

RRVA NEWS

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance
Association

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January—February



**Happy
Valentine's
Day**
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50th Anniversary for RRVA: Co-chairs—Ina Roark and Chesta Owens

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From the Desk of the Presidents

Alfred Tennyson wrote the poem, "Ring out the Old, Ring in the New," in 1850. Below is the first verse.

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

Each year has its best and its worst. 2012 was not an exception. Let us remember the best and true and ring out the worst and false.

As a square dance family, we are there for each other in all things that cross our lives. We look forward to a terrific year for RRVA and square dancing. Always, the best is to come. Keep your new ideas on how to increase membership and support all the clubs flowing. It is through your ideas and dedicated work that we will prosper as an association and as individual clubs.

Click on the RRVA site, <http://www.rrvsda.org/>, often to keep informed on all the upcoming RRVA and individual club events. **Ring out the false.** *The false is that we can prosper **without** the support of each other.* **Ring in the truth.** *The truth is we can prosper **with** the support of each other.*

****Have a blessed, prosperous, peaceful 2013! *****

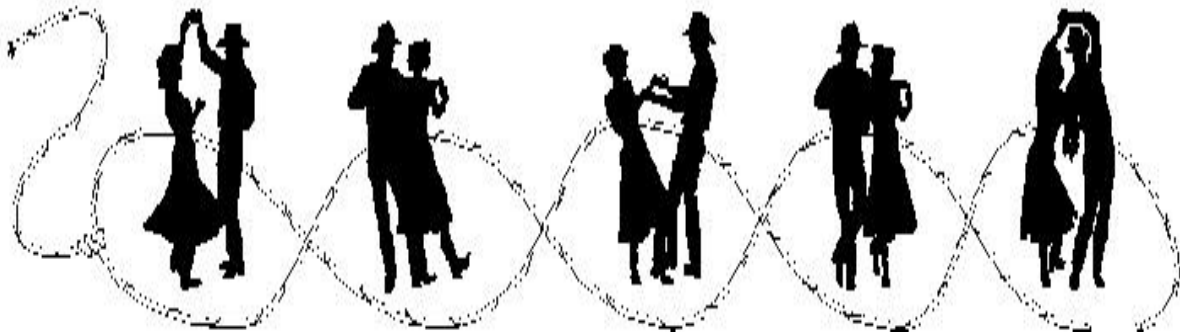
The state federation quarterly meeting is January 11-12, 2013 in Winnie Texas. If you can attend please let me know. I have meeting, dances, and hotel information.

Thank you,

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

Jim and Chesta Owens

2012-13 RRVA Presidents




Levis & Lace

A Happy New Year of 2013 and Happy Valentine's Day to all square dance friends. We know this will be a wonderfully fun year of squares and friends and we look forward to it. This is going to be a big year with many BIG dances close to this area. Take advantage of this golden opportunity. The 51st Texas state festival being held in beautiful San Marcos June 6-9th. Then there is the granddaddy of them all, the nationals in Oklahoma City June 26-29. If you have never attended a national square dance, and you love to dance, we would encourage you to go. Be sure and get registered! You save a few dollars if you register early. We attended nationals in Louisville Kentucky and had the time of our lives and met so many new square dance friends. You can dance from morning to night, which as new dancers we did. We will be attending the OKC Nationals and would love to dance with you!

We were glad to see you at our November and December dances; we missed the ones who didn't make it. The Christmas treats in December were delicious and put everyone in the Christmas spirit. Our club Christmas party was held at Audrey & Don's lovely home where great food and lots of fun was had. That Dirty Santa, whadda game! I think everyone ended up with what they wanted, and no serious blows were had 😊 Sandra stole one of the men's gifts, and Don almost ended up with a necklace and earrings. He was rescued when Anna Marie stole them right before the exchange ended. The party ended with exciting games of Hand and Foot and Rummikub. The food and ambiance was excellent. Thank you to Don & Audrey for being the hostess with the mostest.

We have several members who have been traveling and visiting their families. Don and Audrey went to New York. Tim went to Pennsylvania and came back with more than he took. A pretty cool story just ask him.

Snack venue for January~ Join us for Chips & dippies and..... ****Drumroll**** Levi's & Lace members cordially invite you to attend our 35th anniversary PLUS dance being held February 1. Come dance with us for

some fun, cake  and punch. We love visitors 😊

Our talented, great caller **Robert & Pam Walker will be calling Friday's January 4 and February 1, 2013**, 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

How 'bout that White Christmas we just had. Wasn't it a pleasant surprise? We hope everyone got to enjoy it as they don't come along very often.

First of all we'd like to congratulate all of the New Dancers who completed the Fall square dance lessons. They quickly picked up on all of the numerous movements and have done extremely well. Thanks also go to all of the Angels who volunteered their time to help out with the lessons. And, last but not least, it all couldn't have been done without our fine caller and taw, Robert & Pam Walker. They are very special folks.

Last Falls 'Stars dances, particularly the *Absolutely-No-Turkey*" dance following Thanksgiving and the *"Mistletoe, Holly and Wassail"* dance in early December, were a lot of fun.. The festive colors and pretty dresses were most elegant. Thank you ladies, and also the fellahs, for pitching in to help.

We're looking forward to all of the upcoming Winter dances. Stars' dances are regularly held on 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Square Dance Land hall. Of particular mention, from our upcoming dances, are the *"Singing Calls All Night Long"* dance on January 12th; and our *"Very-Early Valentine's Day"* dance on February 9th. We look forward to all dancers, "Couples, Singles and Young Dancers!

Thanks again to Susan Jarosz for scheduling some great B-Day and Anniversary dinners during the Holidays. The Elks Club chicken fried steak and Cheddars dinners were really good choices. (NOTE: the grilled fish dinner that Gail and I enjoyed the week earlier to the club meet was truly fantastic. The Elks Club has a rotating menu selection for each Wednesday, so we ought to try another week in the future.) If you have a special place you'd like to include in the feasting, please give Susan a holler as she's always looking for good places to drive, dine and get rowdy....(grin).

A gentle reminder for the 'Stars members is that Spring dues are payable at first dance in January. Also, if any of the membership wants a printed copy of monthly RRVA newsletter there will be additional \$13 charge on top of our dues. As always, FREE copies of the newsletter will be available on the Internet at the RRVA website, which can be downloaded and printed from your home computer. The address of the RRVA Website is: www.rrvsda.org/rrva-news-letters/

There are some special folks that, due to health problems, we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers: Jim Humphrey, Ken Jarosz, Pat Harmon, Ardella Johnson, Anthony San Miguel - the oldest of Randy's sons, Tom & Yvonne Cleary's Grandson Jesse, Susan Trotter.

Also, Ginny Frerich, Tommy Jo Epley and the Bobby Blackburn family as they have recently lost members of their families.

Our best wishes to you in the upcoming New Year. Also, hope to see you folks at one of our upcoming theme dances.

Your Swinging Star Reporters,

Kim & Gail Peterson

Wichita Falls Solos

We appreciate all of you that have supported the Solos by attending our dances, workshops, and helping with our lessons this past year. We can't do it without all of our friends.

A great big thank you to Sondra and Eddie Dunn for hosting the Solos and friends Christmas party. The food was very good. We collected a lot of non-perishable items for Interfaith Ministries.

Welcome to the new dancers that just graduated. You are invited to our dances and potluck suppers and workshop. If you need to work on some moves for mainstream Dee Roy will be glad to work with you. The workshops are usually held on the first Tuesday at 7 pm. January's will be held the Second Tuesday on the 8th at 7 pm. Everyone join us, bring a dish with food in it and stay for the workshop. For just a \$3 donation you will have a great meal and work it off by dancing.

The Solos square dance lessons will start on January 24th at 7:30 pm. Our theme is "Dance Your Way to a Healthier You" and we will have healthy snacks. Invite your friends to come and join us. We will need all the help we can get so if you can come and be an angel we would appreciate it.

Our January dance will be on January 19 at 8 pm. This will be our Chinese New Year Dance and we will be serving Chinese food. I hope you can join us for this fun dance.

Get well wishes go out to Pat Harmon who is recovering from knee surgery and Jerry Epley who is suffering from back pain. Please remember them in your prayers.

Happy New Year to all of you.

Barbara Standley

YOU ARE WANTED FOR


Square Dance Lessons

Looking for some fun companions?
..... Some good, clean recreation?
..... Some low impact exercise?
..... Smoke & Alcohol Free Activity?
HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!!!!

**Lessons on Thursdays starting January 24, 2013
At 7:30 PM at
Square Dance Land, 812 Travis**

***\$20.00 each new dancer. Students or military
half price. 14 Lessons in series.
You do not need a partner.
First Lesson Free.***

For more information you may call
Barbara, 855-5982
Hosted by Wichita Falls Solos Square Dance Club
Website www.rrvsda.org



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19th Annual
Evening in
PARIS
TEXAS

at the beautiful
Love Civic Center

August 30th & 31st 2013

**Three Halls:
Plus, Advance & Singing Calls**



Gary Shammah
Sevierville, TN



Mike Brumfielt
Garland, TX



Paul & Ray Whittington
Birmingham, AL



Ken Bower
Bainbridge, GA



Harold Hippy
Troy, AL

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
Saturday Morning	8:00 - 10:30	"Get Acquainted Party Dance"
	9:00 - 10:30	Round Dance Workshop
Saturday Afternoon	10:30 - Noon	Square Dance Workshop
	1:30 - 3:00	Round Dance Workshop
Saturday Evening	3:00 - 4:00	Square Dance Workshop
	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 Registration must be
received by August 20, 2013**

At Door: \$45.00 per dancer

**NO PARTIAL DANCE
PACKAGES WILL BE SOLD**

**For More Information/Reservations: Steve & Melba Juffas - 1903 S. FM #549, Rockwall, TX 75082 - (972) 772-0696
Email: sjuffas@aol.com - Make Checks Payable To: Chaparral Paris Weekend**

Name: His _____ Her _____ Last _____

Street: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Evening in Paris 2013

48th Annual Aloha State Square & Round Dance Festival

January 23-29 2013

Featured Callers: Featured Cuers:
Gary Shoemake Bill Maisch
Dan Preedy Dan Drumheller
Aston at the Waikiki Banyan Hotel



Costs per person

(Includes 7 days and 6 nights and cost of festival) without airfare:

\$1,556 person per room

\$1,050 2 persons per room

\$885 3 persons per room

\$800 4 persons per room

\$500 down per person to hold reservation



***Purchasing air online is the best way to book your flight. Air to arrive Honolulu 1 pm on Jan. 23rd,
Depart Honolulu approx 2 pm Jan. 29th***

Cost are subject to change

Costs include:

Hotel 1 bedroom condo for 7 days and 6 nights with kitchen, two twin beds or queen bed and a hide a bed

Beach Luau and a Whale watching cruise

Circle Island Tour

Arizona Monument and Hula Bowl Swap Meet

Transport to and from airport and to all of the above events

5 nights of dancing with badge and transport

Send registrations to Ed Schiffner:

11310 E. 30th

Spokane Valley, WA 99206

Phone number: 509-928-3525

Last name (Please Print) _____ First name _____

Mailing address _____ City _____

State _____ Phone number _____ Email _____



Wichita Wranglers

Happy New Year to everyone from the Wranglers. I hope everyone had a great Christmas with family and friends.

I am looking forward to another of fun and fellowship with our Square Dance Family. I want to invite all the students who just finished lessons to come to our next dance in January. The best way to continue learning is to dance. Our next dance is on January 25th and we will be having a surprise caller. Our theme for January is "Far Out Squaredancing", so everyone who wants to wear their tie dye t-shirts do so.

Our pajama dance was great fun. We had everything from flannel to silk. I didn't think it was possible to have an ugly Christmas sweater but Tommy Jo won with a tee shirt decorated with stick on bows. Thanks everyone for your inspiring ideas.

Thirty Wranglers enjoyed the Christmas dinner and party in December. Thanks to Tommy Jo and Jerry for the soup portion, to Sandra and Jerry Whatley with help from Yvonne and Tom for the main part of the dinner, and to Darla and Danny for the dessert and gift giving portion. The food was worth every calorie and the fellowship was great fun.

See you in a square.

Walt and Marilyn Clements



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.

For more information about the 62nd National Square Dance Convention® sign up for the digital National Squares E-Magazine. It's free, all you have to do is sign up at www.nsdnc.com and answer the questions and the next issue will be sent to your e-mail in box.

January Birthdays



Pat Harmon

Janie Connors

Cindy Day

Wayne Jackson

James Ingram

Greg Ward

Stephen San Miguel

Judy McMillion



January Anniversaries

Chuck & Mo Forester

Mike & D' Bramlett Dee & Janice Roy

Greg & Sherry Ward

February Birthdays

Susan Trotter

Mary Childs

Fay Lewis

Don Hester

Earlene Pebworth

Michael Martini

Genny Frerich

Vallee Graves

Pam Walker

Randy San Miguel

Yvonne Cleary

Andy Frerich

Jim Humphrey

Gail Peterson



February Anniversaries

Don & Audrey Bee

Randy & Lisa San Miguel

John & Marge Conklin

David & Maggie Sewell

Terry & Patricia Kirkland

Max & Helen Yancey

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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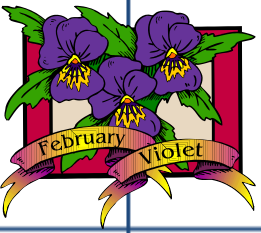

January 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 No Pot luck or Workshop	2	3	4 Levis & Lace Robert Walker 8-10	5
6	7	8 Solos Pot luck or Workshop	9	10	11 **	12 Swinging Stars Dance All Singing Calls 8-10 **
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Solos Dance 8-10
20 RRVA Quarterly Meeting 2 pm SDL	21	22	23	24 Solos Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30	25 Wranglers Dance 8-10	26 Swinging Stars Dance 8-10
27	28	29	30	31 Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30		

February 2013

Be My Valentine

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Levis & Lace Robert Walker 8-10	2
3	4	5 Solos Potluck & Workshop 7-9	6	7 Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30	8	9 Swinging Stars Dance 8-10
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17	18	19	20	21 Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30	22 Wranglers Dance 8-10	23 Swinging Stars Dance 8-10
24	25	26	27	28 Mainstream Lessons 7:30-9:30		