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Although, I hailed from Atlanta, I am definitely a "Carolina Girl". I've danced all my life and shagged (aka fas dance) for 59 years. At age 13, dancing at Atlanta high school sock hops, park swimming pools, amusement parks, teen clubs, skating rinks, radio and TV shows, wherever our music was playing. Also, as a teen, several adult clubs i.e. Domino Lounge, Royal Peacock and The Pines, where the best of the black was played. Atlanta was still hopping in my twenties, i.e. Martinque Lounge in Underground Atlanta, as well as others.

After my divorce in 1980 and 4 boys later, the Carolina version of our dance was introduced to me by a long time Atlanta friend, Dennis Michaels, who contacted me as he opened an Atlanta club named "OD South". As soon as Dennis educated me of the happenings of OD, I thought "Shaggers Heaven". Soon after, I attended my first National Shag Dance Championship and yet to miss one. Since 1984, all SOS', been a member of 7 shag clubs, attended HOF events at the Sand Flea and OD, ShagAttack Greenville, & OD, very first Our Times at OD, shag events all over, enjoyed Fat Harolds on the beach, across the street, main street, Ducks, The Pad, H's, Crazy Zacks, The Grill & Arcade (I am a road-runner). Dewey Kennedy, became my first local contest partner since my teens, and was the inspiration and beginning of a 14 year SPA/CSA contestant. Contestant in the National Shag Dance Championships for 5 years, placing 2nd & 5th. Captain of a Shag line-dance team during the Sand Flea competition years. Co-hosted Camp Kemo Fund Raisers for Harold Bessett. A Shag Instructor for 24 years. Recently, 2014 honored and inducted into "The Sand Flea" Living Legends. SC/NC resident since 1992 and resident of OD/Little River for 11 years.

In reflecting, this dance has cheered me when I was blue, brought my wonderful husband, Dennis Boudreau, into my life. If it were not for this dance to entertain me, watching the best of the best, (Ellen Taylor, Babs McIntosh, Sandra Swartz, Jeannie Pack, Jackie McGhee, and other) inspire me, warm me and love me, where would I be today.

Wanting all kids to experience the joy, along with HOF Mimi Benedict, I developed, manage and instruct a Junior Shag and Social monthly at Fat Harolds since February 2011. I have loved coaching and instructing my granddaughter, Karsyn Folds, who is a JR 1 contestant and finalist. I am so very "humbled and proud"- "thank you" for this gracious honor.