# **RRVA News**

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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## January – February 2017



### **Special Dance Schedule**

#### Square Dance Land

#### 812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Jan 12	Solos Mainstream Lessons	Fifty Zone 7:30	Tim Tanner
Jan 16	Wranglers Mainstream Lessons	SDL @ 7-9	
Jan 22	RRVA Quarterly Meeting	SDL @ 2pm	

#### **District Callers**

Dee and Janice\* Roy Wichita Falls Solos

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#### Mike Bramlett

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#### **Birthdays**

Janie Connors

James Ingram

Stephen San Miguel

Belinda Alberry

Cindy Day

**Betty Schoen** 

Judy McMillion

Wanda Mount

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Chuck & Mo Forester

Mike & D' Bramlett

Jerry & Rickie Watkins

Bill & Sharon Wiltse

Tommy Yowell & Suzanne Story



#### **Birthdays**

Susan Trotter

Earlene Pebworth

Vallee Graves

Randy San Miguel

Fay Lewis

Michael Martini

Pam Walker

**Yvonne Cleary** 

#### Anniversaries

Don & Audrey Bee

Randy & Lisa San Miguel

Terry & Patricia Kirkland

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#### From the Desk of the Presidents

#### Hello Dancers

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. We had a wonderful Christmas. We had one granddaughter visit for a week before Christmas, drove her home to Tennessee and spent Christmas with the family, then brought the grandson back with us for a visit, sending him home before the New Year's Eve dance.

Speaking of the New Year's Eve Dance, we hope everyone had a great time at the dance with Curtis Sarah. The dance was fun, as always, as we watched 2016 depart and 2017 appear.

Now that Christmas in December is over, it's time to start thinking about Christmas in June, aka" Deck-Dance the Halls in Wichita Falls", the 2007 State Festival. It will be on us before we know it. Watch for the after-Christmas great sales and stock up on items for our dance.

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 AI 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.

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

Greetings,

What a busy time of the year! Your Levis and Lace club has been very active during these cold months.

In November we had the pleasure of dancing to Skip Gates. That dance was enjoyed by all. In December, Tim Tanner called our dance. It's always fun dancing to Tim, and his Taw, Lou, is so great leading line dances.

Our club had a great turnout for our Christmas party in December. Nineteen members were present at McBride's Land and Cattle Company in downtown Wichita Falls. We had a wonderful time socializing and even sang a short chorus of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to the other diners! That is such a wonderful restaurant.

We are looking forward to a variety of callers in the New Year; Jim Howard in January, Robert Walker in February, Scott Bennett in March and Skip Gates in April. Please come and enjoy Plus Dancing with us.

So sorry to report that Robert Walker is ill. Please keep him and Pam in your prayers. Mary Carson has been hospitalized also, please hold her in your prayers. Also prayers for Glenda Wadley's husband, Bill.

Remember, we dance on first Fridays, hope to see you there.

Your reporter, Yvonne Cleary

## **Swinging Stars**

Hello All,

Wow, what a busy time of year!!

Swinging Stars completed our session of lessons on Nov. 14. And what a success it was. Thanks to Tim Tanner and his Taw, Lou, we graduated 19 wonderful, enthusiastic new dancers. What a blessing they have been to our club, and other clubs that they visit regularly. Thank you Tim for your expert instructions, without you, we would be lost.

In November, we celebrated birthdays and anniversaries at Jefe's Mexican restaurant. Again in December, we celebrated birthdays and anniversaries at McBride's Land and Cattle Company. We always enjoy socializing and eating out, so let me know if you have a special restaurant you would like to include.

Well Thanksgiving came and went. We danced on the second Saturday, but cancelled our dance on the fourth Saturday because of the holiday. We will have a make-up dance on May 13, 2017.

On December 1st, we had a Christmas party to end all Christmas parties. It was fabulous! A huge thank you to Jeff Grinner and our Christmas party committee, who were Jeff and Perry Griner, Terry and Brenda Beaver, Bill and Sharon Wiltse with additional help by Stephen and Rosa San Miguel. It was all very festive, with decorations and games, Christmas Carols, and gifts exchanged. What fun it was!

For our December dance, we all brought toys to donate to children in United Regional Hospital. It was a great success as many very nice toys were graciously given by our members. A group of us delivered the toys to the hospital on December 19. The nurses there were so appreciative to receive them and promised that the children on the ward would be so happy to get them. It felt so good to be bringing joy to those children. Thanks to all of our members for participating.

Well, in the New Year, we are looking forward to dancing to Tim Tanner on Jan. 14, Scott Bennett on Jan. 28, Tim on Feb. 11, Dee Roy on Feb. 25, Tim on March 11, Robert Walker on March 25, Dee Roy on April 8, Robert Walker on April 22, and Tim on May 13. Please come and support our club.

So sorry to say that we have some members who are ill and in need of our prayers. Please keep Robert Walker in your prayers. He is in great pain with his neck and back. Others to remember are Cindy Day, Ina Roark and Gene Moore.

May you all have a blessed New Year.

Keep on Dancin', Tom and Yvonne

## Wichita Falls Solos

Thanks to all of you that came to our December Dance which was also our Graduation Dance. We had visitors from Swinging Stars, Wichita Wranglers, and the RRVA Presidents. We welcome the new graduates: Jan Blankenship, Dan Craig, Hugh McElroy, Randall VanLoh, Jodi Lama, and Angel Bishop to square dancing. It has been great to see the graduates from Swinging Stars out and about dancing.

The Solos will be having Lessons again at the 50 Plus Zone starting January 12 at 7:30 pm. If you know of anyone interested in taking lessons on Thursdays let them know about our lessons.

Dee Roy is going to California after Christmas to the Rose Parade. Two of his granddaughters will be marching in it with their band West Lake High School from Austin. They will also be sightseeing and going to Disney Land and Knox Berry Farm. We wish them a great vacation.

Dee Roy will be having surgery on Jan 23. Remember him in your prayers, we want to thank Tim Tanner for filing in for him while he is out vacationing and recovering from surgery.

Our sympathy goes out to Jim & Chesta Owens on the death of her Mother. Please pray for John and Mary Carson as they are experiencing changes to their life at present.

Please join the Solos for our Potluck Supper and Workshop on January 3 and February 7 at 7 pm. Bring a covered dish and for just a \$3 donation you will have a great meal and help with Mainstream and Plus moves.

The Solo Dances will be January 21 and February 18, 2017 at 8 pm. Hope to see you there.

Barbara Standley, Reporter

# Square Dance Lessons

Looking for some fun companions? ....Some good, clean recreation? .....Some low impact exercise? .....Smoke and Alcohol Free Activity?



Lessons starting on Thursday January 12, 2017

At 7:30 PM at

**Fifty Plus Zone** 

#### **Zone Members Free**

Others interested register at Parks and Recreations for \$15.

ALL AGES WELCOME. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. 14 Lessons in series. You do not need a partner

# Wranglers

HI, it's me, Tommy Jo, again. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I also hope you all have a healthy happy and safe New Year. I can't believe it's been here and gone so fast. One of the perils of my growing older I guess. Anyway, here's to another year of square dance. It's going to be a busy year, too.

Please keep in mind that we are back to our usual dance schedule. 4th Friday of the month. Also, keep in mind our Bramlettpalooza is in May this year. May 6th. Hope you all can make plans to attend.

We are starting square dance classes Jan. 16th. Hope we get lots of new dancers. It would benefit us and square dancing! The classes will be from 7-9. The cost is \$20 per lesson. Spread the word, Wranglers!!

We are also getting ready for the state dance in June. June 8-11th. Our big night is Friday and we will be looking for lots of help!

We want to thank Don and Audrey Bee for having us all to their house for our Christmas party. Lots of food, fun and fellowship!

We also want to send our sympathies to Chesta Owens on the passing of her mother. Also our prayers to anyone else suffering a loss or an illness.

We also want to send best wishes to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

On a personal note, I'm hoping to get Jerry feeling better so that we can start dancing more and see you all more in the New Year.

Come dance with us!! Tommy Jo Epley

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