

## President's Message

2018 has rolled in. Although fun times are in the months ahead, it helps to look back at 2017 and reflect. It may interest you to know that board meetings were held ten of twelve months during the past year and by email or phone when issues needed immediate attention. Four of the ten monthly meetings were general membership meetings which included the annual meeting in June for the election of officers. We danced on our regular Friday night schedule 38 times and also held special parties such as the IRS (I'd Rather Shag Than Pay Taxes), the Re-Up Party, the Meet the Area Shag Party and the Christmas Dinner/Dance. We held the Fall Migration Luncheon, socials at 2 Witches and fundraisers including biannual shag lessons, the annual golf tournament and our initial attempt at the Holiday Light Show. 2017 was a very good year for attendance on Friday nights. I hope you will plan to come out over the weeks ahead as we begin another banner year of shagging and all things DSC.

A funny thing happened on the way to the **Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance** - it snowed-a lot! Thanks to all of you who were kind enough to re-RSVP after my mid-afternoon cancellation. We were glad the majority of you could make the switch in dates. Jorge did a fine job handling the evening while working with the ongoing construction. The food was good, the night was fun and our charities were happy. Thank you for the kind words in support of our decision last year to start a new trend of giving back to the community during our Christmas Party. Please see Kay's picture in the newsletter giving our toys to the Salvation Army. The can goods and Christmas money for meals were also greatly appreciated by the Northern Pittsylvania Food Bank.

It seems we are always getting into something new. This year it was our participation in **the Community Holiday Light Show at Ballou Park**. When we drew Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> as our night to work the gates, I was nervous about having the minimum number required to handle the evening. At one point, I thought I would have to call and cancel; however, you must never count out the wonderful members of this club. Twenty-one of us showed up and handled the night perfectly. We tied for the most cars viewing the lights on a single night and had a lot of fun doing so. Although it was a long night of work, it was also a "feel good" night with the community. Several hundred dollars will be coming our way from the City of Danville. **I would like to thank my wife Patsy, Nora Eaton, Buck Kelly, Sandra & Larry Strader, Gil & Susie Bradley, Mike Eppard, Mo Beckner, Eddie Sue Abbott, Amy & George Dunn, Mia Brooks, Jim Gauldin, Connie Rowland, Rawley Bennett, Bruce Riley, Dennis & Cathy Rutledge and their cousin, Pegi.** Oh, and Cathy played Santa's little Elf in the children's *Santa Land*. And thanks to **Jerry Wyatt, Cindy Jones and Brenda & Mac McMillian** who rode through. All you guys were great and this month's **Tip of the Hat** goes to you!

Our January 23<sup>rd</sup> club meeting will be a General Membership Meeting. You are always welcome to join us. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at Santana's, 6 PM. The meeting will include a serious look at our club bylaws and any desired updates. Although some language needs studying, the most important issue will be the possibility of no longer distinguishing between different types of meetings such as board meetings and general membership meetings. With a majority vote, they could all become DSC meetings. Hopefully, the change would simplify the month to month operation of club business and also make each meeting more inviting to all club members. Come out and help us discuss this.

See you on the dance floor.

Ernie