



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for January 10, 2016*

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**From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:**

We would like everyone to mark your calendar so you can attend the President's Day dance with the Dixie Chainers, so we can get in FREE!

All of you who went to Waco this past weekend, did you remember to vote for Wayne and Walter? This is the last day. Details to come later on in the newsletter.

There is a lot of information in this edition of the newsletter. We encourage you to read the whole thing so you won't miss any of it. ☺

Doug and Jan

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### **Happening This Week**

Tuesday, January 12 – Round Dance Lessons begin at 7:15PM to 9:15PM at the Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano.

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Friday, January 15 – Official Visit to T Square Gadabouts – Rick Smith's Retirement Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 8:00PM, at the Swingtime Center.

Saturday, January 16 – Of Interest Visit to Rebel Rousers – Rock Around the Clock Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Workshop: 7:30PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Swingtime Center.

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### **Announcements**

#### **Round Dance Lessons**

Please sign up ASAP for this class if you want to join us for Rumba and Cha Cha. The Rumba/Cha Cha Beginning class is # 174456 (Adult section in dance). This class has the opposite problem. We may not have room for everyone that wants to take it. So don't wait to sign up and then have the class too full. Telephone to register at Carpenter Rec Center is 972-208-8087.

## Square Dance Lessons

### Lessons Start – Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>

“The Lesson Committee” is working every day to ensure our leads are contacted and nurtured along. If you have someone in mind (and haven’t submitted their names), bring them on January 12<sup>th</sup> for the first two free lessons. We want/need a successful set of lessons in January to perpetuate our favorite club activity. Each of you need to help with the effort. It can’t be done without your support. See you there!

**It’s not too late!** Wear your t-shirt, strike up conversations with people who serve you (bank teller, grocery store worker, doctor, and dentist are some I’ve talked to the last couple of weeks) and invite them to our introductory square dance on Friday, January 8, from 7:00 – 8:00. From there, they will naturally want to take lessons!

### NTCA Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year Ballot

This is the last day to get your vote in!!! The ballot that is in the Promenade is inaccurate. Everyone should have received an email about this vote with a ballot attached. You may vote for as many callers and or cuers as you wish, but you may only vote once per caller/cuer. And this year the voting is FREE as is the dance on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Swingtime Center. We want to be unified in what we vote for so our favorite caller and cuer have the best chance of winning. May we suggest you vote for “You’ll Never Find” for Singing Call by Wayne (he does such a good job on that Lou Rawls song) and “Little by Little” jive for the cueing song by Walter (which happens to be his favorite as well as ours).

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## SEP 2016 Germany/Austria Square Dance Tour

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If you like to travel and to square dance, you don't want to miss this tour. The featured callers are Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine! Yes, it costs \$5570 per person but you get a whole lot for that money, including:

- round trip air (with hotel transfers)
  - 2 weeks (13-27 September 2016) of hotel
  - virtually all meals
  - exciting daily tours in Germany & Austria
- (see long itinerary <http://crisptours.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Intinerary-SD-Long-2016-NEW2.pdf>)
- evening square dancing (almost all featuring Jerry & Tony).

Although there is still room on the second tour bus, the organizers are confident it will sell out (as it's done with previous tours). You have until 01 FEB 2016 to make a \$250 deposit per person (all but \$50 of which is refundable by that date). As your main portal to a wealth of info on this tour, visit <http://crisptours.com/2016-square-dance-tour/>.

We (Jim & Knarik Bondi) have reserved our spot and are beginning to get excited about what awaits us next September. We really hope several of you will join us on this adventure. If you have questions, I'll be glad to answer them as best I can ([j.bondi@ieee.org](mailto:j.bondi@ieee.org), cell: 214-226-5922). But, also feel free to email tour organizer [Tom Crisp at tom@crisptours.com](mailto:TomCrisp@crisptours.com) for expert answers to any of your questions. I did. He responded quickly and was very helpful.

Jim & Knarik Bondi

## **Demonstration Opportunity**

February 21 is the official Sunday birthday party for the City of Frisco. We are hoping to have square dancing demos in the depot from 2 - 4 p.m., chamber music in the chapel from 2:30 -3:30, and animals on display in the muse house from 1:30 -3:30. I also have a senior from Legacy Christian who is going to play the fiddle from 1-2 p.m. in the Depot. Please contact me if you are interested. It's going to be at the Frisco Heritage Museum located at 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX. The best part is the dance is FREE. Yours Truly will be calling.

Richard Covington (richard.covington@sbcglobal.net)

## **Anniversary Dance Info from Nina**

Dear All,

As promised, this is the publication of the Dance Committee Assignments and Sign- Up Information! Please be aware there were some late volunteers who had to be reassigned to a different work committee than that requested. We had many more late emails, phone calls and text sign ups for some areas of responsibility than others. Since all "jobs" are important, we are counting on our Swinging Stars to pitch in where they are needed most. Food items were left as signed-up on the cards. All Swinging Stars are asked to bring food as well as serve shifts on one or more Committees.

Please, everyone read all the way through the various Committee Assignments. Know when you are assigned to work a particular shift, and show up ahead of time at your workstation, so your predecessors have a chance to enjoy the dance just as you will. Also, note what type of food you chose to bring.

A special word of thanks to Zari and Harry Kilejian - 4212 Lorimar Dr., Plano, 75093. They are hosting our After Party at their lovely home. Map/directions are attached and may also, be available at the dance. Reminder - All Club Members are asked to assist with clean-up before going to the After Party. Also, remember the After Party is BYOB. Kilejian's will have mixers and sodas and ice.

Each Committee Chairman is responsible for reaching out to his/her Committee Members to ensure they know when their shift begins and ends and what is expected.

SALADS - Each couple signed up below has promised to bring a total of 24 servings of salad (1 big or 2 smaller). We still need 4-5 more people bringing salad due to unforeseen cancellations and duplicate sign-ups. Please contact Nina (214-769-6032, [ninalassiter@gmail.com](mailto:ninalassiter@gmail.com)) if you are able to help?

Burson, Starrett, Mary Colter, Hamm, Nejd, Brewer, Bondi, Dennison, Harris, Halvorson, Stuart, Henneberger, Whitaker, Jungs, Jimison, Estep, Ross, Margie Loven, Feldman (1), Sobotka, Sherrells, Gifford, Deluke, Zari Kilejian, Evanto, Pelton, Baldwin, Williams, Lassiter.

DESSERT - Again each couple signed up below has promised to bring a total of 24 full servings of dessert. (Note: I am told, 2 dozen cookies in not considered 24 servings).

Perrott, Evanto, Bondi, Hawkins, Amy, Stuart, Covington, Hardin/Smith, See, Estep, Bergesen, Trujillo, McGuire, Kerns, Whitaker, Feldman (1), Ann Lee, Rose (2), Reid, Rickert

FOOD SERVICE - CHAIRMEN - Jeff and Anne Stuart

6:00 Set Up - Entire Committee (if possible) Assist in setting up and seeing all food is out to be served and tables are neat and tidy

6:45 - 7:15 - Putnam/Heintz and Feldman

7:10 - 7:45 - Perrott and Hawkins

7:40 - 8:15 - Amy and Hamm

8:10 - 8:45 - Jimison and Hamm

8:40 - 9:15 - Schweers and Pelton

9:10 - 9:45 - Feldman and Dancer

Note: Cleanup 9:30 - Entire Committee

BEVERAGE SERVICE - CHAIRMEN - Dave and Mary Colter

6:00 Set Up - Entire Committee Assist and see all beverages are replenished - attend to spills

6:45 - 7:15 - Sherell and Colter

7:10 - 7:45 - See and Rose

7:40 - 8:15 - Harris and Gifford

8:10 - 8:45 - J & Judy Ross and Joe and Marilyn Kern

Note: Clean up 9:30 - Entire Committee

DECORATIONS - CHAIRMEN - Jim and Debbie Reid

6:00 Set-up - Entire Committee Assist with making and or getting decorations and decorate hall. Remove Decorations after dance.

Karen Dennison

Doug and Jan Bergeson

Peter and Jeanne Rickert

Dan Lassiter

Donna Williams

MONEY RAFFLE - Ralph and Lucy Hamm  
Raffle.

Hamm's - Arrange to have money at the dance to

6:30 Set up - Ralph and Lucy Hamm

6:40-7:15 - Ralph and Lucy Hamm

There is an opening here for another volunteer

7:10 - 7:45 - Hamm and Pelton

7:40 - 8:15 Dennison

8:10 - 8:45 Mark and Karen Hawkins

8:40 - 9:15 Russell & Bev McGuire

9:00 - Close Raffle

HONEY POT - COMMITTEE CHARMAN - Jodi Baldwin

6:30 - Set up - Jodi

6:40 - 7:15 Jodi and Eula

7:10 - 7:45 Jodi and Eula

7:40 - 8:15 Jodi and Eula

8:10 - 8:45 Jodi

8:40 - 9:15 Jim and Katie Halvorson

9:00 - Jodi assisted by Hamm's if needed Close Honey Pot and Count Money

SET-UP and CLEAN-UP - CHAIRMEN - Dave and Lorraine Burson  
tables, chairs, etc.

Assist setting up and arranging

6:00 & 10:00 Hawkins, Lassiter, Hamm, Nejd, Bondi, and Deluke REMINDER - Entire Club Helps Clean

Bob Estep will get 20 Round Table Cloths and 15 Long Table Cloths - Check with Debbie Reid to Coordinate Color With Decorations if Needed

QUILT RAFFLE - CHAIRMAN - Ann Nejd

6:30 Set Up - Anne Nejd

6:40 - 7:15 - Mary Hardin and John Smith Peggy and Deckard Pharr

7:10-7:45 - Mary Hardin and John Smith Adam and Jean Sobotka

7:40- 8:15 - Ann and Phillip Lee

8:10-8:45 - Sally & Kenneth Henneberger

8:40 - 9:15 - Betty and Margie

9:00 Close Quilt Raffle and Count Money - Anne

GREETERS - ALL New and Out Going Officers We will discuss this at the Joint Board Meeting on Jan 24, 2016

6:30 - 7:05 Jack and Mary Ann Duncan

7:00 - 7:35 Bob and Kathy Estep, Richard and Jan Covington, Tom and Vicki Evanto

7:30 - 8:15 Dan and Nina Lassiter

EVERYONE SHOULD BE IN POSITION AFTER DANCE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING AS OUR GUESTS LEAVE.

Thank you to everyone for helping make this dance a success - Your Dance Chairpersons the Burson's and the Lassiter's.

Kindest regards,  
Nina

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**\* \* \* From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson\* \* \***  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report for January 10, 2016**

## **Weekend Dance of Interest**

**Fri-Sat Jan. 8-9/2016**

### ***Weekend Winter Fest in Waco***

14 Swinging Stars visited the Rhythm Records' "Winter Festival" in Waco, TX this weekend. This particular dance has been held annually now for about 40 years and, given the offerings this year, it's easy to see why it's been so long lived. Cuers Mark & Pam Prow treated round dancers to 2 teaches on 2-step, waltz, and rumba, and to 2 sets of early rounds before the Friday & Saturday main evening dances, and to alternating rounds between squares in the main dances. Not to be outdone, famed callers Wade Driver, Marshall Flippo, Gary Shoemake, Ken Bower, Mike Seastrom, and Dee Dee Dougherty teamed up to offer square dancers a weekend to remember. There were often 3 halls active during the day, sometimes featuring mainstream, sometimes plus, sometimes high-energy and/or DBD squares, and sometimes round dance teaches. All in all, it was a terrific dancing and socializing weekend. A big thank you to all the Swinging Star who attended: Bondis, Covingtons, Evantos, Kerns, Lees, Pharrs, and Sees.

Thank you to Jim Bondi for this glowing report.

**Special postscript:** Beloved square dance caller Jerry Story is out of the hospital and resuming calling. He appeared briefly at the Winter Fest on his way to "the south Texas valley" to call there. All lucky enough to see/greet him were thrilled that he looked great and was in great spirits, always wearing his patented big warm smile.

## Banner Report

*We currently have 12 banners that we have captured and one that we need to retrieve. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed in the captured banners below and they want to give you a banner, don't accept it.*

### Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin	Oct-10-15
Diamond Jubileers	Mar-14-15
Dixie Chainers	Mar-28-15
Lone Star Solos	Mar-12-15
Rebel Rousers	Nov-21-15
Roadrunners	May 30-15
Solitaires	Nov-7-15
Texas Reelers	Dec-18-15
Trail Blazers	Sept-9-15
T Square Gadabouts	Feb-20-15
Triangle Squares	Sept-18-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15

### Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	Dec-12-15

## JANUARY VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

### LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

### Official Visitation Dance

*Friday, Jan 15 T Square Gadabouts  
Rick Smith Retirement Dance.*

Please make a point to make it to this special dance. Join the T Square Gadabouts as they celebrate 51 years of calling by one of the finest callers in the country. He has supported all of the clubs in our area and throughout the state giving all of us many hours of great and happy dancing. *Let's wear our Royal Blue and make a good showing from the Swinging Stars to show how much our club appreciated Rick and his support for the NORTEX.*

Quick Look      Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00  
                          Caller: Rick Smith  
                          Cuer: Charles Crockett  
                          Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

## **Dance of Interest**

**Saturday, Jan 16 Rebel Rousers**

**Rock Around the Clock**

This is a 50's theme, Rock Around The Clock. They are having Scott Bennett as their guest caller his cool music. So get out your 50' poodle skirts, saddle shoes and what ever other 50's style attire you might have. Or just dress as you wish and to feel comfortable dancing. This will be a fun dance with the duo of Scott and Christine providing the music that we all love to dance to.

Quick Look      Time: Early Rounds 7:00, All Plus 7:30, Grand March 8:00  
Guest Caller: Scott Bennett  
Cuer: Christine Hixson  
Location: Richardson Senior Center  
820 West Arapaho Road  
Richardson

## **Ladies Luncheon**

**Tuesday, Jan 19 Abuelos Mexican Restaurant**

This month we will be having lunch at Abuelos Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 11:30. This Abuelos is located at 3420 N Central Plano. I (Lorraine) wanted to host this month and hope we will have a large turn out. I would like to have your reservation by the 18<sup>th</sup> so I can give them a head count the day before. Please reply to [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us) or 972-396-0941. You can check out Abuelos menu by going to [www.abuelos.com](http://www.abuelos.com)

## **Dance of Interest**

**Saturday, Jan 23 Dixie Chainers**

**Presidents Day Dance**

Pay attention to this article. I love this idea. The Dixie Chainers came up with a great idea. Since it is Presidents Day they are inviting all the club presidents to come and dance for free. The only catch is that the club has to come along and back them up. I know you all will enjoy dancing to the fine calling of Vernon Jones and cueing of Jack von der Heide. Don't be late!

Quick Look      Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Grand March 7:30  
Caller: Vernon Jones  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center  
14055 Dennis Lane  
Farmers Branch

## **Dance of Interest**

**Sunday, Jan 24 North Texas Callers Association**

**Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year**

Today is the very last day you can vote for your favorite song performed by your favorite Caller Cuer or Duet. The dance is free to all dancers attending. Ballots must be received by Jan 10, 2016. You may download your ballot at [www.nortexcallers.com](http://www.nortexcallers.com) and follow the directions at the bottom.

Quick Look      Time: 7:30 to 9:30,  
Caller and Cuers: Members of the NTCA  
Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

## **Official Visitation Dance**

***Friday, Jan 29, Triangle Squares  
Cattle Baron's Ball***

Join the Triangle Squares as they celebrate their 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. They will be celebrating Texas's cowboy heritage. Wear your dressiest western clothes. They always have a fun dance and they have great cooks out there in the Wild West of Denton, Texas. I am guessing there will be lots of good home cooking.

Quick Look      Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00  
                    Guest Caller: Bobby Willis  
                    Club Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason  
                    Location: Denton Civic Center  
                                    321 East McKinney St  
                                    Denton, Texas

## **Round Dance of Interest**

**Sunday, Jan 31 Harvest Holiday  
Afternoon of Round Dancing**

Phases 2, 3, and 4.  
Cued by Area instructors  
Time: 2:00 to 5:00  
\$8:00 per dancer

All Proceeds to be donated to the Swingtime Center.  
Location: 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth

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## **Refreshments Duty and Information**

January 30 -      Anniversary Dance all members help (see Nina's announcement above)  
February 12 -    **Pitts**, Lee, Jimison, Henneberger  
February 26 -    **See**, Row, Kern, Loxsom

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc. without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

# Square Dancin' With the Swinging Stars

## 41st Anniversary Dance



Caller

**Wayne Baldwin**



Guest Caller

**Scott Bennett**



Cuer

**Walter & Eula Brewer**

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**All Saints Catholic Church**

**5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas**

**Early Rounds 7:00**

**Grand March 8:00**

**Hot Hash after the last tip**

**Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for better Acoustics**

**Salad Supper with Desserts in the Gym**

**Money Raffle**

**Honey Pot**

**Quilt Raffle**

**Dancers under 18 dance for free with a paying adult**

**For info: 972-834-3097 or [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)**

**Visit our Web Site: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)**



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## Mid Winter

### Warm Your Heart Dance

February

26, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Flash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Drive., Plano

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

Banners Honey Pot Great Dancing Good Food

For info: 972-467-4973 or [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)



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

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dance

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

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

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto:llhamm45@gmail.com) or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

**Doug & Jan Bergesen**

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