

OCEAN ISLANDERS SHAG CLUB



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DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Next Dance

Saturday, December 9th Christmas Party

Dress for the Occasion!

Toys for Tots Collection

Packaged/Unwrapped

Upcoming Club Schedule

December 9th - DJ Darrell Gaither

January 13th - DJ LJ McDade & Annual Business Meeting

February 3rd - DJ Steve Coley

March 9th - DJ Billy Cook

April 13th - DJ Randal Hight

OISC Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, January 13th

6:15 PM (right before the dance)

All Full Members are Encouraged to Attend.

Christmas Party Food

The club will be providing smoked ham, prepared by the VFW, for all attendees. Persons with last names beginning with letters A - G are asked to bring a dessert, and persons with last names beginning with letters H - Z are asked to bring a side dish to share with all.

2024 Board/Officer Election

There are nominees to fill all Board/Officer positions for 2024 as follows:

Gary Matthews - President

Scott Keegan - Vice President

Mike Spivey - Treasurer

Patty Schubert - Recording Secretary

Pam Breedlove - Director at Large

Lori Setzer - Director at Large

Randy Sherrill - Director at Large

Please see information about each of the nominees on pages 6 - 8 in this newsletter. Voting will begin via internet on Monday December 18th. Even though there is only one nominee for each position, we encourage all full members to vote to confirm they are who you want to fill these positions, and that you will support them over the coming year.

2024 Membership Renewal

Full members still have time to renew memberships for 2024 and receive raffle entries to enter a drawing to win items with an OISC logo. If you renewed in November you received 3 entries. Additional renewals on or by the December dance will receive 2 entries, and those who renew by the end of December will receive one entry. The drawing will be held at the January dance. Renew early for a chance to win!



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our club is properly and legally licensed
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NOVEMBER DANCE REPORT

We had **70 people** at our November dance! Many thanks to DJ Randy Sherrill!

39 Members, 22 Associate Members, & 9 Guests attended.

Veterans Day Celebration

OISC was proud to recognize veterans on Veterans Day at its November dance! Several veterans were in attendance and were recognized and thanked for their selfless service to our country. DJ Randy Sherrill played the song 'God Bless the USA' with everyone standing and singing along in honor of all veterans.

Check out some pictures of the evening by clicking anywhere on the picture collage below.



Next Dance is December 9th at the Calabash VFW

OISC Financial Report - November 2023

November 2023 ending cash on hand is \$8,303.45 up from the October ending amount of \$6,856.35. The net gain from October is \$1,447.00 with \$90.00 in unrealized liabilities.

Income for November was \$2,052.45, primarily from new and renewal 2024 memberships, dance attendance fees, and 50/50 raffle.

Expenses were \$605.45 primarily for Venue & DJ fees for 2 events (November and December dances) , and miscellaneous dance expenses for November.

The unrealized liability of \$90.00 is for the sale of 3 SOS cards not yet paid out to SOS.

November 2023

Income	\$2,052.45
Expense	\$605.45
Net	\$1,447.00
Cash-on-Hand	\$8,303.35
Unrealized Liability	\$90.00

DANCE LESSONS

*Darrell Gaither & Lori Setzer
336-682-3266; gaither@mindspring.com
Every Tuesday: 4 week sessions beginning each month

Beginner - 6:00 PM

Intermediate - 7:00 PM

Advanced - 8:00 PM

*VFW of Calabash, 900 Carter Drive SW
\$45/person/4 week session
Encourage all to check us out!*

President's Message

It's December folks! Our last dance and event of the 2023 year. I always thought time would seem to slow after I retired, but I've found that if anything it seems to go by more quickly. My Mother tried to warn me of that years ago, but who listened to your parents, right?

At any rate, here we are, ready to turn the page to another year. Before we do, however, let's note how great a year it's been for the Ocean Islanders Shag Club! We'll finish the year with 124 full members and 55 associate members and with over \$8,000 in cash on hand. That's a gain of 24 members, 13 associate members, and over \$4,000 over the prior year!

As we have become more stable in membership and cash, we have been able to do more things as a club. We held our first two very successful beach parties, and we held our first ever event at Fat Harold's Beach Club while we celebrated the hanging of our club sign in that iconic venue. We've been able to provide free entry and food to select events for our members as we continue to provide top notch DJs and a great atmosphere for all our events. We are continually told by old and new attendees about how much fun they have at our events and how welcomed they feel to participate by our members. Each and every one of you is a big part of setting the culture we want to have for our club! Thank you!

As we look to 2024, we expect to continue to provide opportunities to our membership in support of our club purpose, and we want to continue to strengthen our club and let everyone know about us. We believe we have a great slate of nominees to serve as Officers/Board members for 2024, and we hope you will both vote for them and support them in their efforts on behalf of the club.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation will take place just before our dance on January 13th. An agenda will be made available prior to the meeting, and it should, as in past years, be a very short meeting (15 minutes). If you are a full member of the club, I encourage you to attend.



2024 SOS Cards Are Available!

See the Dance Registration Table Volunteers or send a check to: Ocean Islanders Shag Club, PO Box 6164, OIB, NC. 28469

Cost is \$30/card

Ways & Means Activity Update

The Board has been working for quite some time to figure out how to provide club logo merchandise for sale to benefit OISC given our limited resources (it's been a 'chicken & egg' thing; we need money to invest in inventory in order to make money to invest in inventory).

Several weeks ago, two of our members, Connie & Jim Livingston, approached the Board with a proposal: They would 'front' the club the money to invest in inventory, they would set-up the program, make the purchases, manage the sales, and be repaid (no interest) out of the sales proceeds over 3 years. Connie & Jim reviewed their proposal with the Board at its November meeting, and after discussion, the Board unanimously authorized them to proceed. Connie & Jim expect to be able to start selling some merchandise at club dances within the 1st qtr of 2024.

Connie & Jim bring a lot of experience with them in taking on this program. Connie has a lot of knowledge and experience in purchasing this type merchandise, Jim has established many entrepreneurial businesses, and both have experience with the organization and management of the OD Shag Club's merchandise sales program (they also well understand that OISC is not OD in many ways).

In order to formalize the agreement with Connie & Jim, the Board will put in place a contract that spells out the details and expectations for both parties. This should be completed by the end of the year. We thank Connie & Jim very much for their huge show of support for our club and its future, and we look forward very much to the fruits of their work!

The Board also wants to thank Donna Williams, Vice President, very much for her work over the past year in getting us to this point. It's involved a lot of legwork, but here we are now!



The 29th Annual Carolina Beach Music Awards

The Carolina Beach Music Awards, also known as the Cammys, took place at the Alabama Theatre on November 12, 2023.

This celebration began in 1995 to promote Carolina Beach Music and honors winners in various categories and remembers the pioneers who originated this music and helped make it great. Those honored are performers, songwriters, radio personalities, mobile DJ's, dancers, producers, engineers, promoters, and others who have been integrally involved with the music's success.

For more information on the awards and the 2023 winners, please check out the following link:
<https://www.cammy.org>

Helpful Links



Internet Based Music Stations

<http://shagdance.com/netmusic.htm>

Local Radio Stations Across Several States

<http://shagdance.com/radiostations.htm>

Links to General Shag Dance Sites & Info

<http://shagdance.com/links.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/41293702070/>

Info on Shag Club & Band Schedules in NC

OISC Facebook Page:

<https://facebook.com/oceanislandersshagclub>

OISC Website:

<https://www.oceanislanders.com>

OISC Board/Officer Contact Information

Gary Matthews – President

440-570-1120

Donna Williams - Vice President

843-877-9445

Janice Flibotte - Treasurer

508-837-4086

Pam Breedlove - Secretary

252-904-4806

Laura Spivey - Director at Large

267-977-4559

Randy Sherrill - Director at Large

704-923-3185

Scott Keegan - Director at Large

717-830-0342

Contact the Board members

ncoisc@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR OTHER SHAG CLUB FRIENDS BY ATTENDING THEIR EVENTS!

Society of Brunswick Shag Club (SOBS)

6: PM til 9:30 PM

Oak Island VFW, - 103 S. 50th St., Oak Island

December 8th - Christmas Party

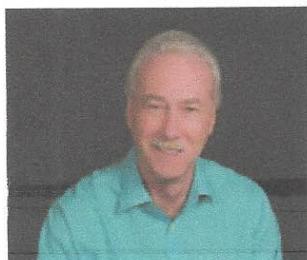
OD Shag Club

<https://odshagclub.com>

*Every Wednesday and Friday at Fat Harold's; December 16th, Christmas Party
Check out the Web Site for Details. <https://odshagclub.com>*

2024 OISC Board/Officer Nominees

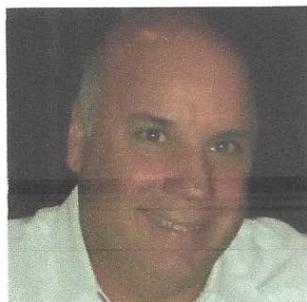
Gary Matthews - Nominee for President



Gary has been on the Board for 5 years, and served as your President for the last 4 years. He's a native North Carolinian and graduate of North Carolina State University. He retired in 2015 from Energizer Holdings, Inc. (the Bunny!) after 37 years where he served in various roles and levels of Engineering and Manufacturing Operations. His wife, Rae, and he have been married for 41 years, and they have lived in the Ocean Ridge Plantation community of Ocean Isle Beach for the past 7 years. Gary, and Rae, are relatively new to shag dancing, having started taking lessons in 2019 (they still take lessons today!). They both

have come to love the dance, and the people they have met since through dancing. Gary loves OISC. He is proud of the progress the club has made since its inception in 2019, and he wants to help assure its continued success through a focus on making the club a place people want to come and have fun while sharing a love of shag dancing.

Scott Keegan - Nominee for Vice President



After a successful 36 year career with Norfolk Southern Corporation, Scott and his wife Carla made the decision to relocate from Cumming, GA to the NC Coastal community of Ocean Ridge Plantation in Ocean Isle Beach, NC this past spring. Given our love of the beach, Carolina beach music and shag dancing, it was an easy decision to make. While new to the Ocean Islanders Shag Club, Scott and his wife Carla have been involved in supporting the Shag Club community over the past 15+ years beginning with their hometown Roanoke Valley Shag Club where they were first exposed to the fun and lasting friendships that can be formed through the active participation in various shag club

activities. From hosting of specially themed dances throughout the year to the numerous road trips to various beach music festivals and shag club events across the Southeast US, including the annual pilgrimage to the Society of Strangers (SOS) Fall Migration held just down the road in North Myrtle Beach, SC, we've learned it's not just a just a dance, but a lifestyle. Hopefully my enthusiasm to promote and preserve the heritage of Carolina beach music and shag dancing will help to continue to grow the Ocean Islanders Shag Club in the years to come.

Mike Spivey - Nominee for Treasurer



Mike grew up in Kinston, NC and was introduced to shag in high school and college at UNC-Chapel Hill. After graduating with a degree in Pharmacy, Mike spent several years working in NC where he met his wife, Laura. They took their first shag lessons in Greenville, NC in the early 1990s. Shortly thereafter they moved up to Pennsylvania for 20 years as Mike pursued his career in the pharmaceutical industry. There were few opportunities to shag in Pennsylvania. Mike and Laura moved to Ocean Isle Beach in June of 2018, and they started taking Shag lessons in August of that year. They have been taking lessons every year since then, except for the Covid year. Mike and Laura joined the Ocean Islanders Shag Club (OISC) in 2019 soon after it started, and they have been members ever since. (Cont. Next Page)

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Mike Spivey Continued: Mike's wife, Laura, has been a member of the OISC board for the last 3 years. Over the past several years, Mike has consistently attended OISC dances and helped with setup and takedown, and on occasion he has helped with the sign in desk. Mike is running for the Treasurer position. While he has no formal accounting background, he was the Accounting Warden for 6 plus years at his church in Pennsylvania which involved reporting monthly income and expenses, preparing future budgets and yearly audits. Mike hopes to have the opportunity to serve on the OISC board to help the club to continue to grow and create a fun place to shag.

Patty Schubert - Nominee for Recording Secretary



Patty is from the small but great state of Delaware, and she has had career opportunities to live in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Kentucky. She and her husband Marvin retired 10 years ago and moved to Myrtle Beach and for the last 3 years in Ocean Ridge Plantation.

Patty and Marvin have been members of the Ocean Islanders Shag Club for two years. They have so enjoyed this club and have met many wonderful people. Patty was approached about handling the position of Recording Secretary. Patty believes that with her career as a Human Resource Manager, she can utilize those skills with this position. By doing this, she believes she can continue to help OISC grow.

Pam Breedlove - Nominee for Director at Large, Membership Focus



Pam has served on the Board as Recording and Membership Secretary for the past 2 years. North Carolina natives, she and her husband Jim retired and moved to this area about seven years ago. Pam is a retired educator, beginning as a high school math teacher and then serving in various administrator roles, retiring as Chief Officer for a local school district. She also taught part-time at several colleges and universities. She has a bachelor's and a master's degree in mathematics, a master's in School Administration, and a doctorate in School Administration, with her dissertation winning a departmental award. She enjoys technology, reading, and crafting. She and Jim have been married for 42 years.

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Lori Setzer - Nominee for Director at Large



After I retired as a Pharmacist / Pharmacy Supervisor from CVS/Caremark with 35 years of service, we moved to North Myrtle Beach in 2015. Before retiring I held several leadership roles in pharmacy.

- Founding member of the Northwest Pharmacists Association- President 1984
- North Carolina Young Pharmacist of the Year- 1987
- Preceptor for UNC School of Pharmacy and Campbell University School of Pharmacy
- UNC School of Pharmacy Community Practitioner Instructor of the Year- 1989
- UNC School of Pharmacy Alumni Association- President 2009

While living in Lewisville, NC, I was an active member of the Greater Triad Shag Club from 2008-2015. I served on the Board 2012-2013. I have been a member of the OD Shag Club since 2014 serving as Golf Cart Raffle Co-chair (2018-2020) and a member of the Dance Team (2016-present). I have participated in the annual Fun Run, Golf Tournament and Parade, taught Share a Step, and this year assisted with teaching Beginner/ Intermediate Shag Lessons for the ODSC. I have been privileged to help teach shag lessons for the Ocean Islanders Shag Club since September 2022. I enjoy helping others as they learn to shag. I would be honored to serve on the board of our club and give back to the dance we all love.

Randy Sherrill - Nominee for Director at Large



Randy (aka 'Mojo') Randy, the Shagging DJ has been a Board member since the club's inception in 2019, except for one year off a couple of years ago. He has been responsible for booking the DJ's for club events. Randy moved to the North Myrtle Beach area in 2019 after retiring as a Funeral Director and Embalmer for Green's Funeral Services in Gastonia, NC. Randy says it felt like he spent most of his life in school, as he graduated from John Wesley Bible College in High Point, NC, then received his Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. Several years later, he received a Master in Psychology from Tennessee State University. Then, even more years later, Randy received his AA in Funeral Service and Embalming from Gupton-Jones College in Atlanta, GA.

Randy started his shagging career in 2013 while taking dance lessons with friends. He started DJ'ing in 2016, which is when his nickname moniker 'Mojo' came into being. Randy absolutely loves shag dancing and playing music to which people will enjoy dancing. He can frequently be seen dancing in the beach clubs in the North Myrtle Beach area.



The Ocean Islanders Shag Club (OISC)

Member: National Fast Dance Association and
Association of Carolina Shag Clubs

Membership Application Form

Please read carefully and print all information required. Membership Year is Jan. 1 – Dec. 31.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Member 1

Member 2

Email _____

Phone _____

Birthdate (MM/DD) *optional* _____

Unless otherwise indicated, listing an email address will add you to our contact list for club emails/newsletters.

OISC cannot function without volunteers, so please consider areas in which you can help!

- Hospitality: greeters, door duty, inter-club relations
- Communication: newsletter, articles, web site, helping with publicity, taking photos
- Entertainment: set-up, clean-up, decorations
- Social: fund raisers, SOS parade, 50/50 raffle, cooking
- Other (Please list skills/talents you are willing to share): _____
- As Needed: any of the above _____

All membership applications must be approved by the Board of Directors; all applicants must be at least 21 years of age.

I hereby make application to join the Ocean Islanders Shag Club (OISC) and agree to abide by the OISC Charter and Rules.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues are \$30 per person for the current year only. (New members joining July-Dec pay \$15.)

If paying by check, please make it payable to Ocean Islanders Shag Club (with "OISC Membership Dues" in the Memo line).

Please bring completed application to an OISC Dance or mail to: Ocean Islanders Shag Club
PO Box 6164
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

CLUB USE ONLY			
□ Cash □ Check #	Amount	Received By	Date
Comments:			

This form supersedes all previous membership forms. (March 2023)