



## **TIM KROSKEY**

Our next inductee takes the concept of “service to his Club” to a “whole ‘nother level”, but let’s first review his journey into the Shag World. Born in Greenville, SC, Tim (and his wife) both grew up in a military family. Later, about 15 years ago, they decided to take a 5-lesson ballroom dance class series in preparation for their son's wedding. They learned some Swing, Rumba, and Foxtrot and with some practice put on pretty good show at their son’s reception. The positive audience response was addictive. In 2013, a friend suggested they check out the local Colonial Shag Club Saturday Night Social. His takeaway...dancers CAN actually smile, actually have some FUN, and NOT have to “hold frame” through every dance. In Shag, he found spontaneity, creativity and an informal social atmosphere that was very attractive to his fun-loving personality.

Tim then took series after series of Shag lessons through the Colonial Shag Club, and the Boogie on the Bay club. He (and his wife) made new friends that introduced them to people from all over the shag world. They met great dancers, famous DJ's, and many professional “partiers”.

As he was introduced to the Shag’s fun lifestyle, he saw that it takes “worker bees” to put on all these fun events, and he responded. He chaired Colonial’s food committee for the holiday-themed and club-sponsored member appreciation dances for five years (2017-2021). Over the years, he personally prepared many main dishes, like pulled pork for 100-plus attendees on 4 occasions, plus ribs and pasta on multiple other occasions as well as crock pot dishes for weekly club dances. Besides his gastronomic contributions, he served on the Colonial Shag Club board 2 years as Director at Large and 3 years as President. In 2016, he personally recruited a class of 32 juniors to take shag lessons to help prepare for their prom and he and his wife have served as shag instructors at weekly Colonial Shag Club dances and supporters of other Club events as well. In 2021, he faced the COVID challenge and helped organize an event to keep the fires burning!

While Tim is a relative newcomer to Shag, in the 10 years of his involvement with Shag, he’s seen the clubs, the music and dancers all change, but one thing remains the same... the people one meets in the Shag community are some of the friendliest, most welcoming people one could ever want to meet and a lot of fun to “hang with”!