

## ASRDA Club News

### Canyon Lake Square Dancers

By Wayne Weston



Canyon Lake Square Dancers are still having fun every Wednesday at Goofy's. Our Mainstream dance is from 6:30 to 8:30 with rounds and lines between tips. We also have a "Hot Hash" tip every evening for those that want something a little faster, perhaps more challenging, and with less time to think. We also have one Plus tip for those that wish to dance that level.

The first Wednesday of each month is our dress-up night. Everyone is encouraged to wear their Square Dance Clothes or our "Canyon Lake Square Dancer's Excuse" shirts, and most do.

Our Round Dancers are progressing well and should be very near the completion of Phase II soon. We are not rushing through the figures, so everyone feels comfortable with each one. Waltz and Two-Step are both rhythms the dancers are working on. They are enjoying different dances already and will be doing more as we go along. You may see them round dancing at many Square Dances. Please encourage them to continue. In November, we will begin looking at Rumba figures and putting them into dances, as well. Our Round Dance classes are also at Goofy's on Mondays from 2:45 to 4:45.

Check us out on our Facebook group at "Canyon Lake Dancers". We always have a great time Square, Round, and Line Dancing. Come out and visit. We're happy to sign your Friendship Badge Chart. We love having visitors. The more the merrier!

Don't forget about Christmas at the Weston's Barn on December 9, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Check the flyer for more details at [asrda.org/events](http://asrda.org/events)



# Carousel Club #340

By Bob and Kay



Photos from the fantastic European Round & Square Dance Tour. For now, enjoy these photos sent to us. Article on next page.



Dancing with The Heidelberg Hoedowners

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WOW! What a great month we had. Our travels to Europe went super well, with some of the greatest weather we have ever experienced. It rained only two nights while we were there, but we had beautiful sun filled days. Of course, we had some minor problems which included road construction and detours, but we were always able to arrive at our destination with ample time to accomplish our planned activities.

Now that we are back, we will be starting up our Round Dance Program again. We will be adding some new dances which we have picked up recently, plus we will be going over some of the dances that we feel will be on the "Harvest Holiday" festival program. This Festival will be held over the Thanksgiving Day Weekend in Dallas. It is always a great festival. This year Pamela and Jeff Johnson will be the featured Round Dance leaders. There is still room for you on the dance floor, so why not get your registration submitted now.

To give you a heads up, we will be changing our Round Dance program at the beginning of the year. We will be adding a few more sessions during the week. We have been contacted by dancers who are planning to winter in the Austin area, and they would like to dance with us while here. If there is anything you would like to see added to our Round Dance program, please let us know. Also, we will be starting a Beginner Round Dance Class in January. More information will be forthcoming soon. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun that we have during these classes.

We had better be going for now. We still have a lot of chores to catch up on. We are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel, but it is still dim. We know that with every project we complete it will get a little brighter. Hope to see you in a square or circle somewhere soon.

Take care - - - Ski's







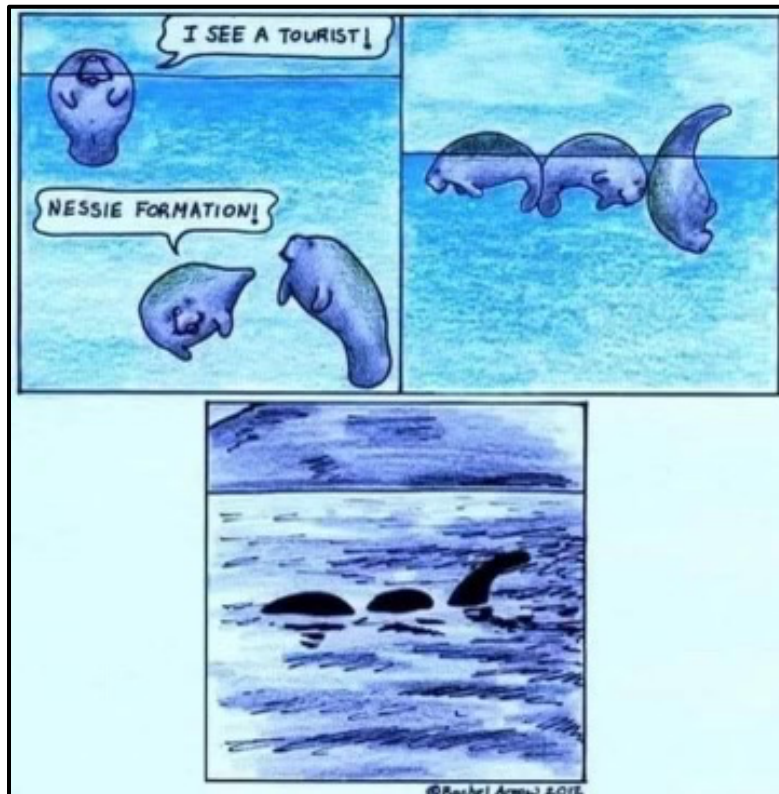
Given the very full schedule that our guides, Bob and Kay Ski, planned for us we were able to dance on Oct 11 with the Heidelberg Hoedowners. (Photo above)

We met a dear friend of the Ski's named Gerhard Kamm, who had danced with them eight years during their military station in Germany.

Gerhard took us to their club downtown Heidelberg after we shared a delicious meal! Their caller, Uve Kraemer Avemarie, has been with them since 2014 and celebrated his 40th anniversary in 2017. His calling was in perfect English and never skipped a beat! He was wonderful!

Knowing that Billy was a caller, he came right up and asked Billy if he would take a tip for him so he could take a break!! Billy was honored but wasn't expecting to call and slowly got that deer in the headlights look and said, "Sure! No problem!" Billy did a wonderful job and Uve enjoyed his break and even stepped into a square just to kid around! Billy called two songs without a hitch!

By Ramona Padillo



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Do you enjoy dancing to Plus calls? Do you like to be challenged when you are navigating Plus calls? Do you like to laugh? Well, on Monday nights at the VFW Hall in San Marcos, you can do that and more!

The only PLUS Club in ASRDA meets Monday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm at the VFW Hall in San Marcos. Great choreography! Thought provoking calls – You don't want to miss this! Join Chet Miles for fun and laughter. His motto: No fussing or Gripping; Just FUN and LAUGHTER! See you there!



Pat & Ron Plouch



We are meeting from 2-5 pm on Sundays at Hermann Sons in San Antonio. Students are learning Upper-Level figures. We look forward to teaching two-step and waltz lessons.

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**Country Cuzzins'**  
Marble Falls, TX  
By Terry Martin



We have 12 students here at Country Cuzzins and they are doing great in class. They had heard about the lessons thru card advertisement. some even heard about the class lessons thru the local radio station. We are excited to welcome them to our club.



**Lone Star Lambdas**  
Austin, TX

We are continuing to dance on Mondays from 6:30-8:30. When Dan Clairmont retires, we will be looking for a new caller.



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## La Grange Road Runners La Grange Texas

Dancing is a great way to make new friends, keep the mind and body sharp! AND we do have fun! Dancing tonight as lessons continue. We have some wonderful new dancers!!



Wayne Weston teaching another new group of students in La Grange.



On October 10, we performed during the Black Bridge Festival in Dime Box Texas.







## Shirts N Skirts

By Linda Farley Davis

Tony Burghart continues to collect and process gift card orders for our club on the first Wednesday each month. However, you can give him an order at any given time. The orders are not limited to just square dancers. If a person orders \$150 in cards, their name goes into a drawing the following week. From that drawing, someone will win a \$25 gift card. They make excellent gifts for birthdays, Christmas, or a Thank You. They are purchased at face value so no extra cost to you and our club gets a percentage from each card. This benefits our club greatly. During the pandemic some of us continued to order cards so this put us ahead financially.

Lessons are going well with about 17 dancers from 6:45 to 8:00 followed by the regular dance from 8:00 to 9:30. We are encouraging the new dancers to join our Facebook group (Shirt's n Skirt's Georgetown), the ASRDA website, and watch the videos of the calls learned that week. We are also encouraging them to sign up to receive the newsletters to know more about other clubs in our association.

The last tip of the night is always something special that Brad comes up with to test our brains.

Our club has decided to form a specific group of dancers for doing demo dances plus we are in hopes of finding more places where we can do them in hopes of getting more people excited about learning square dance.

We always welcome visitors and or angels to help with lessons. We meet each Wednesday at Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown.



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## Step 'N Style Rounds

By Tricia Morley



This month we have continued with three hours of lessons in Cypress. 1 1/2 hours beginner Waltz and 1 1/2 hours of advanced Bolero.

We participated in the Teen Scholarship dance in Austin which raised \$1560+ for scholarships.

We are currently in San Antonio attending the Federation Presidents Dance. Last night we had the new callers calling and the featured caller is Steve Kopman. Tonight, we have Ron Plough doing rounds and Steve calling the dance. We spent time on the Riverwalk, had a meal and watched the eclipse. San Antonio is right in the path of the annular eclipse.

This same weekend, Centex in La Grange was scheduled. Unfortunately, we could not attend both events and as a delegate for ASRDA, we needed to attend this event in San Antonio. I also needed to take notes as we are hosting this same event in 2024 in La Grange.

Next month November, we have the Harvest Holiday event in Fort Worth.

Please come to the Christmas Party, Dinner and Dance in La Grange, December 2nd. Caller: Matt Barnes. Tricia will have Early Rounds 6:30. RSVP: [danny78932@gmail.com](mailto:danny78932@gmail.com)

Happy Dancing!

Monday	Cypress Weekley Center	2:00 - 3:30 pm Waltz, Ph II-III, wkshp & figs. 3:30 - 5:00 pm Bolero, Ph III-VI, wkshp & figs
Tuesday	La Grange Randolph Center	5:30 - 7:00 pm Rumba/Cha Ph III-IV, wkshp & figs. 7:00 - 8:30 pm SSD Square Dance Lessons,
Wednesday	Bastrop Community Center	6:00 - 7:30 pm Mainstream SSD Square Dance Lessons 7:30 - 9:00 pm Rounds All Rhythms, Open Dancing Ph II - VI, practice time
Sunday	Sun City Atrium Georgetown	1: 00 - 2:30 pm Rumba/Cha, Ph III-IV, wkshp & figs. 2:30 - 4:00 pm Beginner Bolero classes, Ph III-IV, wkshp & figs. 4:00 - 5:30 pm Advanced All Rhythms, wkshp & figs.

## Taylor Promenaders

By Connie Frazier



We attended Tony and Martha Relocation Dance. There was lots of food and lots of people. We are glad for them that it was such a wonderful dance. They are moving to the Taylor area to be closer to family. We wish them the best.

We are so proud of our dancing teens and boys. They are all good dancers. Don't be afraid to dance with one of them. We have a nice hall to dance in.

On December 14, 2023, the Promenaders are again having a benefit dance for Shepard's Heart Church in Taylor Texas. This will be the second year for this. The first year was a great year in donations. Money and/or food may be donated. Please think about attending this dance. There will be no charge for this dance if you bring a food item or donate. Starting soon there will be a container at our regular dances for any donation someone might want to make and a Christmas box for any food that might be brought.



## Waterloo Square Dance Club

By Sue Gillar



Another month has come and gone and thank goodness the 100 degrees plus weather has gone too. We are well into our October month with Dan Nordbye and Bob Asp having already come and gone at Waterloos. We will be able to fill you in on the fun we had at the next writing.



Our class will wrap up on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Graduation will be held on Tuesday night, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the South Austin Senior Center, 3911 Manchaca Rd. with Gary Bible calling. We look forward to having a good crowd there to welcome the new dancers and show them what fun square dancing is. We had a very small, but fun class this time so the graduation ceremony will be brief but so much fun. The class will add to our members who can dance plus.

We had a business meeting on Wednesday, October 11, with our usual dinner and party after the meeting. We even had some square dancing at the party with volunteers helping Dan McDonald an opportunity to hone his calling skills. Dan is intending to become a caller and add to our great callers in the Central Texas area. There is a need for adding to our list of callers as we all hope to keep building our square dance community. A big thank you to Dan for taking a big chunk out of his daily life to pursue calling and teaching square dancing.

Waterloos has made the decision to skip square dance lessons for a year unless there appears to be a definite number of students interested. As a small club, giving lessons means dancing twice a week with very few breaks.

Waterloos is also having a Harvest Collection from Oct. 24-Nov. 21 supporting the Hope Food Pantry. Cash donation or other items are welcomed. Please see the flyer on our Facebook page for a list. FMI: Call or text Susie at 512/461-9394 or Gene at 512/5127-6859.

We will be having our Christmas party at Sue Gillar's home as we have over the past 20 or so years. What a fun gig that is! Food, Christmas Carols, more food, and square dancing.

We were glad to welcome Bruce and Wanda Carter back from their trip to Boston to be with their family. Their 5-year-old granddaughter, Anna, had major surgery to correct a problem with her heart that she has had since birth. It sounds like a good hospital staff and numerous prayers helped in the success of the surgery.

Some of you may not know about a group of square dancers meeting once a month on a weekend to go to parks in Texas to square dance on Friday and Saturday nights. Then there are games and eats throughout the weekend. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Sue Gillar at 512-294-8759 or [gillar39@gmail.com](mailto:gillar39@gmail.com).

We at Waterloos, hope to see you in a square very soon and often. Caller's Schedule is below.

Nov.			Dec.		
	7	Billy Grimsley – Seguin, TX		5	Stu Ringer – Houston, TX
	14	Gary Sanders – Livingston, TX		12	Chet Miles – Driftwood, TX
	21	Al Frazier – Georgetown, TX	Graduation	19	Gary Bible – Liberty Hill, TX
	28	Billy Grimsley – Seguin, TX		26	<b>Dark</b>



## Wheels N Deals

By Gayle Dupree

Wheel-N-Deals had their 11th week of lessons Tuesday, October 24th. The 11 students are having a great time and are ahead of schedule. This week's caller/teacher Gary Bible did a tremendous job, as usual, and Billy Grimsley kept us moving with awesome line dancing during every break. One student, who danced 24 years ago, is already dancing with Chet Mile's Plus club!

We are excited to have some 'young' dancers this session; energy is high, and a fun time is had by ALL! We have a Home School Family dancing with us, and as you can imagine, the kids are better than us adults!!!

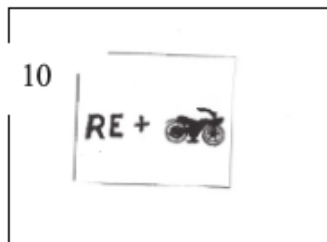
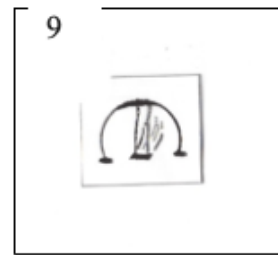
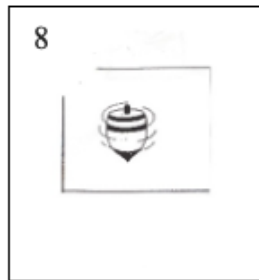
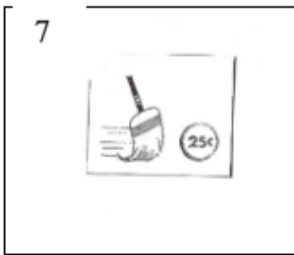
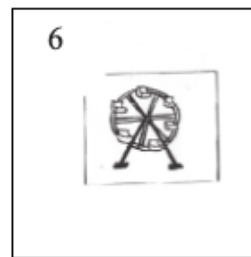
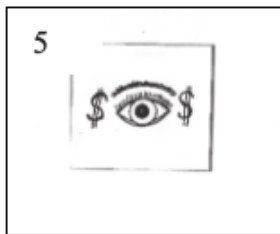
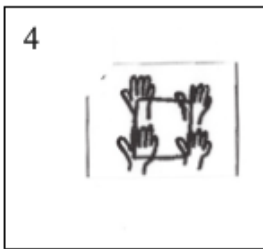
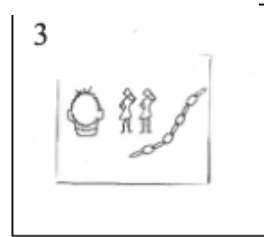
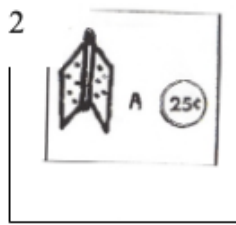
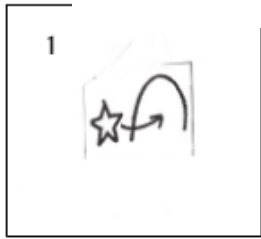
After the club dance, Billy Grimsley and Dan McDonald practiced their new singing calls-WOW, we are certainly blessed to have so much talent under one roof!

On a final note, we had a lovely couple visit us - Louisiana transplants. As the saying goes, " They weren't born in Texas, but they got here as soon as they could!" LOL



### Name that Call!

Answers on the last page





## Newsletter News



Vickie & Gary Merchant

•What newsletter articles do you like?

What other topics would **you** like included in this newsletter?

•What questions/suggestions do you have for any of the ASRDA officers? These can be anonymous.

•Do you have a favorite recipe to share?

Please send me your suggestions, articles, photos, recipes, etc. as attachments to [vmmerchant.asrda@gmail.com](mailto:vmmerchant.asrda@gmail.com)

Please send your flyers for dances as soon as they are complete so they can be added to the ASRDA.org website under “Upcoming Events.”

### ASRDA Website/Facebook Statistics

From Sept. 27 through Oct. 26, 2023, [www.asrda.org](http://www.asrda.org) has had 579 people check out the home page of asrda.org (up from 513 last month). 172 have viewed Upcoming Events. 119 readers have checked out the Newsletters, but we do have 18 new subscribers. 48 people have looked at Classes. 35 folks have examined New Dancer Info, while 27 examined the Resources. Growing in some areas for sure!



Facebook posts reached 2,332 people and had 578 reactions. Our Facebook presence is increasing. Hopefully, students will *Like* and *Share* our Facebook page with their friends. Please tell them about it. New classes will begin in January.

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6. Ferris Wheel, 7. Sweep a Quarter, 8. Spin the Top, 9. Swing Thru, 10. Recycle

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