

RRVA NEWS

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance
Association

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July - August



RRVA ELECTED OFFICERS AND COMMISSIONS

STATE DELEGATES: Wayne & Linda Salmon, Tim & Lou Tanner, and Jim & Chesta Owens

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Will & Anna Marie Bogart

CHAPLAIN: Jim & Charlotte Smith

SPECIAL DANCE COORDIANTOR: Eddie & Sondra Dunn

HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK: Tommy Jo Epley

FACILITIES COMMISSION- Chair: Will Bogart, Co-chairs: Norman Deason, Jim Murphy, Mirl Robertson

DELEGATES FOR PAST PRES: Will be decided by past presidents and turned into executive board.

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TELEPHONE: Mary Cason and Martha Painter

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YEARBOOK: Jerry & Sandra Whatley

EDUCATION DIRECTOR: Barbara Standley

50th Anniversary for RRVA: Co-chairs—Ina Roark and Chesta Owens

NEWSLETTER: Michael & Barbara Martini

ASSEMBLER: Leonard Lowry

EMAIL NEWS: Rene Murphy

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

July-August 2012

Submitted by Wayne and Linda Salmon

What can we say? The 2012 "50 Years of Friendship Set to Music" was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped. We cleared more than \$7000 when we looked at the profit and loss, which included the quilt ticket sales over the past year which totaled a little over \$2000, silent auction on the baskets, and split the pot. Each of you who served on a committee did a fantastic job. Your tasks were carried out on time and with efficiency. Many of you who were not actually on a committee volunteered as needed. A huge thank you goes out to each of you who helped in the planning stages and the entire weekend.

Friday night we had 410 preregistered and 125 paid at the door. Our local callers, Mike Bramlett, Robert Walker, and Tim Tanner, did a superb job. Thanks to Chuck Dobson and his cub scouts who presented the colors. Thank you to all who helped in some way. I'm not going to name each area for fear of leaving someone out. We know the effort you displayed and hope that sometime during the Festival weekend we were able to personally express our thanks and appreciation to you. We do appreciate those who attended to dance. When thinking back, most of our local dancers were there at least once during the weekend, either dancing or filling in as needed.

Now, this is our final newsletter. We will have installed Chesta and Jim Owens as the new presidents for 2012-2013 by the time you read this. We appreciate all the support you each have given us during our 3 year tenure as presidents. You are always willing to step up whenever needed and have been excellent supporters of RRVA. Thanks for the privilege of serving alongside you.

Yellow Rocks to all,

Wayne and Linda Salmon



Wichita Falls Solos

What a great State Festival we had! I know everyone worked hard and especially Wayne and Linda Salmon and Tommy Jo and Jerry Epley, plus all of the helpers. From what I heard, we made a lot of money. The quilt raffle was a great success and thanks to those who made it and sold tickets.

Please everyone, thank those who held office in RRVA. Our Presidents Wayne and Linda have been great to attend all of the dances, workshops, and lessons for three years. This does not include traveling to State Meetings at their own expense. Sandra Whatley also served three years. While we are thanking folks, remember those who took office this year and volunteer to help where you can.

The Solos want to thank all of you that come out and support dances and Pot Luck Supper and Work Shops. In June we had visitors from Levis & Lace, RRVA Presidents and Presidents Elect, Swinging Stars and Wichita Wranglers. We also had two ladies from Florida, Helena and Mary, who stopped on their way to the Nationals in Spokane, Washington. Thanks to Tim Tanner for calling for us and Charlie Sanders for calling a tip in Dee's absence.

We appreciate all that Jim and Rene Murphy did with the newsletter over the years. Thanks to the brave couple who agreed to take it over, Michael and Barbara Martini.

The next event for the single square dancers, and anyone who would like to go, will be in Des Moines, Iowa. The 46th Dance-A-Rama will be held Aug 30-Sept 2. It will be a lot of fun and tours are available.

We are thankful that Eddie Dunn is just about healed from his lung surgery and is back dancing with us. Our thoughts and prayers are with all that have lost loved ones and had health problems this summer. If I start to name them, I will probably leave someone out.

THE SOLOS POTLUCK SUPPER AND WORKSHOP, TUESDAY, JULY 3 – WILL BE CANCELLED. Join us August 7 at 7 pm for the Pot Luck Supper and Workshop. Our dances will be July 21 and August 18, at 8 pm with Dee Roy calling. Remember, July and August dances are cool and casual, if you would like. July will be our Beach Party, so wear your Hawaiian shirts, etc. Hope to see you there.

Barbara Standley



Levis & Lace

Happy 4th of July and let's thank the ones who have helped give us independence. In May, we had a social/eat out at Los Tres Amigos followed with delicious desserts served at the Epley's lovely home. A fantastic time was had with 21 in attendance. We elected a new slate of officers: President: Don & Aubrey, Vp: Jerry and Sandra, Secretary: John and Mary, and Treasurer: Yreva. We thank the previous officers for tirelessly serving and welcome the new officers.

Plus lesson graduation was held May 7th. Congratulations are in order for the following plus dancers: Rita & Jim Gray, Betty Hansard, Pat and Jerry Kirkland, Dosha and Robert Steflik, Betty Weist and Ron and Becky Zimmerman. S-A-L-T-U-T-E to all the angels who were there to help.

Did Scott Bennett not rock our socks off June 1st? Hey, if you missed this dance, you missed the best one Yet! We spent a little time with Lady Gaga, Adele, the Crickets, I want some country, and the Laughing Cow. Who knew you could square dance to Adele. Totally Awesome! Thank you all who attended and made this dance so fabulously fun and thanks to Scott for mixing things up, that makes the best squares. Yvonne was the lucky one on winning the 50/50!!

The state festival has come and gone. It was well attended and fun was had by all. A lot of hard work that was enjoyed by many. Thanks to all the volunteers. It was good to see some of the newly graduated plus dancers in the plus hall.

You guys did amazing, just keep it up. It was a joy to be able to dance such a big last dance with Alan and Anne. They will certainly be missed by so many, leave fond square dance memories. I shall miss their dialect, smiles and sweet personalities. Our loss is England's gain! We Levis and Lace need to visit other square dance areas, I am for England.J

Congrats to Walt & Marilyn on 46 years of marriage, a little traveling with the grandkids has been in order for them. Condolences to Glenda, her sister-in-law passed away in April. Speedy recoveries to all whom are ill; we hope you get better soon. We'd like to thank Rene for doing such a splendidly awesome job on the newsletter; which keeps us all informed on the local square dance activities. This is such a valuable tool, and you have done a wonderful job for many years. Thank you Rene.

It's a great time to polish our skills dancing to the variety of callers we are having the next few months as follows.

Hop on over to our 50's Sock hop with **Gary Shoemake** on **August 30, Thursday nite @ 7:30**, \$7.00 admission. **It will be MAINSTREAM with announced plus**. Dress up in your best 50's dress where there is going to be a contest for socks: Prettiest socks, most worn socks, and most creative socks. Come "sock" it to us. Hot diggity dogs and root beer floats will be served. Invite all your friends and let's see how many people we can get out on a weeknight.

Our talented, great caller, **Robert and Pam Walker will be calling on Friday, July 6th.** at 8:00, and the fabulous **Nicky Boone will be guest caller Friday, August 3rd** at 8:00 pm. Come +PLUS+ with us. We hope to see you all there.

Phelica & Daniel Scott
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Wranglers

Happy Summer Everyone.

What a great way to start June by having a State Square Dance Convention right here in Wichita Falls. Thanks to all the RRVA Officers, committee heads and volunteers that made the convention a great success. A special thanks to Linda and Wayne Salmon for all their great leadership and hard work during their term as President of RRVA.

Thanks to our outgoing Wrangler officers and thanks to the following people who have agreed to serve as officers for the new year.

President—Yreva Shirey

Vice President—Charlotte and Jimmy Smith

Treasurer—Darla and Danny Daily

Secretary—Susan and Carroll Trotter

The Wrangler anniversary dance was fun. There were wonderful visitors, a great caller, and great food. What else could you ask for? Fun, Food, Fellowship, and of course great squares. Square Dancers are some of the friendliest people in the world.

Two of our newest members just returned from a cruise to Alaska. Wish we could have gone with you Bob and Brenda Hardy.

Tommy Jo Epley returned to Wichita Falls from a High School reunion just in time for the State Convention.

I want to sent out our prayers to those who are sick or suffering loss and congratulate those who are celebrating birthdays.

Hope to see everyone in a Square soon.

Walt and Marilyn



Swinging Stars

We hope you're Summer's gotten off to a great start. There's lot's of dancing, locally and within a short distance ride. Also, the weather's helped out by holding back the Dog Days of Summer...(grin). Much better than last year, that's for certain. If you've made plans to head off to the beaches or the mountains, we definitely want to hear about it. Send us a line or an email and we'll pass the word along.

Special thanks to Robert and Pam for their fine hospitality with the invitation to the 'Stars to their ranch for the club picnic last May. We had a grand time indeed, with great fun and fine food. The Walkers have a little bit of heaven on earth, don't ya know. Last year's Summer heat did a job on the hummers, but hopefully they'll be more buzzing around next year. We are SOOOOOO lucky to have such fine folks as Robert and Pam as members in our club.

Our 'Stars Presidents, Terry and Brenda Beaver have great plans lined up for 'Stars Summer off-season. The upcoming musical outing in Always Patsy Cline in Archer City, is a good one indeed along with the 'Stars Picnic at the McMillions in Henrietta. Be sure to keep up with your Monthly Activity card for others. Also, if you've got any other special activities in mind, give them a holler.

A big thanks to Ken and Susan Jarosz for allowing the 'Stars the use of their property on Kemp for the annual 'Stars Garage Sale. We had a lot of "good stuff" to be had and we had great attendance. Thanks to everyone's hard work.

We again thank Susan Jarosz for her continued work scheduling and planning the monthly Social Dinners, celebrating member birthdays and anniversaries. We LOVE to eat, don't-you-know. The selection of the New Parkway Grill, Samurai of Tokyo and the Olive Garden were great choices. If you have a special place you'd like to attend, be sure to give them a call and let them know.

Please keep these additional folks in your thoughts and prayers, as they are dealing with serious problems: Billy Gore, Jim Murphy, Pam Walker, Ardella Johnson, Andy and Ginny Frerich, Jerry Musick, Gail Peterson, Helen Graff's father—Ken Prosch, Max & Cheryl's great-nephew Seth and Sandra and Jerry Whatley's granddaughter—Ashley and Don Winkler, a square dancer from San Antonio who had a heart attach while at the State Festival. Also, the following have recently lost members of their families: Kevin and Janie Connors and Richard, Louise Morton and Margaret DeFord Waller.

And Last, but certainly not least, a special prayer for our 'Star members in absentia, Ann and Alan. They may be located in a "Galaxy-Far-Far-Away" but they are definitely in our hearts to stay. If anyone hears from them, please pass along the info so we can share with others.

Hope you folks are having a Grand Summer. It's a great chance to got out and visit other clubs and make new friends.

Your Swinging Star Reporters, Kim & Gail Peterson

P.S. If our new editor, Barbara Martini, has room, we'd like to include a short piece in future newsletters entitled "HOW I GOT INTO SQUARE DANCING". Pease send me a short note, either hardcopy or electronic, on how you and your partner arrived into the Wonderful World of Square Dance. We'll type your story into the computer and pass it along for the rest to read in each newsletter. I think there are lots of great stories to be told. We'll start off with ours.

HOW I GOT INTO SQUARE DANCING

The Petersons

Our younger son played in YMCA soccer at an early age in Houston, TX and his soccer coach Mike Bruner and wife, Pam, were very active square dancers. At various games they'd politely ask us to join them and try out something called Square Dancing. Now ,we actively Country and Western danced along with some Rock & Roll from the '60s' and '70s'. What little we knew about square dancing came from barn dances in theatrical movies. Anyway, following several invitations, Gail said "Let's attend one of their Fun Dances and try it out. If we find we don't like it we can politely thank them and maybe they'll quit asking...."

Well they picked us up one Saturday evening and off we drove to join in on a free Fun Dance. The folks at the dance were all very friendly and the initial moves were simple enough. The tricky part was to listen as we danced to perform the next move. Well, to make a long story short, by the end of the evening, we were hooked.

We signed up later that evening for 30 weeks of lessons and received a nice booklet on Basic Movements published by Sets in Order. That booklet became our Square Dance bible as we studied it each night before going to a dance and when we got home after a dance. Did I mention we were hooked?

This all took place back in mid-June of 1989 and we've had years of fun dancing ever since.

Have fun dancing'.....

Kim & Gail Peterson

Now send us your story and we'll compile a fine article. I'm certain you story is more interesting than ours.



SPECIAL DANCE SCHEDULE

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Sept 29	RRVA Fall Festival	SDL	Jeff Holley
Oct 27	Swinging Stars 50th Anniversary	SDL	Toby Thomason
Oct 29	RRVA Halloween Dance	SDL	Dee Roy
Dec 31	RRVA New Year's Dance	SDL	Jerry Lynn

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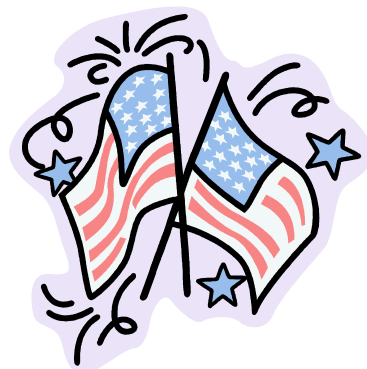
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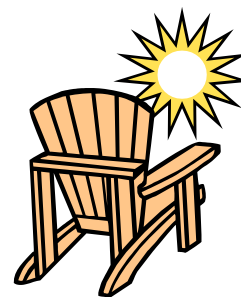


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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 SOLOS 8:00 SDL DEE ROY (CASUAL) Beach Party
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29	30	31				

August 2012



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