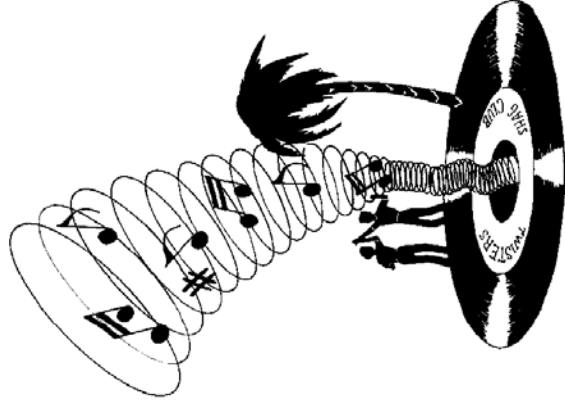


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# The President's Letter

Hi shagging friends,

2012 is now just a memory and 2013 has arrived. It's time to start a new year and do things that you did not get completed, or did not get done at all during the previous year.



It's time to reflect on how good things are going for TSC, too. First, we have now spent a full year in our new "home" location. Although there have been a couple management changes, the facility is much nicer than it was before. The paint is new and bright. The speakers that hung from the ceiling are gone. The bar has been refinished. They have a lot more tables and a lot more stools for guests. Best of all we have an awesome new dance floor.

Shag lessons have been very successful. Our Beginner I and Beginner II classes have been well-attended. The line dance lessons and one-night workshops have been great, too. We've got a lot of new folks interested in our music and dance!

Despite numerous challenges, our 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Cyclone was a huge success. We've detailed some of those obstacles in past newsletters and meetings, but the bottom line is that nothing could keep you, our great TSC members from hosting another outstanding event. The fact that the party was also a financial success is another accomplishment that cannot be overstated.

Finally, we've got some good, new members in our club. New members often start by taking shag lessons or being invited by their friends, and new members bring new energy to all of us.

We finished 2012 with a great New Year's Eve party. Thanks go to everyone who helped out, brought food, set up or cleaned up after the event. Special thanks to Kathy Thompson for all the organization, ticket sales work, etc. We had a big crowd, the food was awesome and everyone who came had a good time.

The “Fun Bunch” reputation is something each member should appreciate, support and help spread. Our 2013 calendar will be full of great events and chances to socialize and have a good time. If you are in this club to have a good time, you are in the right place. Please help your club push fun to new levels in the coming year!

First up for us is the Mid-Winter event at the beach on January 17-20. Many folks also have Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> off, too (Martin Luther King Day). That means 3-5 days of partying with friends from all over. It’s a great time to get to the beach and enjoy shagging in an atmosphere that is less crowded than SOS. As we go to press, TSC is planning to have a party there on early Saturday afternoon. Details will be announced ASAP. Remember, you will need a 2013 SOS card for Mid-Winter as well as the Spring and Fall SOS events later this year. So if you are going to any or all of these, get your card now. It is good for discounts at the beach all year long, and ensures you get the mailed versions of the Carefree Times. See Dean to get your card at the meeting for \$30 (a \$5 discount).

Football fans... the Superbowl will be Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We generally have 15-30 members gather to watch the game and party. We haven’t picked a location, yet. So, if you are interested in hosting this event at your home, please let me know immediately. TSC will pay for some or all of the food, etc.

TSC will also select 2013 officers in February. The Nominating Committee has to have their efforts done by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month and may meet during Mid-Winter. If you are interested in running for office or serving on the committee, let me know immediately. And don’t forget... February brings Valentine’s day, too!

We’ve got our annual bowling outing in March. More details will be announced. Whether or not you bowl, please plan to attend.

That’s all for now. Keep those 2013 resolutions (more exercise, more fun, etc.) by getting into the habit of coming out to The Inn for dancing and socializing good times. Help make sure our dance nights are crowded. That makes them more fun for everyone.

Mike

# **Dance Lesson Change Of Plans**

New sets of dance lessons *were* scheduled to begin this month. But due to everything that has been going on plus having Mid-Winter in January, we have decided to do some one night classes now and start the new Beginner I and Beginner II classes in February.

The month of January will feature:

Tuesday January 15: Line Dance Class with Kathy Thompson

Tuesday January 22: One night Workshop with Ashley & Tobitha Stewart (taught at the Cyclone and recently at Fat Boys)

Tuesday January 29: One night warm-up for the next set of Beginner I & Beginner II classes with Ashley & Tobitha

All classes will begin promptly at 7:30pm. The workshop class is for everyone, and the warm-up classes will be for those planning to take lessons in February. Both of these are \$5 per person, per night. The line dance class will be free. Come have some fun!

## **Mid-Winter Memories**

By Nancy Massengill

Since joining Twisters Shag Club I have attended at least two or three Mid-Winter Parties at the beach. I must say that I enjoy these since there are never the crowds that you have during spring or fall. You are not quite elbow-to-elbow in all the clubs.

The weather can be interesting to say the least. I have been one year when it was so cold that the fountains were frozen and we were wondering why we didn't have our heavy winter coats, while at other times it has been very comfortable in a light-weight jacket.

I think part of my enjoyment of Mid-Winter is that it only last a few days as opposed to a whole week. I must say that this fits into my schedule a whole lot better.

Hopefully I will be able to go this year. I will plan to see you there.

## **Mid-Winter Is *THE* Place to Be!**

Well guys and gals, it's now past Christmas. Everyone's had enough turkey and dressing. Some have seen enough of their in-laws and other family, while others are just ready for a change... any change! What to do??? Mid-Winter!!!

Dancing and partying at Mid-Winter is a great opportunity to lose a few of those holiday pounds and to have a great time with both new and old shag friends. Mid-Winter starts on Thursday, January 17 and ends on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

I remember Frances' and my first Mid-Winter (I think it was 2002). We were brand new to Twister's and didn't know all that many members. Our first big club experience had just gone by (our first Fall Cyclone) and we had met a few people, but the reality was we were still "wet behind the ears".

So here we were at our first Mid-Winter. We had been invited to our first "Tea Party" at the now defunct "Pad". We went in and were each given a 12 ounce plastic cup. Someone (Bob Rea, as I recall) came around on a regular basis with a pitcher of Long Island Iced Tea. Now you have to understand that when I say that someone came around on "a regular basis", I do mean regular (like every 5 minutes)! Well, Bob is walking by Frances with a pitcher and lo and behold he stops and exclaims to her, "Frances, don't you realize that every member is only entitled to ONE glass of tea?" Frances looks at Bob and says, "No, I didn't realize that." At that point, Bob goes into a litany about, "If the glass never empties, then you're still on your first glass".

The short version of the story is that Frances had committed the unpardonable sin of letting her glass get empty! Therefore, she had violated the first rule of the Tea Party (only one glass of tea per person). So how did we solve this problem??? No worries ... the next time we came to a party some of the more outgoing Twister's members presented her (and me) with 128 oz. Super Cups! It's pretty hard to let that one run out.

Since then, we've had no issues observing the "one glass of tea" rule proving that "It's great to have friends that take care of you."

For many years we showed up at *all* Twisters tea parties with those cups. In fact, one year we forgot and left them at home. We recognized the problem on Thursday morning and Frances called home and had one of our children UPS them to Peggy's condo so that we'd have them for that weekend's party! After nearly \$50 in freight (and mucho chiding from our children not only over our forgetfulness, but because we *had* to have these huge cups to drink *alcohol*) we never left them behind again!

Recently, we've retired those cups. It didn't seem right coming to a party where everyone (including a lot of our newer members) didn't know the special meaning and memories of those cups. Today, the cups sit at home occupying a very valuable spot on our "Wall of Memories". They've been signed by many old-time members of TSC. We treasure them immensely.

Come out this Mid-Winter and get to know someone new (to you)! Create a memory. After all, at the end of the day it's all we can really take with us. Party on!

**Editor's Question:** Walter, who or what exactly do you mean by "the more outgoing TSC members"? 😊

**Remember: We will always have some space available for your article in the next issue!**

## **Club Meeting Night**

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2013 at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, Exit 36) in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 7pm. Business meeting begins at 8pm. Tommy Laws won the Treasure Chest of \$29 last month. You could be a winner this month if you are there and your name is drawn!

**NOTE: Your renewal will not be processed unless you completely fill out this form and answer all questions.**

*2013 Membership Renewal Form*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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 these questions **OR** if your name, address, phone # or email address has changed within the last 12 months, please list the appropriate contact information below:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member or user of “Facebook”? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
HIM                      HER

Name one party or social activity/party that TSC has hosted, or could host that you like or you think would be fun to try this year:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Put a check beside two or more committees per member.*

*Put a “C” beside any activity you are willing to coordinate.*

<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>WEB SITE / FACEBOOK COMMITTEE</b>
		I will help with updates, enhancements, links or other items to be included on our site / page.

<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE</b>
		I will submit articles and other items for use.
		I will help with labels, stamps, and mailing.

<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>
		I will help dance at special events and do other things to recruit new members to our club.



<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE</b>
		I will take photos and submit them in a timely manner for web and/or newsletter use.

<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>PUBLICITY COMMITTEE</b>
		I will help plan, create and distribute flyers or other items to promote TSC or club activities and help with Facebook communications, email distributions, and other promotions.

<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>DANCE LESSONS COMMITTEE</b>
		I will help sign in students, set up the room, and serve as a partner to others taking lessons.

<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE</b>
		I will help plan, set up, work, & tear down at least two events. <b><u>Circle Preferences Here:</u></b> Valentines Day, Bowling, Golf&Cookout, SOS Kickoff, Bus Trip, Frozen Fantasy, New Years.

<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>MEET &amp; GREET COMMITTEE</b>
		I will help meet, greet and welcome guests to our weekly dance nights and other events.

<b>HIS</b>	<b>HERS</b>	<b>OTHER - <i>Please list details of anything else you can do to help TSC prosper this year.</i></b>

To go to the Mid-Winter, Spring or Fall SOS events at the beach you have to be a member of SOS. TSC Members get a \$5 discount if you join SOS or renew your SOS membership through TSC. (You can pay for both memberships at the same time, if you wish.)

Number of SOS Memberships requested at \$30 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of membership renewals requested at \$20 each: \_\_\_\_\_

***Membership includes a pledge to actively promote the prosperity, health, welfare and future of Twister's Shag Club at all times!***

# **The NEW TSC Logo Apparel Night**

An Updated & Reprinted Article By Frances Smith

Well, *New Year's Eve* has passed us already and even though the really cold weather hasn't set in, it's still jacket time. What better time than now to think about adding one of our Twister's jackets to your wardrobe?

As you all know, I am affectionately (I hope) known as "the shirt lady" of Twister's Shag Club. I am the one you come to for T-shirts, knit shirts, dress shirts, etc., with the TSC logo. Well, as you may know, we have added some nice jackets to our collection. A few of our members bought some back in the spring and they all seemed to be really excited about the choices we have to offer. There are styles for men and women, as well as a unisex style. And they are available in various colors.

Several of our newer members commented to me over Cyclone weekend that they didn't have a Twister's shirt to wear. So, although it's too late for Cyclone, there are still many more opportunities to wear logo shirts. We want to make certain everybody has one or two hanging in their closet! Our **January** club meeting is the place to be to see what selections we have to offer. Some of the shirt styles we had before are no longer available, so we will have samples of replacement choices along with the original button up oxfords that have been our staple for many years. We will be taking orders for jackets as well as other shirts that you may want. So, be sure to come to our meeting on Tuesday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Check out all of the various apparel selections and get your order placed. If you just cannot make the meeting but you still want to place an order, you can contact me at [fwsmith57@msn.com](mailto:fwsmith57@msn.com), or on my cell at 704-677-5221.

Editor's Note: Please remember that it is a violation of club policy to have someone else or some other company print or embroider our logo onto anything, or to use the club logo in any manner without specific, prior approval of Twister's Shag Club. You can order apparel and other items through TSC, or bring your items to Frances to have the Club's logo added to them.

**What's Happening In The Shag World**  
**(GoShagging.com Has More Items And Details)**

**Jan 8th: TSC monthly meeting at Fat Boys.**

March 21-23: Smoky Mountain Boogie hosted by Smoky Mountain Shaggers. \$65 until February 1. Then \$75. DJs Ed Timberlake, John Smith and Larry Calhoun. Workshops with Steve & Kathy Day and others. For info jimcorb@charter.net, 865-740-2962 or SmokyMountainShaggers.com.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

Pat Metcalf	01/03	John Grice	02/01
Peggy Cavin	01/19	Beverly Forrester	02/11
Wilma Laws	01/23	Marylee Kreamer	02/12
Tony Weisner	01/25	Janice Todd	02/12
Tom Stone	01/26	Al Waters	02/17
Howard Smith	01/29	Dale Abernathy	02/20
Trevor Brown	01/30	Celia Hunter	02/21
		Charles Binder	02/23

**Nancy,**

I can sit in the comfort of our house and look at the decorations you have appointed throughout, enjoy the creature comforts and security, have holiday and personal celebrations... the list is endless.

The simple fact of the matter is that the house would not be a home, and the home not worth having without you.

Thank you for being my wife.

**With All My Love, Happy Anniversary!**  
**Wayland**

# **Davidson Cornelius Day Care Visit**

By Peggy Cavin

When we arrived on Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>, there was a lot of remodeling going on. A handicap ramp was being built, a new door was being cut through the brick near the side door and several large holes in the ground had been dug. All the shades were pulled down. It looked like nobody was home. As we entered the side door we saw the carpet had been pulled up in the hallways. The lobby had been redesigned and looked like several offices were being worked on. There was no Christmas Tree this year. There was no place to put one.

We found out that the renovations are going to allow the Day Care to give the facility more room and also so they can start taking children from infant age and up. The whole community had pitched in and volunteered their time and skills to make this come true. I can't wait to see the new, remodeled Davidson Cornelius Child Development Center.

When Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived, the kids were waking up from their naps. We were ready to see all those happy faces.

The first class Santa visited had 4 and 5 year olds. They were very well mannered, sitting on the floor in front of Santa. One little girl was so wide-eyed the whole time just watching every move he made. The kids came up one by one to sit on his lap. Santa answered questions. One little boy asked if Mrs. Claus was his mother. Santa convinced the child she was not his mom. Most of their Christmas lists weren't long; just a few things this year.

The second class had 3 year olds. Again, they were very well mannered. It was fun listening to their wish lists and their cute questions. You had to laugh. The third and final class had the youngest children at 2 years old. They were cute as could be.

There are pictures of each class of kids on TSC's website, [www.goshgging.com](http://www.goshgging.com). Check out those beautiful little faces.

As we left, there was this good feeling deep down inside. We had accomplished our goal of making Christmas happy for these little ones with the donations from caring TSC members. We were real Santa's, each and every one of us! What a merry Christmas!

## **Ramblings From the Road**

By Wayland Massengill

Welcome to winter in Wisconsin. No, from Illinois. Sorry, I'm in Indiana. Crap! That sign said Ohio. So, as I travel through West Virginia headed home, I need to stop here in Virginia for fuel. Be with you in a minute.

Ah yes. This is much better. Writing from the comfort of my recliner beats the \$?&@ out of trying to relax in the "rent-a-wreck" I have been driving lately. My poor 2012 Freightliner Cascadia developed a runny computer and some other new age technology gizmo broke, causing me to get into a "loaner" truck.

Insuring transparency, I must concede that while I have driven every make and model of commercial vehicle out there, it has probably been 15 or 20 years since I've been in a 379 model Peterbilt.



That truck had almost enough hood on it to land an aircraft. It had been "rode hard and hung up wet". I truly wanted my truck back!

I am also compelled to caution you on any holiday travel you may undertake as I have witnessed some very impatient drivers on the road. Aggressive driving is a violation in most states, however the fuzz never seems to be around while the rest of us are dodging them on the highways. Such is life.

Regardless, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and happy new year.

Please be safe in your travels so I'll "See ya where the road ends".

# New Year's Eve 2012/2013

By Peggy Cavin

Can anyone believe that it's 2013 already? Where has the year gone? Time changes and we move forward, hopefully to a better year. I wish each of you a healthy, happy, and bright 2013!

Our New Year's Eve party was such a great time. Thanks to Kathy Thompson who headed up this year's party and made it an awesome event as well as everyone else who helped out. The food, the decorations... everything was great. We had 80 attendees who came to ring in the new year. Walter Upchurch kept the tunes going all night. They made my feet want to move! The dance floor was full up until the time that the lights came on at 1:00am.

There is something about midnight on New Year's Eve that seems to bring out the kid in some of us. It was a crazy time from midnight on. I think Bob Rea started it all. When the funky music started, he was the one out in front of the troops! I loved the sing-a-longs, too! You had to have been there to get the jest of all the commotion in the building at midnight. I heard the rumor that the usual tradition of "hitting the floor" at midnight would be carried out and our committee chairperson lead the assault. I'm sure there will be pictures on our website [www.goshagging.com](http://www.goshagging.com), soon. But there will be no names (to protect the "innocent"), I promise!

Some of our former members attended and it seemed like the Fun Bunch from long ago. It was great seeing them and they joined in with the group like they had never left. Thanks for the memories and the good time, guys. I understand retirement and grandchildren can change your lives, but we have missed you. I also heard that the 4th floor of the Clarion was rocking an hour before the shuttle arrived and that the party also carried on there way into the night.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to make this party one of the best. The Fun Bunch and fans made sure that 2012 went out with a bang!! And as that attitude continues, look out 2013, the Fun Bunch is in charge! I hope you will participate in it with us.

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