## RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association www.rrvsda.org


## May - June

2014



Square Dance Land

## 812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

| DATE | CLUB | PLACE | CALLER |
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| May 3 | RRVA Pioneer \& BBQ <br> Dance | SDL 8:00 | Jimmy Gouge |
| May 31 | RRVA Teen Scholarship <br> Dance | SDL 7:30 Officer <br> Installation 8:00 Dance | Johnny Carroll |
| June 12-14 | State Festival | Tyler, TX |  |
| June 23-28 | National Festival | Little Rock, Ark. |  |
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## Birthdays

## ANNIVERSARIES

Less Edgar
Gene Moore
Tommy Jo Epley
Stephanie Ross
Chesta Owens
Tom Cleary

## Pat Coad

Robert Wilkinson
Lee Humphrey
Peggy Edgars
Charlotte Smith
D' Bramlett
Chuck Forester
Kevin Connors
Jim McMillion

June Lemmon

Earl \& Ernestine Brock
Jim \& Carol Hansard
Daniel \& Philicia Scott

Anniversaries

Jim \& Rene Murphy
Walt \& Marilyn Clements
Carroll \& Susan Trotter
Robert \& Lynne Shinpaugh
Peyton \& Jeanette Ramey
Less \& Peggy Edgars

## From the Desk of the Presidents

We are having a grand spring dance session. Enjoying the spring weather, the rain, and our many dances and socials have been a joy. Also, our visit from Anne and Alan Dawes has been so delightful that letting them return to England will be difficult.
We found some interesting information about the history of square dancing and want to share it with you. Hopefully you will find it as interesting as we did. This has been copied from the website listed below.

## Square Dance History in the U.S.

The following article was found in the archives of MACA (Mid Atlantic Challenge Association).
The square dance is an American institution. It began in New England when the first settlers and the immigrant groups that followed, brought with them their various national dances, which we now call folk dances, but which were the popular dances of the day in the countries of their origin - the schottische, the quadrille, the jigs and reels and the minuet, to name a few. After a week of toil in building new homes and carving homes out of virgin forest, the settlers would gather in the community center on Saturday evening and enjoy dancing their old-world favorites. As the communities grew and people of different backgrounds intermingled, so did their dances. As the repertoire increased, it became increasingly difficult for the average person to remember the various movements.

In almost any group, however, there would be at least one extrovert, the hail-fellow-well-met, the life-of-the-party type, with a knack for remembering the dance figures. With typical Yankee ingenuity, the settlers let this person cue or prompt them in case they happened to forget what came next. In due course, the prompter (or figure caller, as he became known) acquired a repertoire of various colorful sayings or patter that he could intersperse with the cues. Quite often he would learn the dances of other communities and he would teach them to the group. Some of these men were quite ingenious and developed dances and routines of their own, including dances for groups of four couples. This is the manner in which square dancing and its director (or caller) developed.

As the population spread southward and westward, so did the dances. Lacking the organized recreation of today, the hardworking pioneers felt a need for an activity that would provide recreation as well as social contact with neighbors. Square dancing filled this need. The only requirements were a wooden floor, music and a caller. A barn, somebody's living room, the town hall or, in later years, the grange hall provided the place. A caller was not always a basic requirement. If one was around, fine; if not, they did dances that they remembered or that someone in the group could prompt. As far as music was concerned, there was always someone on hand who could play a guitar, a fiddle or an accordion.

However, as the population became more urban it also became more cosmopolitan. Booming trade brought to our shores new fashions, new music, and new dances from other continents. The new dances became fashionable, and square dancing was displaced in our mushrooming cities. It survived only in isolated areas, in each of which an individual style peculiar to that region developed. In time, differences among these regional dances became so pronounced that a square dancer from one area often would not be able to dance in another. Square dancing seemed slated for oblivion.

In the early 1930's, Henry Ford became interested in the revival of square dancing as a part of his early New England restoration project. His efforts captured the interest of other individuals who then modernized the activity so that it would appeal to contemporary America while retaining its basic flavor. Square dancing groups began to form hither and yon. By 1948, square dancing had reached the level of a fad and there was some concern that interest would be short-lived. Such fears proved baseless. The people who had rediscovered this activity were determined to retain it, to perpetuate it and to share it with others. In the process of revival, the hillbilly band with its whiny fiddle was replaced by modern combos, which provided uniform performance through the medium, of highfidelity recordings; the nasal-voiced, almost unintelligible caller was replaced with an articulate professional assisted by a public address system. The barn, the pitchfork, the bale of hay and the little brown jug disappeared from the scene and square dancing moved into the urban centers. Name tags, worn by all dancers, put everyone on a first-name basis and thereby created instant informality and good fellowship.

Square dancing had regained its old appeal in a modern setting and it spread over the nation. It is estimated that today this wholesome recreation is enjoyed by millions of Americans and by countless others around the world. Wherever Americans have gone overseas - England, Germany, Australia, Japan, etc., they have introduced square dancing and it has been received enthusiastically.

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We are so fortunate to a part of this history. As we work together, we will continue to keep square dancing alive for future generations.

We have local dances, Pioneer Dance, Teen Scholarship Fund Dance, State Festival, and National Festival coming up in May and June. What an entertaining time we will all have! We are looking forward to seeing you at the dances.

Jim and Chesta Owens

# Join the Fun! 

## RRVA Pioneer Dance

Where: Red River Valley Association
812 Travis
Wichita Falls, Texas
When: Saturday, May 3, 2014
Dinner: Serve at 6:30 p.m.
Officer Installation: 7:15
Grand March: 8:00p.m. 10:00p.m.
Caller: Jimmy Gouge
Dinner: $\quad \$ 6.00$ per person in advance
Dance: With dinner ticket - $\$ 6.00$
Without dinner ticket - $\$ 8.00$


Dinner will include barbeque from Branding Iron, sides, and a dessert. See your club president for dinner tickets. Need to be purchased by April $25^{\text {th }}$ because numbers will be given to Walt on April $26^{\text {th }}$.

If you are unable to attend but want to donate to help support RRVA, make checks payable to RRVA and mail to:

Robert Fenoglio
RRVA Treasurer
P.O. Box 2342

Wichita Falls, TX 76301
See you in a square with a $\stackrel{\Im}{~}_{\text {on your face! }}$



Refreshments - Bake Sale Auction - Split the Pot Lots of Laughs

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Wichita Falls, TX 76307
\$\$\$\$ All Profits will go to the Teen Scholarship Fund \$\$\$\$

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## Levis \& Lace

Hello there fellow square dancers. Happy Mother's \& Father's Day to all.
Well let me fill you in on all the news! Birthday dance was a fantastic FUNdraiser dance. We had over 50 auction items both bag and silent. Lots of home-made items that I always love seeing. Linda donated some of her beautiful embroidery; Chesta made a gorgeous necklace set and John bought three of his beautiful crocheted doilies. This is a fine example of what talents square dancers have! I personally want to thank everyone who bought items and thank everyone who purchased tickets and participated in the silent auction. This was a very successful fund raiser thanks to you ALL! Also thank you brave souls who did the spoon dance. Always fun to try something new or different. Also a big THANK YOU to our visitors, you made it a lot of fun for us all! A big FUN thank you to our caller Robert \& line dance extraordinaire Pam for helping make this dance such a success! You both were so helpful and just plain marvelous.

Look for our eye popping Levi's \& Lace shirts we will be wearing. Our club decided to call attention to ourselves and help promote square dance. By wearing these shirts we will do that! I guarantee you will be seen in that neon orange, neon green or neon pink!

These shirts were worn casually to our Easter dance where we had a full-fledged Easter egg hunt. The hunt was on for 3 prized eggs and individual eggs with each attendee's name. Well needless to say, I think some of us were well versed in Easter egg hunts!!! Everyone had their Easter bonnets and Easter hats on and they were judged. Woman bonnet winner was Tommy Jo and man hat winner was Jerry E! There were some beautiful bonnets and hats and a great picture floating around to prove it. The winner of the prize eggs were: Sandra W, Stephen S, and Terry B. They will wear the lighted bunny rings well!

Workshop is going strong with over 30 people. They will be finished and all plussed up by the first of May! We welcome them to our dances and look forward to them at all the dances showing off their plus skills.

The British are here, the British are here. Alan \& Anne have been in and the festivities have been wonderful. It started with a lovely party at Audrey \& Don's home. I loved the British signs all the way to their home! The food was excellent and the party rocked!

Thank you Don \& Audrey for a wonderful time to spend with wonderful friends and to welcome Alan and Anne back! I have never seen such reception and this just goes to show how well loved and missed these two are! So very good to have you both here!

Texas State Festival is in June so it was voted to cancel our June dance. Nationals are also in June in Little Rock. If ya like to dance this is where it will be at. You can dance every day for more than 8 hours a day if ya want! Ya really need to rock in Little Rock!
 have enjoyed the 3 years we have done this column and hope you have enjoyed reading it. Sandra will be great at this project and please bombard her with information to put in this column, your input is what makes it worth reading!

A little side note, we were dancing up north and I had someone ask us why Daniel and I always individually thank the ones dancing in our square or if you notice, I always put it at the end of our column. The reasoning is we know there are many square dance venues out there. You could dance wherever you want, you could dance in any square you want. We are always thankful for someone dancing in our square, and just thankful you square dance. If it wasn't for YOU we would be dancing alone! That wouldn't be much fun! So thank YOU!

Our snack venue for May is sandwiches. We will be dancing on the $2^{\text {nd }}$ Saturday through the summer, June dance is cancelled due to Texas State Festival.

Our talented caller Robert \& Pam Walker will be calling Saturday May 10, 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 you had the good fortune to enjoy some of the glorious moisture we received in the early spring. The best part about it was that it fell over a long period of time and was able to soak in deeply. Also, hope you've managed to be missed by any passing thunder boomers. They are particularly nasty during this time of year.
The Swinging Stars were treated to a special and delightful event this past spring, visitations by Lord Alan, and Lady Ann Dawes of, I believe, the 'Windermere Manor', West Central, England. They are a long way from their British Isles home, $1400+$ miles to be sure, but they are welcome to stay with us anytime! They are the kind of folks one thanks the Lord for having met. They had a busy calendar, so I know others feel the same about them, but we were grateful for the time shared. (BTW- the next time you see the 'Ships, ask them about their titles and the Manor 'it's a great story). And a big THANKS to Don \& Audrey Bee for hosting their welcome back BBQ.
Before everyone rushes off on summer break, we would like to take a moment to thank the current slate of officers who have helped with the Swinging Stars throughout the past dance year: President: Stephen \& Rosa San Miguel; $1^{\text {st }}$ VP: Ina Roark, $2^{\text {nd }}$ VP Jimmy \& Charlotte Smith; Treasurer: Margaret \& Wally Waller and Secretary: Lee \& Jim Humphrey. Great job/work indeed.
We would also like to thank the folks who stepped forward (or at least for not stepping backwards grin) to serve as officers of the Swinging Stars for the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year: President: Jim \& Chesta Owens, 1st VP: Tom \& Yvonne Cleary; 2nd VP: Robert Fenoglio, Secretary: Ken \& Susan Jarosz and Treasury: Jim \& Judy McMillion.
As always, Stephen \& Rosa did a great job for scheduling our recent Swinging Stars social dinners for B-Day's and Anniversaries at Cheddars and Applebee's were good choices. With the passing of the baton, so-to-speak, Jim \& Chesta will be selecting upcoming sites, and like Stephen \& Rosa, they are always looking for new places to go to so pass along your favorite spot or know of a new place in town we have not tried yet then give them a holler.
Yet another big thanks go to all of the folks (Stephen \& Rosa, Robert \& Cindy, Judy \& Jim, Jim Owens, Tom \& Yvonne) who sold tickets at the Henrietta Turkey Fest. The funds go a long way in supporting the many Swinging Stars events. Congratulations to Bob \& Brenda Hardy for winning both the TV \& Kindle Fire (what were the chances out of 2,700 tickets sold). I wish I had been the winner of a flat screen TV or Kindle Fire. It seems that I never get my hands on either at my house, don't-ya-know (grin).
There are some special folks that, due to health problems, we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Walker, Jim Gray, Pat Harmon, and Gail Peterson to mention a few, keep the prayers coming!
Hope you folks have the good fortune of taking advantage of our many our upcoming events and visitations that our new Presidents, Jim \& Chesta, are planning for us this coming summer. As before, for those of you who will be venturing out of the area into the mountains or the coastlines, send us a line or two to let us know what it's like not to have to sweat out in the summer heat.

Oh don't forget the Swinging Stars Garage Sale May $3^{\text {rd }}$ in the parking lot in front of the Jarosz Dentist building across from Long John Silvers on Kemp.
We would lastly like to apologize for our extended absence from the Swinging Stars dances and other fine events. We sure miss all of the smiling faces and great fun. We'd also like to thank all for the kind thoughts, prayers and calls.
Hope you have a GREAT summer.
Your Swinging Star Reporters, Kim \& Gail Peterson


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## Wichita Falls Solos

Summer is almost here and it will be hot before you know it. We have enjoyed a busy Square Dance Season the last few months. We want to thank all of you that have supported us the last few months. We had some very faithful angels who came and supported our lessons. We graduated the new dancers Thursday night 17 of April and we welcome them to square dancing. We hope they will continue to dance.

Our 37th Anniversary Dance was Friday night April 18 and we had a good crowd in spite of the Easter weekend. Thanks to all of you who came out and supported us. A big yellow rock to Danny and Sharon Payne for calling our anniversary dances for several years. He is going to quit traveling so this was his last time to call for us. He did a great job although he had a sore throat and was hoarse. He really belted out the songs and calls. The Kindle Fire was won by Willie Howard. The ticket was sold by Dee Roy. Again thanks to all who sold or bought tickets and to the one who donated the Kindle Fire.

Everyone looked super in our new club outfit. It was a busy night and we did not get a new club picture. Members please make an effort to come to our May dance and wear your new outfit. We will get a picture that night.

The Solos yard sale was a great success. We took in $\$ 341$. Thank you to all who brought items to sale and stayed and work. A special thanks to Michael and Barbara Martini for allowing us to have it at their house and to Martha Painter for donating many items from her late sister's home to sale.

Thanks to Michael Martini for making new signs for the Hall they really look nice and fresh. Thanks also to Michael and Barbara for doing the newsletter. I know it is a lot of work and we do appreciate it.

Solos dues are due in June. Make plans now to get those to our treasurer so you are not delinquent July 1st.

An organization cannot function without officers. It hardly seems adequate to say thank you to all of the club officers and RRVA officers. The RRVA officers spend their own money traveling to State Meetings and do so much for us. Give them a big yellow rock and tell them how much you appreciate them.

While we are thanking everyone we have to mention Dee \& Janice Roy. Dee is so faithful to be there for us when we need him. It was great to see Janice dancing at graduation and our Anniversary Dance.

Please continue to pray for Janice, Anna Marie Bogart, and Jim Gray. I hope I did not leave out anyone.

We were blessed to have our great friends Lord Alan and Lady Anne Dawes visiting with us the last month or so. It is great to see them and hope they can come back often.

The Solos will be dancing May 17 at 8 pm at Square Dance Land with Dee Roy calling and again on June 21st. Our June, July and August dances will be cool and casual so come and enjoy some fun. Our Potluck Suppers and Workshop will be May 6 and June 3 at 7pm. Dee will workshop both Mainstream and Plus. For just $\$ 3$ you can have a great meal and then dance some of it off.

Have a great summer,
Barbara Standley


## Wranglers

Spring is here and the birds are singing!! Time to think about the opportunity to dance! Our President is making plans to visit other clubs in the area and we are looking forward to our next dance on May $23^{\text {rd }}$. May $23^{\text {rd }}$ is our Anniversary dance and everyone is invited to come celebrate with us. Come for the workshop at 7:30 or come at 8:00. It should be a great night. Several Wranglers plan to attend Nationals in Arkansas and the state festival in Tyler during June. Since we will be doing a lot of traveling and our caller will also be in Arkansas during our regular dance night, the Wranglers will not be dancing in Wichita Falls in June. So, NO WRANGLER DANCE in June 2014.

Wranglers are looking forward to the Pioneer RRVA Dance. I can already taste the BBQ, beans, potato salad, and coleslaw!! I am planning on wearing my sun bonnet in honor of our pioneers. See you there!!

I want to thank everyone who came to our Bartlett Paloosa with Mike Bramlett, D', and Drew. It was a lot of fun and we had 10 squares on the floor at one time!! Everyone in our club pitched in and made food, decorated, etc. and we had fun too. Our thanks to our members, Don and Audrey Bee for hosting the delightful covered dish dinner honoring Alan and Anne Daws and inviting "All of Us". What great hosts and chefs they are! It has been wonderful to have Alan and Anne here, we will miss them when they go home. Thanks also to Walt and Marilyn Clements for hosting a wonderful evening of feasting and fellowship for the Wranglers celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Tax Day!!

Our prayers and well wishes go out to Anna Marie and Will after her additional hospitalization and surgery at Baylor Hospital, to Randy San Miguel after his shoulder surgery and to Don Bee whose back continues to deal him misery. We were pleased to have Dosha back in the swing of things after her surgery and wish a speedy recovery to Yvonne Cleary who will have had foot surgery by the time this newsletter is received. Please remember to pray for Wayne Salmon as he is still dealing with a hearing problem.

Congratulations to our own Haley Steflik upon her graduation from High School. Best wishes on your College and bright future. I hope you will drop by and visit us when you can.

Wranglers will be traveling and enjoying new family members this summer. Sandra Whatley will be traveling to South Padre Island in June to spend a week in a condo on the beach with 11 family members. Sandra and Jerry have another great grandbaby, little Jordan born April 10 in Henderson. Walt and Marilyn are planning a trip in the summer to Colorado. Don and Audrey will be traveling to California to act as tour guides for Alan and Anne. Bob and Brenda will be attending their third State Festival and their second National Convention and are very excited about the trips. They will also be traveling to Red River with the grandchildren this summer and Brenda will be visiting her sister in Alabama. Wayne and Linda will be traveling to the State Festival and the National Convention. They welcomed a new great grandbaby into the family this year. Tommy Jo and Jerry will be seeing the sights in San Francisco as well as dancing at the National Convention. They will also be enjoying the company of their grandchildren this summer.

We want to thank last year's officers for helping us thrive during this last year. The yard sale and the Bramlett Palooza was a grand success. Thanks to: Sandra and Jerry Whatley President

Betty Jones - Vice President
Carroll and Susan Trotter - Secretary
Walt and Marilyn Clements - Treasurer
We also want to thank our members who have agreed to be officers next year. Sandra and Jerry Whatley - President

Steve and Sandy Abeyta - Vice President
Carroll and Susan Trotter - Secretary
Randy and Lisa San Miguel - Treasurer
This is my last newsletter. Tommy Jo will be taking over in July. I feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of Square Dancers to dance with.

See you in a square.
Marilyn Clements

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HOW I GOT INTO SQUARE DANCING

by Earlene Pebworth

Back in the mid ' 60 's, Bob \& I made a Summer camping trip to Lake Texoma with Gene \& Pauline Moore. During the evenings, after supper, we moseyed over to the Pavilion to listen to the music and watch a fun loving group of colorful dancers who performed what they called Square Dancing. The dancing was very entertaining and looked like a lot of fun. Pauline was really enthused and made lots of inquiries.

Upon return to Wichita Falls, Pauline found a square dance club, the Pairs \& Squares, and signed up for lessons with a caller Stub Davis. As fate would have it Max \& Helen Yancey were also taking lessons at that time. Bob was working with Halliburton and on call 24 hrs ., so we didn't join in with Gene \& Pauline for the September lessons. However, after listening and watching them dance, we decided to sign up with the second set of lessons the following January. Also, with Bob's schedule, we were worried about missing lessons so we doubled up by also taking lessons with James Moyer, of the Circle \& Stars club, in Bridgeport. And from 1965 on we were avid dancers indeed.

The RRVA (Red River Valley Square Dance Association) showed an early interest in us and Bob \& I served as Secretary and later Treasure for many years. During that timeframe the RRVA had as many of twelve member clubs including one at Sheppard AFB. As most of our dancing friends were members of the Swinging Stars, so that's the direction we migrated.

The Wichita Falls tornado of 1979 took out our home as well as club members Mamie and Clyde Winters and Don and Fay Lewis. Dozens of Swinging Stars members swarmed our homes to help save our treasures and cover portions of the homes from the elements. They were veritable lifesavers, for certain.

During most of our square dance career, the sale of State Federation tickets was of major importance to the clubs finances. So much so that, for ticket sales purposes, the Swinging Stars divvied the club up into two groups for some healthy sales competition. Then, following completion of ticket sales each year, the loosing group had to feed the winners at the annual Winners-Losers picnic. The picnics were held in Lucy Park, Kiwanis Park (in a storm) and countless events at the Pebworth cabin on Lake Arrowhead as Bob loved to cook for everyone. Each event was hilariously entertained by the Yancey's and Moore's.

In 2002, as fate would have it, Bob sold the first place winning State Federation ticket to a single mom with 4 small daughters in Burkburnett, TX. She ended up buying a Ford truck. There was even a nice article on the event in the local newspaper

We've had many, many good times square dancing - with the Moores, Yanceys, Gores, Esslers, Phillips, countless others. And let's not forget the many trips to the Walkers.

With Bob's tight schedule, we didn't travel as much as we would have liked, but that didn't stop us as we've managed to square dance at:

## 1. Possum Kingdom for club campouts;

2. Lake Amon Carter, South of Bowie, TX;
3. Lake Murray, South of Ardmore, OK
4. Wolf Creek Pass, in Colorado
5. Various trips to Red River, in New Mexico, to mention only a few

On a humorous note, Bob once said that his activity in Square Dancing had cost him two new cars, as he had to have air conditioned vehicles for all of the frilly clothes.

Also, we remember one time when someone brought a piglet into the hall in a gunny sack and let him out loose amongst the dancers. Boy did that cause a stir and shut things down for a while.....

Bob and I are truly thankful for Square Dancing and all of the wonderful friends we've had the good fortune to meet.
"NOTE: As the Lord would have it, Bob passed recently and has moved on to a much better place. However, we do know that he is now squaring up in the grandest Square Dance Convention of all and surely having a ball. Be sure to save us a spot in your square, Bob.....(Kim \& Gail).

Enjoy your life through fellowship and dance....." 18

The Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers presents．．．
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## 52ND Annual Texas State Square \＆ Round Dance ${ }^{\circledR}$ Festival



Trail End Dance
7：00 pm，June 12， 2014
Texas State Callers＇
Association
Squares \＆Rounds


Optional Round Dance
1－4pm，June 13， 2014 Texas Round Dance
Teachers Association All Rounds


Pre－Festival Dance
7：00pm，June 13， 2014
East Texas Square \＆Round Dance Association Squares \＆Rounds

$5^{2}{ }^{\text {nd }}$ Texas State Festival
9am－10pm，June 14， 2014
Texas State Federation of Square \＆Round Dancers Square，Rounds，Contra Line Dancing \＆Clogging


2014 'TSFSRD Festival, Tyler, 'Texas, June 14-15, 2014- Advance Registration form


## Camping <br> East Texas Fairgrounds

Address: 2112 W. Front St., Tyler
Phone: 903-597-2501
Rate: $\$ 25.00 /$ Night - Electricity/Water

## Festival Chairman

Jack Isdale \& Deretha Starnes
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## 63rd National Square Dance Convention ${ }^{\circledR}$

 June 25-28, 2014Little Rock, Arkansas

## Money Saving Attractions

Come early, stay after the convention, Little Rock has much to see and do without a cost to the visitor. Saving money, on all kinds of free things to see and do, means more in your pocket for great dining and lodging in the city. With bargains like these, the opportunities for fun are limitless. Learn more .

## Eureka Springs Tour Added

See some of the most beautiful sites that Arkansas has to offer on this perfect overnight getaway. From the moment you depart you"ll see some of the best of Arkansas foliage as we travel the scenic highways through the Ozarks up to Northwest Arkansas. We"ll overnight in beautiful Eureka Springs, one of the state"s most popular travel destinations. Learn More . . .


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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
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <br> Solos <br> Dee Roy <br> $8: 00$ |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 <br> Wranglers <br> plus <br> workshop <br> $7: 30$ dance | 24 |
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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | $12$ <br> State <br> Festival <br> Tyler | 13 <br> State <br> Festival <br> Tyler | 14 Levi \& Lace cancelled due to State Festival |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 <br> Solos <br> Dee Roy <br> 8:00 |
| 22 | 23 <br> National <br> Festival in Little Rock , AR | 24 <br> National Festival in Little Rock ,AR | 25 <br> National Festival in Little Rock ,AR | 26 <br> National <br> Festival in <br> Little Rock <br> , AR | 27 <br> Wranglers plus workshop 7:30 dance | 28 <br> National Festival in Little Rock ,AR |
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