

Twister's Shag Club Mini Newsletter For January 2008

Items Of Note

"Thank you", to all the members who donated and/or helped us collect \$4100 to buy toys and gifts for every one of the needy kids at the Davidson/Cornelius Day Care. Santa made sure they had a very Merry Christmas.

2008 SOS Membership Cards will be required to get in the Mid-Winter Event at North Myrtle Beach Jan 17-20 (or 21) this month, as well as the Spring and Fall SOS events. TSC members can get them now for \$25. Guests and friends can get them for \$30. They are \$35 (for everyone) when bought at the beach. See Greta to buy them.

New shag lessons will start on Tuesday, January 15. We really need help the first week to sign folks in, move tables, etc. Please try to get there between 6:30 and 6:45 if you can. If not, come as soon as you can. Thanks!

We will have a "tea party" during Mid-Winter at the O.D. Beach Club on Saturday at 5pm. Food will be provided. Remember, many people have Monday off as a holiday. If you do, join us Sunday night at the Beach Club (and then possibly Fat Harolds). Bob Rea will be hosting one of his famous Sunday night gatherings!

The Nominating Committee will meet this month to select a group of officers for the 2008 club year (which starts in March). Since we will vote on the slate at the February club meeting, this effort must be completed by Jan 25 so results can be announced in our next newsletter. If you are interested in serving on the Committee or running for office, see Kathy Thompson ASAP. You must have attended ½ of the year's meetings to qualify.

2008 Club membership renewal fees will NOT be accepted without a completed 2008 membership renewal form. We will include membership renewal forms in the next (February) newsletter.

There will be a Superbowl Party on Sunday, February 3. Look for more details next month.

For Sale

Ladies White Gold "Past, Present, Future" Diamond Ring. Three, round, brilliant diamonds - two at .12 carats and one at .18 carats. Colors H-I, clarity I, total weight 1/2 carat. Recent appraisal places retail replacement value at \$1250. Call 704-677-5221 to arrange to see the ring and/or to make an offer.

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday Babe. Thanks for choosing me to share your life with. May all your birthday wishes come true.
We Love You, Bill and Dixie

Social security but yet not medicare; Almost, but not quite a blue hair, It's just another day, by the way; But we all wish you a very happy birthday!
Arnold, Diane And Al

Have You Helped?

Last months' newsletter included a list of what committees you signed up to help with this year. If you still need to do something to support one or both of them, contact your chairperson now! January and February are the last two months of the club year, so this is your last chance to fulfill your 2007 membership expectation.

Dance Lessons Chair: Kathy Thompson, 704-651-7122 or krt924@aol.com

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Social Chair: Nancy Brody, 664-6260, cateredoccasions@windstream.net

Membership Information

The following individuals have submitted applications to join our club and will need to be at our January Club meeting at Fat Boys on January 8: Ed Alexander, Rick White, Sherry White and Timothy Wozny

Upcoming Birthdays

Laura Lemmond	01/01	Pat Bouknight	01/29	Al Waters	02/17
Pat Metcalf	01/03	Howard Smith	01/29	Beverly Munday	02/20
Robin Nantz	01/14	John Grice	02/01	Celia Hunter	02/21
Peggy Cavin	01/19	Chuck Needham	02/02	Jane Parsons	02/21
Tim Johnson	01/20	Al Brandon	02/03	Charles Binder	02/23
Malcolm Kello	01/21	Michelle Halverson	02/03	Jim Dalton	02/26
Wilma Laws	01/23	Frankie Johnson	02/15	Tim Davis	02/26
Tom Stone	01/26	Arthur Killian	02/17	Sharon Abernethy	02/28

Magnetic Forces And The Power To Attract

Imagine having two piles of 100 little magnets. Each pile would be about the same size, and each would have an equal amount of total magnetic strength. In other words, each pile would have the same ability to “attract”.

If you removed 25 magnets from the first pile, it would only have 75 magnets. That pile would look a little smaller. It would be a little weaker than it was, and its ability to “attract” would be weaker than it was, too. Now, if you put the 25 magnets you took from the first pile on the second pile, the second pile would have 125 magnets. That would make it a little bigger and a little stronger than it was. It could “attract” more now, too.

Moving just 25 magnets made a small change in each individual pile. But, it created a HUGE difference in the two piles. The pile of 125 magnets is now almost twice as big and powerful as the 75 magnet pile.

What if there is an opportunity to add more magnets? If you put a single magnet exactly half-way between the two piles, that one magnet would be more attracted to the bigger, stronger pile and would join that pile. In fact, if you did this over and over, the bigger pile would get bigger and bigger, and stronger too... making it able to “attract” even more. In fact, it might even get strong enough to start pulling some of the magnets away from the little pile, too. (Of course, that would make it even stronger!) At some point instead of two good, strong piles of magnets, one pile would be very big and strong and one pile would become very small and very, very weak.

We all know about the power of magnets. That example was easy to understand. Now, let’s change things a bit. Instead of talking about “piles” and “magnets”, let’s talk about “shag lounges” and “individual shaggers”. *The same thing can, and does happen.* Moving just a few shaggers from one group to another has a major impact!

You might think that the lounge you and your club supports won’t miss you, or won’t miss a few folks if they go somewhere else. **WRONG! The impact of choosing one location over another is multiplied.** Less people at one place means that lounge is less able to attract other shaggers. More people at another place helps that location attract even more people. Please think about how this works! The longer this situation goes on, and the more people that change locations, *the bigger the difference in the size of the crowds at the two lounges.*

Remember, many other shaggers and shag clubs have ended up with no place to dance! So, when YOU think about where YOU want to go shagging when YOUR club is hosting a shag night or shag event, consider the impact of your decision. With YOUR help, YOUR lounge will have more customers and will attract more of YOUR shagging friends (TSC members and guests). That will also help YOU have more fun!

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Points, Points, Who Has The Points?

By Sharon K Abernethy

Some of you have the hang of the points system we started this year. You're signing in on tracking forms, documenting things you have done or supported, or (as an activity chairperson) are turning information in for the members that support a specific activity.

Efforts made on behalf of TSC have point values, and members who help with various efforts and activities are awarded those corresponding points.

A few members do not have any points. Maybe they forgot to turn in something to account for them. Perhaps they have worked on an activity where no one turned in the supporters' names. Newer members may not be fully aware of how our points system works. (A very few of you just haven't done much to support the club.)

Some things to remember about our points system:

- * If information is not turned in, points cannot be awarded.
- * This system works best if all points are turned in within 30 days of the completion of an activity.
- * If an activity is done by a group, it is the chairperson's responsibility to turn in points for the group. Event tracking forms are available from Sharon.
- * If you complete an activity by yourself, it is your responsibility to get the information to Sharon at rcaska@twave.net or hand deliver it at any group gathering.
- * Points maybe used for event admission payment, TSC logo items, membership renewal, etc. (If you want to use points for admission to an event, please give at least 7 days prior notice.)
- * Ten Points are equal to one dollar in value (but cannot be exchanged for cash).

The Fall Cyclone Chairpersons are also currently looking at a way to use earned points to establish the order of sign-up for next year's Fall Cyclone. This is a way to reward the strongest supporters of the club with something that everyone wants, but money cannot buy. The person with the most points could end up with the privilege of signing up first, and so on. (Persons with the same number of points would sign up in order based on a drawing.)

We want you to have lots of points! It's a small way for the Club to thank you for your help and support. Please send me a note or something to say what you have done, especially if you think something might not have been properly credited. We are all new to this system, and we know we have made some early mistakes.

If you have questions about your points or the point system, please contact me at rcaska@twave.net or see me at any club function.

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