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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Love is All Around!

February is often referred to as the month of **Love** and Brushy Mountain Shag Club is doing its part to spread BMSC's **Love** to charities around our community!



As a member in good standing with the ACSC (Association of Carolina Shag Clubs) we are always encouraged to support local charities in our community. We are extremely pleased to report that because of the monies received through our Membership Drive, 50/50 drawings, silent auctions, etc. our **Love** bites were able to help nibble away the extensive needs of the following agencies:

Blue Ride Opportunity Commission (BROC) - \$1,000
CareNet of North Carolina - \$500
Samaritan Christian Ministry of Wilkes, Inc. - \$500

We hope you are with us tonight, Saturday, February 19 for our All Hearts Dance and while you are enjoying the tunes that DJ Gene Sistare spins, keep in mind the more 50/50 tickets bought, the more **Love** we will be able to share!

BMSC is certainly blessed with folks that know the meaning of **Love** and how that **Love** makes a difference in the lives of those less fortunate!

Sincerely,

Pat Hicks

*Members responses to, "What is **love**?"*

Love is like the wind-you can't see it but you sure can feel it!
Love is a bond that ties people together in body, mind and spirit.
Love is being together and helping each other be the best person they can be!

Forty One plus Thirty-Two 1/2



“FAITH makes life possible...HOPE makes life workable...LOVE makes life beautiful!”

Did you know?

- Betty & Johnny

That after being married for 41 years, Johnny is still Betty’s favorite person to be with?

That Johnny is the youngest child of nine?

Whether at the beach or in the mountains, there is no doubt that Betty and Johnny Worley are enjoying their time together. Parents of sons John, (and wife, Amy) and Michael, and grandparents of four lovely grandchildren, Sierra, Lauren, Katelyn and Jonathan, it’s no wonder that Mema and Pa are the **Love** of their families eyes! Their youngest grandson, Jonathan, is a sweet lovable boy who adores his Pa!

The Worley’s hail from the Eastern part of the state (Princeton and Smithfield) and now make their home in West Jefferson. Their email address, almostheaven is certainly descriptive of the beautiful mountains where they have lived for the past 11 years. Betty and Johnny met the summer of 1966 at a dance held at the local skating rink and 41 years later, they still are dancing! In their courtin’ days, they would steal kisses while gathering eggs in the chicken house.

Johnny is a certified electrician and has been for 26 years. Miss Betty was a stay-at-home Mom when the boys were young, and has been a secretary, teller and cashier since then. Today it’s easy to imagine Betty around students as she serves as a substitute teacher for the Ashe County School system.

Vice Prez Worley and his wife began shagging in 1985 under the direction of Danny and Carole Lassiter while living in Smithfield. Johnny helped organize Johnston County Area Shag Club and served as president. Betty states, “being involved in shag clubs allows you to meet so many people from all walks of life who **Love** to dance...have a desire to keep shag dancing and beach music alive.” They are members of BMSC, Statesville and Burlington shag clubs. Johnny’s favorite song is “**Love** Sick Tears” by Koko Taylor and although Betty has many favorite songs, she will definitely be found on the dance floor when the DJ plays, “Save Me” by Mary **Love**.

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“Dance as if no one is looking”

- Susan Irwin

Did you know?

That Susan Irwin “loves” a man in jeans and a white shirt and that during her spare time she can be daydreaming about grandchildren in her future?

That if one is quiet, they can locate Barry by following the sound of his distinctive laugh?

Born in Lexington, NC, Susan Shoaf Irwin received her degree from Appalachian State University. Not far down the road, Barry, the man of her dreams was born in Greensboro! Barry also attended ASU receiving his degree in Business Administration.

Barry married Susan in 1978, and they started married life in Sparta, NC. They have two wonderful sons, Seth (wife, Samantha) who make their home in Mountain City, TN, and Jacob, who is getting married in June (fiance, Jesse) who will make their home in Sparta. Let us not forget their much **loved** grand-dogs.

While Susan made her career as a media specialist in Davidson and Alleghany Counties, Barry served as Town Manager for Sparta for one year, and sanitarian for the Appalachian District Health Department. Barry and Susan both retired in 2006 after 29/30 years of dedicated public service. These two **love** birds apparently don't know the meaning of retirement! In 2007, Barry opened his own business, Alleghany Environmental Services, and Susan serves as a part-time tutor at Sparta Elementary School. When they aren't working, Susan enjoys dancing, quilting and reading. Barry, on the other hand, can be found outdoors hunting or fishing!

Back in 2005 at the Alleghany Wellness Center in Sparta, North Carolina (A.K.A. Piney Swamp), Susan and Barry first learned to shag. Barry's favorite song is “Gone Fishing” by Chairmen of the Board and Susan's favorite shag song is “Anna” by Arthur Alexander. Not only are the couple excellent shaggers, one would be remiss not to notice that Susan is also an excellent line dancer!

Susan and Barry have been married almost 33 years!!

Love makes me.....

When I think of **Love**, I think of my Valentine (Josh) and how blessed I am to have him. I think **Love** is loving and seeing good in everyone --*Shirlene and Josh Severt*

When I first hear the word **Love**, I think of my husband of 29 years. When we first met - he was 18 and I was 16 - we thought we knew what **Love** was. We married when he was 23 and I was 21. We thought we knew what **Love** was then, as well. Now, 29 years later, we realize that **Love** just keeps on growing year after year - when you **Love** your best friend and you make it a priority in your life. --*Kim Tetzlaff*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - THROUGH MAY

Date	Event	Location	Time	DJ/Band
Saturday February 19	All Hearts Dance	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	Gene Sistare
Friday-Sunday February 25-27	ACSC Winter Workshop	Columbia, SC		Pat and Eddie Hicks will represent BMSC
Tuesday's (Beginning March 1	Free Beginner Shag Lessons (with \$15 membership to BMSC)	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	7:00-8:00	Pat and Eddie Hicks
Tuesday, March 1	Celebrate at the Helping Hop (American Red Cross)	American Legion, Blowing Rock	6:30-9:30	George Brown
Thursday-Saturday March 3-5	20th Anniversary of DJ Throwdown	Spanish Galleon Myrtle Beach, SC		Legends of the Beach Fantastic Shakers
Saturday, March 12 (not 19th)	Spring Shag at BMSC & Cruise	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	Roy Childress
Thursday-Saturday March 17-19	Smoky Mountain Boogie	Holiday Inn Resort Pigeon Forge, TN		
Saturday, March 19	Return to the Roadhouse Blues (benefit for the Children's Security Blanket)	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Arena	7:00 p.m.	Delbert McClinton
Friday-Saturday March 25-26	Capital City Shag Extravaganza 2	Columbia, SC		
Saturday, March 26	Dancin' with the Stars (Alleghany Education Foundation)	Silver Dollar Music Park Sparta, NC		Featuring our own STARS Susan and Barry Irwin
Friday-Sunday April 8-17	SOS Spring Safari	North Myrtle Beach, SC		
Saturday April 16	Why Don't We Just Dance	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	George Brown
Saturday May 14	Celebrate Mother's in May	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 -11:00	Gene Hensley
Saturday May 21	Yadkin Valley Wine Festival	Elkin, NC		

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Membership - \$15

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