



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 11, 2015

We had a fun club dance Friday night. We had several new dancers attending, and Wayne led a workshop that was educational and entertaining to them and to the more veteran dancers who were there. We had very good attendance with six squares on the floor for the workshop. Total attendance for the dance was 93 with 14 visitors and 93 members. We were thrilled to welcome two brand new members, Matt and Angel Delory, who completed our mainstream lessons in December. Welcome to the club, Matt and Angel! Congratulations to Jim and Knarik Bondi and to Barry and Helen Feldman who were presented their 275 Gold visitation Friendship Fun dangles by our NORTEX Area Vice-President, Tom and Vicki Evanto. Way to go, guys!

Two great visitations are lined up for this weekend to dance with our friends at the Texas Reelers and the Rebel Rousers on Friday and Saturday, respectively. We'll see you there. Note that Scott Bennett is guest calling for the Rebel Rousers Saturday, so it will be a very fun and energetic dance.

Our Anniversary Dance is only twelve days away, on January 23. If you haven't heard Wayne and Rick Smith call together before, rest assured that you're in for a treat!

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Friday, January 16 – Visit to Texas Reelers; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, January 17 – Visit to Rebel Rousers; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We are saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Richard Covington's sister Kim last weekend. She would have been 52 this month and lived with her family in Great Falls, MT. Please keep Richard and Jan and their family in your prayers.

We are also saddened to learn of the death of Wilma Cothren early yesterday morning. Wilma was the current NORTEX Area VI Vice-President and has been a member of the NORTEX leadership team for many years. She was a good friend to many of us and will be missed. The NORTEX Chaplain has provided the following information on the memorial service:

Thursday, January 15, 2015 from 6pm – 8pm

Chism-Smith Funeral Home

403 South Britain Rd.

Irving, TX 75060 972-259-7644

Sign up for Jive round dance lessons now. 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.

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

Thank you to all who have gone above and beyond the call of duty by volunteering for multiple jobs and double or even triple food items. All the time slots are filled, but I can always use more desserts. Our guests will eat just one potato each, but who can take just one dessert, especially when the Swinging Stars women are such great bakers? So make an extra big batch of treats to bring to the dance. I anticipate each guest will nibble on 3-5 desserts. Any treats left over will be taken to the after party at the Lassiters’. The Lassiters will bring maps to their house and pass them out after the dance. Be sure to bring a treat to share and a drink to the after party. Thank you, Nina and Dan, for opening your house.

We will be able to get into the school at 6:15 to begin decorating and setting up. All are welcome to come early to help. Our first guests will arrive around 6:40. We will decorate the main dance floor first and then head into the dining area. Please note – **WE ARE NOT TO SET UP ANY OF THE FOLDING TABLES** in the dining area. The school has custodians who will take on this task. After the dance, the entire club will pick up/clean up and head over to the after party.

I will send the Hamms the master list of who’s signed up for what to be sent out with next week’s newsletter. If you have any questions or feel the urge to donate a 5 pound tub of Shedd’s Country Crock Original Spread, please let me know at Yo_Red@verizon.net or call [972-964-5979](tel:972-964-5979).

Thank you for all your help in this endeavor.

Eddy's Pizza Restaurant



This message is for all Swinging Star Ladies, new members and seasoned members alike. This month the luncheon is being hosted by Margie Loven. If you are like me and could live on Italian food, you will not want to miss the luncheon this month.

The luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 20th at 11:00AM at Eddy's Pizza Restaurant, 2108 W. 15th St. Plano, TX. (Custer and 15th). They have a large menu of Appetizers, Salads, Pastas, Hot Subs, Cold Subs, a variety of Entrees, and oh yes, DESSERTS. Check out their web site at www.eddypizzarestaurantplano.com

Please contact Margie Loven at margieloven@yahoo.com, no later than Saturday, January 17th, if you are planning to attend.

First quarter dues are payable now. You can mail your check payable to Swinging Stars to our club Treasurer, Dan Lassiter at:

1701 Gateway Blvd
Suite 403
Richardson, TX 75080

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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

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	13-Dec-14
Decatur 8ers	4-Oct-14
Diamond Jubileers	13-Sep-14
Dixie Chainers	10-Jan-15
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Oct-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Rebel Rousers	20-Dec-14
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
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*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Tuesday, January 6th

Ten Swinging Stars attended the Dixie Chainers free new dancer dance on Tuesday night. Vernon Jones was in great form, calling tips that entertained new dancers and seasoned dancers alike. He work-shopped the rough spots to provide a learning experience for all. Chris Farabaugh cued a very nice variety of songs for the round dancers present. Swinging Stars in attendance were the Esteps, Feldmans, Hamms, Hawkins, Lees, and Schweers/Holley.

Plus 4s, Wednesday, January 7

Eighteen of our plus dancers went to Plus 4s on Wednesday night. Charles (Quiz) Quisenberry entertained, challenged, and educated us as he always does. It was a fun night. The following Swinging Stars were there: P. Amy, the Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Hawkins, Shermans, and S. Sherrell.

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, January 10th

10 Swinging Stars attended the Dixie Chainers dance in Farmers Branch on Saturday. Attendance was quite good considering that the weather outside was bone cold and threatening to make the roads slick for the return trip home. Rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide while squares were called by the club's Texas Hall of Fame caller, Vernon Jones. Jack cued a well balanced mix of rounds for the evening, including 2-steps, waltzes, rumbas, and jives. Vernon, even though somewhat "under the weather", called a lively square dance with two great plus tips. As dancers have come to expect from Vernon, the choreography always flowed extremely well and contained a few minor surprises to challenge dancers. Vernon's father, Texas Hall of Fame caller John Jones, called one tip while Vernon rested his vocal chords. John's nutty and often sassy "patter" put smiles on dancers' faces. All attendees had a great time. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, T. Evanto, and Smith/Hardin. With this attendance, we captured the Dixie Chainers' banner. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, January 16th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:15PM / grand march – 7:45PM
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Thank God It's Friday

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, January 17th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.rebelrousersdallas.com>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / food served – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Scott Bennett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Bennett Bowl

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, January 20th

Location: Eddy's Pizza (2108 W. 15th, Plano, TX)
Website: www.eddypizzarestaurantplano.com
Time: 11:00 am
Hostess: Margie Loven (margieloven@yahoo.com)
Notes: Let Margie know by Saturday, January 17th if you plan to go

Refreshments Duty and Information

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

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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