

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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November – December

2016



Merry
Christmas

Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Dec 31	RRVA New Year's Eve Dance	SDL	Curtis Sarah

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November

Birthdays

Greg Ward

Sue Bartlett

Betty Hansard

Brad Whitaker

Ernestine Brock

Robert Fenoglio

Linda Salmon

Rita Gray

Jim Hansard

Joan Dorman

Barbara Martini

Ardella Johnson

Raymond Hager

Haley Steflik

Marianne Patillo

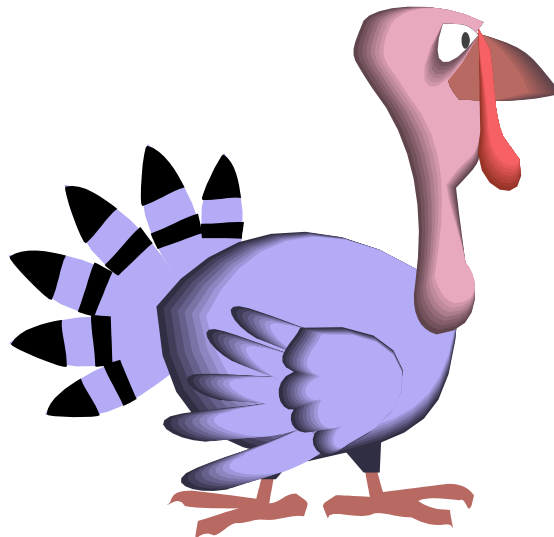
Marguerite Gray

Gary White

Dan Daily

Dee Roy

Carol Hansard



ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy & Debbie Moore

Kevin & Janie Connors

Vallee & Carolyn Graves

Stephen & Rosa San Miguel

December

Birthdays

Helen Graf

Nancy Gillespie

Kim Peterson

Mike Bramlett

David Sewell

Betty Hillard

Billie Gore

Mary Carson

Ruby Biggs

Nancy Cravens

Max Yancey

Marie Walls

Ray Shinpaugh

Robert Walker



Anniversaries

Jim & Rita Gray

John & Mary Carson

Bob & Brenda Hardy

Wayne & Linda Salmon

From the Desk of the Presidents

President's Message -- Nov/Dec 2016

Hello Dancers

Are you ready for Christmas? I'm not, but I'm starting to think about it. I'll be panicking soon enough. When you prepare for your Christmas and when you shop the Christmas sales, remember our Festival in June 2017. Our theme, "Deck Dance the Halls in Wichita Falls" will be all about Christmas in June. When Christmas decorations are at the give-away price, think about the Festival and pick some up to help decorate the halls.

Speaking of Festival 2017, have you registered yet? If not, registration forms are at the hall. You can also get the forms or register online at TSFSRD.com. You can print the forms or register through PayPal. If you are going to a dance outside Wichita Falls, please take some forms with you and help promote the dance.

If you are up for a delightful after-holidays trip, please consider LaGrange, Texas on January 13-17, 2017. This is the TSFSRD Nominating Meeting. You can dance to Al Frazier, Traylor Walker and Matt Barnes while helping promote our upcoming Festival. It would be great to have a large attendance to support Festival 2017.

The Festival theme, being Christmas in June, is going to make for a fun, fun, fun dance. In addition to the Christmas decorations, we will wear our Christmas dresses and party all weekend. We get to wear our Christmas dresses more than once a year!!!!

Also coming up is the annual New Year's Eve Dance. No surprise on the date. It will be December 31 and we will watch 2016 fade into 2017. It's always a fun dance, so plan now to attend, join in the festivities, and dance to the joyous tunes of Curtis Sarah.

Our clubs are having great dances with small attendance. Our dancing numbers keep shrinking. We all know the joy of square dancing and the great friendships that develop through square dancing. Let's all promote square dancing locally so others can learn the joy we know. Let's promote square dancing, our classes, and let's support each other.

Hugs,

Audrey (& Don) Bee

Levis & Lace

Hope all of you are enjoying this Indian summer we are having. I for one cannot wait for the cooler weather to begin. Will it ever???

Our club has been experiencing a new caller every month. Last month, October, we loved dancing to Scott Bennett. In November, we will have the pleasure of dancing to Skip Gates. Then in December, our own Tim Tanner will be calling for us. We are looking forward to all this variety and hope all you Plus dancers will come enjoy them with us.

Some of our members have been traveling far and wide lately! Tommy Jo has been to a Cousins Reunion in Maine. Bet that was cool!! Barbara Standley has been visiting her daughter in Tyler, TX.

It's good to see Chesta back again. She suffered a heart attack recently and has been going through therapy for quite a while. And isn't it wonderful seeing Brenda Hardy's smiling face again, getting stronger and dancing again.

It's been a long struggle back for her. So happy for you. We missed you.

Remember our dances on the first Friday of the month.

Yvonne Cleary

Swinging Stars

Well, Fall is finally here and aren't the cool breezes and recent rainfall a blessing. Now if only we can keep any Winter storms at bay for a while so we can enjoy the colorful festive holiday season.

The 'Stars 54th Anniversary was simply great, with a similar caliber caller as well. We were blessed to have Robert & Pam Walker back for the event and Robert called a wonderful dance. It was also fun to hear his smooth crooning of Country & Western songs. The 'Stars have been most fortunate for many years.

With Robert & Pam's retirement from calling, the club had been looking for a replacement caller for some time, visiting various places and listening to many voices and tones. Our outstanding group of volunteers on the Nominating Committee (Terry & Eleanor McCurrin, Jim & Carol Hansard, Cindy Day and Robert Fenoglio) came up with a final tally of three individuals, Scott Bennett, Johnny Carroll and Tim Tanner, three fine fellows indeed. However the final club vote was for our own Tim Tanner. Since Tim is only available for calling our Second Saturday dances, our fourth Saturday dances will be filled with Guest Callers. So, get ready for an exceptional group of out of town callers having their presence made in our own very hall. Also, be sure to welcome Tim to a new venture with the 'Stars. We wish your career a long life along with many Do-Si-Dos. (grin)

Also, the Monday and Thursday lessons for our New Dancers are going well. We've had a total of 20 dancers sign up so the club is asked to help out with Angels. A Half-Way dance was held on October 17th.

Last October's Casino Dance and September 70's dances were a LOT of fun. Thanks to all who jumped into the spirit and participated. We look forward to more of the same with the upcoming holiday 2nd and 4th Saturday dances this upcoming Fall. Of particular mention is the "Veterans Appreciation Dance" on November 12th and the "Bring a Toy for Entry Dance" on December 10th. Unfortunately, due to the lateness of Thanksgiving this year, there will be NO DANCE on November 26th. We will however have a makeup dance on May 13, 2017. Similarly, we will not dance on December 24th, Christmas Eve.

Thanks to all the folks who helped out the Texas-Oklahoma Fair. We did a great job selling of the 'Stars Discount Cards.

We'd also like to thank Tom and Yvonne for their fine job with Stars tradition with social dinners for B-Day's and Anniversaries. McBride's and Jason's Deli were great choices. They are 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: Gene Moore, Jim Gray, Cindy Day and Ina Roark.

The following have recently lost members of their families. Please keep them in your prayers also: San Miguel families.

Hope to see you folks in a square soon.

Your Swinging Star Reporter,

Kim Peterson

Wichita Falls Solos

Thanks to all of you that have been supporting our dances. We had a great dance in October with Melton Luttrell calling. We had visitors from all of the local clubs, RRVA officers, callers and one student from the Swinging Stars Lessons. If you missed the dance you missed a lot of fun. We did some of the old calls like Dip & Dive, Bird in the Cage and others. Thanks to The RRVA Callers Association for getting Melton to come to Wichita Falls and Dee Roy for arranging for him to call our dance.

Lessons are going good and we just had our Halfway Dance. We still need angels and at times we need women, which is a change. Come out and help if you can. Graduation will be December 15 at 7:30 pm at the Zone. Come and join us and help us celebrate the new dancers and a few reruns.

The Solos want to welcome Frankie Coggin and Jim Finley to our club. We are also happy to have Nathan Coffee back.

The Solos want to thank Dee Roy for the fish fry. We had a good turn out and lots of good fish and food. We missed Janice cooking the hush puppies. I made an attempt to make them. Maybe next year they will be better or maybe we will try Sam's. HA. Thanks to Eddie and Sondra for hosting it again this year. You all are the best!!

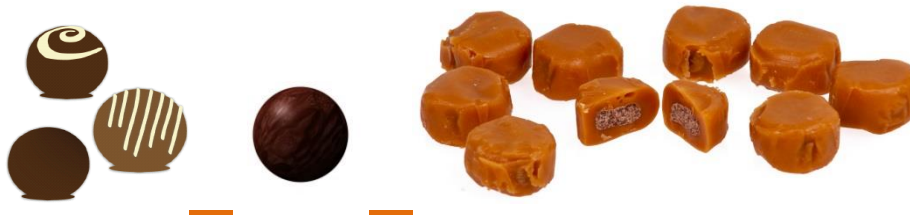
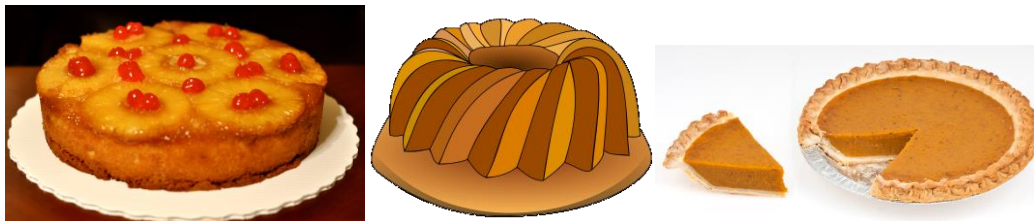
Our next dance will be FRIDAY November 18 at 8 pm at the Hall. We will be dancing on Friday due to the City Lights Parade Saturday. This is also our Bake and Candy Sale. We will have door prizes so come and dance with us and stock up on goodies for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will be dancing on December 17 at 8 pm at the Hall. Our Potluck Suppers and Workshops will be November 1 and December 6 at 7 pm. For just a \$3 donation you will have a great meal and get to dance it off. New Dancers are our guest and Dee Roy will workshop with them also. We encourage them to come, the more practice they have the better.

Happy Thanksgiving and if you are traveling be safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you from the Solos. Keep dancing and hope to dance with you. Enjoy the Halloween Dance and all of the Costumes. It will be time for our New Year's Eve Dance before you know it.

Barbara Standley

Solo's November Dance, Bake and Candy Sale

November 18, FRIDAY



Stock up for Thanksgiving and Christmas



There will be DOOR PRIZES and SAMPLES

Wranglers

Hi, it's me, Tommy Jo! Well, I must say, we had a wonderful time with great hosts and terrific callers at the President's Dance in Shertz! The next state dance is in January. Do your best to attend as we want to make sure everyone knows what a fun time they can have at our state dance in June, 2017!

Loving the cooler weather and I was disappointed to learn it's supposed to be a "warm and dry" winter. I'm sure that will make some of you happy.

For those who missed it, our a special dance with Dan Nordbye was so much fun. He is a national caller and we had a really good time. Hoping to get him for another dance sometime soon.

Here we go. Starting the busiest time of the year! Please remember that our November and December dances are the second Friday instead of the fourth. Mark your calendars! And we are sending out our wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

On a sad note, Randy and Lisa San Miguel, who were members of the Wranglers, lost their son, Anthony. He fought cancer for 4 years. He was so strong and filled with faith that he would be with God in the end. He was also the nephew of Stephen and Rosa San Miguel. Our sympathies go out to all his friends and family.

We send our prayers to all who are having problems with illnesses or losses.

Our congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries!

Come dance with us!!





November 2016



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Solos Pot Luck with workshop 7:00	2	3 Solos@Zone Swinging Stars Mainstream Lessons 7-9 PM	4 Levi & Lace- plus dance skip Gates 8:00	5 OK State Festival OK City
6	7 Swinging Stars Mainstream Lessons Start 7-9 PM	8	9	10 Solos@Zone Swinging Stars Mainstream Lessons 7-9 PM	11 Veterans Day Wranglers Mainstream @ 8:00 Mike Bramlett Plus WS @ 7:30	12 Swinging Stars Tim Tanner 8:00	
13	14 Swinging Stars Workshop 7-9 PM	15	16	17 Solos@Zone Swinging Stars Workshop 7-9 PM	18 Solos Dee Roy 8:00	19 City Lights Parade	
20	21	22	23	24 No Lesson Thanksgiving 	25	26 Swinging Stars 8:00	
27	28	29	30			Veterans Day  Nov 11	

<h1>December 2016</h1>						
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					1 Solos@Zone	2 Levi & Lace 7:30
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11		12	13	14	15 Solos@Zone	16 17 Solos Dance Dee Roy 8:00 W/Mainstream Graduation
18		19	20	21	22	23 24 No Dance
	25 Christmas 	26	27	28	29	30 
						31 RRVA New Year Eve Dance 9 PM With Caller: Curtis Sarah