

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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Square Dance!

2020

January - February



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Jan 26	RRVA Quarterly Mtg.	SDL 2:00	
Jan 31- Feb 1	RRVA Garage Sale	SDL Opens 9:30 am	
Feb 24	Solos Mainstream Lessons	SDL 7:00-9:00 Mondays and Thursdays	Dee Roy
Feb 29	RRVA Teen Scholarship Dance(State Officers Visitation)	SDL 7:30	RRVA Callers



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From the Desk of the President

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT (Jan-Feb 2020)

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and were able to see/be with at least some of your family members. People have different types & styles of Christmas celebrations and traditions and I trust yours was absolutely wonderful. I pray everyone remembered the reason for the season - the Birth of Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

Because He loves us so much, we now have the beginning of a new year – and the opportunity to improve, to do new and/or different things, to be more productive, to make adjustments in our life, to drop those “not-so-good” habits & replace them with “good” habits, to make new friends, to introduce others in our community to the wonderful world of square dancing--- just to name a few suggestions.

The last idea -- **introduce other people in our community to the wonderful world of square dancing** -- is something that I hope all of you will seriously consider doing.

If **everyone** will put forth some effort and **do** several somethings – *The outcome would be amazing!!* Be friendly, talk to people, bring up dancing/square dancing in the conversation, then guide the talking to upcoming lessons and invite/encourage people to attend. Get people to come to lessons. Then your club might be able to increase its membership.

If someone you are talking with – can't come when your club has lessons – are you a strong/caring enough person to tell them when the other two club's lesson dates are and/or give them contact information of a person in that club -- they might ultimately join 'your club' -- and they will certainly “like you forever” for getting them into this great activity and will certainly be one of your new friends.

God gave us a ‘free will’. We are fortunate to live in a ‘free country’. So the only HOLD BACK is “ourselves”.

We are back to our regular square dance schedule. Please attend the dances & support each other.

RRVA Quarterly Meeting-January 26, 2020, 2:00PM

RRVA Garage Sale-January 31 & February 1, 2020, with set-up on January 30, hall open at 9:30 AM.

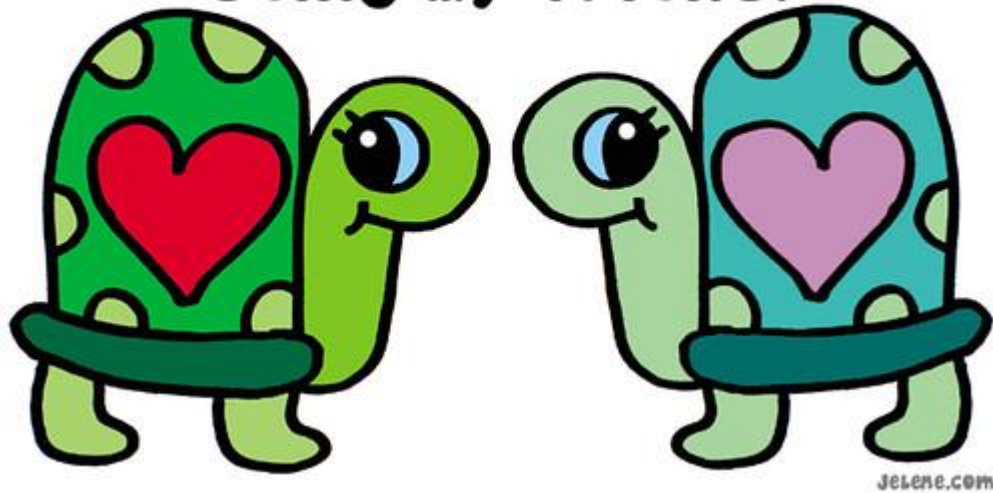
February 14, 2020 - Happy Valentines Day!!!

RRVA Dance-Teen Scholarship-February 29, 2020—STATE OFFICERS VISITATION this dance.

State Nominating Committee Dance 1/17-18/20, in San Antonio, hosted by Alamo Squares.

Blessings daily, Winnie Kajs, President

**Thank you for
being my friend!**



Levis & Lace

As we look toward the year 2020, it is with hope and anticipation for good things to come. As square dancers, we hope and pray that square dancing will thrive in the year 2020, and that each of us will do our best to make it so!

The Levis and Lace had our now traditional Christmas dinner at McBrides on December 6 with 18 in attendance. Diners with given hand-made ornaments by our president, Tommy Jo and Jerry Epley and small gifts from the Pecan Shed by Sandra as she completed 50 years of square dancing. Additionally we wished the other diners a Merry Christmas in song as we departed to Square Dance Land where we held our December dance with Jim Howard calling to the tunes of several of our favorite Christmas songs. Enjoying the dance with us were guests from the Swinging Stars and the Wichita Wranglers.

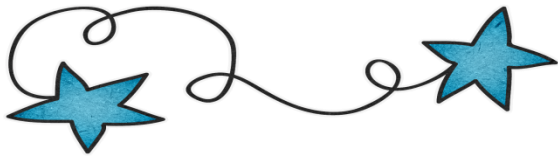
Traveling in the month of December were Barbara Standley, the Hardys, the Epleys and the Bees. Get well wishes go out to Yvonne Cleary who had toe surgery and to Don Bee who suffered several smashed toes. We also are pleased to learn that Carolyn Graves is much improved and wish her continued good health!

The Levis and Lace will dance on January 3 and on February 7 in the year 2020 with the grand march at 7:30. We welcome you there!

And to all we wish peace and good will in the New Year.

J.T. and Sandra





Swinging Stars

The last two months have certainly been busy for all our dancers. Our club completed the mainstream lessons and will be giving another set in January. We appreciate Scott's enthusiasm as he gives the lessons. He is a fantastic teacher.

We had many Christmas activities in December. On December 7, Fred and Anne Roth hosted a Christmas Craft at their house. We made different types of cookies and etc. with a Christmas theme. Hopefully, it will become a tradition. Everyone had a blast! We had our Christmas party on December 12 at the hall. Fred and Anne Roth were the party chairmen and had several volunteers to help them. The volunteers were Naomi, Sherri & Terry, and Bill & Sharon. For a fact, the decorations and games that were made were awesome. 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! Throwing a bowling ball (rubber ball) toward a stack of pins (cans) and blindfolded was a hoot. This was the second year that we did homemade cookie exchange at the party. We have some really good bakers and shared lots of homemade cookies. This appears to becoming a tradition! For our closing, Fred led us in Christmas songs. It was a delightful way to end our party. Thanks to all who helped put on our party. Many who are not mentioned by name helped decorate and clean up after the party. Everyone had *a jolly good time!* Check out our Swinging Stars Facebook. Sharon Wiltse posted some fun pictures.

When you see Ruby Biggs congratulate her for reaching her 90th birthday on December 20th. You would never guess she is 90. She is very spry and full of laughter. I hope I am like her when I reach 90 as I know all our club members do.

For our *service project* this year, we donated items to First Step so they would not be forgotten at Christmas time. All members contributed items. Anne and Fred, Jamie and Kevin, and Stephen and Rosa took care of the delivery and the guest there were delighted.

Our Christmas dance was called by Scott Bennett. The hall was festive and many of Scott's dance songs were to the tune of familiar Christmas songs. This combination put the dancers in a Merry Christmas spirit.

In January and February, we will *be dancing* on the second and fourth Saturdays with Scott Bennett calling. Our dances now are from 7:30 – 9:30. We hope that you will come and dance with us. Scott is a delightful caller with a beautiful voice. Though we miss Robert, we feel fortunate to have Scott as our new caller.

Please keep your prayers continuing for Robert Walker. He is facing new issues and having seizures. He and Pam are trying to get to the bottom of it and get medication that will help. For those who knew Chuck Forester, he passed away in December. Mo said to tell all the dancers who came to the funeral that she very much appreciated it and thanked us for honoring him with our presence.

We wish you and yours many blessings in 2020.

Your Swinging Stars Reporters,

Chesta & Jim Owens



Wichita Falls Solos

It is hard to believe that 2019 is almost gone. We have been through a lot this year and lost some very special people to square dancing. We continue to miss Wayne Salmon and Jimmy Smith. We are thankful their widows continue to join us. We wish all of you a Happy and Blessed New Year

Thank you all for supporting and attending the Solos dances this past year.

We congratulate the new graduates from our last class of mainstream. Pat Coad, Sandy Hampton, Lesley Kephart and Leslie Worthington. We welcome them to our club and square dancing. We also want to thank Dee Roy for a great job of teaching. We are so fortunate to have had him all of these years.

It is time again to thank Eddie and Sondra Dunn for hosting our Christmas Party. We all had a great time and it was enjoyed by all including their dog Lady. Thanks to Sondra for not only decorating our Hall for our dances but decorating her home for our parties. I am sure she ropes Eddie into helping.

If you would like a ticket to the Home and Garden Festival the Solos are selling them. We appreciate you all for helping out. We will be starting a set of Mainstream lessons after the Festival February 22nd and 23rd. Lessons will begin February 24th and held each Monday and Thursday at 7:00. Dee Roy will be the Caller.

A big thank you goes out to Michael Martini for making the Solos new flag/banner for the Hall. It looks great! Thanks again.

The Solos will be dancing January 18 and February 15 at 7:30 pm. Our February 15 dance is our Friendship Dance. It is a **free** dance to all square dancers. We will be selling tickets for our \$200 drawing, which will be drawn at our Anniversary dance April 18.

Our Potluck Supper and Workshops will be January 7 and February 4 at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to join us and bring a dish to share for just \$3. Since lessons begin February 24 please bring anyone interested in lessons to our potluck February 4th to get acquainted and see what it's all about.

Hope to dance with you in a square.

Barbara Standley

Birthdays for January

Cindy Day 7

February Birthdays

Michael Martini 11

Vallee Graves 14

Anniversary January

Gary and Dena Hutchens 15

Buy Tickets to Win Two One Hundred Dollar Bills.

Tickets: A dollar each or 6 for \$5.00.



**COME TO OUR
FRIENDSHIP DANCE
IT'S FREE**

The Wichita Falls Solos invite you to the celebration of
the friends we make while Square Dancing.

Saturday February 15, 2020 at 7:30, 812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

*Tickets for \$200 will be on sale
from all Solos Members.*

**REMEMBER,
THIS IS A FREE DANCE!!!**

Wranglers

Howdy Square Dancers and Welcome to the New Year!

I know you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and are excited about starting another year of Fun square dancing. We have to say a Big Thank You to our caller and his wife, Jeff & Niecy Holley for giving us a fun and challenging year of dancing. I am constantly amazed at how many songs Jeff has dancing around in his brain. I don't think I have ever heard him call the same song twice (okay so maybe a slight exaggeration). I am truly excited about the fun new songs Jeff is thinking up for us this year.

Be on the lookout for Wrangler Lessons in January. Audrey Bee hooked us up with Vernon College, so the Wranglers are heading into uncharted waters. I can't wait to share our struggles and successes. Wish us luck!

A Big Shout-Out to the Swinging Stars and their gift collection for the kids of First Step! Awesome Job!

One last thing, the Wranglers are sending warm and fuzzy hugs to Jeff on the loss of his mother AND happy and cheerful congratulations on another beautiful Grandbaby!

Happy New Year to You All and Looking forward to dancing with you in a square!

Dosha Steflik

Anniversary--Don & Audrey Bee

Birthday--Susan Trotter