

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

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A Note from President

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! To all the RRVA officers for their help and support this year
AND
to all our clubs and dancers for participation and support of RRVA & all clubs/dancers.

It's a crying shame that Covid-19 Virus entered our Life when it did and wiped out 3 ½ months of our fun, fellowship, and dancing.

However, it could have been worse and it wasn't! I have not heard that any of our square dancers had the virus. **THAT'S ABSOLUTELY GREAT!!!** Thank you Lord! We ask you to continue to protect our dancers.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT 20-21

Turn the page! Get this recovery going full steam ahead! **WELCOME EVERYONE!!!** The people I have had an opportunity to talk with are ready to get back to dancing, to seeing and socializing with their friends.

Let's continue staying in touch with each other. Also take this time to visit with your non-dancing friends and plant a seed that you can nourish to get them to come to lessons once we can start dancing again.

We can also pray not only for the virus to dry-up & go away but also for this senselessness fighting and destroying property, livelihood, and lives to **QUIT!!** What was that old saying about Dr Pepper at 10,12, & 2....Let's set our clocks for those times & petition God (Our Spiritual Dr) to send Wisdom, Insight, & Strength to all people to work toward peace & betterment of our USA!!!

Blessings, Winnie Kajs

A big thank you to our RRVA President, Winnie Kajs for redoing the By-laws. It was a huge endeavor.



Don't worry, **Al**, I did not forget all the hours and effort you put into this project. I know you had to cajole us and badger us to answer your e-mails. This thank you is also for handling the review meeting. You did a great Job!!! So THANK YOU, AL, for all your hard work. We want you to know it did not go unnoticed and we appreciate it.

Levis & Lace

The Levis and Lace haven't done much dancing lately, but some of us surely would like to. We did gather at Don and Audrey Bee's to discuss the proposed changes to the RRVA By-Laws and Rules and it was nice just to see our fellow square dancers. We also elected officers for the '20-21 fiscal year as follows:

President – Tommy Jo & Jerry Epley, Vice President – Barbara Standley, Secretary – Naomi Caballero, Treasurer – Sandra Ketchum and Jerry Whatley, Delegates – Tommy Jo and Jerry Epley and Barbara Standley. Alternate Delegate – Sandra Ketchum

The Levis and Lace are saddened to learn of the passing of Richard and Louise Morton's son. Richard and Louise traveled for many years from Grandfield to dance with us and were very active members.

Traveling recently were Tom and Yvonne Cleary who went to College Station to be with a granddaughter who had back surgery. Also, Sandra Ketchum drove to East Texas to see her newest great-granddaughter – only got lost 3 times. I know that Kevin Connors has been doing a lot of yard work during these troubling times; as has Barbara Standley and probably others who haven't told me. And, Audrey Bee and Al Bowles have done a lot of work toward getting our By-Laws up-to-date.

Just hope to see you in a square soon,

Sandra and Jerry



Swinging Stars



Summer has descended on us with a **vengeance**. I'm not sure it could be much hotter, though I remember a few years back when we broke a 100 every day all summer. At least we can be thankful that has not happened. Plus, we have seen some pleasant rain showers which have helped cool us off and certainly have helped all our vegetation and lakes.

We elected our new club officers and our caller for the 2020-2021 dance year.

President:	Jim & Chesta Owens
1 st V-President:	Fred & Anne Roth
2 nd V-President:	Robert Fenoglio & Cindy Day
Treasurers:	RD Cox
Secretary:	Kevin & Jamie Connors
Club Caller:	Scott Bennett - 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month (Sept. – April)

So much of our summer activities have been cancelled that at times it feels like we are living in a sad void. I was reading from my book, Leaves of Gold, and found a quote by Benjamin Franklin that I feel fits this time in our lives. It helped me put my thoughts in perspective, and I hope you find encouragement in his words. He wrote:

There are two ways of being happy; we may either diminish our wants or augment our means. Either will do, the result is the same. And it is for each man to decide for himself, and do that which happens to be the easiest. If you are idle or sick or poor, however hard it may be for you to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosperous or young or in good health, it may be easier for you to augment your means than to diminish your wants. But if you are wise, you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well. And if you are very wise, you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.

So, we must continue to work for the betterment of society regardless of the Covid-19 virus which has turned our lives upside down. We must not dwell on what we want but find strength in the blessings we have.

Swinging Stars hopes everyone is doing well. We hope to be back dancing in the fall, but Covid-19 will determine our timeline. In the meantime, let us augment our blessings and diminish our wants which we cannot have at this time.

Your Swinging Stars' Reporters,

Chesta & Jim Owens





July & August Birthdays

Anna Thorogood	July 13
Sharon Laughon	July 19
Mike Laughon	July 23
Brenda Hardy	July 25
Minnetta Crowe	August 3
Ray Moore	August 14



July & August Anniversaries

Jim & Judy McMillion	August 4, 1961
Jim & Chesta Owens	August 4, 1983
Robert & Pam Walker	August 29, 1963

Wichita Falls Solos

We miss all of you very much and pray all this Covid 19 will be over soon. We can't wait until we can dance again.

Thanks to all of the officers that have served the last year for RRVA and the clubs. Many have agreed to serve again and we thank them for that. Thanks too for those who have agreed to serve this next year. The Solos officers are the same except for RRVA Delegates. President Michael & Barbara Martini. Secretary Al Bowles, Vice President Barbara Standley, Treasurer Eddie & Sondra Dunn, RRVA Delegates Vallee Graves & Colen Long, Alternate Delegate Charlotte Smith.

Since we are not dancing or meeting I called most of the members to see how they are doing. Here is the news from the Solos.

Al Bowles has stayed busy working with others on the RRVA By-Laws revision and working on his RV. Thanks for all who worked on the revision!!

Carolyn Graves is recovering from a broken rib and I hear that Vallee has been taking good care of her.

Congratulations to Sandy Hampton and Mickey Harnsberger who are engaged to marry September 19.

Colen Long has been traveling to the Western US visiting among other places Arches National Park in Utah.

Sondra Dunn has had cataract surgery and will have the other eye done July 13. Eddie had some health issues but is much improved

Dee Roy has had major back problems but is improving but it is slow. He is ready to call again when we can start dancing however he doesn't think he is ready to dance yet.

Sympathy goes out to Winnie Kajs who recently lost her brother.

Our dear square dance friend Mary Carson had a severe stroke and is in hospice. As of this writing it has been 11 days and she is still hanging in there. John is still in the Nursing Home and has really gone down since he cannot have any visitors.

Barbara Standley, Reporter

Birthdays July

Eddie Dunn 12

Lou Tanner15

Anniversary July

Tim & Lou Tanner 4

Eddie & Sondra Dunn 14

I don't have any Birthdays or Anniversaries recorded for August



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Wichita Wranglers

Hellooo Square Dancers!

Here we are in the middle of Summer. I hope you are keeping cool, I hope you are keeping active, and I hope you are staying in touch with friends and family. Saying that, I sure wish I was square dancing with you guys. I miss it and I miss you. I do have some good news. The Wranglers are looking and moving toward the future. We are planning to re-start our dances in September and that means we hope to be dancing the 4th Friday of September and maybe even the 4th Friday in August. (I'm getting excited just thinking about it!) Please come join us and bring your wonderful smiles; we've got lots of catching up to do!

The Wranglers are also planning for another Barn Style Dance in October. We had so much fun at our Barn Dance last year dancing to the old-fashioned dances, and we were thrilled to meet the new people who were curious about Square Dancing. We loved getting those new people into a "square" hoping each could experience the FUN of square dancing and maybe even consider taking lessons. Speaking of lessons, the Wranglers are also planning to team up with Vernon College this school year for another set of lessons. Robert and Dosha, not being Callers, definitely teach with a different flavor and style than our local callers.

The Wranglers have also decided to have their annual fundraiser garage sale in October at the Burtons. If you would like to make any donations to our garage sale please let us know, AND/OR come out and do some shopping; you might find something you like or need at a great bargain.

A short note about our Caller and Taw, Jeff and Niecy Holley. The Holleys took their annual trip to Fun Valley, Colorado and spent a week fishing, hiking, Kayaking, playing with Grandkids and um...what was that other thing?...oh yeah, Calling Plus tips in the Fun Valley Dance Hall. I know it was tons of fun! Jeff has also been calling for some of his regular clubs in Oklahoma, so if you feel the NEED to do some square dancing, check out Jeff's Schedule and catch one of his dances. (Our Hearts go out to the Holleys in the loss of Jeff's son and to Don Bee who lost his mother in May. Please take a moment and send some love and healing their way.)

Finally, I would like to proudly announce the new presidents of the Wichita Wranglers, Audrey and Don Bee. Assisting the Bees is a fabulous slate of officers: Vice-Presidents are Brenda and Bob Hardy, Treasurers are Linda and Doug Burton, and Secretaries are Susan and Carroll Trotter. When you see these wonderful people, please wave at them and holler a Big Thank You.

The Wranglers wish you a Wonderful Summer with just enough rain to keep the plants growing and just enough sun to enjoy the long leisure days, AND NO MORE COVID!

See you in a Square,

Dosha

Happy Birthday to Brenda Hardy on the 25th of July, Carroll Trotter on the 28th of July, and Jerry Whatley on the 1st of August.

Happy Anniversary to Robert and Dosha Steflik on the 18th of July and Tommy Jo and Jerry Epley on the 21st of August.

