

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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January – February 2015



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Jan 15	Lessons Begin 7:30	SDL	Dee Roy
Jan 25	RRVA Quarterly Meeting 2:00	SDL	
Jan 31	Teen Scholarship Dance 8:00	SDL	RRVA Callers
Feb 6	Levi & Lace Anniversary Dance 8:00	SDL	Robert Walker
Feb 26	Student Halfway Dance 7:30	SDL	Dee Roy

January

Birthdays

Pat Harmon	Janie Connors
Cindy Day	Wayne Jackson
James Ingram	Betty Hansard
Stephen San Miguel	Judy McMillion
Belinda Alberry	Wanda Mount
DB Patillo	John Conklin
Janice Roy	

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	

Anniversaries

Don & Audrey Bee	Randy & Lisa San Miguel
John & Marge Conklin	David & Maggie Sewell
Terry & Patricia Kirkland	Max & Helen Yancey

From the Desk of the Presidents

January-February, 2015

Well, the Christmas season has come and gone. Seems like we have missed getting to dance as much as we would have liked, but Wayne and I both have had health issues. Now with the New Year knocking at our door, we are ready for the New Year. We have already had some snow and cold weather. But we are looking forward to lots of dancing in the New Year.

As we stated last newsletter, we have a few new dancers, and they are out dancing. A fun time was had at The Cowboy Church in December when we were joined by the new dancers for the "Flash Dance". The Church was having their Christmas banquet and party for the children. Mike, Dee, and Drew Bramlett from Garland did an excellent job entertaining. It was a great time when members from each of our four clubs came together for the occasion.

Let's all make it a resolution to make square dancing part of our New Year's goal to dance more, make new friends, and stay healthy. What a fun way square dancing is when you realize all the health benefits. Just tell your doctor that you are square dancing 3 or 4 times a week and see how pleased he/she is that you are taking control of your heart. I know some of us are young and might not be concerned by your health, but your family is. Remember that laughing is also a health benefit, and we love to laugh. Okay, so we also like to eat! 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 always willing to workshop any call that anyone might need to practice.

Hey, lest I forget. You are all invited to any of our parties at the hall sponsored by the RRVA clubs.

HAVE FUN AT EVERY PARTY!

Again be sure to check the calendar each month. I think all the clubs are back on regular schedule, but check anyway.

Looking forward to seeing YOU in a square!

Yellow Rocks to all.

Wayne and Linda Salmon

Levis & Lace

2013-14 was a great year for the Levis and Lace plus club as we welcomed new members, Bob and Brenda Hardy, Barbara Standley and Rebecca Tanner. We danced to guest callers, Danny Payne and Johnny Carroll and celebrated our 37th anniversary. And, as always, we loved dancing to our own caller, Robert Walker and doing line dances to the instruction of his lovely wife, Pam.

Christmas 2014 saw us celebrate together with Phelica and Daniel Scott planning, organizing and carrying out a delightful Christmas banquet at Logan's Steakhouse, a challenging scavenger hunt, and a fun bingo game - all in one evening without us having to miss a single dance step. Thanks so much, Phelica and Daniel! The scavenger hunt had us visiting relatives, going to Walmart and climbing neighborhood trees for mistletoe, but alas, Carolyn and Vallee won the prize we all sought. John Carson and Don Bee both won at bingo and we all won by just being there! Later, Phelica said she saw several cute little elves running around looking at Christmas lights after the dance.

January 2nd will be our "Bring in 2015" dance with cookies for refreshments.

February 6th will be our 38th Anniversary Fund-Raiser at the Carnival. The dance will be **Mainstream with Announced plus** and will feature our own Robert Walker. If you would like, dress as something you would see at a carnival or as if you are attending a carnival. There will be carnival games and a bag auction with lots of surprises during the evening. Bring your yellow-rock visitation cards and a prize will be awarded for the most visitations and a drawing of the other cards presented (only 1 visitation needs to be included). Levis and Lace members, this just might be a great dance to give your yellow rock to a visitor if the mood strikes - that is, if you can part with the cute little thing! Come for great square dancing, cake, games and guaranteed fun!

We continue to care for and pray for those who've had surgery, serious illness in the family, and loss of family members to include Wayne and Linda Salmon (though they've seldom missed a dance), Will and Anna Marie Bogart, Jerry and Tommy Jo Epley, Tom and Yvonne Cleary, Jim and Chesta Owens, and any other Levis and Lace members whom I may not be aware of.

Our wishes to you for a happy and prosperous 2015,

Sandra and Jerry Whatley

Swinging Stars

It is difficult to believe that the year 2014 is at an end. The past two months have been filled with entertaining times. After our dance students graduated in October, they jumped right into our club activities and have been a pleasure to get to know.

In November, our club entered the City of Lights Parade. With Judy and Jim McMillion's guidance and Bob and Brenda Hardy's workshop, many of us met for two nights and decorated Jim and Rene Murphy's trailer. We were very pleased with the outcome and anxious to show it off and promote square dancing. However, best laid plans got laid aside. Our much needed rain poured with abundance, and the parade was called off by the city. Though it saddened us to not have the parade, it was delightful to watch all the rain we received that day. Next year, look out for us. We plan on entering again.

Swinging Stars are members of the Kemp Center for the Art. This year their theme is western traditions. We were asked to promote square dancing at the *Nutcracker*. We decorated a table, played a video with music that Stephen had taped, passed out information, and received lots of positive comments about square dancing. Hopefully, some will go to the web site we furnished and take lessons this spring or next fall.

In December, we participated in the Christmas Banquet at the Cowboy Church with Mike Bramlett calling a dance and our club, along with the other clubs, performing a couple of tips. Gifts were given to children who otherwise might not have had a gleeful Christmas. This was a marvelous event planned by Terry and Eleanor McCurrin.

We, also, had our Christmas party at Luby's. The friendly game of "Howdy" bingo was played and Christmas ornaments were exchanged. Best of all, we had some special guests. They were Dave Seville, (Kim Peterson) and the three chipmunks, (Alvin – Judy McMillion, and Theodore and Simon – Yvonne Cleary &

Cindy Day). They were a “hoot” as they entertained us with their Christmas songs. Just in the nick of time Ol’ St. Nick (Stephen San Miguel) dropped in as they sang “Here comes Santa Clause.” He wished us all a “Merry Christmas” and provided us some photo time with him. Pam and Robert Walker led us in Christmas Carols at the closing of our party. All left with joy and love in our hearts.

Our caller, Robert Walker, celebrated his 70th birthday December 25th. We had a party for him at our December 13th dance. We wish him many more birthdays and years of friendship.

Due to weather, we had to cancel two of our fall dances. Watch for the dates to be posted for our make-up dances.

We look forward to the New Year’s Eve RRVA dance and all the dances to come in 2015.

As we enter the New Year, it is our wish that all our dancing families have good health and prosperity. For those who are struggling with health and or family issues, we wish them peace and comfort through their faith, family, and friends.

Happy New Year,

Reporting for Kim Peterson

Swinging Stars Reporter

Jim & Chesta Owens

Wichita Falls Solos

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holliday Season. By the time you get this it should be all over and back to the duties we all have. For the December Dance we had some visitors who took time out of their busy schedule to visit our dance; we had the RRVA President & Vice President and Treasurer. Thank you to all of you that supported the Solos this last year by coming to our dances and serving as angels for lessons. We also want to thank all that came to our November dance and bought baked goods at our Bake sale. It was a big success and thanks to all who brought goodies to sale.

We want to congratulate the newly graduated dancer from the Swinging Stars. Here is hoping you have as much fun and enjoyment with this activity as a lot of us have had over the years. As Dee Roy says you now have your learning permit and dance, dance to enjoy it.

The Solos' Christmas Party was a lot of fun and a big yellowrock to Eddie and Sondra Dunn for hosting it again this year. They are always gracious host and we so enjoy going out there.

It is time again for the Solos' sponsored Square Dance Mainstream Lessons. They will begin January 15, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and we will need angels again so hope you can join us and help out. See the flyer in this issue for more information.

Our President James Ingram has been under the weather recovering from surgery but he thinks he is about healed. We have missed him and glad he will be able to be back with us. Our sympathy goes out to the family of Gary White, a long-time member of the Solos. He will be missed.

Please join us for our Potluck Suppers and Workshops on January 6 and February 3 at 7 pm. Dee Roy will workshop both mainstream and plus and for just \$3 you can have a great meal and get to dance it off. Our dances will be on January 17 and February 21 at 8pm with Dee Roy calling and we will be looking for you to be there.



Barbara Standley

Wranglers

Hi, it's me, Tommy Jo! Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We did. Lots of traveling, gifts, foot, spiritual renewal! We had a wonderful party through the courtesy of Don and Audrey Bee. We always have a wonderful time when we get together. Played games, ate, of course, and just had fun with our square dance family. We've had many who have suffered loss or illness. We want them to know they continue to be in our prayers. I'd also like to take this time to thank those of you who helped so much with your prayers with the loss of Jerry's brother. You wonderful people. Those of you who have had birthdays, congrats! I hope the New Year blesses each of you with peace, health and happiness. Let's Dance! Tommy Jo



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11	12	13	14	15 Solo's Lessons Dee Roy 7:30-9:30	16	17 Solo's Dance Dee Roy 8:00
18	19 MLK Day	20 Tim Tanner Caller Workshop 7:30-9:30 pm	21	22 Solo's Lessons Dee Roy 7:30-9:30	23 Wranglers Plus @ 7:30 Mainstream @ 8:00	24 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
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