



Florence Shag Club December Newsletter 2020



Hello FSC Members,

Thank you to those of you that have prepaid for the Christmas party. The last day to pay is Friday December 4th. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests or nonmembers. The party will be held at the Circle this year on Friday December 11th. We have a wonderful committee in place to help with the party and I'm sure it's going to be one of our best ever. Venus Restaurant will be catering and the meal will be served starting at 7pm.

Ron Isgett will be taking over the duties as President on January 1st, 2021. Hilda Bowen will be VP, Teresa McDonald and Margaret Cline will continue in their respected positions as Secretary and Treasurer. Bayne Hayes will become the 3rd Director taking Jerry O'Neal's place. Thank you, Jerry, for serving for 6 years. It means so much for members to step up and serve as an officer and help keep the FSC alive and well and still going after 35 years.

If you haven't rejoined the club for 2021, the cost for existing members will go up to \$35 starting December 1st. The reason for the cost break during October and November is to encourage our membership to rejoin early so we can budget the club's money properly until the end of the year. If we don't have enough membership money for the beginning of the new year, we have to make sure we save enough from the pervious year to continue to pay the bills and have parties.

Hopefully next year things will be different and we can get back to normal with our parties and fund raisers. In the meantime, please try to support your local businesses and pray they can stay open.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your support and kind words,

Merry Christmas,
Hilda Bowen, 2020 President



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Our Purpose

The purpose of the Florence Shag Club shall be to preserve, encourage and promote the education and perpetuation of the Shag, to provide social activities at which emphasis is placed on the dance, and to inform its members of beach music and Shag dancing activities.

May Florence Shag Club forever be a part of our lives as we keep on Shagging!



2020 Tentative Dates to Remember.

December 11 - Christmas Party at the Circle Fountain Catered by Venus, DJ Roger Holcomb.

Quotes for the New Year

“You are never too old to set another goal, or to dream a new dream.”

— C.S. Lewis

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.”

— Benjamin Franklin

“Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other, a little more loving, and have a little more empathy, and maybe, next year at this time we'd like each other a little more.”

— Judy Garland



5 Ways to Make Christmastime Memorable

1. Send a meaningful letter

Sometimes, the best gifts are words. Consider taking time this Christmas season to sit down and write a heartfelt letter to a family member or friend. When you express your gratitude and love, it will brighten their day and also make you feel good. You can also send a letter or card to someone who is deployed in the military.

2. Go Christmas caroling

Gather up your family and friends and go Christmas caroling through your neighborhood or to a local nursing home. There are many people who are shut-ins, and bringing the joy of Christmas to them can brighten their day and make Christmastime memorable for them and for you.

3. Invite a new guest

Although Christmastime is full of joy and hope, it can also be a time of sadness for people. Facing the holidays alone while missing a loved one who has passed away or is very far away can be incredibly difficult. If you know someone who will be spending time alone during the Christmas season, consider inviting him or her to join you as you celebrate.

4. Get creative in the kitchen

Baking Christmas treats with loved ones can be a memorable event. Multiple generations can be involved as you have fun in the kitchen. Teaching kids to decorate Christmas goodies or make a classic treat makes Christmastime special for all involved.

5. Pack a shoebox

Consider being part of the meaningful mission of Operation Christmas child. When you fill a shoebox with items for a child in need, it can give them hope and help make their Christmas special.

December Birthdays and DJs



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 DJ – Jimmy Buffkin Bday – Bayne Hayes	5
6	7 Bday – Cliff Cornell, Beth Knierim	8	9	10 Bday – Zaidee Plein	11 FSC Christmas Party DJ – Roger Holcomb	12
13	14	15 Bday – Tim Poston	16	17	18 DJ – Billy Cook	19 Bday – Jill Jolly
20 Bday – Eddie Collins	21 Bday – Martha Frey	22	23 Bday – Cameron Minsheu	24	25 Christmas No DJ	26
27 Bday – Carol Enzor	28	29 Bday – Sandra Moody	30 Bday – Talmage Askins	31 Bday – Frank Hinson		

THIS WAS FROM RENEE HARRIS BAKER OF THE LANCASTER SHAG CLUB!

The Cost of a Shag Club

It takes more than just people showing up to dance to support a shag club.

Membership – Why pay a membership fee? Lots of people are content to pay more money for entrance to parties rather than save money by paying a membership fee and paying the lower entrance fee to parties, because they don't want to have to "do a job" in the club. Well, memberships are needed for clubs to survive. Clubs that are members of the ACSC have to pay a yearly fee (this also entitles you to buy your SOS card at a reduced amount). Clubs have to pay a fee to the one of the music associations in order for the DJs to be able to play artists music for the public. Clubs have expenses such as websites and their upkeep, newsletters to publish, flyers for parties or events, and other expenses just to exist. Membership money doesn't cover the cost of weekly or monthly parties.

Some clubs are fortunate enough to have a restaurant or club to support them and allow them to use their facilities free of charge. These clubs are few and far between. Most clubs have to pay rent for the facility and also pay for the DJ to play. Venues aren't cheap. This is why clubs must also charge a fee at the door for the party and sell raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. An average club will have to pay at a minimum \$400 or maybe even \$600 to have a party. That would be \$4-\$6 a piece entrance fee for 100 people.... see where I'm going with this? Then, even if you have a cash bar and members bring food or snacks, the club has to furnish plates, napkins, forks. Decorations? Not required, but people prefer a little something. You need tickets to have a raffle, paper, pens, books to keep track of people signing in, expenses, etc.

Our goal is to preserve and promote the shag. Shag lessons, events in the community, donations to our community or shag related causes...? Our officers are required to attend 3 of the mandatory meetings held by ACSC (who own and maintain SOS). Should these unpaid workers have to spend their own money for gas, food, rooms, and event fees to serve their club?

Money aside, parties don't just happen. You have members that serve as Officers and Board Members. Should they have to do ALL the work for the club? No. They are the representatives and final decision makers, but they alone can't do all the work. Parties have to have a venue, they need a date, a DJ, persons to get the room ready – set up tables, decorate, persons to man the door and sign in people, take up the money, someone to organize the food, persons to sell the raffle and 50/50 tickets, someone to make the announcements, people to clean up, someone to pay the venue and the DJ, someone to send updates and pictures to the webmaster and the editor of the newsletter. What about when the party is over. Someone has to publish the newsletter, coordinate Charity functions, make flyers for upcoming events, teach the shag lessons to get new members in.... the list goes on.

So, what does it mean to be a member... let's see... Webster says a "constituent part of a whole"? It takes the members working together as a whole to keep the group together. Everyone must play their part. Not everyone needs to perform the same task, and some are better at different tasks than others.

The club can't function without the members. Without the members, there is no party. Without a party, you don't get to talk to your friends and dance. Therefore, participate, support your club by coming to the dances, promote the club, work for the club, bring new friends in to further growth of the club, have an opinion and don't expect something for nothing.



*Florence Shag Club's
Christmas Party is
Friday, December 11th, 2020
At the Circle Fountain in Florence, SC.
\$10 for FSC members
\$15 for guests.*

*Heavy Hors d' Oeuvres Catered by The
Venus Restaurant.*

*Doors open at 6:30pm, Food served at
7:30.*

*Roger Holcomb will be our DJ for the
evening.*

*Please RSVP and pay by December
4th.*

Please mail checks to: FSC Christmas Party, PO Box 5538, Florence SC 29502.

Name(s) members _____

Name(s) guests _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____