



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

As your newly elected Presidents we are still feeling our way around our duties.

We have been working on our February 23, 2024, annual dance in La Grange, (now less than 6 months away–Wow)! We have a tentative program with JL and Linda Pelton teaching a Phase IV smooth rhythm, Tammy and Marvin Lee teaching a Phase III, Latin rhythm, and Jerry and Lucy Pate presenting a Phase II, Classic dance. We have asked your teachers to provide us with your favorite dances to help us program a wonderful event.



We have visited the Best Western in La Grange and the new LG-RV locations personally and reserved rooms/RV spaces. E-mail us if you need the link for the reduced prices for reservations. Soon we will be asking for assistance with certain tasks for the dance, such as building set up/tear down, equipment, hospitality, advertising, registration, programming, etc. Things are set in motion for a great event in 2024.

Please encourage your round dancers to join TRDTA and come to our dance. We need to make this dance bigger and better every year. Please welcome our new dancers.

Happy Dancing!

Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz

ICBDA Golden Torch and Distinguished Service Awards

Only one ICBDA Golden Torch Award and one ICBDA Distinguished Service Award is given by ICBDA each year. Often, there is no Distinguished Service Award presented. This is possibly the first time that two cuers from one area were awarded recognition — Wow! and they are both members of TRDTA.

Congratulations to Karen and Ed Gloodt who were awarded the ICBDA Golden Torch Award, and JL and Linda Pelton who were awarded the ICBDA Distinguished Service Award in July, 2023, at the ICBDA convention in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The Golden Torch Award for 2023 recognized the major contributions Karen and Ed have made to Choreographed Ballroom/Round Dancing over their 50 years of calling, teaching, and cuing. They have taught and cued for many ICBDA conventions and other festivals around the country. Karen and Ed also served on the ICBDA Board of Directors and on various other convention and festival committees, of course, they have taught at several TRDTA festivals. When you attend any ICBDA convention, you will dance many of their choreographies, including their rumba, Cuando Me Enamoro, which was honored as the ICBDA Hall of Fame dance for 2017.

The Distinguished Service Award 2023 recognized the many years of service given by JL and Linda to the choreographed ballroom dance community. In addition to cuing and teaching, they have served in many capacities including board positions and festival management. JL served as ICBDA webmaster from 2014-2021 and currently is in charge of the conversion of the entire ICBDA Technical Dance Manual. Linda served as Syllabus Chair for six ICBDA conventions, and headed the committee to rewrite the ICBDA Convention Procedures Guide. She also served as the principal writer for a complete rewrite of the Roundalab Cue Sheet Writing Guidelines in 2010 and served as the Roundalab Journal Editor from 2011-2015.



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Festival Reports

Festival reports can include festivals in the surrounding states if a good number of Texas dancers attend the festival or if clinicians are TRDTA members.

Eureka Springs Round Dance

August 20-24, 2023 – Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Texas had what looked like the biggest contingent of round dancers at the Eureka Springs Round Dance. Pamela and Jeff Johnson, and our own Kay and Bob Kurczewski, were the featured clinicians. This week starts on a Sunday evening and ends on Thursday evening with lots of teaches and dancing. Plus it's held in a charming town in the hills of Arkansas, total winter population of just over 2,000. Yes, it's a tourist town, but with a haunted mansion tour, zip lining, the strange Quigley Castle, and much more, it certainly has a lot to offer in addition to dancing.

Some of the dances taught included If You Are Going to Forget Me, 5 RB, and Slow Hands, 4WCS, both by Kurczewski, as well as Carrickfergus, 6 STS, by Preskitt, and Don't Ever, 5 WCS, by Johnson. The program included two teaches at Phase 3, two at Phase 4, two at Phase 5, and 2 at Phase 6. Certainly something for everyone.



Newsletter Editor's Format Request

For those of you who followed instructions – Thank you ever so much! It helped tremendously. I will include the following guidelines in my next newsletter request till we get everyone on board with submission requirements:

- Submissions must be in Word or RTF – no information should be sent in an email.
- List your dances taught with a carrier return at the end of each dance, not in paragraph form.

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



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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.

Karen and Ed Glodt – Ardmore, OK

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Carousel Club #386

Dances taught – dances reviewed are marked by an asterisk (*)

May

- Adeline (Shibata) 6 STS
- All That Jazz (Sechrist) 5 FT*
- Out of Africa (Shibata) 4 WZ
- Wendy (Slater) 5 WZ

June

- A Song with No Name (Hixson) 4 JV
- Hot Rumba 4 You (Vogt) 4 RB
- The Girl from Ipanema (Preskitt) 5 FT*
- Too Early to Say Goodnight IV (Vogt) 4 FT

July

- A Lady in Red (Moore) 4 BL
- The Things We Do for Love (Shotting) 4 WCS

August

- Carrickfergus (Preskitt) 6 STS
- Conquest of Paradise (Hilton) 4 WZ

Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron Hixson – Garland, TX

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Carousel Club #342

Lessons – Monday – Intermediate Workshop – Garland, TX

- Alley Cat Blues, FT 4, Davenport
- Hallelujah Foxtrot, FT 4, Preskitt
- Bilitis '23, BL 5, Hixson
- Wonderful Rain, STS 3, Young
- Song Sung Diamond, STS 4, Smith
- Rachel's Song, STS 4, Stairwalt



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- Girl Crush, STS 4, Ahart
- Goodbye, STS 4, Parker
- Loving You Rumba, RB 4, Foral
- It Must Be True, FT 4, Slater
- Exactly Like You, FT 4, Slater
- Sentimental Ol' You, JV 4, Hixson

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

- Blue Moon, FT 4, Byrd
- You'll Be Mine, RB 3, Byars
- The Things We Do For Love, WCS 4, Shotting
- Too Early to Say Goodnight IV, FT 4, Vogt
- Remember When IV, STS 4, Mee
- Silence of the World IV, WZ 4, Kenny
- Love to Rumba, RB 4, Hicks
- Hey Daddy, CH 4, Easterday (reviewed)
- Conquest of Paradise, WZ 4, Hilton

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

- Carrickfergus, STS 6, Preskitt
- Paint Me a Birmingham, STS 5, Buchanan
- Don't Ever, WCS 5, Johnson
- Hopelessly Devoted, STS 6, Worlock
- Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, FT 6, Rumble
- What Chu Got, CH 5, Lewis/Olsen
- Wounded Heart, BL 5, Worlock (reviewed)
- Danced/reviewed dances on Eureka Springs program

Christine and Theron Hixson

George and Pamela Hurd – Gilmer, TX

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Recent Teaches:

- Begin to Color Me, Read, WZ 6
- Blah Blah Cha Cha, Garza, CH 6
- Blue Moon 23, Byrd, FX/JV 4
- Butter, Goss, CH 5
- It Takes Two, Goss, STS 4
- Old Man Time, Goss, QS 5
- Ole Guapa Argentine, Hurd, AT 6
- Photograph, Mee, RB 4
- Quickstep in the Cantina, Preskitt, QS 4
- The Things We Do For Love, Shotting, WCS 4

George and Pamela



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Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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What a busy and enjoyable summer we have had. In May our local dance association had their annual Mid-Tex Festival. We had a great turn-out for the festival and it was well received by everyone in attendance. Unfortunately, we had a slight glitch or two, but everyone was able to accept them. The first one was our featured cuers had to cancel due to illness and we had a short notice that our hall time for the Round Dance Workshops would be cut short. Paul and Linda Robinson from Oklahoma were kind enough to come and fill in for our ill cuers. It was nice to be able to spend time after the dance with both the caller, Bob & Cindi Asp and Paul & Linda Robinson. This made for some very enjoyable evenings socializing.

Following the association dance, it was time to prepare for the Texas State Square and Round Dance Festival and National Square Dance Convention. What a great time we had attending both of these events. Prior to our State Festival we had Jett Junk, a visitor from Germany, spend some time with us. She was a great house guest and her help around the ranch was greatly appreciated. She thought it was really fun to drive the tractor around, loading the manure spreader, and cleaning out the calf pens. She can come and visit anytime. After our Texas State Festival and between cleaning calf pens, it was time for us to prepare for our trip to Mobile, AL, for the National Square Dance Convention.

As always, the Nationals were a lot of fun. It was great seeing friends that we had not seen in a long time, in both the square and round dance halls. There was some great dancing with some of the best callers and cuers in the business. We are looking forward to the National Square and Round Dance Convention next summer in Wisconsin.

The best part of the summer was our trip to the United Kingdom. It was an adventure that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. Thanks to the three couples we took with us, it always ended up with something unexpected. Our most excitement involved the two lane roads that were not more than 10 feet wide and the herds of sheep on the road. If you ever have a chance to go, be brave, rent a vehicle, and drive through Scotland up to the North Sea. Take the small secondary roads that the buses cannot take. You will never regret it. The countryside was just breathtaking. Our tour was only 30 days in duration and that was even too short of a time frame. We are planning to go back again, if I'm not too old to rent a vehicle.

Upon returning from England, there was preparations for the Eureka Springs Round Dance Vacation. We were looking forward to the week for someone told us it was nice and cool there. They lied! It was hot, and I really do not think there was much difference from what we have been going through. Outside of the weather, it was a great week. It was fun working with Pamela and Jeff Johnson and seeing many friends there. The Johnsons presented some great dances, along with us, that was enjoyed by most of the dancers there. Like the saying goes, "You can't please everyone." On the last night of the festival, one couple was not feeling well. He went to Urgent Care Thursday night, and needless to say, he tested positive for Covid.

The drive home was long but well worth it when we were able to sleep in our own bed. We were feeling OK, just a little tired from the trip. On Saturday and Sunday, we started receiving e-mails and phone calls from people who were with us in Eureka saying that they had Covid. On Monday we were still feeling OK, or so we thought; but we decided to test anyway. You guessed it! We both tested positive for Covid. As of this writing, we are confined to the house, too hot to spend time outside, taking our meds and looking forward to the day we can escape. Only a couple more days – if we don't kill each other first! Stay tuned for the rest of the story!!- - - Ski's

P.S. The September 2nd Saturday Update: Completed meds and ready to escape – feeling good.



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Teaches and Reviews:

- Right Here, Right Now (6W) Kurczewski
- If You Are Going to Forget Me (5R) Kurczewski
- Tu Soltanto Tu (4B) Gloodt
- Castles & Kings (5W) Slater
- A Wink & A Smile (5F) Rumble
- Black Satin (4J) Gloodt
- We're Going to Ibiza (4C) Hilton
- Mysteries Of the Night (4W) Gloodt
- A Lady in Red (4B) Moore
- Can't Stop the West Coast (4WCS) Robinson
- Cuando Me Enamoro (4R) Gloodt
- Coney Island (4W) Gloodt
- Los Rayos Del Sol (5R) Moore
- Candle Light (5W) Goss
- Small Planes (4WCS) Goss
- Right Here Waiting for You (5R) Preskitt
- A Better Place (5R) Johnson
- Black Tie Tango (4T) Moore
- Beat of Your Heart (5STS) Preskitt
- Haunted Guitar (5 Sheridan
- Forrest Gump (5F) Moore
- Norwegian Wood (5HCW) Goss
- Slow Hands (4WCS) Kurczewski
- I Feel Lucky 4 (4WCS) Lewis/Olsen

Kay and Bob "Ski's" Kurczewski

Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX

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We are sad to report Jess Gravelle (twin brother of long-time caller, the late Lem Gravelle) passed away June 29, 2023, after a long illness. Jess and his wife, Janet, started round dancing later in life - they were 79 and 78 respectively when they began. They immediately fell in love with round dancing and danced together until Jess' recent illness. We will miss this gentle, humble man.

In the last newsletter I reported Martha Koslosky was undergoing cancer surgery. The surgery went very well and Martha is currently taking chemo only on an as-needed basis.

Recently Marvin asked me what I wanted for our 23rd anniversary and I said I wanted to conduct a West Coast Swing workshop so more people could learn the rhythm, especially those who don't regularly dance with me. He agreed. So Saturday August 26th, we held the workshop in our home dance building. Eight couples attended the lesson and one experienced couple came in the afternoon just as I was teaching Triple Travel w/ Roll. It took a few tries to figure out how to place 18 students plus the instructors on a 30x40 dance floor all doing Triple Travel w/Roll. Happy to report there were only minor collisions and no serious injuries. During the 6-hour workshop, the students "learned" over 20 WCS Phase IV and V figures but only one choreographed routine. All the figures were hash cued, with lots of repetition. The one WCS pre-choreographed dance I taught near the end was The Alligator Stroll by Karen and Ed Gloodt. It was a fabulous day!



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

From May through August 2023, we reviewed / taught the following dances:

- A Thousand Years, 4RB, Armstrong
- Carnival, 4RB, Rumble
- Chaka Chaka, 4 CH, Phillips
- Hot Rhumba, 4 RB, Lee
- Hot Rhumba 4 You, 4RB, Vogt
- Legends of the Fall, 4WZ, Gloodt
- Twenty-Five Miles, 4JV, Parker

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

From May through August, and in preparation for those attending ICBDA and Eureka Springs, we reviewed/learned the following dances:

- A Spoonful of West Coast, 4 WC, Hicks
- Uptown Funk, 4 CH, Gibson
- Forest Gump, 5WZ, Moore
- And I Love You So, 5RB, Childers
- Norwegian Wood, 4HC, Rumble
- Candlelight, 5WZ, Goss
- Sugarcane, 4WZ, Vogt
- We're Going to Ibiza, 4CH, Hilton

Tammy and Marvin

Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz – La Grange, TX

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Step 'N Style Rounds

Step 'N Style has been very busy attending planning meetings for the various festivals. We have responsibilities for the Teen Scholarship at Hyde Park, and TRDTA February 2024 in La Grange. We are Assistant Chair for the Texas State Festival June 24, 2024, in Bryan, and the Chair for the Texas Federations President's dance in October 2024 in La Grange. We are also Chair for the Rounds at the Nationals in Waco, June 2026. We have a Bon Voyage dance for Dan Clairmont in November that should be a lot of fun. These all take planning one or two years in advance.

We have hotel and RV reservations set up for TRDTA February 2024 in La Grange (if you need the link for the reduced rates let us know). We are now forming committees for all the duties involved with working these events: hospitality, decorations, registration, programing and building/set up & tear down. If you can help in any way that would be great.

Teaching Dances

- Burger and Fries, TS II, King
- Another Saturday Night, TS II, Little
- Af n Af, TS II, Seurer
- Hold on Partner, TS II, Hixson
- You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma, TS II, Morley/Artz
- If I Could Bottle This Up, TS II, Houser



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- Abilene, TS II, Feneis
- Ain't She Sweet, TS II+1, Lawson
- Turn Your Radio On, TS II+1, Baldwin
- Doctor Time, TS II+2, Becker
- Photograph, RB IV, Mee
- Alley Cat Blues, FT IV, Davenport
- White Sport Coat, FT IV, Le Feavers
- Conquest of Paradise, WZ IV Hilton
- Carnival, RB IV, Rumble
- Solitude City, FT IV, Gibson
- Return to Ibiza, Ch IV, Hilton

In the La Grange and Bastrop area, we are starting new classes on September 5th and 6th. We will be offering SSD/Mainstream Square and Rounds. We are hoping for some good size classes. In La Grange this coming weekend we are riding a float around the square on Labor Day promoting square and round dancing.

Our blast class was well received where we taught Solitude City, FT IV, Gibson and the next blast class will be on October 31st (Halloween Theme) when we will be teaching: A Thousand Years, RB IV+1, Artmstrong. Tricia and Dennis have been working hard on their square dance calling and Tricia did her first singing call at the Renegades in Houston this past weekend. We are hoping that by offering both squares and rounds, we can keep our activity growing.

Happy Dancing!
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

Lots of busy days over the last four months. As Assistant Chairs for the ICBDA Winston-Salem Convention, we're not sure what happened in May and June. We just know it was constant coordination with Diana and Earl Roy, the Chairs for the convention, and handling fill-in jobs, from making a clock for the registration table (the be-back clock), last minute signs for Hall of Fame ballot box, making Top 10 dance certificates for the choreographers, etc.

We arrived in Winston-Salem the last day of June early for meetings with convention facility staff, and stayed late to ensure the floor was removed on time. Whew! Lots and lots of work, definitely some fun, but we missed a lot of teaches due to various sudden tasks, such as locating a missing purse and checking on water stations. JL had to fill in as Facility Chair due to a family emergency, and we filled in at the Registration desk a lot too because the Registrar was unable to attend either.

The convention facility had issues with the AC (lost one of the big chillers and parts didn't arrive for repair) which caused not the best dancing experience with heat and sticky floors. The really fun one was a complaint about hot toilet seats in the Hall A bathrooms. We're not sure what caused that, but there really was hot water in the toilets!

A highlight for us at Winston-Salem was being awarded the ICBDA Distinguished Service Award for 2023. When the Awards Chairs began to read the accomplishments before they announced the winner, JL and I looked at each other, and realized it was us. Quite a surprise. The full description is posted as a link underneath our picture on the main internal home page of the ICBDA website.



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At the end of September, we will be teaching an easy Latin for Harvest Holiday's Autumn Rounds dance. Karen Gloodt's club in Fort Worth has been teaching beginning lessons, so we want to be sure the new dancers can gain something from the teach.

Centex is coming up in October. We hope we will see many of you there in La Grange, to be held October 13–15. It's not too late to register and if you hurry, you can even get your vote in for the evening programs. Debby and Tim Vogt are the clinicians and they always do a great job.

Dances we taught at Dance Arounds or in Intermediate Lessons since the last newsletter include:

- Theme From Shrek, 5 W, Worlock
- Hola Amor, 5 BL, Goss/Figwer
- Los ReyOs Del Sol, 5 RB, Moore
- The Things We Do For Love, 4 WCS, Shotting
- Hallelujah Foxtrot, 4 FT, Preskitt
- Carrickfergus, 6 STS, Preskitt
- The Alligator Stroll, WCS 5, Gloodt
- A Guy is a Guy, 5 JV, Preskitt
- Alley Cat Blues, 4 WCS, Davenport
- Angel on My Shoulder, FT 4, Gloodt
- In Times Like These, 4 WCS, Gloodt
- Solitude City, 4 FT, Gibson
- Pontoon West Coast, 5 WCS, Ayres

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've finished up our Rumba/Cha lessons and have started Two-Step lessons. What was originally meant to be a quick two month refresher class, has turned into a full blown beginner's class.

Our intermediate group has been re-polishing the dances we taught earlier, such as Legends of the Fall, A Lady in Red, and Mi Vida, but we haven't had a chance to teach any new dances.

We hope that once we've rebuilt our base, we can begin bringing their level up and concentrate on teaching some of the newer dances that are coming out.

Hope to See You Round,
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

- If You Are Going to Forget Me – Phase 5 Rumba taught at Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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.

- **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
- **TRDTA South Festival**, February 23-24, 2024, La Grange, TX
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only – Phase 2-4
For more information, see: <http://www.trdta.org/pdfs/TRDTA-LaGrange2024-14th.pdf>
- **ORDA Festival Dance**, April 5-7, 2024, Lake Murry Lodge, Ardmore, OK
Tom Hicks – Rounds only – Phases 3-6
For more information, see https://paulandlindarobinson.com/PDF/ORDA_Flyer_2024.pdf
or contact Linda and Paul Robinson at pldance@yahoo.com
- **Eureka Springs Round Dance Vacation** – August 18-22, 2024 – Eureka Springs, AR
Featuring Jeff & Pamela Johnson and Stefan & Illona Lankuttis – Phases 3-6
Dance Sunday evening, teaches and evening dances Monday through Thursday
For more information, see the flyer at www.trdta.org/pdfs/2024-EurekaSprings.pdf
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