A Tribute to Dan

By Minette Thompson

There are about 30 people in our club who have been members since 2000 or before, and while I know most of you, there are few I’ve known as well as I knew Dan. I know so many of you also knew him, laughed with him, have a story to share about him and considered him a friend—and I’m taking this opportunity to share my reflections about his dear man.

In my mind, he and Patti have always been there, and while I can’t remember the first time I met them—I also can’t remember a time when they weren’t a part of the club and therefore, a part of my life. We really got to know each other early on when they joined our dance class and like the rest of us in those early days, became addicted to learning to shag. The four of us attended lessons every week for years and rarely missed a dance until somewhat recently, when Dan’s illness made dancing too uncomfortable for him. As someone who loved dancing and socializing and more than that, loved having a captive audience for his jokes and stories (whether it was Patti, a hapless waitress, our dance class, or all the ladies in their swim class at the gym...), we knew how awful Dan must’ve been feeling to have to stay home on Monday nights and on dance nights. Many times they came and he had to sit most of the time...such a cruel twist for two who truly loved dancing and our music...and finally they stopped coming at all. The only ones who were sadder than he and Patti were those of us left in the class—yet we always had hope that they’d be able to return some day. But for close to a decade, a group of us all traveled out of town together, shared many a meal together, and spent a lot of time together—and it was all good...

Dan served as Treasurer on the Board of our club for 6 years—from 2004 to 2010, and in his tenure, he provided continuity, positivity and common sense opinions that helped form the rebirth of our club. He took us to new levels in the realm of the accuracy and organization of data by developing a coding system that demystified our record-keeping. He did so much more, too—from printing labels at the 11th hour, preparing our income tax returns professionally and correctly, prepping the newsletters for mailing with Patti, meeting our BIB guest instructors at the airport to bring them to the Embassy Suites—and established good friendships with many of them along the way, working the door at dances, doing dance demos to promote our dance and our club, taking copious notes at dance lessons so that sometimes only he could remember what we had learned, and going out of his way to bring a smile, which he always did—he and Patti loved this club so much, there wasn’t anything they wouldn’t do to help...and their support in the darker days of our club lent credibility and respect to our club when we worried it couldn’t survive. Many people stayed involved because they saw that Dan and Patti did, and if they did, others thought it must be all right for them, too. They were an inseparable team—Patti often cast as the “straight man”, the only person who could consistently make him (and others) laugh aloud with her equally witty and deadpan zingers in response to his barrage of non-stop wisecracks.
Everyone who knew Dan and Patti were touched by them—the love and joy they shared with each other rubbed off on those around them. Dan was happy with his life and couldn’t help but spread good cheer wherever he went. As those of you who knew him soon realized, he was really funny. And while his humor was as obvious as his devotion to his religious beliefs, some people never realized how truly brilliant he was—one of many juxtapositions where Dan was concerned!

To name a few,

...he was a most brilliant engineer (he worked on the early Trident and Poseidon Ballistic Missile Submarine programs, as well as helped to design the first computer to control Ford engines), but was so color blind that when Patti went away, the best method he could think of to look presentable at work was to have Patti match up and tag his wardrobe (think ‘Kanga-Roos’) before she could leave...

...he was a devoutly religious person, but always had a devilish twinkle in his eye (and acted the part as both a youngster and adult), and got the biggest kick out of mildly off-color jokes, his fake bum, his beloved whoopee cushion, and “swimming” at night off their boat with Patti...

...he was a meticulous computer geek who could do anything computer-related (e.g. write complex programs, develop systems to keep our club data base, send early mass emails and keep perfect treasury records while doing the same for his & Patti’s personal records), yet his garage was packed so solid with his stuff that he and Patti’s vehicles had a permanent spot in the driveway—this, despite being the butt of endless jokes and good-natured needling from Patti and those of us who knew, in our feeble attempts to try to shame him into tackling it!

...he was the most generous of spirits, who was compelled to give you a glowing compliment on anything he noticed every time he saw you, yet when it came to himself, he had such self-deprecating humor that he’d crack himself up!

...he was an adult who loved learning, but who, as a schoolboy, took great pleasure misbehaving and often torturing his teachers and any other adult in the educational system as only a true scamp can—and loved telling us stories about his misadventures!

...he was a “saint” who was so terribly ill for so very long, but who never once complained, never lost his sense of humor, and had nothing but hope for recovery.

...he was a truly loving and unselfish person who made you feel so special, when he was the special one—beloved by all as either a husband, father, grandfather, or friend to countless others.

There is so much more to tell about Dan, and as I’ve written this, I couldn’t wipe the grin from my face. He will never truly be gone, because he will remain always in our hearts and memory, and I know that like me, thoughts of him will always make you smile. He’s where he always dreamed of being, and I like to think he’s still spreading his good-natured good humor as he continues the journey we can only imagine. So fare well, dear friend—and know that you will always be loved and will never be forgotten...
Boogie in the Burgh~#19!
~ April 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2017 ~

SCBC Dates to Mark on Your Calendar
Attend 5 regular dances and you can come to our Holiday Dinner Dance for FREE!
Admission for regular dances unless otherwise noted: $5 members/$8 nonmembers

2016

August

• Sunday, August 7
  Regular Dance
  Antonelli’s in Irwin
  2:00-6:00
  Menus available~plan to stay for dinner!!

• Friday, August 19
  DUTS #2
  Avonworth Pavilion
  6:00-10:00 pm
  This is our BIB ’16 Thank You Dance!
  We’re providing all beverages and heavy appetizers!!
  Members: Admission is FREE. Please register by calling our Hotline @ 724-728-SCBC.
  Nonmembers: Admission is $8. Please pre-pay (info on pg. 4).
  If you decide to come at the last minute, just call the Hotline @ 724-728-SCBC.

• Sunday, August 28
  Regular Dance
  E. Pgh. VFW
  401 Draper St. E. Pgh., PA
  3:00-7:00
  Menus available~plan to stay for dinner!!

September

• Tuesday, September 20
  SOS PARTY in NMB
  OD Beach Club Café
  Noon – 4:00
  Free admission and appetizers for members and nonmembers!

SCBC Hotline: 724-728-SCBC (7222)
SCBC Website: steelcityboogieclub.org
BIB Website: boogieintheburgh.com
Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/steelcityboogieclub
President’s Message  by Minette Thompson

As most of you know, we have recently lost a wonderful friend in our club, Dan Baker. Dan and Patti became members of the SCBC early on, rarely missed a dance and helped our Club grow through the years. I have many fond memories of Dan, as I know many of you do, and will share my thoughts about him in a tribute to my friend. He will be terribly missed and I know Patti would appreciate hearing from you every now and then.

Other changes abound as well. At our General Membership Meeting back at the end of May, we took nominations for the positions of 2nd VP, Treasurer, and Secretary, as per the by-laws. While I wish more of our members had attended this annual meeting, I am grateful for the people who came. Debbie Fowlow has moved from her position as Secretary to 2nd VP, Kathleen Reid is our new Treasurer, and Mary Seifert is our new Secretary. Each of these women are enthusiastic members of our club and I know they will do a great job in their respective offices. When you see them at dances, please take a moment to thank them for volunteering their time and efforts from which we all benefit. Mike Kania, who has done fantastic work as our Treasurer since 2010, chose not to run again so he can be free to travel in his retirement, but true to form, he is doing what’s in the best interest of the club and is volunteering more of his time to mentor Kathleen on the methodology he developed while in office. I have every confidence this transition will be seamless.

Our first “Dancing Under the Stars” was a blast! Over 130 dancers attended, and even though it was warm, everyone had a great time. DJ Bugger played the music that kept us all dancing and the array of ‘frosty beverages’ kept us cool! A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who came early to help load and unload the van, decorate, and set up for the evening, as well as all of you who stayed after to help clean up. We need your help to successfully do these events, and your help that night was appreciated.

Our Summer Picnic is fast approaching On Sunday, July 17th and the numbers are climbing—if you plan to attend, please get your payment and registration in asap so that Ed Fedorchak, who is chairing this event, can plan the food purchase. We’ll provide hamburgers and hot dogs, a side or two, and all beverages, but ask that you bring a side (preferably) or dessert to share. We realize that sometimes you don’t know if you can come until the last minute, and while you’re always welcome, if you even think you’re coming, why not register early? Many took advantage of the pre-pay deal in which we offered a discount if you registered and paid for all three summer events early, which those of us chairing the events appreciated immensely. By the way, Nancy Elias was the lucky winner of the $15 refund, which was the incentive offered for registering/paying early!!

Finally, don’t forget about our second “Dancing Under the Stars” on Friday, August 19th. This event is FREE to members—another way the Board seeks to ‘give back to the members’ and as a thanks to all who contributed to making our last Boogie in the Burgh yet another rousing success! We’ll provide enough heavy appetizers that no one should go away hungry, and beverages will again be provided. Remember, all are always welcomed!

Read on for more about what we have planned through Fall—and thanks to all of you for being a part of our ever-growing and caring family of dancers.

SCBC Information Hotline 724-728-SCBC (7222)
SCBC Executive Committee Officers

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Executive Committee meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm and any member may attend. Any member who wishes a voice on matters of Club direction must submit his/her request, in writing, to any officer or director no later than 72 hours prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, the intent and purpose of said voice so as to be put on the agenda of that meeting.

CLUB BUSINESS NEWS

“Picnic in the Park”
Where? Avonworth Park Pavilion 498 Camp Horne Rd. Pgh., PA 15237
When? Sunday, July 17th, noon - 6:00 pm
How much? $10 members $15 nonmembers (Please pay in advance!)

We’ll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, a side or two, all beverages, DJ Kevin Mahoney, DJ JD Merkel, Chinese Auction, 50/50, Fun Monday ticket raffle, Condo at the Beach ticket raffle & GREAT company!!

Executive Committee Meetings
All Members Welcome!!
These meetings will be held at 7:30 at the Perkin’s Restaurant~20013 Rte.19 in Cranberry off of I-79.
Tuesday, July 26th
Tuesday, August 30th

July
Summertime Late Afternoon Dining & Dancing

10th ~East Pgh. VFW
401 Draper Street
E. Pgh., PA 15112
-DJ JD Merkel
-3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
-$5-members/$8 non

24th ~Antonelli’s in Irwin
-2:00-6:00
-DJ Bugger
-Plan to have dinner at Woody’s Piazza Ristorante (choices for every wallet!)

Good Websites and Email Addresses:
Steel City Boogie Club (SCBC)- www.steelcityboogieclub.org
Boogie in the Burgh (BIB) – boogieintheburgh.com
American Bop Association (ABA) – www.americanbopassociation.com
Association of Carolina Shag Clubs (ACSC) – www.shaqdance.com
Minette Thompson, President – minette@centurylink.net

Boogie Beat is usually published bimonthly. Member articles welcomed.
Editor: Minette Thompson
ABA/ACSC “Boogie on the Road”: Mary Seifert ~ Mailing Prep Volunteers: Monday night dance class

Member of the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs ● Member of the American Bop Association
Member of the National Association of Rhythm & Blues Dee Jays
The SCBC is a non-profit social organization, dedicated to the preservation and promotion of fast dancing (Jitterbug, W. C. Swing, Shag, Bop, etc.) and Rhythm & Blues, rock & roll “oldies”, Bop and Beach Music.
**Birthdays**

**July**
- Theresa Barone
- Connie Bayer
- Mike Bejzak
- Jean Binus
- Ashley Binus
- Sal Colella
- Clem Corso
- Dan Damratoski
- Helen D’Antonio
- Angela Drnevich
- Zach Economos
- Jim Farley
- Tom Fowlow
- Judee Henderson
- Don Iezzi
- Pam Jacobs
- Gino Jesensky
- Diana Kania
- Ed Leheny
- Tim McGrogan
- Cheryl Minnich
- Lana Penniman
- Faith Popovich
- Richard Silk
- Bob Spiotta
- Cheryl Szymanski
- Penny Thomas
- Harry Vallecorsa
- Tom Volzer

**August**
- Sou Kwei Arndt-Ryan
- Tony Azzarello
- Eileen Ball
- Claudia Bacco
- Karl Bayer
- Tony Brahler
- Linda Chmura
- Nancy Cole
- June Crain
- Nancy Elias
- Marshall Grindle
- Bill Hapach
- Debbie Hildebrand
- Michelle Hoobs
- Paul Kerr
- John Micco
- Bruce Minnich
- Philip Moody
- Frank Nix
- T.J. Parrish
- Jerome Price
- Burt Quinn
- Paul Rassau
- Kathleen Reid
- Art Rosenkeimer
- Donna Sherer
- Kathy Spinogatti
- John Steele
- Dawn Stout
- Penny Ann Thomas

**September**
- Nancy Brockhoff
- Ginger Brown
- Pamela Carney
- Judy Elias
- Fred Haynes
- Michelle Hoobs
- Gretchen Johns
- Jane Kerr
- Ed Leheny
- Lou Mansueti
- JD Merkel
- Dave Ondek
- Debbie Pulkowski
- Kathy Spinogatti
- Lou Spinogatti
- Dick Thomas
- Mimi Weaver

**Short notes from the ♥ Welcome New Members!**

| Linda Hartman | Mary Elena & Fred Sniezek |

**Our Deepest Sympathy to...**

...Diana Kania, who lost her sister recently...
...to Patti Baker, on Dan’s passing...

**Get Well wishes to...**

...John Steele and Penny Thomas who are always in our thoughts...
...June Crain, who is doing well...

**Congratulations to...**

...Ruth & Bob Kosar on their marriage...
...Linda Main, as she leaves us for NMB...

**Thank You to...**

...Mary Ann Busch for donating the “Red, White, & Blue” Chinese Auction basket.
...the Rampa’s for donating several wicker baskets for future use...

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**SCBC Merchandise:**

- T-shirts: $10.00
- Denim shirts: $35.00
- Golf shirts: $25.00
- Ladies’ Tanks/strap: $10/$15
- ¾ sleeve V-neck: $15
- Beach Towels: $20.00
- Chair Covers: $15.00
- Window Clings: $2

See the display at some of our dances or call our Hotline for more information.

**SCBC Directory**

- American Bop Association: Linda Main 724-222-5344
- Asso. of Carolina Shag Clubs: Art Rosenkeimer 412-366-1651
- Boogie in the Burgh 2017: Ed Fedorchak 412-654-7953
- BIB-2017 Vice-Chair: Minette Thompson 724-538-3127
- Dance Instruction-weekly: Ed Fedorchak 412-654-7953
- Dance Operations: The SCBC Board 724-728-7222
- Email Communications: Ed Fedorchak 412-654-7953
- Email Communications: John Reid 724-814-0724
- Membership*: Ed Fedorchak 412-654-7953
- Membership Co-chair: Debbie Fowlow 724-944-2093
- Merchandising: Minette Thompson 724-538-3127
- Newsletter*: Minette Thompson 724-538-3127
- Parliamentarian*: Jerry Binus 724-728-7222
- Special Events*: Minette Thompson 724-538-3127
- Website: Jim Hawthorne 412-856-6772

*Standing Committees

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**Monday Night Dance Lessons**

If you want to learn to Shag (or even Jitterbug) call Ed Fedorchak at 412-654-7953 to join us for beginner lessons at 6:30. If you’d like to come to join in with the intermediate group, be at the Days Inn on Banksville Road at 7:30!

Members: $3  Nonmembers: $5

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**Members’ Corner**

* Standing Committees

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**Mike Kania** has served as our Treasurer since 2010, and continually demonstrated his outstanding ability to electronically streamline the vast financial record-keeping aspects of this position. He made the reports complete, easy to understand, current, and available. He did our taxes, prepared our yearly audit, kept the books balanced, paid bills, and kept track of both our Operations and BIB accounts. He got us tied into electronic banking so he could see any transactions immediately. Mike quickly grasped the dynamics of all of our club business and never hesitated to voice his well-reasoned opinions on every important matter that we have faced during his tenure. He was instrumental in updating the by-laws and donated countless hours of his time serving us with professionalism and integrity. On behalf of the membership, the Board extends a most sincere thank you to Mike for the obvious commitment he has shown in the many years he has served and for a job well done!

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*Thank you, Mike! Enjoy your retirement!*
SCBC Bulletin Board

- Once again, if you attend 5 or more regular dances in 2016, you will be able to attend our Christmas Dance in December for FREE! Check your address label for the number you’ve attended as of this printing.
- We have 9 SOS passes left. If you need one for the Fall Migration, you can buy one at the next dance.
- We will continue selling Fun Monday raffle tickets (& $1 chances to win one) all summer. Your $10 raffle ticket purchase pays for the Fun Sunday & Monday bands performing live on Main St. during SOS. Five winning tickets will be drawn on Fun Monday for $7500, $2000, $1000, $500, $250. You don’t have to be present to win!
- South Strand Shag Club in Pawley’s Island, SC is sponsoring a fund raiser to benefit junior shaggers, & we’re helping by selling $10 raffle tickets. The winner wins a 4 bedroom, 3 bath condo for a week (September 17-24) during the Fall Migration at the Ocean Bay Club in NMB (a short walk to Main St.). The drawing will be held on August 4 so the winner can cancel their rental! You can check it out at www.condoworld.com-click on NMB & then Ocean Bay Club condo #1210.
- We extend our apologies to anyone who did not know that we have cancelled further dances at the Cranberry Elks. Our revised schedule has been announced at all dances and has been on our website & Hotline. After 10 years there, attendance had dwindled & the board decided to pursue other venues.

Boogie on the Road
by Mary Seifert

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<td>SPARKLE CITY CELEBRATION 2016 (ABA) (ASCS)</td>
<td>July 22-24, 2016 R &amp; B Shag Club $75 ($85 after cutoff)</td>
<td>Marriott Renaissance Park, Spartanburg, SC Contact: Jerry Easler, (864) 978-9207, <a href="mailto:jbeasler@yahoo.com">jbeasler@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="http://www.rbshagclub.org">www.rbshagclub.org</a></td>
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<td>MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE FOR A SAND FLEA REUNION (ASCS)</td>
<td>August 5-6, 2016 Carolina Shag Club $55 until June 30 ($60 after)</td>
<td>Hilton Greenville, Greenville, SC Contact: Steve Woodard, (864) 477-0728, <a href="mailto:swoodardjr@gmail.com">swoodardjr@gmail.com</a> or <a href="http://www.carolinashagclub.com">www.carolinashagclub.com</a></td>
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<td>BOOGIE ON THE JAMES/ “LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL” PARTY (ASCS)</td>
<td>August 5-6, 2016 The Richmond Shag Club $90 before July 1 ($95 after)</td>
<td>Four Points by Sheraton-Richmond Hotel, Richmond, VA Contact: Joan Byrnes, (804) 270-1454, <a href="mailto:jbyrnes425@verizon.net">jbyrnes425@verizon.net</a> Web: ”2016 Boogie on the James Aug 5-6”</td>
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<td>BOOGIE BASH 2016 (ABA)</td>
<td>August 11-13, 2016 Mid-Ohio Boogie Club $95 before Aug. 15 ($105 after)</td>
<td>Crown Plaza, Dublin, OH Contact: Georgia Watson, (614) 939-1844, <a href="mailto:dancer45678@mac.com">dancer45678@mac.com</a></td>
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<td>THE 15TH RUNWAY BOOGIE (ASCS)</td>
<td>August 19-20, 2016 The Beckley Shag Club Cost: TBA</td>
<td>Hern’s Hangar, Beaver, WV Contact: Karen Callahan, (304) 228-3757, <a href="mailto:Karen@beckleyshagclub.com">Karen@beckleyshagclub.com</a></td>
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<td>ROLLIN’ ON THE RIVER 2016 (ASCS)</td>
<td>September 1-5, 2016 West County Swing Dance Club $67 before Aug. 17 ($77 after)</td>
<td>Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet, St. Louis, MO Contact: Mary Ann Pfeiffer, (314) 629-3653, <a href="mailto:maryannp1916@gmail.com">maryannp1916@gmail.com</a></td>
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SCBC’s "Picnic in the Park" and/or "DUTS #2" - Registration/Payment Form
Avonworth Park Pavilion Summer Events

Name(s) __________________________

Contact Info (to confirm receipt) __________________________

Enclosed is check for the "Picnic in the Park" on Sunday, July 17th. ($10 members/$15 nonmembers)
(We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, a few side dishes, all beverages, DJs Kevin Mahoney & JD Merkel, a Chinese Auction, 50/50, and a day of dancing from noon-6:00! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!!)

I/we want to register for "DUTS #2" on Friday, August 19th. (FREE for members/$8 nonmembers)
(This is our Thank You dance for your support of this year’s Boogie in the Burgh! We will provide heavy appetizers, all beverages, music by DJ JD from 6:00-10:00, and a 50/50! All are welcome!!)

Make your check to “SCBC” and mail it to: SCBC ~ PO Box 101095 ~ Pgh., PA 15237
Many of you are going to SOS (Sept. 16-25, 2016) for the first time and, understandably, have some questions about it. So here is a brief rundown of things you may be wondering...

**Main Street**

All the action happens on Main Street. That’s where the dance clubs are and why you want to stay within easy walking distance of it if you can. Main Street is perpendicular to Ocean Drive (OD) which, as the name implies, runs parallel to the beach. Most of the hotels and condos that dancers like to rent are on or around OD, very close to Main Street. Everything near the intersection of Main Street and OD is in close proximity, as this part of NMB has an old beach town feel and look to it. When you arrive, walk up Main Street and get yourself a free Carefree Times newspaper, as it lists everything that’s happening in all the clubs during SOS. Many of the shops along Main Street will have stacks of them right inside their door. If you have not gotten your SOS pass yet, you’ll have to buy one for $35. This pass must be shown at all clubs for free admissions, so be sure you always have it with you (many people wear theirs on a lanyard). You can buy one at the SOS Company Store, which is located a block south of the OD Arcade on OD. The SOS Company Store also has the Carefree Times and a nice array of SOS souvenirs. There is also usually a tent selling the passes in front of the OD Beach & Golf Resort at the intersection of OD and Main Street. Groceries are sold at the other end of Main St., near 17 at Bi-Lo or Kroger, and Walmart is a few streets north on Rte. 17. Restaurants abound both north and south on 17.

**Clubs**

You’ll find Pittsburghers dancing at all of the clubs. Typically, you’ll find some West Coasters at “Duck’s” since they often play a lot of smoothies; Shaggers and Jitterbuggers at “Pirate’s Cove” since they often play a lot of R & B boogie; everyone at “Fat Harold’s”—it’s always so packed you can hardly move, but there’s usually room on the dance floor; a mixed crowd at the “OD Beach Club” and the “Spanish Galleon” (housed in the OD Beach and Golf Resort); Shaggers only at the “OD Pavilion”; and a mixed crowd at the “OD Arcade”. You can walk from place to place until you find what you like! You’ll always see a lot of Club members sitting outside “Dairy King” (the ice cream shop!) at night near the corner of OD & Main St. and on the beach close to the Main Street entrance during the day. Lessons are offered at all clubs during the day or you can shop or go to the beach. Things get crazy, particularly on the weekends when everyone comes out and it’s packed everywhere. Don’t forget about Fun Sunday and Fun Monday, when there will be 2 days of free entertainment in the Main Street area. Bring a chair & cool drinks if you like.

**SCBC SOS Party**

Our Club party is on Tuesday the 20th at the OD Beach Club from noon-4. We will have free finger food so be sure to let other members know and bring a guest as well. We’re having Betty Brown and Buck Crumpton DJ for the afternoon—you don’t want to miss it! Be sure to wear your club t-shirt!

**Lodging**

As far as where to stay, make sure you ask exactly how far they are from Main Street. The first three places below seem like the most popular places, but people stay in other places as well. The contact numbers are dated, so you might have to go online to check:

3. The Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort (The Spanish Galleon and OD Beach Club are here)~ www.oceandriveresort.com ~1-800-438-9590.
4. Elliot Beach Rentals (realtor)~ info@northmyrtlebeachtravel.com ~ 888-669-7853
5. Grand Strand Resorts (realtor)~ info@northmyrtlebeachtravel.com ~800-367-6515
6. The Ocean Bay Resort~ www.oceanbayclub.com ~ 888-617-1143
7. The Mar Vista Grande and Wyndham at Ocean Blvd. are also in the vicinity.
8. Ocean Keyes is an enormous complex of relatively new condos within easy walking distance of Main Street and the beach & some are rented weekly. The above-mentioned realtors may be rental agents for some of these condos.