



Happy New Year ShagAtlanta!

Photos by Mike Williford

Marilyn Borak Wins Huge Lottery Jackpot!

October witnessed an extraordinary event. After months of members not being present when the names were drawn, we finally had a winner! ShagAtlanta Member Marilyn Borak (*pictured with Kathy Stowers, ShagAtlanta Treasurer*) went home very happy . . . the proud winner of our members' lottery . . . a grand total of **\$1,483.00!!!** Way to go Marilyn!

You too can be a winner . . . come join the fun at Nemoe's on Saturday nights!



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ShagAtlanta meets at Nemoe's Tavern & Grill located on Ga. 141 (Peachtree Parkway) in the Peachtree Corners area each Saturday night. In addition, there are quarterly business meetings and regularly scheduled jam sessions. An annual Christmas party is traditionally held the first weekend in December. We invite all Shaggers from the out of town shag clubs to visit our web site at www.shagatlanta.com and see what's happening in our club

Peach Beat Deadline

The next deadline for the *Peach Beat* is set for **Apr. 15**. Articles of interest to shaggers and ShagAtlanta, such as shag party experiences, are desired. Recipes and jokes or humorous anecdotes will be considered. Please type your submission in a word processor, such as MSWord, MSWorks or Wordperfect. Save them as a .doc or .txt file. Submitted photographs can be prints or JPG files of adequate quality to print in high resolution. No "time/date" stamped photos please. E-mail your submissions to: dn.gavigan@comcast.net

President's Message

Greetings from your President! I want to thank all of you for again placing your confidence in me to represent Shag Atlanta in 2011. Last year saw some real challenges and I would like to thank all the members of Shag Atlanta for really "stepping up to the plate" and getting involved to see that the club moved in a positive direction. I also want to thank my fellow 2010 Executive Committee members. We had many long hours of discussions about which actions and directions would best serve you, the members.

Last year we faced a serious financial challenge when we were asked to take over paying for the DJs on Saturday nights at Nemoe's. I'm proud to say that Shag Atlanta has met the challenge and 2011 will be a great year!

Your Social VPs will cover how it all went and what to look forward to in 2011. One event of particular note in 2010 was the induction of Charlie and Linda Reese along with Jerry Westbrook into the Virginia Beach "Living Legends of Dance". Congratulations! I'm looking forward to a fantastic year in 2011. As always, keep your comments and thoughts coming. I'll be glad to talk with you about your concerns and expectations.

– Charles



Shag Dance Instructors

ShagAtlanta is indeed fortunate to have several qualified shag instructors in our club. Please contact any of them for the latest shag class schedules or information about private lessons.

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If any other member of ShagAtlanta offers lessons in shag dancing, please contact the editor for a listing.

Treasurer's Report

I don't usually get excited about my PeachBeat Reports, but this one I am excited about!! We kicked butt this year!!! We will be sending Camp Sunshine \$13,200.00 from our fundraiser! I would like to extend a personal THANK YOU to our anonymous benefactor and a BIG group THANK YOU on behalf of the members of the club. Your generosity made a huge difference! Coupled with the Air Tran tickets and a serious reduction in expenses we have a wonderful donation to make to Camp Sunshine.

Our Christmas Party was fabulous! We actually cleared slightly over \$2,000.00! That compares to a little over \$350.00 last year! That \$2,000.00 will go toward our new obligation to pay our DJ's.

Our Renewal Party on Jan. 8th generated \$6,075.00 in membership dues and \$1,590.00 in SOS card sales. It was a great party and unlike last year the weather stayed nice for us.

If you want to see a full yearly report please feel free to ask.

– Kathy

Vice President Communications

Talk about a "Tough Act to Follow"! Diane Cayce has done an outstanding job of being your Communication Vice-President for the past two years. The quarterly issues of the Peach Beat, the mid-year Directory and the ShagAtlanta Yearbook are all the result of her organization, innovation and tenacity. As I attempt to assume her responsibilities, I do so with awe and trepidation. Diane is indeed a "Tough Act to Follow"!

Many of you know Mike Williford as Karen's husband and one of your favorite DJs. What most don't know is that Mike redesigned the Peach Beat in its current letter size layout in late 1998...yep, 13 years ago! He has been and is the "Guiding Light" of this publication. On behalf of Diane, myself and ShagAtlanta, I wish to thank him for his myriad contributions of time, talent, patience and inspiration. Thank you Mike!

I look forward to another year of some great Saturdays at Nemoe's, fantastic parties, learning at least one new dance step, making new friends and providing you all with some entertaining, interesting and informative Peach Beats, a mid-year Directory and a 2011 Yearbook.

Hope to see you on the dance floor!

– Nena

Vice Presidents Social

THANK YOU! Keep Doing What Brought Us Here

One year ago in this same publication it was reported that ShagAtlanta was referred to as an unfriendly club by people outside of Atlanta. We, the Executive Committee, and many ShagAtlanta members made it our number one priority to change this perception. Thanks to ALL of you for making this happen!!! We are now referred to as a lively, enthusiastic, fun, and friendly shag club.

Thank you for giving me the chance to learn and grow while serving as your parliamentarian last year. Betty Lou and I thank you for allowing us to serve ShagAtlanta as Vice-Presidents of Social Activities with Joan and Bob Davis this year.

ShagAtlanta is making it happen! Jim Agee led us into the fall season with music at Our Annual Halloween Costume Party. Thanks for many outstanding costumes and all the volunteers who helped put up Halloween decorations.

Next came the Camp Sunshine Fundraiser. Rick Sjolholm led the way with great planning and an excellent committee of hard working volunteers. What a fabulous Air Tran raffle, silent auction, bake sale and party! Even "Elvis" made the scene! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, tear down, run registration, brought food and everyone who brought items for the silent auction and bake sale. Because of all of you, ShagAtlanta will present Camp Sunshine with "\$13,200". This is twice the money ever raised!!!

The Gala Event of the year was ShagAtlanta's 28th annual Christmas Party! With almost 300 party people in attendance, we had too much fun! A Special Thankyou to Linda and Charlie Reese for jumping in to run the Shag Workshop and then pairing with Kerry

Frost and Kenny Livingston to judge the Jack and Jill Competition. Jackie McGee and Charlie Womble were not able to attend because of a death in the family. However, they still sent prizes for the dancers of the competition via Bob Wood. This party included an early bird get acquainted party, hospitality room, scavenger hunt, Florida vacation raffle, three split the kitty raffles, poker dance, dinner buffet, door prizes, largest liquor raffle in the South, and vendors with shoes and jewelry. All of this could not have happened without all of you who helped; Chuck Herington and the floor committee; Rena Wood and the decorations committee; Joe and Deanie Woodie and the registration committee and all of the volunteers of ShagAtlanta. A special thank you to Rena Wood, Laura Agee, and Barbara Payne for donations above and beyond to make much of this possible.

The Year ended with a fabulous New Year's party at Nemoes. Jim Agee played great music and we danced the year into 2011. We filled up on Fred's wonderful breakfast buffet and began the New Year ready to go.

The Membership Renewal Party at Nemoes was better than ever. More than 150 members and guests signed up for committees and enjoyed Fred's hors d'oeuvres.

Looking ahead, Valentine's Day Party on February 12th at Nemoes. A Valentine King and Queen will be crowned. Our March Jam and General Membership Meeting will be at Johnny's with Billy Waldrep on Sunday, March 13th, from 2-7. You will not want to miss this important meeting!

Thanks to all of you for making 2010 incredible and fun! Let's keep it rolling in 2011! Check out the preliminary event schedule below and plan to be a part of another year of great fun in ShagAtlanta!

– Betty Lou & Lester; Joan & Bob

ShagAtlanta Event Schedule

Feb. 12	Valentine's Day Party - Nemoe's
Mar. 13	Jam & Membership Meeting - Johnny's Hideaway
May 22	Grand National Kick-off Jam & Membership Meeting - TBA
May 26-30	USA Grand National - Renaissance Waverly Hotel
Aug.	Jam & Membership Meeting - TBA
Oct. 29	New Years Party - TBA
Nov.	Camp Sunshine Fund Raiser & Membership Meeting - TBA
Dec. 1-3	29th Annual Christmas Party - TBA
Dec. 31	New Years Party - TBA

Vice President Membership - Email

The duties of membership VP have been divided this year into two separate entities consisting of Membership and Weekly Update. The new Vice President of Membership is Steve Croft and the Weekly Update is the responsibility of Bob Tweedell.

Our Saturday night Re-Up Party was very rewarding for Shag Atlanta as we had 127 members renew memberships and we added eight (8) new members. Those renewing memberships were given membership cards and a copy of the 2010 Shag Atlanta Year Book. Our DJ for the evening was Jessie Griffin and the music was perfect as we danced the night away between snacking on the wonderful hors d'ouvers that were prepared by Nemoe's for our enjoyment.

The database for membership now shows us with 333 members so for those who did not make the re-up meeting, you have plenty of time to renew before the deadline of March 01, 2011. Also, remember that the dues have been increased to \$45.00 per person in an effort to cover all expenses foreseeable in the coming year. Please remember that our dues are the only source of income, so get your dues in before the deadline of March 01, 2011.

If you have anything of interest or if you are aware of something that should be shared with our members, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can either insert into the weekly update, or if it is a critical issue, I can send out a special email to all members.

I look forward to working with your Executive Committee and with each member of ShagAtlanta.

In closing, remember to keep your dancing shoes polished and ready to go, you never know when someone will ask you to get on the floor.

– Bob

Vice President Membership - Database

I am proud to say we renewed 127 memberships and welcomed 8 new members to our club on renewal night. Hopefully, there will be many more renewals, as there were 325 members showing in the database for 2010.

It's not too late! You, too, can renew to be a member of our wonderful club for another year. You won't be removed from the database until March 1st, so make sure, if you haven't done it yet, to send your checks for \$45.00 made out to ShagAtlanta and mail them to me at 786 Lioness Ct, Stone Mountain, GA 30087

You can fill out a membership form, found on the website (www.shagatlanta.com) or you can send your name, mailing address, phone number, birth date, and email address so that we can verify or change your information in the database.

This year in an effort to save money, we will not be laminating membership cards, but once again we will be giving them out at Nemoe's to all new and renewing members if you request them. I won't even be mailing them out to you out-of-towners this year unless you specifically request them. Postage, being what it is these days, can really add up, and since there really is no need for a card, we thought we'd try and save some money this year.

Please remember that our membership dues are basically our only income, so get them in ASAP, and hey...encourage your friends to come out to Nemoe's and see what we are all about. They may want to join too and be a part of the fun!

See you out and about...dancing, laughing and having a blast!

– Steven

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Please note that this listing of new members is current at the time of this Peach Beat printing. Members joining after this publication will be recognized in the next spring Peach Beat.

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

Wayne Raye	Feb-02
Jim Agee	Feb-03
James Butterworth	Feb-03
Rosa Kay Shumpert	Feb-03
Carol Jordan	Feb-04
Alan Halpern	Feb-07
Bonny Hicks	Feb-08
Rich Kopels	Feb-08
Janis Mylod	Feb-08
Kathy Dowling	Feb-09
Scott Grounsell	Feb-09
Roy Smith	Feb-09
John Critchfield	Feb-10
Janet Barry	Feb-11
Trent Jordan	Feb-12
Cliff Capps	Feb-13
Elaine Teague	Feb-13
Bob Tweedell	Feb-14
Jerry James	Feb-17
Brenda Rice	Feb-18
Herb Britt	Feb-19
Bob Connell	Feb-19
Sandra Singer	Feb-19
Paul Harris	Feb-20
Nina Guilford	Feb-22
Arlene Jacobson	Feb-22
Roy Tuck	Feb-22
Jackie Martin	Feb-23
Jean Bourn	Feb-25
Diane Smith	Feb 25
Sharon Dover	Feb-27
Bob Bishop	Feb-28
Raymond Valadez	Feb-28
Beth Yates	Feb-29

MARCH

Betty Herington	Mar-01
Ronnie Frost	Mar-02
Allen Henry	Mar-02
Nena Gavigan	Mar-04
Scott Coleman	Mar-07
Sue Edmondson	Mar-07
Eileen Pope	Mar-09
Beverly Butner	Mar-10
Karen R. Harper	Mar-11
Martin Stern	Mar-12
Judy Updike	Mar-12
Treila Holmstock	Mar-15
Mercedes Saghini	Mar-15
Joe Woodie	Mar-16
Parris McKenzie	Mar-17
Paula Aiken	Mar-19
Alan Rachels	Mar-19
Glenda New	Mar-20
Chuck Smith	Mar-23
Debbie Tweedell	Mar-23
Brenda Barr	Mar-24
Pete Gilyard	Mar-24
Linda Reese	Mar-24
Gale Timmins	Mar-25
Brenda Hudson	Mar-26
Robert Kelley	Mar-27
Joyce Campbell	Mar-28
Pam Clark	Mar-29
Bob Barwick	Mar-30
Loretta Radcliff	Mar-30
Kenneth Miller	Mar-31



APRIL

Janet Croft	Apr-01
Debbie Halcomb	Apr-03
Brandy Moore	Apr-03
Sarah Caldwell	Apr-05
Linda Terry	Apr-05
Jerry Johnson	Apr-07
Danette Burson	Apr-08
Yvonne Parham	Apr-08
A.J. Porter	Apr-16
Jimmy Ross	Apr-16
Jennie Steen	Apr-17
Robbie Pope	Apr-18
Bemis Locklear	Apr-19
Lou Ann Burkeen	Apr-24
Bud Dowling	Apr-24
Carol Leathers	Apr-24
Deborah Barkhurst	Apr-25
Mary Woods Mann	Apr-26
Tony Payne	Apr-26
Linda Prince	Apr-28
Robin Hicks	Apr-29
Barbara E. Patten	Apr-30
Charles Purcell	Apr-30

Important Notice to All ShagAtlanta Members

This may be the last issue of the *Peach Beat* to be mailed to the general membership, as well as the complimentary copies mailed to other shag clubs and ACSC/SOS board members. Only 24 members do not have computer access at this time. This fact, along with the increasing costs of printing, mailing, postage and also because we have such a fantastic website and weekly email updates, your officers are considering other options for distribution of our newsletter to present to the membership for a vote. **If you wish to continue to receive a printed copy by mail, please contact Steven Croft, Co-Vice President Membership.**

Shag Club Parties

FEBRUARY 2011

February 10 - 12: Lake Norman Shag Club's 23rd Annual Chicken Pickin' by the Sea: Hosted by Lake Norman Shag Club: Location: OD ARCADE & Lounge, North Myrtle Beach, SC: Cost \$35.00: Time: Thursday (2/10) 5PM – Midnight, Friday (2/11) 5PM – Midnight, Saturday (2/12) 3PM – Midnight: DJ's: Donnie Meadows, Mike Felts, Kyle Beam, Eddie Teeter, Tootie Brown, Gene Hensley & Murl Augustine: Details: Dance Workshop by Dennis & Frankie Johnson on Saturday 3-4PM. Drinks: Free Shooters Friday & Saturday. Food: Free Hot Dogs Friday, and Free Chicken Dinner Saturday. Door Prizes: 50/50 Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Free Shots at the door, Table Decorating Contest & other special events. Hotel: OD Beach & Golf Resort, special rates for party: Mention LNSC Chicken Pickin': Call 1-800-438-9590. Prepay by January 8, 2011 to be eligible to win a 2 night stay, courtesy of OD Beach & Golf Resort. For more information, call Don or Sue Warren 828-478-4355 or go to website www.lakenormanshag-club.com. Make check payable to LNSC Chicken Pickin' by the Sea, PO Box 2095, Cornelius, NC 28031

February 25 - 27 "It's A Good Day To Play!!!" ACSC/SOS Winter Workshop Hosted by Columbia Shag Club at the Clarion Townhouse Hotel, 1615 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC Phone 803.771.8711 Room Rate per night: \$79/Courtyard, \$95/Tower; Hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday *** Cash Bar; Shag Workshop, Saturday at 2:30pm by Garrett Humphries Tickets: \$60 before December 31, 2010 - \$70 after and at the door; Early Bird Party Thursday, February 24, 2011 7:00pm at Jillian's DJs: Butch Davidson, Jerry Burrage, JoAnn Johnson, Butch Metcalf, Frank Price, and Murl Augustine Contact: Patty Wheeler - 803-787-9844 or email pwheeler@ed.sc.gov

MARCH 2011

March 3 - 5: The 20th annual DJ THROWDOWN, presented by the Association of Shag Club DJ's will be at the OD Beach and Golf Resort, which houses the Spanish Galleon, the OD Beach Club, the Tiki Bar and the OD Cafe. The party begins on Thursday night with your favorite bands, such as the Shakers, the Legends of Beach and more. Doors will open at 7:30 pm and the music starts at 8 pm. The cost at the door will be \$10.00 per person. There will be free food throughout the weekend. Over 80 DJ's will be playing your favorite tunes keeping the floors filled. On Saturday nite, our legendary reverse raffle will afford that lucky person \$6000.00 to be given away at midnite. For

more info email sbaker4@nc.rr.com or call Steve Baker @ 919 676 2159. Click here for the more info and flyer.

March 17 - 19: Smoky Mountain Boogie Party hosted by Smoky Mountain Shaggers: Location: Pigeon Forge, TN; Hotel: Holiday Inn Resort - 800-782-3119. Ticket Cost: \$65.00 until March 1st., \$75.00 after. DJs: Ed Timberlake and Gene Sistare. Workshops: Ellen Taylor (Shag), Phil Dorroll (West Coast), Steve and Kathy Day (Shag), Mike and Debbie Lapina (Hustle & East Coast); Contact: shagfella@aol.com or call 865-680-6686. Website: www.smokymountain-shaggers.com

APRIL 2011

April 16-25: SOS Spring Safari at North Myrtle Beach

MAY 2011

May 13 - 14: Mountain Boogie Walk hosted by Beckley Area Shag Club: Location: Hern's Hangar in Beckley, WV. Contact: shagbasc@earthlink.net or call 304-763-4549.

NOTE: This is only a partial listing of the various shag club parties. One day parties and parties that would conflict with ShagAtlanta's own parties are not listed. Go to shagdance.com for a complete listing.

DJ Schedule

January 15	Mike Williford	Doraville, GA
January 22	Carl Simonetti	Birmingham, Ala
January 29	Rich Kopels	Alpharetta, GA
February 5	Billy Waldrep	Roebuck, SC
February 12	Jim Agee	Lawrenceville, GA
February 19	Joe Tutt	Augusta, GA
February 26	Cliff Capps	Birmingham, Ala
March 5	Rich Kopels	Alpharetta, GA
March 12	Billy Waldrep	Roebuck, SC
March 13	Billy Waldrep	Roebuck, SC
March 19	TBA	
March 26	Jessie Griffin	Savannah, GA

NOTE: As always, the DJ schedule is subject to change and is also listed at shagatlanta.com. The DJ for the upcoming Sat. night is also provided in the weekly Email Update and phone message. No DJ will be scheduled for the the Saturday nights of the USA Grand Nationals and the Christmas Party.

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**ShagAtlanta's
Valentine's
Day Party**

**Sweet Happenings at
Nemoe's with Special
Treats and the new 2011
King and Queen of Hearts
to be Crowned**

Our DJ for the evening is Jim Agee

February 12, 2011

**Jam and
Membership
Meeting Party**

**The Legendary *Johnny's
Hideaway* once again
hosts our Spring Jam.
Light Buffet served and
Free Admission**

Our afternoon DJ is Billy Waldrep

March 13, 2011