

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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July – August
2016



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
July 24	RRVA Quarterly Meeting	SDL 2pm	
July 30	RRVA Summer Dance	SDL 8pm	Dave Vieira
August 12-13	State Festival Planning Meeting	TBD	

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July Birthdays

Jimmy Smith	Darla Daily	Eddie Dunn	Norman Deason
Kayla Ward	Marge Conklin	Jim Murphy	Lou Tanner
Louise Morton	Richard Morton	Margaret Waller	Summer Green
Huck Harper	Brenda Hardy	Jim Gray	Carroll Trotter

Mo Forester

Anniversaries

Jim & Lee Humphrey Tim and Lou Tanner Richard & Louise Morton Eddie & Sondra Dunn
Jimmy and Charlotte Smith Robert & Dosha Steflik Henry & Susan Krusekopf

August Birthdays

Jerry Whatley	Ann Jackson	Tommy Moore	Sherry Ward
Wayne Salmon	Betty Weist	Ninell Splawn	Maggie Sewell
	Glenda Wadley	Sandi Scantlin	John Carson

Anniversaries

Jim & Judy McMillion Jim & Chesta Owens Andy & Genny Frerich
Wayne & Ann Jackson Fred & Wanda Mount Jerry & Tommy Jo Epley
Robert & Pam Walker

From the Desk of the Presidents

It is July so Don and I are now official. We want to express our shock and amazement for the nomination and election as the 2016-17 RRVA Presidents.

First, we would like to thank our outgoing officers for their dedication and service during the last term. Linda & Wayne Salmon, thank you for your stellar leadership as RRVA President. You are a hard act to follow. Thank you Ina Roark and Betty Jones for our service as 1st Vice President. Tom & Yvonne Cleary, thank you for being 2nd Vice President. Winnie Kajs, thank you for keeping our finances straight and for your willingness to do it again. I'd also like to thank myself (and Don) for the outstanding minutes as secretary (too modest?). Seriously, we owe our outgoing board our sincerest thanks and appreciation for their service.

Next we'd like to extend our extreme gratitude to the brave members who have accepted office for the 2016-17 term. Thank you, Don, for supporting me when I sign on for things like RRVA President. The RRVA officers for 2016-17 are:

President	Audrey & Don Bee
1st Vice President	Tommy Jo and Jerry Epley
2nd Vice President	Chesta & Jim Owens
Treasurer	Winnie Kajs
Secretary	Sadly, Betty Jones had to resign as secretary and the search is on for a replacement

We would also like to express our gratitude for the Appointed Officers who agreed to continue in their positions:

Chaplain	Jimmy Smith
Education	Barbara Standley
Email	Linda Salmon
Facilities	Bob Hardy and Wayne Salmon
Hall Coordinator	Sondra & Eddie Dunn
Insurance	Betty Jones
Photographer/Webmaster	Stephen and Rosa San Miguel
Publication/Newsletter	Barbara and Michael Martini
Special Dance	Sondra and Eddie Dunn
Telephone	Brenda Hardy
Texas Star Reporter	Tommy Jo and Jerry Epley

Volunteers are still needed for *Historian*, *Parliamentarian*, and *Ways & Means*. If you would consider serving in one of these areas please, please, please call me.

Several couples traveled to Waco for the 2016 State Festival. We had an amazing time and wish others could have been there. Next year when the State Festival is in Wichita Falls we hope that everyone will be able to attend...and maybe help. The theme is "Dance the Halls in Wichita Falls".

Tommy Jo wrote a jingle about the Festival to the tune of Deck the Halls and from that the theme for the 2017 Festival has become Christmas in June. You will be hearing more about that as time goes on.

The first Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, July 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Square Dance Land. Club presidents and delegates should be in attendance. Everyone else is welcome to attend as it is an open meeting.

This is going to have a fun, exciting and busy year with the normal activities of RRVA, the clubs' activities, and Festival 2017. We look forward to working with you and to dancing with you.

See you in a square!

Audrey & Don Bee

Levis & Lace

We did not receive a newsletter for Levis and Lace and it is my fault. I know this is the time of year that our clubs install new officers. It is also the time of year many people take vacations. I did not send out a reminder until late, thus missing the chance for ALL the clubs to get their submissions in. I will do better next time and send out the reminder around the twentieth, when they are due to me. Hopefully we will not have this problem in the future.

I am sorry for this and will try harder in the future to make sure you have a complete newsletter.

Barbara Martini

Swinging Stars

We hope your Summer's gotten off with great start. There's lots of dancing, locally and within a short distance's ride. The weather held out pretty good for May and June, however the Dog Days of Summer have certainly arrived, for sure... (grin). We also had a wet Spring this year, no complainin' mind you, just commenting. If you've made plans to head off to the mountains or beaches we definitely want to hear about it. Send us a line or an email and we'll pass the word along.

Special thanks to Robert and Pam for their fine hospitality with the invitation to the 'Stars to their ranch for their Summer Picnic. It was a GRAND time indeed, with fishing, 4 wheelers riding, washers playin', poker, 42, much socializing and fine food. The Walkers have a little bit of heaven on earth, don't ya know. We are SOOOOOO lucky to have such fine folks as Robert and Pam as members in our club!

We'd like again to take a moment to thank the new officers, for 2016/2017 year, who've stepped up to help make another fine dancing year: President: Tom & Yvonne Cleary; 1st VP: Stephen & Rosa San Miguel; 2nd VP: Karen Reed; Treasures: Ina Roark and Secretary: Betty Jones. Also give them a big Yellow Rock, next time you see them in a square, as if we need another reason to hug....(grin).

Our 'Stars Presidents, Tom & Yvonne have some great plans lined up for 'Stars Summer off-season. Such as visiting Vernon for their Christmas in July dance on July 23 at 7:30 p.m. Also, if you've got any other special activities in mind, give them a holler. Don't forget, lessons start on Sept. 1. We will need all the angels we can get to come help out.

The 'Stars had a good time at the RRVA Caller Association's President's Ball. It was all great fun, especially good for new dancers to hear the many differing tones and voices. Look forward to more of the same in the future. Thanks fellahs for all that you do for the dancers.

The 'Stars also had a great time at Pioneer BBQ and Dance. Fun was had by all. Another fun dance which there were plenty of 'Stars at the "70's Theme Dance in Comanche, OK sponsored by the South Central (Oklahoma) District Square Dancers. Scott Bramlet called this dance and it was a real hoot! There's plenty to do within an hour ride around the district, so keep watch of the calendar and make plans to join on in!

Several Stars traveled to Waco for the Texas State Square Dance Festival and had a grand time. Attending were Jim and Chesta Owens, Tom and Yvonne Cleary, Tim, Lou and Rebecca Tanner, Stephen and Rosa San Miguel, Wayne and Linda Salmon, and Gene Moore.

We even had a few Stars who traveled to Des Moines, Iowa for the National Square Dance Convention. Wow, congrats to Wayne and Linda Salmon and Tom and Yvonne Cleary for making that trip. They said they had a ball.

We again thank Chesta and Jim for their past scheduling and planning the monthly Social Dinners celebrating member birthdays and anniversaries. We LOVE to eat, don't-you-know. The selection of the Rig Crib and Deli Planet were great choices. If you have a special place you'd like to attend, be sure to give them and call and let them know.

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are dealing with serious health problems: Brenda Hardy, Jim Gray, Cindy Day and Ginny Frerich

Also the following as they have recently lost members of their families: Louise Morton, Dee Roy and Yreva Shirey.

Hope you folks are having a Grand Summer. It's a great chance to get out and visit other clubs and make new friends.

Your Swinging Star Reporter,
Kim Peterson

Wichita Falls Solos

Thanks to all who have supported our dances the last couple of months. Our June dance we had visitors from Levi & Lace, Swinging Stars and Wichita Wranglers.

Thanks also to those who have served as officers the last year for all of the clubs and RRVA. Those who served for the Solos were Leonard Lowry and after his death Barbara Standley as President, Betty Jones Secretary, Winnie Kajs Treasurer, James Ingram Delegate, Carolyn Graves Alternate Delegate. The new officers and some reruns for 2016-2017 are President Charles Sanders, Vice President Carolyn Graves. Secretary Betty Jones, Treasurer Winnie Kajs, Delegate Bob Wilkinson and Alternate Delegate Glenda Wadley.

Words cannot express the sadness we all felt with the loss of our callers wife Janice Roy. Janice had been a part of square dancing since she was a child. As was expected the love and support from all of the clubs to Dee and his family was great. We are truly a family and you really understand that when you experience a loss like Dee had.

Get well wishes go out to Martha Painter. She is back in Wichita Falls at her son's home at present and is on the mend. She wishes to thank all of you for the prayers, visits and cards. She is hoping to be with us again soon as she misses all of you.

Congratulations to Betty Hansard and Henry Rosemond on their recent marriage. We wish them many happy years together.

Vacations are happening all of the time now. My daughter, great niece and I traveled to Ireland and England for ours. We visited several days with Alan and Anne Dawes. They send greetings to all and miss being here. They are wonderful hostess and travel guides. We appreciate them for showing us a great time.

There will be square dancing at The Zone on July 14, and August 11 at 7:30 pm with Tim Tanner calling and Lou leading line dances. The cost is just \$4 for non-Zone members and \$3 for Zone members. If you do not have anything else going on come and join us.

The Solos are planning to have lessons at the Zone again this year. They will start on September 8 at 7:30. Make plans now to bring someone and be angels to the new dancers. Dee Roy will be the instructor.

Don't forget our dances July 16 and August 20 at 8 pm with Dee Roy calling. Our new President Charles Sanders wishes to extend a personal invitation to all to visit our dances.

Our Potluck Suppers and Workshops are July 5 and August 2 at 7 pm. Join us for dinner and then work it off dancing. Dee Roy will workshop both mainstream and plus so if you are having problems come and join us All of this for just a \$3 donation.

Here is hoping to dance with you in a square.

Barbara Standley

Wichita Wranglers

Is it July already????? HI, it's me, Tommy Jo. Yes, you lucky, lucky people, I am again the reporter for the Wranglers. Hope everyone is keeping cool.

First, I want to tell you the names of our new officers for this year. Tommy Jo and Jerry Epley are the presidents, Dasha and Robert Steflik are the first vice presidents, treasurers are Anna Marie and Will Bogart and secretaries are Susan and Carroll Trotter. Thanks so much for taking these offices (you're welcome) and thanks so much to the out-going officers. WE really appreciate your efforts to make last year so much fun.

Some of us went to the State Festival in Waco this year and it was so much fun. The callers were great and the hosts were wonderful. Wranglers attending were the Epley's, Bees, the Cleareys, and the Salmons. Sorry if I left someone out. We are looking forward to our title as hosts to the 2017 State Square and Round Dance Festival. "Dancing the Halls in Wichita Falls." It will take work from everyone, but we can do it!

Also, go ahead and mark your calendars for the 2017 Bramlettpalooza on May 6th.

Keep Brenda Hardy in your prayers as she is still going through treatments for her injuries she suffered when she fell.

Our prayers are with those who are sick or grieving a loss, and our congratulations to those who are celebrating birthdays, or anniversaries.

Hope everyone has a fun and safe summer, at least what's left of it!! Let's Dance!


Tommy Jo Epley

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					1 Levi & Lace 8:00	2 RRV Callers Association Workshop 7:30 – 9:30
3	4 Independence Day	5 Solos Potluck and Workshop Dee Roy 7:00	6	7	8	9
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