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## It's Fall Y'all!!

*....and although fall SOS has come and gone, we still get to enjoy the crisp air and awesome autumn for a while longer!*

We had a good representation of BMSC at fall SOS and several of our members were 2011 SOS newbies! Hope these 'first-timers' had so much fun, they will continue to go year after year. What happened at SOS stays at SOS! Once the SOS bug bites, you gotta go, year after year. We danced to great beach music played by great deejays, in and out of the clubs, and ate a lot of cheeseburgers. The weather was okay, it rained, but a little rain never stops a shag dancer. We met our dearest friends, met new friends, and even celebrated a friend's birthday at SOS. We learned a few new steps and wore out the soles of our shoes. Shopping! Some of the ladies ventured away from the dance floor to go shopping, but some of us old shaggers can't seem to leave the dance floor when we go to SOS.

The Guinness Record on September 24 was amazing! I heard there were 744 dancers on the floor at the new Aquatic Center in N. Myrtle Beach. And we were all coordinated! Can you imagine Jackie McGee calling the steps and keeping 700+ shag dancers in sync? We did it!! A record we can be proud to share with the other dancers. Again, the word is amazing. Thanks to all the BMSC members and friends who participated in the Guinness - what fun, and what a story to tell your grandkids!

Sixteen shag clubs out of the 100+ clubs sold 100 or more Fun Monday tickets. I am proud to say BMSC sold 100 Fun Monday tickets. What would have made this even better, if someone we sold a ticket to would have won! It is always sad when SOS for the year is over. Thankfully, SOS continues and 2012 tickets are now available for purchase thru BMSC for \$30. SUPPORT SOS - buy a card.

On October 15 we will be hosting our Halloween Shag or Treat dance., dancing to the tunes of our own Deejay, Gene Hensley. Dress your spooky best or....come as a shagger - but make sure you join us for a night of dancing, fellowship and fun! Attempt to figure out who is hidden beneath your neighbors costume, and disguise yourself well too because the costume voted the best will win a 'prize!' You are also in for a special "treat" at this dance...so come with a few extra dollars in your pocket.....:)

Be a part of our shag workshop, arriving by 7:15 pm, and learn a new dance step before the dance!. Better yet, come even earlier and enjoy dinner at the Elks Lodge. They will have a hamburger and hotdog buffet, with all the trimmings, tea or coffee and water is included in the price of \$6.95. "Bar special" for the night is \$2.00 Bud Lite.

See you on the dance floor!!

*Pat Hicks*



# Spinning tunes aren't the only thing that goes round and round...

**"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower". Albert Camus**



## **Did you know?**

### **That Pat and Gene married on Pat's 17th birthday?**

The wheels on the car went round and round as bubbly Pat and Gene Hensley made the trek from their birth town of Asheville to where they now make their home in beautiful Huntersville, NC. The couple built their current home in 1986, but secretly hope to one day buy a place in Land Harbor where many of their friends have a place!

Pat has been in mortgage banking since 1973 and has been employed with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage for 12 years. Gene started his career in 1972 in various types of insurance and retired from the insurance industry in 2004. Now, Gene actually has three full-time jobs.... He has been driving a school bus for North Mecklenburg County Schools since 2005 and he has been a DJ since March 1995 and as if that's not enough, he maintains/landscapes 4 yards. So, as you can see, Gene's a very busy man. On top of all of his paying jobs, Gene receives great satisfaction doing the housework and laundry and keeping Pat happy while she holds down an extremely busy job, that requires a great deal of travel.

Gene and Pat met at a roller skating rink and started their life together 45 years ago as a sophomore and junior at the same high school in Asheville. They celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on June 8th. Gene graduated in 1968 and Pat in 1969 from Clyde A Erwin High School in Asheville. In 1970, Gene received his draft papers to go into the Army. Pat moved back in with her parents and Gene went to basic and AIT training. He received orders to go to Hanau, Germany where Pat joined him 3 months later and they stayed in Germany for almost 2 years. Their son was conceived and born in Frankfurt, Germany and 6 months old before they returned to the United States. When their son was 9 months old they moved to Charlotte, North Carolina.

They have one son, Greg, daughter in law, Pam and two grandsons. AJ is 12 and Ashton is 9. Pat and Gene were very fortunate to have them living 4 houses up the street from them for almost 12 years. They have been living there since AJ was 5 months old. In August of this year, they sold their house in Huntersville and moved to Davidson, North Carolina. Although it's not as close as they once lived, they are still only 11 miles away. Grandsons, AJ and Ashton keep their grandparents busy attending events and cheering them on regardless of whether they are playing basketball, baseball or football!

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# Genuine Gene Got the Gold Record in Wife, Pat



## BIRTHDAYS



### OCTOBER

Press Anderson  
Jim Conley  
Steve Davidson  
Tyree Harding  
Paul Holliday  
Barry Irwin  
Robin Morley  
Sue Padgett  
Miriam Pittman  
Kim Tetzlaff  
Brenda Tomlinson  
Judy Walker  
Connie Yokum

### NOVEMBER

Larry Anderson  
Richard Elledge  
Eddie Hicks  
Dick Higby  
Jeff Smith  
Kathy Taylor  
Zana Younger



### Comfort Thoughts

- Becky Doran's Mom, Margaret; Robert Bentley's grandson, Mason; James Hudson; Tammy Wyatt; Barry Irwin; and, Andy & Elaine Royall

### Congratulations!

- Kim Newman on the birth of her grandson

## Did you know?

*That the Hensley's celebrated Pat's big "0" birthday with an Alaskan cruise, along with many other special celebrations?*

Pat and Gene were first introduced to the shag world in 1991 with TK and Mary Robinette as the instructors at the Holiday Inn in Cornelius, NC. This is also where Gene started his career as a DJ. He has been a member of the DJ Association for years and is a lifetime member.

As busy as the couple is, they are very proud "Charter members" of Brushy Mountain Shag Club. They are also members of Lake Norman Shag Club, Statesville Shag Club, Charlotte Shag Club and Society of Tar heel Shag Club. Their favorite song is, "I Need You Now" by Lady Antebellum. They really have many favorite songs.

Favorite hobbies include spending family time and watching their grandsons play various types of ball. They love spending quality time together just hanging out on their screened-in porch and building a fire on the patio. They enjoy shagging, attending shag events in different areas and spending time with their friends. They just went on an Alaskan cruise in August with great friends and celebrated several birthdays, anniversaries and retirements. Gene spends lots of time in his office playing and working on music and really enjoying sharing his music with friends. Pat loves to cook and especially bake.

Pat's favorite recipe to fix for Gene is her yummy **Baked Macaroni and Cheese**

8 oz box elbow macaroni

1/2 stick of butter

2 large eggs

Large can of evaporated milk (it is almost 2 cups, finish filling with whole milk to make 2 cups)

Mix thoroughly with whisk

4 cups shredded sharp cheese

Dash of salt and pepper

Cook macaroni until tender...drain water and add salt and pepper. Pour into a 8 x 11 greased glass dish.

Mix in 1/2 stick butter until melted. Sprinkle 1/2 of the shredded sharp cheese on top. Pour the 2 cup egg and milk mixture on top of cheese. Top with remaining cheese and sprinkle with paprika.

Bake at 350 for 28 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes prior to serving.

Not surprisingly, Gene's favorite saying is, "If you will get me the name of the song and artist, I will be glad to look for that song for you." Pat can be heard saying, "I love you" to her family and friends. BMSC returns that love and expresses our sincere thanks to the both of you for making it possible for us to enjoy the tunes of Genuine Gene and his lovely bride, Pat!

### BMSC Members



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - THROUGH DECEMBER 2011

Saturday, October 15	BMSC Shag or Treat	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Gene Hensley
Wed., October 19	Free Shag Lessons	Oakwoods Country Club	7:00 - 8:00	Shagging for a Cure of Junvenile Diabetes
Fri-Sat., Oct 21-22	MESS Fall Bash	Johnson City, TN		
Wed., October 26	Free Shag Lessons	Oakwoods Country Club	7:00 - 8:00	Shagging for a Cure of Junvenile Diabetes
Friday, October 28	Statesville Shag Club	Statesville VFW Post 2031	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Gene Sistare
Saturday, October 29	Sandy Beach Shag Club	Morganton Elks Lodge	7:30 - 11:30	DJ Mac Mast
Wed., November 2	Free Shag Lessons	Oakwoods Country Club	7:00 - 8:00	Shagging for a Cure of Junvenile Diabetes
Friday, November 11	Statesville Shag Club	Statesville VFW Post 2031	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Bigfish Calhoun
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	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Steve Coley
Friday, December 9	Statesville Christmas Party	Statesville VFW Post 2031	8:00 - 11:30	DJ Gene Hensley
Sat., December 10	Boone Christmas Party			
Sat., December 17	Sandy Beach Christmas	Morganton Elks Lodge	7:30 - 11:30	DJ Johnny B
Sat., December 31	BMSC New Years Eve	Elks Lodge N. Wilkesboro	8:00 - 11:00	DJ Gene Hensley

### MONSTER COOKIES



3 eggs	2 tsp baking soda
1 1/4 cup brown sugar	1 cup peanut butter
1 cup white sugar	3/4 cup choc chips
1 stick butter	3/4 cup M&Ms
5 cups oatmeal (or more***)	3/4 cup Reeces Pieces
1 tsp vanilla	1/2 cup coconut

Drop by rounded spoonful on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350 for 12 minutes  
 \*\*\*\*No flour is used so if too sticky when trying to drop by rounded TBL add more oatmeal

**Volunteers needed to solicit items and donations for our Silent Auction. Contact Pat Hicks**

**Don't Forget to Support Brushy Mountain Shag  
 Membership - \$15  
 Door Prizes Available - Support Area Shag Clubs - Bring those Yummy Desserts**