



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for January 18, 2015*

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**Friday's the big night – the Swinging Stars 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance, Disco Dancing with the Stars!** Anne and Russ NejdI have been working like crazy getting everything lined up. Thank you very much, Anne and Russ! And thank all of you for signing up for your job or jobs at the dance. **Be sure to read Anne's write-up in Announcements below – it has lots of instructions you need to be aware of concerning the dance and refreshments and finding the AFTER PARTY. We'll be sending out a separate email forwarding you a complete listing of who is signed up to do what and when. Please check the listing and be sure you are where you need to be when you need to be there!** This is our biggest event of the year, and we all need to work together to make it a great dance for our guests.

**We had a big visitation weekend**, with 48 person visits this past Friday and Saturday to the Reelers, the Triangle Squares, and the Rebel Rousers. Be sure to read the reports in Events from the Past Week below. You're enthusiasm for dancing just amazes us sometimes!

Ralph and Lucy

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### **Happening This Week**

Tuesday, January 20 – Ladies Luncheon; 11:00AM, Eddy's Pizza, Plano; see details in Coming Events below.

Tuesday, January 20 – Jive Round Dance lessons start; 7:15PM, Carpenter Rec Center

**Friday, January 23 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance.**

Saturday, January 24 – Visit to Tri-City Promenaders; see details in Coming Events below.

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### **Announcements**

**We're missing Peggy Pharr** who has been ill the last couple of weeks. Please keep Peggy and Deckard in your thoughts and prayers.

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

The club anniversary dance is less than 1 week away. Thank you to all who will so generously volunteer your time, talents and treasures to making our dance a success. I will send the Hamms the updated lists of food items and work stations in PDF format. I have asked them to send this out to all of you separate from the newsletter. If for some reason you are unable to open the attachment, let me know. Later this week, each committee chair will get a job description pertinent to each station.

The **school will open at 6:15** so we may decorate the dance hall before our first dancers arrive. The decorations committee would welcome any additional help. We will then move on to the dining hall since we don't have to have that ready until the 1<sup>st</sup> tip is over. Rounds start at 7 and the Grand March is at 8. **Please deliver your food**

to the back room where we normally eat during our regular club dances. The kitchen angels will place the food out after the dining hall is decorated. Those of you bringing baked potatoes, please leave them in foil (and preferable wrapped in a towel to retain heat) in your cooler and be sure to have your name on your cooler. Those of you bringing desserts, please have your food items cut up in serving sized pieces. Disposable serving platters would be best, but if you would like your favorite tray back, please label it with your name. **There is no need to bring serving utensils.** Some of you are bringing butter, cheese and sour cream for the baked potatoes, I will have a cooler designated for the cold items which we will store there until needed. This will also be in the back room.

The school has asked that we do not set up or take down the folding tables in the dining hall. They have a janitor whose job is to do this.

The entire club will clean up after the dance before we head over to the Lassiters' house for a well-deserved after party. Nina and Dan will bring maps/directions to their house. Please bring your own drink and something to share with the other club members. Thank you, Dan and Nina, for opening up your house to us.

Here is the Lassiters' address:

2017 Brandeis Dr.

Richardson, TX 75082

[972-740-7073](tel:972-740-7073)

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

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, January 21, 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

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
Texas Reelers	16-Jan-15
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

#### Swinging Stars Banners Out

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

### **Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Twenty-four (24) Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers at the Richardson Senior Center Friday evening. Squares were called by club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones (occasionally accompanied by her husband and Texas Hall of Fame caller Jon Jones) and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was "Thank God It's Friday" and one of the songs was YMCA with the letters changed to TGIF. Deborah called at various levels throughout the evening: for the new dancers present up through the plus dancers. She entertained the dancers by yodeling on her last tip. Swinging Stars attending were J. Bondi, Esteps, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harrises, Kerns, Kilejians, Lloyds, Schweers/Holley, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe.

### **Of Interest, Triangle Squares, Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Four of our members traveled to Denton Friday night to enjoy dancing with our Triangle Squares friends and the skillful and entertaining calling of Texas Hall of Famer, Toby Thomason. Swinging Stars making the trip were the Colters and Duncans.

### **Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Twenty (20) Swinging Stars had a great time Saturday night at the Rebel Rousers "Bennett Bowl". Guest caller Scott Bennett kept the square dancers moving quickly and laughing heartily with his unique style, often employing lively rock and roll songs. Round dancers enjoyed the always precise and entertaining cuing of Christine Hixson. Our members who were there include P. Amy, J. Bondi, the Bursons, Duncans, Evantos, Hamms, Harrises, Hawkins, Perrots, Sherrells, and Smith/Hardin.

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

### **Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Eddy's Pizza (2108 W. 15th, Plano, TX)  
Website: [www.eddypizzarestaurantplano.com](http://www.eddypizzarestaurantplano.com)  
Time: 11:00 am  
Hostess: Margie Loven ( [margieloven@yahoo.com](mailto:margieloven@yahoo.com) )

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM/grand march – 8:00PM  
Callers: Wayne Baldwin, Rick Smith  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Theme: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance – Disco Dancing with the Stars  
Notes: Club dance

### **Of Interest, Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Brookside Center (1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Callers: Paul Kinsey, Bobby Willis  
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh  
Theme: Winter Wonderland & 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance  
Notes: Double Deal

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## Refreshments Duty and Information

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

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

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## 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**

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# 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



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## 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

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

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

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

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

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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 Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at [debbie@piziali.dv.org](mailto: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  
Swinging Stars President

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