

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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September – October
2017



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

Date	Event	Place & Time	Caller
Sept 21	Swinging Stars Mainstream Lessons begin	SDL 6:30-9:30	Tim Tanner
Sept 30	Pioneer Dance	SDL 6:30-10	Jimmy Gouge
Oct 2	Nat'l Singles Convention	Little Rock	
Oct 6	Presidents Meeting	Waco	
Oct 7	Red River Valley Callers Assoc. Mtg/wkshop	SDL 7:30-9:30	
Oct 22	RRVA Meeting	SDL 2pm	
Oct 31	RRVA Halloween Dance	SDL 7:30	Dan Nordbye

September

Birthdays

Charlie Sanders

Betty Jones

Carolyn Graves

Lisa San Miguel

Larry Pollock

Jim Owens

Rosa San Miguel

Jeff Griner

John Carson

Clint Neth

Connie Bumgarner

Beth Quinn

Anniversaries

Bob & Polly Wilkinson

Jeff & Perry Griner



October

Birthdays

Fred Mount

Winnie Kajs

Eleanor McCurrin

Dosha Steflik

Anna Marie Bogart

Audrey Bee

Bob Hardy

Jerry Epley

Daniel Scott

Ina Roark

Frankie Coggin

Brenda Hardy

Philicia Scott

Barbara Standley

Naomi Caballero

Anniversaries

Will & Anna Marie Bogart

Michael & Barbara Martini



From the Desk of the Presidents

President's Message -- Sept/Oct 2017

Our *Summer Blast* dance was a Blast! Jeff Holley called a fun, fast, fantastic dance! We had many visitors from Vernon and Oklahoma, making the dance all the more fun.

The **Pioneer Dance**, RRVA's main fund raiser, will be Saturday, *September 30* with Jimmy Gouge from Amarillo calling. Dinner is at 6:30 with Grand March at 7:30. Dinner tickets are required for the BBQ dinner, so find your club representative and buy your tickets early. Dinner tickets are \$10 and *must* be purchased by September 23. Meal tickets will *not* be available at the door. Those with a dinner ticket receive a \$2 discount off the dance entrance of \$8. Our TSFSRD Officers will be visiting this dance! Please plan to attend and welcome Jimmy Gouge and our TSFARD Officers.

The TSFSRD President's Dance will be October 6-7 in Waco with Mike Bramlett calling the Saturday dance. Everyone is welcome at the TSFSRD dance and meeting. Also that weekend is the Levis & Lace dance with Jim Howard and the Callers' Association quarterly dance. Lots of dancing opportunities that weekend!

Also in October is the RRVA **Quarterly Meeting** on Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 pm at the Hall

Then comes the annual RRVA **Halloween Dance** on October 31. Wear your costume and join the fun! We were fortunate to obtain **Dan Nordbye**, a national caller from Arizona! You won't want to miss this rare opportunity to dance to a national caller!

Hugs,
Audrey & Don Bee

Levis & Lace

Hello All,

Well, fall is fast approaching and I, for one, look forward to many cool months of dancing! The Levis and Lace Club invite all you Plus dancers to come out and dance with us.

We are so glad to welcome several new members who have joined since our recent lessons. They are Lucy Brandon, Naomi Caballero, Laura Lewis, Hugh McElroy, and Ray Moore.

What a great addition for our club! Be sure and give them a big hug and welcome when you see them.

We will be voting on our new caller in October. We wish to give our new members a chance to hear and experience all contenders before we vote.

Whoever becomes our caller, I am sure we will continue to enjoy dancing Plus. It is a challenge and so much fun.

To our new dancers, don't be discouraged if you make mistakes. Tom and I took plus lessons 5 times and we still mess up. Just stick with it.

Our dance in September is cancelled because of Labor Day. Jim Howard will be calling our dance in October.

Hope to see many smiling faces then.

Let's keep dancing, it's good for you!

Swinging Stars

The Swinging Stars had a fabulous summer! We danced the day and night away at the 2017 State Festival – that is when we were not WORKING at all the various jobs. We had visitations and socials throughout the summer- local, Vernon, Oklahoma, National Festival, and Red River NM. Many of our members took time off the take vacations and get rejuvenated. On July 4th, many of us joined dancers from all the clubs to watch the fireworks. Martha Painter graciously hosted the event at her home. She had a spectacular view of the fireworks at Sheppard. We thank Martha and the Solo's for including us in this special activity.

What is a fun thing to do on the day of the eclipse? Of course, it is to “square dance.” Robert Walker called a dance for all the clubs. We danced in the parking lot at 1:00 on Monday, August 21st earning the eclipse dangle. It is a fun dangle with a big sun wearing sunglasses and a moon partially covering it.

Merchant cards are in and we are out in groups selling our cards. We hope our fund raiser will be as successful as in the past. There are some regular merchants that have been with us for three years and there are some new merchants who signed up with us just this year. See a Swinging Star's member to see a card. Maybe there is a discount on it that you will use. If so, we hope you will buy one or more cards from us.


Lessons are beginning in September. They will start after the Texoma Fair. Hopefully, we will have many students. If you get a chance, come and see our exhibition at the Fair. It will be Friday afternoon and Saturday evening.

We invite you to dance with us this fall. September 9th is our dance to get back in the swing of things. So come and dance at our “Back to School Ice Cream Party” with Tim Tanner calling. September 23, come in your Texan/or Mexican attire and enjoy Tex-Mex food while dancing with Scott Bennett. Then, we will celebrate Columbus Day as we dance to Tim Tanner on October 14. October 28th is the Swinging Stars anniversary dance. We will be in full swing with Scott Bennett calling. It will be a night full of celebration. We hope you can join us.

This summer we have had two tragedies. Please keep Terry and Eleanor McCurrin and their family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their son and begin their path to healing. Also, keep Cindy Day and Pat Harmon in your prayers as they begin the healing process due to the tragic loss of their grandchild.

We look forward to dancing with you in a square with a smile on all our faces.

Your Swinging Stars Reporters,

Chesta & Jim Owens 

Wichita Falls Solos

School is back in session and vacations are coming to an end. We thank all of you for coming out and supporting our dances this summer. We also thank Bob Hardy and his crew for all the work on the Hall and how nice it has been to dance in the cool.

As of this writing Bob Wilkinson is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Aug 22. Get well wishes to him and prayers he will be dancing again soon without pain. Get well wishes go out to Frankie Coggin who is recovering from knee replacement surgery and Jim Finley who is having physical therapy for his back. It was good to see Glenda Wadley back and dancing some following her kidney stone surgery and recovery.

Some of our square dance families have had losses in their family recently. Sympathy and prayers go out to Cindy Day & Pat Harmon in the loss of their grandson and great grandson recently and to the McCurrin family in the loss of their son and brother.

Mark your calendars for Sept 30 at 6:30 pm for the Pioneer Bar-B-Que Dinner and Dance. This is a major fund raiser dance for RRVA. Plan to attend and invite family and friends to join you for dinner and show them how much fun we have and what great friends we have made square dancing. Jimmy Gouge will be calling. October 31 at 7:30 pm will be our annual Halloween Dance with Dan Nordbye calling. Come see all of the fancy costumes this year!!

In October the Solos will be having Dee Roy's annual Fish Fry. Stay tuned for date and time to be announced later.

At our dance in November which is changed to Friday night due to the Holiday Parade we will have a Dessert Walk. Plan to come and get goodies for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Solos begin now to talk up and advertise for lessons planned to start January 11, 2018.

Everyone is invited to our dances September 16 and October 21 AT 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

Solos Potluck Suppers and Workshop will be September 4 and October 3 at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and for just \$3 have a great meal. Dee Roy will workshop both mainstream and plus. If you are having problems with moves let him know and he will workshop them.

See you in a square. Barbara Standley



**Watch out for the little ones going
back to school.**

Wichita Wranglers

Hi, its me, Tommy Jo. Just rained today and what a wonderful thing. My grass was doing a "happy" dance! We've been having some great dances. Hope you have been able to attend some of them. Remember, we are dancing August 25, (Jaws Beach Party, Sept 22, Tailgate Party, and Oct. 27, Halloween...Boo!! (more dance dates later!) Come have fun with us! Our birthdays for these months are August-Wayne, Jerry Whatley, Dennis, September-Beth, Lisa, Betty, October-Jerry Epley, and Bob Hardy. Happy Birthday, People!! Our only Anniversary was Jerry and Tommy Jo! August 21. 46 years...and HIS family said it wouldn't last! The Bees and the Steflicks went north to see the Total Eclipse of the Sun! (Wow, that could be a song!) The Steflicks went to Nebraska and the Bees went to Kansas. Sounds like fun to me. Can't wait to hear about it. We want to send out best wishes to those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We want to send our sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. You are truly in our thoughts and prayers. Hope everyone's summer finishes with fun, sun and maybe a little more rain??? In the meantime, LET'S DANCE!



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