

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for January 12, 2014*

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### **PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS**

We all appreciate that Ralph and Lucy Hamm accepted the Presidential nomination and their nomination was overwhelmingly passed by all with the exception of one nay, Ralph. We all got a good chuckle from the show of his humor. Ralph and Lucy served as President in 2005 and we have been told that they did a wonderful job. They will provide the leadership of the club that we can all appreciate. Sincerely, Ralph and Lucy, we deeply appreciate your willingness to serve again in this capacity.

As mentioned in the announcements, our fourth Friday dance, January 24<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled and our next dance is, of course, our anniversary dance, January 31<sup>st</sup>. I confirmed with Brad Caldwell that we are looking forward to him being our guest caller. He and Wayne will work well together. We are excited and time is getting really short.

**Happy late Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party**  
**6pm Saturday January 18th, 2014**  
**At the Haggard Party Barn**  
**See You There**

We had a great dance on Friday; we had 104 of our very own Swinging Stars and four visitors. I noticed that we were dancing ten squares at mainstream and eight squares on the "plus" tips. Good dancing! I appreciate the great calling and cueing that we have all grown accustomed to. Thanks Wayne and Walter, you are the best.

Richard and Jan

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Thank you to all that have already signed up and to those that are already very busy working to make our anniversary dance a success. Sondra could use a few more good hands to help with decorating. The week before the dance I will send out reminders of what you have signed-up to bring and what you have signed-up to do. In the mean time be sure to "talk up" our "**Dancing With the Stars Anniversary Dance.**" The dance is on Jan 31, a 5th Friday. At the All Saints Catholic Church, 5231 Meadowcreek Dr. @ Arapaho, Dallas. Early Rounds at 7:00 and Grand March at 8:00.

Again thank you,

Dave and Lorraine Burson  
Anniversary Dance Chairman  
Email: [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us)

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## DANCE LESSONS

Note the following from JL and Linda Pelton:

Beginning Bolero starts Tuesday, the 21st -- if you have not signed up through Carpenter Rec Center, you need to do so NOW in order for the class to "make." Did you know that the 21st is only about a week away.

Class Details: **Bolero Class** ( <http://www.peltondances.com/pdfs/BoleroLessons-Jan2014.pdf> )

—**Tuesday, January 21 through March 11** -- 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano 75023

Register online at [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org) at the Leisure Catalog or call Plano at 972-208-8087 and register for Class #152381

There have been some questions regarding this class. First, you do not need to have any round dance experience to take this class. You need to know your left foot from your right and whether you are male or female -- and we can get you charts and diagrams.

Seriously, it does not matter what rhythm you start to learn in your round dance journey. Everything you learn in any class helps you learn something else in a later class. Just like Dancing with the Stars, there is no particular rhythm you should start with to learn how to Round Dance.

Bolero is a slow Latin rhythm. It gives you time to think, oh, that's how I might do that. A class to learn Bolero doesn't happen very often so it's an opportunity to learn a rhythm you might not get an opportunity to learn unless you join a Round Dance Club. But, you might think, Bolero's are not danced very often at square dances. Unlike a jive which is obvious to a non-dancer, Bolero looks a lot like Rumba and so it may not be recognized.

JL and Linda have already gotten a list from Walter for the Boleros he has in his repertoire and they will be sharing with him the dances that the students can take. So there will be more Boleros cued at Swinging Stars. When you go to Kissin Kuzzins, there will be Boleros cued for you since JL will know the dances you can do in this rhythm.

Also for future planning -- remember that JL and Linda will be teaching a class of Beginning Two Step starting March 18 right after the Bolero class is finished.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

From our NORTEX Chaplain, Bates & Sherry Richmond:

We are very saddened to tell you that one of our past presidents, Al Jesse, has passed away. Please keep Jean and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

From Jon Jones:

At 9:00 this morning (Saturday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>) I received a call from Lifetime Member, Walt McNeel his wife Betty passed away Friday at about noon. The funeral will be Wed. the 15<sup>th</sup> at Deter Funeral Home, 4850 W. Illinois,

Dallas. Viewing will be at 9am and the service at 9:45. Burial will be at 11:15 am at the DFW National Military Cemetery.

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From Jim Bondi:  
All,

Just a friendly reminder about the next "Friendship Plus" dance Monday/tomorrow 01/13 at 7 PM in the Richardson Senior Center on Arapaho ~ 1 mi east of Coit -- Come get a real dose of all-plus floor time and work on polishing your skills in an "everyone's welcome," supportive environment.

Hope to see you there,  
Jim & Knarik Bondi

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11th Annual  
**Singing Call & Round Dance of the Year**  
**(and it's free)**  
Swingtime Center  
7:00 PM 7:00 PM  
January 26, 2014

Vote for your favorite Song or Round Dance of the Year  
Performed by your Favorite Caller, Cuer, Duet, or Group.  
Ballots must be received by January 1 of 2014 to be eligible.  
Download a Ballot: [www.nortexcallers.com](http://www.nortexcallers.com)

**All proceeds from the balloting will go to MDA-Dallas North District (for ALS research)**

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**\* \* \* From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \***

As we had noted last week it was going to be a quiet week of visitations but the Swinging Stars still managed to go to a couple of dances, both with the Dixie Chainers. Read about the details below.

This coming week is very light again with the only planned visit to the Kissin' Kuzzins on Friday night since Saturday night is our annual Holiday Party. And, if you are planning to go to the NORTEX quarterly meeting, it is this Sunday at 2:00PM.

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	23-Mar-13
Decatur 8'ers	5-Oct-13
Dixie Chainers	28-Sep-13
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Lone Star Solos	28-Mar-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Rebel Rousers	21-Dec-13
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	15-Nov-13
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13

## Swinging Stars Banners Out

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

#### **Dance of Interest, Dixie Chainers, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

One dancer shy of a dozen Swinging Stars attended the Dixie Chainers special, FREE New Dancer Dance in Farmers Branch on Tuesday. Rounds were cued by veteran cuer, Jack von der Heide, while squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame caller, Vernon Jones. This unique dance included something for all levels of square dancing skills. For beginners, there were special tips featuring detailed training by Vernon on both Scoot Back and Ferris Wheel, including attention to atypical starting configurations for these two calls that often trip up new dancers. For seasoned dancers, other tips featured plenty of the high-energy and fast-paced patter and singing calls for which Vernon is famous. All attending had a great time. The Swinging Stars in attendance were: the Archeys, Bondis, Esteps, Sees, Sherrells, and C. Wolfe. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the dance details.

#### **Dixie Chainers, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Nearly two dozen Swinging Stars, including some of our recent graduates, visited the Dixie Chainers Saturday night. We danced to the cueing of Jack von der Heide and the calling of club caller, Vernon Jones. Vernon even managed to work in an old time call, "Cross Trail Thru", which added to the fun of the evening. Even though the Chainers served chips and cheese dip for an appetizing snack nearly all of the Stars reconvened at Chili's after the dance for refreshments and social exchange. The visiting Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, J. Bondi, the Brewers, Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, Halvorsons, Harrises, Hawkins, Pitts, Sees, and Smith / Hardin.

### \* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \*

#### **Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Garland Senior Center (600 Avenue "A", Garland, TX)

Website: <http://www.kissinkuzzins.org/>

Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 9:00PM

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: JL Pelton

Theme: Baby It's Cold Outside

Notes: New dancer dance

### **Swinging Stars Holiday Party, Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Rutledge Party Barn (Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>  
Time: Party – 6:00PM

### **NORTEX Business Meeting, Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: [www.nortex.org](http://www.nortex.org)  
Time: Meeting – 2:00PM

### **Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Location: Chocolate Angel (High Street Antique Mall, 800 N.C. Expressway, Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://www.chocolateangel.com/>  
Time: High tea – 2:30pm  
Cost: \$18.99 (tax and gratuity included)  
Hostess: Terri Pitts – RSVP required if you can attend at (972) 392-4325 by Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Of Interest, Stone Steppers, Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Dr., Mesquite, TX)  
Website: <http://www.stonesteppers.com/>  
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Charles Quisenberry  
Cuer: Guest cuer  
Theme: Wonderful Winter Squares  
Notes: Rare opportunity to visit (don't get a banner – they dance the same nights we do)

### **Official, Tri-City Promenaders, Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Brookside Center (1244 Brookside, Hurst, TX)  
Website: <http://www.tricitypromenaders.com/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Callers: Paul Kinsey and Bobby Willis  
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh  
Notes: Double deal 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance, wear purple if you have it

### **Harvest Holiday, Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: [www.harvestholiday.com](http://www.harvestholiday.com)  
Time: Round dance – 2:00PM  
Cuers: Area cuers  
Theme: Winter Fun Rounds  
Notes: \$7 per dancer (proceeds to be donated to Swingtime Center)

### **Of Interest, NTCA Square and Round Dance Song of the Year, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: [www.nortex.org](http://www.nortex.org)  
Time: Dance – 7:00PM  
Callers: Area callers  
Cuers: Area cuers  
Notes: Free dance

## Swinging Stars, Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Location: All Saints Catholic Church (5231 Meadowcreek Dr., Dallas, TX)  
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Brad Caldwell  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Theme: Dancing with the Stars – Season II  
Notes: 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance, ballroom or square dance attire

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, the dues for the First quarter of 2014 will be coming due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Swinging Stars dues are due the first dance of each quarter - January, April, July and October

You may bring your payment to our next dance or send you payment to the following:

John and Ann Barber  
4905 Hackberry Lane  
Parker, Texas 75002-5627  
[Treasurer@swingingstars.org](mailto:Treasurer@swingingstars.org)  
Dues are: \$35.00 per quarter per couple  
\$70.00 per half year per couple  
(Preferred) \$140.00 per year per couple

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars

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## REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

January 31	Anniversary Dance - All Members
February 14	Covington, See, Ross, Schumacher
February 28	Starrett, Trujillo, Weckerly, Archey
March 14	Hawkins, Kilejian, Morse, Jung
March 28, 2014	Barber, Shinavar, Jimison, Colter
April 11, 2014	Bondi, Maier, Lewis, Sobotka
April 25, 2014	Kendrick, Ryder, Piziali, Anthaume

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

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## Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



January 31, 2014

Season II

Dancing with the Star



February 14, 2014

Let Me Call You Sweetheart Dance

Teen Scholarship

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Sunday, January 26, 2014 – 11th Annual Singing Call & Round Dance of the Year @ Swingtime Center

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance at All Saints Catholic Church

### Themes:

February 14, 2014 - Valentine's Day Dance

### Future Dates Reserved with NORTEX:

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)\*

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 31, 2015 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)\*

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)\*

\*provided these dates do not conflict with the NORTEX Round Up Dance weekend

Mark the dates on your calendar right now.....



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Round Up 2014 – October 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

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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. Go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club> - “like us,” view picture, post pictures, comments about anything what you enjoy about square dancing or a specific dance.**

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

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