

## President's Message

July is the month when we celebrate the birth of our country and the birth of a new membership year for Danville Shag Club. History tells us that the final draft and signing of the Declaration of Independence took place over several days; however, the fourth is recognized as our official day of liberty. We owe our forefathers a monumental debt for their wisdom and courage. We also owe a great debt to those DSC charter members who, because of their love of “the dance” and the imperishable social atmosphere, pioneered a club that has endured for 26 years. Our club continues its strong presence in the shag world because of these same virtues. Last June we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **Our 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated Saturday, July 22, 5 PM at 2 Witches Brewery.** Last year we had an overflow crowd with food, fun, dance and lots of members paying their **\$15 Re-Up fee.** Many have already paid for this year and still plan to join us on this special evening. Our Membership Chair, **Cathy Rutledge**, is planning another extraordinary meal and **Gil Bradley** will be playing the tunes. All you need is a patio chair and your Re-up fee. If you know of a friend who wishes to join, please let us know. **We need your RSVP by Friday, July 14.** Sandra Strader is keeping a head count. Contact any of us and we will pass your information on.

It has been a pleasure serving as your president for a second term. A highlight for me came at the ACSC Winter Workshop in January when I was asked to speak on behalf of our club. Sharing the history, attributes and dimensions of our club came easy. There was so much material and so little time. Other clubs like what and how we do things and we continue to be known as, “the friendly bunch.” Although Patsy and I have been members for a short time compared to many of you, we feel blessed with so many friends and look forward to Fridays and special events. DSC has had another successful year of self supporting Fridays, big parties, fun filled gatherings and another prosperous charity golf tournament. We are always looking for new opportunities to enjoy each others company. As I think back over the past year, I am grateful for the compliments, input and support from you. Please, never hesitate to contact me by phone, email or in person to express pleasure or displeasure with what is happening. In addition, I am equally grateful for the support of the board. Only those who have served in a leadership capacity understand the amount of time and thought that goes into making this club function. Sometimes pulling things together can be a challenge but it is a challenge I and your board members enjoy. Seeing you enjoy various events is reward enough.

The **Tip of the Hat** goes to each of our board members – those who served this past year and those who were elected for the new year. We thank Chris Cioccia, Nominations Chair, for her year of service and Jane Turner, Telephone Chair, for her many years of club correspondence. We welcome Porchia Merricks and Eddie Sue Abbott as our new Nominations and Telephone Chairs, respectively. They will join a host of returning board members who are listed on the home page of this newsletter. What a group! You make my job a pleasure. Please thank each of them when you get the chance.

Final thought. Several of us will be attending the required ACSC Summer Workshop in Concord, NC during July. I will let you know how the ACSC business meeting goes in the August newsletter.

See you on the dance floor.

Ernie Holcomb