

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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March - April



2014

Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
March 1 & 2	State Meeting	Katy, TX	
March 29	Wrangler's Bramlett Palooza	SDL	Mike Bramlett and Family
April 10	Graduation Dance	SDL	Dee Roy
April 18	Solo's Anniversary Dance	SDL @ 8:00	Danny Payne
April 20	RRVA Quarterly Meeting	SDL @ 2:00	

March

Birthdays

Claudia Starr

Sondra Dunn

Patricia Kirkland

Susan Krusekopf

John Scantlin

Helen Yancey

Dot Watts

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Yvonne Cleary

Terry & Brenda Beaver

April

Birthdays

Henry Krusekopf

Walt Clements

Frankie Nance

Lynne Shinpaugh

Julie Farr

Sandra Whatley

Tim Tanner

Carol Hughes

Dennis Graf

Rebecca Tanner

Marilyn Clements

Yreva Shirey

Don Bee

Martha Painter

Robert Steflik

Anniversaries

Mirl & Winnie Robertson

DB & Marianne Patillo

Jerry & Sandra Whatley

From the Desk of the Presidents

Winter is almost behind us and spring is upon us. How nice it will be to not have to call off dances and lessons because of our weather. However, the precipitation in the form of snow and ice was needed. We need more and with spring almost here, hopefully it will come in spring rains.

Check the calendar on the website and in your newsletter for upcoming dances and activities. The Solos and Levi & Lace have Anniversary dances which are also fund raising dances for them. The Wranglers are putting on their "Palooza" which is their fund raiser. Selling tickets for a Kindle or 50" HDTV is a fund raiser for the Swinging Stars. Also, RRVA will have a hall fund raiser, supper and dance, the first weekend in May. Let us all support each club's and RRVA's fundraiser.

I know everyone is looking forward to the visit of Alan and Anne Dawes from England. They will be here part of March and most of April. Check out the flyers in the newsletter and dates on the web calendar for "Party Time" with them.

The next RRVA quarterly meeting on April 6, at 2:00 will include the nomination of your 2014-15 elected officers. Please consider taking a position, either an elected or an appointed officer. RRVA cannot function without everyone's support. We have been very fortunate to have a fantastic slate of elected and appointed officers. I am sure the next set of officers will have the same results.

As we all recognize, square dancing clubs all over the nation are struggling to keep afloat. Ideas are floating around to try and get the word out about what a good recreation we have in square dancing. Some dancers are going to the workshop titled, "Is it broke, Can we fix it." They will bring back ideas that hopefully RRVA clubs can use. Also, a committee is putting together exhibitions for the year. When you are called on to participate, please say, "YES!" Getting out and dancing in front of the public is one of the best advertising methods we can use. Keep in your mind the quote by Walt Disney. He was a "doer."

♪♪♪ See you in a square with a ☺ on your face ♪♪♪

Jim and Chesta Owens

Levis & Lace

Hello there fellow square dancers. We will “Spring” into March and April with St Patrick’s Day and “Hoppy” **Easter** to look forward to!

We had to cancel our 37th Anniversary Dance in February because the iceman visited and pooped on our party! Hopefully with spring around the corner we will not have to cancel again due to weather. We have rescheduled the Anniversary Dance (weather permitting) for Friday March 7th at 8:00 p.m. This dance is **MAINSTREAM/WITH ANNOUNCED PLUS**. We will celebrate with cake & punch. Come participate in the silent auction and the \$1 take a cake walk. Lots of fun to offer. Come to partyyyyy!

Levi’s & Lace is holding PLUS workshop on Mondays from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m starting February 24th until April 28th. The cost is \$4. Please come out and support the workshop and club.

I am always amazed at the talents square dancers have. This last couple of months I have been exposed to a few of our members talents. Audrey has been patient enough to try to teach me how to quilt (you should know I haven’t sewed a day in my life). What a wonderful talent she has to producing beautiful quilts, and there seems to be several other square dancers who quilt. I have found out I love using a sewing machine and I have produced two quilts in 6 weeks time! We attended a February Swinging Stars dance where Jimmy sang a gospel song during intermission. What a great job he did, and little did I know he could sing. Great job Jimmy.

I know I have stated it before in this column but I am going to restate it. If you live in Wichita Falls or close by I do not understand not going to every square dance available to you. What a golden opportunity you have in your back yard being able to drive a few minutes to a wonderful square dance with **extraordinary square dancers and EXTREMELY talented Club callers!!** Why not make a late new year’s resolution to attend at least 3 local dances a month (that is only half the dances), to where you make all clubs. What?? You say you don’t plus dance or don’t remember how? Well take the clubs up on lessons and come on by! Get off the couch! Get out and dance, dance like there is no tomorrow, dance at every dance you can~there just might be a time you can’t dance!

Our dance snack venue for March is birthday cake & punch. April snacks are “surprise”. We love visitors ☺

Our talented, great caller **Robert & Pam Walker will be calling first Friday’s March 7 and April 4th, 2014**, dance at 8 p.m. Come **+PLUS+** dance 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

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Swinging Stars

We hope everyone managed to get through our recent extended freezing days of winter period unscathed. We also hope you folks have been getting your fill of dancing during the past few weeks. If not, then there's a whole slew of events coming up that you're sure to like, mentioned later in the report.

If you have not had the opportunity to welcome our new members from the last lessons the we'd first like to take a special moment to welcome them now and don't forget to give them an extra-long Yellow Rock the next time you're in a square with them!

If you enjoyed January's "*Singing Calls All Night Long*" and February's "*Everything Baked Potatoes*" Valentine's Day dances, you'll be sure to enjoy the remainder of our season's dances. Join in on the fun for the rest of our upcoming 2nd and 4th Saturday Spring dances at Square Dance Land. We'll be having our verdant "Mardi Gras" dance on March 8th; the colorful 'Easter' dance on April 12th and our last dance of the season, but certainly NOT the last dance of the year, on April 26th.

A special thanks to all the folks who helped out with the 'Stars fundraiser, selling tickets for the Flat Screen TV and Kindle Fire at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the Home and Garden show at the MPEC. Your assistance was invaluable to the club indeed.

Once again, as always, a big thanks to Stephen & Rosa for doing a GREAT job scheduling our recent social dinners for B-Day's and Anniversaries. The Parkway Grill "North" (IH-44) and El Chico's were really good. They are always looking for new places to go to so if you have a favorite spot or know of a new place in town give them a holler. I don't know a Swinging Star alive who's not ready to eat at a moment's notice (grin).

There are some special folks that, due to health problems, we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers: Jim Gray, Gail Peterson, Robert Walker, Ann Jackson, Robert Fenoglio, Pat Harmon, June Lemmon, Anna Marie Bogart, Randy San Miguel, Wayne Salmon, Jim Murphy and any others that we may have missed.

Ending this on a more positive note, our favorite "Brits" from across the "Pond", Anne & Alan Dawes who now reside in England, are going on Holiday to America and will be visiting our area in the Spring. Be on the lookout for news of their arrival and be sure to give them a big Yellow Rock! If you have not already heard in their honor there will be a social from 6-8 pm on April 12 at the Hall. There is no cost for the social just some time to say Hello to some old friends and if you wish you can stay for the dance.

All members of RRVA clubs are welcome to the social but you do not have to feel obligated to stay for the dance, though we wouldn't mind at all if you do! Please join us!

Hope to see you folks at one of our upcoming theme dances.

Your Swinging Star Reporters,
Kim & Gail Peterson



Party, Eat, Dance!



What a fun way to spend time
with

Alan & Anne Dawes!!!



What: Pot Luck supper and dance

When: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: 6:00 - pot luck & visiting

8:00 - Grand March



The British are coming!! The British
are coming!! Let's give them a huge
"Welcome."



Wichita Falls Solos

Thank you to all who came out and made our February Dance so much fun. We had visitors from Levis & Lace, Swinging Stars, and Wichita Wranglers. We also appreciate all of you that are coming to lessons as angels. We could not do it without you.

Lessons are going good and by the time you get this the Halfway Dance will be history. The new dancers are learning real fast and we invite them to come to our Dances and Workshops.

Welcome back to Nathan Coffey, as he joined the Solos and to Blenda Alberry who has also joined our club.

Several singles are planning to attend the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers Round-Up in Waco March 7-9 at the Waco Convention Center in Waco, Texas. The callers are our own Mike Bramlett and Bobby Willis. Cuers are Marilyn and Jerral Waguespack. We are also planning to attend the National Singles 44TH Dance-A-Rama August 29-31 in Portland Oregon. You do not have to be single to attend these events. If you are interested there are flyers available at the hall or ask Leonard or myself about it. This is a fun way to meet dancers from all over the country as well as taking advantage of reduced prices to see the country and state.

Congratulations to John Scantlin and Sandi Thomas who are engaged to be married the first part of April. We are happy for them.

Our prayers are with Janice Roy who is not feeling well. We also hope that Charlie Sanders will be able to dance again soon. He injured his ankle and calf and is having to take it easy just now.

Our sympathy to Earline Pebworth and family, on the passing of Bob. We miss seeing him selling tickets at the Swinging Stars Dances.

Join the Solos for our Potluck Suppers and Workshops March 4 and April 1. It is no April fool joke that if you come you will have a great meal and Dee Roy will workshop both Mainstream and Plus. All of this for just \$3 each except for our new dancers and they will be our guests. We encourage the new dancers to come. It is a chance to practice what you have learned and maybe learn something new.

Our March dance will be March 15 at 8 pm. Our 37th Anniversary Dance has been changed to FRIDAY APRIL 18 AT 8 pm. We will have Danny Payne from Oklahoma City calling. Come join us for a fun time.

Happy Easter to all, Barbara Standley



Wichita Wranglers

Hi, it's me, Tommy Jo, substituting for Marilyn Clements, the traveling dancer. Do you think it will ever stop with the snowy weather? I guess I'm one of the only ones who actually likes it, but I can stay home if I want to. In front of a fire. The Wranglers are enjoying helping with the Solo's lessons. Hopefully, they will get a lot of new dancers from the lessons. We are also planning on participating in some exhibition dances to promote square dancing. We're hoping for lots of help with these and if YOU have any ideas for places where we can do exhibitions, please contact me, Sandra Whatley, Yvonne Cleary or Betty Hansard. WE NEED SOME NEW SQUARE DANCERS!! The Bees are going to meet their family at Disney World in Florida this month and are really looking forward to that. The Salmons have returned from a cruise to Key West and the Caymans. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the BRAMLETT PALOOZA. It's BAAAAAACK! Saturday, March 29th. Be sure to take a look at our flier for more details. It will be a lot of fun for everyone and we certainly hope you can attend. Our prayers go out to Anna Marie Bogart, Jim Gray, Gail Peterson and all those out there who are suffering from sickness pain, or loss. We hope those of you who have had birthdays and anniversaries have fun ones. Let's Dance!!!

Tommy Jo Epley and the Wranglers

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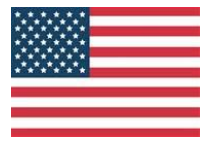
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Alan & Anne Dawes



are coming across the pond



for a visit arriving March 25.

To welcome them, Don & Audrey Bee
are hosting a "Welcome Back" Party
for anyone and everyone who knows them

Friday, March 28 at 6:00 pm

Please join us for a BBQ in their honor. If you want to bring something, bring a salad or a side dish and your choice of beverage. An RSVP is appreciated.

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UPDATE

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMISSIONS

PRESIDENT: Jim & Chesta Owens

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Lou & Tim Tanner

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Jerry & Tommy Jo Epley

SECRETARY: Tom & Yvonne Cleary

TREASURER: Robert Fenoglio

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

INSURANCE: Betty Jones

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

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 and Chesta Owens

NEWSLETTER: Michael & Barbara Martini

ASSEMBLER: Leonard Lowry

EMAIL NEWS: Rene Murphy





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 State Meeting Friday, Saturday & Sunday in Katy, TX
2	3 Levi & Lace Plus Workshop 7:30	4 Solos Pot Luck with workshop 7:00	5	6 Lessons 7:30 (9)	7 Levi & Lace- plus dance Robert Walker 8:00	8 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
9	10 Levi & Lace Plus Workshop 7:30	11	12	13 Lessons 7:30 (10)	14	15 Solos Dee Roy 8:00
16	17 Levi & Lace Plus Workshop 7:30	18	19	20 Lessons 7:30 (11)	21	22 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
23	24 L & L Plus WS L & L Plus WS 7:30	25	26	27 Lessons 7:30 (12)	28 Abilene Is it broke? Can we fix it? Dance Fri & Sat Night	29 Wranglers Bramlett Palooza 7:00 Mike Bramlett & Family
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April 2014



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		1 Solos Pot Luck with workshop 7:00	2	3 Lessons 7:30 (13)	4 Levi & Lace- Plus Dance Robert Walker 8:00	5
6 RRVA Quarterly Meeting 2:00 SDL	7 Levi & Lace Plus Workshop 7:30	8	9	10 Student Graduation Dance 7:30	11	12 <i>Ann & Alan Social 6 PM</i> Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
13	14 Levi & Lace Plus Workshop 7:30	15	16	17	18 Solos Anniversary Dance Danny Payne 8:00	19
20	21 Levi & Lace Plus Workshop 7:30	22	23	24	25 Wranglers Plus Workshop 7:30 Dance 8:00 Mike Bramlett	26 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00 Last Club Dance Until September
27	28 Levi & Lace Plus Workshop 7:30	29	30			