



SUSAN WILLIAMS (2005)

As a teenager growing up in Norfolk, during the '60's, Susan attended various dances, either held at local schools or recreation centers. During the '70's and '80's, she bounced back and forth between the "Jitterbug", "Free Style" and even a little Disco.

At the urging of some of her friends, one Friday night in 1990 Susan and Chris (Kimmons, VSHOF, 2005) went to Fat Rogers (later to be known as "Larkins", and later "Steppin' Out"). That night was really her introduction to the Shag, Beach music and SOS. Susan really enjoyed watching all of the great dancers; however, that's all they did, watch! They didn't know the step and were a little intimidated by all of the wonderful dancers on the floor. They continued to go and, in the process, met some really fabulous people. They found out that many of them belonged to the Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC), a club they had never heard of! They decided that they wanted to be a part of all of this and learned the Basic Shag step.

Susan joined the VBSC in 1991 and, upon joining, became involved in many events and/or committees each year. From 1992 through 1999, she and Chris Kimmons chaired the Club's Parade and Float Committee which participated in 2 or 3 local parades each year. Thanks to a great committee, the VBSC won several awards for Best Interpretation of Theme and Best Float in the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival Parade. In addition, she served on various VBSC committees, such as Special Events, The Beach Bash (Decorating, Welcoming, Registration, Hospitality, Raffles, and Gospel Hour). Susan Co-Chaired the Beach Bash in 1996.

After her VSHOF induction in 2005, she served on the VSHOF Board for many years as Chairperson for Special Events, which included the Summer Party and the annual Christmas Party. In addition, she chaired the VSHOF Induction Party for several years at Steppin' Out, and later at The Upper Deck. In 2014, Susan was inducted into the National Living Legends of Dance (NLLD). She worked alongside NLLD Chairwoman Berta Lull (NLLD 1994, VSHOF 1995, and BSNHOF 1996) each year in the preparation and planning of the annual induction ceremony. The most recent NLLD event with which Susan was involved, prior to cancellations due to the COVID pandemic and Berta Lull's passing, was held in 2019 in Virginia Beach.