The Sandy Weejun

Cape Fear Shag Club Bi-Monthly Newsletter Volume 26, Issue #3 May/June 2014

Happy Spring to All !!

What a great time everyone had at SOS. The party was a great success !! Thanks to all that came out and those that helped put it together. Our first meeting at the Shrine Club will be May 10. Lee Pearson will be our DJ. Let's all come out and support him and our club. Starting in May there will be a box placed to bring school supplies to help the children in need. The Dollar Store has lots of neat things that we can get to help kids in need. We will gather till school time.

Then in June we are going to have our first community fundraiser to help the children who suffer from Juvenile Diabetes. Please help get the word out and help us sell tickets. Donations will be accepted even if people cannot attend. The meat will be provided by club and we will be asking members to bring sides and desserts. Betty Brown is going to be our DJ. Tickets are $10.00 to any shag club member from any shag club. Guests are $12.00. If you need tickets Darla Hardee, Bernie Braak, Connie Fussell, Pat Ellis, Wayne Holden, Cecil Sydes and I have them. Only 250 will be sold. Lets make it a sell out !!

See you in May on the dance floor!

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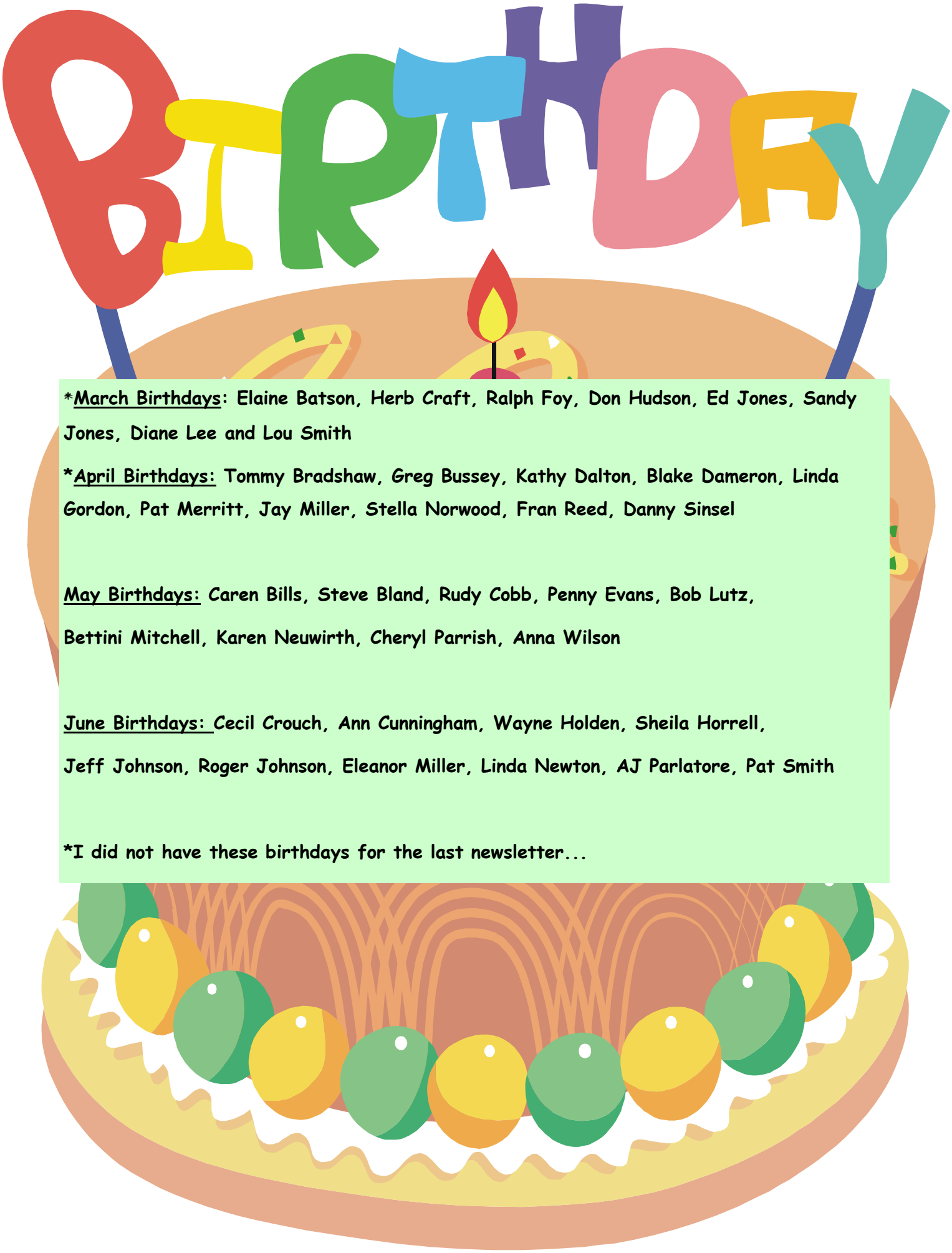
Club meeting, March 8, 2014

News from Keith Thompson, Ways and Means Chair:

To date, 65 CFSC t-shirts have been sold. This recoups the inventory investment. The remaining 35 t-shirts are straight profit for the club. The shirts sell for $18 each. Bring your money to the May 10 meeting where I will be selling the men's and women's t-shirts, and taking orders from those who want a size I no longer have in stock. Support your club in this venture. It was fun to see so many club members wearing their t-shirts at SOS functions. Also, remember to buy a $10 ticket to the Betty Brown dance at the Shrine Club on June 14. Part of these proceeds will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Association. Lets dance, have fun, and help our community. Now " Go Dance Thru Life" !

"The Pink Ladies" showing off their new t-shirts!



*<u>March Birthdays</u>: Elaine Batson, Herb Craft, Ralph Foy, Don Hudson, Ed Jones, Sandy Jones, Diane Lee and Lou Smith

*<u>April Birthdays:</u> Tommy Bradshaw, Greg Bussey, Kathy Dalton, Blake Dameron, Linda Gordon, Pat Merritt, Jay Miller, Stella Norwood, Fran Reed, Danny Sinsel

<u>May Birthdays:</u> Caren Bills, Steve Bland, Rudy Cobb, Penny Evans, Bob Lutz, Bettini Mitchell, Karen Neuwirth, Cheryl Parrish, Anna Wilson

<u>June Birthdays:</u> Cecil Crouch, Ann Cunningham, Wayne Holden, Sheila Horrell, Jeff Johnson, Roger Johnson, Eleanor Miller, Linda Newton, AJ Parlatore, Pat Smith

*I did not have these birthdays for the last newsletter...

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CFSC Board meeting—Smithfield's, 6:30	2	3 Imitations at Wine & Strawberry Festival, Silver Coast Winery 12-6—-Shagging at Carolina Lounge 7:30
4 Shagging at Olde Salty's , Carolina Beach 5 -8 (shag or line dance lesson at 4:30)	5	6 Line dance and shag at the Carolina Lounge 7-11	7	8	9	10 CFSC May meeting - doors open at 6:30—-Imitations at Ham Festival in Hampstead 12:30-4:00
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June 2014

22Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Shagging at Olde Salty's , Carolina Beach 5 -8 (shag or line dance lesson at 4:30)	2	3 Line dance and shag at the Carolina Lounge 7-11	4	5 CFSC Board meeting at 6:30—place undetermined	6	7 Carolina Beach Music Festival-doors open at 10 AM—-imitations at Cape Fear BBQ Festival in Burgaw: 9-6
8 Shagging at Olde Salty's , Carolina Beach 5 -8 (shag or line dance lesson at 4:30)	9	10 Line dance and shag at the Carolina Lounge 7-11	11	12	13	14 CFSC "Beach Blast " Arab Shrine Club –doors open at 6:30
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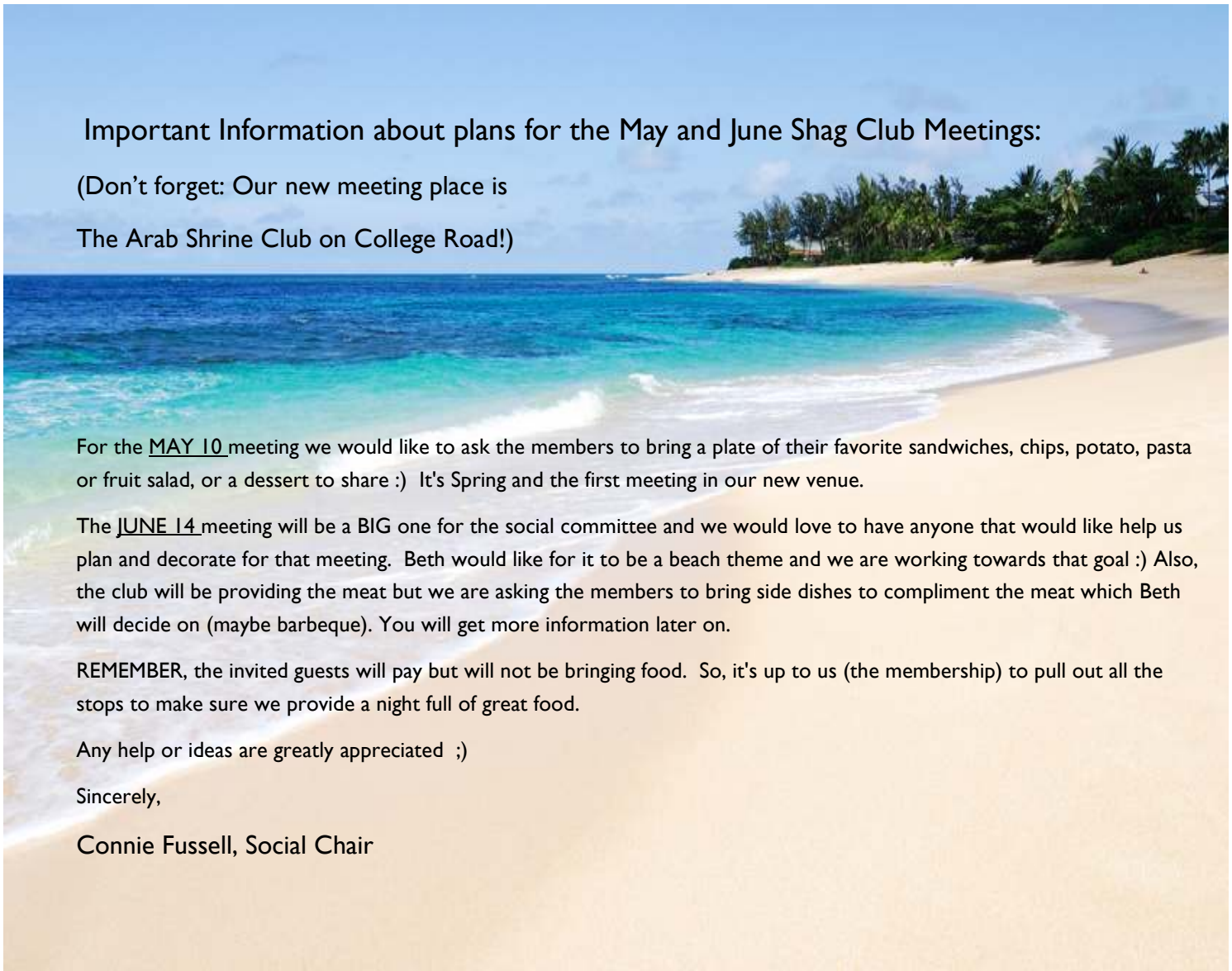
PERRY'S EMPORIUM
FINE, ANTIQUE AND ESTATE JEWELRY

United States Shag Contest

May 17, 2014

Cape Fear Community College's Schwartz Center
601 North Front Street - Wilmington, N.C.

Be sure to put this dance contest on your calendar—and contact Eddie Baker if you would like an application form to be a contestant. He can send you all the information by email attachment.



Important Information about plans for the May and June Shag Club Meetings:

(Don't forget: Our new meeting place is

The Arab Shrine Club on College Road!)

For the MAY 10 meeting we would like to ask the members to bring a plate of their favorite sandwiches, chips, potato, pasta or fruit salad, or a dessert to share :) It's Spring and the first meeting in our new venue.

The JUNE 14 meeting will be a BIG one for the social committee and we would love to have anyone that would like help us plan and decorate for that meeting. Beth would like for it to be a beach theme and we are working towards that goal :) Also, the club will be providing the meat but we are asking the members to bring side dishes to compliment the meat which Beth will decide on (maybe barbeque). You will get more information later on.

REMEMBER, the invited guests will pay but will not be bringing food. So, it's up to us (the membership) to pull out all the stops to make sure we provide a night full of great food.

Any help or ideas are greatly appreciated ;)

Sincerely,

Connie Fussell, Social Chair

At the Spring ACSC and SOS Board meeting, each club was given a designated number of FUN MONDAY AND FUN SUNDAY tickets to sell. This is the only fun raiser that supports these two days of bands playing in the streets during the Fall SOS Week. Last year, Thanks to Herb Craft and his foot Soldiers in our club, Cape Fear Shag Club sold 100 tickets. We currently have 100 raffle tickets that need to be sold immediately. Tickets can be purchased for $10.00 each. I need the help of at least 20 dedicated members to help me sell these tickets; each selling 5 tickets a piece.

The 5 winning tickets are worth: 1st place drawing $7,500, 2nd....$2,000, 3rd....$1,000, 4th....$500.00, 5th...$250.00. Winners do not have to be present to win. After expenses, all profits go to the charitable organizations, Caring for Kids, and the SOS Charitable Foundation. Details will be provided at the May club meeting. We sold 125 SOS cards at the discount rate, giving members of our club the advantage of attending the SOS Events at the lowest price possible. Hopefully every member who purchased an SOS card will buy at least one ticket to support this event. Please come prepared to purchase a FUN MONDAY AND SUNDAY ticket.

Thanks: Wayne Holden

PLEASE!!

If you are looking for a way to help out the club and are not on a committee, do consider helping to sell these fun Monday and Fun Sunday tickets!

YOUR SHAG CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Cape Fear Shag Club Meeting

Minutes March 8, 2014

Mission Statement: To preserve, promote, and share the love of the shag dance and its music with others.

Welcome: member and new members

Old Business

Secretary, Pat Ellis asked if the members would accept the minutes from the newsletter. President Beth Sykes requested a motion to do so. Motion made by Abe Walston, seconded by Rick parish.

Treasurers reports was given by Cecil Sydes. (Copy included in the minutes.)

New member applicant, John Apostolico, was voted on and accepted into the club.

Meeting contract for venue with Babs McDance ends this month. Presentation of choices were presented by Beth Sykes and those owners interested in speaking to the club did so. Meeting was opened for discussion. Babs McDance was removed from ballot because she wanted a 3 year contract, and the board felt a 1 year contract was all it should agree to. Discussion by Eddie Baker that the board did not have the power to decide on the 3 year contract; the club should have that vote. Others also stated this. Babs McDance agreed to a 1 year contract. A cost effective breakdown was in the March April Newsletter, along with the amenities of each venue.

Ed Jones, past treasurer, spoke about the cost breakdown and stated that the DJ fees, the bar tips, and the club 50/50 were not relevant to cost factors. Because the Elks was so expensive, it was removed from the voting choices. The president, Beth Sykes, again stated we needed to choose according to 1. Would the location

Carolina Lounge Discussion
Shriners Club Discussion Leaders spoke
Babs McDance Discussion Removed her business from ballott
Elks Club Discussion
VOTE –results_____ (you received your ballot at the desk as you paid to come in)
REVOTE if necessary

Venues

Carolina Lounge

No charge for venue
We split the door
Entry: $6.00 for members, $8.00 for nonmembers
Closed to public from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for meeting, but this will change our meeting time to earlier
Open to public at 7:30 pm/ we will still split the door
Will bring in round tables from motel to assure seating
Space is concern with growth of club
Lounge takes the bar/ no bartender fees

We provide DJ

10. Can bring food

11. They will clean up and bring in tables

Shrine Club

1. $400 for building

2. We take door

3. They take the bar and provide the bartender

4. Ample seating and room for growth

5. We provide DJ

6. Can have Christmas party there and save money?

7. We do set up and clean up

Babs McDance Studio and Ballroom

1. Do our part in accommodating the growth of the Cape Fear Shag Club by supplying the tables and chairs necessary. (Any charge??)

2. Donate the studio rental for a legitimate fundraiser—one per calendar year—in return we need a signed minimum three (3) year contract- $250.00 flat fee Plus $2.00 per person, per month—with an exception to one time per calendar year (ie. Christmas Party) A six month notice is required to schedule...

3. Expect $50 minimum per bartender. One bartender supplied unless approved by the Cape Fear Shag Club

Elks Club

Lodge price $295.00

Cash bar $50.00 ? ask Don Hudson

Bartender - $15.00 per hour

We take door
We provide DJ
Ample seating
Can have Christmas party at location and save money
Responsible for clean up and set up, ample tables and chairs
Newly renovated and no smoking rules
Don Hudson will answer questions (Are you sure this amount is for the large room?)

SOS cards will be sold tonight, this is your last chance. They will be returned after tonight.
April club will be at Tilghman Condos poolside on the 12th.
? Our 50/50 will be donated to the ALS charity _____

New Business

Vote on new Sargeant-at-Arms as Bob Cancro has resigned; nominations from floor in April-_____ We will vote in April.

Music for tonight is Fred Rouse, let's make him welcome.

The birthdays for March are:

Mar Elaine Batson
Mar Herb Craft
Mar Ralph Foy
Mar Don Hudson
Mar Ed Jones
Mar Sandy Jones
Mar Diane Lee
Mar Lou Smith

We will have our birthday dance this evening.

Cape Fear Shag Club
Monthly Meeting
April 12, 2014

President: Beth Sykes opened the meeting.

Financial report: Given, copy included

# of members in attendance: Approximately 60 (members and nonmembers)

Larry Batson blessed the food.

After eating the meeting resumed.

Pat Ellis was asked to read the minutes of the March meeting and she requested that they be accepted from the May/June newsletter, and not be read tonight.

Old Business:

Sergeant-at –Arms was opened for nominations from the floor, none were given, the board entered Dale Thompson's name. There being no other nominations, Pat Ellis made the motion to close nominations and take a vote of the members, seconded by Rick Parrish. Verbal vote was taken and all voted in favor of Dale Thompson. The President then announced him as the new Sergeant-at-Arms.

The May board meeting will be May 1, 2014.

DJ for May meeting will be Lee Pearson.

Beth announced that the June meeting would be our BEACH BLAST; half of the proceeds of the meeting will be donated to the local chapter of the Junior Diabetes. Tickets will be sold prior to the meeting, approximately 200 to 250, opening this to the public. The meat will be provided and members are asked to bring side dishes.

2. New Business

Keith Thompson has shirts for sale as a fund raiser for the club. $18 each

A thank you note from Larry Brooks was read and will be published in the next newsletter.

Special thanks to Connie Fussell, Brenda Benton and Wayne Holden for making the April meeting at Myrtle Beach so successful with great venue and good food.

There being no other business, Rick Parrish made the motion to close the meeting, and Karen Neuwirth seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Pat Ellis

Since the last newsletter, I sent out cards from the shag club to Elaine Batson and Janice Bussey. Both of these ladies are doing better now after having surgery.

I just found out that Shirley Broadhurst is having some serious back issues that may require future surgery and that Linda Newton is having arthroscopic knee surgery on May 9th.

Let's please remember to keep all club members in your prayers. If you have news about a club member, please let me know. My contact information is listed on the committee chairs chart in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Parrish, Hospitality Chair

CAPE FEAR SHAG CLUB

TREASURER REPORT

March 31, 2014

Beginning Balance

Checkbook Balance	$5,701.44

Deposits:

Mar. 05 SOS Card Sales$ 390.00

Mar. 10 Fundraiser Wreath$70, 50/50 $107, Cover$850

Membership $751102.00

Mar. 28 Membership $50, SOS $150, Lloyd and Debbie Bowden

Fundraiser $954 1154.00 + 2646.00

Subtotal: $ 8347.44

Checks Written/Debit card/ Bank fees:

Mar. 04 Darla Hardee re-up party$ 10.65

Mar.10 AbeWalston supplies94.54

Mar.10 ConnieFussell decorations37.06

Mar.11 Cheryl Parrish cards/stamps12.30

Mar.13 BabsMcDance Rent ($250+$170420.00

Mar.13 Fred Rouse DJ 200.00

Mar.17 Linda Newton Newsletter supplies31.35

Mar.20 Debit Card Vista Print (Beth Sykes10.68

Mar.28 James Watson (Internet 246.00$- 1062.58

Ending Balance:

Checkbook Balance:	$ 7284.86
Plus Petty Cash:	+ 100.00
Less Liabilities	
Net Cash Assets:	$ 7384.86

CECIL SYDES Treasurer

The Birth of the Shag

[Extracted from 'Fessa John Hook's oral history, "Jim Hannah, One of the Two Original Beach Music Pioneers, 1920-2010." Published in "Dancing on the Edge Journal," Vol. 1, Issue 1. February 8, 2010. Available from amazon.com or http://www.beachshag.com/]

Jim Hannah was born on October 7, 1920 and grew up on a farm in Mecklenburg County. He played Class D baseball in Mooresville in 1938 ("same as Class A today"). Although it was only a farm team, Jim had the opportunity to play two games against Ted Williams at the time. That same year he moved to Norfolk to work in the shipyards. When his superiors learned he was not only sharp in reading blueprints and that he could lay a shipdown from the keel all the way up to the shakedown cruise he was sent to the Wilmington Shipyard. Jim mustered out in 1943 and hung around Carolina Beach for a few years. In 1945 he opened the Tijuana Inn (ground floor of the Ocean Plaza Building) on the Boardwalk. "The Tijuana Inn was one of the two first "Beach Music" clubs in the Carolinas, i.e. clubs that offered Black music on jukeboxes in establishments serving a white clientele." Jim's bar and grill offered board-walk cuisine and beer without a name over the door. A few weeks later his friend Chicken Hicks returnedfrom a vacation that started in 1943 with his friend Chuck Green. They hitchhiked to the West Coast – Phoenix, Los Angeles, then down to Mexico. When Chicken returned in the spring of 1945, he suggested Jim call the place the "Tijuana Inn." He put its new name over the door in May 1945.

To say that Chicken and Jim were "Beach Music" pioneers is a gross understatement. In fact, in 1945 there were no white establishments anywhere

which carried black music on their jukeboxes. More accurately, white kids weren't allow to listen to black music anywhere. But next door to the Hannah homestead in North Mecklenburg County was an African-American Church named Torrance Chapel where Jim heard a powerful maelstrom of melancholic spirituals and uplifting, foot-stomping gospel. Chicken grew up on the "wrong side of the tracks" in Durham where he was likely to be running the streets with black as well as white playmates. Both Chicken and Jim came from working class backgrounds and they were both compelled to leave home by one kind of wanderlust or another. These two ingredients sometimes combined into the kind of rare fearlessness they exhibited in 1945. Sea Breeze was the black resort just up the coast across the Intracoastal Waterway at Snow's Cut. Originally called Freeman's Beach from the 1920's to the 1950's, locals made a living serving black tourists with sandwiches, beer, and plenty of room for family picnics in theday and adult entertainment at night. Chicken Hicks found hi s way to Sea Breeze in the early 40's, returning often for white hot Carolina moonshine, and even hotter music on the piccolos (jukeboxes) at places like the Ponco, The Big Apple, the Daley Breezey Pavilion, Bruce's, Ponco #2, the Monte Carlo, and as Jim recalled, "a place called Big Mama's."

After returning from Mexico, Chicken suggested they add some of the music he'd heard over at Sea Breeze. The Bostic Music Company in Wilmington owned and serviced the piccolos for Sea Breeze and all the other jukeboxes on the beach. Chicken and Jim talked to Parker and Clyde who serviced the boxes for Bostic Music each week. Chicken sometimes rode with them over to Sea Breeze to hear the new tunes they were adding. The ones he liked they added to the Tijuana Inn jukebox. Jim remembered with pride, and probably a little wistfulness, "Our music changed, our customers increased till they filled the place, and some had to dance outside on the Beach. " The Tijuana Inn was a multi-cultural threshold on what was then the busiest working class beach between Wilmington and Folly Beach in Charleston.

The Tijuana Inn's jukebox was the first wave. In 1947 Jim took over "The Roof" (a bowling alley across from the Ocean Plaza) renovated it as a nightclub and changed its name to Bop City. Naturally he changed the music on the jukebox as well. "It was the baddest place on the Boardwalk." Jim exclaimed, "We only played R&B music on the jukes. We served only cold soft drinks and ice, it was BYOB (bring your own booze).

"I was looking for a good band to play our type of music. I was told there was a group of Army brats in Fayetteville that played R&B. I go in touch with them and they came to Carolina Beach to see if we could work out a deal." After talking with them on Monday, Jim wasn't sure they'd really show up to audition.

"Friday evening, my future wife, Frances Carter, came up and said some boys were downstairs looking for me. I went down to the street where their spokesman told me who he was and I said, 'uh huh' – they were in an old open top Army surplus jeep, with an old wooden trailer behind – they really looked more like Beach Bums." "I asked whether they had a name, he said, 'Jimmy Cavallo and the House Rockers.' I told them to unload, go park the jeep, set up, and "'Show me what you got.'"

"Well, well, well, this Italian boy Cavallo blew as bad an alto horn as I had ever heard. They played Drinkin' Wine , Spo Dee O Dee and Good Rockn' Tonight. That was enough. I signed them as house band for a month, starting them out in the Ocean Plaza ballroom which I also leased beginning in '46. They were so hot I moved them next door to Bop City and they stayed all summer."

Bop City's live and jukebox musical fare was a heady mix which cast a spell on tourists and the local hotdog dancers as well.

Casey Jones, a well-known Carolina Beach dancer had already converted three or four cement bowling alleys along the boardwalk into "jump joints." The conversion wasn't too difficult, he'd put three or four benches around a chained-down jukebox and the tourists and locals had a jump joint.

[Editor's Note: Remember that oral history is about preserving the memories of our community elders – as they remember them. Good oral history reflects the language and "way things were" in the words of the person being recorded. Oral history is NOT meant to be documented history. Any two people may remember the same incident very differently.]

SOS Spring Safari

What a "crazy fun" time at the Shag Club Picnic!

Can't wait to

Do it All

AGAIN!!

FALL MIGRATION

September 12-21, 2014

The shag community has lost another dear supporter of the dance. On Tuesday, March 11, Judy Brooks passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Judy was a wonderful wife, mother, and friend. She loved the shag dance and shag dance contests. She was a very active member of the Cape Fear Shag Club for many years—Judy was buried with her shag shoes on.

Rest in peace, sweet friend, until we meet again!

Keep On Dancing!

The Sandy Weejun

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May-June 2014