



# Janet Harrold 1992

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At this stage of life I feel relatively sure that all this fun and frolic started when I was a child listening to my grandfather playing his harmonica, and his friends with their various other instruments, to country music (then called "Hillbilly"), every Saturday night. Being born in Wilkes county North Carolina, this is all I heard for years. Some say most music that we listen and dance to started with country music. I guess you might say "I was country before I was cool".

After moving to Winston-Salem, still as a young child, my mother made me take tap, ballet, and piano. This continued my interest in music for years.

When I turned thirteen, a local radio station sponsored a "Hi-Fi" Dance for teens only at the Elks Lodge with a live DJ (before his time), every Friday and Saturday. This is where my shagging (also known as "would you like to dance") started. I used to pray I could be in the corner of the room where the "older" shaggers were. Well, thanks (I think), goes to Ed Page. He taught me all of the important steps. But he always said, "Janet, don't do any of these steps, just follow". In other words, stay in your basic. I'm glad I got over that.

Through the years I've danced in contests, (B.S.P.A.) at various clubs. That's when you didn't practice, you just showed up and chose a partner.

I moved to Ocean Drive eight years ago, and I started coordinating contests at Fat Harold's. I serve as Secretary/Treasurer of S.P.A., as well as the committee for "Ourtime". I am also involved in the O.D. Shag Club, now serving as President. I have always loved S.O.S., and have now become involved in the background work. Now, thanks to my peers and friends, I have been inducted into the Beach Shaggers Hall Of Fame!! What an Honor!!

I was kindly referred to at last year's Hall Of Fame induction, as Janet "whips and chains" Harrold by Mr. John Douglas Perry. Unbeknownst to me??? But I will try to continue to try to live up to all of my titles.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this great honor!