



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 15, 2017

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Winter Session of Square Dance lessons started Tuesday, January 10th. We have a great class of 30 students! There is still one free Lesson remaining for this coming Tuesday (1/17/17) so you can still bring new dancers. To make this class a success we NEED Angels. Please come out and help us on Tuesday nights. You will find the Lessons flyer at:

http://www.swingingstars.org/Mainstream_square_dance_lessons_2017.pdf

Lessons are at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road in Plano at 7:15pm on January 10th.

Club Dues: New Club Dues are \$45.00 per couple per quarter effective January 1, 2017. Dues are due at the first dance in January (1/13/17). That means:

1. If you pre-paid for any Quarters in 2017 you need to pay an additional \$10.00 per couple per quarter to bring your pre-paid dues up to the new approved level.
2. If you did not pre-pay for 2017 the first Quarter is due now.
3. If we did not catch you at the Dance on Friday you can mail your dues payments to the Treasurer: Dan Lassiter, 2017 Brandeis Dr., Richardson, TX 75082-4841. You may pay for one quarter or four quarters; your choice.

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter for some the "Important Dates" for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 17 – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

Tuesday, January 17 – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 18 – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry

Friday, January 20 – Texas Reelers – Chinese New Year – Deborah Carrol Jones & Jon Jones along with Chris Farabaugh

Saturday, January 21 – Rebel Rousers – Rock Around the Clock – Scott Bennett & Christine Hixson

Announcements

From Mary Hardin: John Smith's son just called me and John has pancreatic cancer. They cannot do chemo or surgery. If you wish to send a card his current address is: 1943 ACR 318, Frankston, TX 75763.

Square Dance Lessons started January 10, 2017 at Carpenter Rec. Center. We are blessed with 30 students for the first night. WE NEED ALL OF YOU ANGELS. To make this class a success we need all of you to step up and help. We need Angels to help all of those new dancers!

Round Dancers: Linda and JL Pelton started a new beginning class of Bolero on Tuesday, January 10 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. This is an 8-week class from 7:30 to 9:30. A two-hour class gives plenty of time for practice and, just like square dancing, it's practice that makes you a good dancer. They have enough students to make the class but have room for a few more students. If you are interested in Round Dancing this is an excellent class to start with.

Bolero is a fun Latin rhythm, very similar to Rumba. If you have had Rumba and Cha Cha class, this one will be really easy with similar figure names. If you haven't had Rumba or Cha Cha, it will make that Latin class easier to learn.

Registration is now open for everyone. You can call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087, or you can register online at www.planoparks.org. The name of the class in the Parks and Rec catalog is Choreographed Ballroom Bolero, Course #187430.

2nd VP Report – 15 January 2017

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Plus Squares + Round Dance

Monday 9 January – ADD+ – “A Night of Plus with Gary Shoemake”

Four Swinging Stars traveled to Richardson, TX, Monday evening to enjoy ADD+'s special evening of all-Plus squares led by internationally known guest caller, Gary Shoemake, of Tennessee. Sometimes accompanied by club caller, Mike Bramlett, Gary delivered a very entertaining evening of good Plus tips. A new specialty call taught during the evening was “Scoot Chain Thru” that combined a Spin Chain Thru with a Scoot Back. Starting from parallel waves, all 4 end-center pairs first trade, just the way Spin Chain Thru starts. But, then, while the new centers continue the Spin Chain Thru steps, the new ends proceed to do a (essentially stretched and spread out) Scoot Back only involving ends. A starring action is temporarily needed in between the original waves to avoid collisions as “chainers” and “scooters” pass through common territory. After a little initial struggle, most squares on the floor were getting it. In between tips, easy rounds, comprising mostly 2-steps and an occasional waltz, were cued by Mike. All in all, it was a great evening of interesting dancing. A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, and T. Evanto.

Our New Square Dancer + Round Dance

Friday 13 January – Swinging Stars – “Happy January”

14+ squares enjoyed our Swinging Stars “Happy January” New Dancer Dance Friday night at Shepard Elementary School in Plano, TX. Specifically, 117 total dancers (59 Swinging Stars and 58 visitors that included 28 Kissin Kuzzins and 21 Texas Reelers) took advantage of this special dance in order to get their new dancers some precious floor time. Club caller, Wayne Baldwin, fired off the evening with a 60 minute square workshop stressing circulates (esp. centers/ends only, all 8, and split). Targeted at the many new dancers present, this workshop was intentionally basic and proved very helpful to our new colleagues. During the main dance that followed, Wayne alternated calling basic tips with club cuer, Walter Brewer, who cued a balanced set of round dances to engage round dancers. After the dance, 10 Swinging Stars and 2 Texas Reelers partied on a bit longer at BJ's Brew House, swapping stories of all variety on topics from dancing through medical to sports/Cowboys and beyond.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 14 January – Cotton Pickin Squares – “Bring On the New Year”

Six Swinging Stars journeyed to Greenville, TX, Saturday evening to party with our friends, the Cotton Pickin Squares, at their “Bring On the New Year” dance. Despite the foggy and somewhat rainy weather, 6+ squares filled the floor most of the evening. Beloved area guest cuer, Christine Hixson, kicked off the event with a full hour of nice early rounds and continued with intermittent rounds between all subsequent tips. As always, she successfully mixed various rhythms and phases as only she can so that all round dancers thoroughly enjoyed themselves. For his part, guest caller, Mike Bramlett, countered with a solid evening of good Mainstream tips and One Plus tip, all interwoven with some engaging singing calls and a healthy dose of Mike’s patentable humorous quips. A grand Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: P. Amy, Bondis, V. Evanto, and Sees.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night’s newsletter. Try to include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 9 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 3 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	13-Jan-2017
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING/TRAINING

Our Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

Tuesdays 17 January - 25 April – Swinging Stars

Instructor: Wayne Baldwin

Lesson: 7:15 – 9:15

Carpenter Park Recreation Center

6701 Coit Rd. Plano, TX 75024

Our Bolero Round Dance Lessons

Tuesdays 17 January - 28 February – Swinging Stars

Instructors: J.L & Linda Pelton

Lesson: 7:30 – 9:30

Carpenter Park Recreation Center

6701 Coit Rd. Plano, TX 75024

Square + Round Dance

Friday 20 January – Texas Reelers – “Chinese New Year”

Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson TX 75080

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 21 January – Rebel Rousers – “Rock Around the Clock”

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Early Rounds: 7:00, Early Plus: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson TX 75080

Special F_R_E_E Square & Round Dance

Sunday 22 January – NTCA – “Singing Call / Round Dance of the Year”

Callers/Cuers: most area callers/cuers (calling/cueing their competing singing call / round dance)

Square/Round Dance: 7:30

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 18 January – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 19 January – Roadrunners – “Ice, Ice, Baby”

Guest caller: Tim Tyl

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

ER: 6:45, Square Workshop: 7:00, Grand March: 7:30

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

Round Dance Weekend

Friday PM - All Day Saturday 20-21 January – “January Jewel”

Cuers: Mark and Pam Prow

Christ United Methodist Church (Activity Bldg)

1204 Crabapple Drive

Shreveport, LA

http://www.mpprow.com/PDF/2017_JanuaryJewel.pdf

Round Dance

Sunday 22 January – Harvest Holiday – “Winter Fun Rounds” (Ph. II – IV)

Cuers: most area cuers/instructors

Round Dance: 2:00 – 4:30

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 25 January, 11:30 AM – “Into My Garden” (Plano)

The January Luncheon will be on January 25th at 11:30 AM at the Into My Garden Tea Room 1725 Avenue K Plano. Check out their menu at www.intomygarden.com. This is one of our favorite luncheon restaurants. I hope you all will join us for lunch and laughter. Please RSVP by January 23rd so that I can let the restaurant know how many are attending.

Lorraine Burson

Email: Lorraine@Burons.us

Refreshments Duty and Information

January 27 -- **Perrott**, Rhinehart/Wittenmyer, R/N Smith, Ross

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejd] to see if they are already in inventory. **Highlighted name is Refreshments Lead for their assigned Dance.** Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

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 Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at 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.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

Swinging Stars



In Honor Of

National Tortilla Chip Day

We Are Hosting A



Mexican Fiesta



Friday, February 24, 2017



Wayne Baldwin, Caller



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Walter Brewer, Cuer



Hot Hash after the last tip



Fun Food Friendship Honey Pot Banners

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied with a paying adult

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr Plano

For Info: 972-964-5979 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org

