



PAMELA ALFANO (2015)

Pamela Alfano has been a member of the Northern Virginia Shag Club since 1996 - almost since its creation. She has been a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia since the mid 1970's. Pamela has been a consistent and hard-working leader of the NVSC throughout her years of membership, having served as President in 2002 and 2003, Vice President in 2001, Secretary in 1999 and a Director at Large in 2000, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2014 and several years thereafter. Pamela has been a regular shag instructor as part of the Club's Dance Committee for over 15 consecutive years, and is presently the Chairman of the Dance Committee, a job which includes managing the presentation of two weekly lessons by the Club's corps of volunteer shag instructors.

She served on the most recent subcommittee of the Dance Committee, which performed a major revision of the Club's dance instructional manual. Outside the Club, Pamela has participated in shag demonstrations and promotions at schools, churches, festivals, fairs, social organizations, elder homes and other dance events in Northern Virginia and the D.C. metropolitan area to help bring about greater awareness of the dance.

She chaired and served on search committees, formed to find locations for the NVSC weekly dances, and chaired the Club's Fundraising Committee and its Decorations Committee. She shouldered the major burden of co-chairing the NVSC annual summer weekend party, the Capital Shag Classic, in 2008. She was the creative force behind the popular pool party which took place most years during the Capital Shag Classic. Helping to harness the energy of the Club to perform good works in the Northern Virginia community, Pamela co-chaired the Shag-a-Thon, the Club's annual fundraiser for its designated charity, Capital Caring (a hospice organization), in 2009 and 2011. She has been one of the Club's top fundraisers for this charity event in most years since it began in 2001, singlehandedly raising many tens of thousands of dollars from pledges over the years, including more than \$14,000 in a single year.

In 2020, Pamela was recognized by the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) as a "Shaggin' Icon". Pamela continues to enjoy working to improve her dancing through her teaching and participating in professional shag instructor workshops. Her face and smooth, graceful style of shag are widely known from her attendance at SOS and other clubs' parties and events. She is a popular dance partner wherever she goes.