



United We Dance

Sandkicker

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MISSION

Sandy Beach Shag Club is a non-profit social dance club that promotes the Carolina Shag Dance. Our mission is the bringing together people of like minds with the goal to preserve the Carolina Shag Dance and the music to which we dance. We are members of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs.

For any information, go online to www.sandybeachshagclub.com or contact John Carpenter: johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

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News

Upcoming Events:

Our Christmas Party will be held on **December 10, 2016** with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. We will also be taking our annual club photo. We will have Joe Tutt from the CSRA Shag Club spinning our tunes! Let's give Joe and Kay a SBSC welcome by showing our support!

The Christmas Parade will be **December 15th** at 6:00pm. Please mark this on your calendars. We would love to have a great show of our club this year. Please plan to attend. Black Leather jackets, jeans, white socks, loafers, pink jackets, black jeans, sunglasses!! It will work! Any questions just call or email Robin Little. Details will follow at a later date.

Saturday, December 31 - The Elks Lodge is having a New Years Eve party and all SBSC is invited. Fox and Company will be the band. Details to follow but all the usual fare will be included along with a midnight breakfast.

Dance Lessons

Shag lessons will start back in January near the end of the month. Robin and John will have more information shortly.

2017 SOS Cards

SOS Cards: 2017 cards are now available. I will have them at the Christmas Party or if you would like to send a self-addressed stamped (if you are requesting more than two cards please use two stamps) envelope to Robin Morley 100 Smith Street, Morganton, NC 28655. Please makes checks payable to SBSC! \$30 per card.

A Message from Our President

by Steve Coley



Hi SBSC Members,

I hope all had a great Thanksgiving and are making plans to celebrate Christmas which is just around the corner! SBSC had a great Chili Cookoff at our November Tailgate party. Benny Britain won \$100 for the best Chili. We also gave second and third

place prizes. Overall there were 13 contestants and plenty of food for all. If you missed this party, you missed a good one.

The date for the Morganton Christmas Parade is Thursday, December 15th. Please gather your Spring 2016 costumes or create a 50s era one if you were not with us at SOS and join us for a good time! This parade has always be fun for all!! Don't miss it even if it means joining the crowd to watch.

Our Christmas Party and Dinner at the Elks is Saturday, December 10th with Joe Tutt as our DJ. Cathleen Braun, the Elks Chef, will be serving our dinner. We will have Beef Brisket and Chicken. I've had her brisket before and it is great so you don't want to miss out. Dinner

will be served from 6:00-7:30. Our Group Picture will be taken at 7:15 so please come early enough so the picture does not interfere with dinner.

We will be electing officers again in April 2017 and we will need to establish a Nominating Committee to help with that process. We plan to form this committee at our January General Membership Meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 19 at the Morganton Elks Lodge. Please consider serving on this committee, and also serving your club as an officer.

Don't forget we will not have a Regular Party in January. This was decided at our last General Membership Meeting. Our first Regular party in 2017 is February 25th.

See you at our Christmas Party!

Steve Coley, President, SBSC

If you know of any member that has had an accident, surgery, family death etc. please take the time and send Joyce Kincaid an email. She will gladly get a card in the mail. Our club family is very large and sometimes the right person doesn't get the information so please just take a moment and let Joyce know. Her email is macmarch2001@yahoo.com.

Sandy Beach Officers

President	Steve Coley
Vice President	Sanford Clark
Secretary	Susan Duncan
Treasurer	Leah Turner
Members-at-Large:	Mike Carlisle
	John Carpenter
Past President	Dorothy Barrier

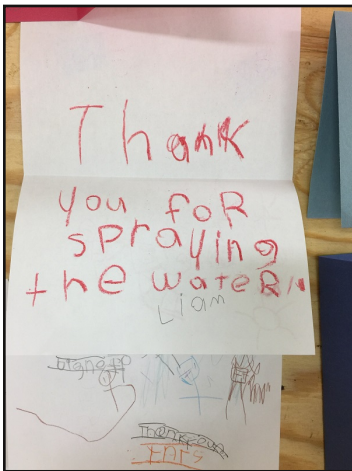
Sacrifice and Commitment-Doing Good Things

by John Carpenter

This past month has been one of the most inspiring months in my life. In recent years we have all heard the rumblings of the breakdown of our society, the loss of family structure, the demise of our moral character. Don't throw Burke County and Morganton under the bus!

We have had one of the most difficult times in recent weeks due to the raging wildfires that have plagued our community, and many communities across the southeast. We have all seen what has happened to Gatlinburg, Tennessee this past week.

Our community came together as one in the past weeks in an outpouring of commitment and unity like nothing I have ever seen. Robin and I were fortunate to have been volunteers at the incident command center here in Morganton. While Robin worked answering the phones, I helped receive and distribute much needed supplies for the teams of firefighters that had come to our county and city to assist



us in protecting our forests, our land, and our homes. The leadership team was comprised of firefighters from Florida, and they ran the command center in an awe inspiring fashion. Donations of every imaginable item poured in daily.

Cards and thank you notes came in by the box load, and were put up on our message board and distributed into the lunch bags of the firefighters daily.

I cannot express enough, how important doing good things is in our lives! So many times we take for granted the blessing we receive. It is important for us to repay those blessing and make sacrifices of our time, our money, and our energy, to build a better world.

What happened in Morganton and Burke county this past month had an incredible impact

on the firefighters from other states. They, to a person, kept saying that they had never seen anything like the kindness we exhibited. Several said they would like to move to this area because of the people they had met while here and the way this community is unlike any they had ever seen.



These are the very sacrifices and commitments that are needed to have an awe inspiring shag community. We need to continue to do those things that we have done in the past and carry them into the future. It is all about doing good things. Good things don't have to be big things. Simple things such as compliments, praise, a helping hand, a minute of your time, and positive attitude are examples of good things. These are as important in everyday life as they are in our shag community.

If you haven't yet chosen to serve your shag community in some fashion, I highly recommend doing so. The impact that you have on others is fantastic. The difference you make is heart warming. The selflessness that our community demonstrated these past weeks has profoundly changed many people including myself.

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we are also reminded of the Christmas spirit which is truly the same as our community's spirit. "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

With this I wish all of you Happy Holidays! Please find it within yourself to do **GOOD THINGS!!**



Community Service

2016 Adopt -A-Highway Cleanup

Highway cleanup is only 6 times a year and a great way to get some exercise. It is not difficult, and all materials are provided.

**2016 Adopt-A-Highway is Dec. 3 -
Rain date Dec. 10**

We meet at 9:30 am in the McDonald's parking lot on Carbon City Rd. (Rt. 70) near the ATM machine. Trash bags, safety vests, gloves, and pickup tools are provided. It usually takes about an hour and a half to complete the cleanup. For additional information, call Jim Noggle, (828) 310-6099.

2017 Adopt a Highway Cleanup Dates

February 4, 2017 - Rain date Feb 11

April 1, 2017 - Rain date Apr 8

June 3, 2017 - Rain date Jun 10

August 5, 2017 - Rain date Aug 12

October 7, 2017 - Rain date Oct 14

December 2, 2017 - Rain date Dec 9

December Birthdays

Carole Huffman	12/2
Linda Fanning	12/6
Mary McNew	12/6
Michael DeWitt	12/8
Janie Butler	12/10
Susan Gray	12/11
Richard Colton	12/12
Charles "Tommy" Helton	12/12
Terry Griffin	12/13
Leah Link	12/13
Patti Queen	12/13
Julie Lee	12/15
Pam Wagoner	12/15
Ruby Webb	12/15
Arlene Coley	12/17
William Honeycutt	12/19
Debbie Whitworth	12/22
Kim Plemmons	12/24
Harold Willis	12/24
Martha Stewart	12/25
Larry Pearson	12/28

Art Prints

We have Vic Gillespie prints for sale at \$50 each, with \$25 dollars going right back to SBSC, the other \$25 will be returned to the artist. Vic is a longtime contributor to, and supporter of, ACSC and SOS. He has donated several prints to us over the years, so let's make SBSC a little extra money! I have seen the print and I know that I certainly would love one. It is a tribute to Fat Harold, Dr. Phil Sawyer and Eddie Monsieur.

SBSC 2016 Party Schedule:

December 10 - Eddie Teeter
Christmas Party & Member Dinner

SBSC 2017 Party Schedule:

January - No party
February 25
March 25
April - No party SOS
May 20 (Re-up)
June 24
July 29
August - No party
September 3 DJ Megafest (Sunday)
October 14
November 11
December 9

Area Clubs and Happenings

Check out what is happening around us! Please visit each club's website for more info.

Boone Shag Club

www.booneshagclub.com

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Moose Lodge #1805, 607 Deerfield Rd.,
Boone, NC. Bring your favorite snacks and
enjoy a variety of music and dancing with us!

Moose Members - \$3.00, Guests - \$5.00

Lake Hickory Shag Club

lakehickoryshagclub.com

shaggers@lakehickoryshagclub.com

Saturday, December 3, Norman Mills
Naughty or Nice

7:30 until 11:30 pm

VFW 1615 12th Street Dr. NW, Hickory

\$5 Members ~ \$7 Guests - Juniors \$3

Statesville Shag Club

<http://statesvilleshag.com>

The Statesville Shag Club dances at the
VFW Post 2031 in Statesville.

Saturday, December 17 - Jeff Foster

8:00-11:00; FREE to paid members,
\$5 Guests

Brushy Mountain Shag Club:

North Wilkesboro, NC

www.brushymountainshagclub.com

Saturday, December 10, Christmas Dance
Frank Price

Saturday, December 31, New Years Eve
Gene Hensley

8:00pm-11:00pm

Holiday Inn Express, 1700 Winkler
Avenue, Wilkesboro, NC

\$5 members and \$7 guests

Rutherfordton County Shag Club:

Rutherfordton, NC

Friday, November 4 - No cover for
members, \$3 for guests

8 pm

Rocky's Bar and Grill

Spindale NC

Shelby Shag Club:

Shelby, NC

American Legion

Saturday, December 16

613 E. Gold St., Kings Mountain NC

\$5 members and \$8 guests

Two great websites for Shag Dance Information:

www.shagdance.com,

www.shagtour.com

The "Shag Connection" APP is now available at APPLE & GOOGLE APP stores

Download the only APP dedicated to Beach Music and Shag Dancing. This APP will become your one source to find out what's going on in the Beach Music and Shag Dancing world!

Find us on Facebook!

Just type Sandy Beach Shag Club in the search box. We also have a photo albums page.



The Heart and Soul of Our Club

Participation in your club's committees is a fun way to meet new friends and contribute to the health of our club. Contact these Committee Chairs or president Steve Coley for more information about participating in these events and activities.

Social/Planning:	Arlene Coley, Sanford Clark, James Bentley
Clean-up:	Mike Carlisle
Adopt-A-Highway:	Jim Noggle- Chairman
DJ Committee:	James Bentley, Steve Coley
Membership:	John Carpenter-Chairman, Robin Morley, Shirley Dale, Joyce Kincaid, and Arlene Coley
Door:	Sam/Annette Smith
Food/Hospitality:	Sandie Clark, Jean Lande, Ellen Parsons
Decorations:	Robin Little, Alice Smith
Website:	John Carpenter webmaster
Information/Correspondence:	Susan Duncan, John Carpenter, Robin Morley
Newsletter:	Candace McGuire, John Carpenter
By-Laws:	Wayne Harris
Fun Monday Tickets and SOS Cards:	Robin Morley
Parade/Float:	Robin Little-Chairman
SBSC Sandkicker DJ Megafest	Co-chairs John Carpenter and Sanford Clark

Help us to continue to have one of the best shag clubs anywhere!

Party Information

All Regular Parties are held at the Morganton Elks Lodge
500 Golf Course Road, Morganton, NC

Regular Members \$5, Associate Members/Guests \$8
7:30pm until 11:00pm

Wonderful Snacks, cash bar, and DJ. All in a smoke free environment. For more details contact: johncarpenter@sandybeachshagclub.com

Members are encouraged to donate a snack. Please bring a serving dish too. Sample items are: peanuts, chips/dip, cookies/brownies, Cheetos, pretzels, pickles/olives, dips, etc. Also, All members are asked to help with the clean-up at the end of the party by clearing your table and putting trash in the correct recycling bins.