

President's Message

When I phone you with a thirty second message I begin by stating, "From **YOUR** Danville Shag Club..." and often end the call with, "It's all happening with the Danville Shag Club." There is a lot to consider between these two statements. Are you benefiting fully from all this club is offering? We are entering a part of the club year that has several big opportunities to enjoy your friends, the dance and the atmosphere. And if you are missing a lot of Friday nights you are missing some really fun weekly entertainment as well.

The first big fall event was the club Halloween Party. On Friday, October 27 we had a good assortment of spooks, goblins and interesting characters and we danced 'til the witches flew home. Kay Hughes, our Special Events chair, continues to put together great shag nights full of all things needed for a fun filled evening. In appreciation, I will not fail to mention her sidekick Mark, who in addition to his many years of services as club treasurer, is always at Kay's elbow handling any and all things she needs to pull off such entertainment for us. A **TIP OF THE HAT** goes to Kay and helper Mark as they continue to enhance fun times over the next two months and throughout the year.

Many of you have asked about the renovation project scheduled for the Comfort Inn and how it will affect our weekly and special events. We are keeping tabs on this issue and supposedly renovations will have begun by the time you read this newsletter. Comfort Inn and Santana's has assured us accommodations will be made to allow all our events to continue as usual. I will be updating you each week. Check your emails.

Our **MTASP (Meet The Area Shag Party)** has moved up the calendar this fall. **Saturday, November 4, 7-11 PM** will find us at Santana's along with many friends from area shag clubs. **DJ Rick Turner** will travel up from Burlington to spin the tunes and the Chinese Raffle and 50/50 will be in full swing. We get a lot of compliments on this \$10 night; after all, we are "*The Friendly Bunch.*" Have a raffle item? We can arrange a pick up or drop off. As a last result, bring it with you on party night. Don't miss this! FYI, we will not dance on Friday, November 3 but be back on November 10, 7-10 PM.

The **Annual Christmas Party** is always a hit. This year's complimentary gathering will also be at Santana's on **Friday, December 8**. One of our own members and favorite **DJ's, George Hundley**, will twirl the melodies on this special evening. Dress to impress! One year ago, we donated a car load of toys to families who were victims of Hurricane Matthew. Those toys were put in the hands of children in the Johnson County, NC area which was hit hard by flooding. Again, this year we will collect unwrapped toys but distribute them locally. In addition, we are asking members to make either a monetary donation or a food donation to the area food bank. Cash will aid the organization in supplying all the necessary items of a Christmas meal for a hungry family and food donations are always needed to keep the shelves full for ongoing needs. We will begin immediately accepting these donations in hopes of building a sizable amount by our Christmas Party. Guests of members will be welcome at our Christmas Party. The \$20 cover will offset the cost of food and DJ. Even better, have them join for the same twenty dollars and they can enjoy all membership benefits for the rest of the year. If you have a guest, please add them to your RSVP for planning purposes.

As you can see, we do have a lot going on with **YOUR Danville Shag Club**. Get all the benefits this club has to offer. *It IS all happening with the Danville Shag Club.* Come on down and join in.

See you on the dance floor.
Ernie Holcomb