



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

This is most likely the hardest article I've had to write as President of TRDTA. We have lost one of our own. Cued, teacher, choreographer, and friend, Jack Kenny passed away Friday evening, November 25, 2020 from congestive heart failure and complications from pneumonia and kidney failure. Jack and Sharie started round dancing just 13 short years ago. During that time they served as Treasurer of TRDTA, were active members of ICBDA, chaired, co-chaired, taught and cued at the Harvest Holiday and it's monthly dances and Mini-Fests, and also frequently cued and taught at TRDTA's North and South Festivals. He leaves behind his wife Sharie, two Carousel Clubs, and nearly 40 dances at a variety of levels and in many rhythms. Living in different parts of the state, Pat and I only saw Jack and Sharie at dances, festivals, and Mini-Labs, but we always felt we were with friends. I'll miss Jack, but hope to continue to see Sharie at dance events, and I know I'm not alone. Please keep Sharie and the rest of Jack's family in your prayers. In order to give proper credit, much of the information, and even some quoted word for word of the information above was from Linda Pelton's article for ICBDA. Her full [In Memory – Jack Kenny](#) article is on page 2 in this newsletter.



I also want to state that currently TRDTA South is still on for February. I hope to see many of you there. I know that nasty COVID is still around but hope to see you anyway, or at least your eyes. Due to lack of dancing, articles have been few, and Linda has done a great job calling us and keeping us writing. But she shouldn't have to continuously call us (I'm guilty as well), to remind us to send her articles. So, we're going to skip the next newsletter in hopes that the following one will have more to report.

Hope to see you round!

Ron and Pat Plouch

Festival Reports

There are no festival reports for the last two months. Most festivals have cancelled that we know about. January Jewel has been cancelled because the church will not be available until mid-2021. Swingtime Center in Fort Worth will not be opening before the end of February. In Mesa, AZ, the resorts require a resident within the specific resort community to be able to participate in that resort activity so no dancing.

— — — TRDTA Teacher Request — — —

We are still planning our annual Texas Round Dance Teachers Association Festival this coming February 26–27, 2021. With this in mind we are looking for teachers for the easy and intermediate teaches for the festival on Saturday morning. We have received two volunteers for the afternoon teach which will be a West Coast Swing.

If you are interested in teaching either one of the two morning workshops, please let me know as soon as possible. I would like to have the teachers locked in by the middle of December.

Email me at: roundsbyskis@juno.com or call 956-781-8453.

In closing I want to thank you for volunteering your time for the dancers. We are all looking forward to where we can get back to a normal lifestyle with dancing. Take care and hope to hear from you soon.

Be safe and stay healthy,

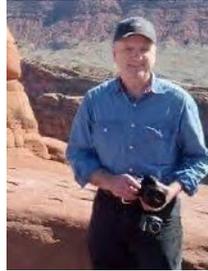
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In Memory – Jack Kenny

1950–2020 – Arlington, Texas



John “Jack” Carrington Kenny III passed away on the evening of November 25, 2020 after three weeks of hospitalization from congestive heart failure and complications from pneumonia and kidney failure. He was known as Jack from the day he was born to differentiate him from all the other Johns in his family. He married Sharie in 1972 at the end of their senior years at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He is survived by Sharie, two daughters, Allyson Kellner and husband Zach, and Rosalyn Kenny, and four grandchildren, Sarah 16, Joanna 14, Lydia, 12, and Daniel 9.

Jack spent 35 years working as a Research and Development Scientist and Chemist at Alcon Laboratories. It was as retirement began that Jack and Sharie started round dancing in 2007 as they had been watching from the sidelines at square dances. After several years of dancing, Jack tried cuing, and so their cuing and teaching journey began. Jack and Sharie were members of the ICBDA Board of Directors from 2015 through 2017. He was also part of the ICBDA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which works on the technical resource manual of ballroom dance technique and teaching methods. During that time Jack was cuing for two square dance clubs and dancing weekly at three different round dance clubs.

He was a member of the Texas Round Dance Teachers Association throughout his years cuing, and he held the position of Treasurer for several years. He and Sharie also regularly cued and taught at the yearly TRDTA South Festival held in La Grange, Texas.

For many years Jack was a Harvest Holiday cuer in the Dallas area and cued for the regular Harvest Holiday monthly dances and the week-long Festivals held over Thanksgiving. He also cued and taught at the yearly Harvest Holiday Mini-Fests. Jack and Sharie were the Chairmen of Harvest Holiday in 2013 and 2018, and they served often as Co-Chairs in later years. Jack also served the organization as Historian and CASUL Representative for many years.

In 2016, Jack and Sharie started teaching at Merry Rounders, a Carousel Club, in Arlington, Texas, and then in 2019 became the instructors for Dance, Dance, Dance, another Carousel Club in Garland, Texas. Jack choreographed a total of almost 40 dances at a variety of levels and in many rhythms. Jack and Sharie attended Roundarama for many years and showcased several of their own dances there. He was quite pleased when Curt Worlock taught his choreography, Honor and Respect, a Phase 6 Waltz, in the 2015-2016 season in Florida.

Jack loved taking pictures of family trips, scenic vistas, wildflowers, and who can forget the food dishes? His friends often teased him about those food photos. He and Sharie loved stopping off at the Blue Bonnet Café on their trips to south Texas. Sometimes I think they actually planned a trip just to go there. As his daughter wrote, “My dad was very blessed with a family who loved him, as well as a fun and wide network of friends and colleagues.” Jack was very well liked and will indeed be greatly missed by his friends.



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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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What sad news about the passing of Jack Kenny. We remember the good times of getting together with Jack and Sharie at various dance festivals and of course the FaceBook updates on what is good to eat wherever Jack went!

We are continuing classes for a small group of intermediate/advanced dancers on Tuesday evenings. Our dancers are still a bit rusty and sporadic in attending, so we're doing lots of review.

Basic/Intermediate Class – Tuesday Nights – Longview

- We were able to finish one of the September teaches and proceeded to some new ones.
- Dancing at Washington Square, 4, TS,FT, JV, Robertson
- Something Good, 5, JV, Goss/Figwer
- Song for a New Beginning, 4, BL, Davis

Phase 4-6 Class – now Tuesday Nights – Longview

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

- Dancing With a Stranger, 5, WCS, Goss
- For The Good Times, 5, BL, Gloodt (review)
- Free Spirit, 5, WZ, Preskitt
- Get It On, 5, WCS, Lewis/Olson
- Rumba in the Summer Wind, 5, RB, Hicks (review)

Advanced Class – Wednesday Nights – Bossier City, LA

We have also been doing some teaching in Bossier City, LA, with their advanced group.

- Free Spirit, 5, WZ, Preskitt
- Get It On, 5, WCS, Lewis/Olson

Fred and Linda

Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK

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We were shocked and saddened to hear about the loss of Jack Kenny. He and Sharie loved to dance, and our hearts are with her in this difficult time. We are all going to miss him, his impeccable cueing, and his quick wit.



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We held our third Pacesetter's Round dance with 12 masked couples on Nov. 21st. For those who have never been to Pacesetters, it is a ballroom that was built in 1992 by Don and June Pittman, round and square dance enthusiasts, in a pasture south of Madill, OK. It has a wonderful dance floor which in normal times would easily accommodate 20+ couples. It is filled with memorabilia including pictures of old-time callers. For several years, Ed called for a plus square dance club there and I cued the rounds. If Swingtime doesn't reopen, we may have another dance there in 2021.

We are dark here at the house until after the holidays. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with a return to dancing.

Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron – Garland, TX

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Our condolences to Sharie and all the Jack Kenny family. We have suffered such a great loss with Jack's passing. We knew Jack had been in the hospital a few weeks, but this outcome was totally unexpected. He and Sharie have been such a blessing to the round dance activity, particularly in the DFW area, always willing to help where needed, and they had great talents to share with all of us. It just won't be the same without him. He will be greatly missed. R.I.P. dear Jack.

Lessons – Monday – Basic Waltz – Garland, TX

Nothing much else has changed this past couple of months. We finished our Monday night basic waltz lessons, but then continued at the group's request dancing waltz at the beginning of the night and teaching basic two-step the latter part. This seems to be working well, so we're just moving along slowly. With nowhere else to dance, they don't want to forget their waltz basics, so we must allocate some time to that.

Ramblin' Rounds – Tuesdays – Phases 3-4-5 – Garland, TX

We still have small intermediate group meeting on Tuesdays. We still are mostly dancing our favorites and, for about 30 minutes prior to our regular start time, we are dancing some Phase V and VI dances. This past couple of months we have taught:

- Castles and Kings, 4+1 WZ, Slater (finished teaching)
- After Midnight Tango, 4+1 TG, Moore
- Senorita Tango, 4 TG, Rumble

I am nursing a knee problem right now and am hoping to avoid having a knee replacement. I recently had a gel shot in the left knee, and I can attest it is no fun. It sure has put a damper on teaching and dancing, but hopefully it will do the job. Overall, we both are doing well and have so much to be thankful for.

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and wish everyone all the best in this coming Christmas Season. Let's all look forward to a better and brighter 2021!

Best wishes for good holidays.

Christine and Theron Hixson

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No report received.



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Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX

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To have not been dancing and staying home due to the virus, this year has come and gone quickly. Our last dance was the Houston Festival and the TRDTA South in LaGrange. It looks like both of those dances are happening this year. It will be great to dance, if we remember how, and visit with everyone. Our club has not been dancing. We have had zoom meetings but it's not the same as getting together. We still have a dance hall when we return. Not much to talk about if you can't dance or travel.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope we meet on a dance floor soon.

Gloria and Larry

Jack and Sharie Kenny – Arlington, TX

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Please see the [In Memory – Jack Kenny](#) article. Jack was a great friend and will be sorely missed!

Martha and Ed Koslosky – Bryan, TX

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Received a very short note from Martha. Ed is having difficulty with AFib although his pacemaker is controlling his heart rate. I am sure they would appreciate our prayers that it will resolve.

Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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Things are slowly moving along here, as it is with most of us, because of our unfriendly Covid friend. Classes are moving along with those who share their distancing and prayers. We pray that soon we will have an end to this troubling time and we all can celebrate together as we have done so many times in the past. We are looking at celebrating this February with the Texas Round Dance Teachers Association Festival. Until then, please everyone be safe and careful.

It was a very shocking moment for us to hear about the loss of one of our state's great cuers, Jack Kenny. It seems like only yesterday that we were dancing together at Swingtime and enjoying his cueing. Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Sharie and their daughters. It strikes us all deep in the heart when we lose one of our round dance family. Unfortunately, we have lost half of this couple, but Sharie will remain with our family and will be welcomed with open arms at all our round dance functions.

Phase 5-6 Tuesday

- Where or When (5F) Worlock
- One Call Away (5R) Goss
- With the Same Coin (6B) Shibata
- The Outcasts (6W) Worlock

Phase 4-5 Wednesday

- One Call Away (5R) Goss
- When Your Smiling (4F) Glodt



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We had been introducing West Coast Clinic Figures slowly and now are incorporating them into dances. The latest dances are:

- I Feel Lucky 4 (4 WCS) by Lewis/Olson
- I Love Beach Music (4 WCS/J) Raybuck
- My Guy (4 WCS) Bond

Phase 3-4 Monday/Wednesday

Strengthening our Waltz and Foxtrot by slowly introducing Phase 4 Figures.

- Manuela (4W) Rumble
- A Waltz to Skye (3W) Kincaid
- Send Me the Pillow That You Dream On (3F) Floden

We have also been introducing Bolero figures with a running figure clinic and now adding dances. Teaches that were taught included:

- Sabor A Mi (3B/Cha) Kurczewski
- Marie Elena Bolero (3B) Plenchar
- Valentine Bolero (3B) Donoughe

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year!!
Kay and Bob "Ski's" Kurczewski

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No report received.

JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX

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

We were stunned when we learned of Jack's passing. We had been texting just the week before. He and Sharie were good friends of ours and we have great memories of the trip to South Texas to view the wildflowers together several years ago – and we probably had a stop at the Blue Bonnet Cafe too, although it might have been the excellent barbeque place. Jack knew all the good food places in Texas.

Not much has changed in the last two months for dancing. The Senior Center where we dance is still closed for classes as is the recreation center where we do lessons. I don't think much will change until we all get vaccinated.

We're still doing a lot of cooking of new recipes. I can tell JL is bored when he starts putting recipes on my desk.

We've done a tiny bit of dancing in our living room, JL has done some practice cuing and set up some pocket teach cards for teaching when we finally get back to dancing.

Wishes to you all a good holiday season – and an excellent New Year! 2021 here we come.

Linda and JL



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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! A small group of about 12 couples, including students, dancers of some experience, and others with years of experience. But we're dancing. In fact, we had a Friday Night Dance in November, taking the time of the square dance club we belong to, just to have fun and floor time. Bob and Kay Kurczewski and Wayne and Luzia Weston joined us on the stage to share in the cueing, and Pat and I got to do some dancing as well!!! We only had a little over 10 couples, but we paid the rent. Had some fun, and got to visit.

We have a beginning Rumba Class, making progress. So far we've danced:

- Blue-on-Blue, III RB, Brownrigg
- Johnny Angel, III RB, Molitoris
- Candida Rumba, III RB, Seurer
- Pretty Blue Eyes Rumba, III RB, Meyer

Our more experienced dancers have been knocking off the rust with a Bolero refresher:

- The Last Tear Bolero, III BO, Norris
- Valentine Bolero, III BO, Donoughe
- I'm Accustomed to You, III BO, Oren
- Concerto De Aranjuez, IV BO, Nolen
- El Reloj, IV BO, Trankel/Gilder
- For A Moment, IV BO, Molitoris
- Sleeping Beauty, V BO, Moore
- A Lady In Red, IV BO, Moore

We hope to see many of you at TRDTA South 2021 in La Grange. Coincidentally TRDTA South 2020 was the last Festival we were able to attend before the short period of COVID lock down and moving stopped our dance travelling. We'll miss seeing Jack Kenny, but hope to see Sharie, and many of you at our first festival back. Fingers crossed!

Stay safe and stay well.

Ron and Pat

Marilyn and Jerral Waguespak – Freeport, TX

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I think we should take a break until the next scheduled newsletter – maybe we will be back to a semblance of normalcy by then. I do enjoy seeing what those of us who ARE dancing are doing.

Marilyn

Wag-A-Round Dance Club

Future Dance Event Flyers

- **TRDTA South Festival**, Phase 2-4, February 26-27, 2021, La Grange, TX
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only