

ASRDA Club News

Canyon Lake Square Dancers

By Wayne Weston and Vickie Merchant



We will begin dancing again on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Building Behind Goofy's. We will have lines and rounds between tips until 8:30 pm. Round lessons will begin again Monday, January 8th from 2:45-4:45 pm.

We are excited to announce that our Open House for new dancers is Jan. 10, 2024 from 6:00-7:30 pm with lessons beginning on Wednesday, January 17 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please let anyone interested know about these. Our angels are looking forward to helping.

Unfortunately, we have had to increase our donations to \$8 per visitor and other increases to our members due to our rent

Our club members surprised us at the Christmas Dance with a personalized birdhouse and funds for bird seed.

After the dance, we all sat around the fire and enjoyed snacks, special egg nog and mulled wine. What a great way to celebrate!

We hope to see you in 2024!

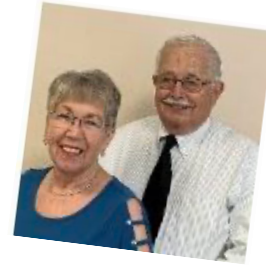
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS!

Wayne & Luzia



Carousel Club #340

By The Skis



As I am writing this, I cannot believe the beautiful weather we are having. It is so unusual for this time of year. We just pray that the bottom doesn't fall out later in the New Year and we end up with some super bad weather, as we did the past couple of years. I don't know about you, but I can live with this kind of weather for the next couple of months.

The Carousel Club has been busy learning some of the newer popular dances, as reported by Dixie Round Dance Council and the ICBDA Carousel Tracker. With their popularity we are sure you will see them during your travels to the many dance events which we see planned in the coming year.

For those who will be around over the holidays, we had house guests over New Years and we are planning a New Year's Party. Finger foods were shared. We will have some refreshments and unveiled Ski's new bar.

For the Round Dancers out there, you will want to start making plans to attend the Texas Round Dance Teachers Association Dance in La Grange. The dance will be held on 23-24 February 2024. This will be a Phase 2,3,4 dance weekend with the teaching and cueing done by the outstanding teachers of Texas. If you are planning to attend, you might want to make your hotel reservations now. The Host Hotel is the Best Western in La Grange, and it sells out of rooms for this festival.

Not much more news to report, so we will be signing off. We are looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor soon. Take care and have a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe & Healthy New Year - - - Ski's



Country Cuzzins'

By Jenny Saunders

December 1st had us marching in a lighted parade. On December 21, Country Cuzzins had their Christmas Dance with Wayne Weston calling. Many of us plan to attend either the Sundancers in Georgetown or the New Year's Dance in Fredericksburg with the Camping Squares.

In the 2024, we eagerly await graduation for our new dancers in February. The Wildflower Dance is scheduled for April in Marble Falls. We hope you attend.



Photos by Terry Martin

La Grange Roadrunners

On December 2nd, Roadrunners had their 1st Christmas Dance with Matt Barnes calling and Tricia cueing. The decorations, food and entertainment were all exceptional. Road Runners did a great job.



Shirts & Skirts

By Linda Davis

Our ugly sweater contest was a success. Molly and Doug Gilbert were our winners and received a \$25 gift card.

Speaking of gift cards, our club made \$411 from the December order thanks to our dances and Tony Burghart for processing the cards.

Brad has our students moving along quite well each week with lessons. We so much appreciate our angels with a commitment to help others with the sport we love.

Our Christmas dance was held on December 20.

Special Members

We have some couples in our club that have served numerous years on our board and contribute so much of their time.

•**Chuck and Cheryl Sherman** not only keep up with our finances but are the first to open the church each Wednesday and the last to close up and leave.

•**Hubert and Lorraine O'Neal** get our club newsletter out each week to members and frequent visitors. They also attach flyers of up-and-coming dances and remind us of important happenings.

•**Martha Burghart and Mike Goggin** volunteer their time to lead line dances each week.

•**Tony Burghart is** a master at our gift card orders.

Without these volunteers we would not have a club, so they deserve a big shout out.

Our club meets each Wednesday evening with lessons starting 6:45 to 8:00 with the regular dance from 8:00 to 9:30. Brad has now taught all the SSD calls and is now on to completing the remaining mainstream.

Happy New Year to All from Shirts & Skirts!





What a good Christmas Party we had with lots of Christmas songs! Brad was his usual energetic self and Jerry, without his better half, did almost as well cueing (just kidding Jerry but we did miss Lucy).

Merry Christmas to all and see you next year!



Step "N Style



We attended Harvest Holiday in Fort Worth with clinicians Pamela and Jeff Johnson. They taught a Ph IV, Rumba which we have already taught to the class in Sun City. They also taught a Ph V WCS and Ph VI Waltz. These were all nice dances, and it was a good dance weekend.

Gary Bible called, and Tricia cued at the December 30th New Year's Eve Dance in Sun City. Our second "Let's All Dance Together" dance was held in the Atrium at the Sun City Atrium and was again well received. This dance is held on the first Sunday of each month from 2-5 pm, Level II – V. Participating cuers dance for free. Proceeds are donated to TRDTA (Texas Round Dance Teachers Assoc.) to help defray the costs for their dance February 23-24th, 2024 in La Grange. Our next Special "Let's All Dance Together" Dance will be January 7th, from 2-5 pm in the Atrium.

Please see the following *chart* for our continued lessons at various locations in ASRDA.

Upcoming Round Dances:

- January 27 - Sam Houston Presidents Ball in Bryan, Texas. Mike Bramlett calling and Tricia cueing.
- February 9-10 - Houston Festival, Ph IV - VI, La Grange. Tom Hicks will be the clinician.
- February 23-24- TRDTA Ph II-IV, La Grange (area cuers)

Planning for Upcoming Round Dances:

- The President's dance in La Grange - Oct 4-5th, 2024.
- TFRSD State Dance in Bryan 14-15th June 2024.
- Tricia has been asked to be Assistant Chairman for Rounds at the 74th National Convention in Shreveport and Chairman for rounds for the 75th National Convention in Waco.

Please contact us if you have any interest in helping with the round dance program at any of these events. We are hoping to have a great team working together to produce wonderful festivals. Call Tricia 713-598-8875 or email: morleyprop@gmail.com

Looking forward to a bigger and stronger dance community in 2024.

Happy Dancing!

Monday	Cypress Weekley Center	2:00 - 3:30 pm - Waltz, Ph II-III, wkshp & figs. 3:30 - 5:00 pm - Beginning Slow Two Step, Ph III-VI, wkshp & figs <i>Jan.8 – New Class begins</i>
Tuesday	La Grange Randolph Center	7:00-8:30 pm – SSD Graduation
Wednesday	Bastrop Community Center	6:00 - 7:00 pm -New SSD Mainstream Square Dance Lessons 7:00 - 8:00 pm Mainstream SD Lessons 8:00-9:00 pm – Beginning Waltz, Ph. II
Sunday	Sun City Atrium, 1 Texas Dr. Georgetown	1: 00 - 2:30 pm Beginning Waltz, Ph. II 2:30 – 4:00 pm Beginner Slow Two Step, classes, Ph III wkshp & figs. 4:00 – 5:30 pm Advanced All Rhythms II-V, wkshp & figs. Jan. 14 – New Class begins



Taylor Promenaders

By Connie Frazier

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our benefit dance for the Shepherds Heart in Taylor brought in \$235.00 and a box of food. Thanks to everyone who donated.

January 4th will be our first night to dance in the new year. We are planning on having lessons on that night.

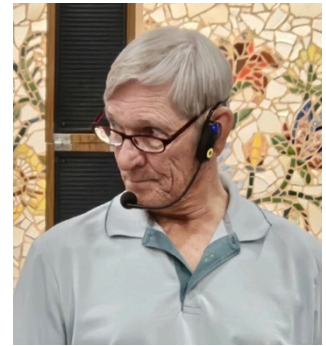
We have four young men who have graduated and are good dancers. We need some young ladies. If you know of anyone, please send them our way for lessons or just to dance. We have a nice hall to dance in.



Waterloo Square Dance Club

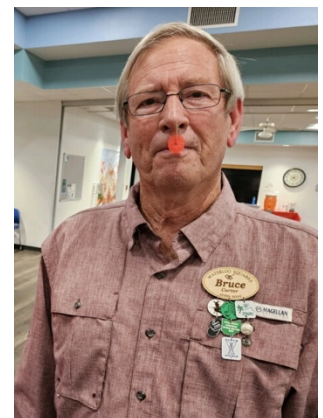
By Sue Gillar & Brooke Peters

Waterloo celebrated graduation and semi-Christmas dance on December 19th. Gary Bible had an assortment of dangles for dancers to earn. We had a “Lifesaver” tip where dancers had to dance a tip while keeping a lifesaver on a toothpick held in their mouths. There were a lot of opportunities to make this easier like stabbing a gummy lifesaver with a toothpick. Some left the cellophane wrapper on their hard lifesavers and ran the toothpick through the cellophane. Some dancers actually were able to keep a hard lifesaver without cellophane on a toothpick for the entire tip. Everyone received a lifesaver dangle.



Gary also had a “Candlelight” tip in which we danced by the lights from the Christmas trees. Gary sang “Dim the Lights (and Pour the Wine)” to a very smooth tip that was danced extremely well. The dangles for this tip had little candelabras on them.

Gary also had “Gary’s Angels” dangles for dancers who were served as angels for the students. As usual, we had plenty of sweet snacks – Hey – It was Christmas! Sue Gillar made her famous coffee cake ring and a certain ASRDA president ate one quarter of the cake herself! Thanks to all the people who contributed snacks.



Christmas 2023 is done, and the New Year is looming in the very near future. Up comes 2024 ready or not! Waterloos Square Dance Club is very much getting ready by planning two big events early in the year.

On February 6, 2024, on **Fat Tuesday, we will be having Tim Tyl to help us with this big celebration.** We will be having beads and hats to help us make this festive. Put on all your purple, gold, and green for this fun event and join us in the fun. This will be at our regular dance location, 3911 Manchaca Road in Austin.



The second big event to celebrate is our **41st anniversary, Saturday, March 16, 2024 held at Shepherd of the Hills Church** at 3525 Bee Caves Road in Austin with Scott Bennet calling Jerry and Lucy Pate will cue the rounds. Early rounds will be at 7:00 7:30 with square dancing from 7:30-9:30 with 2 rounds between tips.

Remember, it will only be fun if YOU are there. We will have fresh baked goods for our silent auction. The decision was made to serve pork sliders again prepared by our very own Bruce Carter. There will be side dishes to compliment much as they were last year. (Why mess with a good thing?)

Let's keep square dancing alive with our enthusiasm and dedication.
Hope to see you all in many squares in the new year. Looking forward to those yellow rocks.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024!



Wheel-N-Deals

By Don Rankin & Brooke Peters

Wheel-N-Deals had their club Christmas party on December 19th. Billy Grimsley really made the event feel festive by having every song he called an actual Christmas song. He also presented some new choreography that everyone really enjoyed. We didn't feel a sign-up sheet was necessary since it was totally voluntary for people to bring a food item. As a result, we found out that brownies are a very popular item to make. We had three people bring brownies, There were plenty to share.

Our 7 mainstream students continue to make great progress with expected graduation February 20th, 2024. Please join us in welcoming them to our square dance family.

We will resume dancing on Tuesday, January 2, 2024! Dan McDonald continues to enhance his calling skills at the end of our dances.

On Tuesday, Jan. 2nd and 9th, 2024, drop by and see the selection of gently used square dance clothes for men and women. You never know what you will find until you find it. All proceeds of the clothes sale benefit ASRDA activities.

