

# RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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## July – August 2017



# Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CALLER</b>
July 23	RRVA Quarterly Meeting	SDL 2pm	
July 29	RRVA Summer Blast Dance	SDL 7:30 – 9:30 pm	Jeff Holley

# July

## Birthdays

Jimmy Smith

Eddie Dunn

Lou Tanner

Brenda Hardy

Jim Gray

Carroll Trotter

Mo Forester

Anna Thorogood

Amy Freeman

Gary Hutchens

## Anniversaries

Tim and Lou Tanner

Eddie & Sondra Dunn

Jimmy and Charlotte Smith

Robert & Dosha Steflik

# August

# Birthdays

Jerry Whatley

Wayne Salmon

Ninell Splawn

Glenda Wadley

Terry Glassburn

Tommy Yowell

Raymond Moore

# Anniversaries

Jim & Judy McMillion

Jim & Chesta Owens

Ricky & Patsy Jackson

Fred & Wanda Mount

Jerry & Tommy Jo Epley

Robert & Pam Walker

# From the Desk of the Presidents

**FESTIVAL WAS FANTASTIC!!** What a bunch of phenomenal workers we are! Decorations were great, Signs were awesome, and the Fashion Show was fashionable, Panels were well-attended, After Parties were a hoot, Registration was smooth, First Aid was well organized, Facilities were ready, Hotels and Camping were uneventful, the Hospitality Room was welcoming, Security was safe, Banners were flying, and Sound was plentiful. All in all, we put on a memorable festival for our guests. Many, many thanks to *everyone* who worked so diligently to make our Festival a smashing success.

Our first term as presidents has come to a close. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the elected officers, appointed officers, delegates, and dancers who have helped us throughout the year. We also greatly appreciate those who have stepped up to serve during the new term. Many have agreed to continue on in their position and for that we are truly grateful. The continuity is so very important.

Your new officers for 2017-18 are:

Presidents: Audrey & Don Bee  
1st VP: Tommy Jo & Jerry Epley  
2nd VP Winnie Kajs  
Treasurer Perry & Jeff Griner  
Secretary Jo Ella Rice

The upcoming year promises to be less hectic, without the Festival, so let's all just dance, socialize and have fun!

Hugs,  
Audrey & Don Bee

## 2017-18 RRVA Elected and Appointed Officers

<b>Elected Officers</b>	
<b>President</b>	Audrey & Don Bee
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Tommy Jo & Jerry Epley
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Winnie Kajs
<b>Treasurer</b>	Perry & Jeff Griner
<b>Secretary</b>	Jo Ella Rice

<b>Appointed Officers</b>	
<b>Assembly</b>	Winnie Kajs
<b>Newsletter</b>	Barbara & Michael Martini
<b>Chaplain</b>	Jimmy and Charlotte Smith
<b>Educational Director</b>	Barbara Standley
<b>Exhibition Coordinator</b>	Jo Ella Rice
<b>Facility Commission</b>	Bob Hardy and Wayne Salmon
<b>Web Master/Photographer</b>	Stephen and Rosa San Miguel
<b>Insurance</b>	Betty Jones
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Will Bogart
<b>Publicity</b>	Robert Steflik
<b>Email administrator</b>	Linda Salmon
<b>Special Dance Coordinator</b>	Eddie and Sondra Dunn
<b>Refreshment Coordinator</b>	Brenda Hardy
<b>Texas Star Reporter</b>	Chesta & Jim Owens
<b>Historian/Scrapbook</b>	TBD
<b>Ways and Means</b>	Robert Fenoglio and Cindy Day
<b>Yearbook</b>	Jerry and Sandra Whatley
<b>State Delegates</b>	Audrey & Don Bee Tommy Jo & Jerry Epley
<b>Alternate State Delegate</b>	Linda & Wayne Salmon TBD

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# Levis & Lace

Hello All,

Summer is here and I hope everyone is enjoying my favorite time of the year. Well, we survived the State Festival and a wonderful time was had by all.

The Levis and Lace Plus lessons are complete, we graduated our new Plus dancers on Thursday, June 29. We have a very enthusiastic group and we look forward to dancing with them. Hopefully we will have some new members. Our club is small but lively and we are striving to see it grow.

So, if you are a Plus dancer, please, come dance with us. You will have a great time.

Our club is in the process of naming a new caller. Our candidates are Tim Tanner, Skip Gates and Jim Howard. In the next 2 months, we will have had the opportunity to dance to all of them and will vote in August.

Tom and I traveled to the National Square Dance Convention in Cincinnati, OH, this June. We were joined there by Linda and Wayne Salmon and Brenda and Bob Hardy. Boy, did we dance!!!! If you have never made a National, you really should go to one. In the mainstream hall there is a live band, called the Ghost Riders. They are so much fun. And there were callers from all over the U.S.

Thanks to our out-going President, Sandra Whatley, for all her hard work this past year. And welcome to our new officers:

President – Barbara Standley

Vice President – Sandra Whatley

Treasurer – Martha Painter

Secretary – Caroline Graves

May this new dance year be the best ever!

Guess that's it for now.

God Bless all our dancers and their families.

Your reporter,

Yvonne Cleary



# 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 certain... (grin). Also had a pretty nice Spring this year, with frequent showers, so once all managed to stay green. 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.

First, I'd like to take a moment to welcome a new member to the 'Stars family: Jan Blankenship. Be sure to give her a BIG Yellow Rock next time you see her.

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 4-wheeler riding, washers playing, and 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 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 and want you to support our other clubs by dancing with them. Also, trips to Vernon and Lawton are on tap, so watch for the emails coming to inform you about them. Also, keep in mind lessons will be starting up in Sept. and many angels will be needed.

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. There's plenty to do within an hours ride around the district, so keep watch of the calendar and make plans to join on in!

And of course, a great time was had here this year at the **Texas State Festival**. Many thanks to Audrey Bee, Linda Salmon, and Chesta Owen for all their organizing talents. Also to the

many volunteers who made it all possible. So many old and new friends attended, especially former members, Henry and Lee Harris, Max and Helen Yancy. They are really missed by the club and may be gone but never forgotten.

We again thank Tom & Yvonne 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 El Chico's and Rafter J's 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: **Stephen San Miguel** has taken a bad fall and is dealing with a hurt shoulder and ankle. **Sheree Rider** has been in California with her brother who has cancer, please send up prayers for him. We are so happy that **Jimmy Smith's** hand has healed completely. Keep **Cindy Day** in your prayers also, she is still dealing with her foot from surgery, and care giving for her mother. She is a very strong person and needs our support. Though not 'Stars, we must include **Jerry Epley** in our prayers as he is contemplating very serious surgery on his neck in August. And always, prayers for **John and Mary Carson**. What a sweet and dear couple. Apologies to others that we may have failed to mention.

Also Tom Cleary, as he lost a sister in June.

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

What a great State Festival we had. A lot of people worked very hard and if I try to name them I will leave someone out. We thank you very much.

Thanks to all of you that came to our dances and supported us the last few months. In June we had visitors from Levi & Lace, Swinging Stars, and Wichita Wranglers.

The Hall looks great. Bob Hardy and his helpers are doing a great job. The air conditioner is working great. The new stage is awesome. We can really be proud of our Hall.

Thanks to all of the people that served as officers for the clubs and RRVA this past year. We cannot have clubs without officers. The RRVA Presidents and State Delegates travel at their own expense to State Meetings around the State. Thanks them for doing this for us!!

Solos new officers are President Wayne & Linda Salmon, Vice President Betty Jones, Secretary Barbara Standley, Treasurer Winnie Kajs, RRVA Delegate Bob Wilkinson and RRVA Alternate Delegate Betty Jones.

If you prefer you can come to the summer dances cool and casual for the Solos. Our July dance is on the 15 and August Dance on the 19. Remember our dance START AT 7:30pm. We hope to see you there.

We will not have a Pot Luck Supper & Work Shop in July but we will have one in August on the 1st at 7 pm. For just a \$3 donation you can have a great meal and Dee Roy will Workshop both mainstream and plus.

The Solos welcome new members Bob Turner and Beth Quinn. We are happy that you decided to join us.

Get well wishes to Judy Whitaker, She had cataract surgery and had some complications. We hope to see her dancing soon.

See you in a square,

Barbara Standley

# Wichita Wranglers

Hi, it's me again, Tommy Jo. Wow! It's been a busy couple of months. Our Bramlettpalooza was a lot of fun. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. We also all worked hard on the State Festival. WE enjoyed working on it and are happy it went so well. Thanks to all the Wranglers and everyone else who helped. We also had two sets of lessons! WHEW! That was a lot of work. Our new Wranglers are Doug and Linda Burton, Bob Turner, Dennis and Judy Appleby, Karen Black, Angela Flores, Cindy Griffin, Dena Hutchens, Renee' Lambert. We are so glad ya'll joined our club and we hope you'll be glad you did!! We have also elected our new officers of the 20172018 year. They are Robert and Doshia Steflik-Presidents, Bob and Brenda Hardy-V Presidents, Jo Ella Rice-Treasurers, and Susan and Carroll Trotter -Secretaries. Thank you for volunteering to be our officers! We appreciate it. Remember, we continue to dance through the summer, and we go casual. Our hearts and sympathy goes out to those who are suffering losses or are sick. We also want to say CONGRATULATIONS to those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Come dance with us. Tommy Jo

To view the calendar please go to the RRVA website: [www.rrvsda.org](http://www.rrvsda.org)

Click on the Calendar Tab on top of the screen.

Then click on the red text:

“201701-12 January Thru December 2017”

Finally click on the link that shows up at the bottom of the page:

“201701-12-january-thru-december”

