



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

Hello everyone and hope we're all well and safe. This is going to be short, as I don't know what to say about this virus, other than, "I want to go to a Festival." There is some dancing going on around the state, but it's in small groups and club level only. I don't know how long this Social Distancing stuff is going to be around, but when it is safe, I want to go to a Festival, learn something new, and visit with my friends from around the state. I hear that same thing from the dancers as well. So we will be back; it's only a question of when?

Ron and Pat Plouch



Festival Reports

There are no festival reports for the last two months. Most festivals have cancelled that we know about. Harvest Holiday just made their decision to cancel their festival for 2020.

Cuing News a-Round Texas

News a-Round Texas includes all information from cuer members about their lessons and club received by the newsletter deadline. Newsletters are published in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

If you are interested in attending a club in Texas, please contact the cuer for the most up-to-date information on venue and nights dancing. Many clubs might be closed on the date you want to visit as venues change and unexpected closures happen, or someone is simply not teaching that month. See the TRDTA website at www.trdta.org for the directory information which includes the telephone numbers of all the TRDTA cuers. Email addresses are hot links on each cuer's name.

Fred and Linda Ayres – Longview, TX

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We have restarted classes for a small group of Intermediate/Advanced Dancers on Tuesday evenings. Only one beginner couple was ready to return, so we suspended that class, likely for the rest of 2020.

Intermediate Class – Tuesday Nights – Longview

We primarily worked on reviewing dances that had previously been taught but did add a few new routines.

- Aladdin, 3 RB, Kincaid
- Let's Get Away From It All, 4 FT, Johnson
- My Foolish Heart IV, 4 BL, Preskitt
- Scheherazade IV, 4 WZ, Gloodt

Phase 4-6 Class – now Tuesday Nights – Longview

This class has moved to later on Tuesdays since there are no beginners.

- Groovy Foxtrot, 5 FT, Worlock
- Love's Forgotten Bride, 5 WZ, Goss (review)
- The Girl From Ipanema, 5 FT, Preskitt (review)



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Advanced Class – Wednesday Nights – Bossier City, LA

We have also been doing some teaching in Bossier City, LA with their advanced group on Wednesday evenings. During June and July we taught:

- Love's Forgotten Bride, 5 WZ, Goss
- Como Dos Tontos, 5 BL, Goss

Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK

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Rainbow Rounds, like most other clubs, is not dancing, so in June, we started doing reviews and teaches for two to three couples at a time at our house here in Ardmore. That allows us to have room for distancing.

In July, we lost our friend, Clint Fowler, after a long struggle with health issues. Clint and Deb were members of Rainbow Rounds, and they were strong supporters of round and square dancing. It was Clint's request that we remember him with a dance. So on Saturday, August 8th, we took the plunge and had a dance at Madill in his memory. Ten couples joined us as we danced some of his favorite dances. Two couples came from the Austin area, one from Lawton, and the rest were from the metroplex.

We miss dancing and seeing friends, but more importantly, we hope that there is a light at the end of the tunnel for those struggling with this horrible disease and those heroes fighting to save them.

Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron – Garland, TX

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Like most people we know, we are venturing out very slowly, carefully, and with trepidation.

We started back dancing with some of our Tuesday intermediate group on July 7. We have all been adhering to safety requirements relative to Covid-19, including wearing masks all night, social distancing, sanitizer, assigned seating, temperature check, etc., and everyone brings their own beverage. No drop-ins are allowed. Because we had been dark for four months, we have mostly been dancing and reviewing "forgotten" spots in some dances. In five weeks, we have repeated only two dances. Last week we did "teach" I'll Never Love Again, 4+2+2 STS by Parker, which for this group was basically a cue and do, so not much teaching was involved. We've been requested to teach Norma La De Guadalajara (Garza, 5 CH), so we're planning on doing that this coming Tuesday.

On Monday, August 3, we began basic waltz lessons, again with a limited number. These are some of the students who had started the lessons a couple of weeks before we were shut down. We're taking all the precautions on Monday that we do on Tuesday.

We don't know yet what will happen with our Wednesday advanced group because we are in a City of Dallas recreation center. They are planning to open up soon at 25% room occupancy, but because of budget cuts, the hours of operation have been drastically cut.

And last but not least, the saga of Theron growing a beard continues – he shaved it off on June 6 because he had a doctor's appointment on June 8, but hasn't shaved since, so we now have 2 months' growth again. Don't know if he'll keep it this time or not.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Keep the faith – this too shall pass (albeit not quick enough)!



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George and Pamela Hurd – Gilmer, TX

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Still not much to report from us. We did purchase the “new to us” RV and have been happily getting it organized. We've not had any dancing and all of our contracts are now canceled for this year. We have had one of our venues in Mesa contact us that they will not allow any activity to bring in non-residents and have canceled our contract until 1 Jan when they will reevaluate. We expect to hear the same from the other two, but have not heard anything yet. It's certainly very depressing. On the plus side, we are both virus free and able to get out and enjoy the outdoors! We're planning to take our first road trip in our new RV! It will literally be a “shake down!” When we drove to this parking slot, things were still in boxes everywhere. Now we're organized and we'll see how it travels.

Hope everyone is safe and healthy and anticipating the future!

George and Pamela

Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX

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We have not been dancing, so no news.

Jack and Sharie Kenny – Arlington, TX

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Well no round dance news from this house someday, we'll be at a “new normal”.

Roz, our daughter, is making progress with physical therapy and has just had the feeding tube removed. She is tentatively scheduled to return to work in mid-September. It's been a very, very long season with this, that is for sure.

Martha and Ed Koslosky – Bryan, TX

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The old saying, be careful what you ask for, is so appropriate for today. I am sure that last January I thought to myself that if I could just spend a couple of weeks at home and catch up on things that would be so cool. And then it happened, but it has not been so “cool.” Ed's health issues have really changed our lives, and we are still trying to figure out what activities will be possible. One thing is for sure, we truly miss cueing for our dancing friends and all of the attached social activities. Thanks again for all of your cards and prayers.

Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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I guess I thought I could give you something to smile about during this drab time! We are, as most of you, trying to plug along as close to “normal” as we can. We are more fortunate than many of you, because we have 13 acres and a small herd of cows to keep us busy. Whoever knew when we quote “retired from the Rio Grand Valley” that a stronger “retirement” could hit us with the Coronavirus. We thought we would slow down a little in our teaching but never had any idea it would come to the screeching halt it has. Chin up everyone! This really is not the end of our hobby. Have you ever taped a dance you liked or bought a CD from a choreographer with their latest dance on it – well, that is all you need to keep your Round Dance brain happy. Dig it out and let your mind and toes enjoy that dance again, and it won't be long before we all can gather together again and share that and many more



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dances. You are not the only one feeling this loss of activity and possibly a quick phone call to a fellow club member will bring your spirits up again.

Well our dance classes were off, then on, and then off again. We were so thrilled to hear that the numbers were slowing down, so we contacted our dancers and asked if they wanted to come back. Everyone was thrilled, and then 14 days after Memorial Day, up went the Covid-19 numbers, and our classes were again put on hold, and the 4th of July was of no help. Darn! I just took down the spring decorations from our dance hall, and the other day I decided I should put up the Fall ones because summer is almost gone, with the hope that things will improve so we can dance before Halloween or Christmas! We are thinking positive and if everyone out there does the same, I know we will back together in no time.

Phase 4-5 Workshop:

Teaches for June (no teaches in July!):

- Phase 4 Intro 5: Teaches:
- Just Bumming Around, 4F, Kurczewski
- In Love With You, 4 STS, Parker

Reviews:

- Los Reyos Del Sol, 5R, Moore
- Perfidia in Brazil, 5R, Hurd
- Just Another Woman In Love, 6R, Anderson
- Jurame, 5R, Worlock

Wednesday – Phase 5-6 – Carousel Club 340

- Are You Still Mine, 6 STS, Goss
- Adagio, 6W, Worlock
- Jesse, 5W, Shibata
- Warm & Willing, 5F, Childers/Slotsve
- Remembering You, 6W, Hicks
- You Are, 6R, Ross
- The Promise, 6W, Worlock.

Take care of yourselves, be safe and hope to see you all on the dance floor soon.
Kay and Bob “Ski’s” Kurczewski

Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX

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Gulf Coast Rounds - Phase 2 - 4, Houston – Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 to 3:00PM.

We've been allowed to return to the county facility but attendance is still down considerably. We're taking this time to engage one couple who has ballroom experience in Waltz lessons and in doing so, providing others with a good review of the basics.

Gulf Coast Rounds - Phase 3 - 5, Houston – Thursdays 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

We moved our class from Wednesday evening to Thursday afternoons and changed locations to a county facility. Like our Wednesday group, not all dancers have returned. The couples who do come practice safe hygienic habits and we're plenty able to keep appropriate distance between the couples.



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There has been a request to learn a different rhythm, so we recently taught a few West Coast Swing steps and then the song Slow Walk, 3 MX, Kincaid. We've also been reviewing Black Satin, 4 JV, Gloodt, Sleeping Beauty, 5 BL, Moore, How Deep Is Your Love, 4 RB, Rumble, Summertime IV, 4 FT, Vogt, The Human Thing To Do, 5 FT, Sheridan. Soon, we'll look at reviewing Beauty and the Beast, 4 BL, Kincaid, Blow the Wind, 4 WZ, Pelton, and You Look Wonderful Tonight, 5 BL, Pelton.

The 33rd Annual Centex Festival (PH 3 - 5), with TJ and Bruce Chadd as the clinicians, is scheduled for October 9-11, 2020 in La Grange, TX though discussion of whether or not to go forth with it during this pandemic is still ongoing.

JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX

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Dance Arouds – Thursdays evenings – 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. – Plano, TX

The Senior Center where we danced is still closed for classes so we have not been dancing since mid-March. The recreation center where we teach beginning classes did ask us for our class plans for the fall starting in October because of publication deadlines for the catalog, but we will probably cancel out of the class. With all the information now coming out about proper ventilation, the facility isn't set up to have us. The room is an interior room and with air conditioning, we feel like it would just be blowing the virus around. Let alone the fact that exercise (dancing) both causes heavier breathing whether breathing out or breathing in. It simply does not make sense for us to start back up. We will probably wait till after a vaccine is available before offering beginning classes again.

Ron and Pat Plouch – San Antonio, TX

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Ronde Rounds – Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – San Antonio area

We are dancing, but restricted to our members, and socially distanced out around the hall. We hope to start a new class sometime in 2020, but for now we're just working on raising the level of our dancers.

- This Nearly Was Mine, IV WZ, Plouch
- A Taste of Honey, IV WZ, Meyer
- Adagio IV, IV WZ, Lamberty
- All His Children, IV WZ, Smelser
- Scheherazade IV, IV WZ, Gloodt
- Exactly Like You, IV FT, Slater
- Sleeping Beauty, V BO, Moore
- The Sun, The Sea, & The Sky, IV WZ, Bradt
- A Lady In Red, IV BO, Moore

Please remember to use our old gmail address ronpatdance@gmail.com or call us on our cell phones if you need to reach us since our move to temporary housing until our new house is complete.

Pat and I hope to see everyone sooner rather than later, but stay safe and stay well.

Ron and Pat



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Marilyn and Jerral Waguespak – Freeport, TX

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We have not been able to dance since April. We really miss seeing and visiting with our dancers.
C U Round (hopefully sooner than later),
Wag-A-Round Dance Club

Future Dance Event Flyers

Flyers for these events, if available, are posted at www.trdta.org on the Dance Flyers page. Here is a direct link to the TRDTA Dance Events page www.trdta.org/upcomingevents.html to download the flyers.

Send any flyers you have that you want posted to JL Pelton at peltondances@gmail.com. Festivals or weekends *must* include a round dance teaching component to be posted on the TRDTA website or in this newsletter.

- **CANCELLED**
60th Annual Harvest Holiday Festival, Phase 4-6, November 27-29, 2020, Dallas, TX
Curt and Tammy Worlock – Rounds only
CANCELLED
Pre-Festival dances and teaches, November 23-25, Swingtime Center, Ft. Worth, TX
For more information see: www.harvestholiday.com
- **TRDTA South Festival**, Phase 2-4, February 26-27, 2021, La Grange, TX
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only

Membership in TRDTA

Membership on the TRDTA website reflects all currently active members.

To become a member of TRDTA,
please send an email indicating your interest in membership to:
Tammy Lee at tammy.lee@swbell.net

List of Dances Taught in Beginning Lessons

See the full list in previous newsletters. This feature will return once more instructors are back to teaching basic lessons.