

Mike and Myrna Perkins

Mike and Myrna began square dancing in 1961 before marriage and kids, taking lessons from “Toots” Richardson.

They took lessons again in 1967 but moved away.

They took lessons a third time in 1995 again with “Toots” Richardson. They say that’s when they may have finally learned how to dance.

They joined Hub City Squares in Clinton, OK. They have held every office for that club, serving as president 5 times.

In Southwest District, they have served as President in 2002, 2011, & 2014. They were District Newsletter Editor for 6 years. They served as Travel Chairman and Education Chairman for 2 years each. They won the top travel award in Southwest District in 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, & 2015. They have been top ticket sellers for their district 7 times.

State offices held: 2011 – 2014 Sashay Newsletter Editor, President 2007 & 2017, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President 2005, 2010, & 2016. In 2010 while 2nd Vice President they set the record for the highest total tickets ever sold, 121,626 on a 1957 Chevy. They have also served the state federation as Treasurer, Accountant, and Assistant Ticket Chairman. They served as Program Book Chairman in 2015.

They are members of the OSDF Past Presidents organization and have served as treasurer two times.

They have been the second highest ticket sellers for the state in 2003 and 2007. They received the Visit Nine gold bar in 2012.

They served as Director of Special Events for the 52nd National Square Dance Convention in 2003 and as Program Book Chairman for 62nd National Square Dance Convention in 2013. They modeled in the 58th National Square Dance Convention Fashion show in Long Beach, California and the 59th National Square Dance Convention Fashion show in Wichita, Kansas. In total they have attended 9 National Conventions.

They were the founders of the Route 66 Square Dance Jamboree and President and event chairman 2000 – 2017. They have served as President of the Route 66 Square Dance Club since its beginning in 2012.

Mike is a lifetime member of Kiwanis, a 50-year Legion of Honor recipient, and a George F. Hixson Fellow recipient. He has also directed and performed in several community theatre productions and was inducted into the Oklahoma Community Theatre Hall of Fame in 1999. He is retired from the consumer finance industry, banking and insurance and real estate. He collects Corvettes and owns the Route 66 Corvette Museum. He was founder and secretary/treasurer of the Western Oklahoma Corvette Club from 2008 – 2016.

Myrna retired as a church secretary and has Myrna's wedding and Party Cakes and Toots Engraving and Gifts. She has lived on Route 66 her entire life in Clinton, Oklahoma and has traveled from Illinois to California on Route 66 in a Corvette. She has visited the National Corvette Museum and the Bowling Green, Kentucky Corvette Assembly plant. She has done the Polar Plunge on New Year's Day in Cayucus, California and rode in a hot air balloon twice. She has also rode a zip line in

California and visited Elvis' Graceland estate. Her hobbies are reading, cruising, and square dancing.

They have a daughter, Mona Perkins, in San Luis Obispo, California who is a licensed Counselor and Family Therapist.

They have a son, Michael, and interior designer in Dallas, Texas with Perkins Design Group. They have a daughter in law, Tonya and two grandchildren, Riley and Michaela. Riley is a Freshman at Temple University in Tokyo, Japan studying Japanese.