



BARBARA WHITE (2019)

Barbara has always loved dancing and was introduced to it at an early age through tap, ballet and jazz. As a teenager and through her 20's she frequented many local dance places such as The Sheik, Much More, and the Persian Room in the Richmond area. In 2003 she found her way to the Richmond Shag Club for shag lessons and immediately fell in love with this style of dance. She has been dedicated to every aspect of the dance since that time and participates in Club functions as well as those of other shag dubs in the ACSC. Barbara's many contributions to the RSC include:

- 2004: voted most improved female dancer by the RSC
- 2005: initiated a silent auction at the RSC's annual party, where all proceeds benefit the club's charity, Camp Fantastic, a summer camp for children with cancer. Barbara coordinated this auction for two years.
- 2005 to present: serves as volunteer for club's annual golf tournament and semi-annual brunswick stew fund-raisers
- 2007 to present: member of volunteer team of RSC dance instructors teaching beginner and intermediate lessons at Visions Dance Club
- 2011: Elected to RSC Board of Directors where she served as dance committee chairperson responsible for organizing the instruction, schedule and community shag demonstrations.
- 2018 to present: Elected to the RSC Board of Directors, serving as social committee chair
- 2022: Awarded RSC's "Spirit of Shag" (SOS) award as the most valuable member of the year.

Participating in local shag events is nothing new to Barbara. She has stepped up to help with dance demonstrations and lessons for retirement communities, Wintergreen Lodge, Camp Fantastic, Waters Edge Country Club at Smith Mountain Lake, The Ashland Street Festival and many more events since she began shag dancing in 2003. She and her dance partner Lyn (Dink) Slaughter (VSHOF, 2010) taught shag dance lessons for the Powhatan Adult Education Program until Dink's sudden passing in 2020.