

Happy New Year to the Virginia Beach Shag Club! As we embark on my 6<sup>th</sup> and final year as President, I want to say **THANK YOU** for all the support that you've given me during my tenure. I am proud to say that every decision that I and your board did, was with you in mind and all attempts were made to make our club better.

The success of this club does not lie with me or the board but **YOU**, its members. I have been so fortunate to have a board that has worked hard on your behalf and to them, I say **THANK YOU**. I would like to recognize everyone who contributed to the successes we've enjoyed, no matter how small or how large a part that you have played. By working together and stepping up when needed we've made positive strides. This list is huge so whether you are a teacher, take pictures, play music, set up the room, act as a hostess, sell 50/50, help at the end of the night with clean up, welcome members or guests or take the time to help in any way that's needed; **THANK YOU**.

This year we have a unique opportunity to put on a 3-day New Year's Gala. I would like to see us take on that challenge and put on a party that really brings in the New Year. I've put it on agenda for our January board meeting and am hopeful that the board sees my vision of a successful, profitable event. I'm cautiously optimistic because even if the board approves my plan, I will need committee chairs and committee volunteers to make this work. Without at least 9 committee chairs and member volunteers we could not put this party on. This gala is not meant to replace our annual Christmas party. Instead, it will be designed to be an additional event for our members and to bring in shaggers from up and down the coast.

Please feel free to let me know your thoughts and I look forward to serving you one more year.

Jack Witzenfeld, President