



March 2016 Newsletter



WOW! OH MY GOSH! WHAT A PARTY!

Our Valentine Party was all of the above. Our guests from the South Strand Shag Club were really impressed with the food and couldn't believe that it was prepared by our members. I received so many comments on how friendly our club has always been and they really wish more clubs treated their guest that way. A great big thank you to those that assisted with the food this time and to all of our members that made these folks feel so welcome.

DJ Throwdown is March 3rd through the 6th at North Myrtle Beach and there will not be a DJ at the Circle Fountain on March 4th, 2016. The Circle Fountain doesn't have a DJ on the weekends that there is an event at the beach. It is not necessary to have an SOS card for this event.

Some of you may have heard about the renovations that David has planned for the Circle Fountain. Let me pass on to you what I know at this point. David asked to meet with Bayne, Hilda and I after our shag lessons on 2/16/16 to discuss his plans for the Circle. He wanted our honest opinion whether it was good, bad or indifferent. The first thing he wanted us to understand is that when he bought the Fountain, he promised to keep Friday nights available to the Florence Shag Club and he intended to keep that promise. He is not trying to run us off and appreciates our business. He wants to join the bar side and the dance side by cutting out the wall where the mirror is now. He thought it would give him more room and give him an opportunity to grow his business on the other nights that he is open. We expressed our concerns about the two different types of music and the loss of business at happy hour if they had to listen to shag music on Friday nights after 8:00 PM. The concern of the smoke on the dance side drifting over would certainly affect our members that cannot be in a room filled with cigarette smoke. This would definitely affect our Friday night dances. We also discussed it would be ideal to be able to open and close the area when needed. We assured David, we loved coming to the Circle Fountain and the history and reputation it has not only in Florence but throughout the state was something we would like to maintain. We want him to be successful. Our club has been teaching shag lessons for two months and we have other shag clubs that are coming to dance with us as well as the students that we have been teaching on our Friday night dances. This is what was discussed and we were told Friday night 2/19/16 that the renovations have been postponed for awhile. Whatever happens, we will handle it as a club and I will keep you informed.

We are selling "Pot of Gold" tickets as one of our fund raisers this year. The tickets are \$5 each and there is a value of over \$300 in the pot with gift certificates to eat at 6 restaurants and 4 different kinds of spirits. If anyone can help us sell any tickets it would be greatly appreciated and you do not have to be present to win. We will have the drawing on March 18 at the Circle Fountain

We have been invited to do a shag demonstration for the Senior Life Expo at the Civic Center on April 9th at 1:00 PM. Please contact me at ghayes69@sc.rr.com and let me know if you would like to take part in this performance. They would like for us to perform for about 30 minutes. I believe this will be a great way to re-introduce the state dance to our Florence and Pee Dee citizens.

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Our second shag class did great. It is so refreshing to see the interest and ability of these young people to learn the dance. We also had some shag club members that came and also did great. Now they can have fun and enjoy the dance floor a lot more. We do not have another class planned at this time but who knows we may have another one this summer. I still have people emailing me wanting to take shag lessons. I didn't hear from anyone on the Saturday afternoon "learn a new step" suggestion that I put in the newsletter last month. Either you are not reading the newsletters or you are not interested in going out on Saturday afternoon. LOL I think it would be a lot a fun to go once a month and share a new dance step with someone.

I have heard from several members that they would like to take a bus trip. The officers are working on this but we don't have anything planned at this time. We have to visit a shag club that dances on Saturday night. If you would like to suggest a destination, we will try to work on it for you.

Keep on dancing and I'll see you on the dance floor.

Gerry

Dates to Remember

March 3, 4 and 5-

DJ Throwdown NMB

March 18- St. Paddy's Party &
Pot of Gold drawing

April 5 FSC Spring Meeting

April 15-24 SOS Spring
Migration NMB

July 8-10 Summer Workshop in
Columbia, SC

July 12-17 Junior SOS NMB

July 22 Reverse Raffle Drawing

September 13 FSC Fall Meeting

September 16-26 SOS Fall
Migration NMB

October 28 Halloween and
Re-Up Party

December 9 FSC Christmas
Party

Thoughts and Prayers:

**JoAnn (Joe) Lett's Mother passed away on
February 24. Please keep this sweet family in
your prayers.**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Bday Kathy Jamison	2	3	4 <u>No DJ</u> Bday James Ward	5 Bdays Jeannette Barefoot & Pam Walker
	7	8 Bday Janice H Welch	9 Bday Ronnie Hardee	10 Bday Cathy Martin	11 <u>DJ Buck Crumpton</u>	12
13	14	15	16 Bday Ronnie Banks	17 SAINT PADDY'S DAY 	18 <u>DJ Dennis Osborne</u> St. Paddy's party 	19 Bday Ron Lewis
20 Bday Debbie Cox	21	22 Bday Ann Matthews	23	24 Bday Marie White	25 <u>DJ Pat Patterson</u>	26
27	28 Bday Gregg Rogers	29 Bday Reggie Moody	30	31		