

The President's Letter

Happy Spring! Spring brings us warmer weather, daffodils and the beginning of a new year for our club. TSC has been fortunate to have outstanding officers in the past and I know I have big shoes to fill. I want to thank Kathy, Sharon and Greta for their hard work and dedication last year. I also want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve our club and promote the dance I love.

Dennis and I could not make the bowling party but I understand it was such a success some members want us to do it again in the fall. I know there are some stories to tell, so someone fill me in.

April is always a busy month for shaggers and this one is no exception. On April 5, we will have a "Day With Ellen Taylor" at the Huntersville American Legion. If you have never taken a workshop from Ellen, she teaches technique along with the steps. This year Ellen will teach three workshops: Instructors Workshop, Fundamentals and Technique, and Intermediate/Advanced Steps. The wine tasting we had last year was such a hit we're doing it again this year, too! We will have an entire day of workshops, food, wine, dancing and fun. The workshops and food are for TSC members only. Please invite your friends to the wine tasting and dancing. Check out the article in this newsletter for all the details.

Next on our schedule is a Pre-SOS Party at Havana on April 11. Mike Rink will DJ and food will be provided. We will sell 50/50 tickets to benefit the daycare. Dust off those beach duds (or go shopping) and come get warmed up for the big event at O.D.

The Big Event – SOS, April 18 – April 27. If you have never been to SOS it is ten days of dancing, socializing and fellowship. Ok, we do sample a few of our favorite beverages! We will continue our tradition of Tea Parties, Shooter Parties and a Golf Outing.

On Saturday, April 26 we will participate in the 14th Annual SOS Parade. Wear your Twister's colors and come help us promote our club! More details about SOS events are listed in this newsletter.

Dance lessons are going great. It is great to see so many members at Fat Boys on Tuesday nights to help with lessons, registration, set up, clean up and just promoting our club. If you have never joined us for lessons we dance before, in between and after lessons. You can't beat the price of the bar specials! Also, Fat Boys is offering TSC members \$15 Gift Certificates for \$10. This may not last long, so get them while they are available. The Dance Committee has these at the registration table during lessons.

We had a reporter from the Charlotte Observer at our lessons on March 18. Look for an article about our club around the 16th of this month. We understand there will be video on their web site, too. We'll try to let you know when this article and video are available.

Most of you know we lost a member of our club in March. Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ramona Hawley. We also send condolences to Gwen Weddington due to the loss of her brother.

Finally, if you haven't heard, Havana will be closed on Friday, April 4 to do some remodeling. So, get some extra rest that night and you will be ready for the Ellen Taylor event the following day!

Our next business meeting is on Tuesday, April 1. Be there for all the latest news and information, and SOS plan updates.

See ya on the dance floor.

Frankie

Newsletter Committee Support

As we go to press, we may still be looking for some members to take the lead with specific pieces of the newsletter.

Unless someone has come forward, we need someone to help coordinate who is writing articles for each edition, someone to help with new member spotlights, someone to help with the personal message page, and someone to help with upcoming events.

Shag Club Meeting News

At our last meeting, seventy-seven members and four guests attended. The Treasure Chest of \$77 was won by Frankie Johnson.

The next business meeting will be on April 1st at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, exit 36). Music starts at 7pm. Members are encouraged to come early and enjoy the delicious buffet. The business meeting begins at 8:00 PM.

Lena Flinchum, Ann Miles and Dennis Pethel have submitted applications to join TSC. Each will need to be at our meeting to be voted on. Come out and meet them!

Remember, you may be the next member to win if you are at the meeting this month! Plan to dance afterwards. We always have music on Tuesdays!

Shag Shoes For Juniors

By Frankie Johnson

Remember those \$100 shag shoes you only wore once? The ones sitting in the very back of your closet! Why not give them a new home and do a little spring-cleaning at the same time?

Once again, Ellen Taylor is collecting gently used shag shoes for junior shaggers. These shoes are distributed to juniors at events such as Junior SOS. These are children that have an interest in our dance but do not have dance shoes.

Now, we don't need your cowboy boots or your old tennis shoes (yes, we did collect a few of these last year). We are looking for gently use shag shoes for men and women. If you still have the box or bag, that's even better.

Take your shoes to the SOS Company Store during SOS. Buy a tee shirt while you're there! If you can't make it to SOS, bring the shoes to me any Tuesday night and I will get them to Ellen.

A Day With Ellen Taylor

For the last few years, TSC has hosted a "members only" workshop with Ellen Taylor. If you are new to the shag world, Ellen is one of the premiere instructors of the dance. She is a member of the *Shaggers Hall of Fame* and *Living Legends*. Ellen conducts workshops throughout the year including one of the workshops offered at Fall Cyclone. She emphasizes technique in all of her workshops. Our *Day With Ellen Taylor* will include workshops, food, a wine tasting, and dancing. Workshops and food are for TSC members only. At 7pm, doors are open to everyone. **The event will be held at the Huntersville American Legion. From I-77, exit 23, go East. Bring your cooler and stay the day!**

1:00 – Instructors Workshop - This workshop is for anyone in our club that desires to teach the dance we love. You do not need to be teaching for TSC to attend. If you are teaching for your church, your friends or your children, you may want to attend. We are trying to keep the class small, so if you want to attend please contact Frankie at 704-873-2809 or frankiejohnson@adelphia.net.

2:30 – Fundamentals and Technique - This workshop is for anyone that wants to dance better. It is good class for beginners as well as experienced shaggers hoping to move to the "next level". If you have never attended a workshop, now is your opportunity.

4:00 – Intermediate and More Advanced Steps - If you like mirror-patterns or lead-follow steps, this one is for you.

6:00 – Let's Eat. - After all that dancing, we will need some nourishment! Food and set-ups will be provided.

7:00 – Wine Tasting - TSC Members and everyone else is welcome. It's only \$5/person. Robin Nantz will once again provide us with several great wines to sample. (See separate article.)

8:00 Dance And Party - \$5 per person. Complete the evening by showing off your new skills to music provided by Clyde Waller. You need to BYOB or favorite beverage. Set-ups will be provided.

Wine Tasting Event

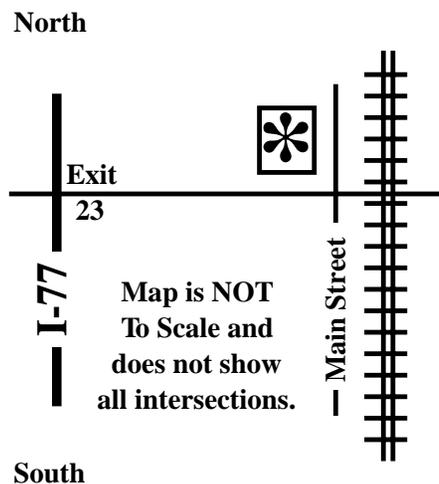
By Robin Nantz

Hello fellow "winos". Are you ready for our next wine tasting? It's going to be combined with Ellen Taylor's day of dance instruction on April 5th. More details are in this newsletter.

I have noticed that at all the past wine tastings, the sweeter wines drew much more attention and appreciation. So, I thought that this time we would explore the great grape of Germany; the Reisling.

When shopping in the German wine section of your local store, do you know the difference in a Kabinett, Spatlese, or Auslese? Well come and find out! Yes, there's more to know about the Reisling than just that pretty green or blue bottle. I think you will find all these wines very delicious!

For the dryer wine drinkers, we will also have a Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir from New Zealand. Yummy! Cheers!



The Huntersville American Legion is at 107 N Main Street.

From I-77, exit 23 go East 8/10 of a mile. Turn Left onto Main Street. (If you cross railroad tracks, you went too far.)

Going To The Beach

By Warren Moretz

Greta and I recently took a long weekend and escaped to the beach. We lucked upon radio station 770 AM out of Rockingham. Good beach and shag music with minor advertisement. We were able to listen to that station until we could pick up 94.9FM "The Surf". It made the trip more enjoyable. Here's looking forward to a great spring and summer.

Additional Note From Warren: "Why not start a list of great places to eat (fast food or other) that may have developed into a routine for a beach trip. I would love to hear some suggestions from the folks that have been doing this for many years. Maybe we should include the cheapest place to buy gas. Everyone also has the best and fastest way to the beach, too."

Ok, gang, let's do it. We've already got a few submissions for this issue. Get yours in soon, and we'll print the info in future editions!

From Donna Hord

I take Hwy 218 to Hwy 74 to Hwy 501 at Laurinburg. Turn right on 501 to Rowland. (Hwy 130 will merge onto 501 about 1/2 way to Rowland.) Hwy 501 will turn right at the stoplight in Rowland. Don't turn. Stay on Hwy 130 about 7 miles. Turn right onto 904, go about 8 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 41, go about 5 miles to Lake View. Turn left onto Hwy 9.

The best radio station is The Surf at 94.9FM.

From Tim Wozny

Here are some web sites to find the cheapest gas prices anywhere in the U.S.A if you know the zip code.

<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx>

<http://www.gasbuddy.com>

And On The Lighter Side... From Frankie Johnson

Fastest Route to Ocean Drive from Troutman

Take one “nerve pill” 30 minutes before the trip begins. Get in the car with Dennis and try to buckle your seat belt before he takes off. Say a prayer that the Lord will guide you safely to your destination. Start reading a very good book or do anything that will keep your mind off of the rate of speed you are traveling.

If you hear cussing, don't look up. You are about to pass another car in a no passing zone.

When you stop, always go to the bathroom. It may prevent an accident in the event of a close call.

When you get to the beach, say another prayer thanking the Lord for your safe arrival. Take the same route home.

A Day Of Dance

By Buzz and Jackie Holshouser

Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville recently presented the first annual Day of Dance in Iredell County at the Charles Mack Citizen Center in Mooresville.

The event educates young and old on the importance of staying active through movement. The event included health screenings, physician presentations, refreshments, dance demos and almost 40 vendors from the community.

Information regarding shag lessons offered by the Twister's Shag Club was announced to the roughly 600 people in attendance at the Day of Dance event.

Twister's Shag Club members participating in the Carolina Shag demonstration included Gwen Weddington, Claude McKinney, Buzz and Jackie Holshouser, Lynn Bullard, Rhonda Alexander and Frank Melcor. (Gwen, Jackie and Lynn are IMH employees).

When, Where And What During SOS

Saturday, April 19: Fat Harold's Back Deck at 5pm for the first SOS Tea Party of the week. (For new members, that's “Long Island Iced Tea”.) We'll have some food there, too. Ray Scott will DJ. This event is free for members, and \$10 for guests.

Wednesday, April 23. Ducks Too at 5pm. We're having a beer, wine and Shooter party. Food will be included. The DJ's will be Mike Rink and Eddie Teeter. Don't miss out. This party is free for members, \$10 for guests.

Thursday, April 24. Eagle's Nest Golf Course (just down the road). Captain's Choice golf outing for men and women, members and guests. Cost is only \$40. The tee time is 12:25. Please be there around 11:30am, so we can make up teams, etc.

Saturday, April 26 on Main Street up beside Kroger. The SOS Parade starts from the parking lot. Be there by noon. We'll all board the trailer trams and party as a group. Don't be late. This is one of the highlights of the week. Don't miss out on the fun.

Saturday, April 26. O.D. Beach Club (at the Spanish Galleon) at 5pm. It's our second Tea Party, and some really great food. Betty Brown will be in the DJ booth. Don't be late.

Sunday, April 27: Fat Harold's at 8pm. For those lucky enough to still be there, we will have our annual Bob Rea “I'm not leaving SOS and you can't make me” party. This event keeps growing, and it never fails to create some special memories.

If you can't remember what time something starts, just think about the number “five”. That's when all of our “Tea Parties” and our “Beer/Wine/Shooter Parties” always begin. Other events and activities will take place as noted previously.

Please remember to wear a TSC hat, visor or button, or a TSC or Cyclone shirt at these events. We want our “team” to be seen as a group. Remember, if you need TSC items, see Frances Smith.

Get Your SOS Membership Card, Today

As we go to press, Twister's Shag Club has sold 165 SOS membership cards. That's awesome! We still have a few more. If you want one before Spring SOS, see Kay Howard immediately.

The sale of SOS cards provides the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs with all of its money. These sales pay for ACSC meetings, ACSC expenses, and ACSC/SOS events (among other things). But, an average of 10 clubs don't sell any SOS cards or any Fun Monday tickets every year! It's just not right, and it's not fair to the other clubs. A committee recently made a motion to require *each* club to sell a minimum number of SOS memberships each year (equal to 15% of that club's average roster total). The motion would have required TSC to sell at least 21 cards this year. No problem, right? Wrong! The motion was actually defeated at the last ACSC meeting. Obviously, some people *expect* to get something for nothing and have no problem letting others do all of the work. Fortunately, TSC members know that "you can't take something out of the piggy bank if you don't put something in to it". Your support makes TSC successful! Thank you for all you do!

The Silent Treatment

Submitted By Laura Lemmond

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly the man realized that the next day he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and lose), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM." He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go to see why his wife hadn't wakened him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 AM. Wake up."

What A Loss!

By Susan Dahl

Our shag club and the world has just lost a super, friendly, kind, class act lady. It was way too soon for Ramona to leave. What a void there will be in so many lives.

This has been one of the saddest four weeks of my life. Other tragic events have also happened. Nancy Brody and Gwen Weddington lost their brothers, and so many other people have had traumatic events in the last month. I hope there will be a change for the better in the weeks to come. Maybe Spring will bring good things.

Thanks for those who could attend Ramona's Memorial Service. I know many of you could not leave your jobs. But the shaggers had a great turnout. I hope everyone will be at her Celebration of Life Party, put on by her friends in Twister's, on Friday night, May 9.

We know Ramona is in a better place, but we wish it could have happend down the road a bit. We'll miss you girlfriend!

More About This Loss

By Maggie Hosford

I joined Twister's shag Club about two years ago. Some of the people I first met were the reason I stayed. One of them was Ramona. She was such a lady. She was so friendly, so beautiful, and so classy. She made me feel so welcomed. I loved her.

We have lost her. But as she was in life, she was in death. She left us, a lot of us not even knowing she was sick. She was a beautiful smiling, loving, giving person till the very end. Not complaining, but smiling and living life to the end.

I, for one, will miss her so very much. But I do thank God for the time I was gifted and was able to have this wonderful person in my life. We are all so lucky that she graced our lives. May she rest in peace, and shag into eternity.

Outdoor Events Of Interest

By Rick Thompson

Here is the Shelton Vineyard band schedule. Shelton Vineyard is a little more than an hour up I-77 near Dobson and Mt Airy.

May 17 - Bennie Anderson And The Drifters - \$20.00
June 7 - Vintage Years Orchestra - \$20.00
June 21 - The Swingin' Medallions - \$20.00
July 19 - The Tams - \$20.00
Aug. 16 - The Embers - \$20.00
Sept. 20 - General Johnson & Chairmen of the Board - \$20.00
Concert Season Pass - \$100.00

Here is the band schedule for the Gastonia Downtown Alive Concert series for 2008:

May 29 - Coastline Band	July 24 - Coming Up Brass
June 12 - The Spontanes	Aug. 7 - SuperGlide
June 26 - The Embers	Aug. 21 - Key West Band
July 10 - The Fantastic Shakers	Sept. 4 - The Tams

More Outdoor Music News

Submitted By Nancy Massengill

The City of Kannapolis Park and Recreation has announced their Summer Concert Series. Included are:

Sat. June 21 A1A (The Official Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band), and Friday/Saturday August 8 & 9 The Beach Music Festival. Friday features Jim Quick and Coastline Band. Saturday features the Craig Woolard Band, Mark Roberts and the Breeze, and the Fantastic Shakers. The concerts are held at Village Park just off Hwy. 3 in Kannapolis at 7 PM.

The web link info is www.ci.kannapolis.nc.us and the select summer entertainment schedule. The concerts are free to the public. Bring your own chair or blanket and food/beverage. No alcohol is permitted.

Final 2008 Membership Notice

As of the printing of this newsletter, Twister's Shag Club has 144 Members. The 2008 club year started on March 4th. If you do not see your name listed below, the April 1st meeting is your absolute last chance to remain a member. Mail in your renewal get it to someone on a Friday night, or bring it to the meeting. This is your last newsletter from TSC and your final chance!

Sharon Abernethy, Ed Alexander, Rhonda Alexander, Gil Algier, Vickie Allen, Joyce Anderson, Dick Bigham, Charles Binder, Iris Binder, Doris Black, Bill Blanton, Irby Bouknight, Pat Bouknight, Al Brandon, Diane Brandon, Audrey Brock, Nancy Brody, Rees Brody, Allen Brown, Phyllis Brown, Rodney Broyhill, Lynn Bullard, Edward Carter, Sharon Carter, Peggy Cavin, Barb Cella, Bob Cella, Betsy Chapman, Marvin Chapman, Ken Culpepper, Susan Dahl, Tim Davis, Ross Eason, Sherry Eason, Claire Erckman, Marcia Felts, Mike Felts, Jennifer Finney, John Finney, Jeff Firestone, Rochelle Firestone, Mary Frawley, Ralph Gettings, Randy Godfrey, Susan Godfrey, Debbie Green, John Grice, Bill Hackney, Dean Hajnos, Roger Hammond, Dianne Harrington, Richard Harrington, Arnold Hatley, Brenda Hatley, Rhonda Hill, Sandra Holmes, Buzz Holshouser, Jackie Holshouser, Brian Holt, Leigh Ann Holt, Margaret Honeycutt, Donna Hord, Ann Horton, Jim Horton, Margaret Hosford, Kay Howard, Milly Humphrey, Celia Hunter, Gene Hunter, Ava Hurd, Jim Hutson, Margaret Hutson, Dennis Johnson, Frankie Johnson, May Johnson, Tim Johnson, Alan Keir, Edie Kello, Malcolm Kello, David Kelly, Dennis Kerr, Kathy Kerr, Ellen Kidda, Tommy Laws, Wilma Laws, Laura Lemmond, Roger Lemmond, Nancy Massengill, Wayland Massengill, Claude McKinney, Frank Melchor, Shirley Meldau, Dean Melton, Jimmy Melton, Beverly Munday, Charles Munday, Jo Murphy, Dan Musgrove, Janice Musgrove, Robin Nantz, Bill Randall, Bob Rea, Cindy Rea, Kim Riley, Pete Riley, Mike Rink, Pam Rink, Beverly Rowse, Paul Scaglione, Geoff Siege, Pam Siege, Joanne Sloop, Khris Sloop, Teresa Sloop, Clay Smith, Frances Smith, Howard Smith, Lyn Smith, Walter Smith, Eddie Teeter, Libby Teeter, Kathy Thompson, Rick Thompson, James Thorndyke, Roger Trexler, Mike Turbeville, Terry Turbyfill, Marilyn Wagner, Robert Wagner, Carol Warren, Mike Warren, Al Waters, Linda Waugh, Gwen Weddington, Betsy Weiss, Karl Weiss, Rick White, Sherry White, Norma Wiles, Nancy Williams, Chuck Willingham, Timothy Wozny, Dean Yancey.

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.

April 1: TSC Meeting. Social 7pm, Meeting 8pm.

April 4-5: Vinyl Party hosted by Charleston Shag Club. \$10. DJ's Betty Brown, Walter Upchurch, Dick Hamrick, Terry Hopper. 843-571-3668 or mysticlady@mindspring.com

April 5: A Day With Ellen Taylor (More details coming soon.)

April 10: Pre-SOS Party hosted by The Charlotte Shag Club. DJs Mike Brantley & Ferrell Watts. charlotteshagclub.com

April 11: SOS Kickoff Party hosted by Twister's Shag Club. DJ Mike Rink. Lots of free food, fun and more. Don't miss it.

April 12: Lexington Shag Club monthly social. \$7. DJ Clyde Waller. 336-357-0011 or lexingtonshaggers@hotmail.com.

April 12: Brushy Mountain Shag Club monthly party. \$6. DJ Mac Mast. 336-838-4144 or hauser013@aol.com.

April 12: Pre-SOS Party hosted by Gaston Shaggers. \$6. DJ Summie Davidson. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

April 13: Sandy Beach Shag Club Pre-SOS Party. DJ Steve Coley.

April 18-27: SOS Spring Safari at North Myrtle Beach, SC.

May 10: Lexington Shaggers Monthly Party. \$7. DJ Johnny Bass. 336-357-0011 or lexingtonshaggers@hotmail.com.

May 10: Gaston Shaggers monthly party hosted. \$6. DJ Tommy Samole. 704-827-1770 or patsyfuller@carolina.rr.com.

May 16-18: Shaggers Holiday hosted by Islander's Shag Club. \$40. DJ Murl Augustine. 843-762-7861 or knkshag@earthlink.net.

May 16-18: Mountain Boogie Walk at Hern's Hangar hosted by the Beckley Area Shag Club. \$50. DJ's John Smith & Ed Timberlake. 800-294-0855 or shagbasc@earthlink.net.

May 17: TSC Golf Outing, Meal and Dance. Details TBA.

May 23: Statesville Shag Club Sock Hop. \$7. DJ Gene Hensley.

May 29-June 1: Palmetto Shag Club's Southern Comfort. \$50 - \$60. DJs Booger Brothers, Jim Bowers, Skip Mallios, Gene Hensley, Rodney Still, Gene Sistare. www.palmettoshagclub.com or 803-796-6106 or npowell09@aol.com.

May 31: Benefit dance hosted by Greater Triad Shag Club. \$5. DJ Jim Wayne. 336-288-3651 or pwayne7@msn.com.

June 7: Local Area Shag Club Party. More details TBA soon.

June 14: Monthly party hosted by Brushy Mountain Shag Club. \$6. DJ Roy Childress. 336-838-4144 or hauser013@aol.com.

Jun 12-15: Shag-A-Ganza by Golden Isles Shag Club. \$60. DJs Paul Spaulding, Murl Augustine and Mike Harding. 912-266-7871

June 20-22 Shaggin' on the Boulevard by Charleston Area Shag Society. \$45. DJs Larry Edwards & Eddie Teeter. 304-744-2388

June 21- Boone Shag Club's Boogie to Boone. \$25-\$30. DJs Larry Calhoun & Gene Hensley. 828-7736246 or caweathers@msn.com.

June 28: Bus Trip to the Oldies Party At Tanglewood Park. \$10 for members, \$20 for guests. DJ Roy Childress. Info soon.

July 11-13: ACSC Summer Workshop

July 17-20: Junior SOS

July 26: TSC's Turntable Treasures Vinyl Party & Fundraiser

Sept 12-21: SOS Fall Migration.

Nov 7-9: The Fall Cyclone. More info on www.goshagging.com

This Month's Birthdays

Marcia Felts	04/08
Bob Rea	04/09
Gwen Weddington	04/09
Sue Davidson	04/10
Sabra Eubanks	04/10
Ross Eason	04/11
Ann Hargrett	04/11
Teresa Sloop	04/12

Dennis Kerr	04/16
Sharon McGraw	04/17
Rees Brody	04/18
Allen Brown	04/19
Deborah Weise	04/19
Linda Waugh	04/22
Rick Thompson	04/26

Next Month's Birthdays

Rick White	05/01
Sandra Williams	05/01
Sherry Eason	05/04
Robin Tadlock	05/04
Kathy Cavin	05/05
Cindy Rea	05/06
Betsy Chapman	05/14
Jeff Firestone	05/15
Ellen Kidda	05/16
Beth Needham	05/19

Charles Munday	05/20
Barb Cella	05/21
Roger Lemmond	05/21
Frances Smith	05/21
Mike Holland	05/24
Bill Blanton	05/27
Gene Sigmon	05/28
Mary Anne Hammond	05/31
Jim Horton	05/31

Happy Birthday Marcia.
We're not getting older, just better.
Love, Mike

Have You Been To Havana Lately?

If not, you need to come out and support your shag club, your beach night, and your "home" facility. All your friends will be there having fun. Please join them this Friday!

New Members Profiles

By Tommy & Wilma Laws

Rick and Sherry White are looking forward to being a part of TSC Rick enjoys being a referee for basketball, as well as all other sports, working in landscaping, and especially being a grandparent. Sherry enjoys reading, landscaping and being a grandparent. They became interested in the shag dance through some mutual friends and decided to take some dance lessons. They began to enjoy the music, dancing, and making new friends. They took the Beginner I, II, and III lessons at Fat Boys, and had fun while learning. The friendliness of our members and all of the fun things we do made it easy for them to decide to apply for membership. Their interpretation of TSC is, "They are a fun group to be around."

Clay and Lynn Smith live in the Stanley area. They have always enjoyed beach music and became interested in learning the shag dance after watching some of the Twister's members at an exhibition at the American Red Cross blood drive in Cornelius. They met some of our members and decided to take our lessons. Their hobbies include golf, music (especially beach) and reading. Clay and Lynn are enjoying the friendliness of all of our members and are looking forward to becoming more involved in TSC.

Vickie Allen was reinstated at our last meeting. We are happy to have her back on our roster. She is a definite asset! If you have not had the opportunity to sample Vickie's wonderful cakes, you have missed a treat! Vickie became interested in the shag dance about eight years ago when a friend invited her to go out and watch some shaggers dance. She was impressed and decided to take some lessons. However, Vickie had an unfortunate turn of fate and was involved in an automobile accident which resulted in a permanent (spinal/back) injury that prevents her from being as active on the dance floor as she would like to be. She wants us to know that when you see her that she is not "inebriated". She is having a great time, though. When asked why she decided to join Twister's her answer was, "They just have so many things going on all of the time and have so much fun". The Twister's members make me feel at home and that I am part of "The Fun Bunch".

The Easter Bunny Visits The Day Care

By Margaret Hutson

On Thursday March 20th, TSC's Sharon Abernathy visited the Davidson Cornelius Day Care as the Easter Bunny. Margaret Hutson, a.k.a. the Bunny's helper, gave each child a bag of Easter treats. After the Bunny gave out tootsie pops, a story was read to each age group. This was the first visit of its kind to the Day Care. Thanks go to the members who donated change for these Day Care events. Sharon and Margaret both had a blast and hope to be able to do it again next year. To all those that don't know, Sharon really looks good with a pink hat, white floppy ears and a big round fluffy tail. Hope all of you had a great Easter.

To My TSC Friends

By Gwen Weddington

Thank you for your acknowledgment of the recent loss of my brother Mitch. He will be missed by my family. Mitch was a special man and only knew love. Please remember my mom in your thoughts and prayers because he had been with her all of his 41 years.

Mitch's death was quite sudden and we had little time to notice everyone.

Thanks for the nice club e-mail. Please share with our shag family and friends how special their prayers and cards are to a heartbroken family.

“Thank You” to everyone who contributed to this issue of the TSC News. Your fellow members appreciate your efforts. The deadline for the next issue is April 16.

Raleigh's Cabin Fever Throwdown

Jim & Ann Horton

We had the pleasure of going to the Raleigh Shag Club Cabin Fever Throwdown on February 24th. This was a fundraiser for Hospice of Wake County.

The event was held at the North Raleigh Hilton. There were two large dance floors and they said there were 1,600 people coming and going throughout the day!

They had the Band of Oz, The Fantastic Shakers, The Coastline Band with Craig Woolard, and Angel Rissoff. The bands donated their performances to the fundraiser.

There was a silent auction with many items to bid on. There was also a cruise auctioned off (www.thebeachmusiccruise.com). The Coastline Band, Sea Cruz and Band of Oz will be on it.

There was barbeque provided by Red, Hot and Blue. There was also a cash bar.

Don Bunn had his dance troop perform. These are a group of adults who had taken shag lessons from Don and now go out and shag at various events like nursing homes, etc.

In addition, a group of junior shaggers performed and amazed us all! It's amazing to see how dedicated and skilled they are at such a young age.

There was some line dancing there, of course. We did the Cupid Shuffle and the Tush Push.

Lynn Bullard, a fellow-member of Twister's was there. Her sister lives in Raleigh and shags with the Raleigh Shag Club. Thank goodness her sister got there early and saved us seats!

We had a wonderful time dancing to the live music!

The Bowling Party Was A Hoot

By Charles Binder

If you haven't already been aware, any place a bunch of Twister's members go there is bound to be some high times and lots of fun.

It certainly happened with the Bowling Party at Northcross Lanes. Twenty-one partiers showed up. Once they got their bowling shoes on and found their perfect bowling ball, the party began.

There was a lot of hooting and hollering going on, especially the group that was on the end lanes. They made so much noise any time one of their bowlers did something good, they completely distracted those nearby. (That's my excuse for why I barely broke one hundred.)

Some of us did manage to break into triple digits. We determined that beer was great for improving your game and for forgetting the occasional gutter ball. We gave many "high fives" to companions that knocked down lots of pins and commiserated with those that missed those frequent splits.

In all it was a great time, the only thing that would improve it would be to get more TSC members out there!

The Fun Bunch Bowls

By Nancy Massengill

On Sunday March 9th, twenty-one members of TSC met at Northcross Lanes at the Lake in Cornelius to bowl. We had some experienced bowlers as well as some newbies.

A great time was had by all! Those of us who were bowling together on lanes 21 and 22 decided that we were definitely "The Fun Bunch" as we cheered each other on whether it was for strikes, spares, or just knocking down pins.

We look forward to more events to further our camaraderie. We would also like to thank Kay Howard for coming to cheer us on.

The Annual Bowling Party

By Rees Brody

Nancy and I could not decide whether or not to go to the bowling party. I think I've been bowling twice since college. At the last minute we made the decision to go and if nothing else just socialize and watch others bowl.

We got there right at 2pm and noticed that Twister's had already formed teams. This was good as we were starving. We picked up bowling shoes and then each ordered a loaded, foot-long hotdog.

The thought was we would watch the first game and then consider the second. Well, as we were walking over with the hotdogs, Mike and Brian hollered to us that we were up next.

My futile response was that we'd catch the second game. They said they would wait, but to hurry up and get ready.

After scrambling to put the shoes on, I rushed over to the lane, and had to borrow somebody's ball. I don't know whose ball it was, but I'd like to apologize for the chili left in the thumb hole.

Now I've got the ball in hand trying to remember the footwork. Hmm... upper body and arms still, start with the left foot... one and two... three and four... Uhhh, no, this is not right. Maybe lead with the right foot, push the arm out and start swinging, take four steps. I think that's it!

Well I got the arm swinging and four steps later, "clunk". The delivery was not very graceful, but the ball was rolling.

We wound up bowling three games. Each game did get better, but only slightly. The next morning I realized I had should have stopped at one game. I was stiff and sore throughout the day.

We did have a great time and will probably try to make the event next time. After all, I would hope my score is better next time. Practice should help, I'll just put that on my list of things to do.

Recent Dance Lessons

By Nancy Mass

The March/April set of dance lessons is underway. Thanks to all the folks who have come out and helped for the past few weeks. We have 60 people (21 male and 39 female) in Beginner I, 27 people (12 male and 15 female) in Beginner II and 9 people (4 female and 5 male) in Beginner III lessons.

As you can tell by these numbers, it is imperative that we have not only folks to help move tables and chairs out of the dance area and put them back into position at the end of the lessons, but we also need members to come to help with dance lessons to partner up with the folks who do not have a partner.

In order to continue to have the best lessons around, our club needs to make sure that no one is left standing. If you signed up to help with dance lessons, come on out on Tuesday night and help us make it a success.

The Chicken Pickin'

Jim & Ann Horton

We attended our first-ever "Chicken Pickin'" party at OD. The LNSC is a friendly crowd who knows how to party.

The DJ's did a great job keeping it going late each night, wearing us out! Because of the winter rates, we were able to actually stay at the OD Beach Resort and had a beautiful room right on the ocean. We saw some of our favorite TSC members there; Warren and Greta and Dennis and Frankie. We also saw some great junior shaggers. Later, we saw one of the kids (a seven year old boy) dancing with Ellen Taylor and picking up a complicated step after just one demonstration! Very impressive!

Sam and Lisa West taught us all a new step, "The Sweep", and we have been trying to make it part of our repertoire ever since. We'll let you know if we ever "get it."

The 2008 Photography Committee

Excerpts From A Note By Brian Holt

We have an exciting year ahead and I hope that everyone is as anxious as I am to get started turning all of our fun into "Kodak Moments".

I will not be at the April business meeting. (We will have our first official committee meeting in May.) Here is what the club needs our committee to do in the coming month:

Friday nights at Havana - We need at least 2 volunteers every Friday to take some photos of the fun.

4/1 - One volunteer to take photos of the new members voted in at the monthly meeting.

4/5 - Ellen Taylor Day - Two or three volunteers to take photos of the workshop, the wine tasting and the dance.

4/11 - SOS Pre-Party at Havana - Two or three volunteers to take photos of everyone having fun!

4/18 - 4/27 SOS - Calling all volunteers... this is the big event. We have 10 days of parties, dancing, a beer, wine, shooter party, two tea parties, a golf outing and a parade that will require our expertise.

4/22 - Graduation Night for dance lessons at Fat Boys - One or two volunteers to take photos of the newest graduating class. We also need a volunteer to hook up our DVD player and show our slide show on the big screen TV before and after lessons to encourage the graduates to support and join Twisters.

4/29 Line Dancing at Fat Boys - One or two volunteers to take photos of everyone learning the newest craze.

Remember, even if you aren't on the committee, you can help out!

Little Old Ladies

Submitted By Gil Algier

A dentist noticed that his next patient, a little old lady, was nervous so he decided to tell her a little joke as he put on his Gloves. "Do you know how they make these gloves", he asked?

"No, I don't," she replied.

"Well," he spoofed, "there's a building in Canada with a big tank of latex and workers of all hand sizes walk up to the tank, dip in their hands, let them dry, then peel off the gloves and throw them into boxes of the right size." She didn't crack a smile.

"Oh, well. I tried," he thought. But five minutes later, during a delicate portion of the procedure, she burst out laughing. "What's so funny?" he asked.

"I was just envisioning how condoms are made", she replied.

Watch those little old ladies! Their minds are always working!

Quick Thinking Husband

Bill Blanton

A man with a gun went into a bank and demanded their money.

Once he was given the money, he turned to a customer and asked, "Did you see me rob this bank?"

The man replied, "Yes sir, I did."

The robber then shot him in the temple, killing him instantly.

He then turned to a couple standing next to him and asked the man, "Did you see me rob this bank?"

The man replied, "No sir, I didn't, but my wife did."

Theft Problem

Submitted By Pat Bouknight

You've heard about people who have been abducted and had their kidneys removed by black-market organ thieves. My thighs were stolen from me during the night a few years ago. I went to sleep and woke up with someone else's thighs. It was just that quick.

The replacements had the texture of cooked oatmeal. Whose thighs were these and what happened to mine? I spent the entire summer looking for my thighs. Finally, hurt and angry, I resigned myself to living out my life in jeans. And then the thieves struck again.

My butt was next. I knew it was the same gang because they took pains to match my new rear-end to the thighs they had stuck me with earlier. But my new butt was attached at least three inches lower than my original! I realized I'd have to give up my jeans in favor of long skirts.

Two years ago I realized my arms had been switched. One morning I was fixing my hair and was horrified to see the flesh of my upper arm swing to and fro with the motion of the hairbrush. This was really getting scary. My body was being replaced one section at a time. What could they do to me next? When my poor neck suddenly disappeared and was replaced with a turkey neck, I decided to tell my story.

Women of the world, wake up and smell the coffee! Those plastic surgeons are using real replacement body parts stolen from you and me! The next time someone you know has something "lifted", look again. Was it lifted from you?

This is not a hoax. This is happening to women everywhere, every night. Warn your friends!

P.S. Last year I thought someone had stolen my boobs. I was lying in bed and they were gone! But when I jumped out of bed, I was relieved to see that they had just been hiding in my armpits as I slept. Now I keep them hidden in my waistband.