



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

**Colonial Shag Club, Inc.**

a member of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC)

**November 2018**

**Hampton, Newport News, York County, Poquoson, Williamsburg, Virginia Founded In 2001**

## **a note from the club President**

Wood Ducks.

The first migrating Wood Ducks arrived in our creek today. They usually show up around Halloween in their very unique, colorful, costumes. For us nature lovers, things like this signal the changes in our world.

The Wood Ducks are the first migratory birds to come through after the hummingbirds leave. Fall is here. When it gets cold enough, the Wood Ducks will head further south also. And what does this have to do with the Colonial Shag Club?

We're changing too. We'll have our elections in a few weeks. A new president, an actual election choice for Corresponding Secretary, and some new Directors at Large. All good things. The candidates and their bios are in this newsletter. Please come out and vote at our election dance.

The Halloween dance was a great success with lots of creative costumes, tasty snacks, and shag dancing music by Greg Howell. Toby West won the prize for best individual costume. Al Lukac and Vicki Walker won the prize for best couples costume.

Congratulations to them and thank you to everyone who put together a costume and had the guts to wear it.

Our Christmas Dance is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marriott in Newport News City Center. Tickets are \$40 for regular members and \$45 for associate members and are on sale at our



Saturday night dances. Chris Coolican will be our deejay this year, and we are looking forward to a wonderful evening.

With hurricane Florence messing up Fall SOS, The ACSC has announced some dates and changes for Mid-Winter Workshop January 16-20, 2019. Robin Morely has announced that the Fun Monday drawing will be held at Mid-Winters and that and that 2018 SOS cards will be honored at the Mid-winter event. Cyd and I went last year. All of the fun and less of the crowd you get at spring and fall events. Give it a try if you missed out on Fall SOS.

I hope to see everyone this weekend. I'm still on injured reserve from last week's shoulder surgery. Recovery is going a lot better than I had planned on. Then in a couple of weeks, it's down south, just like the Wood Ducks, to see Mom for Thanksgiving. You'll just have to catch me when you can.

See you on the dance floor.

Tim Kroskey



# The beat goes on thanks to our

## club board of directors and committees

### Directors and Officers

*President:* Tim Kroskey – 757-870-0234, tckroskey@yahoo.com

*Vice President:* Jerry Nichols — 757-532-2722, jerrylana@verizon.net

*Recording Secretary:* J R Jones — 757-593-2509, jrj1s5522@gmail.com

*Treasurer:* Mel Hemphill — 757-869-1164, mkhemphill@verizon.net

*Corresponding Secretary:* Connie Sledd — 757-303-5310, Whimsey47@aol.com

### Directors At Large:

Marion Butsavage – 757-486-0277, pupraven@aol.com

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Rosalie Mitchell — 757-898-7229, rosie@ywcva.com

Harry Walthall — 757-784-8380, thewalthalls@cox.net

### Committees

*Audit* — Lisa Jones

*Budget* — Rosalie Mitchell

*Beverage* — Sheila Kerr-Jones

*Cards* — Diane Capps

*Charity* — Suzanne Kolesha, Tim Kroskey

*Christmas party* — Marion Butsavage, Rosalie Mitchell, Connie Sled

*Communications*

*Newsletter* — Lloyd Pitzen

*Social Media* (Facebook) — Lisa Jones

*Website* — Joe Mitchell

*Dance instruction* — Darla Frederick

*Elections* — TBD

*Junior program* – Joe Mitchell

*Hospitality* — Sheila Kerr-Jones

*Membership* — Beth Liivak

*Music* — Jerry Nichols

*Nominating* — Dee Fertitta (chairperson), Pat Hughes, JR Jones, Jerry Nichols, Laura Smith.

*Photographer* — TBD

*Social* — Elena Gilmore

*Venue negotiations* – Joe Mitchell, Jerry Nichols, Harry Walthall

*Venue Operations* — J R Jones

*Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)*— Janie Tompkins

# the music goes on thanks to our colonial tunesmiths

## November

- 3 Cindy Black
- 10 David Miller
- 17 Larry Black
- 24 Greg Howell

## December

- 1 Jerry Hardy
- 8 Larry Black
- 15 David Miller
- 22 (no social)

See colonialshagclub.com for any updates to deejay schedule

## Happy birthday — November

- |    |                  |    |                 |
|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Jerry Hardy      | 17 | Mel Hemphill    |
| 10 | Jessie Johnson   | 19 | Jaynelle Oehler |
| 10 | Toby West        | 23 | Mark Basnight   |
| 11 | Deborah Thompson | 23 | Anda Gillis     |
|    |                  | 23 | Jimmy Kight     |
| 12 | Jo Ann Chapman   | 23 | Bob McCreary    |
| 13 | Bob Psimas       | 23 | Larry Stewart   |
| 13 | Connie Sledd     | 29 | Vicki Walker    |
| 15 | Carol Puckett    |    |                 |

## Colonial Shag Club

A Proud Member Of The:



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Newport News, VA 23612-2104

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Dance lessons at the  
club's Saturday night socials  
6-7pm

- A six-week series of *beginner* shag dance lessons begins the first week of each **odd-numbered** month. The lessons are progressive — starting with the basic steps and adding a few turns/moves in the following weeks.
- After six weeks of beginner lessons, *beyond basic* lessons will be given for the remainder of the month.

To see what's happening at  
*Two Left Feet Dance studio*

go to [twoleftfeetdancestudio.net](http://twoleftfeetdancestudio.net)

Want to see flyers for shag opportunities in Hampton roads and beyond? Take a look at *Boogie on the Bay* Facebook page — *Upcoming shag opportunities* photo album

**For your Beach Music listening pleasure ...**

Larry's Beach Party" Live radio show - WFOS 88.7 FM - Saturdays from noon to 4pm. Listen on line at [www.cpschools.com](http://www.cpschools.com) (select WFOS Live Radio).

**Shag dancing every Thursday**  
at  
**Mario's Italian Restaurant/Nick's Too Lounge**  
611 Airline Blvd, Portsmouth  
starts at 6pm  
deejay Jerry Canada

## *Our Events*

Club social — Saturdays 7-10pm at Two Left Feet Dance Studio in Fairway Plaza Shopping Center, 1405 Kiln Creek Parkway, Newport News. Social is preceded by one-hour dance lesson; (i.e., lesson 6-7pm)  
Cover charge — \$5 regular member, \$7 everyone else  
You may bring your own beverage and snacks (including beer, wine, and alcohol)

Christmas dinner and dance Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> at The Marriott at City Center in Newport News

## *Other Shag Dance Events*

Virginia Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* Wednesdays at Royal Courtyard, Virginia Beach. See [VBshagclub.com](http://VBshagclub.com)

Boogie On the Bay Shag Club social — Friday nights at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake

Lessons by Boogie on the Bay Shag Club instructors Tom Edwards and Marsha Ruth — every Tuesday night at *Big Woody's* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake, 7-9pm

Northern Neck Shaggers — dancing every Thursday night at *KC's Crabs and Cues* on Rt. 200 a few miles north of Kilmarnock, Virginia. Deejay Greg Howell. See *Northern Neck Shaggers* on Facebook

Friday December 7 — Boogie on the Bay Shag Club's Christmas dinner and dance at Hilton Garden Inn, 5921 Harbour View Blvd, Suffolk

Friday December 14 — Virginia Beach Shag Club Christmas Dinner and Dance at Lesner Inn, Virginia Beach

## **Board Meetings**

Typically, a board meeting is held the second Monday of each month at Two Left Feet Dance Studio. If interested in attending any particular board meeting, check with a board member for exact time.

Any regular member is welcome to attend a board meeting as a "visitor."

## Colonial Shag Club Christmas dinner and dance

Friday, December 21st

The Marriott at City Center in Newport News  
\$40 regular member, \$45 others

Coming to  
**THE BANQUE**  
*Since 1973*  
Sundays

**NOVEMBER**

**COOLIN' OUT**  
November 4th

**DJ'S CINDY & LARRY**  
November 11th

**GOOD SHOT JUDY**  
November 18th

**DJ'S CINDY & LARRY**  
November 25th

**DECEMBER**

**SOUL INTENT**  
December 2nd

**THE JANITOR'S**  
December 9th

**Private Party**  
Randy Wright  
December 16th

**CLOSED**  
December 23rd

Be sure to mark your calendars  
December 30th

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY CELEBRATING  
THE BANQUE'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

**AMMON THARPE ALL STARS**

(The New MIDNIGHT Will Be 10pm Balloon Drop and Champagne Toast)

Tickets go on sale AFTER THANKSGIVING

The BANQUE, 1849 E. Little Creek Rd, Norfolk, VA

757.480.3600

For bands, doors open at 4. and band starts at 6:15



Pictures from Colonial Shag Club Halloween party October 27<sup>th</sup> — those selected for best costume



First place in singles category — Toby West



First place in couples category — Al Lukac and Vicki Walker

## Meet the nominees for the 2019 Board of Directors

### Mel Hemphill - President

My wife Peggy and I have been members of the Colonial Shag Club since it was formed in 2001. I was the club president in 2011 and have been the treasurer for the past four years.

I am proud to be a member of the Colonial Shag Club because they are a great group of people. I look forward to serving as president.



### Jerry Nichols - Vice President

#### CSC

- Vice President 2017-2018
- Member since 2002
- Director at Large in 2009 and 2011
- Chaired 2009 Nominations and Elections Committee
- Served three years on Nominations and Elections Committee
- Co-chaired Bylaws re-write Committee
- Served as volunteer deejay for one year
- Currently a member of Venue Negotiations Team
- Currently and for past 10+ years, a CSC shag dance instructor
- Served as chair for Dance Development 10+ years

#### Other

- Currently and for four years, a Two Left Feet dance studio Dance Instructor
- Currently and for many years, a member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club

- Accomplished Country Western (C/W) dance instructor for 15+ years
- Accomplished C/W deejay for 10+ years
- Repeat C/W dance instructor at multiple Atlantic Seashore Dance Competition events
- Planned, coordinated, and implemented C/W dances at NASA Activity Center for 12+ years
- Taught dance lessons for Hampton and Newport News Parks and Recreation Services
- Traveled to England, Texas, Florida, New York, and all across Virginia and North Carolina teaching and attending national and local dance events
- Retired NASA/Langley Research Center Manager
- Active in my church as an usher, Premises Committee member, and active in bible studies and small groups



### Rosalie Mitchell - Treasurer

#### CSC

- Incumbent Director at Large
- Corresponding Secretary 2016
- Treasurer 2010-2014
- Recording Secretary 2017
- Member since 2003

#### Other

- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club for sixteen years
- Member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club for fifteen years
- Inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2013

- Inducted into National Living Legends of Dance in 2017
- Self-employed since 1990 in personal accounting firm
- Previously employed by CPA firms in Newport News and Oklahoma City for eleven years.
- Accounting degree from Central State in Oklahoma in 1979
- Currently treasurer for the Yorktown Preservation Society
- Trustee for Comte De Grasse Chapter DAR Trust Fund and Building
- Past treasurer for the Seaford Yacht Club for eight years
- Hobbies: Dancing, reading, and travel



### J.R. Jones – Recording Secretary

#### CSC

- Incumbent Recording secretary
- Director at Large 2013-2017
- Member since April 2010
- Served on the CSC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Committee
- Volunteer assisting with various events and functions
- Chair of Venue Operations Committee 2014-2018
- Nominating Committee 2017



#### Other

- Employed full time with the Federal Government after 13 years as a Contractor with General Dynamics.
- Retired Army Field Artillery Officer after 28 years of active service
- Participated in *Dancing with the Williamsburg Stars - Shag Dance Demo*, March 2010
- Participated in Guinness Book World Record Shag Dance, September 2011
- Hobbies include shag dancing, skiing, and travel

### Joe Mitchell – Corresponding Secretary

#### CSC

- Director At Large 2016
- Member since 2003
- Webmaster since 2003
- Newsletter editor three years
- Venue Negotiations Committee four years
- Bylaws Committee chair 2013
- Established ABC License process for CSC
- Represented CSC at multiple ACSC Workshops



#### Other

- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC) over ten years
- VBSC newsletter editor 2004-2006
- VBSC webmaster for several years
- Steppin' Out webmaster many years
- Coolin' Out band webmaster
- Member of Boogie On The Bay Shag Club
- Inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame in 2013
- On Board of Directors of Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame 2014-2018
- Inducted into National Living Legends of Dance in 2017
- Retired Federal Service after thirty-five years
- Retired USAF Reserves

### Connie Sledd — Corresponding Secretary

#### CSC

- Corresponding Secretary 2017-2018
- President 2010
- Vice President 2009
- 2nd Vice President 2008
- Christmas Party chairman 2018
- Christmas Party committee co-chair 2017

#### Work experience

- Poquoson School Board 2004-2010
- New Horizons Regional Education Center Board of Trustees 2005-2010

**Previous work experience:** English teacher; Real Estate broker; Substitute teacher

#### Other volunteer experience

- Poquoson Education Foundation, Board of Trustees since 2011
- PTA – school president (three schools); District Officer; Virginia Board of Managers
- General Federation of Woman's Clubs - Past President of Poquoson Woman's Club (twice); Tidewater District Chairman 1986-2011; Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs; State



Bylaws Committee member (twice); Nominating committee member

- Odyssey of the Mind - State judge; Regional Problem Captain; team Coach, attended *World Finals* nine times
- Helped establish the *Poquoson Animal Welfare Sanctuary* (P.A.W.S.)

#### Hobbies:

- Spoiling our new granddaughter!
- Dancing, Travel, animal welfare

Al and I started lessons in September, 2006. We always loved to dance but were new to shag dancing. We especially enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of everyone we met at our club, at other shag events, and at SOS.

After stepping away from CSC service for several years to be primary caregiver for my parents, I have enjoyed once again serving on the board as *Corresponding Secretary* and creating the *weekly information flyers*. If re-elected to the board, I would continue to work to make the Colonial Shag Club a place for dancing, friendship, and fun.

## Marion Butsavage – Director at Large

### CSC

- Director at Large 2017 and 2018
- Member since 2014
- Assisted with 50/50 drawing – 2014
- Was member of on 2017 Christmas Party Committee
- Was member of on 2017 Nominating Committee

### Other

- Retired from Sentara Virginia Beach General. Worked for 35 years as Clinical Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator and Manager of Diabetes Center for inpatients and outpatients. Chaired Diabetes Education Committee for Sentara Healthcare System



- Served as Vice President, President-elect, President, and Past President of Eastern VA Association of Diabetes Educators

### Shag Club affiliations:

- Virginia Beach Shag Club
  - ◊ member since 2013
  - ◊ Served on Charity committee by pouring beer at Beach Music Festival two years and at American Music Festival one year
  - ◊ Served on Christmas Party Committee 2015 and 2016
  - ◊ Ran for club secretary 2015
  - ◊ Served on 2016 Ways and Means Committee by collecting 50/50 drawing
- Boogie on the Bay Shag Club
  - ◊ former member
  - ◊ Served on 2016 Ways and Means Committee by working in food concession at NTelos

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## Sheila Kerr-Jones – Director at Large

### CSC

- Incumbent Director at Large
- Member since 2010
- Co-chair Charity Committee 2018
- Co-chair 10th Anniversary Party 2011
- Nominating Committee member 2012 and 2018
- Charity Event Committee member 2012 and 2013
- Co-chair Social Events committee 2013
- Chair Ways and Means 2014
- Christmas Party Decorating Committee member 2013 and 2015; Committee Chair 2016
- Hospitality Committee Chair 2017 and 2018
- Currently volunteer wherever needed

### Other volunteer activities

- Longtime Virginia Living Museum (VLM) volunteer
- VLM Annual Bacchus (Wine Event) Organization board member
- VLM Fundraiser
- Kiln Creek Hollingsworth HOA Board
- Ferguson Center

- Boogie On The Bay Shag Club
- Junior SOS
- Virginia Beach Shag Club

### Other

- Dancing with the Williamsburg Stars participant March 2011
- Guinness Book World Record Shag Dance participant
- Member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club since 2012
- Member of Virginia Beach Shag Club 2015

### Overseas and stateside

- English as a Second Language Instructor
- Spanish Language Instructor
- Substitute Teacher
- Tours and Travel Guide

**Hobbies:** Dancing, Travel, Traveling to Dance, Reading, Gardening, Jeopardy!



## Timothy Kroskey – Director at Large

### CSC

- Incumbent President
- Director at Large 2017
- Member since 2014
- Help with Junior Shagger events
- Dance instructor

### Other

- Married to Cyd
- Started dancing eight years ago when our son got married. Took “Amy’s wedding package” to be able to dance at wedding. Switched from ballroom to shag about four years ago because you are allowed to smile while shag dancing.
- Attend shag lessons at Two Left Feet and Boogie on the Bay Shag Club
- Hobbies: woodworking, fishing, cooking, and grandchildren
- Occupation: have been in the insurance business, was construction inspector at Langley in the Civil Engineering Squadron, have been a contractor doing remodeling and small government jobs, was Facilities Manager at Hampton Roads Academy, went back to insurance business, and currently Senior Retirement Strategist at Vector27 Financial Group in Poquoson.



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## Lana Nichols-----Director At Large

### CSC

- Member since 2002
- Served on 2006 and 2012 board as Director at Large
- Served two years on Nomination and Elections Committee
- Served on 2006 By-Laws Committee
- Served over five years as DJ/Music Chairperson
- Served as Chairperson for DJ Appreciation Party
- Served as CSC volunteer DJ for one year
- Served on 2006 CSC Christmas Party Committee
- Continuous service as CSC volunteer Shag Dance Instructor

### Other

- Member of Boogie on the Bay Shag Club since 2001
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- Taught dance lessons for Hampton and Newport News Parks and Recreation Services
- Taught dance lessons ( couples & line) throughout the area

