



The Colonial Crier

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Colonial Shag Club, Inc.

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

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President's corner

More Food More Fun

I doubt if anyone remembers, but my campaign promise when I ran for president of the Colonial Shag Club in November of 2019 was that, if you elected me your president, we would have more food and more fun. Not that we didn't have plenty of both before. But more is always better in these categories.

Well, I've failed you on both of these promises. It may not be my fault, but my plan to feed you and make you laugh has failed. Don't get me wrong, no one is starving. I've run into a few of you and we need to get back to dancing and burn a few calories.

It's the fun part that bothers me most. Our club hasn't danced since March 7th. It has taken a toll on me and left me without inspiration for some of the great President's notes I am known for. That's why I am combining October and November. I finally have an idea on how to express what I and I'm sure many of you are feeling. With a few exceptions, we are isolated from the people, the music, and the dance that we love. People's lives are moving on and, in a few sad cases, some of our members and others associated with our dance have passed on. We are not allowed to mourn in the usual ways and to show their families how much we cared for their loved ones. For me in particular, I feel lacking in being able to help our club express our sorrow and to be able to support those that need our help with their loss. I pray that this will end soon and we can get back to some more food, fun, music, and dancing.



I am sorry to admit that the decision the CSC Board and Officers made to hold off on having CSC sponsored socials was the right decision. I'm sorry because it means people were getting sick and dying from Covid. In some cases, it appears they contracted the disease at events associated with the shag community. Had we continued dancing and if one of our members had died as the result of our socials, I for one would be devastated and could never return to CSC. Thankfully we made the right decision.

With all of those upbeat thoughts, let's all be careful out there. Take care of yourselves, eat right, exercise, dance, and try to stay in touch with those you love from the shag community. With the help of God and lots of prayers, this nightmare will end and we'll be dancing again.

I know most of you already are aware of the passing of Ed Hardy. Ed was a long time member of CSC and a gentleman in every sense of the word. He will be missed.

Please have a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas. And if you would like to share an adult beverage on a dock in Poquoson, give me a call. After 32 years, we finally have one.

President, CSC

Tim Kroskey

Notice to all Regular Members

Do not be concerned with renewing your membership for 2021.

All 2020 regular memberships are renewed for 2021 with no cost to you and no action required by you

The beat goes on thanks to out

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November

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| 1 Jerry Hardy | 13 Connie Sledd |
| 3 Kim League | 15 Shirley Lindsay |
| 6 Buddy Mateo | 15 Carol Puckett |
| 7 Earl Hill | 17 Mel Hemphill |
| 10 Jessie Johnson | 19 Janelle Oehler |
| 10 Toby West | 19 Doug Ortery |
| 11 Deborah Thompson | 23 Bob McCreary |
| 13 Bob Psimas | 29 Vicki Walker |

Belated happy birthday wishes for October

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| 9 Terry Lee | 20 Dottie Carpenter |
| 12 Donal Campbell | 21 LaDonna Guida |
| 13 Barney Mars | 23 Beth Liivak |
| 14 Elena Gilmore | 25 Karen Hornstein |
| 16 Sue Braudrick | 27 Debby Quinn |
| 16 Drew Izes | 29 Bill Quinn |
| 16 Judy Sinclair | 31 Sheila Kerr-Jones |

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Our shag family will miss Ed’s humble nature, large heart ,and friendship

Our friend Ed Hardy gained his heavenly wings {on October 28th} just past midnight from a previous disease. Ed loved his family and was very proud of all their accomplishments! Our shag family will miss Ed’s humble nature, large heart and friendship!! God bless Chris and Charlie as you cherish your dad’s memories!! I can only Imagine Carmen greeting Ed and having a dance!! We will miss you Ed! Larry and I are blessed to call you our friend! You are at peace now and pain free!!”



At Saturday night socials, Ed typically meandered around the room and would sit and chat at tables along the way. While occupying a chair temporarily vacated by someone on the dance floor, he wouldn’t necessarily say many words but just his presence and his cat-swallowed-the-canary smile were worth a thousand warm words to those at the table. The song would end, he would let the chair be reclaimed, and would move on to another table to sow his goodwill.

..... posted by Cindy Black on Facebook

..... Lloyd Pitzen



Fay Ratcliff passed away on November 6th.

Fay was an active member of the Virginia Beach Shag Club and was a past member of Boogie On The Bay Shag Club and Colonial Shag Club. Jack Witzendorf, president of Virginia Beach Shag Club, wrote the following to the club’s members. (Her funeral was on November 11th)

It is with sadness that I write this note to you. Long standing member of the Virginia Shag Shag Club, Fay Ratcliff passed away yesterday evening after suffering a massive stroke. Fay was a pillar in the club for many years and was a line dance teacher. She was a member of the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame and National Living Legend. At this time funeral services are not known