



# The Colonial Crier

newsletter of

**Colonial Shag Club, Inc.**

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

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## President's corner

The transition of time has yet again moved us into another month. With October, we are officially into autumn (fall equinox was Sept 25<sup>th</sup>). Many people enjoy this time of year because of the seasonal changing of leaves' colors. Are you aware that there are several cities that hold an annual event for this called "The Turning of the Leaves Festival."

If you're like me though, you enjoy the long lazy drives where you can view the golden yellows, mixed with the oranges and reds, along with the occasional lingering greens of the turning leaves. If you're lucky, as I have been, you may even catch the light on a patch of leaves that make it look blue. Hoping you'll be able to take time to enjoy one of nature's finest shows.

There's a lot going on this month. We've just finished the fundraiser for Menchville House. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Leanne Crist, a Menchville House director, will return to our club for an official presentation of the funds we all donated and collected. Thank you everyone who supported this great and noble cause. Your contribution will go towards assisting a local family. Remember, Menchville House is the official charity of our club and contributions can be made year-round.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There are many health and charity organizations that have done so much to raise awareness and funding for this cause — everything from diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and, hopefully one day, a cure of this disease. Show your support for this great cause by wearing pink at our October 14<sup>th</sup> social. Be it pink ties, pink tops, pink trousers, pink socks, pretty pink bows in your hair, or even lacy pink underwear, whatever your choice may be, showing



our support is the real key. If you desire to contribute to this cause, see a short list of charities posted elsewhere in this publication.

Our Ways and Means committee has gone to great lengths to be able to produce this next great event. Chairperson Bobby Chiles has collected several items for a silent auction. This includes several pieces of artwork by some of our very own artisans (members). The silent auction will be held at the club's "Sock Hop" on October 21<sup>st</sup>. That's right, ladies, get out your skirts, cardigan sweaters, and saddle shoes. Bring a snack to share. Look for the flyer elsewhere within the newsletter.

The Colonial Shag Club Halloween Bash will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Come out in your best costume and you may have a chance at winning one of the three costume contests we'll have. There will be different categories such as best male, female, and couple. We'll have dinner beginning at 6pm, so there will be no dance instruction that night. The club will provide fried chicken. Please bring a dish to share as described on page 3.

Just some business to go over quick. As you know, club elections are approaching. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, there will also be a special membership meeting to announce the slate of officers/directors running for the 2024 CSC board of directors. The meeting should only last about ten minutes and will begin promptly at 7pm.

Notable quote: "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." Leo Buscaglia - an American author, motivational speaker, and professor.

See you on the dance floor,

Mike Dyson, President Colonial Shag Club

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

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 Judy Chiles, Patti Walker, Rex Walker, Patty Swan, Jo  
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 Darla Frederick, Jim Frederick, Dwayne and Jo Hardy,  
 Keith D'Bene

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



6 Carol Michaelis	21 LaDonna Guida
6 Terry White	21 Donna House
8 Harold Jr. Bohannon	21 Jay Magness
13 Barney Mars	23 Sherry Allain
14 Elena Gilmore	23 Beth Liivak
16 Drew Izes	31 Sheila Kerr-Jones
16 Judy Sinclair	31 David Puckett
20 Dottie Carpenter	

**Interested in being on our club's board of directors in  
 calendar year 2024?**

If so, complete a nomination application and give it to one of the following members of the nomination committee: Judy Chiles (chair), J R Jones, Dwayne Hardy, Jo Hardy, and A W Jones. These committee members can provide you with a nomination application form, answer questions, and provide details for the position for which you wish to apply.

A special membership meeting will be held at the Saturday social on October 21<sup>st</sup>, wherein all nominees will be presented to the membership.

The annual membership meeting will be held at the Saturday social on November 18<sup>th</sup> wherein the election will be held.

Go to *Nominations for CSC Board for 2024* on the home page of the club's website for more information about the nomination and election processes and to print the nomination application form.

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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

## 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.

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at Colonial Shag Club  
Saturday night social  
on October 28<sup>th</sup>

The club will provide fried chicken. Please bring food based on the first letter of your last name as follows:

- A - G: main dish or equivalent
- H - Q: side dish or veggies
- R - W: desert or fruit

Contest for best costume in male, female, and couple categories

Eating starts at 6pm. No dance lesson

## Colonial Shag Club

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



**Donald Ellis**, a longtime member of Colonial Shag Club, passed away on September 8<sup>th</sup>

## Colonial Shag Club dances every Saturday night

at Two Left Feet Dance Studio

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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

## 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

Attendance limited to 100

catered by same caterer as was used for 2021 Christmas party

## 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

The following are suggested websites for making a donation in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

- [komen.org](http://komen.org)
- [donate.cancer.org](http://donate.cancer.org)
- [nationalbreastcancer.org](http://nationalbreastcancer.org)



## 50's Rock Hop / Silent Auction

October 21, 6-10pm

at Two Left Feet, home of Colonial Shag Club

Our own deejay Jerry Hardy will be spinning the tunes.

Bring a dish of your choice to share!



Take a step back in time. Come out and dance the night away on one of the best hardwood floors around. Bid on some cool stuff and best of all leave tired and happy.



Starting Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 o'clock pm

Free Beginner Shag Dance Lessons  
By Colonial Shag Club Instructors



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