



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

**Colonial Shag Club, Inc.**

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

**September 2023**

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## President's corner

Here we are and another month slips behind us. September is a month of transition between the sultry days of summer and the cooler, crisp mornings of autumn. For many, it marks the beginning of an academic year and a time to reap the rewards of the harvest. The spiritual themes of September revolve around that of service to others, responsibilities, relationships, and enlightenment. Worldwide, many festivals and holidays are celebrated in September. Now, we all have the memories of summer and the prospects of new ones in the coming year. Looking forward to seeing you all in "September" (written by Chris Daughtry and Josh Steely, recorded by Daughtry).

We've got an exciting month in store for everyone. I'll begin with our fundraiser for Menchville House Ministries. Menchville House began, like any other charity, with a vision — a vision to provide hope and healing to women and children in need. Today, after twenty five years, Menchville House continues providing training and education, counseling, healthcare benefits, employment, housing assistance, and so much more to families in need in Hampton Roads. As our club's designated charity, we want to show our support for this great organization. From September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting material goods and monetary donations, as described on page 4. Please continue to show the spirit and generosity of CSC to help provide an opportunity for a family in need. Let's all work together and make this a banner year of giving from Colonial Shag Club. Sheila Kerr-Jones, our vice president and charity chair, has diligently been working on getting media coverage for the club during the official check presentation to Menchville House at our weekly dance on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar, see you there.

The 9<sup>th</sup> also marks the date of our SOS Kickoff. The Society of Strangers, or better known as SOS, marks the end of summer by holding the Fall Migration event in North Myrtle Beach. As described on the SOS website,



shagdance.com, this ten-day event is the biggest adult party on the east coast and the "last blast of the season." We will commemorate this event with our own little party on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The theme, of course, will be the beach. Come out and enjoy some great dancing to music provided by deejay Greg Howell. It'll be a "beachy" time for all. See you there. See page 5 for more info.

More for September. Two Left Feet will hold a "2nd Annual Grand Reopening" on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 9pm as described on page 4. Colonial Shag Club will support this event by manning an information table from noon through 1pm. We will also be providing basic shag lessons during the same timeframe. We need members to come out to "man the table"; that is, pass out brochures and answer any questions. We also need members to help with the dance instruction. Come out, show your support for Two Left Feet, take a lesson or two, and enjoy a great day for yourself.

Some club business notes: You may have seen in last month's newsletter that the club enhancement committee was formed. Harry Walthall, the chair, and his team have had great discussions about several topics that would hopefully enhance our club. Some things had already been in the works before the forming of this committee, such as the opportunity for members to purchase club gear (e.g., shirts). Other things are developing and are being implemented as they arise, such as improvements of our Facebook page and website. Implementation of new ideas is progressing, such as creation of club business cards. Great ideas have come from the committee and from members. I encourage everyone, if you have suggestions or comments, to see a committee member or a board member. We only keep getting better when we keep having new visions and implement them.

Following the period of Covid and the reopening of Two Left Feet, we had to make a few adjustments. For the past two years, we have had a dance liaison with Two Left Feet to represent our club's interests in dance instruction. I am pleased to announce that we have reestablished the club's dance development committee cochaired by Jerry Nichols and Dwayne Hardy. This means that, once again, our club will be

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*The beat goes on thanks to our*  
**board of directors and committees**

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*Ways & Means (50/50 raffle)*— Bobby Chiles

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fully vested in providing structured dance instruction. Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, the dance development committee will manage dance instruction on behalf of our club. We hope to be publish such schedule soon. Thank you, Jerry and Dwayne.

Lastly, our September 16<sup>th</sup> social will include a quarterly general membership meeting at 6:45pm.

Notable quote: “There’s only one thing more precious than our time and that’s who we spend it on.” Leo Christopher - Poet and Author

See you on the dance floor.

Mike Dyson

President, Colonial Shag Club



3	Donald Ellis	18	Charlie Pratt
5	Dianne Ligon	19	Jaime Wood
7	Rosalie Mitchell	19	Randy Woolard
11	Louis Federico	26	Janet Richards
11	Harry Walthall	28	Bonnie Arms
14	Robert Smith	28	Mary Eckert
15	Wanda Stotesberry	29	David Sawyer
17	Rick Underhill	30	A. W. Jones
18	Cindy Black	30	Colette Quinn



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## “Open door, open floor”

Two Left Feet Dance Studio (TLF) is open to members of any shag club every Monday evening, starting at 8pm, to provide you with the opportunity to practice moves you have learned or to improve your dancing. Typically, several experienced club dancers are on hand to provide guidance on request. Free, as a courtesy of TLF

## Virginians meet-up at SOS

at Duck’s Beach Club, North Myrtle Beach

on Friday, September 22, 1-4pm

an opportunity for members of shag dance organizations throughout Virginia to party with fellow Virginians

Deejays Larry and Cindy Black

just show up (no registration, no fee)

(food and drink **not** provided specifically as part of this event; however, food and drink can be purchased just as they can be any time when Duck’s is open for business)

## Saving the homemade pie from extinction

“The homemade pie has been under siege for a century, and surely its survival is endangered.”

— Janet Clarkson,



David Maine shared the fruits of his baking skills with attendees of the September 2<sup>nd</sup> CSC dance social

## SOS Fall Migration in North Myrtle Beach

September 14-24



## Other shag clubs

Virginia Beach Shag Club *Mix & Mingle* every Wednesday night at DanceSportVA, Virginia Beach. See club’s Facebook page.

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club social every Friday 6-9:30pm at *Big Woody’s* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See the club’s Facebook page.

Boogie on the Bay Shag Club shag dance lessons every Tuesday 7-9pm at *Big Woody’s* in Chesapeake Square Mall in Chesapeake. See the club’s Facebook page.

Franklin Shag Club social first and third Wednesday of every month at *Fred’s Restaurant* in downtown Franklin. See the club’s Facebook page

Richmond Shag Club social every Tuesday night at Visions Night Club in Double Tree hotel, Midlothian. Beginner shag classes from 6:30 until 7:15 followed by dancing until 10pm. Line dance lessons second Tuesday of each month

Outer Banks Shag Club social first and third Monday each month, 4-7pm at Duck Woods Country Club, Southern Shores, NC. See the club’s website

River City Shag Club social every Wednesday night at CPOA Club, Elizabeth City. See the club’s Facebook page.

River City Shag Club Christmas party, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth City. See the club’s Facebook page.

See page 5 for Christmas parties



Menchville House's mission is to help homeless families return to self-sufficiency by providing a temporary home and supportive services.

Menchville House, a 501(c) 3 organization, is a forty six-bed emergency housing facility for homeless families. The facility is located in the Denbigh area of Newport News. Menchville House works with other homeless service providers and social service agencies that offer families the services and support needed to return to self-sufficiency.

Colonial Shag Club has dedicated the month of September to collect the material goods and money for Menchville House.

Menchville House seeks donation of the following:

- paper products — plates, napkins, toilet paper, etc.
- plastic bags — sandwich, quart, gallon
- cereal — kids sugar type, for example, Lucky Charms, Cap'n Crunch, Fruit Loops
- snacks — school lunch type snack items
- sheets — new or gently used, twin and queen
- towels — new or gently used, all sizes

For a monetary donation, make check payable to Menchville House Ministries and mail it to Colonial Shag Club or give it to Patty Swan or any board member at a Saturday night social. Cash is also accepted.

Leanne Crist, the Menchville House chairperson, will attend our Saturday night social on October 7th to receive the monetary donations from our club.

Two Left Feet Dance Studio contact information

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See twoleftfeetdancestudio.net and Facebook

## Two Left Feet Dance Studio 2nd Annual Grand Re-opening

Sunday, September 24, noon-9pm

- Noon-1pm Carolina shag lessons taught by Colonial Shag Club
- 1-2pm Country two step with Brian and Melinda Evans
- 2-3pm Salsa/bachata with Corie Miller
- 3-4pm West coast swing with Brian and Melinda Evans
- 5-6pm Detroit ballroom with Charles Walker
- 6-9pm Dance floor is open for all the above styles and more with music provided by deejay Jerry Hardy. Desserts and prizes

Hot dogs, soda, and water provided throughout the day.

Special offers for classes/private lessons

### Did you know?

In addition to giving to Menchville House just because it is a good thing to do, our parent, the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, encourages all its member to support charities.

### Colonial Shag Club

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Through the National Fast Dance Association, our club dance activities are licensed by:





## Colonial Shag Club dances every Saturday night

at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

Newport News

Doors open at 5:30pm

shag dance lesson 6-7pm, dancing 7-10pm

\$8 for member of any shag club, otherwise \$10

Soda and water provided, Snacks welcomed,

Alcohol permitted

### Other Christmas parties

- Boogie on the Bay Shag Club — Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fraternal Order of Eagles #795, 521 Maple St, Chesapeake
- Virginia Beach Shag Club — Saturday, December 9th at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Virginia Beach. Music by Soul Intent Band
- River City Shag Club — Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth City.
- Richmond Shag Club — Saturday, December 9 at Hopewell Moose Lodge

### Beginner shag dance lessons

four lessons, four sequential Saturdays in September beginning September 9

each week 4-5pm at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

free

### Shagging Christmas Dinner & Dance

Two Left Feet Dance Studio

Saturday, December 16

7pm —

\$40 per person

deejay Jerry Hardy

Contact Rick at Two Left Feet to signup, payment not required until October

Attendance limited to 100

catered by same caterer as was used for 2021 Christmas party

Note: this party, although hosted by TLF, has Colonial Shag Club's support. In effect, it is the CSC Christmas party



Colonial Shag Club

SOS kick-off

at September 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday night social

Wear your shorts, shades, and flipflops and be ready to participate in the Best Beachy (Hawaiian) Shirt Contest.

Please bring a dish to share: last name begins with

- A-M — main or side dish,
- L-W — fruit or desserts

deejay Greg Howell

### The Entertainers band

outdoors at Barrett's Landing , Franklin

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-10pm

food trucks, beer, and wine available

### Outer Banks Shag Club

### Pig pickin!!!!

Sunday, September 17

Bell's Island Community Center, Currituck, NC

Food served at 1:30

\$10 admission fee

BBQ, cole slaw, rolls, cornbread, beverages

Deejay Harvey Taylor

Bring a covered side dish, lawn chair, dancing shoes

RSVP to Lisa Corbett before September 11<sup>th</sup>

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