



Florence Shag Club January 2022 Newsletter



Happy New Year!

President's Letter:

Happy New Year to everyone. We had a great year in 2021 under Ron Isgett's leadership as President. He really did a great job and deserves a lot of "pats on the back", so be sure to give him one.

The new year is here, and we don't feel the need to change what's not broken. We have great DJs scheduled to play each weekend and at our parties. The tip jar is well liked by the DJs, so we will continue with it. Please drop a dollar or two into it each Friday to show your appreciation for the great music we all love.

The Officers and Directors will meet in early January to elect a new person to fill the Director's position I vacated. That will be published soon.

SOS Midwinter is the weekend of January 13-16 so there will not be a DJ at the Circle Fountain on the 14 of January. I will be attending the Association Meeting and bring back any news.

Our next party will be the Valentine's party in February. More information will be out later after we finalize our plans.

I hope our members will enjoy 2022 and continue to support our Shag Club. The hard work by those of you that decorate, bring food, clean up and just attend regularly is so needed and appreciated.

Once again Happy New Year and I'll see you on the dance floor.

Bayne Hayes
President 2022

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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!

Some New Year's Eve Facts

1 New Year's resolutions usually revolve around breaking bad habits or starting good ones. Roughly 45% of Americans make New Year's resolutions, and 25% of them break them by mid-January.

2 The earliest known New Year's celebrations date back to 2000 BC in Ancient Mesopotamia.

3 Superstition dictates that at midnight on New Year's Eve, all doors to the house must be opened to assist the old year in finding his way out. Until the old year leaves, the new year will be unable to come in.

4 In Japan, Buddhist temples all over the country ring their bells 108 times at midnight to symbolize and get rid of the 108 types of human weakness.

5 Enjoying a glass of champagne is a common New Year's tradition. Originally popularized in the court of Louis XIV, the associations with wealth and royalty trickled down to the middle classes as a form of "aspirational drinking." Over time, bubbly became associated with celebration, and in the 19th century, newspapers began to associate champagne with holiday family gatherings. By the 20th century, champagne became a must for New Year's Eve, and it's now a staple of New Year's celebrations.

6 In Spain, eating grapes at midnight is both a tradition and a superstition. At the stroke of midnight, Spaniards eat 12 grapes symbolizing 12 lucky months ahead. In some areas, the grapes are also believed to ward away witches and general evil.



Reminder

2022 Dates to remember

Jan. 13-16: SOS Mid-Winter at NMB

Feb. 11: Valentine's Party DJ Billy Cook

March 18: St. Paddy's Party DJ Dennis Brumble

April 21-May 1: SOS Spring Safari at NMB

July 15: CMO at the Circle DJ John Smith

Sept. 15-25: Fall Migration at NMB

Oct 28: Halloween/Reup Party DJ John Smith

Dec 9: Christmas Party DJ John Smith

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2022 SOS cards will be on sale at the Circle Fountain for the last time Friday night January 7th, before they are mailed in. Of course, you can always buy them at the beach for \$35 each. Take advantage of the \$5 savings by purchasing them from the Club.



January 2022 DJ's & Birthdays

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2	3 Birthday- Whit Blanton	4 Birthday- Vickie Shepard	5 Birthday- John Marten	6 Birthday- Ron Isgett	7 DJ Buck Crumpton	8
9 Birthday- Jill McMillian	10	11	12	13 SOS MID- WINTER	14 Mid-Winter No DJ. SOS MID- WINTER	15 SOS MID- WINTER
16 SOS MID- WINTER	17	18 Birthday- Sheila Kelly	19	20	21 DJ Dennis Bumble	22 Birthday- Loni Rhea Hatfield
23	24	25	26 Birthday- Johnny White	27	28 DJ John Smith	29 Birthday- Sharon Howle
30 Birthday- Bobby Merchant	31 Birthday- Sandy McCants					

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 must pay a yearly fee (this also entitles you to buy your SOS card at a reduced amount). Clubs must pay a fee to the one of the music associations 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 must pay rent for the facility and pay for the DJ to play. Venues aren't cheap. Therefore, 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 must 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 must 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 in new friends to further growth of the club, have an opinion and don't expect something for nothing.