

# The Shag Rag

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## Shagbark . . .



Where does the time go? As "they" say, time flies when you're having fun! The Halloween party was totally awesome. We tried something new with the table decorations. Since FCSC had no Halloween decorations, a number of members stepped up and either volunteered or got drafted to bring things from home and decorate just one table each. The end result was that the decorations were so over the top good, you wouldn't believe. What tremendous talent we have in this club! They were all so good the judges couldn't even pick just one, they chose two. There were more costumes than I remember seeing in several years and plenty of food (appropriately named) to serve the more than 100 ghosts, goblins, and witches. Several donated prizes were then presented to those costumes judged the best in several different categories.

On November 13, FCSC partnered with the River City DJ's to host the DJs' annual "Throwdown" at Club Savoy. The theme was "Wine, Cheese, and Blues," and everyone seemed to get plenty of all three categories! I know I did!

On December 6, the General Membership Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Club Savoy. Topics of discussion will be bylaws changes and nomination of officers for 2011.

On December 18, FCSC members will get together at River City Brewing Company for an "easy" Christmas party. All you have to do is dress up and show up. No bake up, set up, or clean up! The dancing will begin at 9:00 p.m. and RCBC stays open 'til 2:00 a.m. Bring your sweetie, come early, and have dinner in the restaurant. If you make reservations and identify yourself as part of FCSC, you will receive a complimentary glass of champagne at dinner.

If you're planning to go to SOS Mid-Winter at North Myrtle Beach, you will need a 2011 SOS card! They are available through FCSC for \$30, a \$5 savings.

On January 29, we will have our annual Benefit for the American Cancer Society. Please be thinking about how you can contribute. Maybe you have something new you do not have a need for, or maybe you could ask a business you frequent often, for a donation. Everything is 100% tax deductible since all proceeds go to the Cancer Society. We will have a silent auction, a raffle, and this year we will add a "Country Store" feature with homemade baked goods. Let's make this the best year yet for money raised for a worthy cause!

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.

**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!**

### **Remaining 2010 FCSC Party Dates**

**Dec 18:** Holiday Dance at River City Brewing

### **2011 FCSC Party Dates**

**Jan. 29:** American Cancer Society Benefit @ Club Savoy

**Feb 19:** 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

### **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.

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

### **Dance Venues Other than FCSC cont'd**

**Dance Night at the VFW** – every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Shag, bop, swing, ballroom, Latin and party hits from the '50s to '80s; VFW, 6184 Highway 1 South, St. Augustine; 7:30-10:30 p.m., cash bar available, \$5 at the door.

**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.

### **December 2010**

**2-4:** Shag Atlanta 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party, Holiday Inn Select, 4386 Chamblee-Dunwoody, Atlanta, GA 30341. Visit [www.shagatlanta.com](http://www.shagatlanta.com).

**31:** FBI New Year's Eve Party at Savoy

### **January 2011**

**7-9:** Hilton Head Island Carolina Shag Party Island Winter Classic XVI at the Oceanfront Crowne Plaza Resort (800-334-1881). Contact Vicki Bruno at [vickilu2@yahoo.com](mailto:vickilu2@yahoo.com) or 843-505-0152.

**13-16:** SOS Mid Winter Classic in Myrtle Beach.

### **February 2011**

**25-27:** ACSC Winter Workshop hosted by the Columbia Shag Club. Visit [www.columbiashagclub.net](http://www.columbiashagclub.net).

### **April 2011**

**8-17:** SOS Spring Safari in Myrtle Beach.

### **May 2011**

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

### **June 2011**

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

### **July 2011**

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

### **September 2011**

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

### **For Other Regional Parties:**

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

### **Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> FCSC General Membership Meeting**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend your next FCSC General Membership Meeting on Monday, December 6, 2010 @ 7:00pm at Club Savoy. The December agenda includes your approval of the proposed ByLaw changes, presentation of the proposed 2011 officers, and potential officer nominations from the floor. **We need your involvement, ideas, and feedback!**

### **In Search of Old 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.

### **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 Cards**

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).

### **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.

### **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 Merchandise**

In addition to the FCSC logo men and women shirts we now have FCSC logo collapsible disc fans for sale (\$3 each or 2 for \$5). See Marlene Pearce, Anne Henry, or LaVerne Horton for an order form.

### **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.

### **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

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

- Caring – Fred Groover
- Communication – Linda Fountain
- Dance – David King
- Historian – Vickie Hyde
- Membership – Allen Henry
- Parliamentarian – Butch Beard
- Phone Tree – Bob Hataway
- Photography – Need volunteers
- Social – Pat Bell and Marsha Williams
- Webmaster – Position Open/Need Volunteer

**Instructors:** Phil Clemons, Joan Davis, Linda Fountain, Vickie Hyde, David and Diane King, Linda and John LiBrandi, and Al Ramos.

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



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

**September:**

- 1 - Sid Ball, Linda Sacco
- 4 - Betty Blair, Mary Ann Pardue, John Pelican
- 8 - Gene Barton
- 10 - Mona King, Rhonda Murray
- 15 - General Lee Edgar
- 16 - LaVerne Horton
- 17 - Debbie Spaulding
- 18 - Denise Richardson, Lydia Sastre
- 22 - Doug Harrington
- 25 - Jim Baker
- 26 - Brenda Miller
- 27 - Linda Fountain, Becky Sullivan
- 29 - Rita Baker, Jean Starling

**October:**

- 2 - George Cranston
- 6 - Melody Cason, Henry Rogers, Dave Roof
- 7 - Maxine Boman
- 9 - Don Midgett
- 10 - John LiBrandi, Dilys Jagger
- 16 - Jim Perakis
- 17 - Phil Clemons
- 24 - Roy Holian
- 26 - Jimmy Lucree, Bob Mitchell
- 29 - Deloris Conway, John Graham, Jerry Vaughn

**November:**

- 1 - Meredith Robertson
- 7 - Terri Davis, Dana Dunnington
- 8 - Dirlie Gahafer, Mike Jole, Rita Lucree,
- 9 - Evelyn Fales, Linda Roten
- 11 - Roger Reynolds, Leslie Urban
- 12 - Becky Davis
- 13 - Diane King
- 15 - Pam Beighley
- 16 - Ben Burbridge, Paul Spaulding, Elaine Wheeler
- 18 - Mary Lou DuBois
- 20 - Pat Antonello, Diane Cayce
- 23 - Renee Harlan
- 27 - Pat Gonzalez
- 30 - Sherry Helmuth

***Our membership count is now 203!!***

**Welcome New Members:**

- Dee Crowder
- Terri Davis
- Lajana Hill
- Craig Hoskins
- Mike Jole
- Carroll Mixon
- Ricki Rodrick

**Getting to Know our New Members**

**Sherry Helmuth**- talk about being in the right place at the right time!!!! Sherry and friends were at the Hilton in August of '75 and were invited to meet Elvis. Sherry said she will never forget shaking Elvis' hand while he was in his royal blue bathrobe. She also loves watching football, shagging and is a Jacksonville native.

**Greg Henderson** – bicycled across Iowa two times for a charity event (472 miles – just thinking about it makes my seat hurt). Ran track for UF, has coached two high school girls cross country state championships, and is an assistant high school principal.

**Voncile Lowery** – a rarity....another Jacksonville native! Voncile spends a lot of quality time with her three grandchildren (and one on the way). Her sister (Deloris Conway) told me she has a dry sense of humor and is a rabid arena football fan.

**Brian Sellars** – has been shag dancing for 15 years, plays the guitar, is gearing up to interview for Dental School (best of luck Brian), and has just recently produced a Beach Boogie & Blue musical for his home town. Kyle's dad – Kyle is one of our Jr Shaggers.

**Mia Sellars** – born and raised in Oregon, has been shag dancing for 15 years, played softball at Georgia Southern College and previously worked at Disney. Mother of Kyle –one of our Jr Shaggers.

**Bob Sherrill** – loves golf and has two 'holes in one' to his name!!! Move over Tiger!

**Pat Shugurt** – Pat has been dancing since he was 14, was voted 'the wittiest' in high school, served our country as a Marine, and currently manages Club Savoy. Ask Pat about his fisherman story – caught 86 fish and the boat barely made it back to shore!

**Paula Soehlig** – Terry Parker graduate, now retired, taught kindergarten for 32 years, likes to travel and is currently working on her 'bucket list. The top two on her list are zip lining and Niagara Falls.

**J.B. Ulrich** – an Ohio native, President of Prudential's Retirement Club (600 members) and writes their monthly newsletter. J.B. also has a working garden, eats what he grows and gives away what he can't eat to neighbors.



### **Caring and Sharing:**

Speedy Recovery to the following members recuperating from various ailments:

- Fred Carter
- Lynda Coleman
- Vickie Hyde
- Meredith Robertson
- Bill Winn

**Sincere Sympathy** to Deloris Conway and Voncile Lowery whose father passed away September 29th.



### **FCSC Member Special Recognition:**

Kudos to Martha Beard and Sarah Pelican for assisting with new membership promotion on Sundays in Fernandina Beach and to Carol Holliman for assisting Allen 'the boss' Wednesday evenings.

Thanks to Pat Bell and Marsha Williams for coordinating the door prize give-a-way at the River City Brewing Labor Day get together

Congratulations Pat Bell! Pat placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Newcomer Jack & Jill completion at the Jacksonville River City Swing Event.

The FCSC was recognized for selling all their 100 Fall Migration Fun Monday SOS raffle tickets. Thanks to those sellers and purchasers!

Thus far Carol Holliman and Vickie Hyde have won the 'guess the baby picture' contest.

Congratulations to Deann McNeal and her husband Alan Peltz. The couple was just recently married in Maui, HI.

Thanks to Lorrie DeFrank, Pat Gonzalez, and Sarah Pelican for volunteering to serve as our 2011 FCSC officer nominating committee.

Congratulations to Don Midgett on his recent retirement.

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

#### ***Our Halloween Party was a huge success!!!***

Butch Beard, Dee Carmichael, Joan Davis, Lorrie DeFrank, Linda Fountain, Karen Franks, Pat Gonzalez, John Graham, Vickie Hyde, Diane King, Mona King, Rhonda Murray, Marlene Pearce, Sarah Pelican, and Debbie Spaulding entered the table decorating contest.

There was a 1<sup>st</sup> place tie for the table decorating. It went to Karen Franks and Marlene Pearce.

Debbie and Paul Spaulding headed up the picture taking.

Ted Bowen, Lynda Coleman, and Caroline Karsner served as contest judges.

Pat Bell, Jacqueline Dolan, and Linda McCormick did an awesome job setting up and managing the dining room. These ladies worked hard and contributed to the parties huge success.

Thanks to all contributing their favorite dish and donating prizes. This time we had plenty of food!!!

Linda LiBrandi was awarded the 'most clever named dish' prize – 'Massacred Swine Flew'. It doesn't sound too appetizing, but it received rave reviews from those that indulged.

The best handmade costume award went to Diane and Gene Barton. What a seamstress.

The scariest costume award went to Mike Butler who came as the Grim Reaper.

The best makeup award went to Linda LiBrandi.

The funniest couple award went to David and Diane King. David was the bull; Diane was the matador.

The coolest/cutest couple award went to Rhonda Murray (Little Red Riding Hood) and Pat Shugart (the hunter).

The best overall costume went to Pam Gonzalez – Bryson and Captain Jack Sparrow.

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