



### **WAYNE TATE (2023)**

Wayne was born, raised and continues to live in Portsmouth, VA. Wayne attended Academy Park Elementary School and graduated from Cradock High School in 1967. Fifth grade sock hops for a 10 cent cover charge started Wayne's love of beach bop dancing, which continued through high school and adulthood. He enjoyed regular trips to such classic dance venues as the Ambassador Club, The Peppermint, Rogues' Gallery and the Lighthouse. During these years he not only honed his dance floor skills, but established a lifelong love of Carolina Shag style. He joined the Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC) in 2005, where he has served tirelessly on numerous committees. He takes on and very successfully executes the tough, unpopular jobs of 50/50 ticket sales and soliciting donations from various businesses for charity causes. Wayne carried his Ways & Means ideas and enthusiasm to and joined the Colonial Shag Club in 2013, the Boogie on the Bay in 2014, and the Richmond Shag Club in 2022; bringing to each a wealth of experience in fund-raising and organizing golf tournaments.

A serious accident in July 2015 (i.e., while pruning trees from a bucket truck, he fell 60 feet when the bucket he was in broke loose, breaking both ankles and one leg in 3 places) put him literally out of action for months. Wayne eventually recovered and redoubled his involvement in all 3 clubs, even joining a fourth in 2022. While Wayne is no longer able to dance as much as he did before his accident, he continues to volunteer weekly for the Virginia Beach, Colonial and Boogie on the Bay shag clubs. Once again, when he's feeling up to it after his accident, Wayne dances a few dances each night with the ladies as a much-favored dance partner on dance floors throughout Tidewater and Richmond.