

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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September – October 2015



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
September 3	Swinging Stars Mainstream Lessons begin 7-9	SDL	
October 2 October 3	State Presidents Dance	SDL	RRVA Callers Mike Bramlett
October 24	Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance Mainstream Graduation	SDL	
October 25	RRVA Quarterly Meeting 2 pm	SDL	
October 31	RRVA Halloween Dance 8-10	SDL	RRVA Callers

September

Birthdays

Charlie Sanders

Betty Jones

Carolyn Graves

Lisa San Miguel

Larry Pollock

Jim Owens

Tina Baxter

Debbie Moore

Rosa San Miguel

Polly Wilkinson

Jeff Griner

Anniversaries

Bob & Polly Wilkinson



October

Birthdays

Fred Mount	Chuck Dobson	Winnie Kajs
Eleanor McCurrin	Rene Murphy	Dosha Steflik
Nance Dean	Anna Marie Bogart	Audrey Bee
Ina Roark	Frances Reid	Brenda Hardy
Teresa Davis	Bill Wadley	Bob Hardy
Jerry Epley	Daniel Scott	Jeanette Ramey
Peyton Ramey	Phelicia Scott	Barbara Standley

Anniversaries

Bill & Glenda Wadley
Dan & Darla Daily
Will & Anna Marie Bogart
Michael & Barbara Martini



From the Desk of the Presidents

September-October, 2015

Greetings! It seems like it just doesn't seem to want to cool off here in the Red River Valley. We are so looking forward to fall. The rain showers recently have helped to make our land a bit greener. We usually see a greater interest in square dancing as the weather cools and makes square dance attire more desirable. But even if you are not ready for square dance dresses, petticoats and long-sleeved shirts, we just want all to come and dance anyway. We always have so much fun dancing with our friends. Our clubs have really been dancing most of the summer weekends.

We will be hosting the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers for their Presidents' Meeting here at our own Square Dance Land, October 2-3. We will be asking for your help as we prepare for this event. Don't forget each club will be asked to have a basket for a Silent Auction. We will be having a dance on Friday and Saturday that weekend. These will be big fund raisers for RRVA. I will send out a schedule of events for that weekend at a date closer to the date.

Don't forget that we will also be having our Halloween Costume Dance with our local callers, Saturday Oct 31. Make plans for your costume now.

Our next RRVA Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 25 at the hall at 2:00. Remember everyone is welcome to attend, but only the delegates from each club get to vote.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Leonard Lowery, Solos, member who passed last month. He will really be missed. Sympathy is extended to the family of a former RRVA President, Richard Timms. Some of our other club members have also lost extended family members. Many have been missing our dances due to sickness or back pains. Keep all of these in your prayers.

Looking forward to seeing YOU in a square!

Yellow Rocks to all.

Wayne and Linda Salmon

Red River Valley Callers Association

The Red River Valley Callers Association met on July 26th at 2:00 pm at Square Dance Land.

Less & Peggy Edgar's daughter Kay Arp came in from Amarillo to bring them to the hall for the afternoon. It was wonderful to see them out and about. We talked to Kay (Their Daughter) and she said Less & Peggy are doing much better. They have received cards from dancers and it really brightened their day. If you would like to send them mail, their address is;

Less and Peggy Edgar
C/O Senior Care
910 Midwestern Parkway
Room 318
Wichita Falls TX 76302

A few dancers stayed for the workshop which started at 3:30 pm. Tim, Johnny and Charlie moved the dancers along trying some new things.

We are always looking for suggestions and ideas that the dancers would like to see or do. If you have any thoughts please talk to one of your callers.

The next workshop will be Oct 25th immediately following the RRVA district meeting.

We appreciate your continued support.

Levis & Lace

The 2015-16 schedule for the Levis and Lace will incorporate a few schedule changes as well as some exciting dances! We are indeed fortunate to have a plus club in Wichita Falls as there's not another for at least a hundred miles away. We're also blessed to have Robert Walker calling for us – always working at keeping us up with the latest plus calls. We do need to be more diligent at making every scheduled dance so we can stay on top of the plus moves!

In Robert's absence, our August dance was called by Skip Gates who did a great job challenging our skills. His wife, Lou, is delightful and filled in a few times when we needed another male dancer. Martha Painter won the "split the pot" and donated it back to the club – thank you, Martha!

Other guest callers for the year will be Tim Tanner in September at our Back-to-School dance and again in November when Robert's out chasing deer.

Because the State Presidents' Dance which is being hosted by the RRVA falls on our October dance night, we're canceling our October dance, but look for us at the State dance – right here at 812 Travis. The State President's Dance is being held on both the 2nd and the 3rd of October and is chaired by that esteemed caller, Mike Bramlett. You don't want to miss it!

Another change in our schedule will be the holding of our annual Lessons/Workshop which will start on Monday, October 26 and continue on Mondays through December 28. All dancers are welcome and will each donate a nominal fee upon entering. Included will be those who've never danced plus and many who've danced plus for years. So, just show up at our dance hall at 7:30 each Monday and Robert will soon have you dancing all those great moves we call plus.

This reporter greatly appreciates the super efforts being made by our president, Glenda Wadley and her staff of officers for the 2015-16 square dance year.

Just Keep Dancin!

Sandra and Jerry Whatley

Swinging Stars

We hope you had a great time this past Summer and somehow managed to receive some of the sparse rainfall that traversed through our area. Notwithstanding our deluge of over 20 inches last April, we continue to pray for more moisture for our neighbors and friends. Notwithstanding, there was plenty of fun to be had these past few months, but as with last year, we're indeed ready to leave the hot days behind us.

First of all, I'd like to pass along the 'Stars condolences for the recent passing of a good friend, Leonard Lowry. He was a very special fellow indeed. Leonard was quick to befriend new dancers to the area, such as Gail and I were back in 2003. He had a great sense of humor, particularly in a square. I can personally attest that he made me miss many a call during a tip, while I was busy laughing. I'm certain that both he and Gail are dancing away the hours in Heavens Dance Hall. Leonard will surely be missed by many a dancer.

The 'Stars will resume hosting dances at the Hall in September with our regular 2nd and 4th Saturday dances of each month. Of particular mention for the upcoming Fall Season, is the "Mystery Night" dance on September 12th. Come help us solve the crime – who done it? Our October 24th dance will be our 53rd Anniversary dance. Before the dance will be "student graduation" and a new dancer dance. We welcome ALL visitors, New dancers and Young dancers alike!

Our fine 'Stars presidents, Jim & Chesta Owens, have sure done a fine job keeping everyone busy with the planning events throughout the 'Stars Summer break. Their monthly list of square dancing and other ongoing activities was greatly appreciated and welcomed. There were plenty of club activities, square dance visitations to the local clubs, RRVA dances and even up into Oklahoma. I was saddened to hear of the problems with the Decatur Eighters, but hope to see them more often in the future.

There several events this past Summer which were great fun: the "Christmas in July" dance by the Vernon Travelers, the Beach Party by the Wranglers, the new RRVA Callers Association dances and Tim Tanners weekly workshops.

Once again, as always, Jim & Chesta did a GREAT job for scheduling our recent 'Stars social dinners for B-Day's and Anniversaries. We had a BIG turnout for burgers a Ronnie's Burgers on Midwestern Parkway. Chesta is always looking for new places to go to so if you have a favorite spot or know of a new place in town give her a holler.

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are dealing with serious problems: Robert Walker, Les and Peggy Edgar, Betty Hansard, Cindy Day and Robert Fenoglio.

The following have recently lost members of their families. Please keep them in your prayers also: Jim & Judy McMillion, Barbara Standley and the Lowry family.

Hope to see you folks in a square soon.

Your Swinging Star Reporter,

Kim Peterson

Wichita Falls Solos

Thank you to all of you that have supported the Solos the last few months. It has been a trying time for us and we appreciate all of you for your concerns and help. I thank those in our club for taking care of business while Leonard was ill and I was with him.

We appreciate all of you that came to our dances and workshops. In August we had visitors from Levis & Lace, Independents, RRVA Officers, Swinging Stars, Vernon Travelers and Wichita Wranglers. As I have said many times we could not continue without our visitors.

Betty Hansard and Carolyn Graves have been ill and hospitalized but are improving. Continue to remember them in your thoughts and prayers. Janice Roy needs our continued prayers also. WE need to pray for Robert Walker that the back injections he is receiving get rid of his back pain.

Dee Roy will be deer hunting in October and we will have a guest caller. Tim Tanner will be calling for us. Our September dance is on the 19 and our October dance will be on the 17 at 8 p.m. We hope to see you there. Our potluck suppers and workshops are on September 1 and October 6 at 7 p.m. Dee Roy will workshop both mainstream and plus.

Our annual fish fry will be October 11 at 3 p.m. at Sondra and Eddie Dunn's home. Dee Roy furnishes the fish and cooks it and Janice makes and cooks the hushpuppies. We will play games and eat around 5 or 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish and join us.

Our official travelers Eddie and Sondra Dunn have been on the road traveling to Holland and Montana. They are also planning to attend the National Singles Dance-A-Rama in Grand Rapids, Michigan over Labor Day weekend. I will be traveling to Arizona the first weekend in October for a family reunion.

The Levis and Lace club will be hosting plus lessons or workshop in September also. If you don't dance plus come out and be challenged to learn something new.

Hope to see you at the dances.

Our sympathy goes out to Teresa Davis in the death of her father, Richard Timms.

Thank you all for your prayers and concern for Leonard while he was ill and your support after he passed away. Leonard loved square dancing and he loved all of you. I sent an email out that he could have visitors and the next day 17 people visited mostly square dancers. The support we received was incredible. Thanks to the Solos for the flowers. The pall bearers looked really nice in their black shirts and silver ties. Thank you so much. If I miss anyone with cards thanks for the donations in his memory to Hospice, plants, food and all of the other things you did. Square dancing was a big part in his life. I will write at a later date some of the places he went to dance.

Barbara Standley



**Watch out for the little ones going
back to school.**

Wichita Wranglers

Hi, it' me, Tommy Jo.

Just a few words from the Wranglers. We are having a get together in September at Walt and Marilyn's house to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and have a meeting. Oh, yes, we'll eat, too. Always a plus.

WE hope you will join us for our October dance. It will be OCT. 16th, so that Dan Norby, a national caller can call with Mike. Should be a great night. It is our "Jaws" dance, so dress in costume if you'd like. (characters from the movie of some deep sea creature!) We will also have a photo op, so bring your cameras and be ready for a fun dance! Speaking of pictures, be sure to check out our website, WichitaWranglers.org, and look for yourself in pictures from our dances.

We want to wish those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries a wonderful day.

On a more serious note, we have lost some dear square dance friends. Leonard Lowry passed away this month. Everyone knew Leonard and to know him was to love him, as they say. He always brought a smile to our faces and we will so miss him. Also, Teresa Davis' daddy, Mr. Timms passed away. Mr. Timms was one of the founders of the Wranglers and we want to send our sympathies to Teresa and her family.

We know there are a lot of square dancers in RRVA who are sick and hurting and we want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Come dance with us!

Tommy Jo Epley



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September 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Solos Pot Luck With Workshop 7:00	2	3 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lessons Start Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	4 Levi/Lace Plus Dance Tim Tanner 8:00	5 Tim Tanner Caller Workshop 7:30-9:30 pm
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #2 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	11	12 Swinging Stars Dance Robert Walker 8:00 WS @ 7:30
13	14 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #3 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	15	16	17 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #4 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	18	19 Solo's Dance Dee Roy 8:00
20	21 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #5 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	22	23	24 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #6 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	25 Wranglers Mainstream @ 8:00 Mike Bramlett Plus WS @ 7:30	26 Swinging Stars Dance Robert Walker 8:00 WS @ 7:30
27	28 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #7 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	29	30			



October 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #8 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	2 8:00 PM Texas State Presidents Dance RRVA Callers	3 8:00 PM Texas State Presidents Dance Mike Bramlett
4	5 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #9 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	6 Solos Potluck and Workshop 7:00	7	8 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #10 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	9	10 Swinging Stars Dance Robert Walker 8:00 WS @ 7:30
11	12 Columbus Day Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #11 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	13	14	15 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #12 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	16 Wranglers Mainstream @ 8:00 Mike Bramlett Plus WS @ 7:30	17 Solo's Dance Dee Roy 8:00
18	19 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #13 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	20	21	22 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lesson #14 Robert Walker 7:00 – 9:00	23	24 Graduation 7:00-7:45 Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance 8:00 Robert Walker
25	26 Levi/Lace Plus Lessons Start 7:30 PM	27	28	29	30	31 RRVA Halloween Dance RRVA Callers 8:00 - 10:00