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A time for thanks!

...Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving. ~W.T. Purkiser

With Veterans Day fresh on our minds, let us give thanks not only at this time of the year, but everyday to our veterans, soldiers and their families for their sacrifices in protecting our freedom! These courageous men and women fought and died for the liberty and freedom of all. God Bless the USA!

Another Thanksgiving is soon upon us, and our thoughts race to a wonderful Thanksgiving meal and time with family and friends. The traditional meal, turkey with all the trimmings is on our minds, and the menu we will prepare for our Thanksgiving dinner. It's a great time to get together with families, and see loved ones we haven't seen in a long time. There are many and often very personal reasons for loving the holiday season. It could be sharing Thanksgiving with a new baby in the family, a new marriage being celebrated for the first time together at this holiday or spending time with a loved one who is ill, but ready to share another holiday with the family. Whatever the reason, may you and your family be blessed during this Thanksgiving!

While we are fortunate to share a Thanksgiving meal with our families, let us also take time to think of those who are less fortunate. Sometimes without even thinking, we take a lot for granted. We think nothing about going to the grocery store and picking out the food we will prepare for our Thanksgiving dinner. Sometimes we are very extravagant in that we don't even look at the prices of food, because we don't have to worry about that so much. If that's what we are going to prepare for our dinner, then, we get it. Do we ever once think about those families who are struggling just to have any food on their table? Next time you visit the grocery store, pick up a little extra for a local food pantry, homeless shelter, or possibly a neighbor in need. Doing so will make their holiday a little brighter and you will receive a great deal of satisfaction.

Doing something for someone else puts us in a better frame of mind, no matter how small the deed, we are blessed when we give. Thanksgiving means more than turkey and football. It is another day to give thanks for all our blessings.

See you on the dance floor!!

Pat Hicks



*Ssshhhhh....It may be a "Silent Auction"
but let's make noise and get those bids going!*

*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.
~John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

Our Silent Auction this year is a very good way that BMSC is helping to make a difference and help a family to be able to have a Thanksgiving meal. The canned goods and staples you bring to the dance will end up on their table. The items we auction will put money in the hands of deserving charities selected by our club this year. One hundred percent of the profits from the Silent Auction will be divided between four (4) charities, BROCC (Blue Ridge Opportunities Council), Samaritan's Ministry, Hospice of Wilkes and JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

This year we chose to donate to JDRF, in honor of Josh Severt, a lifetime honorary member of Brushy Mountain Shag club. He is a young man who lives with Type 1 Diabetes every day. When Josh looks at you and smiles, you only see that smile and you would not know he struggles with this disease that affects millions of children each year. Keep smiling Josh, because you put a smile in everyone's heart that knows you.

Sincere THANKS to Tim Hauser, the chairman of our Silent Auction. You would not realize how much time and work Tim has put into this. He has walked the streets of Wilkes getting donations for BMSC, and we are so lucky to have him in our club. Tim has spent countless hours at the computer getting together the bid sheets and sending out emails with the list of items to bid. When you see Tim at the dance, please thank him personally for all he has done to make this silent auction a success.

Special thanks to the members of our club who got out there as well and got donations for the silent auction and thank s to you who sold the Belk coupons. Every little bit helps! Thanks to all you shag dancers who supported the shag lessons and for your generous donations. Shagging for a cure!

Bring your checkbook and be ready to get great bargains while supporting these worthy charities!

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..if you'd only sent in profiles.....



BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER

Larry Anderson
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DECEMBER

Faye Ayers
 Linda Bartok
 Margaret Butler
 Arlene Coley
 Pat Harding
 Andy Massengill
 JoAnn Payne
 Cindy Pearson
 Cindy Smith
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 Rick Styers
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Comfort Thoughts

- Becky Doran's Mom, Margaret; Robert Bentley's grandson, Mason; Johnny Worley's sister, Helen; and Get Well Wishes to Tim & Patsy Hauser & family
- **Congratulations!** Kathy & Ray Benfield on the birth of grandson, Emmett Ray Joyce 10/31- 8lbs, 13oz.

Did you know?

That Judy is a colon cancer survivor and thanks early detection screenings?

Born "South of the Mason Dixon Line" in Maryland, North Carolinians still consider me to be a yankee! In the summer of 1977, at 18 and after the death of my mother, I moved to North Carolina with my new husband. The marriage didn't last, but 34 years later I'm still here and loving life in NC.

I came from a large family in today's standards....but typical of many Catholic families. My parents started a tradition that I apparently felt compelled to carry on. I was the fifth of six kids: Janet, Joyce, John, Joanne, Judy and Josiah....hence the tradition of names beginning with the letter "J". And....all four of the Moser girls are left handed! I, myself, have been blessed with two children and a step-daughter, Jennifer, Jenna and Jonathan. I must have laid some type of guilt trip on my daughter, who five years ago married, "Jay". This past March....one of my very favorite blessings came along...and her name is "Jayden". I won't mention that my husband's name also started with a "J". I also have two very special folks in my life whose names don't start with a "J", but being in education....everyone knows you need an "A". Alexander is my step-grandson who lives out of state, and my best friend, Andy! Carolina Blue must run in our veins, as Jonathan will follow his sister's footsteps of being a UNC graduate this December. I'm fortunate that my children received an education that was never afforded to me.

I have worked in education for the past 22+ years. I'm proud to say that although I started off my career with the Mount Airy City Schools as a secretary, I advanced to my position of Director of Testing, Technology and Public Information. I'm glad that those skills I learned as a secretary, help me today with such things as creating the BMSC newsletter! At an early age, my parents instilled in me the value of hard work and responsibility. It's a trait all of the Moser kids are cursed with. I do believe that this trait is what allowed me to advance in my career, even without the proper educational credentials. At one time I was even named Director of Maintenance and Facilities. During that tenure I convinced my maintenance employees to take a refrigeration class saying I would go too. Well, I was the only one to pass the class and received my Universal Refrigeration License. Don't ask me a thing about refrigeration though....as I wouldn't have a clue what you are referencing! This past year I attended UNC School of Government where I received Chief Technology Officer credentials!

I recently began an exercise program and am loving it and the results of those workouts! During my free time, I enjoy taking hikes in Boone with my best friend, dancing with the friends I have made at our wonderful club, family time when all the kids come to visit...and especially taking long drives to Atlanta to visit "Grammies' Girl, Jayden". Life is good and I consider myself extremely blessed! -Judy Walker

Shag-O-Ween 2011



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - THROUGH DECEMBER 2011

Saturday, Nov 12	BMSC Fall Back & Shag and Silent Auction	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Bigfish Calhoun
Saturday, Nov 19	Sandy Beach Shag Club	Morganton Elks Lodge	7:30 - 11:30	DJ Betty Brown
Saturday, December 3	BMSC Christmas Party	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	5:30 - 11:00	DJ Steve Coley
Friday, December 9	Statesville Christmas Party	Statesville VFW Post 2031	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Gene Hensley
Saturday, Dec 10	Boone Christmas Party			
Saturday, Dec 17	Sandy Beach Christmas	Morganton Elks Lodge	7:30 - 11:30	DJ Johnny B
Saturday, Dec 31	BMSC New Years Eve	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Gene Hensley

Brushy Mountain Shag Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3
Elks Lodge, N. Wilkesboro
5:45 - 11:00

Dance to the tunes by DJ Steve Coley

Dinner Begins at Approximately 5:45
Brief Board of Directors Meeting
following Dinner
to include 2012 Elections

Learn a new step taught by our very own Becky and Gary Doran starting at 7:15

Dancing to begin @ 8:00 p.m.

RSVP to patycake@wilkes.net the number planning to attend



Don't Forget to Support Brushy Mountain Shag
Membership - \$15 - SOS Cards Available for \$30 (see Pat Hicks)
Door Prizes Available - Support Area Shag Clubs - Bring those Yummy Desserts