

# RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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## November – December

## 2014



Merry.  
Christmas

# Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CALLER</b>
Dec 31	RRVA New Year's Eve Dance	SDL	Bobby Willis

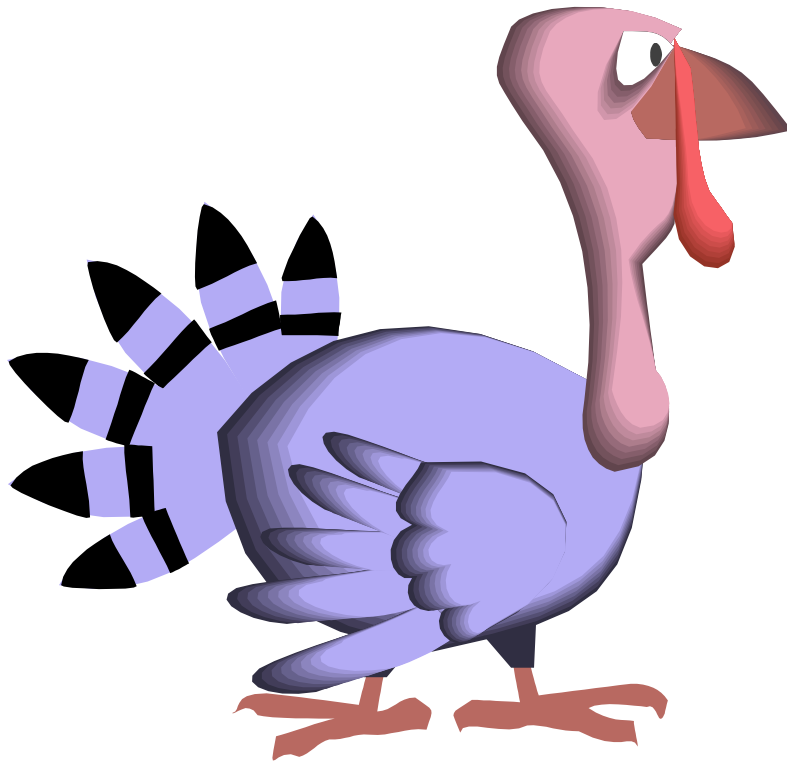
# November

## Birthdays

Greg Ward	Sue Bartlett	Betty Hansard	Leonard Lowry
Brad Whitaker	Ernestine Brock	Robert Fenoglio	Linda Salmon
Rita Gray	Jim Hansard	Joan Dorman	Barbara Martini
Ardella Johnson	Raymond Hager	Earl Brock	Haley Steflik
Marianne Patillo	Gary White	Dan Daily	Dee Roy
Carol Hansard			

## ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy & Debbie Moore	Kevin & Janie Connors
Vallee & Carolyn Graves	Stephen & Rosa San Miguel



# December

## Birthdays

Helen Graf	David Sewell	Ruby Biggs	Robert Walker
Nancy Gillespie	Betty Hillard	Max Yancey	Ray Shinpaugh
Kim Peterson	Billie Gore	Marie Walls	Mary Carson
Mike Bramlett			

## Anniversaries

Jim & Rita Gray

John & Mary Carson

Bob & Brenda Hardy

Wayne & Linda Salmon



# From the Desk of the Presidents

November–December, 2014

Fall is definitely in the area in Red River Valley. The temperatures are dropping and Square Dance Land has been rather cool the last couple of dances. Some of our clubs have seen a few new dancers added as well as some who are joining our clubs again. Welcome to each of you. We look forward to getting to know you in a square.

We want to make sure that you all know that you are welcome to attend any of the club's dances. Even if you are recently graduated from lessons or have been absent from dancing for a time, we want you to join us in a square. We are there to have fun and laugh with each other. Many, if not most of us, attend dances sponsored by all of the clubs. Let me put in a plug for Wichita Fall Solos, who have a potluck/workshop on the first Tuesday of each month. Cost is just \$3.00. Dee Roy is willing to workshop any call that anyone might need to practice. Also Mike Bramlett will do the same at 7:30 at the Wichita Wranglers dances each month. Many of our new dancers have taken lessons with Robert Walker, who will also review any call as needed. Our callers are all willing to help in any way to make our square dancing experience enjoyable and comfortable for all. We want everyone present for each dance to **HAVE FUN AT THE PARTY!**

Be sure to check the calendar each month, especially November and December when some of our clubs have changes in their dance night schedule.

Mark your calendar now for the big **NEW YEAR'S EVE** dance sponsored by RRVA on December 31, 2014. Dance will begin at 9 pm and end with typical New Year's Day fare and one tip after midnight.

Looking forward to seeing **YOU** in a square!

Yellow Rocks to all.

Wayne and Linda Salmon



# Levis & Lace

When we moved to Wichita Falls to attend MSU in the Fall of 1958, I could not believe how much it rained! We did all rejoice and many of us praised the Lord when we had two rainfalls earlier this October, but we are certainly now hoping and praying for more of those 1958 days before the Autumn season comes to a close. We are; however, most appreciative of some of the gorgeous days we've been having. And, how many of you saw that breathtaking sunset which stretched north, west and south one evening last week, lighting up the whole horizon in many shades of red? I simply couldn't believe what I was seeing!

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the Levis and Lace Plus Club dances every first Friday of the month and will have a *Shoot the Turkey at our November dance scheduled for Nov. 7 beginning with a grand march at 8:00 p.m. Skip Gates will be calling and for those who have the nerve, dress PJ Comfy!* A pot-luck supper will be served so no-one goes to bed hungry. Tim, Lou and Becca Tanner came up with the idea of "Shoot the Turkey", but who knows what that means? What happens is that you count the cranberries in the jar and the closest guess (without going over) wins the jar of cranberries and a turkey. Thanks to the terrific Tanners for donating the cranberries AND the turkey.

Thank you to our Vice-Presidents, Phelica and Daniel Scott, for coming up with these unique dance ideas and for providing the information to me for the newsletters. In addition to the November dance, Phelica says that "Friday, Dec. 5 will be a **Christmas Bingo** square dance night to celebrate bingo month. Bingo will be played and the first to call a legitimate *Bingo* wins a prize. The numbers will be selected in-between tips so everyone can dance every tip. There will also be Christmas gifts given out during the dance to participating Levis and Lace members and to visiting square dancers. This will be an eventful fun-filled evening for all. Please come **Christmas** with us." So that you're not overloaded with Christmas goodies, we'll be serving cookies and Robert Walker will be doing his usual super job calling the dance!

The Levis and Lace annual Christmas party will be celebrated at Logan's Roadhouse beginning at 5:30 p.m., also on Friday, December 5. "Chloris Yellow Rock invites all her yellow rock family to the eat out and dance – this will count as 2 visitations for the participating Yellow Rocks" says Phelica.

Since very bad weather precipitated cancellation of both our Christmas party plans and one of our dances last year, Phelica suggests that you either call or e-mail her or hubby, Daniel, should you question the weather.

Returning from a visit to the State Fair of Texas and a Mediterranean cruise are the Don Bees and from an extended Florida vacation are the Walt Clements. Welcome home to them, to Betty Hansard who spent five weeks visiting family and friends in Oregon and to the Scotts who enjoyed their annual October visit to the Carolinas visiting Daniel's family and taking in several great square dances along the way to and from. In addition to these, we know that the Clearys also made their annual trek to the state fair (Tom just doesn't dare miss it!), the Epleys visited family and attended a Homecoming and Genny Frerich spent time with her daughter and family.

We look forward to having Jerry Epley recovered from his foot ailment and Wayne Salmon up and about after surgery for a detached retina! We continue to pray for healing for Anna Marie Bogart, Jim Owens, Anthony San Miguel and any others we're not aware of.

Yours in Square Dancing,

The Whatleys

# Swinging Stars

Our 2014 fall dance season began with high spirits that “keeps on going!” We started our dance season in September with a pot-luck social for our prospective students. All but two prospective students returned for lessons. The lesson schedule was changed to twice a week instead of once a week. The students liked it and so did Robert and Pam. Twenty students graduated at our Anniversary dance October 25, 2014. They were:

Dave Asbury, Eva Brackett, Rick & Rose Campos, Barbara Cross, Buddy & Janie Davis,  
Jeff & Perry Griner, Karen Reed, Lillyanna San Miguel, Betty Schoen,  
Paul, Karen & Anna Thorogood, Ernst Visscher, Brad & Judy Whitaker,  
Bill & Sharon Wiltse.

When you see them in a square with their “New Student Dangle” be an Angel and guide them through the moves if needed. They are a great group of people and a delight to have square dancing. For their benefit, Robert Walker will be conducting a workshop from 7:30 – 8:00 during November and December dances. We may continue it into January. Robert will make that decision as time gets closer.

At our kick-off dance in September, the Oompa-Loompas, starring the Swinging Stars’ officers, entertained the dancers while Willy Wonka, starring Terry McCurrin, welcomed everyone to the dance. Chocolate was everywhere and added a touch of fun to the fruit that was served with it. Door prizes were given and of course they were “CHOCOLATE”, what else would be expected.

We have been celebrating our anniversaries and birthdays at the merchant locations who sponsored our merchant discount card. They have “laughed” at the many cards presented to them for the discount and have given it with a “smile.”

Our fund raiser has been very successful. We finished it at the end of October. Hands go out to Robert Fenoglio for being in charge and doing such a fantastic job selling and encouraging us to sell. Of course, Cindy Day was right there beside him selling, selling, and selling!! Thanks to both of them and all the club members. Everyone participated toward our success.



We are entering a float in the Christmas Parade this year. It is November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Judy McMillion has taken charge and her ideas just keep flowing. She is so creative. Bob Hardy is providing us with his workshop close to the hall where we can build the float, Jim Murphy is providing the trailer, and our dancers are providing the work to get it done. Since the parade is on our dance night, our dance may begin a little late. Robert and Pam will be on the float along with other dancers both on the float or walking beside it. After the parade and after the traffic clears so we can get back to the dance hall, we will have a few tips and depending on weather, appropriate snacks.

Keep December 27<sup>th</sup> on your dance calendar. We will be dancing that night. Most of us will need to dance off a “few” Christmas calories. Bring your family and friends, who may still be visiting for the holidays, and come to Square Dance Land for the festivities.

All clubs have family and friends who need us to remember them as they strive to overcome medical and other situations. Let us always keep them in our prayers.

*Reporting for Kim Peterson*

*Swinging Stars Reporter*

*Jim & Chesta Owens*



# Wichita Falls Solos

Thanks to all of you that come out and support our dances and Potluck Suppers. We had a good dance in October and are looking forward to our dances in November and December. Everyone is invited to our Potluck Suppers and Workshops. For just a \$3 donation you will have a great meal and Dee Roy will workshop both mainstream and plus. The Workshops are on Nov 4 and Dec 2 We eat at 7pm and the workshop follows so come and join us. Our dances are Nov 15 and Dec 20 at 8 pm.

Our annual Fish Fry is history this year. We met at Eddie's and Sondra's home on October the 19th for lots of good fish and hushpuppies prepared by Dee and Janice Roy. There was lots of other good food to go with it. Thanks to Dee, Janice, Eddie and Sondra for a great time.

You don't want to miss our November Dance, we will have a Holiday Bake Sale with lots of goodies you can freeze and have for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will have candy, cookie, and maybe a few pies.

It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us. We are looking forward to our Halloween dance on Oct 31 and all of the clever costumes you all come up with. There will be lots of parties to attend. The Solo's Christmas Party will be Dec 7 at 3 pm at Eddie's and Sondra's. We will play games and eat finger food until around 6 pm and have our Chinese gift exchange. Bring a gift men for a man and women for a woman price not to exceed \$10 (no gag gifts please). Bring non-perishable food items for Interfaith Ministries.

January will be time for Solo's Mainstream Lessons starting on January 15 at 7:30 pm. It is time to start inviting people to attend.

Check out the Birthdays in November. We have 9 Solos born that month. Happy Birthday!!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Solos,

Barbara Standley



# Wranglers

Hi, it's me, Tommy Jo! Finished your Christmas shopping

yet?? Can you believe how fast the time is going? It's time for the holidays and the holiday dances and parties. The Wranglers are working on planning their Christmas party. We are hoping you will be able to come to our November and December dances. Remember, they will be the 2nd Friday of those months and not the fourth. The Bees just returned from a cruise in the Caribbean, and the Clements are in Florida. They will return sometime in December. Good news about Yreva's mother. She lost a leg, but now she is doing fabulous. We also want to send prayers, to Anna Marie, Anthony, Jim Owens and Bambi, Carroll and Susan's daughter in law. I hate to start naming names because I'm afraid I'll leave someone out, but if you are sick or suffering a loss, please know we are sending you prayers and best wishes. On a good note though, we want to say Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating the next few months. "A very special welcome to our new Wranglers - Tina Boyd and Elizabeth Griffin." We're thrilled to have you become an official part of our very special club".

Hey! Happy and Blessed Holidays!!! Tommy Jo Epley



**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 15, 2015**

**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.***

# *Holiday Bake Sale*

Buy your Holiday Goodies now  
and freeze for your parties and  
gatherings.

Candy

Fudge

Divinity

Peanut Clusters

Peanut Patties

Pies

Decorated Cookies





**Sale will be at the Solo's Dance,  
November 15 at 8 pm.**



# November 2014





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Solos Pot Luck With Workshop 7:00	5	6	7 Levi & Lace Plus Dance Skip Gates 8:00	8 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Wranglers Plus Workshop 7:30 Grand March 8:00?	15 Solos Dance Dee Roy 8:00
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 9:00 City Lights Parade
23 30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 	29 No RRVA Dance



# December 2014



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	1	2 Solos Pot Luck With Workshop 7:00	3	4	5 Levi & Lace Plus Dance Robert Walker 8:00	6
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14	15	16 SS Christmas Party 6-9:30	17	18	19	20 Solos Dance Dee Roy 8:00
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
28	29	30	31 RRVA New Year's Eve Dance Bobby Willis			