

Danville Shag Club



January and February 2023

MESSAGE PRESIDENT, NORA EATON

Hello Everyone,

Sadly Christmas is in the history books for 2022. We now look forward to a brand new year. It's time for New Year Resolutions, but since most of the time we get sidetracked by February. Why not just decide to be better in 2023. Most of yall are near perfect as it is, but maybe if we strive to be better than the day before, we will be working for a better tomorrow.

As January begins we have some good things coming this year, We were at 2 Witches on January 5 with Kenny Loftis spinning our tunes. We had pizza and socialized with some dancing while enjoying beach music. Furman Dominic will be our DJ on February 3 , he is from Santee SC and does a fantastic job entertaining us .

I would like to thank everyone that supported the light show on December 17, it was a huge success.

I truly wish each of you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous new year and look forward to another great year for our Shag Club

Keep your dance shoes handy

Nora

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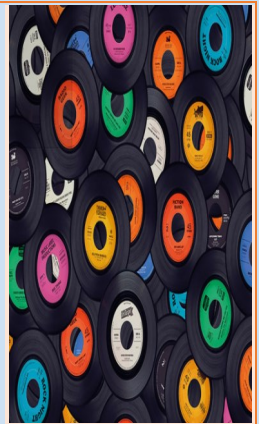
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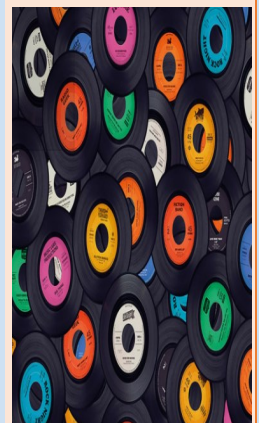
Members

As of
01/05/2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Day	Place & Time	DJ
January 5th	Thursday	2 Witches 6:00 - 9:00PM	Kenny Loftis
February 2nd	Thursday	2 Witches 6:00 - 9:00PM	Furman Dominic Returning to DJ for DSC
March 2nd	Thursday	2 Witches 6:00 - 9:00PM	Dane Joyce
April 6th	Thursday	2 Witches 6:00 - 9:00PM	John Williford





John & Janice Gilstrap

Name: John & Jill Gilstrap

Where were you born and lived? Tell us about your family.

John Bradford and Janice DeVore Gilstrap Married January 31, 1970. Johnny was born in Liberty, SC and Janice was born in Honea Path, SC. They met in Clemson in 1969. Johnny (friends and family called him Johnny) was asked to blind date Janice by his ex-roommate and close friend, the sister of his new bride for a big spring dance at Clemson. He declined because he did not do blind dates but would help find her a date. Johnny found her a date Friday night and he asked her to go out Saturday night. They have been dating ever since that weekend.

They lived in Anderson, SC but after a few months they moved to Clemson, SC. Only 14 miles down the road. They lived in Clemson till Johnny graduated from Clemson University. Janice had already graduated from Erskine College and was teaching in Ivy, SC. Johnny got a job selling women shoes at Butler's Shoes. When they moved to Clemson, Johnny worked at Sears in setting up appliances for homes. One day he did not secure a refrigerator correctly and it fell out of the truck when delivering. He then decided to work in athletics at Clemson and was assistant sports information director.

Johnny got his first job after graduating from Clemson in December 1971 in Danville VA as athletic director. Funny thing was he thought he lost that job because he side-swiped the recreation van while trying to parallel park in front of offices. They offered him the job anyway and he accepted. Johnny and Janice moved to Danville in January 1972. Johnny started work on January 4 th.



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John and Janice lived in an apartment at Willow Creek in Danville. A friend of theirs tried to jump the creek and did not make it. He landed in middle of creek on his back side. Johnny and Janice's 2-year-old son went running over and asked, "Did you bust your ass?". He was editor of the local paper.

Johnny was offered and accepted a job as Parks and Recreation Director in Rocky Mount, VA in 1975 and worked only for 6 months when a job opening occurred in Danville as Director. Johnny accepted the job Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism back in Danville VA. Janice was 8 months pregnant, and they moved back to Clemson to a condominium. Their sweet baby girl Tyler was born October 21.

Growing up in SC we were shagging in elementary school.

We went to the very first SOS by accident. A friend suggested we go to the beach for the weekend since he had a deal on a shag party and condo for a reunion of old shaggers. That turned out to be the first SOS weekend.

After watching Jo Jo Putman and Cadillac Jack dance we were hooked on the shag dance.

We love the dance and the music and the amazing people we now call our shag family.

We have two children, John Jr. and Tyler, we taught them to shag at an early age.

Tyler majored in dance at SMU and has performed in many European countries as well as in the states to include NYC. She is now a choreographer and instructor. . She is married to professional drummer who has played in several Broadway plays and in the Nashville Orchestra. They have a four year old four-year-old boy, Beau. They have moved from NY to Nashville TN.

John Jr. majored in Parks and Recreation and lives in Danville VA. He has his own Title search company. He married Sandra Chinn who is an attorney in Danville. They have two children Jake and Lynden who were also taught to shag. Jake graduated with a master's degree from Georgetown University and Lynden is a junior at UVA.

John and Janice are now retired and still living in Danville. Janice enjoys reading and pickle ball and Johnny enjoys Clemson football, dancing, and music.

The words they both live by are have fun in whatever you do and try to bring joy and love to others.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mike Eppard	January 10	Bernie Newton	January 27
Brenda McMillian	January 14	Janet Hamilton	January 29
Roseanne Lloyd	January 14	Porchia Merricks	January 31
Ed Shelton	January 26		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Larry Strader	February 7	Mark Hughes	February 16
Charlie Martin	February 8	Martin Hopkins	February 17
Ernie Holcomb	February 9		

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ron Russ	March 7	Beth Galloway	March 16
Karen Harris	March 10	Rawley Bennett	March 21
Patsy Holcomb	March 10	Gary Clements	March 26
Sue Ward	March 13		

Happy Birthday to all our members celebrating another trip around the sun. We do not have all our member's birthdays. if we missed yours please let us know. Contact Dennis Rutledge with the information his email address is drutledge@womackelectric.com or text Nora Eaton at 434-251-5574. We want to acknowledge each of you on your special day.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for our members and their families:

Jimmy Wilkerson had hand surgery is at home recovering well.

Sandra Strader with her fight against cancer.

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



Recipes

Ya'll... I have had some of the great food at our Shag Club parties cooked by our members. I know you can cook and it's delicious. Unless it's a family secret, please share your recipe to some of those dishes with our members! — Thank you! Amy

Since it's a New Year and we are all trying to cut back on calories, here is my all time favorite Go to sweet.

WW Chocolate Muffins

1 box of Devils Food Cake

1 can of Pumpkin

Mix the two together and bake in a cupcake/muffin pan for 15 to 20 minutes on 400 degrees.

ENJOY!



Assn. of Carolina Shag Clubs



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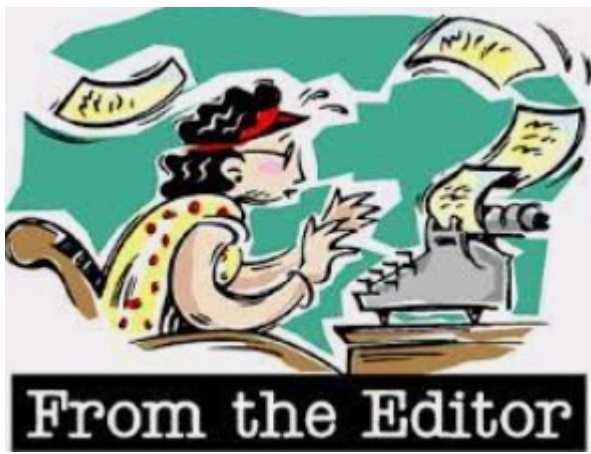
Beach Music



Danville Shag at Myrtle Bch



Fast Dancers



Hi Danville Shag Club!

Happy New Year! It is 2023 and I remember in my younger years, the year 2023 was so far away and now, here it is. Time sure does fly!

I hope you all are enjoying the newsletter and are able to keep up with everything happening with Danville Shag Club. I know Richard Plaster is going to get a lot of information from this article. (Inside joke and I told him I would give him a mention. ;).

The Danville Shag Club had two big parties to wrap up 2022. If you weren't there, you missed out on a great time. The food, dancing and fellowship makes this editors heart happy. I'm so proud of this shag club and all we are involved in throughout the community and shag world. You'll see a few pics of all the Christmas toys our members and guests donated at the December Christmas Party. I also heard rave reviews from everyone on the food the baked spaghetti.

With this being a new year, I'm looking for new things to share with members. Please email me at amyb32@gmail.com or text me at 336.430.9826 with any information, pictures, news stories, etc..

Deadline for March/April Newsletter is February 22nd.

See you on the dance floor!

Amy B.

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS
DECEMBER 22,
2022**

WE NEED YOU!

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

Christmas Party 2022



Another great party! Everyone was in the holiday spirit, enjoying the dance, food and fellowship!



**Look at this beautiful
Tree of SOS Cards!**

**Thank you Sandra
Strader for providing
the Christmas Tree of
SOS Cards**

**Toys for Tots —Toy do-
nation.**

**Thank you Bill and
Ann Hayden for organ-
izing and distributing
all of the generous toys
provided.**







