

Danville Shag Club



December 2023 Newsletter

Shagging Corner
By: President John Gilstrap

Getting Ready for the dance:

You'll probably be dancing with a lot of people or at least be around lots of people. Be fresh and clean when you start. Try not to use large amounts of cologne or perfume. Dancing is a physical activity that causes one to sweat and this can accentuate the effect of even the smallest amounts of colognes and perfumes. You will be close to your partner when dancing and fresh breath is best. Breath mints and sprays are good, however, gum should be used only as a last resort especially if you are the one keeping time with your chewing.

At the dance basic rules:

It is equally permissible for a woman to ask a man as it is for a man to ask a woman to dance. Take your partner's hand onto the dance floor and at the end of the dance thank your partner and walk your partner off the floor. If you feel uneasy about asking someone to dance, stand near the dance floor and appear eager to dance rather than sitting away from the dance floor looking bored. If you must turn someone down because of your own personal reasons, thank the person for asking. Turning a person down and then dancing that same song with someone else is rude.

Please, if someone says "no thanks" do not be persistent, take them at their word. Never drink or smoke on the dance floor or close to the floor. Burning holes in clothes or slipping on a wet spot on the floor can be hazardous. It can also cause floor to become sticky and difficult to dance on.

It is not polite to correct your partner on the dance floor. Remember this is a social club (have fun). It is not polite to offer instruction to someone in a social dance setting (or in a dance class if you are not the instructor). Unless they ask for help or are hurting you, don't teach. If your partner requests help, kindly take them off to the side away from the other dancers. This dance is fun and the reason we dance and socialize is to have fun. It is okay to let yourself go a little as long as it is done in fun and no one gets hurt, physically or mentally.

Continued in next news letter.

Thanks,
John

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Christmas Party



Danville Shag Club

The Pepsi Building
Craghead Street, Danville

BYOB

Catered Dinner

Free for Members!

DJ Furman Dominic

Bring a Toy!

Guests \$20.00

Friday, December 8, 2023

6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

2023/24

BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION

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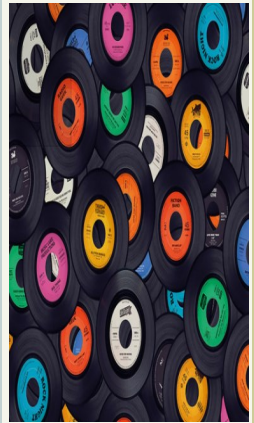
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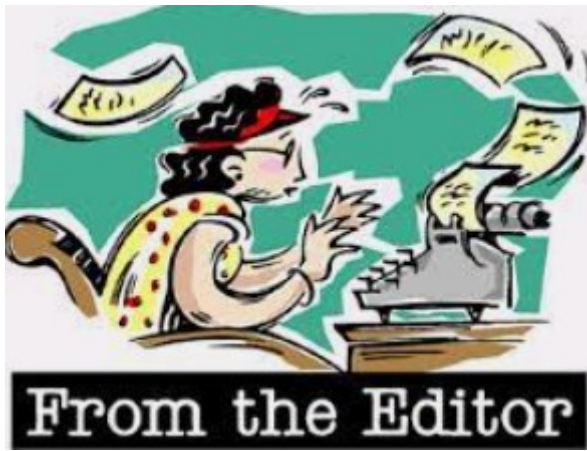
As of
December 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Day	Place & Time	DJ
December 8, 2023	Friday	Christmas Party at The Pepsi Building 6:30PM to 9:30PM	Furman Dominic
January 4, 2024	Thursday	2 Witches 6:00PM to 9:00PM	George Dunn
February 2, 2024	Thursday	2 Witches 6:00PM to 9:00PM	John Williford





**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
IS
JANUARY
16, 2024**

Hi Danville Shag Club members!

Is it really Christmas time? My how time flies and it feels like it goes very fast from October through the New Year. I hope all of you have been good and Santa is good to you. I also hope each one of you have a wonder Christmas and get to spend time with your favorite loved ones.

The New Year of 2024 is almost here. It's time to reflect on the old and make plans for the new. Let's make shag dancing one of our items on our list to enjoy in 2024.

We will be enjoying our annual Christmas Party. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Hope to see you there in your festive attire to enjoy wonderful food and awesome music by DJ Furman Dominic.

Keep those feet moving on the dance floor! Until next time.....

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

Be Blessed....

Amy B.

WE NEED YOU!

Send in your
articles,
prayers,
concerns,
recipes,
accolades,
celebrations, notes
and any pictures to
amyb32@gmail.com.



**Debbie Watlington-
William "Bill" Harris**

Name:	Debbie Watlington
Where were you born and lived?	I was born in Danville, Va, but lived first 3 years in Ringgold and then moved to north Danville. I graduated from George Washington high school and Averett College. Worked at a local Goodyear plant until retirement in 2020.
How long have you been shagging and how did you get started?	I took a beginners shag class at the nature center, several years ago, from John and Janice. When Bill and I started seeing each other, we had a mutual love of music and dancing. So, just a few years ago, shag became an interest again. We are definitely beginners, but really enjoy the time and friendships we have in the Danville Shag Club.
Tell us about your hobbies:	I also started trying to play golf, in the last few years, with a great, patient coach. Lots of exercise, since we walk , weather permitting. Attend weekly exercise classes and enjoy yoga.
Give us a Quote/Words you live by:	Live each day to the fullest, because no one is promised tomorrow.

Name:	William Harris
Where were you born and lived?	Born in Danville, VA. Lived in Danville since birth.
Tell us about your family:	Three children – 2 sons (Brad – 34, Ben – 32), 1 daughter (Lyndsey – 29)
How long have you been shagging and how did you get started?	Starting shag dancing in 2022 by attending shag club dances.
Tell us a little bit about yourself:	Graduated GW High School in 1975. Graduated from Virginia Tech in 1979 with B.S in mechanical engineering. Member of the VT golf team. I started working at the local Danville Goodyear plant as a Technology Engineer in product development. After over 43 years, retired in 2022. Debbie and I started dating in late 2018.
Tell us about your hobbies:	As far as hobbies go, I still enjoy playing golf, listening to live music, dancing, and watching sports (even when VT loses).



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Ashworth	November 1	Bruce Riley	November 14
Dudley Clayton	November 2	Faye Poteat	November 20
Cathy Rutledge	November 3	Gainelle Plaster	November 21
John Hamlin	November 4	Carilyn Franklin	November 30
Chip Caldwell	November 6		

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

James Turner	December 5	Mia Brooks	December 16
Doris Keaton	December 12	Rosemary Mathlery	December 18
Roseanne Lloyd	December 14	Karen Harris	December 26
Chris Cioccia	December 14		

To update your membership information.

Contact Ernie Holcomb at peholcomb@bellsouth.net



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Millie Hatcher	January 12	Bernie Newton	January 27
Jimmy Wilkerson	January 18	Janet Hamilton	January 28
Linda Saylor	January 20	Gary Clements	January 30
Michael Major	January 23	Porchia Merricks	January 31
Edd Shelton	January 26		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Strader	February 7	Ernie Holcomb	February 9
Charlie Martin	February 8		

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Moore	March 6	Rawley Bennett	March 21
Ron Russ	March 7	Philip Motley	March 30
Patsy Holcomb	March 10		

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THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for our members and their families

Ann Hayden lost her brother.

Richard Adams passed on November 24, 2023



Illnesses:

Millie Hatcher's father, James Eastwood who had quadruple bypass surgery.

Clay Bayes on knee surgeries.

Sandra Strader with her fight against cancer.

Amy Bolen's mother, Mary Collins who is fighting Stage 4 cancer.



Assn. of Carolina Shag Clubs



Society of Stranders



Beach Music



Danville Shag at Myrtle Bch



Fast Dancers

Shag Life and Friends

Nora Eaton found this photo, sent it to me (Amy) as a great memory and just like in this picture, we had a great giggle wondering what shenanigan we were up to in this photo.

I am so thankful for the friends I have made from this Shag Life, especially this lady. Most are like my family now! I wouldn't trade it for anything else.



Friends and Fun

Look at these friends and friendships!

We are so thankful for this life, meeting and making friends!

