



### **JAN WEAKLEY (1990)**

Jan was born in Newark NJ in 1939 and developed her love of dance at the age of 14 in an all-girls' high school which had mixers with the nearby technical boys' school, where rock 'n roll music was played and they danced the Jitterbug. Married life set in soon after high school and Jan raised five children (3 in Virginia). Unlike so many Virginia Beach shaggers, Jan was raising a family and missed out on the opportunity to dance at the popular beach clubs, favoring time with her kids on the beach and under the pier. However, once she was no longer single parenting, she found the Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC) in the early 80's. The VBSC became the epicenter of her social circle and brought dance back into her life.

With the VBSC, she held every office but Club Secretary, served as Club Treasurer three years and was President one year. She worked on every committee and chaired the Juniors Committee, the Dance Committee, wrote the Club newsletter and was heavily involved for 15 years on the VBSC Weekend Bash committee. She taught shag and line dance while chairing the Dance Committee.

After her VSHOF induction in 1990, she became the VSHOF videographer, capturing still photos and videos of many VSHOF induction ceremonies.

She was named an Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) "Shaggin' Icon" in 2003 and co-chaired the ACSC Selection Committee from 2007 – 2010.

Jan was inducted in National Living Legends of Dance in 2004.

### **Most Memorable Experiences & Highlights:**

- As a teenager, she competed in roller skating, winning many contests and even danced on skates as a girl at the age of 14 – 18.
- Member of the Virginia State Shag Dance Team, 2006, participating in dance team competitions at National Shag Dance Championships (Myrtle Beach SC) and the USA Grand National Dance Championships (Atlanta GA).
- Jan is now a regular attendee of the bigger Virginia shag club annual parties hosted by the RSC and BOTB where she can just enjoy the event and dance as much as she likes without the advance planning and effort that goes into hosting events like the old Virginia Beach Bash at the Old Cavalier Hotel.