake (Dance showcase until 9:30pm)

March 31: Clyde Waller

April 6: Joanne Johnson

April 13: SOS Kickoff Party - DJ Farrell Watts

April 20: Roger Holcomb

April 27: NO SHAG DJ DUE TO SOS

Are you getting a weekly email message, and at least one phone message from TSC each month? If not, please let Mike Rink or Walter Smith know immediately. Thanks!

March Madness

By Frankie Johnson

No, I'm not talking about the basketball madness of March. This is about the *shag* madness of March; parties, parties, and parties!

Each year, on the first weekend of March, the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ's hosts a three day party at Duck's in Ocean Drive. This is one of the annual parties Dennis and I try to attend. Bands play on Thursday night, but we don't usually arrive until Friday afternoon. During this party, DJ's play in pairs for a couple of hours. Then two new DJ's play for a couple of hours.

This year was the 16th Annual DJ Throwdown. After hauling in all the clothes to our condo, we went to hear Eddie Teeter play in Ducks II. Eddie did his usual great job! The music was good all weekend and we met up with several friends we had not seen in a while. Good music, good friends, a scotch and soda (mine) or Sea Breeze (Dennis), plenty of people to dance with... what more do you need? If you have never been to this party, I would recommend you add it to your list. To learn more about the DJ Association, log on to www.abscdj.com.

Another event we always try to make is the Augusta Classic sponsored by the CSRA Shag Club. We have been attending this party for about seven years. It is held in the Julian Smith Casino. No, they don't gamble. The casino is a large building on a small lake, large windows overlooking the lake and a wooden floor. The party is always around St. Patrick's Day. We have made many friends in the CSRA Shag Club and we always have a good time at this party.

If you don't know by now, the Shag is not only a dance. It is a culture! And part of the culture is meeting great people.

The National Shag Dance Competition is always at Myrtle Beach in March. This year the N.S.D.C. celebrated it's 24th year. Dancers compete in several divisions. To learn more about N.S.D.C. log on to www.shagnationals.com.

Some of the 2007 winners may be familiar to you. If you attended the TSC second "guest shag class" last December, you probably remember Holly and Jason Cagle. Well, they won first place in their division. Several other winners have conducted workshops at our Fall Cyclone. Congratulations to *all* of the 2007 winners.

As I write this it is only mid-March. Twister's Shag Club has two big events yet to come. It is a busy month!

Get Your 2007 SOS Cards

The 2007 SOS cards are still available. TSC members (only) can get one from our Club for only \$25. (They will cost \$35 at the beach, or through SOS.) You can also buy one for your non-TSC member friends for \$30. Ask us if you need more information about SOS, the SOS membership card or other benefits of getting yours through our shag club. If you are going to SOS this month, you will have to have a card. Get yours from us before you go!

This Month's Birthdays

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|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Marcia Felts | 04/08 | Rees Brody | 04/18 |
| Bob Rea | 04/09 | Allen Brown | 04/19 |
| Sue Davidson | 04/10 | Deborah Weise | 04/19 |
| Sabra Heagle | 04/10 | Rick Thompson | 04/26 |
| Ross Eason | 04/11 | Peggy Fournier | 04/30 |
| Sharon McGraw | 04/17 | | |

Next Month's Birthdays

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|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Sandra Williams | 05/01 | Charles Munday | 05/20 |
| Sherry Eason | 05/04 | Roger Lemmond | 05/21 |
| Robin Tadlock | 05/04 | Frances Smith | 05/21 |
| Kathy Cavin | 05/05 | Bill Blanton | 05/27 |
| Cindy Rea | 05/06 | Sharon Abernethy | 05/28 |
| Betsy Chapman | 05/14 | Mary Anne Hammond | 05/31 |
| Jeff Firestone | 05/15 | Jim Horton | 05/31 |
| Ellen Kidida | 05/16 | | |

Activities At SOS Hosted By TSC

We've got a lot going on at SOS, and here is an overview. We'll talk more about these things at our meeting. Be sure to ask if you have additional questions. We want all our members to participate.

Everything we are doing starts at 11am or 5pm.

First Saturday at 5pm, Back Deck of Fat Harolds: Our first Tea Party of the week. Free food for our participants. This event is free for members, and only \$10 for guests. Be there for the fun!

Wednesday at 5pm, Ducks Too: Shooter, wine and beer party. Again, this event is free for members, and only \$10 for guests. TSC's Mike Rink and Eddie Teeter will be in the DJ booth, too.

Thursday at 11am, Cypress Bay in Little River. Captain's Choice golf outing for men, women, members and guests. \$29. If you already know you plan to play, please let Jim Hutson know so he can reserve enough tee times. He can be reached at 828-461-0199 or 704-902-8435. If you find out later you can come, join us!

Second Saturday, 11am near the Eddie Miles Theatre and Kroger on Main Street, up near Hwy 17. Join all your TSC friends for the big SOS Parade. We've got a great entry, and we've invited some friends to join us. We'll have sandwiches for your lunch, and plenty of soft drinks, too. Don't miss the fun.

Second Saturday, 5pm at the O.D. Beach Club. Our second Tea Party of the week. Lots of great, free food included. This event is free for members, and only \$10 for guests. Be there for the fun!

See www.goshagging.com for a list of DJ's playing at the lounges that provide info that we can gather in advance.

Please try to wear a TSC or Fall Cyclone shirt, hat, button or other item to show you are part of "The Fun Bunch" and thank the staff at these locations for supporting our club. They do a lot for us when we visit them and host our parties at their locations.

Twister's Shag Club Invites You To A **SOS Kickoff Party**

**Friday, April 13th from 8pm-1am
At The Havana Social Club In Cornelius**

DJ: Farrell Watts

Only \$5 per person.

**Snacks and hors d'oeuvres and
other food will be provided.**

**Whether or not you are going to SOS,
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National Shag Dance Championship

By Shag Fans Sharon and Edward Carter

Since 1984, people have been competing to be the “best of the best” at shag dancing, so they partake in this competition held at Myrtle Beach. With our joy and fascination of the dance, we joined the hundreds of spectators that flocked from all over the East Coast to experience “The Nationals”. The participants earned their spot in the Nationals by winning or placing in “the preliminaries” earlier in the year, also held at the same location.

We arrived at the beach with great excitement to see what the event is all about. We had met several couples who we knew would be participating. Astonishing dancers who ranged from age 5 to 78 participated in the competition. There were several divisions that competed from Junior I, Junior II, to Non-Professional, Professional, Seniors and Masters. There were scholarship awards and prizes to be won. What an honor it was to see the generations of people who have embraced this dance style that is fun-filled and has spanned throughout decades.

So we settled in to our spot, which was hard to get. You had to get there early if you wanted a really good spot! We prepared to be entertained. And I must say “entertained” is an understatement for what we got to see and experience. The highlights of the competition included a kindergarten pair who wooed us with their skills and smiles. Little man’s (or so we called him) belly roll was just too darn cute! It literally made me cry with joy to see them perform. How precious they looked! Our next enjoyment was the Junior II division. Our favorite couple was Brennar and Autumn who won “Junior Over-all” and the title in their division. WOW, is all we had to say as they did everything perfectly, very fast with finesse and style. Their lean, pivots and duck walk were impeccable. Brennar said he’d been dancing since he was eight, and now he’s in high school. He’ll definitely make Pro one day.

The Master’s division was wonderful as well. As Hall of Fame recipients and some at 78 years old, the couples exemplified grace and style that was unmatched.

A dear gentleman told us it wasn’t a good idea to have knee surgery four weeks prior to the competition. We told him we wished we could dance that well with our good knees!

The music was tremendous as well. We enjoyed tracks that are timepieces of life and fun from the “good ole days.”

Another major highlight was seeing Sam West and Jessica McAlhany perform. They won “Best Over-all” and the Pro division title. We spoke with Sam afterwards.

I told him it’s like he’s dancing on air. Edward told Sam that he had dubbed him the Dale Earnhart and Richard Petty of Shag dancing. He’s an intimidator and he’s the king of shag dancing. Sam loved it and gave him a big high five.

So, now we’re back to basics and will keep enjoying a dance and culture we’ve learned to love. Best wishes to all the dancers, and God’s Blessings as you prepare for other competitions.

Great Dance Lessons

Jennifer Finney

Starting in January, every Tuesday night my husband and I retook Beginner II dance lessons. Frankie and Dennis Johnson were the teachers and they were great!

We focused on the pivot turn, the belly roll, the boogie walk, and several mirror steps. Because of the difficulty with most of these moves, we had to take this class twice. I think we finally have most of the dance steps down pat. Frankie and Dennis are so good about going step by step and explaining each move. They let the students concentrate on whatever was the hardest for them at the last lesson, along with teaching one more hard mirror step.

John and I practiced some of what we have learned in our basement the other night and are starting to feel like real shaggers. We are loving it. We can't wait to go to the Havana Social Club again and to SOS for the first time to dance!

A Dedicated Shagger

By Peggy Cavin

I attended the Roanoke Valley Shag Club's monthly meeting and party on St. Patrick's Day. I had been to Roanoke several times, and as usual, I had a great time.

As I traveled north, the temperature dropped from around 50 degrees to 35 degrees. Near Roanoke, there were some snow flurries, too. It was bitter cold, or so I thought, since temperatures had reached 80 degrees at home earlier in the week. The last time I was in Roanoke they had gotten a few inches of ice and snow, so I figured I was in for it. But, the snow quit as the sun went down.

Despite the flurries and very cold temperatures, there was a good group of shaggers that came out that evening. The food consisted of an array of green dishes (green cookies, dips, chips etc.) that the members provided. Thanks to the Presidents' wife, there were green shooters, too.

During the party, a couple of members came around selling half and half tickets. That's how I met Shirley. She said she had been with the club since 1989 but had never sold raffle tickets. I could tell as she stood in front of me struggling to tear apart 40 tickets to place in her bag. I could also tell she was getting frustrated.

I told her that there was a knack to tearing tickets. Just ask Kathy Cavin, Glenda James and Vickie Allen who do such a great job with our own raffle at the Cyclone. After I showed Shirley how to bend the tickets before you begin tearing, I volunteered to go around with her and help tear tickets while she sold them. That was fun because I got to meet more of their club's members.

The most interesting part of the night was when I was dancing with a newer member of their club and got into an interesting conversation with him about the Cyclone. He mentioned that one of his best friends had talked him into attending the Cyclone by telling him it was "better than SOS, not as crowded, and included all the food and beverages you can handle all weekend."

He said that his friend had been coming for five years, and that he kept telling him that the Cyclone was one party he would not miss, no matter what happened. So, last year, he agreed to come.

He continued telling me the story of how his friends' Dad had actually passed away on Cyclone weekend and that relatives called him to get him to come home. This friends' comment to his family was, "Put dad on ice, I'll be home Sunday. I'm not leaving the Cyclone!" Well, I thought he was kidding. But he assured me it was the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth! That is what I call a "dedicated" shagger.

Roanoke Valley Shag Club always has a great time no matter if they have 50, 75 or 100 in attendance and this event was no exception. They party hard, and they are truly a dancing group of people. The dance floor at the Thunderbird Club was always full, up until we closed it down at the end of the night.

Thanks, Roanoke Valley Shag Club. I had a great time!

What is the most important "second opinion"?
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We do first opinions as well!

What's Happening In The Shag World

GoShagging.com Has More Items And Details!

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

April 3: TSC Monthly meeting and dance at Fat Boys.

April 5-8: Smoky Mountain Boogie in Pigeon Forge. \$65. DJ's Larry Calhoun, Rich Kopels, Ed Timberlake, Chris Aiken. 865-291-7941, metaltiger@comcast.net, smokymountainshaggers.com

April 12: Spring Pre-SOS Party hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. 704-510-1743 or patti.miller@cms.k12.nc.us for info.

April 13: SOS Kickoff Party at the Havana Social Club. \$5. DJ Farrell Watts. Lots of free food. All your friends will be there.

April 14: Annual "I'd Rather Shag than Pay Taxes" Dance hosted by Danville Shag Club. \$10. DJ Mike Rink. Always a successful event. BYOB, but Set-up's and heavy hors' doeuvres provided. 434-548-4095 or jerrick@dancom.com for more info.

April 14: Spring Fever Stomp by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Roy Childress. 336-921-4205 or roosta_nc@charter.net.

April 14: Pre SOS Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Ed Timberlake. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com for info.

April 21-29: SOS Spring Safari at North Myrtle Beach.

May 4, 5: Legends of R&B at Loafers. \$25. Jimmy McCracklin, the Dynaflores, etc. 919-872-5335 or loafers@bellsouth.net

May 18-20: Mountain Boogiewalk hosted by Beckley Area Shag Club. \$45. DJ's Ed Timberlake & John Smith. Call 888-259-8545 for rooms. Info: shagbasc@earthlink.net or Karen at 800-294-0855

May 19: TSC Golf Outing And Cookout. Details next month.

May 19: Area Shag Club Appreciation Party in Gastonia. \$6. DJ Frank Price. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com for info.

May 25-27: Benefit in Southern Pines hosted by MASS. \$30. DJs Robbie Farrell, Rickey Price, John Hook. Rick Godfrey Band. Fabulous Kays. 919-692-9889 or garyshome@earthlink.net

May 31, June 1-3: Southern Comfort X in Columbia, SC. Hosted by Palmetto Shag Club. More information to be announced.

June 2: Charity Golf Tournament hosted by Charlotte Shag Club. \$70 Golf and Food, \$10 food only. All profits will go to Victory Junction. 980-343-5796 or patti.miller@cms.k23.nc.us for info.

June 3: Beach Music Festival hosted by Richmond Shag Club. \$20-\$35. Band Of Oz, Ron Moody And The Centaurs, The Craig Woolard Band, and the Mighty Tams. EagleZEyeS@netscape.net www.RichmondBeachMusicFestival.com, 804-285-2828 ext. 3500

June 8-10: Sand Gnat Shag-A-Ganza in Jekyll Island by Golden Isles Club. \$50-\$60. Paul Spalding, Jim Bowers, Murl Augustine & Betty Brown. 912-267-9077 orshagdancers@bellsouth.net.

June 9: New Beginnings Party in hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Eddie Teeter. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

June 9: Burlington Shag Club's Meet the Area Clubs party. \$5. DJs Jim Wayne and Ron Russ. 919-563-9269 or jswest@mebtel.net

June 9: Monthly party hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$5. DJ Terry Helms. 336-921-4205 or roosta_nc@charter.net for info.

June 22 - 24: Shaggin' On the Boulevard hosted by Charleston Area Shag Society of WV. \$45-\$55. DJs Larry Edwards, Eddie Teeter and Sam West. 304-722-5719 or wwshaginfo@aol.com.

June 23: Turntable Treasures Vinyl Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club at the Havana Social Club in Cornelius, NC. More details to be announced on www.goshagging.com.

June 30: Oldies Party hosted by Winston Salem Shag Club.

July 18-22: Junior SOS at North Myrtle Beach, SC. For more details, see www.juniorshaggers.com

Sept 7: Pre-SOS Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club.

September 14-23: SOS Fall Migration in North Myrtle Beach.

Nov 2-4: Fall Cyclone hosted by Twister's Shag Club. Details will be announced in late June on www.goshagging.com

Happy 40th Anniversary Frankie!
Love, Dennis

Thank You Dianne Harrington
for mailing birthday cards to members each month!

I have reserved a 3 bedroom deluxe cottage at Fairfield Resorts (walking distance to everything) for the Spring SOS, and a Presidential for the Fall SOS. If you are interested in one, call me at 704-572-4733. Celia Hunter

Happy Anniversary Dennis!
You're my first, my last, my everything.
Love always, Frankie

Lexington Shaggers Party

By Tim Davis

The Lexington Shaggers were formed in September 2006 with twelve members. Now they have sixty.

Their party is held once a month, on the second Saturday, at the town's golf course (country club) held in a separate building called the City Club. This building is exceptional.

A cash bar is available. The shag club brings food items for all.

This month's party was definitely a good one. Clyde Waller played all vinyl; no duds in his choices. Susan and her groupies were present, and in full action. Joanne even won a big prize.

The mileage from Cornelius is 54, and from Mooresville is 42. Next month's DJ is Gary Bass. Check them out and have some fun.

More Day Care Support

By Margaret Hutson

The leprechauns (a.k.a. Margaret and Kathy) were at it again. Shamrock cookies were delivered on the 15th of March to make sure the kids all got their goodies on time. Remember these kids love to be remembered on holidays. We'll be going back again!

The Big Bowling Party

By Peggy Cavin

Bowling is not my sport, but it is always fun when you are doing it with other members of our club. We did have members who strolled in with their own shoes and bowling ball looking like pros, but don't let them intimidate you. It was all for fun. It was not really a serious competition. It was more about enjoying fellowship with your club members away from the dance floor.

There were some great shots, and some not as good. There were also some funny moments. We almost lost Roger Lemmond and Kathy Cavin at different points when each tried to "hang on to the ball" when they threw it down the alley.

I will truthfully say that I know nothing about the rules, nor the "ins and outs" of bowling. I have enough trouble remembering to take five steps, swing the ball, and let go when you get to the lane! I do believe the one, and two, three and four, five, six of shagging is easier to keep straight in my head! But, I still had a lot of fun.

I hope more of you join us next time. As we have said before, it does not matter if you are a great bowler, golfer or whatever. Just come out and have some fun with your friends! These activities are like dancing; no one is looking at the worst, they are just watching the best. Plus, there is always another member to cheer you on.

And even if you don't actually participate in the planned activity, I promise you will have as much fun as those who do. At least you can come socialize with the group. I'll see you at the next event.

The Pastor's Cat

Submitted By David Kelly

Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. but the kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air, out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. But nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Never underestimate the Power of God and His sense of humor!

Queenie's Medical Moments

By Pam Siege

While I was looking for something to write about. I was shocked to find out how many things we are to be aware of each month... and April is no exception! I thought I might list a few. You can "google" them if you wish! I'm still laughing at some of them. I'm actually thinking of having a "Red, Curly Haired Person Awareness" Month! I might as well... everything else is being recognized!

April Monthly Observances

- Alcohol Awareness Month – Open house at the ABC stores?
- Cancer Control Month – If it's controlled, why do we still get it?
- Couple Appreciation Month – Couple of what?
- Emotional Overeating Awareness Month – This is too stressful, I need a candy bar!
- Fresh Florida Tomatoes Month – Don't eat any tomatoes from California...
- Holy Humor Month – Is this about Batman and Robin?
- Informed Women Month – So, we can't keep up with the news any other month?
- International Daffynitions Month – What? Geoff did you start this?
- Keep America Beautiful Month – God help us the rest of the year.
- National Car Care Month – Have they been to a mobile home park on Sundays?
- National Decorating Month – Talking my language! Shopping!
- National Kite Month – So, do we get a day off for this?
- National Knuckles Down Month – Uh... what?
- National Prepare Your Home To Be Sold Month - But we love our home! Do we have to sell it?
- National Poetry Month – Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm confused! How about you?
- Soy Foods Month – Yuck!
- Straw Hat Month – Can't wait. I have several.
- Southern Belles Month – Sluts: southern ladies under tremendous stress! Right Beverly?
- Workplace Conflict Awareness Month – April is different how?

April *Weekly* Observances

Consider Christianity Day: April 2-8 – Duh?
Hate Week: April 4-10 – For those still considering the first one.
Alcohol-Free Week: April 6-8 – OK, that does not include Friday night at the Havana Social Club.
Egg Salad Week: April 9-15 – Really reaching for a reason to celebrate, aren't we?
Cowboy Poetry Week: April 15-21 – Roses are red, Violets don't shoot. But I will if you step on my cowboy boots!
National Volunteer Week: April 15-21 – Not on your life.
Young People's Poetry Week: April 16-22 – Roses are red, violets are next, all young people want to have... never mind!
International Whistler's Week: April 18-22 – wish you had sound on here!
National Dance Week: April 20-29 – Same dates as Spring SOS.
National Wildlife Week: 21-29 – I thought that *was* Spring SOS?
National Spoken Word Week: April 22-28 – The word this week is "crazy"! I think that's the name of a song too.
National Karaoke Week: April 22-28 – Ask me about my experiences with this.
Fish Fry Week: April 23-28 – Back to West Charlotte!
National TV Turn-Off Week: April 23-29 – Over my dead body!
National Scoop The Poop Week: April 24-30 – I work... therefore I do this every day! I *know* Charles does.

April *Daily* Observances

April Fools – April 1 – know a lot of people that can celebrate this.
Us Air Force Day – April 1 - Go Ben (my son)!
National Fun Day – April 1 – Irby thinks this is every day!
Anti-Circumcision Day – April 1 – O.K. who put this in here?
National Workplace Napping Day – April 3 – What? Just this day?
Pony Express Day – April 3 – Hahahahahahaha
Tweed Day – April 3 – This isn't funny. Who's been in my closet?
National Fun At Work Day: April 5 – Like I said, just this day?
Drowsy Driver Awareness Day: April 6 – What? Oh, excuse me, I must have dozed off.

New York State Missing Person Day: April 6 – Isn't anyone looking in other states? Is this a scavenger hunt?
Teflon Day: April 6 – What about Tupperware?
World Marbles Day: April 6 – Many of us have lost a few, so I guess this is like in New York and you can find them this day.
National Birding Day: April 7 – Is That When You Are Driving And Get Mad?
No Housework Day: April 7 – That's every day at my house!
World Health Day: April 7 – Party the other 364 days
Jenkins Ear Day: April 9 – Who? Do we need to look for him? Is he in Twisters? What's wrong with his ear? Hey... *listen* up!
National Sibling Day: April 10 – Maybe they can go to New York.
Licorice Day: April 12 – What about M&M's and other goodies?
Mule Day: April 12 – I really can't comment on this! I had to consider Christianity day!
Walk On Your Wild Side Day: April 12 – That would be in the horseshoe at Ocean Drive.
Blame Someone Else Day: April 13 – It's Pat Bouknight's fault
Hug An Australian Day: April 26 – Road trip!
National Chocolate-Covered Cashews Day: April 21 – I'm holding out for the almonds.
National Jelly Bean Day: April 22 – Love it, love it, love it!
Red Hat Society Day: April 25 – Rip hats off those old ladies!
Blah! Blah! Blah! Day: April 17 – yada yada yada...

And My All Time Favorite... World Cow Chip Day: April 21 – Cow tipping anyone? – I was raised in the country and on farms!

Now that I have taken up all my time and space trying to find something to write about, I will leave everyone with this thought:

“Too many people miss the silver lining because they're expecting gold.” - Maurice Setter

So, here's to your health! And always remember, laughter is the best medicine and it tightens the tummy! So laugh hard! We have to get ready for SOS!

(Does anyone know who Jenkins is?)

The Male Ego

Submitted By Bill Blanton

A virile, middle aged Italian gentlemen named Guido was relaxing at his favorite bar in Rome when he managed to attract a spectacular young blonde foreign tourist. Things progressed to the point where he invited her back to his apartment. After some small talk, they retired to his bedroom where he rattled her senseless.

After a pleasant interlude he asked with a smile, "So, you finish?" She paused for a second, frowned, and replied, "No."

Surprised, Guido reached for her and the rattling resumed. This time she thrashed about wildly and there were screams of passion. The sex finally ends and, again, Guido smiles and asks, "You finish?" Again, after a short pause, she returns his smile, cuddles closer to him and softly says, "No."

Stunned, but damned if he was going to leave her unsatisfied, Guido reaches for the woman yet again. Using the last of his strength, he barely manages it, but they end together screaming, bucking, clawing and ripping the bed sheets. Exhausted, Guido falls onto his back, gasping. Barely able to turn his head, he looks into her eyes, smiles proudly then asked, "You finish?"

Barely able to speak, the beautiful blond shakes her head then with a big smile on her face answers, "No, I Norwegian."

Senior Citizen Sex

Submitted By Marvin and Betsy Chapman

Two old guys, one 80 and one 87, were sitting on their usual park bench one morning. The 87 year old had just finished his morning jog and wasn't even short of breath. The 80 year old was amazed at his friend's stamina and asked him what he did to have so much energy. The 87 year old said "Well, I eat rye bread every day. It keeps your energy level high and you'll have great stamina with the ladies." So, on the way home, the 80 year old stops at the bakery.

As he was looking around, the lady asked if he needed any help. He said, "Do you have any rye bread?"

She said, "Yes, there's a whole shelf of it. Would you like some?" He replied, "I want five loaves".

"My goodness. Five loaves," she asked? "By the time you get to the 5th loaf, it'll be hard"

He replied, "I can't believe it. Everybody in the world knows about this stuff but me."

Another Senior Funny

Submitted By David Kelly

Just when you have lost faith in human kindness...

Someone who teaches at a middle school in Safety Harbor, Florida, forwarded the following letter. The letter was sent to the principal's office after the school had sponsored a luncheon for the elderly. An elderly lady received a new radio at the lunch as a door prize and was writing to thank them.

Dear Safety Harbor Middle School,

God bless you for the beautiful radio I won at your recent senior citizen's luncheon. I am 84 years old and live at the Safety Harbor Assisted Home for the Aged. All of my family has passed away. I am all alone now and it's nice to know that someone is thinking of me. God bless you for your kindness to an old forgotten lady. My roommate is 95 and has always had her own radio. But, she would never let me listen to hers, even when she was napping.

The other day her radio fell off the nightstand and broke into a lot of pieces. It was awful and she was in tears. She asked if she could listen to mine, and I told her to kiss my ass.

Thanks for that opportunity.

Edna

Standing At The Door Looking In

By Ralph Gettings

After growing up in the mid-west, I moved to the Carolinas in 1980 after taking a position as a traveling representative. I would come home on weekends and find the town empty, or so it seemed to me. When I asked some people why, I was told that everybody was down at the beach.

From what I could gather, as soon as they could find someone old enough to drive, and who had a car, off they would go.

A few bucks, a place to stay, and something to eat and they were gone, gone, gone. It seemed that they also had some kind of dance that was only done down at the beach that they called the “shag”.

When I asked one of them to show me, what they did look like the jitter-bug my older sisters used to do.

As a kid, I started out with the cha-cha and the mashed potato, and dancing slow (which I really liked the most, and still do). As time passed and I got older, I had people tell me many times, “Ralph, you’ve got to learn to shag. You’ll really like it and it’s a lot of fun.” Well, I put it off for a long time.

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