

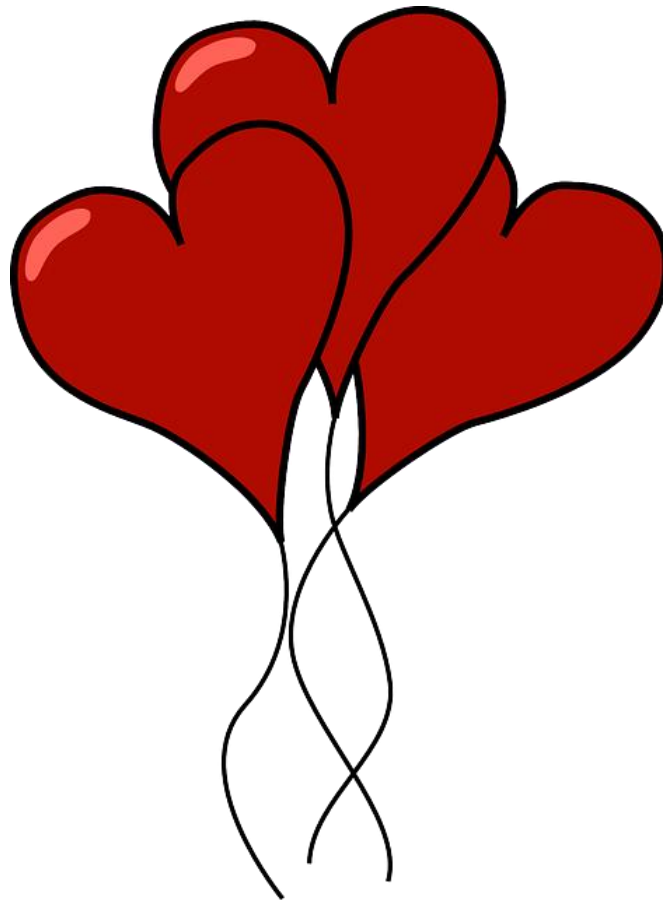
RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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January – February 2018



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Dec 31 / Jan 1	RRVA New Year's Eve Dance	SDL	Toby Thomason
Jan 12	TSFSRD 2018 Officer Nominating Weekend	Winnie, TX	
Jan 21	RRVA Meeting	SDL 2:00 pm	



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January

Birthdays

Cindy Day

Judy McMillion

John Conklin

Dan Craig

James Ingram

Belinda Alberry

Crystal McCurrin

Betty Hansard

Wanda Mount

Bill Wiltse

Stephen San Miguel

DB Patillo

Hugh Mc Elroy

Anniversaries

Mike & D' Bramlett

Bill & Sharon Wiltse

Tommy Yowell &

Suzanne Story

Gary & Dena

Hutchens

February

Birthdays

Susan Trotter

Michael Martini

Pam Walker

Sharon Wiltse

Mary Childs

Genny Frerich

Yvonne Cleary

Fay Lewis

Vallee Graves

Andy Frerich

Don Hester

Randy San Miguel

Paul Thorogood

Anniversaries

Don & Audrey Bee

Randy & Lisa San Miguel

From the Desk of the Presidents

President's Message -- Jan/Feb 2018

As 2017 comes to an end and we welcome 2018, we want to thank all the dancers for their continued support of square dancing and RRVA.

Our Halloween Dance with Dan Nordbye was amazing. The costumes were awesome and the dance was a lot of fun. Dan is a national caller from Arizona and has agreed to call for us again next Halloween!! Plan now to attend next October!

The new year is rapidly approaching and may be here by the time you read the newsletter. Our New Year's Eve Dance with Toby Thomason will be (or was) fun as always. The festive dancers counted down to 2018 and enjoyed a traditional bowl of black-eyed peas.

The hall is looking amazing with all the repairs we have done. The bathroom remodel is going to be a major mess and is underway. We appreciate everyone's patience during the process. As with most projects, once started we find other problems that need to be fixed. It will be done as quickly as possible, and will be done properly.

The Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, January 28 at 2:00 pm at the hall. The meeting is open to everyone. Elected officers, appointed offices and club delegates should plan to attend.

RRVA is embarking on a new endeavor. Beginning March 1, RRVA will host square dance lessons with all three mainstream clubs participating! Lessons will be Monday and Thursday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Each club has a Class Coordinator who is working with the RRVA elected officers to plan and organize the lessons. The clubs are jointly participating in opportunities to promote square dancing and enlist new class members.

As always, we need Angels to help the new students. To avoid confusion for the students, the Class Coordinators Committee decided to make RRVA tee shirts available to those that want one. They are green with RRVA on the front and square dancers on the back. A sample is hanging at the hall. Also at the hall are tee shirts in sizes S through 4X you can try on to determine your size. If you want one, order through your Mainstream Club. When Class Coordinators determine the time is right, the students will be informed of the RRVA structure and all three mainstream clubs.

A nominating committee will be appointed soon and a new slate of officers will be presented at the April Quarterly Meeting. Several of your officers, including us, will have reached the end of a second term and cannot serve again. RRVA, like any organization, cannot survive without officers. Please consider accepting a position on the RRVA board and let the committee know.

Hugs,
Audrey & Don Bee

Levis & Lace

Hello All,

Our club is thriving again!!! We are enjoying our new caller, Jim Howard! Jim and his Taw, Dee Dee, are a delight. We have enjoyed dancing to Jim since November. Our dances are small but fun and we look forward to adding new members. So if you dance Plus, come and join us for a fun time.

Speaking of fun, some of our members have been traveling around quite a bit. Sandra and Jerry Whatley went to the Holy Land!! Can you believe it? That is a trip of a lifetime. They traveled by bus all over Israel. Sandra toughed it out even though she had a problem with her leg. What a trouper.

Chesta and Jim Owens were in New York City for the lighting of the tree at Rockefeller Center. Tom and I were also in NYC at the same time. We attended the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes together with Chesta's brother and sister-in-law and our daughter and son-in-law. What a show and my goodness, you never saw such crowds of people!! It was good to get home and see all the open spaces. New York City Midtown is like living in a canyon. You only see the sun when you look up!

Our club enjoyed our Christmas get together on Tuesday, Dec. 19. We had a wonderful dinner at McBride's Land and Cattle Restaurant, then gathered around the huge fireplace and sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas" to all the customers. Jim Howard led us and hopefully everyone enjoyed it....anyway, we did.

Please keep all our members in your prayers, especially Jimmy Smith as he undergoes his chemo and radiation treatments for his lung cancer. We love you Jimmy. Glad to see Sandra doing better. Hope her leg continues to improve.

No more news for now. Happy New Year everyone. Let's get in lots of dancing in 2018. It is so good for you!!!

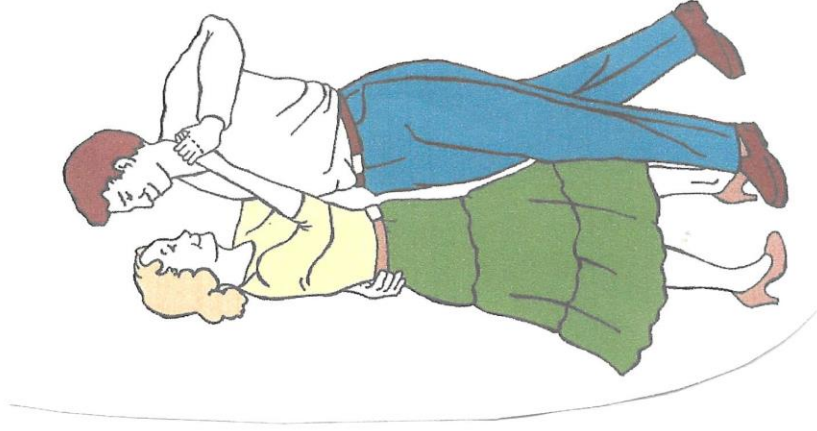
Yvonne

Everyone is invited to **Levis & Lace**

41st Anniversary Dance
with Jim Howard &
Robert Walker calling
Mainstream Dance with
Announced Plus

Friday February 2, 2018
At 7:30 PM at
Square Dance Land, 812 Travis, Wichita Falls

*\$6 each dancer.
Door prizes & A Bag Auction
Baked goods for sale.
Come welcome back Robert & Pam
Walker & meet
Jim & DeDe Howard*



Swinging Stars

The last two months have certainly been busy for all our dancers. Our club completed our set of lessons and had several *graduates* join our club, plus, we helped several new dancers from the Solos and Wranglers improve their square dancing skills. Please welcome our new members, Sharon and Mike Laughon and Crystal Fields, Electra Sheridan, Angel Bishop and Jodi Lama when you see them in a square. Four are new to square dancing and two have returned, and none are new to being friendly and fun to know.

We had our Christmas party at the hall. Members who served on the party committee were Terry & Sheree Rider, Naomi Caballero, and Fred Roth. However, Naomi and Fred insisted that Terry & Sheree did the majority of the preparations. For a fact, the decorations and games that Sheree made were awesome. She is an extremely talented lady. Not only did she make the table decorations, but she made enough for every person present to take one home. Our musically talented Fred Roth played his saxophone which added to our party and was enjoyed by all. Games and more games were fun. You should try putting cotton balls in a bowl on your head using a spoon and blindfolded!! Hard, Hard, Hard! Bowling blindfolded was also a real hoot!

Thanks to all who helped put on our party. Everyone had *a jolly good time!*

For our *service project* this year, members brought toys to our Christmas party. The toys were delivered to First Step with the intent of bringing a smile to a child that otherwise might not receive a Christmas gift this year. Also, several members were able to participate in a demonstration at Rolling Meadows. Since this is a retirement home, the activity is mainly a community service with the hopes that we can entice some of the employees to take lessons.

Our club helped RRVA at the State Hospital by distributing square dancing information and encouraging the employees to sign up for lessons. The event was held with the understanding that *members of all clubs*, under the leadership of RRVA, will participate as angels during the lessons in March. Having all students receive a temporary membership in all mainstream clubs is a new adventure and one that the Swinging Stars hope will be successful.

Several of our members did some *traveling*. Yvonne, Tom, Chesta and Jim went to New York City to see the lighting of the Rockefeller Christmas tree and ride in a horse drawn carriage in Central Park. Lighting of the tree was a real experience. See the travelers for the fun, exhausting details. Then, there is Fred Roth. He couldn't be content with just visiting a state or two. Oh No! he had to see half the continental USA. Fred drove 6200 miles as he traveled through OK, AK, TN, KY, AL, FL, GA, SC, NC, VA, Washington D.C., DE, NJ, PA, CT, MA, NY, OH, IN, MI, AND MO. Then, he flew to California and visited AZ, UT, and flew home from

NV. What a traveler!!! If you followed him on Face Book, you saw many beautiful pictures he took while traveling.

In January and February, we will be *dancing* on the second Saturday with Tim Tanner calling, and on the fourth Saturday with Scott Bennett calling. We hope that you will come and dance with us. Both callers call a fun dance, each with their own delightful personality showing through.

We wish you and yours many blessings in 2018.

*Your Swinging Stars Reporters,
Chesta & Jim Owens*



Wichita Falls Solos

Thank you to all of you that came out and supported us last year. We had visitors from Levis & Lace, Swinging Stars, Lawton, Vernon Travelers and RRVA Presidents. We could not have our dancers without our visitors. We were happy to see Betty Rosemond and her friend, Art visit us from Portland, Oregon. Betty came back to see her new Grandson.

By the time you get this our New Year's Eve dance will be history. Thanks to all who helped plan it and did all of the work.

The Solos enjoyed our Christmas Party at the home of Sondra and Eddie Dunn. We had lots of good food and enjoyed our gift exchange. Thanks to Eddie and Sondra for being such great hostess.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy Smith who will begin chemotherapy and radiation for lung cancer soon.

Start now inviting people to Mainstream Lessons beginning March 1. We will probably be doing exhibition dances around town. Please help if you can.

Mark your calendars now for the Solo's Potluck Suppers and Workshops at 7 pm on January 2 and February 6. All are invited and for just \$3 you will have a great meal and Dee Roy will workshop both mainstream and plus.

The Solo's dances will be January 20 and February 17 at 7:30 pm.

Hope to see you there.

Barbara Standley

Wranglers


Well, Christmas is over! Can you believe it?? Don't worry, it will be back again before we know it. In the meanwhile, I hope you all had a wonderful time at the RRVA New Year's Dance. The Wranglers want to thank Dan and Bee for hosting the Christmas party. Lots of food, fun, games, and gifts. It was a great time, as usual. Thanks to all who turned out to celebrate. Our next dance will be the fourth Friday of January, so we are back to our usual schedule. We are looking forward to an exciting new year of fun dances. Don't forget our Bramlettpalooza coming up May 5th. We will have our usual beans and cornbread supper, auctions, food, and most important, the Bramletts to call for the dance. It's our fundraiser and I'd like to thank you in advance for coming out to support us. We really appreciate it. We send congratulations to those having birthdays and anniversaries. Our prayers go out to members or their family members who are having health issues. Renee Lambert, Angela Flores, Jimmy Smith is beginning chemo treatments, Tommy Jo's brother, Bobby, continues to have his leg paralysis, . Our saddest news is the passing of Anna Marie Bogart. She passed away recently and will be missed. She loved to dance. I pray that God will fill this year with peace, happiness and good health for everyone. Let's Dance! Tommy Jo Epley

January 2018

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	7	8	9 Solos Pot Luck With Workshop 7:00 Dee Roy	10	11	12 TSFSRD Nominating Weekend Winnie TX	13 Swinging Stars Dance Tim Tanner 7:30 PM
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25	26	27	28			