

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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May - June



2020

Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
June 11-13	State Festival	Tyler, TX	CANCELLED
June 17-20	Nationals Weekend	Spokane, WA	CANCELLED



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Square Dance Manners

Assuming that you always wear your best manners in public, let's talk about manners that apply specifically to square dancing. A well informed square dancer will follow rules noted here:

1. Arrive on time whenever possible.
2. Form a circle or a set-up square promptly when the music starts or at the Caller's request. Bear in mind that one can be prompt without running. A square dance is not the proper place for a 50 yard dash.
3. Join the nearest square that is forming. If all the nearby squares are filled, hold your hand high so that the Caller can either guide you to a square where you are needed or get some other couples to join you.
4. If time permits, introduce yourself and others in the square. You'll not only acquire the reputation for being friendly, but you'll also acquire many new and interesting friends.
5. Listen quietly during any and all instructions from the Caller. If you are an average goodhearted soul and you know the call being explained, resist the temptation to explain it to the others in your square. Let the Caller do the teaching at that time. When the square is set up and ready to go, the well-informed dancer will let his fellow dancers hear all the professional instructions they have come to enjoy. However, after the tip, your friends may appreciate some help from you and it is perfectly in order to offer it.
6. There is not an acceptable excuse for rough handling of fellow dancers. Roughness is a mark of ignorance – whether by chance or by choice – and you will do well not to imitate even a more experienced dancer who has chosen to ignore this elementary rule of proper square dance conduct.
7. At the end of every dance, be sure to thank others in your square. They do contribute to your fun. Thank your partner, too, and escort her to a chair.
8. Friendliness is part of good manners. Square dancing promotes friendliness since it offers endless opportunities for making new friendships. If you are not continually making new friends, you are not getting the most out of square dancing. A good way to ensure a friendly atmosphere is to consider yourself and others as a host. Friendliness comes from within yourself and can best be described as your interest in others. Those who seek it will be wise to look for it and its source; those who display it are never obliged to seek it.
9. Be a well-informed square dancer. Review these rules of etiquette often.

Code of Ethics for the New Square Dancer

1. I'll wear proper square and round dance attire.
2. I'll always try to keep alive the spirit of square and round dancing by always practicing good fellowship.
3. I'll try not to talk about other dancers unless I have something good to say.
4. I'll try to never walk out of a square unless I am ill or have an important reason and then I will explain to my Caller and try to get someone to take my place.
5. I will not sit out a dance if a couple is needed to fill a square.
6. I will do my share of club duties, whenever asked.
7. I will practice proper manners in asking someone to dance and with others in my square by setting a good example.
8. I will have respect for mu Caller and other dancers.
9. I won't glare at other dancers if they make mistakes. After all, I sometimes make mistakes too.
10. If I feel like shouting to show my exuberance, I'll do it during a pause in the call and not when it will drown out the Caller.
11. I'll leave the instruction to the Caller and try not to explain the dance in my own square.
12. I'll remember that personal grooming is important to my acceptance in a square dance group.
13. I'll keep my dancing standard unless I am sure the rest of the square approves of extra twirls, etc.
14. I'll remember that once upon a time I was a beginner and be willing to dance with those who have had less experience than I have.
15. I will not cut in on a square unless I know the dancers in the square and know that they would approve.
16. I'll try to remember that the primary basis of square and round dancing is to have FUN and a "A square dancer I don't know, if a friend I haven't met."



From the Desk of the President

One never knows what's going to happen. I'm always thankful to wake up each morning with plans to enjoy the new day God has given me.

Seems like it's been an eternity since I've gotten to square dance and visit with those friends. Been praying for this coronavirus to leave. We don't need it. So thankful that Wichita County has only had 65 people infected. Sorry two have died – may they rest in peace. (numbers at the time I wrote this).

Staying home not able to go anywhere has definitely been different. Quite an adjustment. It's amazing what a person can dream up to do when placed in an unusual situation. I checked with several people in different places. Some got various "never have time to do" chores completed. One lady painted her living room and re-arranged the furniture in it too. Some times you just chill out in front of the TV or with a book – totally oblivious to the world. It's been so long a lot of different things & projects were tried and even completed. One person trimmed shrubs and planted flowers – something she had wanted to do but just never had the time. Others cleaned closets and garages/ storage areas.

To my knowledge, there has not been a square dancer here in Wichita Falls infected with the coronavirus. Thank you Lord!!

Thanks to our Chaplain, Fred & Anne Roth, for their continued words of Encouragement throughout this ordeal.

People had projects that had to be put on hold, trips were cancelled or postponed. Kids got new teachers and/or a new way to learn. Parents had to take on the 'teacher role' (like it or lump it) but thank goodness they did. Some found out it wasn't always the teacher's fault.

Computers, Internet, Twitter, Instagram, email, U-Tube became best friends of many people. Other's preferred the stable telephone.

We saw wardrobe changes – the addition of a mask. Masks of all colors, patterns, variety of designs appeared and became required attire, except of course when you were home. Social distancing became the "word of the day".

We survived "Shelter-in-Place". Now our world is re-opening-slowly but surely. At the time of this writing some non-essential businesses have been opened several days. We should be able to sit down at a restaurant with friends and enjoy a meal and visiting in person very soon, we hope. YEAH!!!!

We will definitely start dancing as soon as it is considered safe – all aspects considered. Hopefully that is only a month or so away. Time will tell. We will have to continue to be patient!

We will definitely have lots of hugs, twirls, and do-si-do's to catch up on.

In the meantime – stay safe, take time to smell the roses and read the following alphabet. Blessings!

A-Always B-Be C-Caring D-Daily
E-Enthusiastic F-Friendly G-Grateful
H-Happiness I-Integrity J-Joyful
K-Kindness L-Loyalty M-Magnificent
N-Neighborly O-Openhearted P-Participate
Q-Quadrille R-Respectful S-Supportive
T-Thoughtful U-Unified V-Victorious
W-Wonderful X-Xcellent
Y-Young-hearted Z-Zealous

Scheduled Dates:

**DUE TO COVID-19 THE DATES BELOW HAVE BEEN CANCELED OR MOVED
PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT DATES/TIMES**

RRVA 4th Quarterly Meeting to

be on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at 2:00 PM at hall.

(This will be the one originally scheduled for

April 26, 2020). **We will elect RRVA Officers for**

year 7/1/20 thru 6/30/2021. The nominating committee submitted their slate of officers to

all the club delegates via email on April 16, 2020. **Nominations can be made from the floor**

at this RRVA Quarterly Meeting. Per our Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 4) – any nominations

made from the floor must also have written consent from the person that is being

nominated. The Bylaws committee has been working hard and they have completed their

revision. The Executive Board has received a copy already and now, at this meeting, a copy

of the revised ByLaws and Rules will be given to RRVA Club Delegates. It will not be voted on

at this time. Per our bylaws, Article XIII, section 1 – a copy of amendment(s) is given to the

Secretary and read to Directors at next meeting. Then voting occurs at the next regular or

called meeting. If this was one amendment that would work – but it's the total Bylaws &

Rules revised. A printed copy will be given to each club delegate. An electronic copy is

available also. Any member can have a copy for the asking.

Installation of Officers is June 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM-

Potluck & Games with Installation Ceremony.

Host Motel: Econolodge

1700 Fifth Street

Wichita Falls, TX 76301

To Reserve: 940-761-1889

econolodgewf@gmail.com

Reserved under Square Dance

Special Rate \$ 45.00 King or

Double. Deadline 09-10-20

Wichita Bend RV Park

300 Central Freeway

Wichita Falls, TX 76306

No Reservations; 1st come; 1st served

No Facilities: \$17.00/day 3-day max

Exit at TX Tourist Bureau (off Hwy 281
going North or South)

Alternate Motels

Motel 6

1.6 miles away

940-723-8008

W.F. RV Park (Good Sam)

2944 Seymour Hwy

Wichita Falls, TX 76301

Reserve: 940-723-1532

\$45.00 Pull-Through, \$40.50 Back-In

Homewood Suites by Hilton

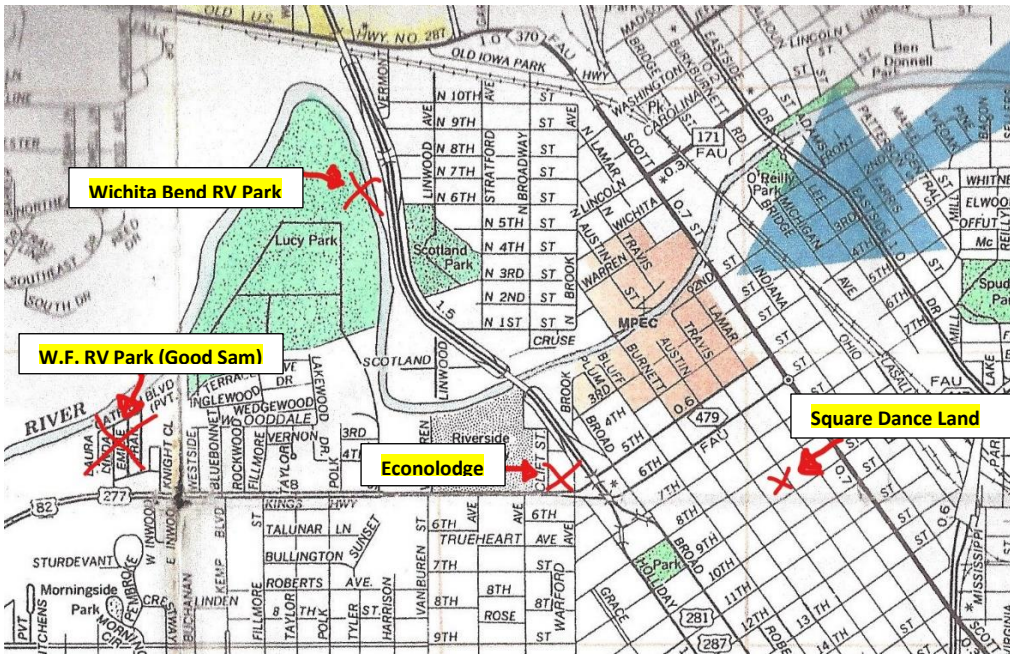
2.3 miles away

888-240-6152

Restrooms>Showers/Free Wifi/Cable TV

Pets welcome (no Pit Bulls or mixes)

Questions/Concerns: Contact: Winnie Kajs 940-733-2782



PRESIDENTS' MEETING

OCTOBER 9TH & 10TH

dancing is fun -

IN WICHITA FALLS



Friday October 9, 2020

Hospitality

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Evening Dance

7:00 PM Early Rounds

7:30 to 9:30 Squares & Rounds

\$8.00 Donation per Dancer

Square Dance Attire

Callers: Jeff Holley & Bobby Willis

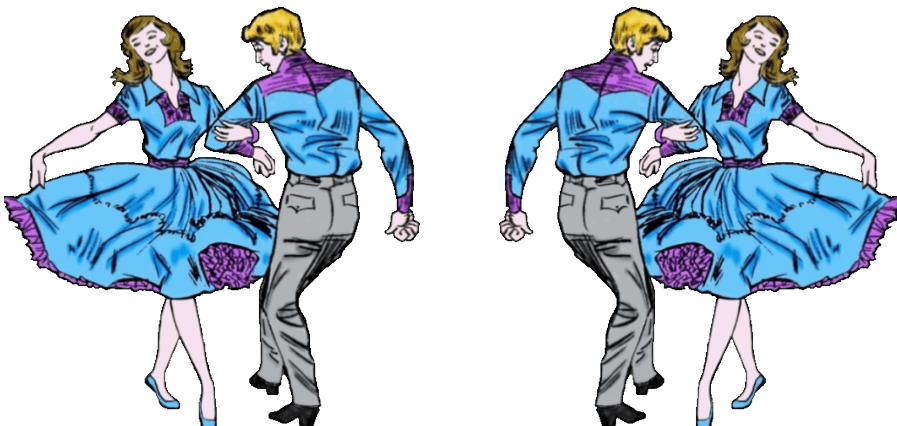
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**Dancing is fun at
Square Dance Land**

All Activities @

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Saturday, OCTOBER 10, 2020

TSFSRD President's Meeting

8:30 – 9:00 AM Morning Coffee

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Business Meeting

2:00 – 4:00 PM Fun Dancing

New Moves? Twists & Turns?

Ordinary Moves - NAHHHHHHH !!!

Evening Dance

7:00 – 7:30 PM Early Rounds

**7:30 PM TSFSRD Introductions, Grand March,
Squares, & Rounds until 10:00 PM**

\$8.00 Donation per Dancer

Square Dance Attire

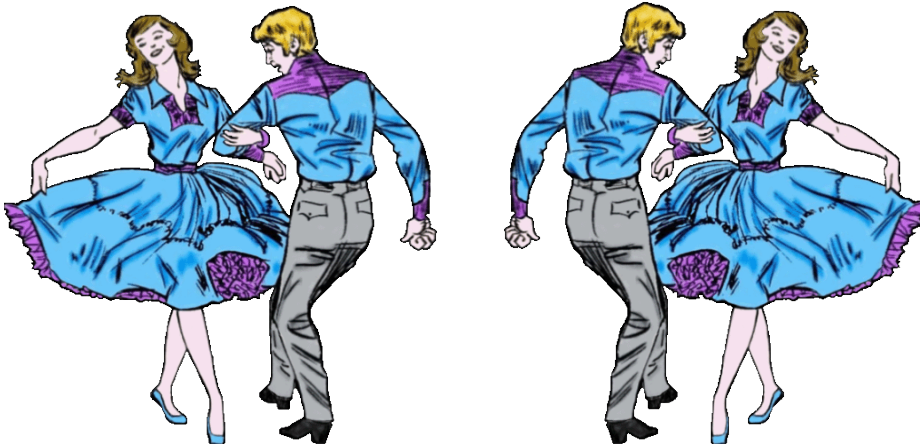
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Levis & Lace

With few dances to report on, I've been doing a little investigating, trying to discover how the isolation has been affecting our members. I wasn't able to uncover everybody's secrets, but following are a few.

Barbara Standley has been enjoying feeding her brothers pigs, caring for her bluebonnets and Indian blankets and contemplating the possibility of a Memorial Day cookout. However, she's really not minding the social distancing because she really doesn't want to catch another bad cold.

Brenda and Bob Hardy are trying to stay tucked in. However Bob seems to have gotten the idea that this is the perfect time to clean the attic. Brenda thinks it's the perfect time to have a drive-by farewell for a departing neighbor and go outside to visit with the grandchildren. However, we all know that delightful couple will work things out!

Carolyn Graves sees no problem at all with staying home, working in her yard and finding contentment with it. Vallee has no problem with that concept either. However, she conceded that it would be nice if by chance a good home-cooked meal appeared on her table and if they could see some of their square-dance friends.

Tommy Jo Epley and Audrey Bee have been busy making masks and binding quilts which will be given to the homeless vets who are having "tiny homes" built for them. Those are very self-less tasks, Tommy Jo and Audrey. Jerry is working one week at home, then one week on base but managing to find a little time to spend at the lake.

Naomi Caballero is at home with her 87 year-old father and doing her best to keep from bringing the virus home to him. But, when I talked to her she was her usual upbeat self and testified, as usual, that she relies on God.

Al Bowles is trying to keep a low profile, doing some yard work and trying to stave off cabin fever, but doing ok.

Kevin Connors has been busy planting fruit tree and flowers, and digging up grass. Janie has been keeping busy and getting smarter with Suduko and crosswords. They too, are handling this time with grace and patience.

Jerry Whatley has found himself, despite his decision otherwise, in the business of raising turkeys and avoiding snakes. Meanwhile, back on the farm, there's mowing, caring for the chickens, selling eggs and repairing machinery. His bride, that's me, decided this was a perfect time to lose weight. That went pretty well till I decided to bake some cookies "to give away". But, after making a few masks, a CM photo album for great-granddaughter, Grace, doing some long-putoff mending and a little re-organizing, this woman is running short on patience! I'm ready to dance!

Our sincere condolences go out to Don and Audrey Bee on the passing of Don's mother. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Yours in Square-Dancing,

Sandra and Jerry

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Swinging Stars

The Swinging Stars are missing square dancing and friendship the same as everyone else. Phone calls help, and Fred Roth's daily thoughts remind us that we are not in this alone.

We had a trial Zoom meeting with a few couples. It was fun to see some of our friends' faces and tell stories and laugh. So on May 17th, we are going to have a full club Zoom meeting to both socialize and conduct some business.

Scott Bennett has been putting some of his recordings on Facebook. Some have standard lyrics, and some have square dancing lyrics. They have been joyful to listen to and image ourselves doing the moves with our friends. Also, Fred Roth posted a song with lyrics that he composed concerning coronavirus 19. It is hilarious. I hope everyone was able to hear it. If not, let Fred know. I'm sure he would repost it if you ask.

Edwin Markham wrote, "There is a destiny that makes us brothers

None goes his way alone.

All that we send into the lives of others

Comes back into our own."

So as you think about the quote, remember that wearing masks in public is because you care about your brothers. The masks mainly protect others if you are a carrier of the virus. It may protect you some, but unless you wear the N95 you are not effectively protecting yourself. Your mask catches most of what comes from your mouth that may land on someone or something. Please spread the word.

Julian (a Jesuit priest, ca 1342-1423) wrote, "All will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of thing will be well." Stay well, stay positive and know that this too shall pass.

Your Swinging Stars Reporters,

Jim & Chesta Owens



May & June Birthdays

Cassandra Crowe	May 4
Terry McCurrin	May 4
Renee Lambert	May 15
Chesta Owens	May 27
Tom Cleary	May 28
Fred Roth	May 31
Dave Asbury	June 5
Colon Long	June 7
Charlotte Smith	June 14
Kevin Connors	June 20
Anne Roth	June 22
Karen Thorogood	June 24
Jim McMillion	June 25



March & April Anniversaries

Fred & Anne Roth	May 19
Terry & Eleanor McCurrin	June 6
Mike & Nancy Bigbie	June 23



Wichita Falls Solos

Hello to all our Square Dance Friends. From our Presidents Barbara and Michael Martini and all of the Solos we miss you very much and can't wait until we can see you again and give you a big hug!! Stay well.

Thanks to Fred Roth for his devotional thoughts and Our President Winnie Kajs for her emails and riddles to keep us entertained and thinking.

I want to thank all of those on the front lines of taking care of patients and teachers. One of our members told me she was working from home and home schooling her grandson. I said do you think the teachers need a raise and she said yes. I hope after this pandemic we will prioritize our thinking about the value of the health care workers and teachers and all others continuing to do their jobs. One of our ministers made the statement that these are now our heroes not sport greats.

I have spent my day today calling all of the Solo members and others and must confess that I should have done it sooner. Here are some of the concerns and prayers needed. Eddie Dunn's knee surgery went well and his knee is doing okay. He is now having other medical problems and needs our prayers. They are waiting for an appointment with a specialist.

Dee Roy has been having major back pain but is improving slowly. He has graduated from a walker to a cane. Keep him in your prayers that he will be better by the time we can start dancing again

I spoke with Lucy Brandon since I had not heard anything about her son Chris Hickey. He is at his home now and had a check-up in Dallas yesterday follow up for his kidney transplant. All of his lab tests were good. He is having problems with his stomach from all of the meds he is taking and just does not feel like eating. Continue to pray for that family.

For your information we will have the drawing for the \$200 when the Solos get to dance again. You can still sell chances per our President.

All of the ones that I talked to that work are still working hours and circumstance may have changed but they still have a job.

Charlotte Smith's Daughter-in-law Joselin Smith graduated from the Fort Worth Police Academy. Congratulations to her and sorry that due to the circumstances they could not attend and celebrate. Maybe later.

I appreciate the calendar sent out for monthly cleaning and I hope you all are getting a lot done. As for me, I have been working outside fighting the grass and weeds. I know many of you have made masks and thank you for that. I too have made a few.

We do have something to look forward to. That would be the State Presidents Meeting October 9, 10 2020 here in Wichita Falls. Let us hope we can be dancing then.

Stay safe and well. Wash your hands often wear your masks when out and about and stay home if you are sick.

God Bless You All!! Barbara Standley

Birthdays for May:

Bob Wilkinson 4

Jennifer Regouby 8

Pat Coad 31

Birthdays for June:

Lesley Kephart 1

Colen Long 7

Charlotte Smith 14



Wranglers

Hello Square Dancers,

As I sit here thinking about all of you, I picture you with a cup of coffee and toast, and maybe your four-legged companions are begging for food just like mine. I sure miss all of you and dancing at the Hall. I know that we will all be back together, dancing, talking and eating...and eating...and eating, until then I have to smile when I remember that I have seen so many of my fellow dancers in some unusual places doing some unusual things. Here is what I mean.

On Facebook, I saw Don Bee showing his special new quilt that Audrey made in between time spent sewing masks for those in need. I hear Sandra Whatley has been sewing masks too.

I've had friends pop into my school's Facebook page and watch some of the silly videos I have made for my kids. Thanks for saying that I am a "G-G-G-Great teacher!" JoElla; you made me smile. I have also seen Susan Trotter stalking other friends and square dancers on Facebook, um... I mean checking in on friends.

I sure hope everyone has had a chance to attend a Zoom session. That is how I get to see the Hardys and Marilyn Clements pretty much weekly. They look great.

There have also been some silly and fun things posted of Facebook. Jeff Holley was sooo lonely for all his Square Dance Clubs that Niecy recorded him calling a Tip while driving his car. I found another caller on Facebook who enlisted his in-home family to dance while he called a Tip. He posted it as "practice" for all the stay-at-home square dancers. My Robert also had to get creative, and he used special effects to take a picture of the two of us as every couple in a square ready to start a tip. He posted it on the Wrangler pages just to give us all a smile.

I hope you are finding fun ways to keep in touch with all your friends. Don't spend too much time working on your garden or fixing up your house. I hope you have figured out how to use FaceTime and Zoom and maybe even did a little Twitter, Snapchat or TikTok. I know we will all keep moving forward and will be dancing together again. Until that time, let's celebrate those who have birthdays and Anniversaries.

In Love,

Dosha



5/13 Jeff Holley

5/21 Tommy Jo Epley

6/14 Charlotte Smith

6/19 Linda Burton



6/7 Trotter's Anniversary