



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 4, 2015

It was a busy week of visiting for many of our members as they danced with the Rebel Rousers on New Year's Eve and traveled on Friday and Saturday to the Kissin' Kuzzins, the Solitaires, and to Waco for the Winter Festival where they danced to the wonderful calling and cueing of some of the best in the business. See all the reports in Events from the Past Week below.

This coming **Friday night**, we have our regular **2nd Friday dance** for the first time since October. We're betting Wayne will have a great workshop for you starting at 7:00PM We'll see you there. There are also a couple of dancing opportunities with the Dixie Chainers scheduled for Tuesday and Saturday nights. The **Tuesday dance** is a **free new dancer dance**. Check the details in Coming Events below.

Our Anniversary Dance is only nineteen days away, on January 23. Make sure you have it on your schedule and that you are signed up to help! Anne and Russ NejdI will have the signup sheets at this Friday's dance.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 6 – Dixie Chainers **free** new dancers dance; see details in Coming Events below.

Friday, January 9 – Swinging Stars club dance.

Saturday, January 10 – Visit to Dixie Chainers; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Registration for Jive (round dance) lessons is now open for Plano residents. Nonresidents can register beginning tomorrow. **Classes begin January 20** in "our room" at Carpenter Rec Center and will be taught by JL and Linda Pelton. Start time is 7:15PM, and lessons will continue on Tuesday nights through March 10. Our website (swingingstars.org) has instructions for registering and a link to the Plano Parks and Rec web page for online registration. The class name is CHOREOGRAPHED BALLROOM JIVE (BEG)-NEW and the class number is 163128.

Several current round dancers have expressed interest in this class, so sign up early to be sure you get your space.

Anniversary Dance (from Anne and Russ NejdI, Anniversary Dance chairmen)

In less than 3 weeks, we will be at the best party of year – our Disco Anniversary Dance. I have been calling club members to fill open jobs and to get more volunteers to bring either 10 baked potatoes or dessert to feed 24. I will continue to make calls this week until all the slots are filled. It does take a village to have a

successful anniversary dance. I appreciate all the hard work everyone is doing to help in this endeavor. I will bring the sign-up sheets to this Friday's dance for you to confirm your job and food item.

Do you have any Swinging Stars supplies (cups, plates, etc/decorations) at your home? If so, please contact George and Mary Loxsom (972-292-9862 or gloxsom@yahoo.com) so that we can consolidate supplies and get a full inventory.

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, January 7, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry calling squares at the Webbs Chapel United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch (7:30 pm dance).

Our current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home another one.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	13-Dec-14
Decatur 8ers	4-Oct-14
Diamond Jubileers	13-Sep-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Oct-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Rebel Rousers	20-Dec-14
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	19-Dec-14
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

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*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Wednesday, December 31st

Eight couples visited the Rebel Rousers New Years Eve Dance Wednesday evening. Mike Bramelett was calling and Christine Hixson was on rounds. Swinging Stars attending were: Barbers, Bursons, Duncans, Esteps, Evantos, Holley/Schweers, Lassiters and Pizalis. Thanks to Bob Estep for this report.

Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, January 2nd

Nine Swinging Stars visited the Kissin' Kuzzins "A New Beginning" new dancer dance on Friday night. We enjoyed great calling and cueing from Wayne Baldwin and JL Pelton and met lots of new square dancers. Swinging Stars attending were the Duncans, Hamms, Harrises, Lees, and C. Wolfe.

Of Interest, Solitaires, Saturday, January 3rd

Ten of our members visited the Solitaires Winter Wonderland dance Saturday night. Round dancers enjoyed an excellent program of rounds cued by JL Pelton. Bobby Willis handled the squares in his always entertaining fashion and included several Caribbean songs, practicing for his upcoming square dance cruise. Swinging Stars at the dance were the Bullocks, Esteps, Hamms, Lees, and Schweers/Holley.

Waco Winter Festival, Friday - Saturday, January 2nd - 3rd

Twenty (20) Swinging Stars visited Rythm Record's "Winter Festival" in Waco, TX Friday and Saturday. Round dancers reveled to the great cueing of the Prows while square dancers were entertained to the fullest by the unbelievable combination of Ken Bower, Wade Driver, Dee Dee Dougherty, Marshall Flippo, Mike Seastrom, and Gary Shoemake. Durng the day and a half of almost non-stop dancing, both round and square dancers could choose between select workshops to sharpen their skills. Further, square dancers were able to test their prowess at special sessions of "high energy" squares and DBD Plus tips. And, not forgotten, advanced (A1+) square dancers also took advantage of a few sets of tips called just for them. Finally, Saturday evening concluded with a hilarious set of skits accompanied by plentiful offerings of pizza. All attendees enjoyed a very memorable event. Swinging Stars there included Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Evantos, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Kerns, Perrotts, Pharrs, and Trujillo. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Tuesday, January 6th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis, Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 6:00PM / grand march – 7:00PM
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: Free New Dancer Dance

Swinging Stars, Friday, January 9th

Location: Shepard Elementary (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM/ grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Notes: Club dance

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, January 10th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis, Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Refreshments Duty and Information

January 9	Whipple , Bullock, DeLuke, Stuart
January 23	Club Anniversary Dance - All Members Help
February 13	Estep , Dennison, Sobotka, Feldman
February 27	Harris , Lassiter, Reid, Row
March 13	Loven , Gifford, Jimison, Hardin/Smith
March 27	Trujillo , Lewis, Loxsom, Hamm

If you need to change your scheduled date, please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you. Notify Jeff and Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email jwstuart@flash.net of the names/dates to change.

The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance at 6:45 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 6:45 pm
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier)
- If you take home a refreshment bag, check that it has all the items listed on the Florescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule

- Please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: jwstuart@flash.net the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments and pick up the Four Bags. If unable to do so be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact George and Mary Loxsom at 972-312-8513 or 1stVP@swingingstars.org for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

SWINGING STARS

40TH ANNIVERSARY

DISCO DANCIN'

With the Stars

Born In The Disco Age And Celebrating Our Disco Roots

Friday, January 23, 2015

LOVE IS STILL IN THE AIR

AT THE

Swinging Stars

February 27TH

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds: 7:00

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Grand March: 8:00



Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – Jive round dance lessons start

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary Dance

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – Dave and Lorraine Burson's 50th Anniversary Dance – everyone is invited

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53rd Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

October 30 – November 1, 2015 – NORTEX Callers Cavalcade and Round-Up

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at debbie@piziali.dv.org or phone her at 214-552-9802. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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