

# The Shag Rag

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*Shagbark . . .*



A number of FCSC members traveled to North Myrtle Beach for Spring SOS. The date came a bit early this year before Easter and before tax season ended. The weather was a bit cool at times but it's always warm when you're among friends and dancing. The weather is a factor but we always find a way to cope with it. On Monday, Paul Spaulding played on the back deck at Fat Harold's and many of us congregated there to listen, dance, and to support Paul. Our new member, Jerry Munson, also deejayed at SOS.

David King and a group of First Coasters were at JU on Saturday, April 2, to play a part in the JU Relay for Life, a function held for the benefit of the American Cancer Society, FCSC's chosen charity. Next up was our "Fifth Saturday" party at Club Savoy with Jerry Munson driving up from Orlando to serve as our DJ. After that, at Club Savoy, we had our "Second Friday" shag night, May 13.

River City is going well on Wednesday nights, Sliders has re-opened but because they still have construction going on and dining space is limited, we were blocked out on Easter Sunday, the Shrimp Festival, and Mother's Day. Memorial weekend will also be blocked out for lessons and dancing.

We continue to add new members, 31 to date, for a total of 197. I am so very pleased and I know you are, too. Allen Henry, my bunkmate, and Membership Chair, says that 80% of 2010 members have renewed. We are currently at 95% of last year's membership.

Til next time . . . **AnnE**



## **FCSC Weekly Dancing**

**Every Wednesday @ River City Brewing Company –**  
835 Museum Circle, Southbank Riverwalk Downtown,  
Jacksonville, FL.

Free Shag Lessons – No partner necessary.  
Intermediate Shag 7-7:30pm  
Basic Shag 7:30-8pm  
Open Dancing 8-10:30pm – FCSC DJs  
Wooden Dance Floor, excellent food and bar, smoke  
free, happy hour 4-7, free parking, no cover charge.



**Every Sunday @ Sliders –** 1998 S. Fletcher Ave.,  
Fernandina Beach, FL.  
Free Shag Lessons – no partner necessary  
Intermediate Shag 4-4:30pm  
Basic Shag 4:30-5pm  
Open Dancing 5-7pm – FCSC DJs  
Wooden dance floor, excellent food and bar, ocean  
atmosphere, smoke free, free parking, no cover charge.



**New FCSC Dance Venue: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each  
month is FCSC night at Club Savoy. Bring your  
friends for dancing, great music, step sharing and  
support Club Savoy. \$8 entry for Savoy and FCSC  
members; \$10 for guests. BYOB; set ups available.**

Ask your instructors about purchasing Basic or  
Intermediate FCSC instructional DVDs.

**Make all our members feel welcome by asking  
someone new to dance each week!**

## **Tentative 2011 FCSC Party Dates**

- **4/30/11** - @ Savoy
- **7/16/11** – Riverboat Cruise
- **7/30/11** - @ Savoy
- **10/29/11** - Halloween Party @ Savoy
- **12/17/11** - Christmas Party @ RCBC
- **12/31/11** - New Year's Eve Party @ Savoy with  
FBI Club

## **Tentative 2012 FCSC Party Dates**

- **January 2012** – Annual Cancer Benefit
- **2/5/12** – Super Bowl Party @ Savoy
- **2/18 – 19<sup>TH</sup>** Annual FCSC Anniversary Party

## **For Other Regional Parties:**

Visit: [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com) and [www.shagtour.com](http://www.shagtour.com)..

### **May 2011**

**26-30:** Grand National Championship in Atlanta, GA.  
Contact 803-740-5230 or [www.usagrandnationals.com](http://www.usagrandnationals.com).

**26-29:** Music City BOP Club's 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Boogie  
Blast in Nashville, TN. Visit  
[www.musiccitybopclub.com](http://www.musiccitybopclub.com).

### **June 2011**

**2-4:** The Palmetto Shag Club's Southern Comfort XIV  
@ the Jamil Shrine Temple, Columbia, SC. Contact  
[npowell09@aol.com](mailto:npowell09@aol.com) for ticket information.

**22-26:** JBBA's Boogie on the River. For information  
contact: [boogygator@aol.com](mailto:boogygator@aol.com) or 904-731-9883.

### **July 2011**

**June 30- July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Ft Lauderdale Swing & Shag Beach  
Bash. Visit [www.flssbb.com](http://www.flssbb.com).

**8-10:** ACSC Summer Workshop hosted by the CSRA  
Shag Club in Augusta GA. Visit: [www.csrashag.com](http://www.csrashag.com).

### **August 2011**

**12-13:** Beckley Area Shag Club's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Runway  
Boogie. Visit [www.beckleyshagclub.com](http://www.beckleyshagclub.com).

**11-14:** Jekyll Island Beach Music Festival. Visit  
[www.goldenislessshagclub.com](http://www.goldenislessshagclub.com) or [www.jekyllisland.com](http://www.jekyllisland.com).

**18-20:** Tampa Bay Beach Bopper's 19<sup>th</sup> Beach Boogie.  
Visit [www.tampabaybeachboppers.com](http://www.tampabaybeachboppers.com).

### **September 2011**

**16-25:** SOS Fall Migration in North Myrtle Beach.

### **October 2011**

**14-16:** Charleston Shag Club Geechee Blast @ at the  
Alhambra Hall in Mt Pleasant, SC. Visit  
[www.charlestonshagclub.com](http://www.charlestonshagclub.com)

### **Dance Venues Other than FCSC**

**Club Savoy** – 6354 Arlington Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32211. Visit [www.clubsavoyatjax.com](http://www.clubsavoyatjax.com) to keep current with their dance calendar. Nice atmosphere, floating wood dance floor, free parking, BYOB, set ups available.

**Florida Boppers (FBI)** – [www.floridaboppers.com](http://www.floridaboppers.com).

**The Ballroom** – dancing 7 days a week @ 465 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Visit [www.theballroomonnovaroad.com](http://www.theballroomonnovaroad.com) or contact Frank Anderson 386- 341-7900 for Salsa, Waltz, Foxtrot, Rumba, Cha Cha, Tango, Hustle, West Coast Swing.

### **In Search of Old & New FCSC Pictures**

Vickie Hyde, our club Historian, continues to need your old and new pictures of FCSC events to include in the club scrapbook. Touch base with her (904-568-1117) if you have photos to share.

### **Change Your E-mail/Home Address or Phone Numbers?**

Contact Allen Henry, Membership Chair, at 904-288-8256 or [ashags@bellsouth.net](mailto:ashags@bellsouth.net) to update your member information.

### **Looking for Experienced, in Good Condition, Dance Shoes**

Keep cleaning out your closets and find all those no longer being used, experienced, and in good condition dance shoes for our Junior Shaggers. Vickie Hyde (904-568-1117) is the Florida representative for the Ellen Taylor Foundation and will gladly accept your shoe donations year round.

### **2011 SOS**

See Anne Henry to purchase SOS cards if you are planning to attend any of the 2011 SOS Myrtle Beach events. The pre-purchase cost is \$30. If you wait and purchase in Myrtle Beach, the cost increases to \$35. Your card can be used for all three 2011 events: Mid Winter (January 13-16), Spring Safari (April 8-17), and the Fall Migration (September 16-25).

September's SOS will include an opportunity to set a Guinness World Record for the largest Carolina Shag Dance. The event will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> on Main Street. Participants will need to pay a \$5 donation to the SOS Charitable Foundation. Stay tuned to Anne's e-notes for additional information.

### **FCSC Personalized Name Tags**

Contact Allen Henry to order a personalized, permanent name tag rather than wearing a 'stick on' name tag each Wednesday night. The cost is \$8.60.



### **FCSC General Membership Meeting**

Mark the dates on your calendar. The next two General Membership meetings will be held on Monday evening, **June 20<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> at Savoy, 7:00pm.**

### **FCSC Merchandise**

In addition to the FCSC logo men and women shirts we now have FCSC logo collapsible disc fans and slap coozies for sale (\$3 each or 2 for \$5- mix and match is available). See Mona King for an order form.

### **Welcome New Members**

- Mark and Pam Bryant
- Joan Burgos
- Legrand and Sandy Caulder
- Bill Griffin
- Christina and Keith Hudgens
- Ann Huffty
- Debbie Hurm
- Jamie and Linda Montgomery
- John Nicholas
- Ceceille and Jim Poole
- Wayne Schroth
- Jason and Sarah Shedlarski
- Monika Sheffield
- Linda Silfies
- Chuck and Dixie Smith
- Dianne Smith
- Harmony Thobaben
- David Thompson
- Doug Warren

**FCSC membership count is now 197 strong!**

**Remember to renew your membership!!!! The new membership year begins March 1<sup>st</sup>; the fee is \$30.**



**Happy Birthday- It's Never too Late to Celebrate:**

**March**

- 1 – Susie Perakis
- 2 - Allen Henry
- 7 - Ray Gahafer
- 8 - Pat Daugherty
- 9 - Mary Lou Jankowski, Diane Jones
- 10 –Robin Bascara, Pat Bell, Don Hudson
- 13 –Joe Blanc
- 14 –Bob Hyde
- 15 - Bill Winn
- 17 - J.B. Ulch
- 21 - Donna Martin
- 22 –Jill Kilgore, Roy Snyder
- 25 – Judy Belz, Joan Dashiell

**April**

- 3 – Doug Warren
- 4 – Paula Soehlig
- 9 – Carole Wells
- 10 – Kelly Cordell
- 16 – Nita Kunkle
- 21 – Nino Romano
- 25 – Bobby Thornley

**May**

- 5 – Paul Gmelch
- 6 – Jamie Montgomery
- 8 – Bob Hataway, Marlene Pearce
- 14 – Lynda Dial
- 19 – Patty Dyal
- 20 – Craig Hoskins
- 21 – Rocky Mistler
- 22 – Dee Crowder
- 23 – Tony Gonzalez
- 27 – Jeanette Reynolds
- 28 – Sarah Shedlarski
- 29 – Marsha Williams
- 30 – Len Cayce, Cyndi Wahl

**Florida Shag Dance Hall of Fame**

Frank Anderson has resigned as Chairman of the Florida Shag Dance Hall of Fame. Kelly Cordell will serve as the new Chairman and all of the Hall of Fame plaques will be hung at Club Savoy. The new board will be comprised of Frank Anderson, Kelly Cordell, Jane Harrington, Anne Henry, and Tommy Roberts.



**Sharing and Caring:**

Speedy Recovery to the following members recuperating from various ailments or surgery:

- Betty Berrey
- Lee Edgar
- Anne Henry
- LaVerne Horton
- Lynn Graves
- Bob Hataway
- Dale Horne
- Linda McCormick
- Jewel Whitworth
- Bill Winn

Vickie Hyde's mother continues to recover.

Diane King's mother continues to recover in rehab.

Jackie and Randy Knudsen's 20 year old grandson, Codey, was injured while serving in Afghanistan for the US Army and has recently undergone a 5<sup>th</sup> surgery.

Nick Romano's son was involved in a motorcycle accident while stationed in Guam. Nick has spent the past six weeks with his son helping him recuperate.

Paul Spaulding's mother continues to recover.

Marsha Williams' mother is in recovery.

Condolences to Lucretia Minchew whose brother passed away in April.



**FCSC Member Special Recognition:**

-Thanks to all members supporting our Wednesday nights at RCBC, Sunday afternoons at Sliders, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night of each month at Savoy.

-Kudos to Dee Crowder, Jackie Dolan, John Graham, Fred Groover, Brenda Hoge, Vickie Hyde, Linda LiBrandi, Bob and Mona King, David and Diane King, and Adam Lundy for giving up their Saturday morning and representing the FCSC at the JU Relay for Life.

-Candy Richards has volunteered to assist with the 2012 Cancer Benefit.

## **FCSC Member Special Recognition (cont'd)**

- Rhonda Murray has volunteered to assist with social and decorations.



-Sarah Pelican became a naturalized U.S. citizen on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. Congratulations!!!!

-Sara and John Pelican's oldest son, Luke, graduated from the University of Nebraska with a LLM in Space and Telecommunications.

-Betty Blair will be moving to Franklin, NC. We will miss you.

-Judy Belz's son, Captain Marcus Antonini, made his initial flight as a B2 stealth bomber pilot. Both Judy and Rocky Mistler traveled to the Whiteman AFB, Missouri to watch the event.

-Cindy Wahl's daughter was married May 1<sup>st</sup> to Jeff Adkins in Cocoa Beach.

-Debbie Hurm will be performing in the play 'Bookstore' at the Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre opening May 13th. The play will run for three consecutive weeks.

-Karen McHugh's son, Demetrius, graduated from UNF on April 29<sup>th</sup> with a BS degree in Computer and Information Sciences.

-Roy Snyder retired on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from Liberty Ambulance after 25 years of service. Now you will have more time for dancing, Roy!

-Linda LiBrandi and Bob King will perform with the 'Classic Edition' Band at RCBC on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-midnight.

-Anne and Allen Henry, LaVerne Horton, and David and Diane King volunteered to attend the Telephone Pioneers luncheon on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The group provided a shag demo and taught a few basic shag steps.

## **Take an Opportunity to Check Out a Pending Book Publication about Shag Dancing**

A new book is pending publication in 2012 authored by Dr. Phil Sawyer and Tom Poland. You can check out the out the Website at [www.tompoland.net](http://www.tompoland.net) and click on 'Shag Book Underway' to read a synopsis.

## **FCSC Committee Chairs, Dance Instructors, and DJs-Thank you for your contributions!**

- Annual Cancer Benefit – Need volunteer
- Caring – Fred Groover
- Communication – Linda Fountain
- Dance – David King
- 50/50 – Need volunteer
- Historian – Vickie Hyde
- Membership – Allen Henry
- Parliamentarian – Butch Beard
- Phone Tree – Judy Belz
- Photography – Need volunteers
- Shag Rag Printing/Mailing – Need volunteer
- Social – Need volunteer
- Ways & Means (merchandise) – Need volunteer

Contact Anne Henry @ 904-288-8256 or email [annejh@bellsouth.net](mailto:annejh@bellsouth.net) if you would like to volunteer.

**Instructors:** Linda Fountain, Vickie Hyde, Bob and Mona King, David and Diane King, Linda and John LiBrandi, and Al Ramos.

**DJs:** Ray Gahafer, Tony Gonzalez, Jane Harrington, Jimmy Lucree, Jerry Munson, Paul Spaulding, and Earl Yeomans

## **Shag Rag Advertising**

Advertisements in the FCSC Shag Rag will be run for a year beginning with the September/October Shag Rag and **MUST** be 'camera ready' photos. To advertise, contact Linda Fountain at 904-608-4700. Annual rates are:

- Business Cards: \$24
- One-quarter page: \$48
- One half page: \$96
- Full page: \$192



## **Getting To Know Our Members**

**Joe Blanc** – has owned and operated Joe's' USA Shoe Repair, located in Arlington on University Blvd, since 1987 and thoroughly enjoys the daily dialog with his customers. Joe is a Jacksonville native, a four year Air Force veteran, twenty eight year Air National Guard veteran, worked for St Regis for twenty nine years, and General Electric for ten years. He is an electrical engineer by trade. In case you didn't catch the local

### **Getting To Know Our Members (cont'd)**

news a couple of weeks ago, one of the local TV stations stopped by Joe's shop for an impromptu interview. Joe indicated he has been interviewed on four other occasions. Shoe repair is a skill you don't find on every corner - Joe knows how to keep your feet comfortable while dancing! Thank you for all you do for us Joe.

**Lorrie DeFrank** – currently manages the Division of Community Pediatrics for the University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville, FL. In her previous life she worked in Pennsylvania for eighteen years as a newspaper reporter and editor. After moving to Florida, she worked for the City of Jacksonville for ten years as the Chief of Neighborhood Services. Lorrie's hobbies include dancing, traveling to visit her friends and family, and free lance writing. Lorrie was previously our FCSC Shag Rag editor.

**Jackie Dolan** – born and raised in New York and has two sons. One of Jackie's goals was to move south after retirement; she achieved her goal and landed in Jacksonville, FL. Jackie's work experience includes serving as a drug and alcohol counselor for the NY school system and working at the Bronx Zoo for 2 years as assistant to the editor in Chief of the Animal Kingdom Magazine for the Zoological Society. With a twinkle in her eye she told me she 'actually rode a camel because the elephant wasn't available'. I will leave it up to the readers to learn more about the story. Jackie's hobbies include fishing, clamming, crabbing, and spending time with her sister Dona. She has been dancing all of her life and April marks her one year anniversary as a FCSC member.

**Mary Lou DuBois** – born and raised in Saginaw, MI and moved to Jacksonville in 1990. Mary Lou has been dancing all her life and was elected 'Queen of the Hop' in high school. She has two children; a son and a daughter. Both of her children dance; her daughter is a professional ballroom dancer. Mary Lou also has two beautiful grandchildren; her grandson just recently played the lead actor at Douglas Anderson. Mary Lou's expertise is facials and has fifty years of experience. She actually gave Goldie Hawn a facial when she visited Jacksonville for a special event.

**John Graham** – better know as 'Handsome John Henry'. I will let you ask John how he got his nickname. John is a self employed remodeling contractor and thoroughly enjoys his work. He was born in Lynch, KY and grew up in Oxford, OH. John also has another unique trade. He attended barber school at the age of fifteen and became a master barber at the age of eighteen. His mother, father, brother, and uncle were also barbers so it runs in the family! John has never lost his magic touch with the scissors and continues to give occasional cuts.

**Bob King**- born in Charleston SC and is an Air Force six year veteran completing a tour of duty in Vietnam as

### **Getting To Know Our Members (cont'd)**

a traffic controller. Bob and Mona have been married for twenty one years; he met Mona at the now closed Bombay Bicycle Shop on Baymeadows through a mutual friend. Bob watched as Mona ordered a double wild turkey and he was smitten. He said 'she is the one-it was meant to be". Bob is also a musician and a dancer. Bob plays base, saxophone, and keyboard and is currently a member of the "Classic Edition" five piece band (the band will be playing at RCBC on June 4<sup>th</sup>). He ballroom danced for approximately ten years and was one of the 'Jacksonville Princess' captains for six years.

**Mona King** – born in Athens GA and graduated from the University of SC in Columbia. She moved to Jacksonville in 1979, has worked for Bank of America since 1984, has two daughters, and two grandchildren. Mona is a thirty nine year member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Philanthropic Society and currently serves as their Treasurer. Mona ballroom danced with her husband, Bob, for ten years, competed and won numerous awards. Mona opens her home to the Shag Club for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July party each year. They have a beautiful home on the waterfront and a Shag Shack out back for dancing. You won't want to miss this party.

**John LiBrandi** – is currently retired, a Jacksonville native, avid golfer, hunter, and snow skier. He was an All American baseball player at FSU and played minor league pro ball with the Kansas City Royals. He is also a master electrician. John started dancing approximately two and a half years ago and is now a co-instructor for the FCSC with his wife, Linda. When you talk to John be sure to ask him why he likes Vegas so much!

**Linda LiBrandi** – a Jacksonville native, has three daughters, and has known John since elementary school (they also attended the same middle and junior high school). Linda has been singing for forty years with the Jacksonville Harmony Chorus, Sweet Adeline's International. Her singing career has taken her to Europe, Asia, and Australia. She was also a member of a traveling show band for five years. In the mid '70s Linda won a western dance contest; the prize was a trip to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry. Linda is one of our FCSC dance instructors.

**Jewel Whitworth** – Jewel is 98 years young and an inspiration to all of us. You will often see her out on the dance floor at RCBC and our local Shag events for one to two dances. Jewel thrives on being the center of all activities; just say 'go' and she is the first one out the door. She was born on a farm in Hull, GA, married her hometown sweetheart, has two children and played golf until she was 92. Growing up she was considered a 'tomboy' and often played football with her two older brothers. Her nickname was 'Red' for her fiery red hair, but Jewel considered these 'fighting words'.

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