

Hi there, FASA Members. Here is your FASA Monthly News for October 2023.

1. FASA MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next FASA Membership Meeting is Tuesday, October 10th, 6:30 pm, at the Elks Lodge. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend so we have a quorum!

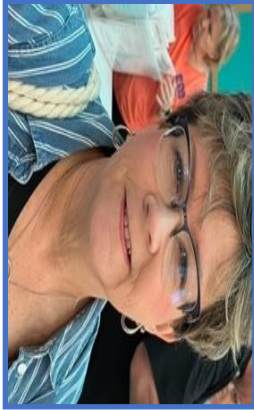
After the meeting we will continue socializing at Mi Casita on Ramsey Street. Please join us for dinner, snacks and/or a drink.

The September 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes are attached. Please review the minutes prior to the Oct Monthly Membership Meeting so you are ready to vote to approve or have any amendments to submit.

2. 2023 FASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRPERSONS:

FASA Board of Directors 2023	
President	Kathi Baloyot (Jan to Mar)
President	Peggy McLamb (Apr to Jun)
President	Cathy Fann (Jul to Sep)
President	Beverly Hobgood (Oct to Dec)
Vice President	Dwayne Baggett
Recording Secretary	Sue Fulcher
Corresponding Secretary	Peggy Perry
Treasurer	Penny Council
Sergeant at Arms	Steve Miller
FASA Chairpersons 2023	
DJ's	Beverly Hobgood
Membership	Dwight Vinson
Phone Tree	Dwayne Baggett
SOS Cards	Steve Miller
Website/Publicity	Kathi Baloyot

3. FASA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hello FASA friends!

Welcome to October and the last quarter of our year! We have had a great year so far and I'm looking forward to the next three months. I hope that you will all join us for our monthly meetings and parties.

I attended the ACSC meeting held at Fall Migration. The presentation on Dr. Phil was very interesting and the information on the creation of ACSC provided a historical perspective. Most of us buy our SOS card and enjoy dancing in the clubs but we forget the work that goes into planning each SOS event.

The Nomination Committee is working hard to form a Board of Directors for 2024. I ask each of you to seriously consider serving in a position to help the club. It takes an extra hour or two of your time but the reward is priceless. You will meet other club members and have a voice in how the club functions. The club cannot function without members who are willing to serve and plan the parties. After all, isn't that why we join FASA? We all want to have a place that we can meet monthly, dance, have a cold adult beverage and listen to the best music. It takes money and people to keep a club functioning and we need both of those. Please reach out to Rachel Dixon, Steve Dawson or me if you will consider being on the Board. It does not require any special experience - just a willingness to help!

We hope that you will join us for our monthly meeting on October 10th at the Elk's Lodge and afterwards at Mi Casita. Our monthly party is October 21st and hosted by Johnny and Wanda Boyles who are cooking Chicken Bog. Buck Crumpton will be our DJ and you don't want to miss this great party.

Other upcoming events include the SAMCO party on October 6th, MASS on October 7th and HASA on October 13th. Please support our local clubs. You just might have a great time!

See you on the dance floor. *Beverly*

4. PRAYERS, THOUGHTS AND CONCERN FOR:

- Norm Russ who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

5. FASA QUILT RAFFLE:

FASA member Sue Fulcher has volunteered to create a quilt comprised of shag and beach themed T-Shirts. She needs a few

more shirts to complete her project! If you have T-Shirts that you are willing to donate, please bring them to a meeting or party. This quilt will be available at a fund-raiser. It's going to be a wonderful keepsake! Look through your closet and dresser drawers for a great shag T-Shirt you're willing to part with for a great cause, your club!

6. FASA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FASA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023					
JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
10	Membership Meeting	14	Membership Meeting	14	Membership Meeting
21	FASA Party-Hosts: FASA Board DJ David Pendergraft	25	FASA Party-Hosts: FASA Board DJ Ashley Holland	18	FASA Party-Hosts: Eric & Denise DJ Billy Cook
APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
11	Membership Meeting	9	Membership Meeting	13	Membership Meeting
15	FASA Party-Hosts: Line Dancers DJ Brooks Bristow	20	FASA Party-Hosts: Pat & Dwight DJ Mike Hudson	17	FASA Party-Hosts: Andy & Sherry DJ Walter Scott
JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
11	Membership Meeting	8	Membership Meeting	12	Membership Meeting
15	FASA Party-Hosts: Potluck DJ Steve Miller	19	FASA Party-Hosts: Dwayne DJ Chigger Woods	16	FASA Party- Hosts: Joyce & Richard DJ Jerry Hill
OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
10	Membership Meeting	14	Membership Meeting	12	Membership Meeting
21	FASA Party-Hosts: Wanda & Johnny DJ Buck Crumpton	18	FASA Party-Hosts: Ray & Kathi DJ Robbie Farrell	9	FASA Party-Hosts: Catered DJ Ken Jones

7. FASA OCTOBER PARTY:

We're havin' a party!
Fayetteville Area Shag Association

Saturday—October 21st

7:00 to 10:30 pm

Members \$10 — Guests \$15

Cash Bar Available—Refreshments Served

**Fayetteville Elks Lodge
3269 Gables Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28311**



**Please Bring a
Dessert to Share!**



*Join Us for Shagging
and Line Dancing!*

*Members May
Win a Free Party Pass!*



Through the National Folk Dance Association, our club
dance activities are licensed by:
  

Our Website: www.fasadance.com

8. HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	Sammie McLamb
25	Ann Miller

9. **“THE COST OF A SHAG CLUB”** Reposted from Lancaster Shag Club/ Renee Baker

It takes more than just people showing up to dance to support a shag club.

Membership – Why pay a membership fee? Lots of people are content to pay more money for entrance to parties rather than save money by paying a membership fee and paying the lower entrance fee to parties, because they don't want to have to “do a job” in the club. Well, memberships are needed for clubs to survive. Clubs that are members of the ACSC have to pay a yearly fee (this also entitles you to buy your SOS card at a reduced amount). Clubs have to pay a fee to the one of the music associations in order for the DJs to be able to play artists music for the public. Clubs have expenses such as websites and their upkeep, newsletters to publish, flyers for parties or events, and other expenses just to exist. Membership money doesn't cover the cost of weekly or monthly parties.

Some clubs are fortunate enough to have a restaurant or club to support them and allow them to use their facilities free of charge. These clubs are few and far between. Most clubs have to pay rent for the facility and also pay for the DJ to play. Venues aren't cheap. This is why clubs must also charge a fee at the door for the party and sell raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. An average club will have to pay at a

minimum \$400 or maybe even \$600 to have a party. That would be \$4-\$6 a piece entrance fee for 100 people....see where I'm going with this? Then, even if you have a cash bar and members bring food or snacks, the club has to furnish plates, napkins, forks. Decorations? Not required, but people prefer a little something. You need tickets to have a raffle, paper, pens, books to keep track of people signing in, expenses, etc.

Our goal is to preserve and promote the shag. Shag lessons, events in the community, donations to our community or shag related causes...? Our officers are required to attend 3 of the mandatory meetings held by ACSC (who own and maintain SOS). Should these unpaid workers have to spend their own money for gas, food, rooms, and event fees to serve their club?

Money aside, parties don't just happen. You have members that serve as Officers and Board Members. Should they have to do ALL the work for the club? No. They are the representatives and final decision makers, but they alone can't do all the work. Parties have to have a venue, they need a date, a DJ, persons to get the room ready – set up tables, decorate, persons to man the door and sign in people, take up the money, someone to organize the food, persons to sell the raffle and 50/50 tickets, someone to make the announcements, people to clean up, someone to pay the venue and the DJ, someone to send updates and pictures to the webmaster and the editor of the newsletter. What about when the party is over. Someone has to publish the

newsletter, coordinate Charity functions, make flyers for upcoming events, teach the shag lessons to get new members in.... the list goes on.

So what does it mean to be a member... let's see... Webster says a "constituent part of a whole". It takes the members working together as a whole to keep the group together. Everyone must play their part. Not everyone needs to perform the same task, and some are better at different tasks than others.

The club can't function without the members. Without the members, there is no party. Without a party, you don't get to talk to your friends and dance. Therefore, participate, support your club by coming to the dances, promote the club, work for the club, bring new friends in to further growth of the club, have an opinion and don't expect something for nothing.

10. FASA PUBLICITY / Kathi Baloyot

FASA uses several sources to publicize the club. Your support makes some of these outlets even more effective.

- **FASA Website:** www.fasadance.com. The website is available to the public. It covers the purpose of the club, names and contact information for Officers and Chairpersons, FASA Parties, Society of Stranders (SOS) Events and much more. In addition, the FASA By-Laws and Membership Meeting Minutes are provided.
- **FASA Facebook Page:** "Fayetteville Area Shag Association" Facebook Page is updated frequently with information and videos about our club, the club's members and shag world news such as

SOS, dance contests. Most Important: Please “Like” and “Follow” the FASA Facebook Page. This allows you to be alerted to new posts and, if you share a post, it goes even farther. You will help spread the word.

- **FASA Monthly News:** An email is sent to each FASA member on a monthly basis to inform them of all things FASA, to include upcoming meetings and parties. Feel free to forward this email to friends and relatives who may be interested in attending FASA events.
- **ACSC / SOS Website:** www.shagdance.com This website includes information on the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (meeting minutes, board members, member clubs (including FASA) contact information and parties). Information on upcoming Society of Stranders (SOS) events is focused on Mid-Winter, Spring Safari and Fall Migration events to include the SOS Parade held in the Spring and Fun Monday, a band concert, which highlights Fall Migration. Other special information is also available as well as links to other shag-connected organizations.
- **Word of Mouth:** This is where every member is important for many reasons. When you tell one person about FASA or invite them to a party, you may be recruiting a new member who will enrich our club. That person may also tell another and so it goes. You are an Ambassador for FASA every time you speak to someone about shagging, line dancing at our parties and/or FASA. Always know the link to our website and the name of our Facebook page so you can share them with prospective members.

I try very hard to keep everyone informed. The resources are there for everyone to use and share.

11. ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA SHAG CLUBS (ACSC) AND SOCIETY OF STRANDERS (SOS):

SOS Mid-Winter Break/ Winter Workshop - January 11-14, 2024

The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs' meeting will be on Saturday, January 14th. at 10:00 am, Location: TBA

Please Donate SHAG SHOES!

FASA is collecting new and gently used Shag Shoes for Junior Shaggers. If you have any shoes you no longer wear or need, please share them with this group of young people who are just getting started in dancing.



All styles, colors and sizes are needed!

Shoes can be brought to any FASA Meeting or Party. Beverly Hobgood is coordinating this effort and will deliver the shoes to the collection point in North Myrtle Beach.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



12. UPCOMING SHAG EVENTS:

Shag Club Parties are listed by month on this shagdance.com
link: <http://shagdance.com/clubparties.htm>

13. REMINDER: The FASA website www.fasadance.com. If you need to contact a FASA Officer or Committee Chairperson, their phone numbers are available on the website under the Tab "Officers, Chairpersons". Please FOLLOW and LINK the FASA Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100073049688473>

14. P.S. If you have news that you would like included in the FASA News Email, please let me know.

Kathi Baloyot

Publicity Chairperson / Webmaster