

RRVA NEWS

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance
Association

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November -December

2012



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From the Desk of the Presidents November-December 2012

Cool weather has arrived and none too soon. We hope all are enjoying the cooler fall as you dance. We certainly are.

Speaking of dancing, we have some great students this fall. They seem to be enjoying the fellowship and the dancing. They will have graduated and hopefully joined a club by the time we have our next newsletter.

We hope everyone has many plans for the festivities in November and December. It will be delightful seeing everyone at the dances and parties. All RRVA clubs have exciting activities and need dancers from all clubs to attend and participate in the fun.

Blessings abound and we all have much for which to be thankful. Melody Beattie said it well when she wrote,

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas let us all be grateful for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Of the many things that we are grateful for, one is the support that RRVA elected and appointed officers have received from all clubs as we perform our assigned duties. We look forward to a fantastic new year with new ideas to promote square dancing still coming. We hope to see you at the January board meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!!!!!!!!!!!!
HMH – Have a Merry Holiday

♪♪♪♪ ***See you in a square with a 😊 on your face*** ♪♪♪♪

Jim and Chesta Owens



Levis & Lace

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to one and all. We want to take this line or two to tell you EACH how much we enjoy dancing with you. You have made this year a marvelous square dance year and we feel as though you are family. We are so grateful that you share the hobby we enjoy so immensely. You have given Daniel & me a wonderful present all year long by attending the dances and dancing with us. We wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with everything you wish for and desire.

Our 50's Sock Hop with Gary Shoemake on August 30, was a great dance. If you didn't make it I am sure sorry because you missed a great one. There were 5 squares to open. We were graced with the presence of: The Fonz and Elvis (how did you dance with those dark shades on man?) We did square dance with a little bit of twist, polka and waltz all in between. I got to do the twist with Gene, now he knows how to twist! So sorry Jim O. I didn't know how to Polka. I'm gonna study on it for next time though. The most creative sock prize went to Sandra, prettiest socks went to June and most worn socks went to Stephen S. The hot dogs and root beer floats were tongue titillating and a great reprieve from the heat. Thank you to all the Levi's & Lace members for putting on such a fantastic dance. We had many visitors. Seven from Oklahoma, a Vernon Traveler, and many from our local clubs here in Wichita Falls. I had fun just looking at all the different styles of poodles. All the girls were gorgeous; the poodles were worn proud and pretty. The guys looked good too! What a great, enjoyable themed dance! John was kind enough to spend his special birthday with us. Thank you John, it made the sock hop just that more special!! There was even a picture cake commemorating the event. September and October dances were fun-filled +plus+ squares. I know November and December will bring them also! Our refreshments for November: say CHEEESSEEEEE, sheez, cheesecakes it be! Then in December we are having Christmas Treats. Did I just say Christmas? Yes it's here folks.

Have you checked out the website yet? I am thrilled we can get all the information we need from the one link: www.rrvsda.org How handy is it to have this memorized for when we are out and someone is interested in square dance lessons? Just rattle off the link and they can find when lessons are, and see about our hobby. We have traveled all around the country square dancing by looking dances up on the web, hopefully we will get a few visitors this way also. We are not limited on the amount of people we reach this way. Great job to all whom have been instrumental in this updated function in our high tech world.

The entertaining **Henry Israel will be calling November 2** and our own talented, great caller **Robert & Pam Walker will be calling December 7**, dance at 8 p.m. Come **+PLUS+** with us. We hope to see you all there, because you make square dance just that much more fun! Thank you **ALL** for square dancing.

Phelica & Daniel Scott

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Swinging Stars

Well what do you think about the current Fall season? Aren't the cool breezes and recent rainfall a blessing.

A "Big Howdy" to Al & Teresa Woolridge who have joined the 'Stars family. Welcome back folks. Give them a big Yellow Rock the next time you see them in a square.

We'd also like to welcome all of the 13 New Dancers who've joined us and the Wrangler's for our New Dancer sessions. We especially would like to thank all of the Angels who have been assisting with the instruction. And last, but not least is a Big Thanks to Robert and Pam for their fabulous job instructing the New Dancers through the movements. We are greatly indebted to you for your fine work.

The Stars 50th Anniversary was a fine event. Lots of beautiful decorations, colorful dancers and plenty of fun. It was also great to see many former dancers in attendance. We'd like to thank all those who helped put on this truly memorable event.

Wasn't our Fall Campout at Lake Bridgeport simply fantastic! Prairie Moon crooning to us under starlit skies, as we all sat around a blazin' campfire. and the coyotes joining the singing from afar. Saturday afternoon we had outdoor and indoor activities and Square Dancing that night. Mother Nature joined our fun by providing rain and lightning show after the dance. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Tommie and Debbie Moore who treated the 'Stars to a fine weekend at Bay Landing RV park. If you're big into camping you ought to talk to them about their fine place. Also, thanks to the rest of the 'Stars who helped make this so much fun.

We're looking forward to all the upcoming holiday dances this fall. Stars' dances are regularly held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Square Dance Land hall. Of particular mention is our "*Absolutely No Turkey*" dance following thanksgiving on November 24th and the "*Mistletoe, Holly and Wassail*" dance on December 8th. There will be NO DANCE on December 24th, at least down at the hall...(grin).

"Also, don't forget the 'Stars Christmas party. It is still in the planning stage and any and all help on it would be appreciated. With all the work on the Anniversary Dance, the party slipped our minds. So, we are still trying to book a place to have it and will keep everyone updated thru email." (from Terry & Brenda)

Thanks again to Susan Jarosz for organizing the fellowship and good food that was had by all at the Birthday and Anniversary Dinners. The Rafters in Iowa Park, the Feed Lot in Burkburnett and the Catfish Grill on SW Parkway. Also thanks for keeping the 'Stars Membership roster Current. Fine job indeed.

There are some special folks that, due to health problems, we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers: Robert & Pam Walker, Andy & Genny Frerich, Gail Peterson, Peggy Edgar, Brenda Beaver's sister—Tammy, Jim & Chesta Owens' nephew—Jack, Al & Teresa Woolridge, Ardella Johnson, Gene Moore's son—Monty.

Also, again for Jim & Chesta Owens' as they have recently lost a member of their family.

Hope to see you in a square down the road—Whooping and hollering and festively dressed to boot.

Your Swinging Star Reporters,

Kim & Gail Peterson

Wichita Falls Solos

A Big thank you to all of you that have supported our dances and workshops. We can't do it without you. Thanks to our caller Dee Roy and his wife Janice for supporting us all of these years.

We all enjoyed the annual fish fry. Dee and helpers cooked up some great fish and Janice the hush puppies. Thanks to Eddie and Sondra Dunn for hosting the event. We are looking forward to next year.

Congratulations to the Swinging Stars on their 50th Anniversary.

I know all of the celebrations were a big success.

All of you are invited to our November Dance on FRIDAY November 16. We are Dancing on Friday in November since the City Lights Parade will be Saturday. Our December dance is on Saturday the 15th at 8 p.m.

Don't forget our Pot Luck Suppers and Work Shops on November 6 and December 4 at 7 p.m. Join us for supper and bring a covered dish with food in it and stay for the workshop. For just a \$3 donation you will have a great meal and get some good exercise. New Dancers are welcome as our guests.

It is hard to believe that the Holidays are almost here, may you enjoy family and good food. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Solos want to welcome new members Jim and Charlotte Smith, and Greg, Sherry and Kayla Ward. We are always Happy to have new members.

The Solos will be starting Main Stream Square Dance Lessons on January 24th at 7:30 p.m. Tell your friends about them. Hope to see you there.

Barbara Standley

**YOU ARE
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Square Dance Lessons

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..... Some low impact exercise?

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Lessons on Thursdays starting January 24, 2013

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Friday Afternoon	3:00 - 4:00	Travel In Dance - Informal
Friday Evening	7:00 - 8:00	Guest Callers Callerama - Separate Hall
	7:30 - 8:00	Pre-Rounds
	8:00 - 10:30	"Get Acquainted Party Dance"
Saturday Morning	9:00 - 10:30	Round Dance Workshop
	10:30 - Noon	Square Dance Workshop
Saturday Afternoon	1:30 - 3:00	Round Dance Workshop
	3:00 - 4:00	Square Dance Workshop
Saturday Evening	7:00 - 8:00	Guest Callers Callerama - Separate Hall
	7:30 - 8:00	Pre-Rounds
	8:00 - 10:30	Square Dance Party
	10:45 - 12:00	After Party, Skits & Refreshments

**Advanced Registrations
\$40.00 per dancer (includes
dancing and after party show)**

**Advanced Registrations must be
received by August 20, 2013**

At Door \$45.00 per dancer

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Evening In Paris 2013

Wichita Wranglers

Hello dancers. Well fall is here and I am ready for the cooler weather as well as the good food that comes with the season. By now I am sure everyone has had a great time attending the October dances. I always love to dress up for Halloween.

The Wranglers want to welcome Ricky and Patsy Jackson back to being members of the Wranglers. The Jackson's were charter members of the Wranglers and we are glad they are dancing again.

Sandra has scheduled two visitations for November and December. The November visitation will be in Decatur and Mike Bramlett will be calling. The date is November 9. The December visitation will be the Solos dance on December 17th.

The Wranglers want to thank Randy and Lisa San Miguel for the great Halloweenie Roast at their beautiful home. Great fun, food, and fellowship.

The Wrangler's dances will be changed in November and December due to the holidays, so mark your calendars.

Our November dance is the ninth. A Pajama Party is scheduled so put on your best pair and plan to have a great time. I have been told by the planners that those who sleep in the buff need to save it for the house.

Our December dance is the fourteenth. A ugliest Christmas sweater/shirt contest will be held. Sounds like a lot of fun. Those who choose to wear an ugly sweater or shirt will be judged by secret ballot.

We will be having a progressive Christmas Party Dinner on Saturday December fifteenth for Wranglers and their guests and hope to see everyone there with bells on ready to start the season right.

Our members have been traveling and busy the last couple of months. Tommy Jo visiting Grand kids, Marilyn and Walt attending baseball games and visiting grandchildren, Doshia and Robert Steflik busy with teenage and grown up activities, Sandra attending musicals and sports events in which her grandchildren participated. Danny and Darla have been busy too. Yreva attended a week long conference in Tyler and her son and brother have visited. The Hardys have been enjoying having their daughter, son in law and 3 year old granddaughter staying with them. The Cleary's have been to Europe!! I can't wait to hear all about the trip. Sorry if I missed someone, but I have been gone a lot this summer.

To those with illness, hope you are better soon.

Yreva wants to thank all who have been helping with lessons. We have a great group of students who learn very quickly She also wants to encourage all Wranglers who can be there on Monday evenings through December 10th, not only to help, but enjoy meeting and getting to know the new dancers.

I guess that is all the news I can think of for now, so long for now, and see you in a square.

Marilyn and Walt

62ND NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

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You have made plans to travel to Oklahoma City in June, haven't you? Let me sweeten your trip a little. This past week the Biltmore Hotel (hotel code 14) in Oklahoma City has decided to lower their room price for our convention. The new price is \$69 per night plus tax. The old rate was \$85. The Biltmore is almost six miles from Cox Convention Center. We highly recommend you purchase our Bus Pass for each rider. There is no free parking in downtown Oklahoma City. The Biltmore has free parking. All rooms have two double beds or king bed and feature in-room climate control, TV with HBO,

telephone with voicemail, hairdryer, iron and board, Coffee/Tea maker, tub/shower combination, complimentary Wi-Fi. With this savings you might consider coming early and take advantage of our pre-convention tours.

Get Your Kicks on Rt. 66

Rt. 66 brings back many memories for many people but nowhere more than in Oklahoma, the birthplace of this famous highway. Travel west down the Main Street of America, through towns that developed along the Mother Road. See the town that bridges built and visit the national Rt. 66 museum, where you can time-travel through eight decades and three time zones. Lunch will be a Blue Plate Special. Come along and be a "roadie" for a day!

Tuesday June 25 9am-4 pm \$72 - price includes lunch and admissions.

Discoveryland presents "Oklahoma!"

Get ready for good eats and a toe-tapping good time at this performance of Rodger and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma!". The evening starts with a barbecue dinner with all the fixin's and pre-show entertainment. Top off your dinner with the cool deliciousness of a strawberry sundae. Enjoy popcorn and soda during the show.

Tuesday June 25 4:15 pm - midnight \$85 - includes show, dinner, popcorn/soda ****Bus will stop at hotels on return****

Step back in time in Historic Guthrie

Guthrie was founded on the day of the historic land run in 1889. It was the territorial capital and had visions of becoming the State Capital of the new state of Oklahoma. An election in 1910 stole that vision and moved the state seal to Oklahoma City. The site of the original capital is now the site of one of the largest Scottish Rite Temples in the US with beautiful stained glass windows throughout. The downtown area boasts over 100 buildings that are on the National Register, and you will have time to browse in the unique shops before lunch.

Wednesday June 26 9 am - 3 pm \$65 - includes lunch and admissions

National Weather Center and Sam Noble Museum

Begin the day with a guided tour of the National Weather Center and Storm Prediction Center. After lunch on your own, visit the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History. The Dinosaur exhibit is outstanding!

This tour registration closes on June 7, due to security requirements at the National Weather Center.

Wednesday June 26 10 am - 4pm \$45 - includes admissions, lunch on your own

These four tours will be a small taste of Oklahoma and can only be experienced if you travel to Oklahoma City early. "Please keep in mind that the National Weather Center tour cannot be booked after you arrive in Oklahoma City." The two Wednesday tours will have you back at the Cox Convention Center in time for our Wednesday Special Event. You will be hungry after all the days' travels and hope you will join us for dinner. Followed by "Buddy and Beyond" Wednesday evening. This day is still not complete until you join us for our Wednesday Night Square Dance. Your registration form is waiting for you to download and print it in the comfort of your home. Follow the tabs at www.62nsdc.com.

Don't forget to order your "Sooner Cuisine" cookbook while completing your registration form. For \$12 each order extras for your unexpected gift needs.

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November Birthdays



Greg Ward

Leonard Lowry

Ernestine Brock

Robert Feniglio

Linda Salmon

Will Bogart

Rita Gray

Jim Hansard

Joan Dorman

Barbara Martini

Ardella Johnson

Earl Brock

Haley Steflik

Marianne Patillo

Gary White

Dan Daily

Dee Roy

Carol Knight

November Anniversaries



Tommy & Debbie Moore

Kevin & Janie Connor

Vallee & Carolyn Graves

Stephen & Rosa San Miguel

Bob & Earlene Pebworth

December Birthdays

Helen Graf

Mike Bramlett

Billie Gore

Max Yancy

Nancy Gillespie

Davis Sewell

Mary Carson

Marie Walls

Robert Walker

Kim Peterson

Betty Hillard

Ruby Biggs

Ray Shinpaugh



December Anniversaries

Jim & Rita Gray

Bob & Brenda Hardy

John & Mary Carson

Wayne & Linda Salmon



HOW I GOT INTO SQUARE DANCING

by Terry & Brenda Beaver

Terry's Mother, Betty Beaver, had square danced earlier in her life before we came into her life. Several months following the passing of Terry's Dad, she decided that she wanted to start back up with dancing again. Connie Cook, her daughter, worked with Wayne Salmon and he told her about lesson's starting up. Mom didn't want to do it all by herself so she convinced her son and daughter and their respective spouses (Terry & Brenda and Connie & Joey Cook) to join her with lessons.

They all took lessons at Square Dance Land, in downtown Wichita Falls, and after following 14 weeks of dancing, they were ready to set off to see the wonderful world of Square Dance.

Terry & Brenda have square danced up in the mountains of Red River, NM, along the lake shores of Lake Murray, OK and hundreds of places in between. Their most favorite square dance events have been:

1. Oklahoma State Festival when we were just about half-way thru lesson;
2. Our 1st State Festival in Waco.
3. National's in Oklahoma City, danced so long Brenda had bruises on her heels, and:
4. A bunch of us use to keep the roads hot between here and Lawton, lots of fun across the river.

Now through the many years some of their family members left the avocation, but Terry and Brenda still dance on. They hope to continue enjoying dancing many, many more years.

Enjoy your life though fellowship and dance...



SPECIAL DANCE SCHEDULE

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Dec 31	RRVA New Years Dance	SDL	Jerry Lynn
Jan 11-12	State Fed. Nominating Meeting in Winnie, TX		
Jan 20	RRVA Quarterly Meeting	SDL	
Mar 1-2	State Fed Conclave in Amarillo, TX		

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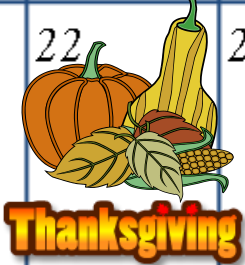

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November 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 ss Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30	6 Solos Potluck & Workshop 7-9	7	8	9 Wranglers Dance 8-10	10 Swinging Stars Dance 8-10
11	12 ss Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30	13	14	15	16 Solos Dance 8-10	17
18	19 ss Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30	20	21	22  Thanksgiving	23	24 Swinging Stars Dance 8-10
25	26 ss Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30	27	28	29	30	

December 2012



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9	10ss Mainstream Lessons Graduation 7:30-9:30	11	12	13	14	15 Solos Dance 8-10
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30	31 RRVA New Years Eve Dance With Jerry Lynn					