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I was born in Laurinburg, NC in 1955. Music was always a big part of my life as both my parents and one of my two brothers were musicians. In 1970, when I was fifteen, I began playing drums as the youngest member of a mostly twenty something dance band. Those years took me through numerous honky tonks in the Carolinas and influenced my life in many ways including my everlasting love of rhythm and blues.

In 1979 my best buddy and I packed our golf clubs and headed for the course.

Somewhere along the way one of us had a revelation and we found ourselves enjoying a cooler of beer in the midst of a beach music festival at the Salisbury fairgrounds. That day we witnessed the shag like neither of us had ever seen before. Kim Maynard was dancing to First Impressions by The Impressions and both of us were in awe of how Kim moved across that dance floor. I knew that I absolutely had to learn to do something that even resembled what Kim had done.

Fast forward to 1987 when I was newly divorced and free to renew my love of our dance. I moved to Fayetteville to run a family owned shoe business where I met Al Cain as he shopped for a new pair of tasseled loafers. Al gave me all the info on the local dance spots and dance classes.

I wanted to learn the right way so I showed up at the next series of dance classes being taught by Don Bunn and Beverly Lewis. Don apparently thought I needed extra attention because he gave me plenty. I had no idea how much influence meeting Al and attending dance classes would have on me, as it was my initiation into a new family of friends that I know will sustain for the rest of my life.

In addition to Don, I've been very fortunate and blessed to have access to and help from other true legends of our dance including Bill Young, OB Knowles, Eddie Monsour, Bob Myrick and Charlie Womble to name a few.

I am truly honored and humbled to be elected into The Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame. To be a part of this particular class consisting of so many fantastic people, dancers and friends only makes it sweeter. I am forever grateful to the Members, the Committee and The Board.