Jan Weakley

Jan says that learning to shag dance and teaching it to others has provided her with many great friendships and countless happy times. She especially enjoys seeing others develop the basic step and experience the joy of dance.

Jan started to dance in 1984 and decided to join the Tidewater Shag Club. While being proficient at other dances, she found shagging to be her favorite, as she genuinely liked being surrounded by the people involved with the dance. Although she did not take part that often during her first trip to SOS in 1986, she watched others; and as she observed Jan's desire to participate and contribute to the shag community grew. With each trip to North Myrtle beach, she acquired new steps and brought them home to share with others; thereby developing her natural teaching skills. Jan attributes her patience and fortitude to raising her five children.

As part of her thirty-year dedication to helping others learn to appreciate dancing, she served on the VBSC Board by becoming an Officer, serving on many committees. In addition, she served on the ACSC (Association of Carolina Shag Clubs) and SOS (Society of Stranders) as Co-chair of the Icon Committee. Presently, she is serving on the Virginia Junior Shag Committee. Jan also collects used dance shoes for thE Ellen Taylor Foundation which, in turn, donates them to children when they go to Junior SOS. TO help raise money for the Virginia Junior Shaggers, Jan is selling raffle tickets. We applaud Jan Weakley in her dedication to both teaching and supporting these young dancers. She sees them as the future of the SHAG.

Jan Weakley has received several honors. They are as follows:

In 1990, inducted into the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame.

In 2003, inducted into the National Livings Legends of Dance and awarded the Shag Icon Award.