

SHAG RAG



Burlington Shag Club

Incorporated
1985

January 2004

From the Prez,

I hope everyone had a prosperous and joyous Holiday Season. First let me give a special word of thanks to Peg Hansen and Brenda Smith for the wonderful job they did serving our members in 2003. Thank you so much, you done a wonderful job.

To our new officers: Denise Upchurch, Buddy Whaley and Mary Gregory, I challenge you to help me bring our club together and to work hard to make our club the best. We are all looking forward to 2004 to support our club, participate and have fun. Our Re-up Party is on January 9th; please plan to be there. Also Mid Winter is at hand, 2003 and 2004 cards can be used to get into this event. Also, Meals On Wheels is getting started. Offer your support and volunteer to help in this wonderful event. January business meeting has been changed to January 9th in order not to conflict with Mid Winter. The Meals On Wheels dance at the Mall is scheduled for February 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.; please plan to be there. The Christmas Party was a blast! Thanks to all of you for attending and all of you who worked hard to make this a special time. On a personal note, thank you for electing me to serve you for another term. I will do my best for all the members of this club. Together we can accomplish so many things. I am looking forward to working with all of you in 2004.

Happy New Year,

Ronnie Gregory

Email: windmill@triad.rr.com

BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 9TH

AT BEST WESTERN

RE-UP PARTY AFTER MEETING!!!



Sharing Helping Always Giving

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer	Newsletter Editors	Webmaster
Ronnie Gregory 585-1118	Buddy Whaley 227-5937	Denise Upchurch 437-9701	Mary Gregory 585-1118	Clint & Angie Sharpe 226-6218	Mary Gregory 585-1118

It's time to put on your dancing shoes....

Please join us at Colonial Mall on February 6th for Meals On Wheels

"Shagging at the Mall"

6:00pm to 8:00pm

DJ Roy Childress



Meals on Wheels Benefit Tickets!

Are on sale NOW. Please see or call Al Fogleman at home 336-229-4015 or at Sawyer Exterminator 336-226-1448. He will assign you tickets to sell.

JOIN US AT THE BEACH

SOS Mid-Winter
North Myrtle Beach
January 16th-18th

You will need your 2003 or 2004 SOS card for this event.



Many of the members of the club have been going through some difficult time over the past few weeks. Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Bob Maccia
Had surgery early
December

Stephen Stearns
Had hand surgery in
December

Lynn Hooper
His daughter was in a bad
car accident

Evelyn Turner
Had Surgery in December.

If you know of anyone that needs the club's thoughts and prayers please call Angie Sharpe at 226-6218 or email casharpe@netpath.net

A Year In Review, and what a year it was:

March Bourbon St. came to Burlington
April How Tacky could you be?
May Missed the first prom? Your second chance came.
June Luau Burlington Style.
July Celebration of the Red, White & Blue.
August Too hot to do anything.
September Those Oldies but Goodies
October Who was that masked shagger?
November The mad hatters.
December Sparkle & Glitter

We must not forget the Bingo nights.
Thanks to everyone who supported all the events.

Looking forward to 2004.

Nita Wilson
Entertainment Chairperson

S.O.S. Membership Application
Please Print
Memberships are for the Calendar Year.

Name(s): _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Age: _____

Phone: _____ Were you an SOS member in 2003? Yes: ___ NO: ___

In order to receive your SOS membership card for \$30, you must be a member of the shag club. Please fill out the above form and turn it in with your check (payable to Burlington Shag Club) or cash to Denise Upchurch or Mary Gregory. Deadline to turn it in is Monday, March 1st.; after that date, you will have to purchase your card when you get to the beach. **You will receive your SOS Card immediately.**

Boogie Away The Winter Blues...
Three Fun Days in One Place

Lake Hickory Shag Club's

FOOTHILLS WINTER BOOGIE XVII
February 6 – 8, 2004
Holiday Inn Select
Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. (Exit #125 at I-40)
Hickory, North Carolina
Dancing, Music, Food, Beer, & Large Dance Floor

<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>Hospitality Hour (starts at 7 PM) Free Draft Beer (while it lasts) Hors d'oeuvres Dancing...7 PM - 1 AM DJ's - DJ's - DJ's Cash Bar Optional: Midnight Breakfast Buffet (Not included in Party Ticket)</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>Liquid Sunshine ... Noon - 1 PM Free Draft Beer ... 1 PM (while it lasts) Afternoon Snacks <i>Unusual Fashion Show</i> Dancing...1 PM - 1AM DJ's - DJ's - DJ's Cash Bar Camp Kemo Fund Raiser - 1/2 & 1/2 Drawing at 11:09 PM Midnight Snack</p>	<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet (Included in Party Ticket) Liquid Sunshine ... 11 AM - 12 PM Free Draft Beer ... 11 AM (while it lasts) Dancing...1 PM - 3PM DJ's - DJ's - DJ's Cash Bar</p>
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PARTY TICKET ONLY
\$35.00 PER PERSON
(After Dec 31st, \$40.00 per person)

Price does not include hotel accommodations.

You must be 21 or older to attend. Registration limited to \$50. Must be pre-registered to attend Sunday morning brunch

Questions? Call Either:
Ann Sigmon 828-324-6122 or
Norman Mills 828-256-6025

DJ's for your dancing pleasure

Norman Mills
Clyde Waller
Walter Upchurch
Tom Hamrick

RESERVE YOUR ROOM
Ticket does not include hotel accommodations. Special Rate Holiday Inn Select 828-323-1000 \$67.00 per night, plus 12% Tax 4 persons per room
Ask for Reservation Code 2-BOG, Foothills Winter Boogie Rates. Call local number only, do not request from Holiday Inn nationwide booking.

Special Attraction
Ellen Taylor Workshop - \$10/person (Not included in Party Ticket)

REQUEST FOR PARTY TICKETS: Make checks payable to: Lake Hickory Shag Club

Name of Club: Lake Hickory Shag Club
Name: _____ Box 1271
Name: _____ Hickory, NC 28603
Street: _____ No. of Party Tickets
City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ @ \$35 each =
Phone: _____ (\$40 each after Dec 31)

www.lakehickoryshagclub.com

Private Lessons **Group Lessons**

Carol Oakley

Shag Lessons
523 Whitt Ave
Burlington, NC 27215

Phone:
(336) 524-8542

Life's Little Instructions

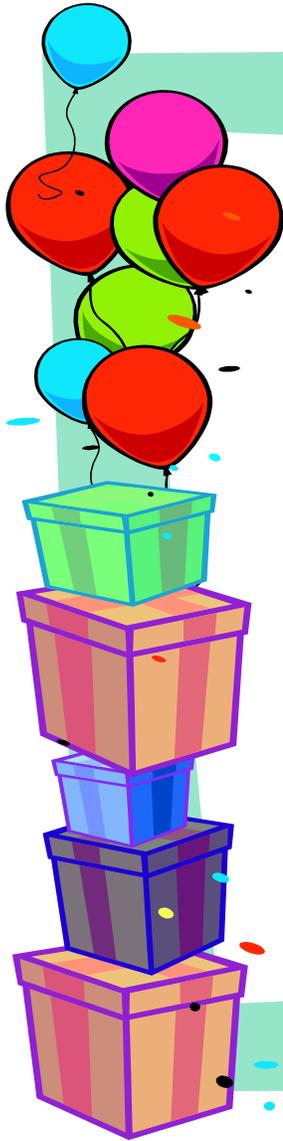
- Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price.
- Stop to read historical roadside markers.
- Keep your watch five minutes fast.
- Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all they have.

A Special Note:

Thank you for all the wonderful experiences and memories that I have because of the Burlington Shag Club. It is a honor to me to be part of the club's hall of fame and I want to thank all the members for there support and trust in me. I also want to thank everyone for their hard work with Meals on Wheels. This event could not be possible without the awesome support that the members give. We are just a few weeks away and I feel that this will be the best Meal on Wheels event ever seen by the club and the community. Again, thank you.

Al Fogleman

Happy Birthday



January

Fields, Marty	1-Jan
Gilmore, Sharon	3-Jan
Lewis, Dawn	11-Jan
Smith, Judy	13-Jan
Kimbrow, Joan	13-Jan
Clary, Bennie	13-Jan
Lynch, Mary Ann	14-Jan
Robinson, Dave	18-Jan
Glasgow, Mary	18-Jan
May, Paula	18-Jan
Ball, Cynthia	20-Jan
McHone, Pam	21-Jan
Swift, Donna	22-Jan
Flanigan, Louise	23-Jan
Tyndall, Sherry	

February

Martin, Marion	2-Feb
Gumula, Mike	4-Feb
Hall, Lonna	4-Feb
Wolfe, Rick	4-Feb
Layman, Dawn	6-Feb
Overby, Terry	6-Feb
Overman, Karen	6-Feb
White, Bob	8-Feb
Bostic, Laura	11-Feb
Wilkerson, Ron	11-Feb
Bradsher, Kent	12-Feb
Hinton, Sandra	12-Feb
Diffenderfer, Bob	15-Feb
Johnson, Frankie	15-Feb
Poteat, Van	15-Feb
Jefferies, Ronald	16-Feb
Ledford, Penny	16-Feb
Davis, Bill	19-Feb
Lawler, Bob	21-Feb
Reid, Tom	23-Feb
Barnett, Dwight	24-Feb
Brantley, Alan	28-Feb
Michaels, Johnnie	29-Feb



Membership Renewal Information

Don't forget to renew your BSC Membership; it is still only \$15.00 per person for the year. You won't want to miss out on all the fun that is being planned for next year!

Also, you can order your 2004 SOS Card from us for \$30.00 until February 27, 2004. After that you will have to purchase them at the Beach for \$35.00.



Re-up Party

DJ - Butch Metcalf



When:	January 9, 2004
Where:	Mick's Lounge at the Best Western
Time:	8:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Tea Party	8:30 to 9:30

Come Dressed in your favorite Sports Attire and/or Team Colors!



Your Choice!
Your Choice!

Sports



- Basketball
- Football
- Wrestling/Boxing
- Golf
- Cheerleading
- Fishing
- Tennis
- Skiing - Water or Snow
- Bowling
- Baseball
- Any Sports Theme



50/50
and
Lots of fun!

Thru the Looking Glass
By Louise Flanigan

Mike was standing on the Graham court Square corner with one foot propped on the fire hydrant in front of Graham Soda Shop (now a memorial park). He was talking to high school friends and I was walking with a mutual friend from Belk's (on Harden Street) one spring Saturday of 1957. I was headed to a small restaurant across the street from the Soda Shop for lunch when my friend stopped to say hello and we were introduced. That afternoon at work, I received a phone call from him asking me to break my date that night and date him. I replied "no, you break your date Sunday night", he replied "NO". I then said forget you and that is where the call ended.

The next week Mike went to Kenai Alaska to start his army security tour of duty and in June I received a letter from him after he had seen my picture in the local Burlington paper that his mother was sending him. This started a two-year friendly weekly writing – he was in Alaska and I was in nursing school at the NC Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem.

He came home May of 1959 and after seven weeks of dating I was wearing a diamond engagement ring and finishing another year of nursing school. As we planned our wedding for July 3, 1960, he revealed that he told an army buddy he knew me and bet \$0.50 I would write him back. My title became his \$0.50 street walking bride. He really had a great sense of humor and lots of old sayings such as "better than a slice of bread" or useless as shoes on a snake."

Our married life brought many changes with both of us going back to college at different times, buying our first cars (staying awake at night wondering how we would pay for them), buying our first home, having children, work promotions, changing jobs, moving, and playing cute jokes on each other. We grew up playing with our two daughters, taking pictures, riding bikes, renting a house to carry two car loads of young people to Atlantic beach every summer, riding motorcycles, going on family trips and reunions, to staying home as parents when our daughters started dating. He was always awake till the last one came home and the door was locked. Most important was the influences that God and church had on our family and life. Our daughters married and moved out and we were at last alone looking at each other with a feeling of being lost.

Then our fun began again. We seen an Ad in the Burlington paper "Local Shag Lessons." At the completion of the lesson we were invited to the Burlington Shag Club Christmas dance at the lodge in Elon. At the dance, we were confused because we weren't doing what the club was doing, but some kind of bounce of the body and steps to the beat.

Back to lessons this time in Greensboro with the difficulty of first unlearning what we originally taught to what really was the shag steps. This was a challenge and we were so bad that we had to prevent many arguments by carrying the video camera to class with us so we could go home and practice for the next lesson. Every time we rode in the car, the radio was playing music as we recited "*up two-three, back two-three, kick two-three.*"

We joined the Burlington Shag Club and each of you became our friends and extended family. In 1991 he was elected President and worked so hard that year writing and producing the "Shag Rag" plus settling constant personality problems between a few. In 1992 due to a sudden job change out of town, he had to resign from several years as the club's president.

Grandchildren came along and we were back in the stay at home family setting.

In 1997, Mike had a stroke without major harm, except his left foot became his right foot and this ended up as a family joke. It was often said, "Do you mean a Flanigan left or right?" In 1998 he retired as a mechanical design engineer from Engineered Control – Rock Creek. 1999 brought a heart attack with heart damage and complications that demanded back surgery. 2000 brought gallbladder surgery and then in 2001, I became jealous of all his attention and ended up having right heel surgery. Can you believe 2001 and 2002 we had two blissful years together always enjoying special shag events such as Meals On Wheels, Christmas party, and SOS. Each of you was so special in our lives, friendly, accepting us for who we were and making us feel important in your lives.

Then the big blow came: Mike got sick suddenly in June of 2003 and had the big horrible "C" diagnosis. For two short months we prayed together, cried, talked, laughed, and never losing our faith in God. His life slipped away from him August 1, 2003. Once again the Burlington Shag Club was there for us during his illness and death. You cried with us, called, sent cards, visited, brought food, and attended the visitation and funeral.

But the Burlington Shag Club did not stop – you made one feel so loved at the Christmas party (12/13/2003) with your love, hugs, caring words, and embracing as the tears freely flowed. The picture collage of past Presidents was awesome and the tribute to Mike was so very, very special to me and will remain in my heart forever. The gift given to me, to accept as a token to past Presidents, is in under the tree and I will open it Christmas Day as my gift from Mike. Life goes on but part of me died too and I know one day we will dance again in Heaven.



Editor's Corner:

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season. This year is going to be the best year the shag club has ever seen. We are always in need of articles from members and it is always fun to see what type of things your friends are experiencing. So, keep those articles coming and if you have any suggestions or comments on what you would like to see in your Shag Rag, please let Clint or I know.

Happy New Year,
Angie Sharpe
casharpe@netpath.net

Articles for the February Shag Rag are due by the 26th of January.

2004 — Feb. 27-29 ACSC Winter Workshop

The Danville Shag Club & The
Stratford Inn Conference Center

Welcome You To
“Shagging on the Dan”
Party! Party! Party!

Great DJs with your favorite music!
Murl Augustine, Roy Childress, Gerry Holland,
Ron Russ, Bob Snyder & Rick Turner

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Shag demonstrations and

Free shag lessons by Sam & Lisa West
teaching female steps & patterns and male
lead steps in session I & in Session II
will teach Easy & Fun together steps



Early Registration \$40/person (Christmas Present)

Late Registration \$50/person (after Dec. 25, 2003)

Room rate \$79/night (includes breakfast)

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!

3 hotels—Stratford Inn, Comfort Inn & Suites and Holiday Inn Express (transportation provided) all hotels close to convention center

Room reservation call Anne Moore 800-326-8455— ask for “shag rates”

Registration - send name, address, shag club and check to:

Danville Shag Club
PO Box 4743
Danville, VA 24540

Name: _____

Shag Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



Who says you have to go to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras?!!!! Mark your calendar and join us for some real fun at our Meet the Area Shag Club Party!!!!!!!

****ATTN: DATE CHANGE****

**MARCH 13, 2004 @ SUMMERS--DJ TOMMY AMBURN
STEPPIN' OUT SHAG CLUB'S "MEET THE AREA
SHAG CLUB'S PARTY"--HEAVY HORS 'D OEUVRES
\$5 ADMISSION--8 UNTIL 1 AM---ALL ABC PERMITS**

Steppin' Out Shaggin' Shag Club

Where: Summers, 220 W. King's Highway, Eden, NC

Phone: (336) 623-7029

More details to follow!!!!

Calendar of Events

January 2, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Shag Night" at the Best Western **DJ is Hugh & Sheila Walker**

January 9, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Business Meeting 8:00pm and Birthday Night and Re-Up Party 8:30 – 9:30 at the Best Western and Shag the rest of the night away until 1:00 A.M. **Featuring...DJ is Butch Metcalf....**

January 16, 2004

Mid-Winter ---- **NO DJ.....**

January 16 - 18, 2004

Mid-Winter at N. Myrtle Beach You **MUST** have your 2003 or 2004 SOS Card for this event....

January 23, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Shag Night" at the Best Western from 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM **DJ is Mike Lewis**

January 30, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Shag Night" at the Best Western **DJ is Tommy Amburn**

February 6, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Shagging at the Colonial Mall from 6:00 - 8:00 PM **DJ is "Shagdaddy" Roy Childress**

February 6, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Shag Night" at the Best Western from 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM **DJ is "Music & Moore" Bill Moore**

February 13, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Pre-Party for Meals on Wheels Valentines Dance" at the Best Western from 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM **DJ is Rommie Tyndall**

February 14, 2004

Burlington Shag Club 11th Annual Benefit Gala For Alamance County Meals On Wheels at the Ramada Inn- see attached flyer

February 20, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Business Meeting and Birthday Night at the Best Western from 8:00 PM - 1:00 AM **DJ is Bobby Snyder**

February 21, 2004

1st Annual Beth Mitchell Memorial Charity Shag Contest in Greensboro, NC More information on <http://www.greatertriadshagclub.org> on events page or <http://www.thirstys2.com> Contact: Max Madrin 336-299-6859 or email: mmadrin@hotmail.com

February 26 - 29, 2004, 2004

DJ Throwdown ---North Myrtle Beach --Ducks & Ducks Too --- Great Party --- Free All Weekend --- ABS CDJ's Playing All Weekend.

February 27, 2004

Burlington Shag Club "Shag Night" at the Best Western from 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM **DJ is Zane Gibbs**

February 27 - 29, 2004

ACSC Winter Workshop "Shagging on the Dan" hosted by Danville Shag Club - See attached flyer

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Burlington Shag Club – Membership Application
 Membership runs from January through December
 Annual Dues: \$15 per person

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Employer: _____

Work Phone: _____

Birthday: _____

Would you like to receive the "SHAG RAG" via email? Yes No

Email address: _____

New member Renewal member

Check: _____

Cash: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

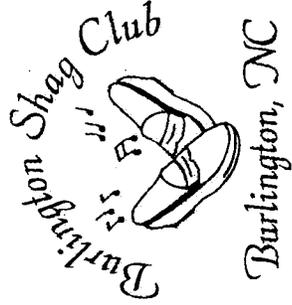
Make check payable to and mail to:
 Burlington Shag Club, P.O. Box 1174, Burlington, NC 27216

CLUB USE ONLY

Membership Number: _____ Date Issued: _____

Secretary's Initial: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer's Initial: _____ Date: _____



Happy New Year!!

Burlington Shag Club
 P. O. Box 1174
 Burlington, NC 27216-1174

Address Correction Requested

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January 2004

