



Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association November 2016

Hello Dancers,



President's Message: *Maye Wegner*

Solos are good partners for square dancing!

For too many years the solo dancer was not welcomed in many square dance activities. Some clubs were designated as couples only clubs and had no qualms about turning away single dancers. This led to organizations such as HASSDA being formed.

As our activity began to age and shrink, some interesting things occurred. First clubs found that solo dancer's money was just as good as couple's money. They learned that solo dancers were good and loyal club members. Solo dancers, like couples, were willing to hold office; bring snacks; and pitch in to decorate and clean up.

In many cases solo dancers now hold offices in regional and state square dance organizations. Solo dance events around the US and the world attest to our numbers and value. Our own HASSDA provides an annual festival that rivals many state dance conventions.

So much for history, where am I going with this??? I suppose what would please me most is for the solo dancers to have a little more respect regarding input at National and State events. Often we are relegated to a meet up place in the back corner of the hall. Ever notice the good dancers like to dance in the front of the hall? Solos are some of the best dancers, many dance either position equally well.

Solo dancers are attracted by the same thing as couple dancers; the rhythmic patterns and puzzles presented by the caller inspire us to meet on the floor and succeed together.

The bottom line is simply clubs that do not value solos are missing out. Organizations that do not include solos in their planning are neglecting a valuable asset to the square dance world. By including solos in decisions regarding programming, hall assignments, and selection of callers you will enrich the quality of your event and make it more dancer friendly!

Thankful for the input of the solo dancers.
Maye



Vice-President's Message: *Kelly Bockover*

Hello dancing friends.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 2017 Spring Festival in Claremore, OK. Please be sure to pre-register and spread the word. Remember, the bigger the festival, the bigger the fun!!!

The **Website** for HASSDA is: www.HASSDA.WeSquareDance.com Festival information, newsletters, pictures thru 2016, etc., lots of information.

Yellow Rocks to all.
Kelly



Newsletter Editor: Louise Coleman

Wow, 2016 is nearly over, Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching! The Christmas movies are on the Hallmark channel already and it's only Halloween eve! That is rushing the season a bit for me, as if time doesn't go fast enough!!

It has been a wonderful year for square dancing and a very busy one here in the Kansas City area where I live. We had our annual HASSDA Festival about 4 miles from my home for the second year! Then to Des Moines, IA for the National which was about a 4 hour drive. What a great National convention that was. Last weekend on Oct. 21, 22 & 23, N W District of Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc. hosted the annual MO State dance in Independence, MO. What a great weekend. I was chairman of the Fashion Show this year and am proud to say I think it was a very good show. We had people from all 7 Districts of the Missouri Federation and the Heart of America Federation represented in the show plus some of Kansas City's youngest and newest square dancers as well as some very special little ones accompanied by proud Grandparents!

I am looking forward to going to Claremore, OK for the next HASSDA Festival, if you haven't registered yet, please consider doing so. We have a great weekend lined up for you as always! There will be a trail in dance on Thursday evening, April 27th at 7:00 pm with Jeff Holley & Sonja Savell-Jones, and a trail out dance on Sunday morning with Scott Bennett & Sonya Savell-Jones 9:30 to 11:30 am. Admission for these sessions will be payable at the door.

Wishing all a Happy & Thankful Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas season. Let us not forget, Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Hugs to all,
Louise--HASSDA Editor & West MO Coordinator



Secretary: Vicky Zeller

It is such fun working with all the board members, can hardly wait for the 2017 festival! See you in a square soon. **HAPPY HOLLIDAYS!**

Vicky



Treasurer: Dee Proctor

Summer is gone and the holidays are fast approaching. With that thought in mind, the holidays are a great time to remind everyone about our gift cards that are available. If you are looking for a special gift for that special person in your life, why not surprise them with a gift of a Square Dance Weekend at a HASSDA Festival. How about a birthday gift?? Anniversary gift?? Or just to make sure that favorite partner is there to dance with. This year we are in a new town, new state, with a lot of new adventures awaiting you.

As treasurer of HASSDA, I try to encourage all dancers to register early. This gives the board a better idea of the number of dancers, so we can plan more special things to entertain you. It also always helps us with all the hidden costs of hosting a festival.

So please put those dates on your calendar, and start making plans to come dance with us.

Dee Proctor--Oklahoma Coordinator & HASSDA Treasurer



Historian: Carol Hershey

Articles you say. Seems lately I just want to play. We have all been bombarded with articles, phone calls, mailers, you name it, we have gotten it THIS year and by the time you read this article it will all be over for another 4 years.

Fun did come my way this year, some major dances I attended were HASSDA, Kansas State Festival,

Nationals in Des Moines, our Northwest District Dance here in Missouri and the Missouri State Dance. 3 of the 5 I was involved in helping put things together, so I guess I would naturally think they were good dances.

My family and I also went on a 10-day cruise to Alaska, my fourth time up there. This is a state I can't seem to get enough of, don't get me started on Alaska as you will have a hard time getting away from me.

We did have a sad time also, my husband's Aunt passed away in August. It seems as we get older we lose many of those we love.

Now in saying all this where am I going..... attitude. Life deals us many types events, some extremely good and some extremely bad. What do we do with them? How our lives are lived is in our attitude. I love this writing by Charles Swindoll. Remember, someone else can't experience your fun, you must do it yourself.

ATTITUDE

By Charles Swindoll

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our ATTITUDES.”

See you in a square! Carol

Audit Report:

The Books of the Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association were audited on September 10, 2016 for the 2015 calendar year by Marilyn Berg. HASSDA financial information was provided by Treasurer, Dee Proctor. The audit was held in Norman, Oklahoma.

The books of the HASSDA organization were found to be in good order. There were a few missing receipts. I recommend that receipts of expenditures be forwarded to the treasurer in a timely manner.

Another suggestion is to itemize all newsletter expenses. The organization spends much money on printing and postage costs for the newsletter. This amount needs to be presented to the membership. Perhaps members will be more willing to provide an email address if they know how much of the organization's money is spent on the newsletter.

Another suggestion is to evaluate where the organization advertises and how effective these advertisements are. Are we getting new festival attendees from these ads?

I suggest that a reconciliation to the bank statement be provided with the financial statement. This would include a beginning bank balance, checks paid, deposits made and the ending bank balance. (Petty cash and bank fees could be added as needed). The final total should match with the financial statement. This will show that the organizations financial records balance with the bank. I have provided Dee Proctor with an updated form.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Berg

Submitted by: Bill Adcock, [314-517-7555](tel:314-517-7555), East MO Area Coordinator

Missing the Missouri State Square Dance Festival was a big disappoint for me. Thanks to Facebook I had the pleasure of watching the “Grand Parade” of many dancers, filling the room, ready for a big evening of dancing.

The clubs in the St Louis area are enjoying a successful end to a year of square dancing and have lessons progressing nicely to assure new dancers for the coming years. An exciting change that's happening, is the introduction of classes graduating after completing 50 calls, in about 90 days, thus offering the new dancers the opportunity to go dancing and have fun much sooner than if they were required to complete the traditional 87 calls before graduating. As you would

expect clubs in the area are inviting dancers to dance with them at the 50 calls level of fun.

The thinking is, this format will decrease the percent of students /new dancers that drop out before they have a chance to attend a dance and discover the fun of square dancing.

Be sure to mark the HASSDA Festival, Claremore Oklahoma April 28-29, 2017 on your calendar. For more information see www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com

We are pleased to host impersonator Andy Hogan as WILL ROGERS. An educator for over thirty years, Mr. Hogan presents a lively interpretation of the wit and wisdom of one of Oklahoma's favorite sons, Will Rogers. He is currently a historical guide at the Will Rogers Memorial Museums in Claremore. His performances in the Museum's galleries have been praised along with his programs in many Oklahoma schools.

Also the Will Rogers Memorial Museum is open daily from 10-5

Admission Prices

Adults - \$7.00

Seniors 62+ - \$5.00

Military with ID - \$5.00

Children 6-17 - \$3

Children 5 and under – FREE

2017 SPRING FESTIVAL UPDATES

- 1. Reservations can now be made** at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites host hotel. You can call them directly at 918-283-4877 and be sure to mention that you want the HASSDA Festival pricing. They will only have a limited number of rooms for us so you might want to go ahead and book now. However, if they are sold out of our rooms, they have offered to assist in finding rooms for our dancers at area motel/hotels.
- 2. March 1st, 2017** is the final day for pre-registration. Please be sure to get registered before then (mail in registration must be post-marked no later than this date). Not only does this help us in planning and up-front expenses, it is also a great way for you to save \$10.00 on registration.
- 3. April 27th, 2017** don't forget the Thursday night Trail-In dance with caller **Jeff Holley** and cuer **Sonya Savell-Jones**. The dance will start with mixers from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm with dance to follow until 10:00 pm. This will be one great dance and a really fun way to get the weekend started.
- 4. AFTER PARTIES!!!** We have Will Rogers impersonator Andy Hogan for you to enjoy on Friday night and ice cream sundaes and casual visiting on Saturday night. Let us hear from you. Did you like the Meet and Greet on Thursday evening? Do you want to do it again in Claremore?
- 5. April 30th, 2017 ADDITIONAL TRAIL-OUT DANCE this year.** Finish out your weekend by dancing Sunday morning with caller **Scott Bennett** and cuer **Sonya Savell-Jones**. The dance will be from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

PS: **FYI** There are two Brahm's Ice Cream stores in Claremore!!

RV AND CAMPERS

You can "dry" camp at the Holiday Inn Convention Center parking lot. Or if you would prefer "hook-ups" there is a great RV park about a mile from the convention center. Information can be found on www.VisitClaremore.com or by calling 918-342-5357 and following the prompts for RV Park.

Costs are \$32 for full hook-up 30 amp - \$37 for full hook-up 50 amp - \$17 for electric hook-up only / per night

Central Iowa Federation

President: Jo Saffell

There will be a 2017 Iowa State Square Dance Convention in Ottumwa, April 7-8. They are taking registrations now. Watch for flyers for other conventions and festivals. www.iowasquaredance.org

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OUT AND ABOUT

Single's Annual Christmas Dance (Sponsored by Metro Singles & Single Squares)

W/Featured callers: Danny Payne & Jeff Holley & Featured Cuers: Sonya Savell-Jones & Jim Couey

Dec 9, 2016

Westside Lions Hall

Oklahoma City, OK

For more information view website www.cdsda.com

38th HASSDA Festival

W/Featured callers: Scott Bennett, Jeff Holley and Noah Siegmann & Featured cuer: Sonya Savell-Jones

April 28, 29, 2017

Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center

Claremore, OK

For more information view website www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com

66th National Square Dance Convention - "Do the Queen City Scene in 2017"

June 21, 22, 23, 24, 2017

Duke Energy Convention Center

Cincinnati, OH

For more information view website www.66nsdc.com

67th National Square Dance Convention - "Show Me Dance"

June 27, 28, 29, 30, 2018

Kansas City Convention Center

Kansas City, MO

For more information view website www.67nsdc.com

20th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention 2018 – London, Ontario, Canada

July 19, 20, 21, 2018

For more information view website www.squaredance.ca/2018 or e-mail Austin & Avril Hayward, Public Chair Couple at: convention2018@squaredance.ca

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIST A **SPECIAL DANCE** THAT YOU'RE SINGLES DANCE CLUB IS HOSTING/SPONSORING, OR IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON A **STATE LEVEL DANCE OR FESTIVAL** IN ONE OF THE SIX HASSDA STATES, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LIST IT FOR YOU IN THIS SECTION. PLEASE JUST EMAIL THE BASIC INFORMATION (IN FORMAT ABOVE) WITH A NOTE TO PLEASE LIST IN THE "OUT AND ABOUT" SECTION TO OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR AT HASSDA-Newsletter@WeSquareDance.com

As Presidents of NW District of the Mo Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc, we thank all the wonderful dancers and "special solo" dancers, for attending our "2016 Live Lively Square Dance Festival" in October.

What a great time with 465 dancers present, with Deborah Carroll-Jones and our Cuers-John and Ruth, and all of our State Callers. A weekend that Fred & I will always remember. We hope HASSDA has a great dance on April 28 and 29, 2017 in Claremore, OK as well.

Fred & Carolyn Goucher
President, N W District-MO Federation

SINGLE SQUARE DANCE CLUBS IN THE HASSDA AREA

IA - 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Merry Mixers at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Website: www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html. Caller: Guest; Cuer: Jo Saffell.

IA - Every Thursday – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Solo Steppers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Website: www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Quad_Cities/OC_Solo_Steppers.html. Callers: Don and Doug Sprosty and Guest Callers. Cuer: Charlie Swanson.

IA – 2nd 4th Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Triple G Square Dance Club at Gilbert Elementary School, Gilbert, IA Website: www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_TripleG.html. Caller: Guest Caller; Cuer: Guest Cuer

KS – 2nd/4th Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Lone Wranglers at Riley County Senior Center, 412 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS. Rounds 7:30 pm Square Dancing 8:00 pm. [Facebook](#), Caller Guest Callers. Cuer Joyce Juhler.

KS – 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Swingin' Singles at Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Dr, Shawnee KS. Casual attire. Pre-Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 Lines/Rounds between tips. 7:30 – 9:45 pm. Caller Jay Krebs. Cuer Pam Young. Website: www.Singles.WeSquareDance.com

KS – One Friday a month – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Shawnee Swingers at Croco Hall, 6115 SE Hwy 40, Tecumseh KS (just east of Topeka). Caller Guest Callers. Cuer Lalla Steenbock. 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Website: www.Shawnee.WeSquareDance.com or call Sharon Kay Jones-Ray at (785) 286-0554

KS – 2nd/4th Sundays – Mainstream Dance Sponsored by Circle 8 Square Dance Club, Chisholm Middle School, Newton, KS, Caller: Guest Caller; Cuer: Guest Cuer. Pre-rounds 7:00 pm; Squares 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Website www.Circle8SquareDance.com or call Bob or Sandy McVey at (620) 983-2929 email – SandyMcVey@hotmail.com

KS – 2nd/4th Fridays - Mainstream Dance Sponsored by Good Time Squares Dawson United Methodist Church Wichita, Ks Caller: Guest Callers; Cuer: Joe Dawley. Contact Marcie Myers 316.990.4549

KS – 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday Mainstream Dance with plus tips Sponsored by Wichita Solo's Square Dance Club, Wichita, KS, dances at 7:00 p.m. Southwest Presbyterian Church, 1511 West 27th St. South, Wichita. Guest callers, rounds by Frank Morrell

KS – Every Tuesday – Mainstream Workshop Sponsored by Good Time Squares at Dawson United Methodist Church Wichita, Ks Caller -- David Myers, Barbara Whitehead Cuer – Joe Dawley .Contact Marcie Myers 316.990.4549

MO – 2nd Tuesdays – IAGSDC Dance (Plus and A-2). Sponsored by Gateway Squares, IAGSDC club, at St Louis Acitivity Center, 5602 Arsenal St, St Louis MO. Casual attire. No rounds. 7:15 – 9:00 pm. Singles, same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples all welcome. Callers: Aaron Wells & Guest Callers. Website: www.Gateway.SquareDanceMissouri.com

MO – 1st/3rd Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Continuous Dancing. Sponsored by St. Joe Squares at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 3524 St. Joseph Avenue, St. Joseph, MO. Casual attire. Chris Wildhagen Caller. 7:30 – 10:00 pm Contact: Bill and Marilyn Robinson (816) 233-9096. Website www.St.Joe.WeSquareDance.com

MO – Alternating Saturdays – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by Singles and Doubles at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Caller: Guest Callers; Cuers: Gene and Del McGinty. Check Website: www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636.225.5378

NE – 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Single Wheelers Squares at Pufahl's Barn in Norfolk, NE during summer months (Norfolk Jr High School on Aug 30. 8:00 – 10:30 pm. Website: www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Gerry and Janet Mansfield 402.565.4247

NE – Alternating Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Heartland Singles Square Dance Club at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website: www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402.734.4761.

NE – Alternating Fridays (Sept thru May) – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Belles N Beaus at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4117 Terrace Dr., Omaha, NE. 8:00 - 10:30pm. Website: www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/belles. Call Jim & Cathy Bellinger 402.393.4194 or 402.639.9228.

NE – Alternating Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Amazing 8's at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. 8:00 - 10:30pm. call Bob Welshinger at 402-339-5405.

NE – 2nd Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Pressey Promenaders at Veterans Memorial Building, 416 S. 1st Ave., Broken Bow NE. Callers: Guest callers. 7:30 - 10:00 pm. Website: www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/pressey or call Jo Stottlemire [E-Mail](mailto:).

OK – 1st/3rd Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Single Squares at Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City, OK. Rounds 7pm, Workshop 7:30pm and Grand March 8pm. Callers Jeff and Niecy Holley. Cuers Jim & Georgianne Couey. Website www.cdsda.com

OK – 2nd/4th Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Metro Singles of OKC at Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City OK. Pre-Rounds 7:00 pm and square dancing starts 7:30 pm. 3rd and 6th tips are Plus and Advanced will be called after regular dancing ends. Caller: Danny Payne. Cuer: Sonja Savell Jones. Website www.SquareDancing.com/metrokc

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“K C at Bat”



38th HASSDA FESTIVAL

April 28-29, 2017

Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center
1400 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA 74017



SCOTT BENNETT



JEFF HOLLEY



NOAH SIEGMANN



SONJA SAVELL-JONES

TRAIL-IN DANCE with **JEFF HOLLEY**, Caller and **Sonya Savell-Jones**, Cuer

Thursday Evening - April 27, 2017 - 7:00 TO 10:00 PM (MIXERS 7-8 PM)

TRAIL-OUT DANCE with **SCOTT BENNETT**, Caller and **Sonya Savell-Jones**, Cuer

Sunday Morning - April 30, 2017 - 9:30 TO 11:30 AM

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS CONFERENCE CENTER

Admission payable at the door

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Individual registration - please check appropriate blanks:

_____ Friday & Saturday All Events Prior to April 1, 2017	\$35.00
_____ Friday & Saturday All Events payable at the door	\$45.00
_____ One Day/Night includes After Party	\$25.00
_____ Individual Square/Round Dance Sessions	\$15.00
Total individual registration fees enclosed	\$ _____

Dance registration provides a complimentary membership to HASSDA from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

(Please include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.)

Make Checks Payable to: HASSDA Festival 2017
685 Newman Road
Havensville, KS 66432

Festival Contact: Maye Wegner ~785-806-8314 or HASSDA-Festival@WeSquareDance.com

Square dance attire admired, not required!

Cancellation Policy:

- Full Refund will be given if cancellation notice is received prior to March 1, 2017.
- One-half Refund will be given for cancellation between March 2 and April 20, 2017.
- No Refund will be given for cancellation after April 20, 2017.

All requests for cancellation must be in writing or e-mail to HASSDA Festival Contact.

New Member Renewal Single Married

www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com

HASSDA is a Singles' organization, only single members may vote in the meetings of the organization or hold office; however, we allow and encourage membership from married persons to support our goal of promoting and stimulating interest in Square Dancing.

NOTE: If you would like a roommate for the Festival, contact our roommate locator, Maye Wegner. Her contact information is listed above in the Officer Section. She may be sending out emails or doing face book posts to help in finding roommates for those that want to share expenses at the HASSDA festival.

SEE MORE
DO MORE
DANCE MORE

HOST HOTEL

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1400 W. Country Club Drive
Claremore, OK 74017
918-283-4877

IN
CLAREMORE!

**Must contact the Hotel directly to receive the HASSDA Festival pricing:
\$89 single king or double queen / \$99 Suites**

Claremore Attractions

J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum

Website: <http://www.thegunmuseum.com> **Phone:** 918-341-5707

Address: 333 N. Lynn Riggs Blvd., Claremore, OK

The museum contains the world's largest collection of guns with over 14,000 on display. It is also the home to a large collection of John Rogers' statuary, a stein collection, swords, saddles, Indian artifacts, World War I posters, and antique musical instruments. The collection features over 50,000 artifacts on display, was originally located in the historic Mason Hotel, and now belongs to the State of Oklahoma. Before Mr. Davis died, he stipulated that his collection must remain in his beloved city of Claremore. The museum is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Sundays, April-October.

Will Rogers Memorial Museums

Website: <http://www.willrogers.com> **Phone:** 918-341-0719 800-324-9455

Address: 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, OK

Will Rogers Memorial Museum

The 25,000-square-foot Will Rogers Memorial Museum is located on a beautiful 20-acre campus in Claremore and features eleven galleries of memorabilia and artifacts, a children's museum, theaters and television kiosks, interactive displays, and fine art dedicated to the life of the famed American humorist, Will Rogers, one of the country's most multi-talented and historically significant public figures. He and members of his family are interred on the grounds.

Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch

9501 E. 380 Rd., Oologah
918-275-4201

The birthplace home of Will Rogers overlooks Lake Oologah three miles northeast of the town of Oologah. The scenic living history ranch includes the house in which Will Rogers was born in 1879. The ranch has indoor and outdoor exhibits, RV hook-ups, and picnic facilities.

Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for Seniors and Military, kids 17 & under free; open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Claremore museum features a large gift shop of Will Rogers and Route 66 souvenirs, books, and mementos.

Historic Downtown Claremore

Website: <http://www.downtownclaremore.org> **Phone:** 918-341-5881

More than 250 antique dealers are represented in three blocks and are becoming a shopper's paradise!

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Claremore Museum of History

Website: <http://www.rchs1.org> **Phone:** 918-342-1127

Address: 121 N. Weenonah, Claremore, OK

Rollie Lynn Riggs was born in 1899, three miles southwest of Claremore in Indian Territory. He became an internationally famous author and playwright of Green Grow the Lilacs, from which the musical Oklahoma! was adapted by Rodgers & Hammerstein. The play, set in 1900 in Claremore, is a vibrantly descriptive and colorful tale of life in Indian Territory. Many of the characters were based upon Riggs' own family and close friends from the Claremore area. The Lynn Riggs Memorial, located inside the Claremore Museum of History, houses the original surrey with the fringe on top from the movie, Oklahoma!

Museum open on Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm.



Andy Hogan

Will Rogers Memorial Museum Historical Guide and Will Rogers Interpreter

Life has changed for Andy Hogan, an educator more than 30 years. Since retiring as an elementary school principal, he says his interests are long distance running, bow hunting and anything to do with Will Rogers.

He relates personally to the man he touts in his duties at the Claremore Will Rogers Museum. Since 2004 he has been the Museum's historical guide and Will Rogers' interpreter, especially involved with bus tours and school groups.

He wears his Will Rogers hat and with rope in hand leads tours through the Museum's nine galleries filled with art, artifacts and memorabilia relating to the life and times of the American legend born in Oologah, Indian Territory.

Hogan has acquainted himself with the chatty ways of Will Rogers and with a long history in the classroom relates to children as well as adults.

An Oklahoma native born on Tulsa's east side, he lived on Route 66 where "everything that went through the world went in front of our house." He graduated from East Central High School in Tulsa, and then earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

Hogan's first teaching assignment was junior high English at Sand Springs. He went from there to Barnsdall, then a dependent district (now Osage Academy Central) where he was a teacher, principal, bus driver and coach. He came to Claremore in 1975 as Claremont Elementary School principal – a post he held for 21 years.

After retiring Hogan helped open the Claremore Recreation Center in 1999 and worked there until joining the museum staff. He officiated football and basketball more than 40 years until retiring in 2007.

He was inducted into the Greater Tulsa Officials Association Hall of Fame.

He and his wife, Jan have four children and nine grandchildren.

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