

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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March – April

2020



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
Apr 4	Red River Callers Assn Mtg/workshop	SDL 7:30	
Apr 26	RRVA Quarterly Mtg	SDL 2:00	

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From the Desk of the Presidents

LEAP YEAR!! What did you do with that extra day? before you came to the Teen Scholarship Dance? Something fun? Help a friend? Whatever it was, I hope it was good, productive & enjoyable.

As I write this, we are finishing up the plans for the Teen Scholarship Dance. I am feverishly looking for dancers to help with the Brown Bag and Silent Auction portions of this fund raiser. I'm also praying that our dancers will come to this dance. The State Officers will be visiting. Last year TSFSRD gave 6 scholarships.

Let's help raise funds for next year.

If everyone brought one person to square dance lessons, some of them would realize how much fun & happiness this diverse group of ladies & gentlemen enjoy. Life on this earth is too short to not enjoy it.

March will be roaring in & depending on who you talk to – it will be liked or disliked. But guess what—we'll have to accept that wind blowing diversity – just like we need to accept ALL our friend's differences. We'll celebrate--wearing green--an Irish custom. It was said the wearing of the green made you invisible from the Leprechauns, fairy creatures, who would pinch anyone not wearing green. humm. Not sure what weather predictions are – but they are just that – predictions – based on a variety of things we can't really control. Kinda like we can't/shouldn't try to control our friends (or enemies). Don't fall into the arena of not getting along with our fellow human beings. No two are alike and life would be quite boring if we were all alike and all wanted the exact sameness. Respecting & accepting each other's individual diversity makes a better living environment with better people in it.

The nominating committee is searching for officers for RRVA for next year, July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021. Please prayerfully consider accepting a position if you are asked. Appointed officers (aka committee chairpersons) will also be needed. Have you had a turn yet? With all of us working together we will have a good functional organization, do a variety of activities & have lots of fun & fellowship too!!

Hey - take an opportunity to get people into our square dance hall. It's interesting how many people in this town don't know there is square dancing here or that we have our own dance hall. What can you do about this? We are the only people that can change that picture. Our Pioneer Dinner & Dance is on the sunny horizon. We will all need to get behind this fund raiser. So be thinking about who all you can invite to our delicious BBQ Dinner.

LOOKING AHEAD! PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!

The RRVA Caller's Association will be honoring the presidents of all our clubs & RRVA at their "President's Ball" on April 4, 2020, 7:30 PM. You will want to come and enjoy this party!!

April Fool's Day will occur, in about 29 days, after you receive this newsletter.

Be on your guard!!

January & February's alphabet letters:

Magnificent Neighborly

Openhearted Participate

March & April's: Quadrille Respectful

Supportive Thoughtful Unified

Blessings to all & thanks when you do help,

Winnie Kajs, RRVA President



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

We danced, gave square dance lessons, and socialized during the months of January and February. Bad weather did not keep us inside. We are a proven group of **“hearty folks.”** With spring on the way, we look forward to numerous, enjoyable times in March and April.

We had 4 students join our club and they are doing great. They are Renee Lambert, Colen Long, and Mike & Nancy Bigbie. We welcome them and look forward to many years of dancing and socializing with them. Scott is a fantastic teacher. Our students attended two of our dances before graduation and danced several tips. At our Valentine dance we had 4 squares most of the night. It was a real fun dance with beautiful decorations.

Several of our dancers who were not feeling well are now on the mend and dancing again. It is nice to have them back on the floor kicking their heels up in the squares.

Come join us in March and April for some fun dances. We serve finger foods for refreshments. Our dances are the following:

March 14 Mexican Fiesta with Scott Bennett calling

7:30 – 9:30



March 28 50's Rock & Roll with Scott Bennett

7:30 – 9:30



calling

April 11 Easter Hats with Scott Bennett calling

7:30 – 9:30 (Easter hat contest – details to come)



April 25

Spring Fling with Scott Bennett calling

7:30 – 9:30



We wish all our square dance friends and their families many blessings for the remainder of 2020 and beyond.

Come dance with us and we'll show you a "Grand Ole Time!"

Your Swinging Stars Reporters,

Chesta & Jim Owens



March & April Birthdays

Terry Rider

March 7

Sheree Rider

March 20

Karen Reed

April 16



March & April Anniversaries

Raymond and Jodi Moore

March 16, 2019

Tom and Yvonne Cleary

March 18

Mke and Sharon Laughon

April 2, 2010

Gunney and Minnetta Crowe

April 23, 1977



Wichita Falls Solos

Thanks to all of you that come and support our dances and Potluck Suppers and Workshops. We really appreciate you all.

We have some important things coming up and we hope you will be a part of them. Our Mainstream Lessons start on February 24, 2020 (Monday and Thursdays from 7 pm-9 pm). Everyone is invited and we will need angels. If you can come and help it would be greatly appreciated.

Our Anniversary Dance is April 18 at 7:30 pm. Tim Tanner will be calling.. We will have door prizes and give away \$200. If you have not got your chance get it now. Someone will be the big winner!!

Congratulations to the Swinging Stars new graduates. Now is the time you really learn by going to dances and dancing!

By the time you get this the Home & Garden Festival will be history. Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets from the Solos and those who worked the table inviting folks to Lessons and giving out information on square dancing,

Our next dances are March 21 and April 18 (our Anniversary Dance) at 7:30 pm. Remember we have a drawing to give away free admittance to our dance. Join us for Potluck Suppers and Workshop om March 3 and April 7 at 7 pm. Everyone is invited and for just \$3 each you will have a great meal and work some of it off dancing. Dee Roy will workshop anything you are having problems with and workshop plus also.

We had a great Garage Sale and thanks to all who worked so hard to put it on. We also had a Teen Scholarship Dance in February. I hope many of you attended and welcomed the State Officers. It is SO Important we support RRVA!!

Wishing quick recoveries to Eddie Dunn after his knee surgery and to Charlotte Smith after breaking her wrist.

Hope to dance with you in a square. Barbara Standley

March Birthday

Sondra Dunn 6

April Birthdays

Tim Tanner 9

Martha Painter 27



Come enjoy the fun

Wichita Wranglers

Hello Square Dancers,

Love is in the Air or at least it was at the Wrangler's Dance on February 28 usually the last day of February but not this year! And maybe like the month, Love will surprise us by hanging around just a little bit longer. We certainly felt a lot of love from the other clubs as we danced with Levis and Lace, Solos and Swinging Stars; so fun to see so many happy faces.

Jeff Holley was wonderful, singing all Love Songs and teasing the dancers with a little intentional misdirection in his calls, setting the squares up for a Right and Left thru and then calling a Right and Left Grand. What a Tease!

The big news from the Wranglers is the lessons which started at Vernon College at the end of January. We are learning and practicing in the Yoga room. The floor is a nice composite wood with mirrors all around the room, so much easier to see the square dance patterns.

We are asking for prayers and good thoughts to those who have not been able to dance with us. If you could, drop a line and check on Charlotte Smith who fell and broke her left wrist, Susan Trotter who is recovering from surgery (but really looking good so we should pray we all look as good as Susan). Sandra Whatley still needs our prayers. Her back is not recovering as fast as she would like and taking it easy or going slow is not Sandra's style. Finally we got to see Don Bee dancing a Plus Tip after his foot injury. Looking good, Don!

If you are Able, come dance with us.

Lots of Love from the Wranglers to You Because *Love IS in the Air*.

Your Square Dance Friend,

Dosha Steflik

Birthdays

Jo Ella Rice and Sandra Whatley celebrate their birthdays April 9

Niecy Holley celebrates her birthday April 25

Robert Steflik celebrates his birthday April 30

Anniversaries

Sandra & Jerry Whatley celebrate their anniversary April 9



Happy
Easter

