

## 2023-24 ASRDA Officers



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## President's Message

I am excited to share that ASRDA has welcomed at least 37 new dancers to our association thanks to lessons that started last fall. In addition to the 37, Sun Dancers graduated an additional six dancers and may be joining ASRDA in June. La Grange graduated 11 SSD students, who will be continue learning the remaining mainstream moves with Wayne Weston. Canyon Lake's lessons are off to a great start with 17 students. All the new mainstream graduates are being encouraged to dance at other clubs. Please be sure to give them a warm welcome when they visit your club.

February was a busy month, not just with graduations, but with lots of special dances – especially those for Valentine's Day. There was *February Frenzy*, *Canyon Lake's Valentine's Dance* and *Death by Chocolate* at Shirts 'N Skirts. The Death by Chocolate dance was particularly memorable because Mike Goggin got down on bended knee and proposed to Patti Brown in front of the entire Shirts 'N Skirts family! Check out the video of Mike proposing on ASRDA's Facebook page. Congratulations, Mike and Patti!

There are many chances to dance in March. Along with regular club dances, three clubs are having Anniversary dances. *Canyon Lake* celebrates its 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Weston's barn, *Waterloo's* 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary is on March 16<sup>th</sup> in Austin, and *Wheel-N-Deals* will celebrate its 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on March 19<sup>th</sup>. La Grange is hosting its annual Texas Independence Day dance on March 9<sup>th</sup> in La Grange. This is always a fantastic dance with a lot of Texas red, white, and blue on the dance floor. If you want to take a road trip to some dances, TSFSRD's Conclave dance weekend on March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lubbock and TASSD is having is 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> in Speegleville, TX. Flyers for all these dances can be found on our website. Grab your newly graduated dancers and attend some of these dances!

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Unfortunately, I will be missing most of the dances this month. I will be going to Conclave March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> returning home on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. On March 5<sup>th</sup> I fly to Grand Junction to get some work done on my new house. I get back on the 11<sup>th</sup> and leave for Shreveport Preconvention on March 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. I take off again with a trailer full of my stuff and four dogs on March 24<sup>th</sup>. I'm not sure exactly when I will be back, but it will be before April 11<sup>th</sup>. Then I'll be around for a while getting my house ready to go on the market. I'll also be able to get back to square dancing.

I hope to see everyone at a dance in April!

*Brooke Peters*

*President, ASRDA*



## Happy Easter!

By Tom Bohmfalk



March 31st is Easter Sunday. Do you remember how you celebrated Easter as a child? We always had an Easter egg hunt (with real hard-boiled eggs!) followed by church, a wonderful lunch, and lots of egg salad sandwiches! Helen and her sister had matching Easter baskets. As we got older and had children and grandchildren of our own, we have continued the tradition. (We now let the oldest granddaughter assist in hiding the eggs.) And, of course, they are now plastic.

Some even contain quarters! It's always funny when I find a missed egg while mowing the yard in June!

I'm not sure exactly how Easter became associated with bunnies and eggs. Here are some facts that I have recently learned: The bunny, originally called "Oschter Haws," or Easter Hare, lays a nest of colorful eggs for well-behaved children and hails from Germany. The earliest known mention, according to [A Dictionary of English Folklore](#), is a German text from 1572, which translated reads: "Do not worry if the Easter Bunny escapes you; should we miss his eggs, we will cook the nest."



The Easter Bunny's legend hopped continents, landing in Pennsylvania Dutch communities in Colonial America no later than 1757, when a young artist named Johann Conrad Gilbert would produce two famous drawings of the Easter Bunny.

([https://www.artfixdaily.com/news\\_feed/2013/03/28/1635-winterthur-museum-boasts-one-of-the-earliest-known-american-depic?](https://www.artfixdaily.com/news_feed/2013/03/28/1635-winterthur-museum-boasts-one-of-the-earliest-known-american-depic?))

The Easter Bunny is not in the Bible and is not related to the resurrection story of Jesus that Christians celebrate on Easter Sunday. Rabbits and hares, along with eggs, are general symbols of spring and renewal that have become integrated into the holiday's celebration through the centuries.

And as for the Easter Bunny's eggs? Traditionally, eggs were not eaten during the Christian observance of Lent. Instead, they were preserved or hardboiled to save for Easter. The result: an abundance of eggs for decorating, egg hunts, and other Easter traditions.

Far more important is the true meaning of Easter. Many churches greet one another Easter morning with the phrase, "He is risen!" Then the response, "He is risen indeed!" This phrase is based on Luke 24:33-34: After Jesus revealed himself to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, "... they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!'"

Earlier on that Sunday morning, women came to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. An angel appeared to them and said, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead..."

Which begs the question, "Why did Jesus die on the cross?" Jesus took our sins upon himself, on the cross, and paid the penalty (death) that we deserved. Romans 5:9 states, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." By trusting in His work on the cross and not our own performance, we receive forgiveness for our sins, adoption into the family of God and eternal life.

How do we know that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was sufficient to pay the penalty we deserve? By the fact that he was raised from the dead. "The resurrection culminates the passion narrative in all four Gospels because it is at the center of redemption itself. Without it, one can only pity Jesus as a dead martyr whose lofty ideals were sadly misunderstood. With it, one must stand in awe of the exalted Messiah, the Son of the living God, who gave His life as a ransom for many, who presently reigns at God's right hand, and who will one day return in glory to fix this broken world."

One of the first songs I learned after becoming a Christian goes like this:



He paid a debt He did not owe.  
I owed a debt, I could not pay  
I needed someone to wash my sins away.  
And now I sing a brand-new song,  
Amazing Grace,  
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay.

O such great pain my Lord endured  
When He my sinful soul secured  
I should have died there but Jesus took my place  
So now I sing a brand-new song  
Amazing Grace  
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay

He didn't give to me a loan  
He gave Himself now He's my own  
He's gone to Heaven to make for me a place  
And now I sing a brand-new song  
Amazing Grace  
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.

This Easter season as we enjoy egg hunts, bunnies, spring flowers, and DANCING, may these joys trigger thoughts of *life*. To a Christian, life is new, abundant, and eternal.

**Happy Easter!**



**ATTENTION ALL ASRDA DELEGATES:  
ASRDA Delegate Nominating Committee Meeting  
Saturday, April 13, 2024, 2:00 PM  
Hyde Park Christian Church  
610 45<sup>th</sup> St., Austin, TX  
Looking forward to seeing everyone there!**

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**RSVP for Billy and Ramona's Wedding  
July 6, 2024**



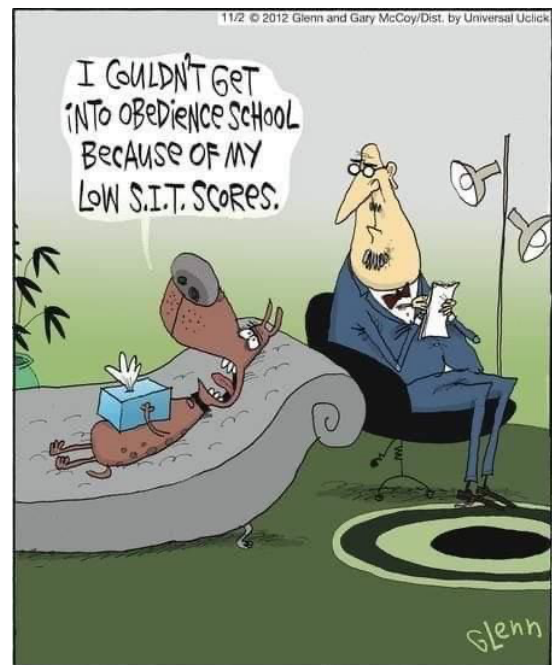
*Everyone in ASRDA is invited to attend Billy and Ramona's wedding. If you are planning to attend the wedding and square dance in Georgetown on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, please email Ramona at [sdq1997austintx@gmail.com](mailto:sdq1997austintx@gmail.com) and tell her you are coming.*

*Ramona must have a head count, so she knows how much barbecue Chet Miles needs to buy and cook for the wedding dinner. Once you email her, she will send you the exact time, location, and any other information you might need once everything is finalized.*

*So, RSVP soon!*



*"It's always 'Sit,' 'Stay,' 'Heel'—never  
'Think,' 'Innovate,' 'Be yourself'."*



## 2024 Mid-Tex Festival is Quickly Approaching!

The Mid-Tex Committee has been hard at work organizing your upcoming Festival for Friday, **May 10<sup>TH</sup> AND Saturday, 11TH.**

Support your committee by *pre-registering* for this great festival. Anyone who pre-registers, will be entered into a *contest*. The winner will have **their registration fee refunded**. Another reason to pre-register for this event!

This year's dance offers new opportunities for square dancers:  
*Hex Squares, A2, DBD, Plus and MAINSTREAM!*

By Pre-registering, the committee can plan for seating, refreshments, and dance floor space. Registrations are running a little slow right now, and Shirley O'Neal could use your registration to stay busy.

**Save your spot in the square by PRE-REGISTERING and save \$10.00!**

**See page 7 of this newsletter for the Registration Form. Please fill it out and make checks payable to ASRDA. Mail to: ASRDA, P.O. Box 1195, La Vernia, TX 78121.**

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Mid-Tex Committee. They are **Nancy Owens, Michael Wallace and Mike Goggin**. I hope you find your time one working with the committee as very rewarding and enjoyable. We can always use your help. Many hands make less work for everyone.

Don't forget: If you would like to showcase your culinary skills at Mid-Tex, please bring a finger food to share with other dancers. ASRDA will provide pre-packaged snacks.

That's all I have for now so by keeping this short you should have time now to submit your registration form.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor at the Mid-Tex Festival, if not before.

Have a great spring and enjoy this beautiful weather - - -

Ski's,  
Mid-Tex Chairman





## Help Your Club Win the “Visitation Award”

The \$200.00 “Visitation Award” will be given out at Mid-Tex again this year. ***The award is given to the club that had the most people visiting other clubs in groups of four or more from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.***

In 2025 the dates for earning the Visitation Certificate begins on May 30, 2024 and continues to April 30, 2025. This gives dancers an additional 3 months to go visiting other clubs.

Each time four or more people from one club visit another ASRDA club, they should receive a visitation certificate from the visited club, which documents the names of the dancers.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, each club president or designee sends the visitation certificates to Bailey Sutherland (Country Cuzzins). He is in charge of the Visitation Award Program and is the one who tabulates the results.

Mid-Tex is three months away. You and 3 others still have time to visit other clubs and collect quite a few visitation certificates. Grab some club dancers and get out there and visit!



## Items Needed for Texas Independence Day Dance Silent Auction



La Grange Roadrunners are asking for donations for the Silent Auction that will take place during their Independence Day Dance on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you have some items you would like to donate, please send an email to Jenny Baker at [jennybaker61@gmail.com](mailto:jennybaker61@gmail.com).



## Help Needed!

*ASRDA is still in desperate need of dancers to come forward and volunteer for elected and appointed officer positions. The 2024-2025 vacancies are secretary and vice president but if you have a desire to hold the president or treasurer position, let us know.*

Appointed officer positions open on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 are:

Hospitality	Education
Texas Star Reporter	Publicity,
Historian/Photographer	
Ambassador-At-Large North	
Ambassador-At-Large South	



To learn the duties of the elected or appointed officers, check out [www.asrda.org/who'swho](http://www.asrda.org/who'swho) or contact Brooke Peters at [kbrookepeters@gmail.com](mailto:kbrookepeters@gmail.com).

### *What are the **main** duties of:*

**Hospitality-** Maintaining liquid refreshment containers (now in storage), purchase coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, cups for ASRDA functions, coordinating refreshments at 3 ASRDA sponsored dances & 4 ASRDA Delegate Meetings, coordinate with Mid-Tex Hospitality Chair for pick up and delivery of needed items.

**Education.** - Supply clubs with Basic, Mainstream, and Plus booklets; contact TSFSRD Education and Social Media officers to learn current offerings for ASRDA; write monthly articles for the ASRDA newsletter and the Federation newsletter, The Texas Star; work with ASRDA clubs, club delegates, and new dancers to increase awareness of what is going on in ASRDA.

**Texas Star Reporter** – Use the monthly newsletters to send ASRDA information quarterly to the Texas Federation of Square and Round Dancer.

**Historian/Photographer** – Take photos of 3 ASRDA annual dances and post on Facebook. Send them to the webmaster to post on website.

**Ambassador-at-Large North or South** – visits clubs in the southern or northern part of ASRDA, a communicate between clubs to the ASRDA president regarding concerns, upcoming dances, graduation; welcoming new dancers while in lessons; advertise the 3 annual ASRDA dances; share flyers and materials.

**Publicity-** Write articles ricles for the ASRDA newsletter and the Federation newsletter, The Texas Star; share information with ASRDA clubs, club delegates, and new dancers to increase awareness of new information from the ASRDA Delegates' Meetings; learn how they are currently promoting square dance lessons; what worked and didn't work to share with other clubs as they recruit; assist clubs with flyers as needed; share information on ASRDA Facebook page.

**"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much."  
–Helen Keller**

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## National Square Dance Convention - Milwaukee

73<sup>rd</sup> NSDC in Milwaukee registration will be increasing to \$80 for adults and \$40 for youth on May 1, 2024. Please get your registration in before the increase. Texas is currently in second place with 142 dancers of the 1807 dancers who have preregistered so far. Wisconsin leads with 265, but Texas has more dancers preregistered than any of the states that border Wisconsin. GO TEXAS!

To register online, see:  
<https://73nsdc.com/long-form/>

### National Square Dance E-Magazine

The February issue of the National Square Dance Magazine presented by the 73<sup>rd</sup> NSDC in Milwaukee is now available for your reading pleasure. Every issue of the magazine is colorful and interesting and extremely helpful if you are planning to attend this year's convention in Milwaukee.

There is an article in the February issue describing how Gary and Claudia Lester, the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Chairmen, were able to sign 34 people up in about a week for Texas's National Square Dance Convention in Waco in 2026. Just go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and check it out.

### Dancers Riding the Rails to Milwaukee Need Your Help!



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Does anyone living in or around San Antonio have room on their property where the dancers, heading to Nationals in Milwaukee, could park their cars for eight days?

There is no parking at or near the Amtrak station for Amtrak passengers. Parking garages in downtown San Antonio are about \$30/day. There are dancers coming in from South Texas, La Grange, New Braunfels, Sequin and Wimberley and need places to leave their cars. If you have room for even one car, that will help.

If you are willing to help these dancers with parking, please call Brooke Peters at 210-392-5433 or email her at [kbrookepeters@gmail.com](mailto:kbrookepeters@gmail.com).



*The Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers®*  
*presents...*

**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texas State  
Square & Round Dance Festival**

**To Boldly Dance ... into the Future**

Trail End Dance  
Thursday, June 13  
Texas State Callers' Association



Brazos County Expo Complex  
5827 Leonard Road  
Bryan, TX 77807  
June 13 – June 16, 2024

Pre-Festival Dance  
Friday, June 14  
HSRDC & ETSRDA



62<sup>nd</sup> Texas State Festival  
Saturday, June 15

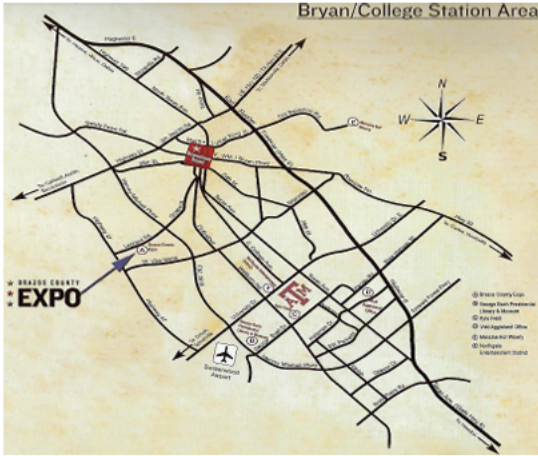
Festival Business Meeting  
9 a.m. Sunday, June 16



## 2024 State Festival, Bryan Texas, June 13 – 16, 2024 Registration Form

For hotel and camping information see attached sheet

**WACO**



**Festival Chairman**

*Matt Whiteacre*

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*Diane Doyle*

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*diane71914@outlook.com*

*Roxie Walker*

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*roxie\_w@hotmail.com*

**Houston**

Thursday: Trail End Dance  
 Friday: Pre-Festival  
 Saturday: Texas State Festival  
 Sunday: TSFSRD

Texas State Callers' Association  
 HSRDC and ETSRDA  
 Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers®  
 Business Meeting

**Advance Registration – Deadline May 15, 2024**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name His: \_\_\_\_\_ Hers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name His: \_\_\_\_\_ Hers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Package	Price per Adult	Quantity	Price per Teen*	Quantity	TOTAL
Thurs, Fri & Sat (save \$4.00)	\$50.00		\$25.00		
Fri & Sat (save \$4.00)	\$40.00		\$20.00		
Sat Only (save \$2.00)	\$25.00		\$12.50		
Festival Printed Program	\$12.00				
*Dancers 19 & under half price – All <u>former</u> and <u>current</u> Teen Scholarship Recipients admitted free					<b>Total Amount Paid</b>

10% cancellation fee after May 15 and no refunds after May 31, 2024  
 Admission at the door: **Thursday - \$10.00**; Friday - \$17.00; Saturday - \$27.00  
 3-day Package - \$54; Friday-Saturday Package - \$40

**PAY BY** (circle one)  
**Cash, Check, PayPal or Credit Card**

Pay by Cash, Check, PayPal or Credit Card (No convenience fee)  
 Check payable to: TSFSRD  
 Mail to: TSFSRD, c/o Charles Spoon; 4111 E. 3rd Pl., Lubbock, TX 79403-4821  
 This Registration form is also available at [www.squaredancetx.com](http://www.squaredancetx.com)

Sold By \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)  
 Confirmation Sent \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ribbons Given \_\_\_\_\_



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 Brazos County Expo Complex, 5827 Leonard Road  
 Bryan, TX 77807



## To Boldly Dance ... Into the Future

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** There are many hotels in the area to choose from. Prices vary from as low as \$99.00 per night to a high of \$149.00 per night. There is no single HOST hotel; all events will be taking place at the Brazos County Expo Complex. However, if the Federation can show that you all booked at least 100 room-nights for the event at the hotels listed below, we should get at least a \$500 rebate. The deadline for booking is May 14, 2024.

Home 2 Suites by Hilton  
 300 Texas Ave South  
 College Station, TX 77840

Tel: 979-703-8288  
 Complimentary Breakfast

Hampton Inn  
 320 Texas Ave South  
 College Station, TX 77840

Tel: 979-846-0184  
 Complimentary Breakfast

Hyatt Place College Station  
 1100 University Drive East  
 College Station, TX 77840

Tel: (979) 846-9800  
 Complimentary Breakfast

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**RV INFORMATION:**

Brazos County Expo Complex  
 5827 Leonard Road  
 Bryan, TX 77807  
 \$30.00 per night

Water & electric – need to specify 30 Amp or 50 Amp. There is a dump station on site. They are not taking reservations this year it is first come first serve.

Timber Ridge RV Park  
 1360 N. Harvey Mitchell Parkway  
 Bryan, TX 77803  
 \$40.00 per night

Full hookups. All sites are 30 & 50 Amp. Approximately 2 miles from Festival. [www.timberridgervpark.com](http://www.timberridgervpark.com)  
 Tel: 979-307-5568 for reservations.

**Area information QR Code**

Use the dropdown menu for restaurant information.



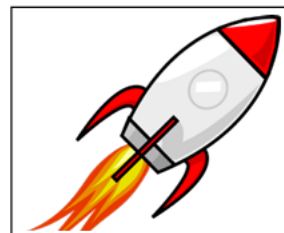
## 2024 Pre-Festival Dance

### *Our Voyage into the Future*

Join  
The East Texas Square and Round Dance Association  
And  
Houston Square and Round Dance Council  
For a full day of dancing!

June 14, 2024

Brazos County Expo Complex  
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Bryan, TX 77807



Split the Pot

Brown Bag Auction

Round Dance Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Mainstream Workshop 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Round Dance Workshop 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Plus Workshop 2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
A2 Workshop 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
With ETSRDA and HSRDC Callers

Hospitality 3:00 – 5:00

Friday evening  
Join us with  
The Dynamic Duo on squares Nelda Eaton and Tim Tyl  
and  
Rounds with Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz

Squares and Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
All events begin in main hall then we'll split for Mainstream and Plus with Rounds  
Dancing will end that night in the main hall with Split the Pot

But wait there's more!!!  
We want each district to come up with a  
FUTURISTIC Form of Travel



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## Pre-Register for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention NOW!

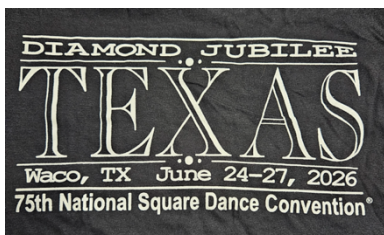


We are excited to report that we have **600** Registrations for the 2026 National Convention in Waco. Please use the registration sheet on [page 18](#) to add to this number.

Claudia and Gary Lester and Ramona Padilla and Billy Grimsley have traveled from Florida, Arkansas, and Oklahoma to visit large venues including Grapevine Round Up, January Jewel, Snowflake Weekend, February Frenzy, Red River Dance, a square-dancing cruise, TSRDTA, Conclave. Our next travels include Biloxi, Mississippi and Marshall for State Spring Festivals. We are on the move!

We have also been soliciting donations from businesses in the Waco area. A business in West, Texas has offered to donate ready-to-serve food for the entertainment on Wednesday night. We are hoping to receive additional donations. Let us know if you can help in any way.

In the future, they will focus on attending the 2024 Pre-Convention for the 2025 Louisiana National Convention, which serves as an example for planning the 2025 Waco Pre-Convention. These pre-conventions are a "dry run" of what the real convention will be like.



If you would like to purchase a 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention T-Shirt, let Brooke Peters or Ramona Padilla know. They come in several different colors.

Round neck regular sizes \$15.  
V-neck \$18; 2XL & 3XL are \$18.  
Hurry and get yours soon!



Pre - Registration
75th National Square Dance Convention®
Waco, Texas
June 24-27, 2026



Registration #
Ribbons

REGISTER ONLINE at www.75nsdcinc.com
This form expires on March 22, 2025

Zelle® your registration fee to 75nsdc@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: First Name:
Email Address:
Partner's Last Name (if different): First Name:
Email Address (if different):
Youth Names & DOB:
Address:
City: State: Zip: Country:
Phone: Alt Number:

Check if you want to opt out of email sharing. Email addresses shared only with the NEC for upcoming convention information

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Pre-Registration Prices, Youth born after June 27, 2009, Credit Card Processing Fee, Sub Total, and Total Due.

Cash Received \$ Check # (Payable to 75NSDC) Zelle
Credit Card Type: Credit Card #:
Expiration Date: Security Code: Name of Cardholder:
Statement Mailing Address (if different):
Authorized Card Signature:

If Registering by Mail: 75NSDC 9597 Jones Rd Ste #122 Houston, TX 77065
Or Email to: register.75nsdc@gmail.com

PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply
Dancers: SSD Only, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Handicapable, SOLO
Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging. Education Presenter Topic:
Arrive Early or Stay Late # Days? Stay at Convention Hotels, RV Camping or
Other Accommodations?
Group Name: Do you need Block Rooms, Meeting Rooms or Storage Space:
Room Blocks Expire September 15, 2025

\$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2026. This form and registration rate is void after March 22, 2025. Registration Long Forms will be mailed in January, 2025 for selection of hotel or RV park and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on March 22, 2025.

Convention Badges Required for Entrance to all Convention Activities; Dressy Casual Attire allowed until 6:00 pm. Proper Dance Attire is Requested After 6:00 pm for all Dancers.

(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: Date:
Registration Location: Receipt Sent: Date Sent:

WE'RE GOING TO TEXAS Y'ALL!

Hotel reservations may be made AFTER March 22, 2025!
Room blocks expire after September 15, 2025



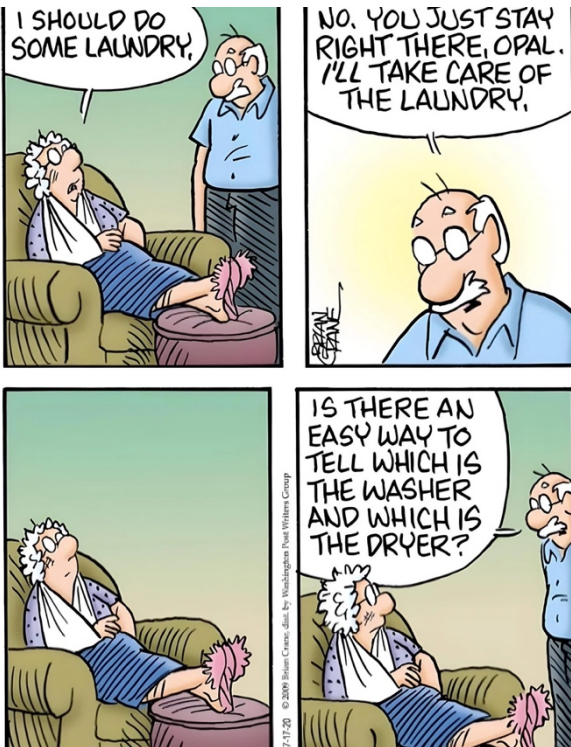
### ASRDA Website/Facebook Statistics



#### ASRDA Website:

From Jan. 27, 2024 through February 25, 2024, [www.asrda.org](http://www.asrda.org) has had 640 Visits on Home Page (an increase of 32 from Jan. 2024), 263 have viewed Upcoming Events (an increase of 37 views). 82 people have looked at Classes. Please let new dancers know about our website and our newsletter. They can SUBSCRIBE at the bottom of the newsletter page on the Website or [www.asrda.org/newsletter](http://www.asrda.org/newsletter).

**Facebook Followers** have increased to 778 (an increase of 79 (including 2 new followers) with 2,100 page views. Did you know that we have followers internationally including Germany, India, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Canada, Brazil, Philippines, and Nigeria? Thanks for **CONTRIBUTING, SHARING and LIKING** the ASRDA Facebook page.



"Here's your three-piece chicken combo, sir."

## Website Works



New Dancer Info Home Classes Events Gallery Clubs Newsletters Who's Who  
Resources About Links Contact HELP!

*The articles in past ASRDA Newsletters have assisted our readers in using the ASRDA website.*

- September** - Upcoming Events, Social Secretary's List and Classes were highlighted. If you want to add new dances to your *personal* calendar, please see *Upcoming Events*. The flyers for each dance are posted there.
- October** – How to use the Home page [www.asrda.org](http://www.asrda.org)
- November** – *New Dancer Information*. Encourage your new graduates to learn more about the culture of square dancing and information they might need to know as they advance through the Mainstream Program
- December** – Discussion of *ASRDA Resources and Policies such as: ASRDA Constitution & Bylaws; a list of Callers, Cuers & Line Leaders; Relationships between ASRDA Clubs, ASRDA, & TFSRD; Publicity Reimbursement; Teen Scholarship Program; and Policies on Firearms, Photography, Inappropriate Behavior and Covid Protocol.*
- January** – *Links* – Ways to access information from:
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