



SHARON DAVIS (2017)

Sharon grew up playing in the sand at Virginia Beach in front of the Peppermint Beach Club from age 5 'till age 12. At age 12, she began dancing at the Virginia Beach Dome every Saturday night until she turned 18, and could legally enter the Peppermint (although she may have been seen in the Peppermint at 16 and 17)! It was a great place to dance!

Sharon spent the 80's and 90's volunteering for community organizations, schools, and serving on civic boards of directors for Virginia Beach such as the STOP Organization.

It was in November 2004, Sharon discovered VSHOF members Steva and Larry Williams teaching shag lessons at Steppin' Out in Virginia Beach. She decided it was a great opportunity to learn the family legacy of shag dancing. (Her Mother was an original member of the VA Beach Shag Club.) Sharon, Harold, her brother, and her dad began to take shag classes at Steppin' Out. She was obsessed with the challenges and began to dance every night of the week. Together they joined the VA Beach Shag Club and in two years, they were also members of Colonial Shag Club, Outer Banks Shag Club, Elizabeth City Shag Club, and Boogie on the Bay Shag Club. Sharon began to volunteer for the VBSC immediately. Her first job was "hospitality or door greeter" and if she wasn't welcoming visitors, she was asking them to dance or sometimes selling 50-50 raffle tickets.

Sharon is always willing to help in any capacity. She assisted in buffet setup for Sunday Shag at Steppin' Out and assisted Nan Rodio (VSHOF, 2020) with decorations and clean-up at the Upper Deck. She spent 5 years helping behind the scenes for the Virginia Beach Shag Club while her husband was Vice President and President of the shag club. She served on the Board of Directors as Parliamentarian for four years, twice revising the by-laws, and worked on numerous committees with a focus on hospitality, special events, and fundraising. She has also volunteered for demonstration dances at retirement homes and malls.

To further promote shag in Hampton Roads, Sharon and her husband hosted two additional opportunities for dancers every Thursday night and Sunday afternoons at their restaurant, D & M Seafood. This became known as "Shagging on the Deck". During this time, they also held two fund-raising dance events to support the junior shaggers. Sharon also assisted several dance instructors when a substitute was needed. Many times she could be found working with the beginners on the side of the room or in the back of the Upper Deck club.

With her husband, they supported shag events and shag bands in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, and could always be found at SOS. Sharon can still be found at most shag events having the time of her life with "Alan's (Michaelis) Shagettes" and her shaggin' friends. She is truly an ambassador for preservation, promotion, and the love of dance.