

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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January – February 2016



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Jan 14	Solos Lessons Begin 7:30	Fifty Plus Zone	Dee Roy
Jan 18	Wranglers Lessons Begin 7:30	SDL	Tim Tanner
Jan 30	Teen Scholarship Dance 8:00	SDL	RRVA Callers
Feb 25	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 2016

As we were flying out for the holidays, our stewardess read a poem set to the rhyme of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" as she gave us our safety directions for the flight. We were told she found a similar version on line. Thinking it rather clever, I thought I would see what I could find to start off our RRVA New Year. We have several new dancers amongst us, so I thought this would set the tone for the New Year for them.

Gather up four couples...face them in a square.
Then listen to the caller...who will move you here to there.

Four hands around and Grand Square...Make a Right Hand Star.
Yellowrock, Promenade...What's an Allemande Thar??

What's it mean to Wheel and Deal...Or do a Do-Si-Do;
Bend The Line, or Load The Boat...Which way am I to go??

Flutterwheel, Ferris Wheel, Do the Tea Cup Chain;
Spin The Top, Box The Gnat, These all sound insane!!

I'm just a humble beginner...These terms are all brand new.
Will I ever get to know, How to do a Spin Chain Through??

They say it will get easier...On that I must depend;
Meanwhile, I'll keep trying...And enjoy my new found friends

We are looking forward to adding more new dancer to our clubs with the coming year. Possibly all the clubs will be sponsoring lessons soon. This encourages all of us to be a part of square dancing. We love to have new dancers and look forward to seeing both our new friends as well as our current friends in a square.

This poem was from the November, 1997 issue of [The Modern Square](#), Arkansas' square and round dance publication of the ASSDF. The original author is unknown...but this was reprinted from **USDA News**, the newsletter of the [United Square Dancers Of America](#). It is entitled simply "**Square Dance**".

Looking forward to seeing YOU in a square!
Yellow Rocks to all.
Wayne and Linda Salmon

Levis & Lace

The Levis and Lace Plus square dance club will host our first dance of the year on January 8! We'll feature our own lovable caller, Robert Walker, and his lovely wife Pam who leads us in line dances.

The timing is perfection to dance off some of those Christmas pounds, so put us on your calendar! We decided not to dance on January 1, our normal dance night, since it is New Year's Day.

On December 21, we graduated nine new plus dancers - Bill and Sharon Wiltse, Buddy and Janie Davis, Dave Asbury, Karen Reed, Anna Thorogood, Cindy Day and Robert Fenoglio. We'll be looking forward to having these new dancers on January 8 and on the first Friday of each month thereafter.

And, on December 17, we had our Christmas party at the Hall with all kinds of delicious Christmas goodies. Then we gathered in three or four groups to play games and laughter resounded across the hall as some became very competitive. Yvonne Cleary and I got to play bridge with two budding new players, Bill and Sharon Wiltse. Others attending (to the best of my memory) were Don and Audrey Bee, Tom Cleary, Walt and Marilyn Clements, Jim and Chesta Owens, Jimmy and Charlotte Smith, Glenda Wadley, Tim, Lou and Becca Tanner, John and Mary Carson, and Barbara Standley. If I missed you, poke me and I'll include you next time.

Those traveling to be with family over Christmas and/or New Year's (that I know of) were Don and Audrey Bee, Tom and Yvonne Cleary and Walt and Marilyn Clements.

We'll be back on schedule with our dances on Friday, February 5 when we'll celebrate our 39th anniversary with a look back at our beginnings in 1977-78. Anyone with memorabilia from those days, please loan it to Glenda Wadley, president of the Levis and Lace. And, if you dance plus, plan to be there!!!

We wish you a Happy, Illness-free, and Prosperous New Year - 2016.

Sandra and Jerry Whatley

Swinging Stars

First off, we hope you folks had a fine Christmas Holiday this past year. We missed out on any icy conditions and hope you were able to get out, see the colorful decorations and pretty lights, enjoy the festive season, and celebrate the event at the church of your choice. This makes for an excellent start for a great New Year.

Also, I'd like to thank all who came out to help celebrate my (Kim's) birthday and brought the many colorful gifts. Unfortunately, all the gifts "dis-appeared" before I could get my hands on them...(grin). For those not in the know, my birthday coincided with the 'Stars Christmas party at the Coyote Ranch Resort. Notwithstanding the loss of the gifts (Christmas ornament or decoration exchange), the food was great, games fantastic, the caroling eloquent and fellowship grand indeed. Kudos to the Entertainment committee, Terry & Brenda Beaver, Jeff & Perry Griner, Bill & Sharon Wiltse, Stephen & Rosa San Miguel and Judy McMillion, as it was great fun. If anyone ever nominates them for permanent "Cruise Directors", they've got my vote, for certain!

Last Falls 'Stars dances, particularly the post-Thanksgiving "*Absolutely-No-Turkey*" dance and early-Christmas "*Mistletoe, Holly and Wassail*" were a lot of fun. The festive colors and pretty dresses were most elegant. Thank you, ladies.

We're looking forward to all of the upcoming 2016 Winter dances. All of the Stars' dances are regularly held on 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Square Dance Land hall on Travis in downtown Wichita Falls. Of particular mention, from our upcoming dances, are the "*Singing Calls - All Night Long*" dance on January 9th; and double up and make some points with your honey on our "*Valentine's Day - Eve*" dance on February 13th and down the road. All dancers are welcomed.

Thanks again to Jim & Chesta for scheduling some great B-Day and Anniversary dinners during the past year. Although interrupted by the late year holidays, they are certain to be renewed in the New Year as the 'Stars meet to eat at the drop of a hat, *don't-ya-know*. Again, if you have a special place you'd like to include in the feasting, please give Jim & Chesta a holler as they're always looking for good places to drive, dine and get rowdy. Come to think of it, THAT's why they stick us in the Rowdy Rooms...(grin).

A special thanks to Jim & Chesta for their fine work in keeping the 'Stars "in-the-know" with their monthly activity schedule. With apologies to an old credit card jingle, "*We couldn't keep up with it all without it!*"

A gentle reminder for the 'Stars members is that Spring dues are payable at the first dance in January. Also, as before, if any of the membership wants a printed copy of monthly RRVA newsletter there will be an additional \$13 (annual) charge on top of your dues. As always, FREE copies of the newsletter are always available on the Internet at the RRVA website (www.rrvsda.org). These can be easily read online or downloaded and printed from your home computer (I'm a personally hardcopy kind of fella – yeah, an old-timer...). I'd like to take a moment to commend Michael and Barbara Martini on the fine work they perform with the newsletter.

There are some special folks that, due to health problems, we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers: Moe Forester, Ruby Biggs, Ina Roark, Marilyn Clements, Jim & Rita's daughter - Stefanie Pegg.

Also, Brenda & Terry Beaver, Jim & Rene Murphy, Bob & Brenda Hardy and Larry Pollock as they have recently lost members of their family.

Best wishes to you in the upcoming 2016 New Year. Also, hope to see you folks at one of our upcoming theme dances.

Your Swinging Star Reporter, Kim Peterson

Wichita Falls Solos

It is that time again for our Newsletter and to begin a New Year. I wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year. We thank all of you who supported our dances this last year. Our December dance was a lot of fun. We had a special poem read by Audrey Bee "It Was the Night of the Solo Dance". Dee Roy cued us to do "Jingle Bell Rock". The refreshments were great and if you missed it you missed a good time. We had visitors from Levis & Lace. Swinging Stars, and Wranglers.

December has been a busy month. We enjoyed our annual Christmas party at Eddie and Sondra's. We had lots of good food and played games. We thank them for being such good host for most of our parties. We collected non-perishable food s for Interfaith Ministries.

Congratulations to the new Plus dancers. As usual Robert & Pam Walker did a great job of teaching.

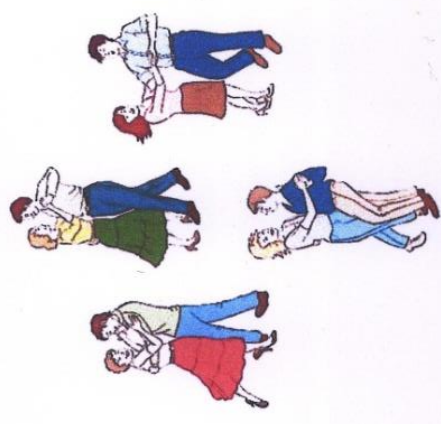
It is time to begin square dance lessons. This year we will have lessons starting Thursday January 14 at 7:30 pm at the Fifty Plus Zone. It is free to Zone members and others register at the Parks and Recreation for just \$15. Due to no fault of ours it did not get into the Parks and Recreation Booklet. We have flyers and cards at the Hall and also at the Zone dances. If you know anyone interested, help us get the word out. Everyone is welcome.

All are invited to our Potluck Suppers and Workshops on January 5 and February 2 at 7pm. Dee Roy will Workshop both Mainstream and Plus. For just a \$3 donation you will have a great meal and work some of it off. Our dances are January 16 and February 20 at 8 pm with Dee Roy calling. Hope to see you there.

Barbara Standley

YOU ARE FOR 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 14, 2016
At 7:30 PM at
Fifty Plus Zone

*Zone Members Free. Other interested
Register at Parks & Recreation For \$15.
14 Lessons in series.
You do not need a partner.*

Wranglers

Hi, it's me, Tommy Jo. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We were filled with the spirit of the season. It's wonderful to be surrounded by family and friends, and did I mention the food? The Wranglers Christmas party, hosted by the Bees, was so much fun. We had delicious food, (food again?), played games, exchanged gifts and even had a snowball fight. Thank you to the Bees for their hospitality.

Please remember we are back on track of having our dances on the 4th Friday. Our dance in December was so much fun. We played a game with Mike and even brought back the "famous" snowball fight. You just never know what our Vice Presidents, Doshia and Robert will come up with for one of our dances, so you need to be there and see for yourself. By the way, their daughter, Jessica, became engaged over the holidays. Best Wishes to her.

You also should come see our new dresses. They are pretty. Don't know when we'll be wearing them.

Our lessons start Jan. 18th. Fingers crossed that we have lots show up. We all benefit when we get new dancers.

We want to send our sympathies to the Hardy's and Larry Pollack who lost loved ones recently. You are in our prayers.



We are happy that Marilyn is feeling better.

We send best wishes to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and sympathy and prayers to those who are sick or lost loved ones.

Our wish for everyone is a blessed, peaceful and healthy New Year.

Let's Dance!! Tommy Jo Epley

February 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Wranglers Mainstream Lessons Start 7:30 PM	2 Solos Potluck and Workshop 7:00	3	4 Solo's Mainstream @ 7:30 Dee Roy 50's Zone	5 Levi/Lace Plus Dance Robert Walker 8:00	6 Tim Tanner Caller Workshop 7:30-9:30	
7 	8 Wranglers Mainstream Lessons Start 7:30 PM	9	10	11 Solo's Mainstream @ 7:30 Dee Roy 50's Zone	12	13 Swinging Stars Dance Robert Walker 8:00 WS @ 7:30	
14 	15 Presidents' Day Wranglers Mainstream Lessons Start 7:30 PM	16	17	18 Solo's Mainstream @ 7:30 Dee Roy 50's Zone	19	20 Solo's Dance Dee Roy 8:00	
21	22 Wranglers Mainstream Lessons Start 7:30 PM	23	24	25 Solo's Mainstream @ 7:30 Dee Roy 50's Zone	26 Wranglers Mainstream @ 8:00 Mike Bramlett Plus WS @ 7:30	27 Swinging Stars Dance Robert Walker 8:00 WS @ 7:30	
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