



December 2019 Newsletter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Sumter Shag Club Members!!

2019 has been amazing! Our club has participated in parades, hosted parties, attended festivals and danced at community events! We have laughed, danced and partied our way through the year and our Club has grown! We started 2019 with 74 members and during the year 16 past members re-joined and 79 new members were added to our Sumter Shag Club family! We had a fantastic St. Patrick's Day party/fundraiser that helps support Camp Happy Days for kids with cancer as well as the Sumter SPCA. The End of Summer party was a big hit as was the Halloween party where we had 30+ folks in the costume contest!

At the Carolina-Clemson Party in November, our Club presented the Sumter SPCA with a check for \$400, some additional cash donations and a complete TRUCK LOAD of food and supplies all donated by members and friends of our Club! The representative was completely overwhelmed with the generosity of the Sumter Shag Club! Great Job!

Mark your calendar! Our Christmas party is Saturday, December 14th at the St. Anne/St. Jude Church in Sumter. The meal is being catered so please RSVP to Melissa May if you haven't already. Text 501-607-1243 or email Melissa.May@aristotle.net. We will be presenting a check from the Club to Camp Happy Days at our Christmas party! As always, Sumter Shag Club members are free and guests are \$15.

Our SSC Board elections for 2020 will be held at the Christmas party headed by Nominating Committee Chairman David Marcella along with committee members Patty Creech and Emily Kolb. For our new members who may not know those running for the At-Large positions, you will find their photos and a note from each one on the last page.

The Christmas party also begins our Re-Up for 2020 and membership is still only \$25! If you're bringing a guest to the party go ahead and sign them up as a new 2020 Club member for only \$10 more!

We also have 2020 SOS cards on sale now! Mid-Winter is scheduled for January 16-19 so make your reservations soon! SOS cards are only \$30 from the Club (\$35 if you buy them while at SOS).

I'd like to take a moment to thank all the members and guests for coming to each event and making it fun! Thanks to the DJ's Furman Dominick, Keith Williamson, Billy Fanning, Lamar Walker, Dan Spivey, John Fletcher, Curtis Treece, Buck Crumpton, Scott Smith, Barney Mims, Tiz Laney, and Richard Conner who have kept us moving to the music! Thank you to those who come early to help decorate and stay late to help clean up. And huge thanks to the Board Members who have been so faithful to the club and supportive of the ideas I've presented to them! VP Chip Dallaire, Treasurer Pam Price, Secretary Melissa May, At-Large Members Andrea Marcella, Donna Moore & Emily Kolb. Their honesty and encouragement has allowed me to have an incredible first year as President. Let's keep on dancing! ~~ Whit Blanton

Find Sumter Shag Club on Facebook or on the Internet at www.sumtershagclub.com! Contact us by email at SumterShagClub@yahoo.com or USPS at PO Box 2181, Sumter, SC 29151.

Our Purpose: To promote and preserve the heritage of beach music and shag dancing. To provide Club members and guests with dance opportunities. To inform the Club members of beach music events and dancing activities.

Prayers needs: TD Dennis is still having health issues. Melissa May will be having knee surgery on Monday, 12/2. Tot Price will be having surgery on Tuesday, 12/3. Michael & Patti Shuler's daughter Kristie. Donna & Roger Moore's daughter in law has had surgery. Pat Buddin's father recovering from surgery.

Welcome New Members

Angela Dixon
 Jerry Bellamy
 Terry Newman
 Nancy McKenzie
 Susie McLellan
 Donna Barwick

December DJ Schedule
 3rd – Furman Dominick
 10th– Keith Williamson
14th Christmas Party – Dan Spivey
 17th– Furman Dominick
 24th – No Shagging
 30th– No Shagging

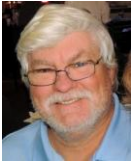
Celebrate December Birthdays:

Tim	Richards	12/01
Robert	Parker	12/02
Irving	Branham	12/02
Sandy	Brown	12/03
Jackie	Knight	12/06
Linda	Fanning	12/06
Tot	Price	12/07
Randy	St. Cyr	12/08
Furman	Smith	12/09
Benjy	Roof	12/11
Mary	Dallaire	12/14
Clyde	Hudson	12/15
Wesley	Wells	12/18
Jo	Gaymon	12/19
Susan	Dominick	12/23
Carlette	McCoy	12/23
Ada Lyn	Johnson	12/29

**MAKE PLANS FOR
 2020! JANUARY 7TH,
 7-10 AT THE TAVERN
 ON MAIN STREET!
 2020 KICK OFF
 PARTY WITH DJ
 LAMAR WALKER!!**

Meet your Board Member At-Large Candidates

“Board Members At-Large will (1) Advise the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer on issues affecting the Sumter Shag Club. (2) Each have one vote equal to that of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer in a vote driven Board decision. (3) Chair committees as directed by the President.”



Tony Buddin

I, Tony Buddin would like the opportunity to serve as an At Large member of the Sumter Shag Club Board. I enjoy the dance and have been active for many years. Enjoy visiting other Shag clubs in our area to get to know other Shag members. My wife Pat and I visit the Camden, Columbia, Florence and Orangeburg clubs occasionally. We also attend several of the ACSC workshops in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Myrtle Beach. I enjoyed helping with many SOS parades over the years. I also assisted Pat for eight years on the Sumter Shag Club Board when she was Vice President and President in 2018. I look forward to representing the Sumter Shag Club again.



Emily Kolb

Hi, I'm Emily Kolb. I have been a member with the Sumter Shag Club since 1987. During that time, I was President, Vice-President, and Secretary. I have participated in the Food Committee, Newsletters, Hospitality, Membership, Social, Parades, 521 Reunions, S.O.S., and others where needed. I have always tried to be involved, meeting lots of shaggers and now my best friends and family. I have enjoyed for the past year, as a Board Member At-Large, seeing Whit and Melissa with their new ideas and making the club grow. I hope to be a part of this for next year and working with them and the other officers. Thank you.



Donna Moore

My name is Donna Moore and I've been a member of Sumter Shag Club for about 10 years and have served on the Board for the last two years as a Member At-Large. My husband Roger and I love to dance and we very much enjoy the Shag Club and the Shag family we've made along the way! I would be glad to serve on the Board again if elected.



Randy St.Cyr

My name is Randy St. Cyr. My wife Diana and I have been members of the Sumter Shag Club for 9 months. I am originally from Pittsburgh and we have two children and four grandchildren. Shag dancing is new to me however we have made many new friends in the Shag community and would enjoy serving in any way to help the Sumter Shag Club. We've attended many of the parties, enjoyed festivals and participated in parades. We represented Sumter Shag Club at a performance at Weldon Auditorium as well as several other community events! We have also been helping with the effort to establish a Junior Shag Club in Sumter. I would love the opportunity to become more involved with the Club by becoming a Member At-Large on the Board. I would love your vote.