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I was born in Indiantown, South Carolina (sometime in the 1930s) and later moved to the "Jitterbug Capitol of the World" Florence, S.C.!

Our first home in Florence was on Pine Street where my first real friendships were molded . . . with people such as "Pee Wee", "Hoot", and Barnes Howle, and "B.O." Graham. During my McClellan High School days, I hung around with Craig Blackman, Delano Blackmon, Jimmy Calcutt, Buckshot Daniels, and Bobby Rainwater. Most nights and every weekend you would find us dancing with Dell Frazier, Jean Crosby, Effie Lou Harley, Gwen Tootle, Sally Youngblood, Everall Rainwater, Peggy Bailey, and Lila Skinner . . . who later became Lila Munn.

During my freshman year in high school I began my excursions to O.D. and that's where I raised "Wormy" Wall, Sam Shipp, and Jock Green . . . taught Jimmy Calcutt how to fight . . . Ellison Stokes how to run . . . and Leon Williams how to boogie walk! Other beach dancers included Harpo Gardner, "Fat the Cat", Harry Driver, Bobby Hodge, Clayton McManaway, Billy Jeffers, Tommy and Bill Jackson, Ellison Stokes, Buddy Kennedy, George Guffin, "Boxcar" Thompson, and "Snooky" Crawford.

I took my first drink ("PJ") at the Darlington 500 with Buddy Kennedy, George Guffin, Craig Blackman, Bobby Browning, and Jimmy Calcutt.

In 1950 I entered the University of South Carolina and joined the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity . . . also known as "22 Jitterbugs and a Jew" (I always thought Lanny Shay was a Greek!). Included in the "22" were Harry Driver, Clayton McManaway, Buddy Kennedy, Bill Pitman, "Wormy" Wall, Sam Shipp, Wesley Kennedy, Charles McLendon, Hank Fulmer, Bert Bennett, "Booger" Garrick, Lamar Johnson, "Bubba" Brunson, and Hopp Hopkins. In addition to my "22" antics, I was a Carolina cheerleader. "Go Cocks!"

I have always loved dancing at Ocean Drive. It seems as though most of my good friends always show up there. Times have changed O.D. but like fine wine . . . some things just get better with age.