

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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November – December

2017



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	Toby Thomason



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November

Birthdays

Betty Hansard

Brad Whitaker

Robert Fenoglio

Linda Salmon

Jim Hansard

Marguerite Gray

Dee Roy

Angel Bishop

Will Bogart

Patsy Jackson

Bob Turner

Brad Whitaker

Ian Kurtzhals

Sheila Beshore

Dena Hutchens

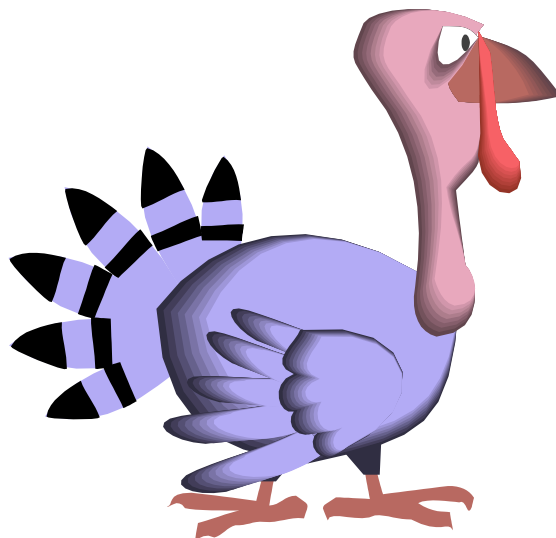
ANNIVERSARIES

Vallee & Carolyn Graves

Stephen & Rosa San Miguel

Linda & Doug Burton

Paul & Karen Thorogood



December

Birthdays

Mike Bramlett

Ruby Biggs

Doug Burton

Billie Gore

Nancy Roberts

Janie Davis

Mary Carson

Robert Walker

Jim Finley

Anniversaries

John & Mary Carson

Wayne & Linda Salmon

Bob & Brenda Hardy

Terry & Sheree Rider



From the Desk of the Presidents

President's Message -- Nov/Dec 2017

The year is winding down and the various holidays are upon us. The Halloween dance was a lot of fun. If you missed it, you missed a great dance. Dan Nordbye is a national caller from Arizona and a real treat for us to get him. The costumes, as usual, were original and fun.

Next will be Thanksgiving, a time for giving thanks. We are thankful for many things, one of which is our wonderful square dancing family. When we moved to Texas nine years ago, we didn't know anyone. We are thankful for the many friends we have made through square dancing in Wichita Falls.

Then will come Christmas, a joyful time to party and celebrate. Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? I haven't, but need to start soon. With the kids and grandkids getting older and living far away, we don't always know what they have or want. Gift cards are a popular alternative. At the TSFSRD meeting in October we learned of a gift card/script program that will pay a percentage back to RRVA. There are over 750 retailers on the list and the percentages back to RRVA range between 1.5% and 16%. These cards can also be used for your own personal purchases. As I write this article we are still working out the details. By the time you read this your club president will have the details.

The last dance of 2017 will be the RRVA New Year's Eve Dance with Toby Thomason calling. Join your square dancing friends as we welcome in the New Year.

It's been a great year, with the Festival and all. Next year will be, well, next year.

Hugs to all
Audrey & Don Bee

Levis & Lace

We want to welcome our new caller and his wife to our club. The club elected Jim & DeDe Howard from Oklahoma City as our caller. We hope you plus dancers will come out and welcome them at our next dance November 3 at 7:30 pm.

The holiday season is coming soon. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all of our square dance friends. Don't forget the New Year's Eve Dance at 9 pm. Come and dance in the New Year and stay for black-eyed peas and cornbread.

By the time you get this the Halloween Dance will be history. I know we had some great costumes as usual. Thanks to all who participated in it.

John & Mary Carson are honorary members of Levis & Lace. We love you guys!!

The plan for Levis & Lace to celebrate Christmas is to go out to eat on December 19 at 6 pm at McBride's Land and Cattle on Scott Street. Hope all of you members will plan to attend.

Our December dance will be on the 1st at 7:30 pm so make plans to come and join us for a fun dance and some Christmas goodies.

Watch for announcement coming soon about a Plus workshop starting after the first of the year.

We know that our Secretary Carolyn Graves has injured her leg and is improving. We pray that she will have a full recovery. Continue your prayers for Robert Walker. It has been good to see him out & about.

See you at the dances. Barbara Standley

Swinging Stars

Summer days are gone and we can kiss half of fall good-bye. Time is flying and it will soon be Thanksgiving, Christmas, and then the New Year. Many have been busy with vacations and company. But most of all, we have been busy dancing and enjoying each other's company.


However, fun is not all that has been in our schedule this fall. Work has been necessary so we can afford to have the fun we have. Many dancers worked a booth at the Texoma Fair for five days. We sold our merchant cards, took names for potential students, and danced an exhibition to showcase square dancing. Also, our members have been selling our merchant cards at Market Street and Sam's club. We have some fantastic merchants who are supporting us this year by giving some really great discounts when you use the card. The card is good through August 31, 2018 and cost only \$10.00. You will receive the discount every time you show the card. It is getting popular. We now have people who bought one in the past and are calling us for this year's card. If you have not bought one, we hope you will see a Swinging Star member for one.

Lessons have started and we had the half-way dance October 23. The students are doing real well. We have some new people and are also giving another set of lessons to some other club members who took lessons last spring. They will graduate the middle of November and henceforth be Square Dancers with all the friendship and fun that goes with it.

October 14th was our 55th Anniversary dance. We thank everyone who attended. We had several out of town guests. Tim Tanner and Robert Walker were our callers. They called a fun energetic dance. Also, we displayed the history of our club. By doing so, some new dancers learned about our past traditions, and what it means to be a Swinging Star's member.

Due to Holidays, we will not be dancing the 4th Saturday in November and December. Holidays are wonderful, but two of them take away from our dance nights. However, we will be dancing with our club caller, Tim Tanner, on the 2nd Saturday in November and December. We hope to see you there.

May the remainder of the year see you healthy and wise.

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

Your Swinging Stars Reporters,

Chesta & Jim Owens

Wichita Falls Solos

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from all of the Solos. As we enter this Holiday Season we have a lot to be thankful for. Among those is the great job Bob Hardy and his crew have done on the Hall. It is looking great.

We want to thank all of you that braved a stormy night in October to come out and dance with us. We had visitors from all of the clubs here in Wichita Falls. It turned out to be a lighting show and a little rain. We enjoyed dancing to Dee Roy's calling and refreshments supplied by Sondra Dunn and her crew.

While we are thanking folks we can't forget Eddie and Sondra Dunn for hosting our annual fish fry and Dee Roy for supplying the fish and cooking it for us.

The Solos will be having their Christmas Party on December 10 at 3:00 pm at the home of Eddie and Sondra Dunn. Bring finger foods, games, and a gift not to exceed \$10 man gift for a man and woman gift for a woman. No gag gifts please. Bring non-perishable food items for Interfaith Ministries.

Don't forget the New Year's Eve Dance on Dec 31, 2017 at 9 pm with Toby Thomason calling, a great way to welcome in the New Year and have black-eyed peas and cornbread for good luck.

It was good to see Bob Wilkinson the night of our dance for a few minutes. He is recovering from knee replacement surgery and hopes to be dancing soon.

Don't forget the Solos Potluck and Workshop on November 7 and December 5 at 7 pm for just \$3. New dancers are our guests. Bring a dish with food in it and enjoy the good cooks we have here, then work it off. Dee will Workshop Mainstream and Plus.

The Solos dances are November FRIDAY November 17 at 7:30. This is our Dessert Walk. See the flyer and join us.

We will be dancing December 16 at 7:30 pm.

See you in a square. Barbara Standley

DESSERT WALK



SOLO'S DANCE

FRIDAY Nov. 17, 7:30

**Stock up on Goodies for the
Holidays**

Door Prizes

Dee Roy Calling

Wranglers

Hi, ya'll! It's me, Tommy Jo. I forgot to mention in the last newsletter, I think, that Lisa and Randy San Miguel hosted a meeting and delicious outside meal and swim party. We had a fun time, and it seems so many degrees ago! I'm loving the colder weather. Sandra and Jerry hosted another of our meetings with a potluck dinner at their house. The last one was a soup and cornbread supper with the Applebys. "We had our meeting and were going to play games, but the meeting got "long winded". Imagine. Maybe next time. We really appreciate these people who hosted all of us, and we had a lovely time. The Wranglers also had a garage sale this past weekend and had a really good turnout. I got there at 6:45 a.m. and people were already waiting!! When 7:00 hit, they pulled out their flashlights. They were prepared! Several members have been travelling to different clubs dances and have really enjoyed it. Please remember that our Bramlettpalooza will be coming up in May. Thanks to Bob for all the hard work he's putting into the building renovation! It just looks better all the time. We really like Leonard's door. We have have had a lot of sick or hurt people in the Wranglers and in RRVA. We send out our thoughts and prayers to you. Also, we send congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Watch out for the ghosts and gremlins and things that go bump in the night! Holiday season is coming up at breakneck speed! Let's Dance, people!

