

## President's Message

**March** The month has come in strong with wind and rain that has gotten our attention and devastated parts of the US. Please keep our western neighbors in your prayers. For our club, the month is rolling in with a lot of activities of which I hope you will participate.

**Shag Lessons** continue on **Monday nights**. If you know the basics and want to learn a new step (\$5 pp) just show up at 8 PM and join in. Patsy and I, along with many others, enjoy this every week. Thanks John and Janice for your time and expertise.

**March 11, Saturday** is the Mradi Gras event of the *Stepping Out Shag Club*. It is held each year at the Reidsville Elks Lodge. Try to support this sister club event. We appreciate the area clubs who support our events. For the record, we had seven (7) area clubs represented at our MTASP this past November.

**March 12, Sunday** begins Day Light Saving Time. Our board has decided to continue Friday night shag at the 7-10 PM time slot for a while longer. This will be discussed again as spring/summer approaches.

**March 16 & 17**, Back to Back Fun! Looking for a two for one week? Mark this down. Enjoy the Band of Oz at the Historic North Theatre Thursday, 7:30 PM and then dance with us Friday on Saint Patrick's Day. Call Wayne Alan and get a ticket for Oz. Once again DSC will host the cash bar to support beach music and with hopes of turning a small profit. Then join us the next evening with DJ Ron Russ for St. Patty's Day and all the gold at the end of the rainbow.

**March 24-26**, *Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame* will induct several people who have had strong, positive influences on the growth of the dance state-wide. Our club will have **Janice Gilstrap and Sandra Strader** inducted. Having two inductees in the same year is quite exceptional and makes us proud. Several of us are going for the weekend. We went last year and it was a fun time. Details are on the website: [www.vshof.com](http://www.vshof.com) and I hope you will consider it. Be sure to congratulate the ladies. Their induction is well deserved for the many decades of promoting the Carolina Shag here in Pittsylvania County and across the state and the southeast.

**March 28** is our next board meeting. I want each of you to know that you are always welcome. We meet in Santana's small banquet room, 6 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month. It is a working dinner if you wish to eat. We announce our General Membership Meetings (3 per year) and the Annual Meeting in advance.

Mark **April 8, Saturday** on your calendar for the IRS Dance (I'd Rather Shag Than Pay Taxes). DJ Chigger Woods will bring the tunes to the VFW, 7-11 PM. Food, raffles and loads of FUN will be offered in addition to lots of dancing. Details are in this issue and it is a perfect tuneup for Spring SOS!

**A Tip of The Hat** this month goes to Ginger Robertson and Bernie Newton on their recent engagement and to Mike Eppard for his Friday night goodies and gifts. We have so many folks who support our club from behind the scenes. Thanks to all!

See you on the dance floor.  
Ernie Holcomb

