

RRVA NEWS

Red River Valley Square and
Round Dance Association

September - October



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

TREASURER: Robert Fenoglio

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.

WEB MASTERS/PHOTOGRAPHERS: Stephen & Rosa San Miguel

PUBLICICITY: Wayne & Linda Salmon

INSURANCE: Betty Jones

WAYS & MEANS: Walt & Marilyn Clements

TELEPHONE: Mary Cason and Martha Painter

TEXAS STAR REPORTERS: Mirl & Winnie Robertson

YEARBOOK: Jerry & Sandra Whatley

EDUCATION DIRECTOR: Barbara Standley

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

NEWSLETTER: Michael & Barbara Martini

ASSEMBLER: Leonard Lowry

EMAIL NEWS: Rene Murphy

From the Desk of the President

September – October 2012

Marvelous, spectacular, amazing, and awe-inspiring are some words we can use to describe the 2012 State Festival, *50 Years of FRIENDSHIP Set to Music*, in Wichita Falls. RRVA dancers put forth their best and it was “THE BEST.” We would not have had the success we had if everyone had not taken part in making it happen. Wayne and Linda Salmon and Jerry and Tommy Jo Epley have many times expressed their thanks and appreciation for all that was done by our RRVA dancers. At this time, RRVA members thank them for their leadership. When Warren Bennis wrote, “*Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality*,” he was writing about them. They had a vision of making RRVA shine in the eyes of our state dancers and through their leadership, they made it a reality.

Now, we must look to expand our vision and build on our success from this summer. Our vision, as your new Presidents of RRVA, is to help all the clubs continue and build upon the idea that we are in this together; that Square Dancing is an outlet that helps us build friendships; and that in our friendships we bring each other laughter, pleasure, a listening heart and a helping hand. We will expand on our vision with some goals and plans to move forward at our next board meeting. Board meetings are open to all dancers, not just elected and appointed officers. The next one is Sunday, October 21st at 2:00 at Square Dance Land.

Check the newsletter and calendar on the RRVA web site www.rrvsda.org for details on fall events being hosted by our clubs and by RRVA.

Delegates voted at the last board meeting to “Go Green” with our newsletters for those who have the capability to view the newsletters and calendars online. The June – July newsletter is now online. Stephen and Rosa San Miguel have done a terrific job getting our website running and keeping it current. Michael and Barbara Martini have worked hard to produce an outstanding newsletter. Both jobs are time consuming. Give them your thanks when you see them.

Food for thought for the next RRVA quarterly board meeting:

“If you want to succeed you should strike out on new paths, rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success.” ~ John D. Rockefeller

Bring yourself and your ideas on what needs to be done to ensure that square dancing remains a viable, growing organization in this decade and beyond.

We look forward to serving you as your 2012-13 RRVA Presidents. Thank you for your confidence in our abilities and your support.

See you in a square with a  on your face,

Jim and Chesta Owens



Wichita Falls Solos

As I write this most of us have had a good rain and it is cooler today. Summer is almost over and we will all look forward to cooler weather. Thanks to all of you that came out and supported our dances and workshops this summer. We had a great turn out for the August Pot Luck and Work Shop. Thanks to all who came. In July we had visitors from Levis and Lace, Swinging Stars, Wichita Wranglers, and Independents.

It is that time of year when the Solos have their annual fish fry. Dee and Janice Roy furnish fish and hush puppies and all others bring side dishes and desserts. This year it will be held at Sondra and Eddie's home on Sept 16th at 3:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come.

I would like to thank all of those who served as officers for the Solos last year. Carolyn Graves, Betty Jones, Winnie Kajs-Robertson, James Ingram and Gary White did a great job helping me keep things going. A familiar face will be our President Leonard Lowry, Vice President Sondra Dunn, Secretary Winnie Robertson, Treasurer Martha Painter and James Ingram RRVA Delegate.

A big thank you to Frances Reed who is always gracious to call everyone and keep them informed about what is going on. Winnie has also started emailing all of us with update like she doesn't have anything else to do.

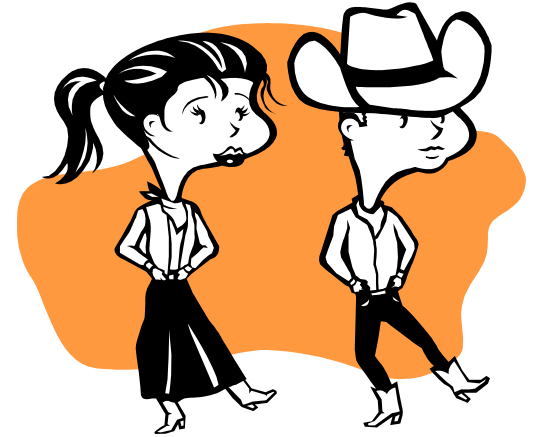
Remember the RRVA Fall Festival Sept 29 at 8 pm with Jeff Holley calling. Congratulation to the Swinging Stars who will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on October 27th with Toby Thomason calling. Everyone make plans now to attend.

The Solos welcome new members to our club. Pat Coad, Cindy Day, Wayne & Linda Salmon and Betty Weist have joined the Solos. We are very happy to have them.

Please join the Solos for our Pot Luck Supper and Workshop September 4th and October 2nd at 7pm. Dee Roy will workshop both mainstream and plus and for just \$3 you will have a great meal and get to refresh your square dance moves. We are looking forward to seeing you at our dances September 15th and October 20th at 8 pm.

Barbara Standley





Barn Dance at Senior Care Center


An old fashion barn dance was held on Friday night, August 17, at the Senior Care Center located on Midwestern Parkway. This event was billed as their annual "Prom". The large activity room was filled with residents and their family. Many of the residents were talking about how they had learned to square dance in grade school. Our square dancers visited with residents and even danced with a few. Our callers for the evening were Dee Roy and Tim Tanner. One of the residents, Dorothy, Glandon, was a past president of the Swinging Stars many years ago. About 25 square dancers came out to entertain the residents. Dancers represented the Wichita Falls Solos, Levi and Lace, Wichita Falls Swinging Stars, Vernon Travelers, and Wichita Falls Wranglers. Senior Care served light refreshments to residents as well as to the dancers. Everyone in attendance had a great time. More events like this are scheduled for the fall.

Levis & Lace

Wow, where did the summer go? It's back to school time. Labor day is upon us and Happy Halloween while I'm at it! Tis my favorite holiday.

July we had several squares and had a rocking time. We had a great dance with Nicky Boone calling August 3rd, the hall was hot but we had a very cool crowd. There was delicious watermelon, berries and cantaloupe that aided in keeping us all cool. We were thrilled to have Ed & Connie Baker from Oklahoma visiting at this dance. We love visitors who like to plus dance, so that is an open invitation to all who would like to polish up on their plus dancing.

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 to square it up!

Sandra has done a great job at making our refreshment schedule out for the coming year. I SCREAM, you SCREAM, we all will SCREAM for ice cream, since that is what we are having at our September dance. Halloween treats will be served at our October dance, I am sure this will be a boooooo~tiful dance. 

Hope to see you at both!

John Carson had eye surgery but he was out dancing a few days later. Wadda square dance trooper!

Some of the Levis' & Lace crew went to Florida and sounded as to have a great time. Hopefully the ocean hasn't dried up like the ponds around in this area.

Daniel and I went to a DBD Plus weekend in Salado, Texas the end of July. It was dancing Friday, Saturday, and a few hours on Sunday. This is a great way to polish up on your plus dancing. There was an opportunity to dance 10 hours that whole weekend (workshops and dancing) for a small price. We took in the majority of dancing, but did take several hours out for shopping. The experience you get from these weekend dances and the friends you make are priceless. I do believe we are going to try and attend next year also! If you are interested in special dances (plus or mainstream), such as these, let us know and we will send you a link to anything we are privy to and if you know of special dances please send them our way. We are always looking for something differently fun!

Our talented, great caller **Robert & Pam Walker** will be calling **1st Fridays: September 7th and October 5th** 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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Wranglers

Hi square dancers. I hope everyone is having a good summer. Thank goodness we have air conditioning and swimming pools.

This has been a great summer. The Wranglers attended a wonderful swim party at the San Miguel's. The food, fellowship, weather, and water were perfect. Thanks Lisa and Randy for your hospitality.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members Linda and Wayne Salmon along with Sandy and Stephen Abeyta to the Wranglers. Great to have you in our club.

Our members have been busy this summer. Tommy Jo has been to San Antonio to help while her daughter in law had surgery. Members gathered for a shower for Darla and Danny's daughter. Walt and Marilyn took their grandchildren to the Grand Canyon in June. And Sandra Whatley attended her 55th High School Reunion. Audrey and Don Bee traveled to California for a vacation. A group of Wranglers traveled to Florida to attend Darla and Danny's daughter's wedding and gets some fun in the sun along with the festivities. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

Wranglers have not only danced at home but have visited several clubs in the area. The Vernon Christmas in July dance was great fun and we were given a banner to take home from the Decatur dance in August. Wranglers are planning visitations in September to the Swinging Stars, to the Solos in November, and Lawton.

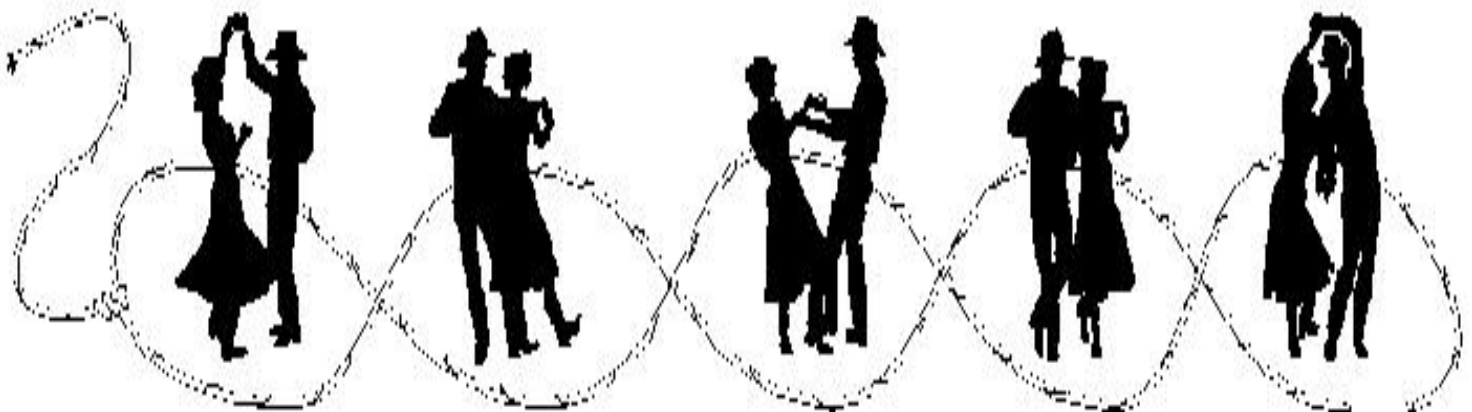
Our prayers are with Audrey and Don Bee on the death of her mother this summer. Our prayers also go out to any who have experienced health problems.

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Remember, our dance will be on Sept. 24th as usual, but will be on Oct. 12th the next month.

See you in a square.

Walt and Marilyn Clements



Swinging Stars

We hope you had a great time this past Summer. There was plenty of fun to be had this year but, as with last year, we're indeed ready to leave the hot days behind us and hope for more moisture.

We've had some fun Summer events, however the 'Stars' will resume hosting dances at the Hall in September with our regular 2nd and 4th Saturday dances of each month.

Of particular mention for the upcoming Fall Season, is the kickoff "Tailgate Dance" on September 10th. Wear your favorite team shirts for a fun and casual dance. Our "Seasonal Surprise" themed dance will be held September 22nd. The early dance for October will be held on the 13th at the 'Stars' Campout in Bay Landing in Bridgeport. Of special note, this dance is FREE to anyone wanting to drive to Bridgeport for all of the fun. And finally for the "pièce de résistance" our "50th Anniversary" dance on October 27th with Toby Thomason calling and cuing. And remember, we welcome all visitors, New dancers and Young dancers alike.

Our fine 'Stars' presidents, Terry and Brenda Beaver, have sure done a fine great job keeping everyone busy with the planning events throughout the 'Stars' Summer break. There were plenty of square dance visitations to the local clubs and RRVA dances. The August 50's Sock Hop with Gary Shoemake was a lot of fun. The special event of the Summer was a fun trip to Archer City to watch Always Pasty Cline at the Royal Theatre. What a great time. Thanks for all of your fine work.

Also, we'd like to thank Jim and Judy McMillion for hosting the 'Stars' afternoon Summer Picnic in late July. There was a lot of visiting, fine fellowship and not to mention some tasty homemade food. The hamburgers and wieners that they cooked were also delicious indeed. I'm not certain whether we are a Square Dance club or a Feasting club.

Another BIG Thank you goes out to Tommy and Debbie Moore who have invited the whole group out the Thousand Trails at Bridgeport for a Fall Weekend Campout. There will be fun along the shoreline, outdoor games, dancing and a great campfire under the stars with cowboy music and all. "Prairie Moon" crooned for us during the last one and has been contracted to perform once again. Be sure not to miss out on this fun filled event.

The 'Stars' will be hosting their annual Fall New Dancer class for Mainstream dancing, so be on the lookout for couples or individuals who may be interested in our "fun filled" event. Lesson's will start on Monday night Sept.10, 2012 at 7:15 and will last for fourteen weeks.

We again thank Susan Jarosz for setting up our monthly B-Day and Anniversary dinners. Jason's Deli and Rafters BBQ in Iowa Park were great choices. Be sure not to miss out on any upcoming eateries. You know square dancers live to eat! If anyone has any other great dining destinations don't hesitate to give Susan a holler.

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are dealing with serious problems: Andy & Genny Frerich, Robert & Pam Walker, Ellen Little –Rene's Mom, Colby Walker - Robert & Pam's grandson and Peyton Ramey of Vernon Twirlers.

Hope to see you folks in a square soon.

Your Swinging Star Reporters,

Kim & Gail Peterson

**SWINGING STARS
KICK OFF THEIR SEASON**



TAIL GATE PARTY

**SEPT. 8, 2012 @ 8PM
ROBERT WALKER**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
TEAM SHIRT**



Celebrate the Fall

- How:** Join RRVA for a fall dance
- When:** Saturday, September 29th
- Where:** Square Dance Land –
812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX
- Time:** Grand March at 8:00 – dance until 10:00
- Caller:** Jeff Holly

Fabulous cool weather

Abundant fun times

Loads of dancing opportunities

Lots of laughter



WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

COME CAMP
WITH US!



OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2012

Bay Landing Bridgeport, TX



Friday - Campfire with
Prairie Moon

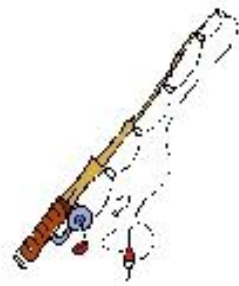
Saturday - Games in
Club House



Saturday - 8pm Free dance with
Robert & Pam Walker

Bring your camper or rent a cabin

Contact Brenda Beaver for Price





WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

requests your presence at our

**50th Anniversary
Dance**

Saturday

October 27, 2012

Grand March at 8:00 PM

Squares & Rounds with

Toby Thomason

After Party at 10:15 PM

Square Dance Land - 812 Travis

HOW I GOT INTO SQUARE DANCING

Hi folks

Being that this coming October will be the 50th Anniversary of the Swinging Stars, I thought I'd interview one of the original 'Stars members. Billie is a true lady indeed.

Kim & Gail Peterson

by Billie Gore

Back in the early '50's, Bobby and I lived in the Sunnyside Edition, on the East side of Wichita Falls (Texas). One fine Summer afternoon, as we sat on the porch trying to cool off, we heard music coming from neighboring Lamar Park. Being on the Park Board Association we wondered what had been scheduled, so we strolled over to the park to enjoy the pleasant music. Bobby and I had planned to sit down in the grass and just listen, but the Good Lord sometimes has other plans....

When we arrived we saw eight people dancing in circles. Following a couple of songs, a nice young couple, Vernoy and Ardella Johnson, approached us and asked if we'd join them in a square. It looked like a lot of fun so we agreed. We were hooked before we knew it and have danced for well over 50 years.

We danced in the park, at the Armory, in peoples' homes and even practiced in their driveways. To cool down we had "cokes" iced down in washtubs for 5 cents apiece.

My first square dance outfit was a beautiful white dress covered with blue poke-a-dots. To match my outfit Bobby covered both of his boots with colorful blue poke-a-dots.

Most of our dancing has been limited to Texas, however we've had great fun outside of the State. We've dance at the Lodge in Lake Murray, OK and even square danced during a visit to Puerto Rico when a cruise ship full of square dancers arrived at our hotel.

We've danced all-night-long 'till we had blisters on our feet. And when the caller played "Lolly-Lolly-Low", we got up and danced some more.....

One particular fun event was when we held a Hawaiian Luau in our backyard and hosted over sixty dancers. Each of the five tables was named after one of the Hawaiian Islands. We had many grass skirts and colorful shirts. Several people even danced the Hula. It was a wonderful time.

We've had many, many good times square dancing - with the Johnson's, the Moore's, the Morton's, the Pebworth's, the Hamlin's and countless others.

Bobby and I are truly thankful for Square Dancing and all of the wonderful friends we've had the good fortune to meet.

Enjoy your life through fellowship and dance.....

Please 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 it 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.

Kim & Gail Peterson

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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
Jan 11-12	State Fed. Nominating Meeting in Winnie, TX		
Jan 20	RRVA Quarterly Meeting		
Mar 1-2	State Federation Conclave in Amarillo, TX		

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September 2012



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October 2012



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