RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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March – April 2016



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

Date	Club	Place	Caller
April 14	Graduation Dance	50's Zone @7:30	Dee Roy
April 16	Solo's Anniversary Dance	SDL @ 8:00	
April 24	RRVA Quarterly Meeting	SDL @ 2:00	Skip Gates
April 30 RRVA Pioneer Fund Raiser Dance		SDL @	Jerry Stover

District Callers

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March

Birthdays

Claudia Starr Sondra Dunn Mike Pitman Joanne Roberts Ricky Robinson Patricia Kirkland

Susan Krusekopf John Scantlin Dot Watts

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Yvonne Cleary Terry & Brenda Beaver



Birthdays

Sandra WhatleyMarilyn ClementsTim TannerYreva ShireyCarol HughesDon BeeDennis GrafMartha PainterRebecca TannerRobert Steflik

Anniversaries

DB & Marianne Patillo

Henry Krusekopf

Walt Clements

Frankie Nance

Lynne Shinpaugh

Julie Farr

John & Sandi Scantlin

Jerry & Sandra Whatley

From the Desk of the Presidents

March - April, 2016

Our new calendar year for 2016 has had a great beginning. Our Walker Teen Scholarship Dance was a success once again. Thanks to all who participated and donated items for the Brown Bag auction. We raised about \$1700 for the TSFSRD Scholarship Fund. Scholarships from the State will be awarded in June. Applications had to be in by the 1st of March. Just for our members' information, recipients must be a graduating senior who has been an active member of a local square dance club for 2 years. They submit an application letter and it must conform to the requirements set out by the Teen Scholarship committee. Generally the amount of the scholarship is around \$1500. We have a couple of young dancers in our clubs who will qualify in a few years when they are seniors.

Our next RRVA Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, April 24, 2016. Everyone is welcome, but only registered delegates may vote. New officers will be installed June 11 at a special dance.

Make your plans now to attend the April 30 Annual Pioneer Bar-b-que and Dance. Tickets will be available through the club presidents soon. Check with them because tickets for the meal must be purchased prior to the evening. The deadline will be published via email and at the monthly dances beginning soon. This is one of our biggest fund raisers. Remember that we encourage you to bring family and friends to eat. Walt is in charge of the meal again this year. A big thank you goes to Walt for heading up this great event.

RRVA PIONEER BBQ DINNER \$6.00 A PERSON Saturday, April 30, 2016 At 6:30 Dance at 8:00 PM \$6.00 with dinner ticket Just the dance \$8.00

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



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Swinging Stars

I hope everyone's managed to get through our mild winter weather period unscathed. I'm rather surprised Old Man Winter has not visited us yet. But best I leave it alone, should I catch his attention and visit us he does...(grin). I also hope you folks have been getting your fill of dancin' during the past few weeks. If not, then there's a whole slew of events coming up that you're sure to like, mentioned later in the report.

We'd first like to take a special moment to welcome a new member to the group: D.L. "Skip" Hill, who joined the 'Stars the end of February. Be sure to give him an extra long Yellow Rock the next time you're in a square with him!!!!

If you enjoyed the January "All Singing Calls" dance and the February "Valentine Sweetheart Dance," you'll be sure to enjoy the remainder of our season dances. Join in on the fun for the rest of our upcoming 2nd and 4th Saturday Spring dances at the Square Dance Land hall. We'll be having our verdant "St. Paddy's Day dance on March 12th; the colorful "Easter" dance on March 26th; a festive <u>April Showers</u>" dance on April 9th and our last dance of the season, "Happy Trails," but certainly NOT the last dance of the year, on April 23th.

A special mention goes out to the Best Caller in The World (at least OUR World, that is...grin) to Robert Walker and his Wonderful Taw, Pam. They are both retiring from the "calling" world, but we do hope to have them around as they are TRUE Friends. It seems Robert has been calling ever since the Good Lord invented "dirt", well not that long, but it does seem like forever (actually 47 years.) We will miss not only his calling, but his Fine Western singing, as there are many favorites that we just love to hear him croon. We'll also miss Pam's line dances. She keeps the spirit high between tips. Of course let's not forget the stories they tell on each other. They know how to spin a story that keeps us in "stitches." They will BOTH be TRULY missed and thank goodness they have agreed to call for special dances in the upcoming years. A dance honoring them is planned for April 23 along with an after party. We hope everyone can come and help us honor them for all their years of calling. The dance is being hosted by Swinging Stars and Levi & Lace at Square Dance Hall.

A Big Thanks goes out to all whom assisted with the Pancake Festival: Stephen & Rosa, Tom & Yvonne, Brenda Beaver, Bob & Brenda, Jim & Carol, Bill & Sharon, Jim & Chesta. Also, a Big Thanks to all whom assisted with the Home Garden Show: Stephen & Rosa, Tom & Yvonne, Robert & Cindy, Jim & Carol, Jim & Chesta, Ina, Jeff & Perry, Brenda & Terry and Terry & Eleanor. The Stars managed to sell off a bunch of our remaining cards and took many names of potential students. Way to go Stars!!!!!!!!

Once again, as always, Jim and Chesta did a GREAT job for scheduling our recent 'Stars social dinners for B-Day's and Anniversaries. We had a great turnout at El Fenix, 23 I believe. The Mexican food and Margaritas were very tasty and lots of banter between to say the least. 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.

There are some special folks that, due to health problems, we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers: Buddy Davis, Ruby Biggs, Jeff Griner, and Wanda Mount.

Hope to see you folks at one of our upcoming theme dances.

Your Swinging Star Reporter,

Kim Peterson

Wichita Falls Solos

Thanks to all of you that have supported our dances. For our February dance we had visitors from Levis and Lace, Swinging Stars, Wichita Wranglers, and Independents. We also thank the RRVA Officers that have been faithful to come to our dances. RRVA Presidents Wayne & Linda Salmon, First Vice Presidents Ina Roark and Betty Jones, Second Vice Presidents Tom and Yvonne Cleary and Treasurer Winnie Kjas were in attendance.

Lessons are going very well at the 50 Plus Zone. By the time you get this we will have had our Halfway Dance. Graduation will be April 14th at the Zone at 7:30 pm. Plan to come and support our new dancers. We thank all of the angels that have come out to help us.

Our Anniversary Dance will be April 16 at 8 pm with Skip Gates calling. We hope you will come out and welcome him back to call our Anniversary Dance.

Remember our Potluck Suppers and Workshops are for everyone. Dee Roy will workshop both Mainstream and Plus. For just \$3 donation you will have a great meal and Dance some of it off. New dancers are our guests. They will be March 1 and April 5 at 7 pm.

WE are so happy to see Betty Hansard back and feeling so much better. Janice Roy needs our prayers and she is not feeling well. Our thoughts and prayers are for Buddy Davis and a complete recovery and he and Janie will be back dancing.

See you in a square. Barbara Standley



Wichita Falls Solos Anniversary Dance

April 16

Skip Gates will be the caller. Grand March at 8:00

Come enjoy the fun

Wichita Wranglers

Hi, it's me, Tommy Jo.

Hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. I know my poor trees are. Hope they're not in for a shock!! We want to welcome the Clements home.

It's a Girl!! The Hardy's and the Thorogoods welcomed a new baby! Color me green! All my grandkids are in their double digits! God bless these families and their new sweet baby!

J.T. Whatley is doing much better and we want to thank God for that blessing.

We had a wonderful, fun filled dance last night and we hope all who attended did as well. Some of our new students were there and got to dance to Mike for the first time.

Our students are doing a really good job catching on to the calls. Tim is doing a great job directing them and we appreciate him. Their graduation is scheduled for April 22 on our regular square dance night.

Please remember our Bramlettpalooza is April 2nd. It will be fun as usual with food, friends and dancing.

As usual, we want to send our prayers to those who are sick or suffering from loss.

Also, Happy Birthday and Best wishes to those celebrating Birthdays and anniversaries.

Let's Dance!

Tommy Jo

	March 2016					REAL PROPERTY
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17th		l Solos Pot Luck with workshop 7:00	2	3 Solo's Mainstream @ 7:30 Dee Roy 50's Zone	4 Levi & Lace- plus dance Robert Walker 8:00	5 Cancelled Callers Workshop
6	7 Wranglers Mainstream Lessons Start 7:30 PM	8	9	10 Solo's Mainstream @ 7:30 Dee Roy 50's Zone	11	12 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
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20	21 Wranglers Mainstream Lessons Start 7:30 PM	22	23	24 Solo's Mainstream @ 7:30 Dee Roy 50's Zone	25 <mark>No Dance</mark> Wranglers	26 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
27 Happy Easter	28 Wranglers Mainstream Lessons Start 7:30 PM	29	30	31 Solo's Mainstream @ 7:30 Dee Roy 50's Zone		

	April 2016					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1 Levi & Lace Robert Walker 8:00	Saturday 2 Wranglers Bramlett Palooza 7:00 Mike Bramlett & Family
3	4 Wranglers Lessons 7:30 – 9:30	5 Solos Pot Luck With Workshop 7:00	6	7 Solo's Lessons Dee Roy 7:30-9:30	8	9 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
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17	18 Wranglers Lessons 7:30 – 9:30	19	20	21	22 Wranglers Graduation Dance 8:00	23 Levi & Lace Swinging Stars Happy Trails Robert & Pam Retirement 8:00
24 RRVA Quarterly Meeting 2:00	25	26	27	28	29	30 RRVA Pioneer Fund Raiser Dance Jerry Stover 6:30 Dance @ 8 pm