



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

If I'm not mistaken, this is Pat and my final article as President of TRDTA. We've enjoyed our time in office, and we thank all of the dance leader members of TRDTA for their support and fellowship over the past several years. We're not going away. It's just a normal changing of the guard. President-Elect Trish and Dennis asked us to serve as Secretary, and we've agreed to do so. We wish Trish and Dennis as good an experience as we've had the past several years as the organization moves forward under their leadership. We know everyone will continue to support TRDTA as well as Trish and Dennis.



We wish to especially thank the Ski's, Pelton's, Lee's, Tom's, and Trish and Dennis for serving as elected and appointed officers under us these past several years and to everyone for their continued contributions to TRDTA and the festival, as cuer's, clinician's, programmer's, coordinator's, scheduler's, etc.

Hope to See You on the Floor,
Ron and Pat Plouch

TRDTA Board Elections

On February 25th, 2023, elections were held for the Board of the Texas Round Dance Teachers Association in La Grange, TX. Prior to the meeting the following individuals had agreed to serve on your Board:

Presidents: Trish Morley & Dennis Artz

Vice-Presidents: Bob & Kay "Ski's" Kurczewski

Treasurer: Linda & JL Pelton

With no other nominations, the above named TRDTA members were elected to serve for a one-year term effective 1 July 2023.

Since the Secretary is an appointed position, the elected Presidents asked Ron and Pat Plouch to be the TRDTA Secretary effective 1 July 2023.

I want to thank the new board for volunteering to serve on the TRDTA Board.

Bob & Kay "Ski's" Kurczewski

TRDTA Vice President and Election Chair

Newsletter Editor's Format Request

This newsletter I requested articles be sent in Word and many of you did so. Thank you so much! I thought you all might like a reason why I am requesting Word or even an RTF.

I am sure some of you think, well, the information is all there – it shouldn't be a big deal to do an email, but . . . all the apostrophes come in straight rather than curly and that's also true for quotation marks. Word makes them curly automatically. Lists of dances often come in with an extra carrier return between every entry and the bullets added in from email take extra time to pry out. I really prefer not getting bullets since I have a format that automatically adds them in. Just a list works great. I also



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greatly appreciate getting the phase and rhythm combined such as Dance, RB 4, Choreographer, and also appreciate just text, not tables for that information.

Your help to make my job a little easier and less time consuming is most appreciated.

Cuing News a-Round Texas

Newsletters are published approximately four times a year in March, June, September, 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 in this newsletter are hot links on each cuer's name.

Fred and Linda Ayres – Longview, TX

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Here is our list of teaches for January to April. We were sidelined for half of March with illness but are doing well now. We enjoyed both the Houston and ORDA Festivals.

Phase 4-6 Class – Longview

- A Spoonful Of West Coast (Hicks 4 WCS)
- Nightingale (Goss 5 Ft) - Solitaire (Goss 5 BL)
- The Alligator Stroll (Gloodt 4 WCS)
- This is Your Song (Prow 4 WZ)
- Too Early To Say Goodnight (Vogt 6 FT)
- Better Place (Johnson 5 RB)
- Four Walls (Buck 4 WZ)
- Havana (Goss 6 CH)
- Hot Rhumba 4 You (Vogt 4 RB)
- I See The Light (Preskitt 6 BL)
- Norwegian Wood (Goss 5 HCW)
- Right Here Waiting For You (Preskitt 5 RB)
- Sugarcane (Vogt 5 WZ)
- Theme From Frozen (Worlock 6 WZ)
- Carousel Waltz (Hicks 6 WZ)
- I Dream of You (Hurd 5 BL)
- Dancing With You (Blackford 4 FT)
- Chanel (Preskitt 6 WZ)
- More Than a Woman (Garza 4 WCS)
- Where You'll Find Me (Lewis/Olson 4 BL)
- Thanks for the Memory 5 (Preskitt 5 FT)

Fred and Linda



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Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK

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Carousel Club #386

January:

- Ain't Misbehavin', Slater, 5 FT
- In this Life, Gloodt, 4 STS
- Theme from Sunshine, Gloodt 4 WZ
- New York New York, Preskitt 6 FT
- You Butterfly, Gloodt, 4 JV

February:

- A Spoonful of Sugar, Hicks, 4 WCS
- Just Another woman in Love, Anderson, 6 RB
- Sam's New Pants, Finch 4 FT
- Someone Like You, Preskitt 6 RB

March:

- Darling Lily, Gloodt 5 FT
- Me & My Sister, Read, 4 WZ
- Only One Time, Preskitt, 5RB
- Papillon, Lamberty, 6 WZ

Reviews:

- You Decorated My Life, Gloodt, 4 BL
- Make Love to Me, Gloodt, 4 WCS
- A Bird without Wings, Gloodt, 4 STS

April:

- The Best of Me, Goss/Figwer, 4 BL
- Continental Goodnight, Murbach, 3 MX
- Real Live Girl, Slater, 5 FT
- Gold Tango, Read, 4 TG

We have 14 new couples in beginning lessons!

Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron Hixson – Garland, TX

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Carousel Club #342

Lessons – Monday – Intermediate Workshop – Garland, TX

- Kindred Spirits, 4 BL, Gloodt
- You Decorated my Life, 4 BL, Gloodt
- A Very Special Love Song, 4 BL, Cavness
- Keeper of the Stars, 4 BL, Bunn
- Dancing at Washington Square, 4 MX, Robertson
- Sugar Sugar, 4 CH, Worlock



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- Never, 4 FT/JV, Parker
- Thanks for the Memory, 3 FT, Hilton
- Danny Boy Rumba, 4 RB, Taylor
- Danny Boy Foxtrot, 4 FT, Byrs
- Greater, 3 CH, Mee
- C'est Si Bon FT, 3 FT, Paull
- Baby Please Come Home, 4 JV, Gloodt

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

- Seven Lonely Days, 4 JV, Rotscheid
- Hot Rhumba 4 You, 4 RB, Vogt
- I Love the Nightlife, 4 JV, D'Aloiso (classic)
- Danny Boy Rumba, 4 RB, Taylor
- Danny Boy Foxtrot, 4 FT, Byrs
- Keeper of the Stars, 4 BL, Bunn

Ramblin' Rounds – Wednesday – Phases 4-5-6 – Dallas, TX

- Dance in the Old Fashioned Way, 6 FT, Rotscheid
- Nothing at All, 6 BL, Johnson
- Dancing Fool, 5 QS, Vogt
- Norwegian Wood, 5 HCW, Goss
- Thanks for the Memory 5, 5 FT, Preskitt
- Tonight We Waltz, 6 WZ, Hicks

Danced AND reviewed dances on the Houston, ORDA, and Heartland programs

Christine and Theron Hixson

George and Pamela Hurd – Gilmer, TX

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Not much to report for dancing from us. We finished up our season in Mesa on March 30th and almost immediately flew to Germany to work the week of Cham in Germany with Randy and Marie Preskitt and Susie and Gert-Jan Rotscheid. We taught Santa Maria, Chim Chiminey, What Chu Got, Eyes 4 You, and I Dream of You. We had a wonderful time there and then flew to Tirana, Albania, to meet our dancing group for our long awaited trip across the former Yugoslavian states. We enjoyed Albania, Montenegro, and Croatia. We're currently in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and we still have another few days in Croatia, Slovenia, and Serbia! A very enlightening trip and we even got to dance for about an hour in Dubrovnik! Greatly impressed our guide. He's promised to take up dance lessons in our honor! Most importantly, we have gotten most of our contracts for the Mesa 2023/24 Season, so we're anticipating a great year to come in Mesa! Hope to see everyone this summer at ICBDA and RoundARama!!!

George and Pamela



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Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX

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Dances taught over the last four months include:

- Un Tango Del Cuore, TG3, Schmidt
- Blueberry Hill, WCS 5, Buck
- A Girl's Best Friend, QS 4, Ito
- Santa Maria, AT 6, Hurd
- Wounded Heart, BL 5, Worlock
- He's A Pirate, TG 6, Boss
- Ghostriders in the Sky, PD 4, Rotscheid
- Nightingale, FT 5, Goss
- Norwegian Wood, HCW 5, Goss
- Pontoon West Coast, WCS 5, Ayres
- Hot Rhumba 4 You, RB 4, Vogt
- Too Early To Say Goodnight, FT 6, Vogt

Gloria Jackson

Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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I sure don't know where the time goes. It seems like only yesterday we were writing a letter for the TRDTA Newsletter and it's again time for another one. What happened to the time that moved so slowly, such as when we were turning 16 and looking forward to getting out driver's permit, or looking forward to 21 so we could purchase that first beer legally? It would be nice to see time slowing down like that now in our advanced ages! With that in mind, I better get started with this newsletter before time catches up with us.

We started the year off making final preparations for our Annual TRDTA Festival to be held in La Grange. We are pleased to say that it was an outstanding festival. The weekend was highlighted by our own Texas round dance leaders who did the cueing and teaching. While talking to the dancers in attendance, they were all of the same consensus that the teaches were very enjoyable and the information provided helped them gain a better understanding of the figures in the dances which were taught. We were also pleased by the number of dancers that pre-registered for next year's festival.

During the TRDTA festival there was a short meeting, at which the election of officers for the coming year was held. The election results are listed in this newsletter. Congratulations to our new board and we encourage all members to feel free to contact any of them with questions or volunteering to help them make our association the best one for our dancers.

In February we were honored to be the clinicians for the Tanglefoot's Festival in Carthage, MO. While there we introduced the dancers to two of our recent choreographies: The Teddy Bear Song, Ph2 TS, and Slow Hands, Ph 4 WCS. We also taught Right Here Waiting for You III by Bev Oren. The dancers enjoyed all the dances and we hear the leaders there took them back to their clubs and are enjoying them.

Also in February, we attended the Houston Round Dance Festival in La Grange. The clinicians for the festival were Tim and Debbie Vogt. They did a fantastic job with an introduction to Paso Doble, and then tied the figures into a Phase 4 dance. This is a rhythm that is not done very much at the Phase 4 level, and hopefully with this dance it will be a start to add Paso Doble to our dance repertoire. The other dance was in a rhythm called Hesitation Canter. Both dances were very nice and enjoyable.



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Our final February dance weekend was ORDA, Oklahoma Round Dance Association, with Randy and Marie Preskitt. As always, they did an outstanding job teaching a Phase 4 WCS, a Phase 4 Rumba, and a Phase 5 Foxtrot. As you can see February is a great month to attend Round Dance special weekends from Phase 2 thru Phase 6. Mark your calendar for these weekends next year! When attending these specials, you not only are exposed to new dances but learn new, or how to improve, figures while making new friends in the round dance family. We really do not think that we have ever been to a festival where we have not come away without learning something, whether it be from Phase 2 or Phase 6. These are weekends set aside strictly for us round dancers!

We are looking ahead to a busy summer. In May it is our own annual Austin RDA “Mid-Tex” Dance. There will be a hall dedicated to round dancing all day. The featured teachers will be John and Karen Herr from Colorado. They will also be cueing rounds between squares on Friday and Saturday nights. Bob Asp, from Tucson, AZ, and Illinois will be the featured caller for the festival.

In the second weekend of June, we have our Texas State Square and Round Dance Festival. We will have a house guest from Germany, Jetta Junk, who will be doing some cueing at the State Festival. She is a great teacher and cuer, and you might want to attend to hear her. The following week is the National Square Dance Convention in Mobile, AL. There will be square dancing (all levels), round dancing (all levels), contra dancing, and much more. This is the largest square and round dance festival in the country, and it attracts all the top callers and cuers there to share their talents with the dancers. We are looking forward to four days of dancing our little feet off. After the Nationals it will be a quick trip home to repack and we are off to the UK for a month-long vacation with friends.

After our return from England, in August we will be doing a festival in Eureka Springs, AR, with Jeff and Pamela Johnson. We are looking forward to the festival because we have heard nothing but outstanding reviews from those who have attended this festival previously. If you are interested in attending, you might want to get your registration in since we understand from the Johnson’s that it is almost full and they will be making a “Standby Waiting” list.

I can see that this letter is entering its second page, so we had better sign off for now.

Teaches and Reviews:

- The Teddy Bear Song, 2 TS, Kurczewski
- Dancing with You, 4 FT, Blackford
- Dancing at Washington Square, 4 MU, Robertson
- Memory Rumba, 3 RB, Molitoris
- Sleeping Beauty, 5 BL, Moore
- La Vie En Rose, 4 FT, Molitoris
- Rainbow Connection, 4 W, Childers
- My Heart will Go On, 4 BL Vogt
- Better Place, 5 RB, Johnson
- Black Tie Tango, 4 T, Moore
- Lariat of Dreams, 5 W, Pelton
- Capone, 5 FT, Armstong
- I Dream of You, 5 BL, Hurd
- Solitaire, 5 BL, Goss
- Thanks for the Memory 5, 5 FT, Preskitt
- Slow Hands, 4 WCS, Kurczewski
- Where You’ll Find Me, 5 BL, Lewis/Olsen

Kay and Bob “Ski’s” Kurczewski



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Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX

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Gulf Coast Rounds held our 3rd annual Rockport Rounds weekend in Rockport, Texas, April 21-23, 2023. We began the weekend with a group of 31 eating a late lunch at Paradise Key Dockside Bar and Grille. Lucy and Jerry Pate joined us this year as co-cuers. On Saturday, Tammy and Jerry (what a team that was!) taught Chaka Chaka, 4 CH, by Frank & Gisi Phillips. Tammy and Jerry stayed on one side of the room demonstrating while Lucy and Marvin demonstrated to the other half. There was much fun and lots of laughter during the teaching session. We plan to host the 4th annual Rockport Rounds next year on April 19-20, 2024 with the same staff.

Prayer Warriors!

Jess Gravelle has been hospitalized for most of 2023 due to various health issues.

Martha Koslosky will be undergoing exploratory surgery in May as part of her ongoing cancer treatment. On the positive side, Martha and Ed are first-time grandparents to Pippa Koslosky born in April.

We request continued prayers from our round dancing community for these two well-loved individuals and their families.

GCR Bayland – Phase 2-4, Houston, Wednesdays – 1:00 to 3:00PM

We welcomed back several former round dancers returning from extended absences, and we miss those who have been out with travels, illnesses or injuries.

From January through April 2023, we reviewed / taught the following dances:

- Girls I've Loved, 4 BL, Pelton
- Hot Rhumba 4 You, 4 RB, Vogt
- I Wanta Quickstep, 3 QS, Palmquist
- Chaka Chaka, 4 CH, Phillips
- Hot Rhumba, 4 RB, Lee
- Let The Light Shine On You, 3 WZ, Keller

GCR Cypress – Phase 3-5, Cypress, Thursdays – 11:00AM to 1:00PM

In this class, we also welcomed back two couples returning to round dancing after years of not dancing regularly.

For the past few months, we've extended our 2-hour class by 30 minutes to accommodate West Coast Swing lessons for those who missed the WCS teaching sessions in 2022.

From Jan through April 2023, we taught/reviewed the following dances:

- Entre Mis Recuerdos, 4 BL, Gloodt
- Seven Lonely Days 4, 4 JV, Rotscheid
- A Spoonful of West Coast, 4 WC, Hicks
- Hot Rhumba, 4 RB, Lee
- My Foolish Heart IV, 4 BL, Preskitt
- Summertime IV, 4 FT, Vogt
- Girls I've Loved, 4 BL, Pelton
- Hot Rhumba 4 You, 4 RB, Vogt

Tammy and Marvin



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Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz – La Grange, TX

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Step 'N Style Rounds

TRDTA News – Step 'N Style

Houston – classes are expanding as they learn Rumba III figures and dances. We have a very enthusiastic group that is full of energy.

La Grange – Here we are working on Rumba III figures and dances. We are planning on going to a Sock Hop next week in Caldwell at the VFW and one of our members has made poodle skirts for all the ladies to wear. What a nice gesture! We will be having our regular blast class and will be teaching “Carnival” in May. We have also been working on square dance level plus moves.

Bastrop – We have been adding new members to our SSD square dance group so we have done a lot of review (which doesn't hurt). Members are all enjoying the activity. Rounds we have been working on WCS, Waltz and Bolero Ph 4 figures.

Georgetown – We started a new beginner Rumba class and the intermediate level is working on Waltz Ph III figures. In the advanced class we taught Paso and more WCS. We have also been working out the kinks on Fur Elise and Beat of Your Heart.

Tricia attended the Goss School of Choreography in April and wrote a que sheet to: You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma. Phase II, 2 step. She has published it on Roundalab.

Tricia will be attending Roundalab where she will be awarded two scholarships, one for the Chorgeography School and one for Roundalab. This will be the first time to attend.

Tricia & Dennis are working hard on Mid-Tex, Austin's biggest dance of the year. They were elected Presidents of TRDTA and they were also elected VP for ASRDA and are Chair to bring the Federation's Presidents' Dance to La Grange 2024.

Tricia and Dennis

JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX

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Carousel Club #385

Dance Arouds – Thursdays Evenings – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. – Plano, TX

Our last newsletter mentioned that our activity was sure to ratchet up as we got closer to the Winston-Salem ICBDA Convention since we are the Assistant Chairs. Well, yes, it has. We hope there are many of you planning to attend. The more I've learned about things to do in Winstom-Salem, the more I realize what I great spot it is for a vacation. I'm beginning to wish we had made our reservations for a couple of extra days. We do have a few days before the convention reserved, but I am afraid we will end up preparing for the convention and there won't be too much time to play.

Convention plans for teaches and clinics include a lot of different rhythms and levels to fit every attendee's personal desires. We will be teaching the Hall of Fame dance this year. We would love to see you there.

We started teaching an Intermediate class in January on Wednesday afternoons. It's a catch up class and the curriculum depends on what they want to learn with an emphasis on basic techniques in whatever rhythm we are working on. So far we've spent time on Rumba and Cha Cha as we had a couple needing brush up there. Then they had to drop out and the remaining students wanted Waltz and West Coast Swing. Their goal is to be able to do Alligator Stroll.



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Dances we taught at Dance Arouns or in Intermediate Lessons since the last newsletter in no particular order include:

- Nightingale, 5 FT, Goss
- Hit Me With A Hot Note, 5+2 WCS, Goss
- Rumba Lenta, 4+2 RB, Pelton
- Autumn By the Sea, 4+2 RB, Pelton
- Norwegian Wood, 5+1 HCW, Goss
- No Me Vuelvo A Enamorar, 4+2+1, Gloodt
- Right Here Waiting For You, 5+2+1 RB, Preskitt
- Thanks For The Memory 5, 5+2 FT, Preskitt
- Theme From Shrek, 5 WZ, Worlock
- Kindred Spirits, 4+0+1 BL, Gloodt
- Heartbreak Hotel, 4+0+1 WCS, Parker

Linda and JL

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're finishing up Waltz, Rumba, and Cha Cha classes. Our students are beginning to wonder out onto the floor at special dances, such as State and Nationals. Be gentle with them.

We hope to start beginning Two-Step in July, and start the beginning club building cycle again in the fall.

Viva Fiesta! We're looking forward to a little rest from the weeks long fundraising events.

We hope to see you on the dance floor,

Ron and Pat

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:
Linda Pelton, Treasurer at peltondances@gmail.com

The membership form on the TRDTA website is an editable PDF,
thus you can complete the form on your computer and then send it by email.

Receiving the quarterly newsletter by email is one of the benefits of your membership.



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New Choreography by TRDTA Members

If the information was included by the choreographers, the new choreography includes an active link so you can download the cuesheets from various websites. Otherwise, please search Roundalab's Index of Rounds for the cuesheet or contact the choreographer.

Kay and Bob Kurczewski

- The Teddy Bear Song (TS 2+2)
- Slow Hands (WCS 4+2+2)

JL and Linda Pelton

- [Girls I've Loved \(BL 4+2+1\)](#)

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.

- **74th Mid-Tex Festival**, May 12-13, 2023, La Grange, TX
John and Karen Herr – Squares and Rounds including workshops – Phases 2-5
For more information, see the flyer at www.trdta.org/pdfs/2023-MidTexFestival-May12-13.pdf
- **Eureka Springs Round Dance Vacation** – August 20-24, 2023– Eureka Springs, AR
Featuring Jeff & Pamela Johnson and Kay & Bob Kurczewski – Phases 3-6
Dance Sunday evening, teaches and evening dances Monday through Thursday
For more information, see the flyer at www.trdta.org/pdfs/2023-EurekaSprings.pdf
Or contact Pamela & Jeff at 218-256-1873 or rapidballroom@gmail.com
- **Centex**, October 13-15, 2023, La Grange, TX
36th Annual Centex Festival, Phase 3-5
Debby and Tim Vogt – Rounds only – Phases 3-5
For more information, see the flyer at www.trdta.org/pdfs/2023-CentexFlyer.pdf
- **Harvest Holiday Festival**
63rd Annual Harvest Holiday Festival, November 24-26, 2023, Dallas, TX
Pamela and Jeff Johnson – Rounds only – Phases 4-6
For more information see: www.harvestholiday.com