

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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May – June 2017



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
May 6	Bramlett Palooza	SDL 6:30- 10:00	Mike Bramlett
June 9-11	TSFSRD Festival in Wichita Falls	SDL	RRVA Callers



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May

Birthdays

Judy Whittaker

Chesta Owens

Gene Moore

Tom Cleary

Terry McCurrin

Tommy Jo Epley

Barbara Cross

Anniversaries

Terry & Ginny Glassburn

Jim & Carol Hansard

Daniel & Philicia Scott

June

Birthdays

Robert Wilkinson

Marlissa Gibbs

Kandace Adams

Kevin Connors

Dave Asbury

Perry Griner

Charlotte Smith

Jim McMillion

Linda Burton

Karen Thorogood

D' Bramlett

June Lemmon

Anniversaries

Jeff & Irma Lewis

Terry & Eleanor McCurrin

Carroll & Susan Trotter

From the Desk of the Presidents

May- June 2017

Hello Dancers

I'm seeing red. Red tee shirts! Red tee shirts for Festival 2017! Many of us wore them at the RRVA/Festival Planning dance on Saturday, April 8, and we looked awesome! The sea of red made a striking show of support for the upcoming State Festival. If you didn't get one, it's not too late. RRVA is selling the shirts and has them available for purchase. They will also be available at the Festival. Many thanks to Karen Reed for the idea, the design, and coordinating with the supplier.

~~"Dance-Deck~~ the Halls in Wichita Falls" will be here before we know it. The planning session in April was productive and plans are well underway. The various committees are going to be busy getting all the details organized and implemented.

Bob Hardy is doing a great job with the hall repairs. The new roof is on, the new air conditioner is installed and working well, and lots of little, unplanned repairs have been addressed. The ceiling is being installed and may be finished by the time you get this newsletter. We thank and appreciate Bob Hardy for his hard work and many hours dedicated to fixing and updating our hall. The insurance check will cover many of the repairs, but not all. Like the auto insurance company ad asking, "What am I supposed to do? Drive on three wheels?" our insurance settlement will cover three wheels, but we need the fourth wheel, too. We need more money to complete all the repairs needed. The biggest need is the flooring. It has been sanded and repaired as many times as it can be. It now needs to be replaced. The ideal flooring replacement will cost around \$75,000! We are looking at options, but they are all expensive. RRVA has placed a "Fund the Floor" donation jar at the hall and are hoping dancers will be generous with their donations (no selling of tickets, no baking of goods, no investment of time, just simple donations). RRVA will be looking for additional fund-raising opportunities in the near future.

Please join us on Friday, June 16, at Square Dance Land for RRVA Game Night/Pot Luck/Installation of Officers. Pot Luck will start at 6:30, followed by fun and games, with a break at 7:00 to install our new officers.

See you in a Square!

Audrey & Don Bee

Levis & Lace

Hello All,

Well, Easter is past and we are well into spring. It is so nice to see everything so green and lush. Wouldn't it be nice if it stays that way all through summer!!

Levis and Lace Club has been dancing on our usual first Friday and having a great time. Our March dance was called by Scott Bennett and was so much fun. It is always fun to dance to Scott. Our April dance was given over to RRVA for the State Festival planning meeting and was called by Skip Gates. Our state officers were here and a great time was had by all.

Come join us on May 5th and dance to Jim Howard and again on June 2nd for Scott Bennett. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Our club is holding Plus workshops on Thursdays, beginning on April 20th and continuing for ten weeks. Time is at 7:30 pm, Tim Tanner is our instructor. All who are proficient in Mainstream dancing are welcome. Cost \$4.00 per night. Let's try and increase our number of Plus dancers and grow our club.

We are so jealous of Audrey and Don Bee, who are always going off on these fun trips. They just returned from Las Vegas and Laughlin, NV. Jim and Chesta Owens have also been globetrotting off to Colorado, and are planning another trip to Williamsburg, VA in May. Safe journeys to all who are away.

Please hold Rene Murphy in your prayers. She has just lost her mother. Gene Moore has also had a death in his family. His son in Colorado has passed. Please pray for peace and solace for these two wonderful people.

Guess that's it for now.

God Bless all our dancers and their families.

Your reporter,

Yvonne Cleary



Levis and Lace Square Dance Club

Is holding a Plus Workshop every Thursday at

7:30 pm

Square Dance Land

812 Travis St.

Wichita Falls, TX

Cost: \$4.00 each night

Caller: Tim Tanner

If you are fairly proficient in mainstream and want to learn Plus, please come.

Swinging Stars

We've had a great Spring this year with lots of fine moisture and even a late cold spell that wasn't too bad at that. Hope you had the good fortune to enjoy some of this glorious weather. We have indeed been blessed. Also, hope you've managed to be missed by any passing thunder boomers. They are particularly nasty during this time of year.

Before everyone rushes off on our Summer break, we'd like to take a moment to thank the current slate of officers who have helped with the 'Stars throughout the past dance year: President: Tom & Yvonne Cleary; 1st VP: Stephen & Rosa San Miguel; 2nd VP: Karen Reed; Treasures: Ina Roark and Secretary: Betty Jones. Great work indeed.

In addition, I'd like to AGAIN thank the new slate of leaders for stepping forward (or at least did not step backward...grin) to serve as officers of the Stars for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. These folks are: President: Tom and Yvonne Cleary; 1st VP: Stephen and Rosa San Miguel; 2nd VP: Karen Reed; Treasurer: Lucy Brandon and Secretary: Betty Jones. Thaaaaank Youuuu!

We heard that many folks ventured out of the area for some fun dancing, up across the Red" in Lawton and toward the Swing Time Center to dance to the Ghost Riders. We also hope you had a chance to join in on the fun of recent, 2nd and 4th Saturday 'Stars dances: the festive "Mardi Gras" and fun "Black Light" dance, celebrating Robert and Pam's 46 years of calling in the Square Dance world.

Although our "official" club dance season goes from September thru April, fear not as we will have a makeup dance on May 13 and a pot luck dance on May 23. Be sure to bend-an-ear for future 'Stars events. A big one coming up is our barbeque social at Robert and Pam Walker's ranch. We always have a wonderful time with lots of laughter and good food. Another big event will be our trip to Red River NM in July. Be sure to get your reservations in if you can attend. Contact Yvonne for details.

Once again, as always, Tom & Yvonne did a GREAT job for scheduling our recent 'Stars social dinners for B-Day's and Anniversaries at El Chico's and Rafter J BBQ -were really tasty. The fellowship was grand also. Yvonne 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: Susan Trotter, Jimmy, Jim & Chesta.

Also, keep Jim & Rene Murphy and Gene Moore and their families need our continued support as they find peace with the loss of Rene's mother Ellen Little of 97 yrs and Gene's son Monty. They are so loved and we want them to know it.

Again, you folks have the good fortune of taking advantage of our many upcoming events and visitations that Tom and Yvonne are planning for us this coming Summer. As before, for those of you who will be venturing out of the area into the mountains or the coastlines, send us a line or two to let us know what it's like not to have to sweat out in the Summer heat.

Hope you have a GREAT Summer.

Your Swinging Star Reporter,

Kim Peterson



Wichita Falls Solos

April has been a busy month for the Solos. Thanks for all who came out and supported our graduation with the Wranglers. We graduated 13 students.

We welcome them to square dancing and hope they continue to dance. We welcome Karen Kay Black, Gary and Dena Hutchens as new members of the Solos. We can't thank our instructors enough for teaching Dee Roy, Tim Tanner and all of the angels that came out.

Our 40th Anniversary Dance was a success considering it was Easter weekend.

Thanks to all of you that came out and supported us. We had visitors from Levi & Lace, Swinging Stars and Wichita Wranglers. Thanks to all of the Solos for bringing refreshments, cleaning the Hall, decorating and all of the other things that you did. Thanks also to Melton Luttrell for calling a fun dance.

The State Meeting was well attended and successful. Thanks to all who had a part in that also.

Now that all of that is behind us it is time to get ready for our Yard Sale at the home of Barbara and Michael Martini. Have your items priced and bring them to the Martini's by 9 am May 6.

Everyone is invited to our Potluck Supper and Workshop May 2 and June 6 at 7 pm at the Hall. For just a donation of \$3 you will have a great meal and Dee Roy will workshop both Mainstream and Plus.

Starting in May our 3rd SATURDAY DANCE will start at 7:30 pm. We will be dancing on May 16 and June 17. Starting in June we will dance cool and casual during the summer months. You can come in square dance attire or casual which ever just come!!

Isn't the Hall looking great? Thanks to Bob Hardy for all the work and supervision he is doing. He has done a great job keeping it clean and ready for dancing,

Hope to dance with you soon. Barbara Standley



Bramlett PALOOZA



Square Dance Land

812 Travis

Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

Saturday

MAY 6, 2017

7:00 Dinner

7:30 Plus Workshop

8:00 Grand March

Silent Auction

Take-home goodie bags

Cornbread and beans

with fixins'

Wranglers

Hi, it's me, Tommy Jo! What a beautiful spring we are having. The wildflowers look so pretty and the weather has been so mild.

The Wranglers are very busy right now. We and the Solos, just graduated a class of new dancers. Please watch for the new dancers and give them the help of your expertise! But...before that class was over, we started another!! I want to send out thanks to those "angels" who have been faithful to come out to help!! We had a good turn and we are hoping that soon new dancers to be joining us at the dances of all our clubs. We would like to welcome our newest member of the Wranglers. Beth Quinn!

We are getting ready for the Bramlettpalooza. It will be May 6th at the hall. There will be cornbread and beans before the dance with snacks at the dance. We will also have door prizes, brown bag auction, quilt auction and dessert auction. Yes, bring your money! This is our on fund raiser of the year. We appreciate your help. If you don't want to participate in the auctions, etc., just come and dance!! Mike, D. and possible Drew will be here to do the calling. Look forward to seeing you there.

If you've been missing our dances, let me tell you what you've missed! Our "Biker" dance was lots of fun and everyone dressed up as bikers. You get this before we have it, but our "Glow in the Dark" dance was or will also be fun. No telling what Doshia will think of next! Thanks Doshia and Robert for all your work.

It's time to start thinking of you new Wrangler executive board, so please, Wranglers, keep that in mind if someone asks you to take an office!

Susan is getting over foot surgery and we hope she continues to feel better. I'm doing this in a hurry because I'm late as always, so if I skipped any special news, let me know.

Our prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones or are sick. Our best wishes to those who are celebrating a special events. May Birthdays: Tom-28, Tommy Jo-21, June Carroll-28, Linda-19, D'-18, anniversary: Jeff and Irma-5, Susan and Carroll-7. July anniversary: Robert and Doshia-18! If I missed someone, what else is new?? and SORRY! Let my on my list.

Come dance with us!!